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BADGERS TAKE ON ABILENE B FOR 12-7 WIN

Windham and Jinkens Score Touchdowns in First Two Periods; Thereafter Badgers Hold Opponents to Single Counter.

The Badgers chalked up their first 1937 victory last Thursday, to defeat a strong Abilene B team, 12-7. The Badger offense clicked for two periods, but from then until the final whistle it was mostly a defensive game.

Windham scored late in the first quarter; after two attempts to score had failed inside the ten-yard stripe, Windham plunged from the one-yard line on the fourth down. West's attempted pass for extra point was incomplete.

The Badgers scored again in the second period when Jinkens circled the Eagle left end for a touchdown. Adcock's attempted placement was low.

The Eagle's lone score came in the third period, when, after completing a pass to Aiers for a gain of 35 yards, McClure scored from the two-yard line. Brabham's plunge for point was good.

Outstanding in the Badger line were Captain Barnett, Cox and "Fly" Wozencraft. Adcock, West and Walker starred in the backfield, while Jinkens also made some nice gains.

Brown, King and Orsborn were the strength of the Eagle line, while McClure was chief threat in the backfield.

Statistics of the game:
First downs: Abilene 3, Merkel 7.
Punts: Abilene 6 times for 20-yard average, Merkel 3 times for 25-yard average.

Passes: Abilene attempted 8. Three were complete for 45 yards, two were intercepted and 3 incomplete; all five of Merkel's attempted passes were incomplete.

Fumbles: Merkel fumbled once. It was recovered by Jones on the Badger 20-yard line. The Eagles did not fumble.

Penalties: Abilene, 40 yards; Merkel, 60 yards.

The starting line-up:

Merkel	Pos.	Abilene B
Jinkens	LE	Haynes
G. Barnett	LT	Osborn
V. Barnett	LG	King
Shouse	C	Killian
Cox	RG	Berry
Graham	RT	Brown
Wozencraft	BE	Aiers
West	Q	McClure
Walker	LH	Brabham
Adcock	RB	Jones
Windham	FB	Briley

Roby Superintendent Heads Grid District

Coach Pat Davis and Assistant Coach Rex Myers attended a meeting of superintendents and coaches of district 6-B held at Sweetwater Thursday night of last week at which N. C. Forrester, superintendent of Roby schools, was elected new district 6-B football chairman.

He succeeds the late C. A. Wilkins, principal at Colorado until his death two weeks ago.

Drilling Under Way On Toombs Offsets

The Dale H. Dorn No. 1 Hopkins, north of View, was shut down Wednesday after striking a water sand at 2,620-75 feet. Bottom of the hole is 2,685 feet. Operators are considering running six-inch casing or plugging the test at present depth.

Drilling has started on both offsets to the McKemie No. 1 W. W. Toombs, northeast extension of the Noodle Creek field, the west offset being the McKemie No. 1 Gerald Derrick and the north offset being drilled by R. H. Roark on the Toombs tract.

Parliament Officially Closed.

London, Oct. 28.—With a message reflecting "distress" at air and sea attacks on Chinese non-combatants, King George VI Friday officially closed a historic parliamentary session—one his brother, now the Duke of York, had opened last Nov. 3.

Many PO Jobs to Women.

Washington, Oct. 28.—One out of every four postmasters appointed during the Roosevelt administration has been a woman, 7,108 women having been named among 28,092 postmasters commissioned between Mar. 4, 1933, and Oct. 1 of this year.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Ray L. Martin, 45, state director of vocational education, died at Austin Tuesday from a heart attack.

The Houston city council voted to build a new \$1,810,000 city hall on municipally owned land in the middle of the downtown civic center.

Oil and gas rights to 11,700 acres in Andrews, Ector and Crane counties were sold at public auction for \$621,900 by the University of Texas.

Liquor revenues for October already exceed those for the same month a year ago by \$20,000, Liquor Administrator Bert Ford said Wednesday.

R. C. Lunsford, 23, of Amarillo, died of suffocation Sunday night in a fire at the Hereford city jail where he had been lodged after arrest on a traffic charge.

