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142 PUPILS ON HONOR ROLL OF PUBLIC SCHOOL

Personnel Includes 108 From Grammar School, With 34 From High School; Four Ranking Students Tie.

One hundred and forty-two students in the Merkel schools made the honor roll for the second six-weeks period, with 108 of these in the Grammar school and 34 in the High school.

To make this honor roll, a pupil must be neither tardy nor absent, must make at least 90 in department, and must make a general average of 90 or better. Some changes this year attach different conditions in the High school from former years, which makes it more difficult for the upper-classesmen to place in the honor roll.

The highest ranking student in each of the four High school grades for the period tied at an average of 94 each. They are: Sylvan Mellinger, 11th grade; Jannell Black, 10th grade; Billy Wood, 9th grade, and Mildred McLean, eighth grade.

The complete list of students on the honor roll for the second six-weeks period follows:

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

First Grade, Miss Smith.
Betty Jane Keifer, 95; Billy Nash, 95; Waymon Lepard, 95; Lon McDonald, 94; Jimmy Walker, 94; Ina Melton, 94; Petty Jean Matthews, 93; Marvin Jones, 93; Flossie T. London.
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Award School Letter To 15 Badgers of '36

The 1936 season produced fifteen letter men among the Badger squad, as announced by Coach Rex Myers at the Pep Squad-Football banquet Friday night.

They are: Griffin Barnett, Vincent Barnett, Robert Grimes, John Malone, Dick West, Herman Carson, Stanley Toombs, Arthur Lee Graham, Faby Mashburn, James Russell, Murphy Dye, Lloyd Vick, Norman Windham, Leroy Eason and Waymon Adcock.

Merkel Man Named As Deputy Sheriff

Sid H. McAdams, who takes office Jan. 1 as sheriff of Taylor county, announced his official family Wednesday, which includes one Merkel man, Philip A. Diltz, who formerly served as commissioner from precinct 2 on the same board with McAdams when he represented the Lawn precinct.

Other deputies named by McAdams are: Ruck Sibley, who resigned Wednesday as Abilene chief of police, and Wade Willis of Lawn.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Jones, Stith, Thursday, December 10, 1936.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dye, Friday, December 11, 1936.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wilson, Sunday, December 13, 1936.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. George Wood, Tuesday, December 15, 1936.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton, Wednesday, December 16, 1936.

A REAL GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS

Did you ever think how acceptable a subscription to the Merkel Mail would be to that son or daughter, brother or sister, living away from "the home town"?

Or you might take advantage of one of the magazine clubbing offers, or daily papers, in connection with your renewal to The Mail at your home.

BARGAIN RATES NOW IN EFFECT

POST OFFICE TO STAY OPEN ALL DAY SATURDAY

For the accommodation of patrons in mailing Christmas packages, Postmaster Wrenn Durham announces that the local post office will remain open all day Saturday, Dec. 19, instead of closing at noon as is customary.

It is requested that packages be wrapped securely and addressed carefully with return address provided. All packages must have return address, he said.

Will Install Warning Lights on Highway

As a further step in the safety campaign inaugurated by the city officials several weeks ago, contract has been let for two flashers to be placed on the highway through town, similar to those so effectively in use in other cities, and it is hoped these can be installed before Christmas.

Council members named to purchase and have these warning lights installed are S. D. Gamble and Dee Grimes.

Designated locations are, one at the corner of Lamar and Front street (Burton-Lingo corner), and the other at the west approach to the business section, corner Runnels and Front street (Porter Filling station.)

Those lights, flashing at intervals, should serve to slow down tourist traffic through the city and thereby eliminate many accidents.

Vote to Discontinue HD Services in County

At the same session at which the resignation of Miss Vara Crippen, county home demonstration agent, was tendered, the county commissioners voted Monday to discontinue the work in home demonstration service in Taylor county. The county has been paying \$800 as its part in connection with the allotment of the extension department.

Miss Crippen resigned to accept a similar position in Presidio county, with headquarters at Marfa, at a consideration to be paid by that county of \$1,500.

Mark Up Record Day For Hauling Gravel

"We set a record Wednesday with a total of 1,128 loads of gravel handled," said County Commissioner Jack Canon in referring to progress of WPA road work in Precinct 2.

At present 33 trucks are being used, with about 86 men on the rolls.

Work will be completed in two or three days in Cross Roads school territory, while all work north and east of town has already been completed, he said. This last month work has been south and east, leaving only the west portion to be handled.

Funeral for Infant.

Mrs. J. J. Russell, Sr., went to Midland on Thursday of last week for the funeral of her little granddaughter, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Russell, Jr., born on Wednesday, the ninth, and who died at birth. The little girl was named Nona Ann.



Your Community Has A "CINCH" on a Part of Every Dollar You Spend With Your Home-Town Enterprises—Think It Over!

LAST RITES FOR W. M. COOPER, 59

Funeral Services at Trent; Survivors Include Wife and Fourteen Children.

Last rites for W. M. Cooper, 59, of Hebron, were held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Baptist church at Trent, with Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church of Merkel, and Rev. Houston Scott, of Big Spring, Baptist pastor at Hebron, officiating, assisted by Revs. Ted McGehee, O. B. Tatum and C. B. Daniel. Burial was in the Trent cemetery.

Mr. Cooper died at 8:30 Saturday morning at the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, to which he had been taken Monday for treatment.

Mr. Cooper came to this section about ten years ago from Comanche county. He is a native of Tennessee. He is survived by his wife, who was, before marriage, Miss Margaret Nelson, and fourteen children all of whom were present for the funeral. They are: four daughters, Mrs. Glenn Graham, Caddo Mills; Mrs. Ike Driggers, Roscoe; Misses Idell and Delphine Cooper, Hebron, and ten sons: Emory Cooper, Amarillo; Henry Cooper, Breckenridge; Austin Cooper, Crane; Mitchell Cooper, Trent; Woodrow, James, Billie, Hasten, Otis Wayne and Joe Cooper, Hebron. Ten grandchildren, one brother, H. H. Cooper, Morton, and two sisters, Mrs. John Halbrooks, Trent, and Mrs. Robert Meeks, Hebron, also survive.

