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LIONS LACK BUT TWO OF ENTIRE ROSTER PRESENT

Committee Appointed to Arrange for Appropriate Recognition of President's Birthday.

With all members present except two out of the roster of 27, President Charlie Jones presided at the semi-monthly meeting of the Lions club at the American cafe Tuesday.

Two special committees were appointed, one with the purpose of arranging some manner of celebration in commemoration of President Roosevelt's birthday, Jan. 30, along the line of nation-wide birthday parties, balls, entertainments, etc., part of the funds raised to be retained locally and the other part to go to the Warm Springs fund for alleviation of infantile paralysis.

Dr. R. I. Grimes, chairman of this committee, assisted by Carlton Vick, Fred Hughes and R. M. Ferguson, has indicated that an invitation will be extended generally to the people of Merkel and this vicinity to participate in the affair, time and place to be announced later, and that probably a telegram of congratulations, signed by individuals, organizations and firms, would also be sent the president from here.

The other committee, which is to co-operate with the secretary, Yates Brown, in arranging a match basketball game between the Merkel Lions and another Lion team in the district and in connection with the game sponsoring a program of entertainment by the Tickville band from Ranger, consists of J. H. Cook, chairman, assisted by Olin Lusby, Isadore Mellinger and Milton Case.

The club's next luncheon will be the first Tuesday in February.

Mrs. E. L. Ash Attends Funeral of Her Mother

Mrs. W. T. Elderidge, 74, mother of Mrs. E. L. Ash, died Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Agnes Clardy, at Clyde. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Baptist church there, with interment in the Clyde cemetery.

Mrs. Ash went to her mother's bedside Sunday, returning home Tuesday night.

Mrs. Etheridge had been a member of the Baptist church 54 years. She had visited Mrs. Ash frequently and was well known here.

Besides Mesdames Clardy and Ash, she is survived by three other daughters and 2 sons, 20 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, one of the latter being little Lee Allen Ash, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eris Ash. A sister, Mrs. Jim Burkett, of Clyde, who is 88 years of age, also survives.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 29, 1915.)

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Smith of Paris are visiting the former's uncle, Capt. J. H. Oliver. While in the city Mr. Smith is looking after the purchase of cotton for a Paris firm he is connected with.

O. A. Cordell, who has been connected with the Universal Studio here, leaves Saturday for Big Spring where he has accepted a similar position. Mr. Cordell is an excellent photographer and we regret that he is leaving the town. The work will hereafter be under the management of H. F. Groene, the owner.

Mrs. J. F. Holdridge, who has been visiting her parents at Cottonwood, returned home Wednesday.

A German newspaper announces that a new naval gun of sixteen-inch calibre and with a range of 28 miles has been created.

The greatest achievement in telephone service has been completed, that of telephone connection from New York to San Francisco, the first message of its kind having been communicated across such a vast area of country.

H. M. Warren, local representative

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Adj. Gen. Carl Nesbitt has announced the appointment of Tom Hickman of Fort Worth as a captain of Texas rangers.

Frances Brady, 13-month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Brady, of Wichita Falls, was found dead in her crib from carbon monoxide poisoning.

The Texas Racing commission reported that the state collected \$553,265.33 in taxes and license fees from operation of horse racing tracks during 1934.

Harold W. English, 32, Amarillo flier, was killed instantly when the automobile he was driving crashed into the rear end of a truck three miles east of Amarillo.

Fred E. Nichols of Ennis, an overseas veteran and member of the Brotherhood of Railroad trainmen for 21 years, has been appointed state commissioner of labor by Governor James V. Allred.

Ernest Thompson Seton, naturalist and author, and Mrs. Julia M. Buttree, dean of the College of Indian Wisdom, Santa Fe, N. M., were married at El Paso Tuesday by County Judge Joseph McGill.

Gulf coast cattlemen estimated Monday night's freeze, most disastrous in three years, caused the death of 15,000 to 20,000 head of cattle, with a loss estimated at nearly a quarter million dollars.

Ernest O. Thompson, junior member of the Texas railroad commission, was elected its chairman by Commissioners Lon. A. Smith and C. V. Terrell, following a plan adopted four years ago of rotating the chairmanship.

Governor James V. Allred Tuesday signed a concurrent resolution to make effective immediately a bill passed by the preceding special session of the legislature to release penalties and interest on taxes delinquent on last August 1, if paid by March 15.

After thirteen consecutive years as head coach and director of athletics at Southern Methodist university, Ray Morrison announced he had accepted a five-year contract effective next fall as football mentor at Vanderbilt university.

A spectacular two-alarm fire Tuesday destroyed the main district relief warehouse at Fort Worth, which housed one million cans of beef, several thousand cans of vegetables, 300 mattresses and 200 bales of cotton, entailing a loss of \$100,000.

The mangled body of Mrs. Willie May McLemore, who fell to death from a speeding eastbound passenger train, was found beside the T. & P. right-of-way eight miles west of Mineola. An open vestibule door is thought to have accounted for her fall.

for the Ford's, made sale of a five passenger car this week to Jim Byrd of the Stith community.

E. M. McDonald has purchased a new 25 model Buick from the Fulwiler Electric Co., of Abilene.

W. E. Britain and Verner Sublett were business visitors in Abilene and Hamby Wednesday, making the trip on motorcycles.

Jack O'Malley of Abilene has been in our city this week.

B. F. Cox, who has been sick at his home in South Merkel, has suffered a relapse of inflammatory rheumatism and, according to reports, is very sick, being unable to move his limbs or turn his body.

Preparatory work for spring gardening in Merkel is being taken up by a few. Wesley Edwards, a resident of Elm street, has been making extensive improvements about his home during the past ten days, all of which will serve to make his palatial home all the more comfortable.

Mrs. F. A. Polley of Noodle visited here Friday.

BOARD AFFIRMS DOYLE BROOKS TO RELIEF POST

Field Man Expected Thursday to Check in New Taylor County Administrator; Latter Ready to Assume Duties.

Abilene, Jan. 24.—Confirmation of Doyle T. Brooks' appointment as relief administrator of Taylor county was received here Wednesday from the state board of control.

A telegram to T. N. Carswell, chairman of the county relief board, which recommended Brooks for the post ten days ago, said:

"Upon unanimous recommendation of your board, Doyle T. Brooks appointed administrator Taylor county by board of control. Field man Harold West will be there immediately to check transfer. (Signed) Chas. G. Thomas, secretary Texas Relief Commission, division Board of Control." West will be here today, it was said last night at the relief office.