Rev. John Power, 91, teacher of history at Daniel Baker college and believed to be the oldest college professor in the United States, died at Brownwood Monday.

Horace Burgess, 17, of Vernon, returning from a hunting trip, was shot to death when a gun he was holding in an automobile accidentally discharged, striking him in the head.

O. S. Lattimore, 72, associate justice of the court of criminal appeals and prominent lay leader in the Baptist church, died early Tuesday at Austin, following a heart attack several days ago.

Tom Mix has a circus on the road and will wind up this season shortly at Paris. From there the show will be carried to Bonham and parked for the winter in the Fannin County Fair grounds.

Louise Matthews, 15, daughter of Sterling Matthews of San Antonio, and her 62-year-old grandfather, A. J. Matthews of Christine, Texas, died as the result of an explosion of an overheated gristmill grindstone.

Presley Van Zandt, 20, of Zephyr, was indicted Tuesday at Comanche for driving while drunk and for murder without malice in connection with an automobile collision July 7 in which two persons were fatally injured.

Ferrell Prior, 21, was killed when a motorcycle on which he and his father, C. H. Prior, were riding collided with a gravel truck, three miles west of Henderson. The father, who was injured in the accident, will recover.

Succeeding C. A. Wilkins, who died Oct. 16 after serving as principal nearly 12 years, G. D. Foster, member of the Colorado high school faculty for a number of years, was elected to the high school principalship.

Varda Marie Byers, 13, Amarillo, was killed when her motor scooter collided with an automobile. The girl was looking over her shoulder at a dog which had been chasing her and the scooter crashed into an approaching car.

Two men, identified as E. O. Jupp of Stafford, Kans., and Wallace Carpenter of Toledo, O., were killed early Wednesday in the derailment of 18 cars of a fast Missouri-Kansas-Texas freight train eight miles north of Temple.

Eight Texas cities, which report to the department of commerce on motor accidents, reported 342 deaths from motor vehicle accidents in the first 40 weeks of 1937 as compared with 290 such deaths in the first 40 weeks of 1936.

At their Monday meeting the Taylor county commissioners court appointed Hollis Scudder to succeed James Gray Bledsoe, fatally injured when struck by an automobile two weeks ago, as new justice of the peace for precinct 1, place 2.

Appointment of Datus E. Propper of San Antonio as executive manager of the Texas Good Roads association was announced by the board of directors at Austin. He succeeds Col. Ike Ashburn of Houston. Headquarters of the association will be moved from Houston to San Antonio.

Frank Williams of Winters, former chief of the Winters volunteer fire department and now its honorary chief, who has been head of the Texas Fire school at A. & M. college for three years, was elected second vice-president of the Southwestern Fire Chiefs' association, in Fort Smith, Ark., last week.

SCHEDULE BOYS STOCK SHOW FOR MAR. 2-4

West Texas Future Farmers and 4-H Club Members from Taylor County Plan Fat Stock Show and Auction Sale.

West Texas Boys' Fat Stock show will be held in Abilene March 2, 3 and 4, a committee of vocational agriculture teachers and the assistant Taylor county agent tentatively decided Wednesday.

In a meeting crammed with business at the chamber of commerce, the committee set the tentative dates, drew up the rules of the exhibition, and divided into the task of securing judges and an auctioneer for the event. It will be the third annual boys' show.

In connection, three afternoons and nights of rodeo performances are being planned by the Abilene chamber of commerce, along with a poultry show and a horse show.

This year the boys' show will be on a bigger scale than in previous exhibitions, as there are five more Future Farmer chapters in the Abilene district than last year. The show will be open to FFA boys from the Abilene district and 4-H club members from Taylor county.

J. I. Moore is manager of the show, with Leon C. Ranson, assistant Taylor county farm agent, as assistant manager. Superintendents of the various departments are to be named soon.

With three days allowed for the show, features of the program will be spaced out in order to avoid conflicts. No two events will be judged at the same time, nor during the rodeo performances, according to present plans. A regular schedule will be arranged for judging.

Auction will be held Saturday afternoon, the last day of the show. Plans are being made to sift out inferior animals for sale to packing houses in pen lots, rather than to offer them in the auction.