Honorary pallbearers were: T. L. Stevens, A. W. Woods, J. R. Gafford, L. Quattlebaum, S. H. Estep, H. R. Poor, J. P. Roberts, Joe Nalley, D. H. Bishop and Bob Billington; active, Joe Boone, Clark Hamner, Herbert Kegans, John Hamner, Jack Bowers and J. P. Stevens.

Flower girls were: Mrs. H. R. Poor, Murrell Jones, Annie Mae Sawyer, Glennie Sawyer and Misses Cooley. The Rutledge brothers, Pete, Hardy and Lovell, and Mrs. Arvin Robinson, had charge of the song service.

To Follow Up Work in Cemetery Each Tuesday

While much progress has been made in cleaning up and beautifying Rose Hill cemetery under the sponsorship of the Home Demonstration club, there is still much needed work to be done, and it is announced by Mrs. C. P. Church, president of that organization, that work will continue each Tuesday until the entire premises have been cared for.

Queen to Give Free Matinee for Children

Christmas comes but once a year, so Manager Hodge of the Queen theatre is not letting the season pass without remembering the kiddies. He announces a free matinee on Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 2 p. m., at which time all children under 12 years of age will be admitted free. A present will be given each one that attends.

Special provision has also been made for the usual Christmas Eve Fun Frolic at the Queen, with the booking of "Pigskin Parade" for the midnight show on Thursday, Dec. 24.

Accidents Cost 96 Lives.

Automobile accidents took at least 96 lives on the nation's highways over the week-end, including seven Saturday in a train-truck crash in New Mexico.

DEATH CLAIMS S. A. (Sid) COATS

Resident of This Section for 40 Years Succumbs to Lingerin Illness At Home Here.

S. A. (Sid) Coats, 68, retired farmer and one of the best known citizens of this section where he has resided for forty years, died at 3:30 Saturday afternoon at his home after a lingering illness of a month. Mr. Coats came here from Dallas county.

Funeral services were held from the First Baptist church at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, with Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor, and Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery, with the Masons in charge.

Pallbearers were: Carl Black, E. O. Carson, Eli Graham, V. N. Ellis, Joe Jaynes and O. N. Buford.

Survivors include his wife, who was before her marriage, Miss Fannie Hass, daughter of T. A. Hass, and seven children: Mrs. L. R. Stanley, Merkel; Mrs. Aut Yates, Brownfield; Sid and Ansel Coats, Fort Worth; Vernon Coats, Breckenridge; Miss Minnie Coats, Coleman, and Miss Hazel Coats, Merkel. Fifteen grandchildren and two brothers, Wall Coats, of California, and R. L. Coats, of Dallas county, also survive.

Among relatives and friends from out-of-town, who came for the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coats and family, Gilbert Boswell and Mrs. Fate Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Deck Tyler, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coats, Rev. and Mrs. Houston Scott, Big Spring; Ira E. Coats, Coppell, Texas; Mrs. Tom Strickland and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Heddlston, Misses Mabel Scott, Vesta Nelson and Hazel Gaines, Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Huff, Clyde.

450 Visitors View Sewing Room Booths

A total of 430 visitors called at the local WPA sewing room during open house last week, which began officially Thursday afternoon and which was extended over Saturday, and all visitors were surprised and impressed with the type and volume of work being done.

Under the direction of Mrs. Bonnie Griswold, supervisor, 31 women and five girls are employed in the local sewing room, and, in preparation for the exhibit in celebration of their first year's work, these employees were divided into three groups of women and one younger group. To better identify their exhibits, the booths were named for the sponsoring club, as follows: Happy Circle club, Willing Workers, Jolly Youngsters and Quin club. The booths displayed the many types of garments made in the sewing room, also other articles such as quilts, bedspreads, hooked rugs and household utility boxes.

Visitors from Abilene included Miss Caroline Chambers, district supervisor, and Mrs. Estelle J. Brooks, project superintendent.

On Friday afternoon, employees of the local sewing room went in seven cars to visit the open house of the Abilene sewing room.

Class Reunion Dec. 28.

Members of the class of '33, Merkel High school, will hold their reunion on Monday night, Dec. 28, in the home of Frances Marie Church. Terrill Mashburn is president of the class.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Ernest Coleman, 26, of Dallas, died from injuries suffered when a horse which he was riding ran into an automobile.

Accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of a 12-year-old playmate caused the death of Everett B. Rosser, Jr., 11, at Plainview.

L. S. Baker, 63, railway depot agent at Hawley and former telegraph operator at Anson, dropped dead Tuesday morning in a jewelry store at Anson.

Orville S. Carpenter, acting director of Old Age Assistance, said Monday that pension checks for December would be mailed by the end of the week.

Judge Royall Watkins of Dallas has ordered destruction of 153 slot machines, valued at approximately \$15,000, which sheriff's deputies had seized during the year.

It was announced by Governor Allred that Jack Chevigny, retiring football coach of the University of Texas, would become an attorney for the state tax department Jan. 19.

The state board of health voted 5 to 4 Monday to oust Dr. John W. Brown, who has been state health officer for four years, replacing him with Dr. George W. Cox of Del Rio.

Miss Mamie Egg, 57, former school teacher of Brown and Mills counties, died from injuries received when a switch engine backed over her at a grade crossing at Brownwood.

J. T. Arnold, 20, of Pearsall, died from gunshot wounds received when a high-powered rifle on the seat of an automobile in which he was on route hunting accidentally discharged.

John Teal, 50-year-old machinist, who was tried at Muleshoe for the 18-year-old slaying of Miss Evelyn Monts, has announced he would accept the 8-year-sentence assessed for the school teacher's murder.

Resignation of Raymond S. Mauk as state fire insurance commissioner was announced Monday by Governor Allred, who has not yet named his successor. He was appointed fire insurance commissioner in 1932.

J. T. Hamilton, 77, Baptist minister who served several terms in the state legislature and who was the first school superintendent of Llano county, died in a hospital at Brady after having been ill with pneumonia for a few days.