Brooks, former Abilene schoolman and insurance man, said Wednesday he had been getting his business affairs in shape after his appointment as administrator, and is ready to go to work.

"I will do my level best to make a good administrator," he said. "As to my personnel, I can say nothing about that as I know nothing. I have not met the personnel now working in the relief administration in this county, and I want to know them, and see them at work, before I consider the employment of any one in our organization."

Brooks succeeds Lloyd B. Thomas, the county's first administrator and pioneer in relief work. Thomas' resignation was submitted to the board January 5 and accepted a week later. Wednesday the board of control sent Thomas a telegram extending thanks for the services he has rendered.

Committeemen Being Selected in County

Cotton acreage reduction contract signers will elect three committeemen for district 2, one of the five new districts into which the county has been re-grouped, in an election to be held here Friday of this week. There were formerly ten districts.

The Merkel district includes, besides Merkel, Trent, Blair, Mulberry, Canyon, Mt. Pleasant, Salt Branch and Cross Roads.

As during the past year, three committeemen will represent each district, making 15 committeemen in the county.

Committeemen must be former and present signers of voluntary reduction contracts and their electors must be bona fide contract signers. County Agent C. Metz Heald stated in making announcements of the elections being held throughout the county this week.

Remains of Mrs. Barton Interred at Rose Hill

Mrs. Martha L. Barton of Handley, Texas, died last Saturday and her body was brought to Merkel Sunday for burial in Rose Hill cemetery.

A short service, conducted by Rev. P. H. Gates, pastor of the Methodist church, was held at the graveside.

Mrs. Barton, who was 62 years old, lived in the Merkel community some years ago and several members of the family are at rest in Rose Hill cemetery.

Local Methodist Take Part in Two Gatherings

Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Gates and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church from the local Methodist church attended the Missionary Institute of the Abilene district, which was held at Abilene Tuesday and which was one of nine similar institutes being held in the various districts of the Northwest conference.

For the Educational day meeting at Sweetwater Friday of last week, Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Gates, Mesdames A. W. Black, F. E. Church and Clyde Sears, accompanied by A. C. Sears, represented the Merkel church.

Wants Same Team Mate.

Washington, January 24.—Word was quietly passed Sunday that President Roosevelt wants Vice President Garner to team up with him again for the 1936 presidential election.

MRS. BOYCE MAKES GIFT OF \$7,000 TO McMURRY FUND

Charter Member of Merkel Methodist Church and Friend of McMurry Since Its Founding Adds to School's Endowment.

Announcement of a gift of \$7,000 from Mrs. Sallie C. Boyce, of Merkel, to McMurry college was announced Wednesday by officials of the college. The sum has been added to the endowment fund in the department of religion of that institution.

Mrs. Boyce, who is a charter member of the Methodist church here, having placed her membership with this church on December 7, 1884, was one of the first contributors to the founding of McMurry college in 1923, and she has continued her friendship for the school through the eleven years of its history.

The gift is in the form of an annuity, and at her request was set aside for the department of religion. "I am making this gift," Mrs. Boyce said, "because of my interest in Christian education and in the training of Christian workers, especially in the training for the ministry. No one has ever given more happily, and I feel this is the best investment that I could make."

The board of trustees of McMurry college, which met recently to accept the gift, spoke the appreciation of the school in a letter from S. M. Jay, chairman, President C. Q. Smith and the faculty of the school also joined the board, sending as their message: "The entire faculty and student body want Mrs. Boyce to know that we appreciate her gift and love for McMurry college, and pledge ourselves to do all in our power to see that she never has cause to regret this noble Christian act."

Gifts totaling more than \$25,000 have been made to the college in the last several months. A fund for complete landscaping of the campus, including the building of a pool and rock garden, was among the larger gifts, with the donor requesting that his name be withheld.

Mrs. W. J. Ozee Dies at Fort Worth

Mrs. Isabel Josephine Ozee, native Texan, who was 81 years of age on June 6, passed away at 6 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Fort Worth. Her remains were brought here for burial, and funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Thursday morning from the residence of Henry West, conducted by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Born in Shelby county, she was married to William Jasper Ozee February 24, 1876. Eight children were born to this union, three of whom are asleep in the same plot where she was laid to rest beside the grave of her husband.

Three sons, two daughters, 11 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter survive.

Mrs. Ozee, who was an early settler here, moving to Fort Worth many years ago, was an active member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church as long as her health permitted her to walk, but since October 23, 1932, at which time she suffered her second stroke, she had been bedridden. Her bravery in facing her condition, always ready to laugh and joke, never complaining nor whining, was indisputable evidence of the strong Christian character such as her friends knew her to be.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hawkins, Thursday, January 17, 1935.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fulton, Friday, January 18, 1935.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan, residing in the Canyon, Sunday, January 20, 1935.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Stallo, residing north of town, Tuesday, January 22, 1935.

President's Daughter Marries.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Mrs. Anna Dall, blonde daughter of President and Mrs. Roosevelt, was married Friday to John Boettiger, former Washington and Chicago newspaperman. Mrs. Dall was divorced in July, 1934, from Curtis Dall, a broker, in Nevada. Boettiger also is divorced.

OVER 550 SPECTATORS SEE OPENING BASKETBALL GAME IN NEW GYM-AUDITORIUM

MERCURY DROPS TO 2-YEAR LOW

Cold Wave Strikes Sunday Afternoon; Thermometer Registers 7 Degrees Monday.

The coldest weather in two years struck West Texas last Sunday afternoon and by Monday morning the thermometer here had dropped over 40 degrees from the high Sunday to 7 degrees at 6 a. m. Monday, where it ranged until about 9 a. m.

The mercury tumbled to 5 degrees below zero at Pampa, which was the lowest reported in the state, and a number of other points on the West Texas plains showed minimum readings of 2 or 3 degrees below zero.

The cold wave which moved over the state caused ten deaths, untold suffering and widespread livestock and property damage.

Not since February 8, 1933, when five degrees below zero—within one degree of an all-time low record here—was recorded, has this section seen such cold as Monday.

Prior to the arrival of the cold wave, drizzling rain had fallen here intermittently from Thursday night until Saturday. The gauge showed three-eighths of an inch of rainfall, according to Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale.