Competition will be offered in baby beaves, fat barrows, fat lambs, breeding swine, dairy calves, and poultry if a general poultry show is not provided.

Future Farmer chapters are now active in Aspermont, Rube, Haskell, Weinert, Merkel, Abilene, Tuscola, Bradshaw, Winters, Content, Baird, Lawn and Hamlin.

Goes to Pilot Point For Brother's Funeral

G. W. Blake returned Wednesday night from Pilot Point where he attended the funeral of a brother, P. E. Blake, 53, which was held at 10:30 Wednesday morning at that place. His brother died Monday night.

The deceased is survived by his wife, his mother, Mrs. J. R. Blake, Bonham, three sisters and five brothers. The sisters are: Mrs. Finis Alexander, Durant, Okla.; Mrs. Tilman McDaniel, Marshall; Mrs. Bob Stewart, Crosbyton; besides the Merkel man, other brothers are: M. R. Blake, Paducah; B. P. Blake, Arlington; G. T. Blake, Bonham, and Nelson Blake, Roswell, N. M.

Church Visitation Monday Afternoon

Rev. S. P. Collins of Cross Plains, and Dri E. B. Surface of Abilene, accompanied by Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Surface and Mrs. J. M. F. Gill of Abilene constitute the group who will visit Grace Presbyterian church next Monday afternoon in the "church-to-church" visitation plan of church leaders. They will probably be accompanied by an elder as a sixth member of the team.

Rev. Mr. Collins will have charge of the devotional starting at 3 p. m. Discussions in the interest of church work will follow throughout the afternoon. The sermon at night is to be preached by Dr. Surface.

The same group team will visit the Tye Presbyterian church at 2 p. m. on Tuesday, Nov. 2, while a different team is scheduled Sunday, Nov. 14, at Zion chapel.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. White, Noodle, Thursday, October 21, 1937.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bailey, Thursday, October 21, 1937.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Derington, Blair, Wednesday, October 27, 1937.

SESSION CLOSSES, NOT A DIME OF REVENUE RAISED

Rural Aid and Game Acts Only Accomplishment; House Pension Forces Block Compromise in Final Hours.

Austin, Oct. 28.—The special session of the legislature called by Governor James V. Allred to finance the state's social security program and bolster the general treasury adjourned early Wednesday without providing a dime in new revenue.

Virtually the only accomplishments of the session which cost approximately \$150,000 were enactment of laws eliminating conflicts in state and federal dove hunting regulations and re-allocating rural aid appropriations to make an additional \$855,000 available for bus transportation.

The governor had asked the legislature to provide \$15,000,000 additional annually.

At the last moment the house refused to accept a compromise bill which attempted to reconcile differences with the senate and was estimated to raise about \$4,000,000 annually. Its chief objection was to provisions for old age assistance which a majority considered hopelessly inadequate.

Governor Allred immediately announced he would not call another special session until there was positive indication the legislature was ready to do something and intimated he would have further comment soon.

The compromise bill provided for increased taxes on natural resources and utilities, a new tax on commissions of stock brokers and commodity exchanges and a substantial boost in levies on corporation franchises, coin-operated marble machines and music machines.

Fred Toles, 40, Dies Early Hour Thursday

Fred Toles, 40, died at 1:30 Thursday morning at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Milton, where he had made his home the past three months. Death followed a paralytic stroke on Wednesday morning.

He was in his usual good health Tuesday and worked a full day pulling bolls. The stroke came as he started back to work Wednesday.

Brief funeral services were to be held here Thursday at the Milton home, after which the body was to be carried overland for burial at Miller Grove in Hopkins county.

Mr. Toles is survived by his father, R. A. Toles, of Dallas, who came to be at his son's bedside, two sisters and four brothers. The sisters are Mrs. Milton and Mrs. Tom Barnes, Odessa; the brothers, Claude and Jesse Toles, Odessa, and Jim and Will Toles, Cumby. He was a nephew of Mrs. J. A. Buford.

Attend Cisco Meeting Of Rural Carriers

Postmaster Wrenn Durham, Clark Mundy and R. L. Adcock represented Merkel at the annual banquet of the Rural Letter Carriers' association of the 17th congressional district held Saturday night at Cisco.