R. A. Walker, 66, was instantly killed at Coleman while trying to start his automobile. His car, which had been jacked up to facilitate cranking, backed over him, pushing him into some nearby timbers, and his neck was broken.

Miss Medina Sloan was killed and Ashley Jernigan was critically injured in an automobile accident on the Monahans highway out of Fort Stockton. The accident was attributed to a tire blowing out, which caused the car to overturn.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, December 22, 1916.)

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Cordill are enjoying Christmas at Big Spring with their son.

Joe Hartley is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hartley. He will return after the holidays to Wayland College at Plainview.

O. W. Walker was awarded a Ford automobile at Parton's Saturday by guessing within one bean of the number in the jar.

Mrs. James Patterson, Messrs. G. B. W. A., Rufus and Looney Tittle and their mother, Mrs. Campbell, accompanied by Mr. Mayfield of Blair, are at Sulphur Springs, where they will celebrate Christmas with relatives.

Messrs. S. D. McLeod, J. A. Miller, Sol Johnson and W. H. Riley were here bright and early Tuesday. They said things had gotten too hot for them at Trent.

Automobile sales sold by McDonald and Warren are: Buicks to Messrs. J. L. Banner, W. A. Tittle, W. E. Britian, W. W. Terry, H. L. Probst, John Shaw, Jim Campbell, A. C. Rose; Dodges to Roscoe Bland, I. J. Cox, H. H. Prater, Sam Winter, G. B. Brown; Studebakers to J. M. Bird and W. A. Howard.

MAY REALIZE SCHOOL BAND IN NEW YEAR

Visiting Honor Student Brings Idea to Attention of Lions Club; Date for Annual Ladies' Night Set Jan. 5, 1937.

A High School band may be in the offing for Merkel.

Possibility of organizing a band among High School students came to the attention of the Lions club at their Tuesday luncheon, when Billy Wood, one of the visiting honor students, approached the subject during an open session round table discussion.

The movement meeting with ready response from club members, a committee was appointed by President West to see what could be done, with the assurance in advance that the Lions club would underwrite the cost of uniforms, provided the school board would arrange for an instructor. Booth Warren made the first suggestion, while motion to that effect was actually put by Dee Grimes.

This committee, headed by Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, consists of Booth Warren, Norman Hodge, Carlton Vick, R. T. Gray, E. A. Burgess and Milton Case.

Annual ladies' night will be observed on Tuesday evening, Jan. 5, 1937, in lieu of the regular luncheon program. For the occasion the standing program committee will serve, which includes Dee Grimes, Booth Warren and Yates Brown.

Special guests of the club for Tuesday's luncheon were the highest ranking students in the four High School grades: Sylvan Mellinger, 11th; Jannell Black, 10th; Billy Wood, 9th, and Mildred McLean, 8th.

Speaking in behalf of the FFA chapter, C. H. Collinsworth thanked the club for the use of the hall for the recent Father and Son banquet, and similarly Supt. Burgess expressed the thanks of the Pep Squad for the use of the club's tables at their football fete.

It Pays to Advertise.

Last week Lonnie Williams advertised in The Mail that he had lost seven \$1.00 bills. The money was returned to him next day by Bill Haynes, who found it on the streets where it had dropped out of the loser's pocket.

Correspondents

As Christmas comes on Friday this year, The Mail will be published one day earlier next week so that all copies will reach readers before Christmas. News budgets and social items should reach this office Monday and your co-operation will be appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ellis, of Abilene, and Hiram and Lula Turner of Retan are in the R. A. Ellis home to spend this Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brown and Dr. W. E. Brown are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Brown.

O. M. Sharp, who has been connected with his father in the dry goods business here, has recently accepted a position with the Farmers State Bank.

W. T. Sherrill, who acquired a knowledge of farming and raising hogs while living in or near Noodle, has hung what we consider a record for the state at hog raising. Last week Mr. Sherrill killed a twenty month old hog which weighed, when dressed, 489 pounds. The porker, was sold at 16 cents per pound, net \$78.24.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard are the proud parents of a 13 pound daughter.

Mrs. Artie Dodd, age 72, wife of Rev. D. J. Dodd of this city, died at their home at an early hour Monday from an illness of several weeks.

Choc Jones and H. C. Burroughs, Jr., have sold their interest in the skating rink to Jim Deavenport.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Iva Mae Tinkle and two children, Dorothy Jean and Jimmy, of Bakersville, Calif., arrived Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Tittle, and her sister, Mrs. D. H. Jones.

J. D. Cooley of Anson is spending a few weeks with his son, R. H. Cooley, and family. They also had Newell Stokes of Abilene as a guest Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Shannon and children of Fort Stockton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bright and other relatives the past week-end.

T. C. Blankenship and sister, Miss Opal Blankenship, teachers in the Dakota public school, visited friends here Sunday.

Miss Gene Scott of Abilene spent the week-end here with Miss Dorothy Jo Strawn and others.

Miss Virgie Strawn, teacher in the Sylvester public school, visited relatives here Sunday. Miss Strawn will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Strawn, in Greenville after the dismissal of her duties Friday.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. H. E. East of Abilene and Hardin-Simmons university, held two services at the Baptist church Sunday. This was not a regular appointment, but further arrangements were pending, concerning a regular preaching service with Rev. East as pastor. Announcement will be made at a later date.

SCHOOL NEWS

Supt. G. W. Scott has announced the Christmas holidays will begin Friday of this week and will continue through Christmas week. The teachers will spend the holidays at their respective homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Merton Bell will divide their holidays with their parents; Mr. Bell's parents reside in DeLeon.

Mr. Taylor will visit his parents

Action—Not Words!

Today school children take part in health programs and understand the how, why and wherefore of preventing such communicable diseases as tuberculosis. They learn by doing. Christmas Seals have done much to stimulate this modern method of health teaching in the schools.