Attends Funeral of Sister at Comanche

J. L. Banner, accompanied by his daughters, Mrs. Ara Brown and Miss Maxie Banner, granddaughter, Miss Lucille Owens, and Mrs. John Dunn, went to Comanche Saturday of last week to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. J. F. Clark, 72, who was the youngest of the brothers and sisters.

The others returned Sunday, but Mr. Banner and Miss Maxie remained over until Tuesday.

Besides the brother here, two other brothers, Bill Banner, O'Brien, and John Banner, Gustine, and one sister, Mrs. J. W. McCollum, Comanche, survive. Two children, Dan Clark, who formerly was engaged in the cafe business in Abilene, and F. F. Clark, now in business at Comanche, also survive.

Her only grandchild is Miss Dannie Clark, who finished at Abilene Christian college in 1932.

"Queen of Mascots."

Austin, Jan. 24.—Little Carrin Mauritz, daughter of Representative Fred Mauritz of Ganado, was officially elected "queen of mascots" of the Texas house of representatives.

THE BOOK

... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures

by BRUCE BARTON

BOOK OF ACTS ENDS.

Doctor Luke stayed with Paul through the two years of imprisonment which preceded his appeal, journeyed with him in a winter voyage and shipwreck, and a sojourn of three months in Malta, all of which he describes vividly in The Acts. They reached Rome together, and there the book of The Acts ends abruptly.

And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him.

Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

Probably no one came up from Jerusalem to Rome to appear against him, for five years had elapsed since his arrest, and so he was acquitted at his first trial and allowed to live under surveillance but in comfort. During those years he wrote more letters, including some of the finest, like Ephesians and Colossians, and especially Philippians. It was in this period, also, that he wrote the charming little personal letter to Philemon.

It happened in this way. Philemon was a Christian man of wealth who lived in Asia Minor. He had a slave named Onesimus, a wild and disobedient lad who ran away and got to Rome, where he led a gay life. But he knew Paul, who had been at his master's house, and he went to hear him preach. Homesick and conscience-stricken, he asked what he ought to do. Paul kept him a while to test him and then suggested that he go back to his master, not under bonds but of his own free will, and Paul wrote a letter requesting his old friend to take this lad back on a new basis, "as a brother in the Lord."

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Badgers Lose. Traditionally to Ovalo, 30-27; Game Fast, Featured With Brilliant Playing; Double-Header Friday Night.

True to tradition, where a new stadium, gymnasium or other athletic arena is to be used for the first time, the Badger's lost Tuesday night's basketball game with Ovalo 30 to 27, the opening contest of the home season and the first time Merkel's new \$10,000 combination gymnasium-auditorium was opened to the public.

A special feature of the opening program, and one that proved highly pleasing, was a 30-minute concert by the Hardin-Simmons University Cowboy band.

Superintendent R. A. Burgess authorized the statement that, including members of the Cowboy band, over 550 spectators witnessed the opening game.

On Friday night of this week, the Badgers play Hamlin, beginning at 7 o'clock, and by way of a double-header the Badger second string will meet the second string from Hamlin afterward. It is also likely that a third game, between independents, will also be staged Friday night.

Next Tuesday night Anson comes for a game with the Badgers in the new gym.

The basketball season will climax in the county meet on February 7, 8 and 9 at Abilene.

IN LEAD THREE PERIOD.

The Merkel eagles led through three quarters of Tuesday's game, which was closely and evenly played throughout, but a final period by Ovalo put the South Taylor county boys ahead. McAdams, visiting captain, took high point honors with 13, closely followed by Johnson, forward, with 10 points.

Leading scorer for the Badgers was Captain Beaz, with 9 points. Bryan Higgins, who displayed a brilliant offense, hung up 8 points, and Jack Moore, high scorer man for the season of the Badger quintet, also played an outstanding game.

Nine games had been played by the Badgers prior to the Ovalo defeat, the Merkel boys having won three and lost six of them.

Two Jurists Honored.

Austin, Jan. 24.—The Texas supreme court appointed District Judge W. M. Taylor of Dallas to section B of the commission of appeals and S. H. German of Houston to section A.

Cattle Hit the Top.

Kansas City, Jan. 24.—The highest price paid for cattle here since January, 1931, was recorded Tuesday when two loads of prime quality Hereford steers sold for \$12 a hundred pounds. The top a year was \$7.

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RURAL SOCIETY

STITH HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Stith Home Demonstration club met in regular session January 18 in the home of Miss Louise Hudson. The house was called to order by the president, Mrs. Sam Mashburn. Miss Bonner gave a demonstration on "A Garden Plan," which was very interesting.

Most everyone is interested in putting down tile; there were four from Stith who attended the tile demonstration at Anson Wednesday, January 14. Those going were Mesdames Sam Mashburn, Paul Bradley, Bill Dunagin and T. E. Woolsey. They were all well pleased with their trip and believe they can make tile now.

The club voted to have a gift box price a month, so each member is to bring a gift next time. Mrs. Jennie Varner gave a demonstration on making hooked rugs.

After adjournment of the club session, refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served to Mesdames Walter Kelso, Sam Mashburn, Paul Bradley, Charlie Sherrill, Guy Glenn, Charlie McCormick, Roy Hines, T. E. Woolsey, Bill Dunagin, Misses Louise Hudson, Mary Helen Mashburn, Mrs. Jennie Varner and Miss Sue Bonner, home demonstration agent.

PARTY AT BLAIR

Mrs. Will Campbell was hostess to a prettily planned party in honor of Mrs. Pei Patterson, held in her home Thursday, Jan. 17. Mrs. John Russell entertained in the reception room. Games were played by almost everyone present, the contest prize being won by Mrs. D. C. Doan. Judges were Mesdames Guinn, Lula Walker and Pei Patterson. Mrs. Jim Campbell and the hostess presided in the dining room where an attractive menu of cake, hot chocolate and marshmallows were served to some thirty guests.

ESKOTA HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

Mrs. Clyde Neighbors was hostess to members of the Woman's Home Demonstration club at her home Tuesday afternoon. Miss Evelyn Jennings, home demonstration agent, explained how to plan a budget and also displayed a miniature closet along with her talk on storage space.