UNION RIDGE NEWS

M. L. Douglas, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Biggs of Merkel, made a business trip to Midland last Tuesday, returning Wednesday. Mr. Douglas was Tuesday night's guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Henson of Stanton, while the Biggs were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Biggs of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rogers and three sons attended the funeral of Mr. Rogers' sister, Mrs. Walter Wagner, which was held at Clyde Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Walsh of Hamlin were Sunday guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Church, and Mrs. Church accompanied her parents home for a short visit.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the kind assistance and words of love shown us in the recent illness and death of our dear husband and father; also our thanks for the many beautiful flowers.

May God's richest blessings rest on every one.

Mrs. W. M. Cooper and Children.

FOR STUDENTS.

The Centennial edition of the Texas Almanac is filled with valuable information for students. For sale at the office of the Merkel Mail for 65c per copy.

LOST ANYTHING? A little ad in our Lost and Found column may bring it right back.

Office supplies—Mail office.

Mail Classified Ad for Results.

Enlists in U. S. Army, Assigned Fort Warren

Glen S. Thornton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thornton of Merkel, who was recently enlisted in the U. S. Army, has been sent to Fort F. E. Warren, Wyo., for infantry service. His application was received at the Abilene recruiting station on Dec. 10 and enlistment was completed in Dallas.

Sergeant Clifton D. King, in charge of the Abilene army recruiting station, is inviting ambitious young men who are interested in army service to communicate with him.

TEXAS ALMANAC.

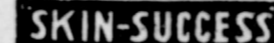
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STAYING IN YOUR PLACE.

So many pupils in school enjoy running around over the building at all times of the day. After classes they get together and go up and down the halls as if they were wanting to be noticed. The same is true of off periods. There is no point to such actions. There is a place for everyone; each one should stay in it.

Also, in organizations such as the Pep Squad, Football team, Choral club, or in any other similar group, you should stay in your place. If you are asked to do something, do it with a willing spirit; otherwise, be patient and wait until you are called upon. This is not lack of initiative, it is good order and common sense. You are noticed just as much for being in place as for being out of it, and you will be appreciated a great deal more by all your associates.

THE BADGER ANNUAL.

The Badger Annual of 1936-7 went on sale Monday of this week. Everyone is expecting a bigger and better Annual than last year. The initial cost will be one dollar, and the price to be paid when the Annuals are distributed will be about sixty cents. Every student in Merkel High school should want one for it will be something that he can cherish all his life.

SENIOR NEWS.

The Seniors who are members of the Pep Squad and football team really enjoyed the banquet Friday night. It was one of the big occasions of the year for them.

On Wednesday, Dec. 8, some of the Seniors thought that Santa Claus had come—they received their rings! What nicer gift could there be for a Senior?

If a Senior girl or boy comes up to your door and asks for a subscription to a magazine, buy it if you can. You will be helping the Senior class.

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

The Sophomores have not gone into hibernation by any means. You must remember that the football banquet came off Friday night and the boys and girls are still going around in circles. And did some startling love affairs bloom forth amid the popping balloons and falling mints! You may be sure that the Sophomores had their share of the fun and made their share of the noise.

FRESHMAN NEWS.

The Freshmen have very little to say this week—they seem to be snowed under by an avalanche of work. One may hear history students on all sides remarking that they do not yet have up all their points in assigned readings and that they just do not know what they are going to do! The faster members of the class are safe but the slower ones are treading on the danger line.

PERSONALITIES.

Vernell Bland.
 Vernell has been in Merkel High school three and one-half years, having spent her other half year in Lamesa. In this time every one has learned to think a great deal of her. This is due to her good personality and friendly ways. She has taken an active part in all school activities. She has been in the Dramatic club two years, and this year she is in the Home Economics and Senior Girls' clubs. She is reporter for the former. Vernell is also assistant librarian. Vernell's highest ambition is to be a speech arts teacher. Here's wishing for you the best of luck, Vernell!

Murphy Dye.

In the four years Murphy has been in Merkel High school he has made many friends. He has come out for football two years and track one year. This year he has made himself important for his punting on the gridiron when kicks were most needed. He takes part in all school activities and is willing to help with anything that he can. He has been in the Dramatic club two years. Luck to you, Murphy!

THE FOOTBALL BANQUET.

Last Friday evening, Dec. 11, 1936, at 7:30 the Pep Squad honored the football boys in an annual banquet. It was really a grand reception. Everything was just "Dutch," thank you. Decoration of blue and white crepe paper and balloons were strung about the gymnasium. Place cards were little Dutch girls and boys. Dutch windmills served as center pieces, while tulips were plate favors.

Betty Grimes was toastmistress. The invocation was given by Herbert Patterson. Betty asked Hollis, Fannelle and Dorra Lee what they expected

to do next year to carry on for the Pep Squad and Merkel High. She wanted to know how hard they were going to work. These three girls pledged themselves to work even harder than they did this year and to back the Badgers until the last whistle of the last game. Sis Gamble gave a very touching toast to the team of '36. Murphy Dye responded. Robert Grimes expressed the feeling of all the football boys in a toast to coach Myers. Mr. Myers responded. Stanley Toombs expressed the football boys' gratitude to the Pep Squad. Hollis Perry, main leader for next year, responded. Sylvan Mellinger, the sports editor, gave a resume of the games. Frances Higgins, Bonnie Church, Pearl Mathews, Pauline Joyner, Mary Jo Russell and Phyllis Smith presented two songs, "A Dutch Romance" and "Wiegenglied."

All this year the Pep Squad mascots, Tiny Brown and Topper Largent, have received much of the cheering, and even at the banquet they were still a center of attraction. They were dressed in "wild and woolly" western costume. Topper made a very handsome cowboy and Tiny was a very charming cowgirl. They sang "Home on the Range."

Don H. Morris, vice-president of A. C. C., was the speaker of the evening. He made an excellent address and backed it up with some fine jokes, especially one on Mr. Myers, after which our coach will probably be known as "Judge." His thoughts, along the lines of pep, sportsmanship and learning to play the game, had their application to athletics and life in general.

The evening passed all too quickly, for no one wanted to face the truth—it is over. After singing one of the favorite pep songs, "Purple and Gold," everyone started for home with some keep-sake in his pocket and a lump in his throat.

SPORTS.