Mrs. C. B. Johnston, wardrobe demonstrator, displayed hat and shoe racks from her wardrobe closet and

Mrs. D. I. Trent, pantry demonstrator, displayed her recipe and bulletin files.

Delicious punch and cake were served during the social hour to Mesdames M. T. Head, C. B. Johnston, Clayton Nichols, A. E. Ballard, D. I. Trent, Ollie Mathews, Miss Lydia Bullard, the hostess, and a new member, Mrs. M. R. Scott.

The club will meet with Mrs. Deia Knox on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 22. All members are urged to attend.

BLAIR HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Blair Home Demonstration club will meet in the home of Mrs. Hugh Campbell in the afternoon of January 31. Miss Vara Crippen, county home agent, will visit with the club and make a talk on planning the wardrobe. All club members are urged to attend these meetings and visitors are invited.

UNION RIDGE CLUB

Wardrobe planning was discussed by members of the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club at a meeting Friday in the home of Mrs. Selma Russell, with Miss Vara Crippen, county home agent, present. The agriculture adjustment administration program was discussed.

Next meeting of the club emphasizing storage of clothing will be held in the home of Mrs. J. L. McRee on February 1.

Refreshments of sandwiches and hot chocolate were served to Mesdames W. A. Harris, M. F. Carey, Lige Harris, Kenneth Pee, Selma Russell, W. Patton, S. O. Patton, O. R. Douglas, O. E. Harwell, M. L. Douglas, S. G. Russell, Jr., Misses Vara Crippen, Sybil Harris, Alice Russell, Mabel McRee, Laverne Harwell and Mary Bell and Fay Douglas.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

NOTICE

Interest earned to December 31st, 1934, will be paid on consumers' deposits. Customers desiring payment at this time may receive same if they will bring or mail deposit receipts to our district office at Sweetwater, Texas.

COMMUNITY NATURAL GAS CO.

Agents and Dealers Discuss Sales Plans

Charles H. Jones, Magnolia agent, accompanied by W. A. Whiteley, Jr., and Paul Stanford, attended a conference of forty service station managers and dealers of the Goodyear and Magnolia companies Wednesday evening at Hotel Wooten, Abilene.

Conducting the meeting were George C. Witte, Magnolia division supervisor of retail sales, and H. B. Hunter, special representative for the Goodyear Dallas branch.

Following talks by district leaders, motion pictures on latest methods in selling were shown.

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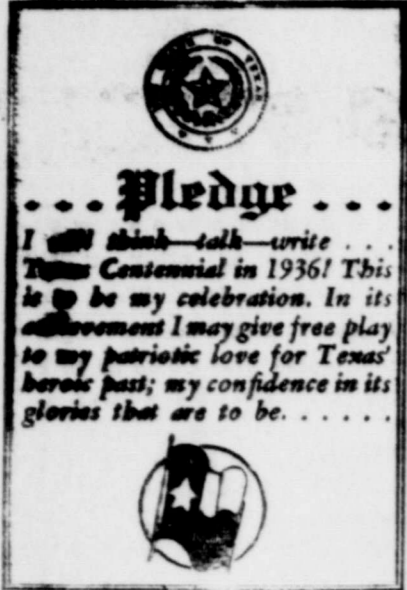
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THE BOOK

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It was not at all a depressed and broken down apostle who was writing, you see. He was not in prison but was living under guard in "his own hired house," a splendid host, entertaining pilgrims from far and near. Where did he get the money? We can only guess. It must have cost him thirty thousand dollars as an eminent scholar once computed, for those five years, six thousand dollars a year for rent in Rome and for food for his rather large household and for his expense of transportation for himself and his companions.

Wherever the money came from it is a fine thing for us all that during those five years Paul had it. Never probably, has the world better spent thirty thousand dollars. He had a man, whom, of course, he had to pay and fee, and this guard had to listen to Paul, who was always talking to visitors and telling about Jesus. It was not long till Paul could write:

But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel:

So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places.

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Sunday-Monday

Gary Cooper and Franchot Tone in

"THE LIVES OF A BENGAL LANCER"

Tuesday-Wednesday

Robert Young in

"THE BAND PLAYS ON"

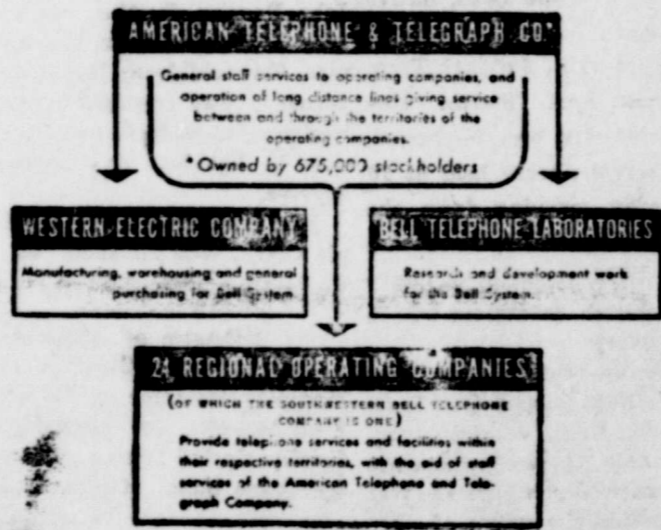
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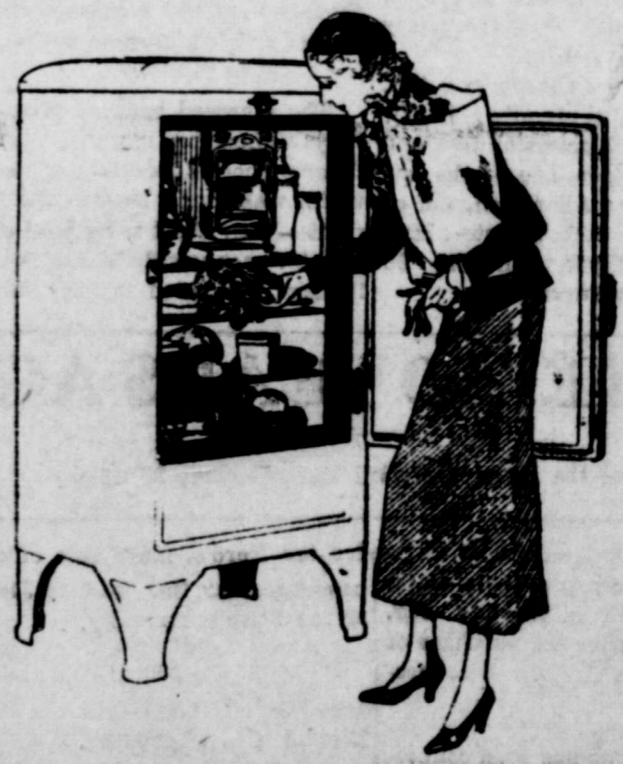
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THE BADGER WEEKLY

NEW TERM WILL MEAN HARD WORK FOR EVERYBODY

Exams are over, and everyone is ready to get down to really hard work again, we hope. The teachers are telling us that this is a new term, and that we have a good chance to make good grades if we will not skip any steps on the ladder and keep working. Some pupils, however, will take the attitude of the person in the poem: Jane Jones keeps talkin' to me all the time.