The Badgers blew the lid off their basketball season this year in a game with Tuscola on Tuesday night, Dec. 8. Tuscola won the district championship last year and has a strong squad again this year. They are one of the favorites. The Merkel five played a

good game of basketball for an inexperienced team but went down in the final count to the tune of 42 to 11.

Merkel opened her home-and-home schedule of basketball games with Roby at Roby. The seven teams that composed this district in football are playing a round-robin schedule with each team to play every other team twice—once at home and once away. The local quintet showed improved basketball but dropped this one 32 to 11.

The Badgers' next foe is Loraine here. A double feature is in order with both the boys' basketball team and the girls' volleyball team in action against the Loraine representatives. We hope for them as much success as Merkel had in her football set-to with Loraine.

SPANISH CLUB.

The Spanish club plans to meet the week before Christmas. There will be a play and other entertainment. The cast for the play is not definitely decided. Everyone concerned is expected to be present.

GLEE CLUB.

The Glee club has lately received some new books. These books are especially prepared for two-part singing. The club is working now on "Way Down Yonder in the Corn Field." In spite of the difficult parts to this song it is being well handled.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB.

The Home Economics club met Thursday, Dec. 3. The girls answered the roll call with "What I did on Thanksgiving."

Last week the committee had a meeting and decided on a Christmas party. It is to be Tuesday, Dec. 22, in the gymnasium. Thursday everyone put her name in a box and drew another out in order to give away presents. There is to be a Christmas tree and small Christmas socks of red and green filled with Christmas candy, fruits and nuts for refreshments.

As the club will be unable to meet

at the regular time next meeting because of the holidays, there will be a short meeting after the party.

SENIOR GIRLS' CLUB.

The Senior girls met Tuesday morning, Dec. 8, for the organization of the Senior Girls' club. Genevieve Cox acted as temporary chairman in the election of the following officers: Janet Berry, president; Nadine Clack, secretary-treasurer, and Edith Akin, reporter.

The new president, Janet, took charge and the club named Miss Clements as sponsor of the club. Janet appointed two committees, one to name the club and the other to decide on the dresses that are to be worn by the Senior girls very Tuesday and Thursday.

JOKES.

Vincent: "What did you do with that portable garage you had?"
 Dick: "I tied my dog to it the other day and a cat came by."

It was the girl's first attempt at cooking a pie. When Miss Cleveland walked into the room she saw 3 or 4 large pies.

"What is the idea?" she asked.
 "We couldn't find any shorter rhubarb", one of them explained.

"Gosh, did you hear what happened to Murphy the other day?"
 "No, what?"
 "He washed his face at school and when he got home his dog didn't know him and bit him!"

Norville: "So you're really going to use me in this play? You've really at last discovered my talent?"
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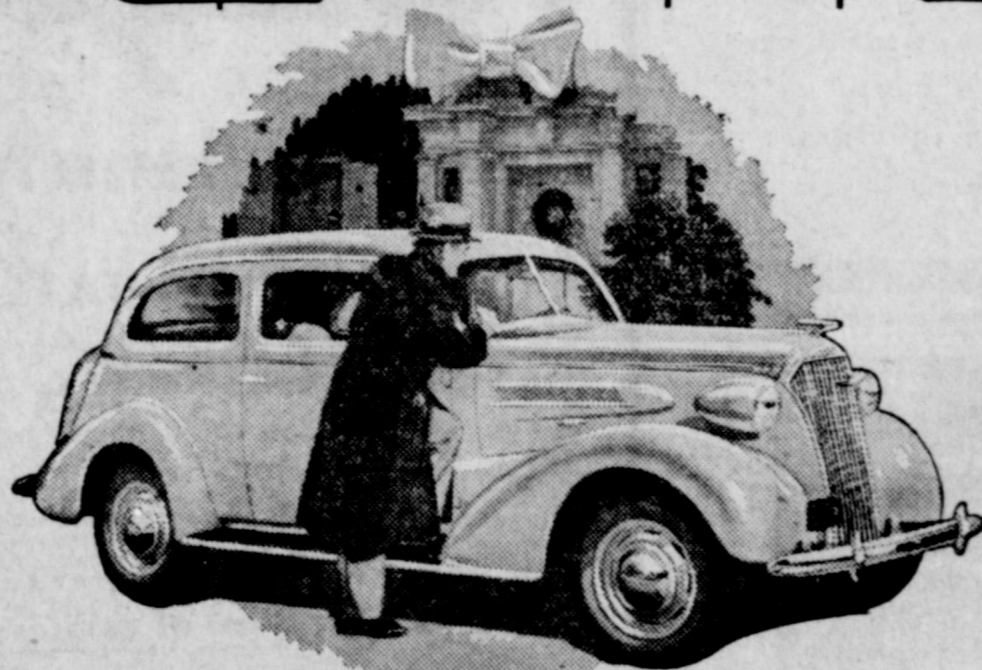


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PERSONALS

Vernon George Goodall, of Waco, WPA field representative, spent Monday night in Merkel visiting George Caple. Mr. Goodall's district includes 20 counties from Laredo to El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hobbs are visiting relatives in Little Rock, Ark., and other points. They were accompanied by Miss Eloise Moorman, who returned home after spending two months in the Hobbs home and with other relatives.

Among those who came from a distance for the Abilene-Amarillo game Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Campbell, who also visited his mother, Mrs. W. J. Campbell, and family. They were accompanied by H. C. Toombs of Abilene, who teaches at Clint.

T. L. Kerns was in Dallas Friday to attend a dealers' meeting of the truck division of General Motors.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Clyde Smith have as their guest this week Mrs. Smith's aunt, Mrs. John M. Cowden, of Abilene.

T. H. Christopher left Friday to visit his brother, E. R. Christopher, in Oklahoma City. On the return trip, he will visit his daughter, Mrs. Mary McCandless, and son, T. S. Christopher, in Fort Worth.

Joe Self, cashier of the Farmers State bank, was in Austin Monday to attend a meeting of state bankers. He reports at least 500 were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson E. Parker of Midland spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. J. S. Blair, and daughter, Jean Parker. Mrs. Parker left Monday for Carlsbad sanitarium.

Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott visited Sunday afternoon with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. George Elliott, of Victoria street, Abilene.

Mrs. Hester, Fitts, Edmondson and Frank Johnson of Abilene are among Miss Dora Garoutte's callers Sunday afternoon.

Miss Clara B. White has returned home after a two-weeks visit in Post with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bland and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McGehee spent Tuesday in Lampasas visiting with Mrs. T. N. Stevenson, to whom Al went to school several years and who is now 84 years old.

Varsity T Awarded Former Badger Star

Stephenville, Dec. 17.—Harry Boaz of Merkel will receive the Varsity T for football at John Tarleton college this fall. Coach Choc Sanders has announced.

Twenty-six Plowboys lettered, and seven men will receive reserve letters.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the sympathy, the beautiful floral offerings and the kindness of our many friends, in our recent bereavement in the loss of our dear husband and father.

We wish to extend our thanks to Mr. Littlefield, of the Anson Mutual Burial association, for his promptness in the payment of our policy.

May God's richest blessings be with you all.

Mrs. S. A. Coats and Children.

Semi-Final Settings.

Dallas, Dec. 17.—North side (Fort Worth) plays at Amarillo, and Port Arthur at Kerrville Saturday afternoon in semi-final games of the Texas Interscholastic league football race.

Accepts Cotton Bowl Date.

Dallas, Dec. 17.—Texas Christian university, which defeated Santa Clara 9-0 in San Francisco Friday, has accepted an invitation to meet Marquette in the Cotton Bowl here Jan. 1.

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Grandma Baker, who was 92 years old on Thursday, Dec. 10, adds this message: "May God's richest blessings rest on each one of the senders and donors of birthday remembrances, and they will ever be in my memory as I do down the sunset trail of life."

HD Council Members Entertain New Board

Miss Celia Hester directed the program when the Taylor county home demonstration council members for 1936 entertained the 1937 council Saturday afternoon in the Abilene high school auditorium. A quartet composed of Syble Harris, Clara Joyce Cox and Roberta and Alberta Dean, of Union Ridge, sang, and Miss Harris rendered a solo. Other numbers were a song by Miss Norma Patton and a reading by Charlotte Harwell.

Among those attending were: Mrs. Vernon Hudson and Miss Hester, Salt Branch; Mrs. Wade Ensminger, Mrs. Nellie Brown, White Church; Mrs. Alfred Thomas, Mrs. A. M. Hinds, Tye; Miss Mabel McRee, Mrs. O. E. Harwell, Union Ridge; Mrs. C. P. Church, Mrs. Clyde Shouse, Merkel; Mrs. Rogers Williams, Trent.

Attend Funeral Rites Old Friend at Winters

To attend the funeral of Jim Davidson, who was an old time friend of many Merkelites when they resided in East Texas, Rev. R. A. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray and Messrs. H. L. Wilson and Joe Stalls went to Winters Wednesday afternoon.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. W. Joiner, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Winters, and also an old-time friend of the deceased.

Maddox Home Completed.

Lecil White has completed his contract for the W. T. Maddox home south of town. The house consists of five rooms and bath and the owners are making preparations to move soon.

Recital by Speech Pupils.

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Dan E. Lydick of Fort Worth was named chairman with E. B. Perkins of Rusk, Clarence Malone of Houston and E. O. Terry of Dallas, members.

"Pine Tree Troop" Name of Girl Scouts

Due to ball games at the Grammar school, the Girl Scouts met on Friday, Dec. 4, and Friday, Dec. 11. At the first meeting names for the troop and the patrols were chosen. The girls unanimously voted to be called "The Pine Tree Troop." Patrol No. 1 is "The Redbird" and Patrol No. 2 is "The House Wren."

Meetings Dec. 11 and 16 were devoted to making Christmas presents and singing Christmas carols.

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RURAL SOCIETY

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A sumptuous dinner was served by Mrs. Baker, and a lovely white cake bearing pink candles was presented by Mrs. Campbell. Games were played by the younger folks and the day was enjoyed to the fullest extent. Future happy birthdays were wished Mr. Baker by all present.

UNION RIDGE P. T. A.

The Union Ridge P. T. A. met Friday night, Dec. 11, in regular meeting. A committee composed of Mesdames O. R. Douglas, Denzel Cox and J. H. Clark was appointed to buy fruit for the Christmas tree.
Following an opening song and prayer by J. H. Clark, the following program was given under the leadership of Mrs. Andy Shouse: talk, Rev. Albie Carleton of Trent; "Friendliness," Mrs. Carleton; school number; "Friendliness in Pupil-Teacher Relationship," Mrs. Jack Pannell; Christmas song, Clara Joyce Cox, Syble Harris, Bernie Opal and Alberta Dean.

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The bride was attended by Miss Elaine Cotton, with the bride's brother, Edwin Neill, attending Mr. Campbell. Miss Margaret Terbet gave the wedding music and, during the ceremony, played "Beautiful Thoughts of Love."

Refreshments were served from a lace-laid table which was decorated with flowers and lighted with white candles.

Formerly employed in Abilene, the groom is now in charge of the market department of McDonald's and the couple are at home in one of the Wozencraft apartments here.

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Oranges, Red Ball, doz.	25c	Red and White Corn, No. 2 can, 2 for	29c
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Red and White Corn Flakes, pkg.	10c	Red and White Coffee, pound	32c
Pure Cane Sugar, cloth bag, 10 lbs.	52c	Red and White Cranberry Sauce, can	19c
Small Crisco, 3 pounds	59c	Lady Godiva Soap, 4 bars	20c
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NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.
 Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank in Merkel, Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank the second Tuesday in January, 1937, being the 12th day of the month, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Polls open between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m.
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BLAIR ITEMS

Christmas comes this year on Friday, which makes it easy to plan for its observance.

Miss Bettie Campbell of Chicago is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Campbell, an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cavette and family and Mr. and Mrs. Cavette of Rotan participated in a joint birthday celebration in the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cavette, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt have moved to their new home at Anson, where Mr. Pruitt has accepted employment with the Ford company.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton and children left Saturday for Red Spring to visit relatives for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis of the Divide spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Addera.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell and Mrs. Jim Campbell visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell of Trent.