An' says you must make it a rule To study your lessons 'nd work hard 'nd learn.

An' never be absent from school. Remember the story of Elihu Burnett, An' how he clum up to the top. Got all the knowledge 'at he ever had Down in a blacksmithing shop? Jane Jones she honestly said it was so!

Mebbe he did—I dunno! O' course what's a -keepin' me 'way from the top.

Is not never havin' no blacksmithing shop.

Jane Jones said Abe Lincoln had no books at all.

An' used to split rails when a boy: An' General Grant was a tanner by trade

An' lived way out in Illinois. So when the great war in the South first broke out

He stood on the side o' the right, An' when Lincoln called him to take charge o' things,

He won nearly every blamed fight.

The Badger Weekly

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Our Seniors

Beulah Harrison.

Beulah is quiet, good-natured and lovable. Our class, as with many other classes in Merkel High school, is composed of many different types of pupils. In the group that is quiet and always willing to do their part Beulah belongs. She hopes to be a full-fledged Senior this next term so she may graduate with the class.

D. C. Johnson.

D. C. was absent from our list of classmates a few years ago, but he did not stay away long, for he plans to graduate with the rest of us Seniors. D. C., your classmates will be looking for you graduation night.

Jane Jones she honestly said it was so!

Mebbe he did—I dunno! Still I ain't to blame, not by a big sight.

For I ain't never had any battle to fight.

She said 'at Columbus was out at the knees

When he first thot up his big scheme.

An' told all Spaniards 'nd Italians, too.

An' all of 'em said 'twas a dream. But Queen Isabella just listened to him.

'Nd pawned all her jewels o' worth. 'Nd bought him the Santa Maria 'nd said,

"Go hunt up the rest o' the earth!" Jane Jones she honestly said it was so!

Mebbe he did—I dunno! O'course that may be, but then you must allow

They ain't no land to discover jest now!

A VEGETABLE LOVE.
 Dearest Daisy Rose,

Honey, every moment my heart beats for you, when I think of your lovely radish hair, your turnip nose and cherry lips.

Please tell me if you carrot all for me for you're the apple of my eye and a peach of a girl. Your radish hair plus my banana hair looks like a meringue.

Please don't be mad at me for I don't like Lily of the Valley or Olive. Canna have a date at four o'clock.

and we'll go to see the dandelions at the zoo?

If we canteloupe, lettuce marry soon because I keep thinking of the coming time when we shall stand in front of jack-in-the-pulpit and our tulips will meet. I think we will make a happy pear. You may carry cauliflower for your bouquet. We will lie on the apricot and eat bread and butter.

I love you,
 Johnny-Jump-Up.
 P. S. See you in the morning glory.

BONERS.

John Cabot, the "Pathfinder," of the far West, the conqueror of California, was the Republican nominee in 1826.

The first written constitution in America was called "The Star Spangled Banner."

The first national highway was called "The Butterfield Trail."

The new lands were divided between the Atlantic and Pacific by the Papal Line of Demarcation.

The United States purchased Florida from Spain for \$500.

Mrs. Irvin wrote on the bottom of her English test, "Take your time, do your best and read your paper over when you finish." One little boy, wrote at the bottom of his paper, "I done the best I could."

Henry Clay spent a fortune in attempting to settle Virginia.

Slavery was introduced in America in 1916.

The Mayflower compact made party loyalty, the chief qualification for holding office.

Calhoun, the British general, surrendered at Yorktown.

French lost their remaining possession in America by the Treaty of Verdun, 1763.

Liberia is at the forks of the Ohio river.

Cortez was the most cultured Indian in North America.

The "Spoils System" is "The Great American System."

Pope Alexander VI. was the earliest outspoken champion of democracy and religious freedom in America.

Mr. Burgess says that the days of miracles are not over.

WHAT TO DO—!!
 When Oscar refuses to be anything but serious minded.

When we are doomed for a war.

When Kit insists on joining the navy.

When Jr. just can't help it because he acts like a little ten-year-old girl.

When Joe thoroughly disgusts his

Jokes

JOKES.

Other Business.

Sis Gamble: "I want to see Mr. Burgess."

Lois Whiteley: "Mr. Burgess is engaged."

Sis G.: "Well, I don't want to marry him, honey; I just want to talk to him."

Pinkey: "How do they get the water in watermelons?"

Cal. M.: "By planting them in the spring, I guess."

When "Snokey" has to be bribed to go home.

When Betty hears "Stay as Sweet as you Are."

When Bud and Betty get some unexpected telephone calls.

When Joe mistakes Mary Helen for "Fran."

GYMNASIUM READY.
 The Badgers are all extremely happy since the gym has been near enough completed that they can actually have their games in it now. Nearly all of the boys reported for practice last Friday night and about eleven reported Saturday morning at ten o'clock for an excellent workout that should have put them in excellent training for the opening game Tuesday night with Ovalo.

IT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY.
 To apologize.

To begin over.

To take advice.

To be unselfish.

To admit error.

To face a sneer.

To be charitable.

To be considerate.

To avoid mistakes.

To endure success.

To keep on trying.

To be broad-minded.

To forgive and forget.

To profit by mistakes.

To think and then act.

To keep out of the rut.

To make the best of little.

To shoulder deserved blame.

To maintain a high standard.

To recognize the silver lining.

—But it always pays.

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TRAILS' END

by AGNES LOUISE PROBERT

SIXTEENTH INSTALLMENT.