There will be singing at the Baptist church every second and fourth Sunday afternoons at 2 o'clock.

Rev. Roy Anding, Baptist pastor, is to fill his regular appointment Sunday, Dec. 20. Every one is urged to attend these services.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gosden, and brother, Vernon Gosden, of Iredell, have moved into our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell and family of Hawley spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks and Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodora Smith and children of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. McKee Sunday.

Miss Mee Melton and Mary Hughes of Sweetwater visited Mrs. Lela McEvers Sunday.

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Notice is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on the 12th day of January, at 6 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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Hodges Happenings.

Moving is the order of the day here now.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Harris have moved to Eula; Grady Wilson and family will live on the Harris farm; the U. S. Akin family have moved from the G. Benton farm to the Akin's farm; Mr. and Mrs. Benton have moved back to their home place and the Charlie Walshes have moved into the house that the Bentons moved out of; Jewel Thomas and family have moved up near Radium; Homer Collins and family have moved here from Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bonds have moved on Josh Cook's farm.

Mrs. Harris and Miss Gertie are moving to the Eula community after Christmas, and several newcomers are to move here.

tend a hearty welcome to all of the newcomers.

Miss Eloise Moorman has returned to her home in Clark county, Ark., after several weeks visit with relatives here and in surrounding communities.

The ladies of the M. E. church met last Tuesday and organized a W. M. S. here. They are to meet each Tuesday after the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

Wishing each and every one of the Merkel Mail readers a merry, merry Christmas and a happy new year, we will close.

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Fortnightly Study Club.

Members of the Fortnightly Study club entertained guests at their annual Christmas party Tuesday afternoon, held in the home of Mrs. H. C. West. The house was decorated with a silver and red color combination: red carnations and cyclamen in silver foliage in subdued lighting effect from tall red tapers and a lighted Christmas tree.

Mrs. West gave greetings for a very beautiful seated program. Mrs. E. Yates Brown opened with a piano transcription of "Silent Night" and also gave the piano accompaniment for Mrs. Josephine Grisham Hall, violinist from Abilene, who played two violin numbers as one of two guest artists appearing on the program. The second was Mrs. A. B. Morris, reader, also from Abilene. She gave a most interesting sketch of the "Women Who Influenced William Shakespeare" and climaxed with the "Sleep Walking Scene from Lady Macbeth." Miss Christine Collins sang "Ave Maria" with violin obligato by Mrs. Hall and piano accompaniment by Mrs. Brown. Mrs. W. T. Sadler introduced the artists in a very gracious manner and in closing asked the guests to stand while she read a Christmas prayer.

Ambrosia salad, fruit cake and coffee with plate favors of holly were passed to fifty guests.

WEEK-END PARTY.

Following the Pep Squad-Football banquet on Friday evening, members of the "Three F Club" launched a happy week-end in the home of Sis Gamble, where they spent a slumberless night. A midnight feast of caviar and cream-cheese patties, potato chips, cookies and chocolate kisses was served, and Saturday morning a delicious "Brunch" was served in courses at ten o'clock. A drive out to the "Ten-Can-ranch" was next on the program, to the Gamble's cabin, Mrs. S. D. Gamble going along as chaperon. Boat riding, mountain climbing and a picnic lunch around a campfire were only a part of the fun for Misses Jane Ferguson, Phyllis Smith, Hollis Perry, Fannelle Gray, Frances Higgins and Sis Gamble.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIAL.

The young people's department of the Baptist church had their Christmas party Monday night in the basement of the church.

The house was decorated in Christmas colors, and the Christmas theme was carried out in games and contests, and later gifts were distributed from a beautifully decorated tree.

Bags of apples, nuts and candy were passed out from the Christmas tree to the following members, associates and guests: Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Joyner, Messrs. and Mesdames W. J. Largent, John Paul Rudd, Mesdames Bill Haynes and L. V. Moore; Misses Helen Joyner, Frances Largent, Lona Joyner, Bess McNiece, Emma Joyner, Iris Garrett, Nevada Cleveland, Juanita Stroud, Dot Swafford, Thelma Mathews, Vivian Davis, De La Vergne Teague, Nadine Clack, Lucille Crick, Morcen Banner, Maurine White and Clara B. White; Messrs. Byers Petty, Howard Carson, Vernon Mansfield, Murphy Dye, Herbert Hoover, Herman Carson, Vernon Davis, Weldon Davis and A. J. Barnett.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB PARTY.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. J. C. P. Church for their annual Christmas party on Thursday evening of last week to entertain their families.

After all guests had arrived, a turkey dinner was served. For pastime games of "42" were enjoyed until Santa Claus arrived and presented gifts to the following: Messrs. and Mesdames E. O. Carson and two sons, Clyde Shouse and three children, Joe P. Self and daughter, Bob McDonald and two children, E. B. Wallace and son, John Hughes and son, Harry Barnett and son, Tye Sublett and son, Watt Blair and two granddaughters, V. B. Sublett, C. P. Church and two sons, Lake Renfro and three children, Mrs. Chester Hutcheson and three children, Mrs. E. L. Turner and Mrs. Lila Ren; Sam Butman, Sr., Misses Luna White, Lottie Butman, Margaret Turner and Maurine and Billie Joe White.

MARY MARTHAS.

Members of the Mary Marthas Missionary society met in the home of Mrs. E. B. Wallace for their annual Christmas party last Monday evening.

Games of "42" were enjoyed until refreshments were passed. Gifts were then found waiting on the Christmas

tree for Messrs. and Mesdames Clark Mundy, Bill Sheppard, R. M. Ferguson, Johnny Cox, E. B. Wallace, C. P. Church and Misses Lottie Butman and Mabel McRee.

L. L. AND L. CLASS.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman T. Hodge entertained members of the L. L. and L. class of the Methodist church, of which Mrs. Hodge is teacher, on Tuesday evening, with the theme centering about Christmas and a Christmas tree.