The mutter dwindled to a whisper. Nancy lay quiet again. Barry sent a miserable glance at Martha.

"Don't worry. I've nursed sick folks before. You go see what you can do for that man. He's hurt bad."

His jaw tightened, but he went.

The outer room was quiet. Kennedy's eyes were closed, but he opened them as Barry entered.

"Anything more than the leg?" he asked curtly.

"A rib or two, maybe. Landed on a rock. Horse stumbled and threw me."

"I've sent for a doctor, but you may have to wait several hours."

"I'll stick it. Might have been—still on the rock—if it hadn't been for Nancy. . . I could do with a cigarette."

Barry gave him one, and held the match.

"Thanks. That'll help."

"Anything else?"

"No. The old girl fixed me up pretty well." He grinned again in that tight fashion, made an involuntary movement and winced. "If you want to hear what happened, I'll talk."

Barry nodded. Gage came over and sat down.

"Go on."

"I'll begin at your place." The dark eyes were fixed on Barry. "I'd seen Nancy first here, but she beat me getting there. I guess you know the rest of the story by this time—if you got the truth."

His glance flickered cynically from Barry to Gage. "He knows."

"All right, I was afoot, because my rights had gone wrong and I'd pitched over a bank. But I arrived in time to hear all the commotion. Then Nancy came back running for that calico horse. She sort of staggered when she got to him saying things to herself, not very loud, but it scared me. I'd asked her before I left here if she was sick, and she said no, she was all right. But she wasn't."

"I tried to stop her, but she sailed on past, and I grabbed a horse, and followed her. When I caught up she didn't know me at first. I tried to make her turn back, but she was bent on running away from something. And then my horse stumbled and threw me, and she came back and sat down alongside of me for a while. She seemed to get the idea that I was sick and she had to take me home—poor kid. I don't know why, and I don't know how we ever got here. . . It was a pretty stiff trip."

He scowled at the end of his cigarette. "I guess we've all given Nancy a rotten deal. It's about time she had a break."

Martha hurried out, and passed on her way to the kitchen.

"Barry, you might bring in some wood. I want good fires and plenty of hot water. She's all choked up."

Barry made for the door. Gage was left alone with the man who had meant to blackmail his wife. Kennedy broke a stiff silence.

"Listen!" he said abruptly. "I'll be laid up for a long time, I don't like you and you hate me, but I like to pay my debts, and this one won't wait. Pull up closer—I've got to talk fast."

The young doctor from the county seat said it was pneumonia. He spoke briskly of health and youth and vitality, but on the second day he asked some odd questions, and added a guarded remark about reduced resistance and evidences of a long emotional strain. He agreed, after a brief hesitation, to stay with them for the first twenty-four hours, provided someone would return to his office with a message.

Petry almost lived in the gray car. News trickled in to Marston, carefully edited.

Late in that first day the rich visitor had come in with Petry, visibly

tired and brief of speech, and telegrams had smoked along the wires in some kind of code. Later a fast airplane brought a secretary from somewhere out of the East. A big new automobile appeared in an incredibly short time and went streaking out over the Junipers.

While all these things were happening Anne looked and muttered, struggling to get up and get away somewhere. Broken scraps came to them, about Paula, who was not to worry because Nancy would find a way out—murder—a policeman—mustn't be arrested, because everything would come out—she must hurry, and send her contract over a cliff.

And presently Nancy did not babble, and they dared look at each other again. Gage had Petry drive him up to the Perch, and took Martha with him.

For nearly four days Cleo had been virtually alone at Eagle's Perch. All of her neat plans had tumbled once more but one hard, bright little thought winked up out of the ruins. Nancy might die.

The first day of isolation she had endured, because one could not openly do much else when people were sick, but the second day was less excusable, and now her eyes were bright with repressed temper.

Added to that was the fact that she was finding it difficult to get away. There were two cars now but they were always in use. And the saddle horses had been turned out somewhere.

Cleo saw the new car come in, and Petry and that woman Martha go around to the back of the house. She met Gage with a pout.

"I'm awfully glad you've come. I'm getting terribly lonely up here. How is Nancy?"

"She's going to live." His voice was dry. "Come in, I have something to show you."

(Concluded Next Week.)

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. George Gafford and little daughter, Joy, of Hobbs, N. M., came Sunday night for a visit of several days with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gafford and other relatives.

Mrs. Marvin Murdock visited a friend, Mrs. Kelsey, who is ill in the hospital at Sweetwater, last Thursday.

Miss Idell Cooper of Hebron was the week-end guest of friends here.

Miss Doreen Scott of McMurry was home for the week-end.

Walter Smith of Lamesa attended to business here this week.

Miss France O'Kelley, who is teaching at Westbrook, was the week-end guest of her brother, Hurlst O'Kelly, and family.

Saturday of last week W. A. Hogue and daughter, Helen, Miss Pete Smith and Mrs. F. Allyn went to Farwell for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Kelly. Mrs. W. A. Hogue, who had been there for the past nine weeks, returned with them on Monday.

Mrs. C. C. Stribling has as her guest Miss Irene Tittle of Wichita Falls.

Ladies from here who attended Education day at the M. E. church, Sweetwater, Friday, were Mesdames Reuben Reeves, W. P. Reeves, E. Strawn, John Strawn, Roy Elliott, Williams, Joe Reid, H. McRee, Cribley, R. B. McRee, Sr., and R. B. Johnson, little Miss Anna Reeves and Mesdames H. L. McRee.

Among those from here attending the B. T. U. Workers convention at Merkel Sunday afternoon were: Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Howell, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stribling, Mrs. A. Williamson, Mrs. C. T. Beckham, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Robinson and a number whose names were not given.

Mesdames Ben Howell and J. E. Bowers visited Mrs. Bessie Billings, who is now in Abilene, last Wednesday. They report her as doing somewhat improved in health.

Rev. W. B. Reeves, Mesdames W. B. Reeves, R. L. Reeves, R. B. Johnson, Hub Kegans and M. G. Scott at-

DORA DOINGS

Weather cold! Thermometer two above Monday morning at 6 o'clock, dropping down below at 8:30, and one quarter inch rain, and no telling how fast the wind was blowing.

Grandpa and Grandma Newton received a phone call Tuesday from Sweetwater saying that their grandbaby, the daughter of Mrs. Hester Travis and about two weeks old, had died.

D. W. Jones has returned home from Fort Worth and Mansfield after a two weeks visit and business trip.

Mrs. E. P. Perry returned home Friday after several days in Abilene, where she went though a medical clinic and had some dental work done.

O. S. Moore, who has been on the sick list, is better at this writing.

Mrs. Katherine Cross entertained with a shower last Thursday evening at her home on the Neblett ranch, south of Dora, honoring Mrs. Mollie Cross. She received a lot of nice useful presents. After games and a general good time, refreshments were served and everyone scampered home. We are glad to report Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Porter and family out of

IN MEMORY OF LITTLE BARBARA NELL JAYNES.

News has been received here of the death of little Barbara Nell Jaynes, two and one-half month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Jaynes.

We only knew little Barbara Nell but a few fleeting days, but it was the greatest joy to have known her these few days and see her sweet smile and love her. Though her life is shining in heaven now, our lives have been made brighter by her coming.

Like a rose bloometh, then its blooms fadeth away was Barbara Nell's life. Though she is dead now, her life lives on in the hearts of her loved ones. God needed a new rosebud in his garden, so he called Barbara Nell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hays, parents of Mrs. Jaynes, also her sister, Nova, and Mrs. Annie Harris, sister of Mr. Jaynes, are with them at Tahoka.

—Contributed.

Singing at Noodle.

Odie L. Echols and his quartette of Lubbock will be an added feature at the Noodle singing Friday night, Jan. 25. Everyone is invited to come and hear these boys.

SOMETHING NEW.
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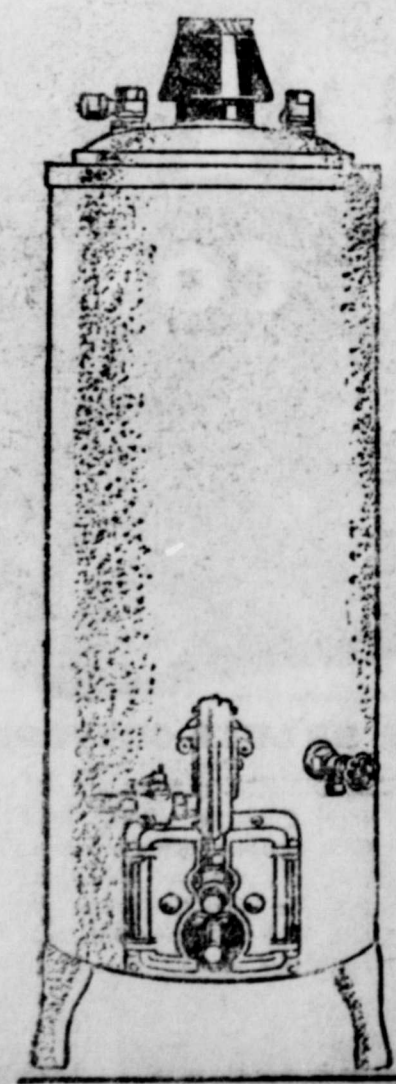
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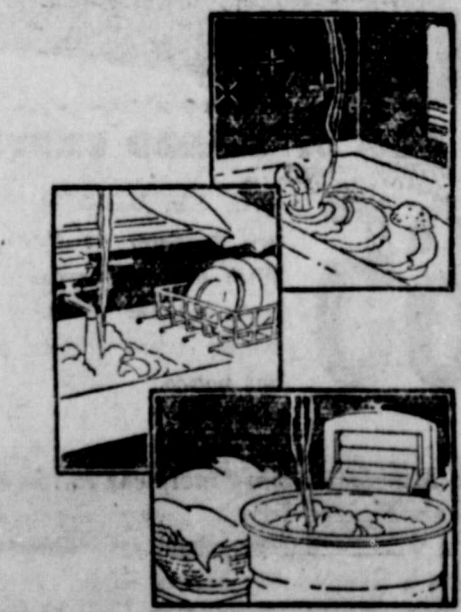


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CITY AND SCHOOL TAXES:

Penalties and interest on delinquent taxes due the City of Merkel and the Merkel Independent School District have been remitted, provided said delinquent taxes are paid on or before March 15, 1935.

JOE E. CHILDERS,
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FOR SALE—Good work horse. Hugh Motor Company.

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MAN WANTED for Raleigh route of 800 families. Write today. Raleigh, Dept. TXA-506-SA., Memphis, Tenn.

LEGAL NOTICE

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Taylor: Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Taylor County, on the 29th day of December, 1934, by Belle Wellborn, Clerk of said District Court, for the sum of Sixty Nine and 41/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment in favor of The City of Merkel, a public municipal corporation, in a certain cause in said court, No. 1958-B and styled The City of Merkel, a Public Municipal Corporation, vs J. M. Craig, placed in my hands for service, I, Burl Wheeler, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 31st day of December, 1934, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being lot No. 24 and the north 1-2 of lot 25 in Block 5 Miller Addition to the Town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of J. M. Craig, and that on the first Tuesday in February, 1935, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of J. M. Craig.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 31st day of December, 1934.

Burl Wheeler, Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas. By E. D. Davis, Deputy.

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The State of Texas, County of Taylor:

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SPUDS, 10 pounds 19c

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OATS, large package 21c

Red and White

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TOMATOES, No. 2 can, 3 for 29c

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TAMALES, 2 cans 25c

Blue and White

CHILI, No. 2 can, each 19c

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RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$ 88,498.45
Loans secured by real estate	8,825.45
Overdrafts	279.87
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	18,900.00
Banking House	13,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,750.00
Real Estate owned, other than banking house	7,755.00
Cash and due from approved reserve agents	85,589.26
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	158.45
Stock and/or assessment Fed. Dep. Ins. Corp.	733.70
Bills of Exchange: Cotton	15,289.59
Other Resources	221.15
GRAND TOTAL	\$248,000.92

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$40,000.00
Income Debentures sold	25,000.00
Total Capital Structure	65,000.00
Surplus Fund	2,500.00
Undivided Profits, net	2,500.49
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	158,538.45
Time Certificates of Deposit	18,695.35
Bills Payable and rediscounts	766.63
GRAND TOTAL	\$248,000.92

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:

We, C. M. Largent, as President, and Herbert Patterson, Asst. Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

C. M. LARGENT, President.
HERBERT PATTERSON, Asst. Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of January, A. D. 1935.