After games were played and several merry hours passed, a refreshment plate of sandwiches, olives, potato chips and cooling drink was passed to Misses Betty Grimes, Phyllis Smith, Lola Higgins, Leta Faye Beebe, Lena Faye Harrell, Pauline McAninch, Jannell Black, Mildred Humphrey, Jane Ferguson, Opal Buzbee; Messrs. Robert Malone, Tracy Wood, Faby Mashburn, A. C. Sears, Robert Bickley, Truett Patterson, Eteyl Church, J. V. Patterson, two visitors, Guy White and H. Criswell of Anson, and Norma Jean and Bobby Tom Hodge.

BRIDAL SHOWER.

Mrs. P. H. Douglas was hostess Friday evening for a shower for Miss Alma Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Morgan, 802 Vine street, Abilene, who is to become the bride of Otis Gatewood, son of G. E. Gatewood, of Meadow, on Dec. 25.

Miss Morgan, who was a former teacher in the Merkel schools, is now teaching in Abilene. Both she and Mr. Gatewood are graduates of Abilene Christian college.

After an hour of games, refreshments were served to the following guest list while gifts were presented to the honoree: Messrs. and Mesdames R. L. Adcock, D. A. Lee, George Woodrum, Elmer Adcock, B. T. Sublett, Joe Cypert, Sam Mashburn, Joe Stalls, Leon Scott, Mesdames Len Sublett, A. A. Reagan, Elsie Nash, Joe Garland, Misses Imogene Hayes, Sybil Smith, Alzada Pogue, Isalea Walker, Alma Morgan, Billie Nelson, Mary Joe Garland, and Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Douglas.

JOLLY NEIGHBORS.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church were hosts to the Jolly Neighbors club on Monday evening, Dec. 7. The men played against the women and were victorious in the evening's games.

At the close of the play, a delicious salad plate with tea was served to Messrs. and Mesdames F. Y. Gaither, Bill Brown, Johnny Cox, Herbert Patterson, E. Clyde Smith and Miss Pauline Johnson, members, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case, guests.

PUBLIC SCHOOL FACULTY FETED.

Faculty members were royally entertained in the home of the Grammar School principal, Mrs. Len Sublett, on Thursday evening of last week in their second meeting as a newly organized club. Serving as hostesses for this delightful affair were Mesdames Nash and Sublett and Misses Church and Imogene Hayes.

The entertaining rooms looked unusually attractive in their holiday array, with the colorful tree and all that the season might bring. Guests enjoyed meeting another member of the Sublett household, T. H. Christopher, who was leaving the next day for points in Oklahoma. "42" furnished the chief entertainment for the evening.

At the refreshment hour guests were asked to take a "final examination." After much worry and effort, they were surprised to find the an-

CHURCH SERVICES

Special Christmas Program Arranged

Special Christmas programs are being arranged at two churches for Sunday evening; a pageant is to be presented at the First Baptist church, and a special program by the choir, with Christmas carols and other special numbers, will be presented in a co-operative service at the Methodist church, with the Presbyterian and other churches co-operating.

A group is also being organized by a committee from the Lions club to sing carols at various points in the business section on Christmas Eve. Charlie Jones is chairman of this committee on arrangements, assisted by Dr. L. C. Zehappennig, Yates Brown, Rev. John H. Crow, Cyrus Pee, Nathan Wood and O. J. Adcock.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

There were 649 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 634 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 662 were present.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, superintendent. Morning worship 11 a. m. with special Christmas anthems and solo, "Star of the East," by Miss Dorothy Shannon. Sermon by the pastor.

At 7:15 p. m. we will have a co-operative service with Presbyterian, Methodist and other churches, with a special program by the choir, Christmas carols, a reading by Mrs. Wilhite, solos, quartets and other numbers.

Children's program and Christmas tree Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock. Friday evening carol singing to shut-ins by Intermediates. New Year's Eve, young people's night, watch night service.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor; at the evening hour the congregation will join with the Methodist church and others

swear unfold so easily. "Eats are on the way." Fruit and cake arranged as "egg on toast" and hot chocolate were served on attractive plates, bearing miniature bells. Those enjoying the hospitality of the evening were: Misses Smith, Pogue, Heizer, Vera Hayes, Hogan, Cleveland, Stroud; Messrs. and Mesdames Burgess, Rudd, Collinsworth, Haynes; Mesdames Bird and Collins and Messrs. Wilhite and Christopher.

in a Christmas program at the Methodist church beginning at 7:15 o'clock. A Christmas party will be given Tuesday afternoon at the church for the members of the basement department of the Sunday School.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. You are cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. Sunday evening, Dec. 20, there will be a Christmas pageant presented at the church.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. BTS at 6:15 p. m. WMU Monday afternoon at 8 o'clock.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. You are cordially invited to attend these services.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching Saturday night at 7 o'clock. Sunday School at 10:15 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and Sunday night at 7 o'clock.

The Lord is truly blessing us in our revival; souls are being added to our church. Brother E. B. Early is doing some real soul-winning preaching. Come and hear him and pray for us that the Lord will continue to help us.

R. C. Reagh, Supt.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. each Sunday by Brother A. J. Rollings. Young people's program 6 p. m. on Sunday.

A service of song, prayer and preaching for each Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

You are cordially invited to all these services.

The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. NYPS meeting at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 7:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. R. T. Smith, Pastor.

Railroad Revenues Grow.

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All Children under 12 years of Age Will be Admitted FREE —Also a Present for Each and Every One

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW CHRISTMAS EVE FUN FROLIC

"Pigskin Parade"

Fun for All—Souvenirs and Favors

R & R Texas

Sweetwater "West Texas' Finest"

Friday-Saturday Jane Withers in "Can This Be Dixie?"

Sunday-Monday "Theodora Goes Wild" With Irene Dunne, Melvyn Douglas

Thursday Only Jack Holt in "North of Nome" With Evelyn Venable "Amateur Night" at 9 p. m.

R. & R. RITZ

Friday-Saturday Ken Maynard in "The Cattle Thief"

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are Bargain Days at the Ritz.