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DINNER-BRIDGE.
Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes extended gracious hospitality to a number of friends on Thursday evening of last week, entertaining at dinner. Fruit, artistically arranged, centered the dining table where green tapers furnished the illumination. A turkey menu was served in courses, after which games of bridge progressed as diversion for the evening hours.

The guest list on this happy occasion included Messrs. and Mesdames S. D. Gamble, C. H. Jones, F. C. McFarland, F. C. Hughes, J. H. Cook, Tom Largent, Booth Warren, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson of Abilene.

BETTER BRIDGE CLUB
Miss Christine Collins entertained members of the Better Bridge club on Thursday afternoon of last week with a "Mae West" party. All game appointments stressed this motif and individual packages of Whitman's candies were given each guest as favors.

Members present were Mesdames Gamble, McFarland, Sadler, Zehnpenig, Boaz, Mayfield, Higgins, Duffer, White, Case, Largent, Misses Collins and Mary Elizabeth Grimes.

CLASS PARTY.
A newly formed Sunday School class of the Presbyterian church met in the home of Mrs. Henry West, the teacher, Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of permanent organization.

Mrs. Charlie Jones was elected president, Mrs. John West, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. W. L. Diltz, assistant teacher. An enjoyable social hour followed and at tea time the hostess served delicious fruit cake and hot chocolate to Mesdames Bob McDonald, Harry Barnett, Diltz, West and Jones.

LOCAL BRIEFS.
A Merkel student, Jim Patterson, was elected sergeant-at-arms of the Rusk Literary society of the University of Texas at the recent annual election of officers. Jim's record at Merkel followed was sufficient to justify the election of friends that he would make his mark in his university career.

Despite the sudden arrival of cold weather late Sunday afternoon, members of the choir of Grace Presbyterian church, under the direction of Miss Christine Collins, drove to Tuscola and rendered a program of song and praise at the Presbyterian church there.

The price on third grade gasoline was lowered here Wednesday morning to 15 cents by four of the major companies: Magnolia, Continental, Gulf and Sinclair, other grades remaining the same. Independent stations had previously been selling at 15 cents.

A Merkel miss, Anne Lee Blake, was numbered among the talented pupils of Miss Irene Jay's dancing school who participated in a dance revue in connection with the program at the Paramount theatre, Abilene, Thursday and Friday of last week.

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CHURCH SERVICES

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"We're a mile and a half from church, you know.
And it rains today, so we can't go. We'd go ten miles to a dance or show. Though the rain should fall and the winds should blow,
But the church is different, we'd have you know,
That's why when it rains we just can't go."
—Evangelical Messenger.

Sunday School next Sunday 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Young people's meeting 6:15 p. m. Preaching 7 p. m. W. M. S. Monday 2:30 p. m. Boy's and Girl's World Club 4 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m. Come with us next Sunday.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM.
Hymns.
Scripture reading, Lona Bryan.
"A New Deal in the League," Robert Bickley.
"Our Neighbors and our League," Truett Patterson.
Special song, Opal Buzbee.
"Neighborly People," A. C. Sears. Prayer.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Last Sunday afternoon the Association B. T. S. met with this church. Joe Trussell, who will be remembered as the singer who touches all hearts, sang and our state missionary, the Rev. Mr. Dossey, preached.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. B. T. S. at 6:15 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening. W. M. U. at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Y. W. A. at 4:30 Monday afternoon

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
The season's coldest spell put in its warning early enough to reduce slightly the attendance at the Sunday Schools last Sunday, only 179 being present at the six reporting Sunday Schools. On the two previous Sundays over 800 were present. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 785.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. This will be the only service at this church Sunday, as the pastor will be at Baird. A continuation of the increase in interest and attendance since the first of the New Year is earnestly hoped for by the officers and teachers of the Sunday School.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH.
The eleven o'clock service was good, but the severe cold snap Sunday night made it impossible to have services at the church that night. However, a few were there and we talked to them for a short time.

We are starting a revival at the church in the near future. Definite plans and date will be given later. Make up your minds now to attend. Preaching by W. J. Campbell of Abilene.

Come to our services. Preaching Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday

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J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Sunday School begins promptly at 10 a. m. Let us all remember the hour and come on time, prepared to engage in the service. The discussion at the morning preaching service shall be concerning "The Two Sauls," and at the evening service the subject will be "A Wise Choice." Evening service will be fifteen minutes later than last Lord's day.
Young people meet at 6:30 p. m. and preaching will begin promptly at 7:30 p. m. On Wednesday evening of each week for some time to come we shall be discussing "The Life of the Apostle Paul."
Flavil R. Yeakley, Minister.

PERSONALS

Miss Johnnie Sears returned Friday of last week from a visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lilley, at Whitewright.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Mayfield of Anson were week-end visitors in the home of Mrs. Mayfield's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. J. Brown spent the week-end in San Angelo with the former's sister, Mrs. Victor P. Tippett. Mrs. E. N. Brown, who had been visiting in the Tippett home since Christmas, returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm and children, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Durham, spent Sunday in Albany as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Echols.

Ted McGeehe, having disposed of his interest in the bakery at Stephenville, has returned with his family to make their home here. He is again connected with the Dandy Bakery.

Mrs. Ara Brown and Miss Lucille Owens returned Sunday to San Angelo after a visit, respectively, with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Banner.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas returned Tuesday night from a visit with Mrs. Thomas' parents there.

To enjoy the matinee performance of "Hansel and Gretel," given by the San Carlo Grand Opera company at Abilene Monday afternoon, Miss Christine Collins carried a number of her pupils over to Fair Park auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Russell, Jr., of Midland, accompanied by Misses Nina Bell Russell and Dora Garoutte, were among those from here who heard grand opera at Abilene Monday evening.

Sunday noted the return of Mrs. Amy Sears from Dallas, where she had gone to accompany her daughter, Miss Mary Eula Sears, who is to study art there this season.

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Laymen's Convention at Wichita Falls Feb. 14

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One of the outstanding speakers on the program is John Timothy Stone of McCormick Seminary, Chicago, a church leader of national reputation. Rev. Matthew Arnold, pastor of the Cleburne church, will also speak at the conference.

Singing at Stith.
Several good singers from Abilene and Anson are expected to take part in the singing at the Stith Baptist church, beginning at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. All singers are urged to take part and the public is cordially invited.

Cotton Quota is 10,500,000.
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