Messrs. Durham and Mundy returned Saturday night, having been joined at Cisco by Mrs. Durham, who had visited in Brownwood.

Mr. Adcock, accompanied by his wife, remained over for a visit Sunday with Mrs. J. Willie Moore in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ted Hale, of Cisco, and were accompanied home by Mrs. Moore.

Congressman Clyde L. Garrett of Eastland was the main speaker at the banquet.

Fine Weather Brings Jump in Ginnings

Area ginnings for the season up to Wednesday night had reached a total of 11,438 bales, the past six days of pretty, sunny weather accounting for 1,398 bales at the six gins in Merkel and those at Blair, Noodle and Stith.

The same plants had turned out only 8,714 bales up to this date last year.

Was Prosecutor of James Gang.

Kansas City, Oct. 28.—Judge William H. Wallace, 89, prosecutor of the Jesse James gang in the 1880's, died at his home here Friday, Oct. 22.

DATE OF ROBY GAME MOVED TO THURSDAY

Coach Pat Davis' Badgers journey to Snyder for their next encounter, which is to be played under lights Friday night.

The Roby game, scheduled here Friday of next week, Nov. 5, has been moved up to Thursday, Nov. 4, at the request of local fans and by agreement with Roby, as interest in football circles will center Friday of next week on the Abilene-Stephenville game, at Abilene, classed as the titular game of the season in the Oil Belt.

Gradual Improvement In Patterson's Condition

Jas. A. Patterson, who was brought to the Merkel hospital a week ago in critical condition, following a hemorrhage of the brain, was resting well Thursday morning, showing gradual improvement.

For several days his condition was considered extremely grave and members of the family were almost constantly in attendance. The two sons from Abilene, County Tax Assessor-Collector C. O. (Pat) Patterson and Lester Patterson, have remained here practically the entire time since he took ill and another son, Jim, rushed from Austin as soon as he heard news of his father's serious illness.

A nephew, Jack Patterson, who came from Houston where he attends Rice, returned Monday to resume his studies.

Elect Vick as Chief Merkel Volunteers

Carlton Vick, young business man and one of the most popular and efficient members of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department, who served as assistant under two previous chiefs, was elected chief of the Volunteer fireboys at a meeting called Monday night by Joe P. Self, president of the association, to name a successor to the late Woodrow Wozencraft. Bob Fowler was elected assistant chief.

A committee consisting of George E. Caple, Parker Sharp and A. P. Petree was named to draft resolutions of respect concerning the death of Chief Wozencraft.

Fire at Holloway Home Last Week

Interior furnishings, wall paper and curtains and two beds, one a baby's bed, were damaged in a fire of undetermined origin at the home of J. F. (Shorty) Holloway on Thursday afternoon of last week.

Due to effective work of the fireboys, the fire was confined to the interior of the house.

Mrs. Woodrum Resting Well.

Mrs. George Woodrum, who was taken Wednesday to the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, for observation, was resting well, according to last reports.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, October 26, 1917.)

L. C. Patton and Eli Case and son, Milton, visited the Merkel Mail office last Saturday. Both are readers of the Mail, Mr. Patton renewing his subscription while here.

Sid Criswell of Route 1, Noodle, was a visitor at the Merkel Mail office last Friday, renewing his subscription. He says it seems like the fall of the year the way the gin is operating at that place. Up to the 18th they had ginned 408 bales and will gin 800 this season. They are hauling cotton there from Sinclair, Sylvester and surrounding country.

After weeks of intense suffering death finally came to the relief of little W. P. Banner, Jr., 7 months, 8 day old baby of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Banner. It was the dread disease, meningitis, and the little fellow, the parents and grandparents put up a brave fight.

Many of the chicken fanciers of the Merkel vicinity have agreed to exhibit one or more coops of their fine chickens on the streets of Merkel in the near future: Sam Roberts, J. M. Jordan, R. A. Ellis, H. M. Rose, J. Ben Campbell, T. O. Mobley, Tom Campbell, D. J. Hartley, E. H. Cordill, Tom Douglass, Dr. J. F. Hendricks, Joe Higgins and G. F. Holland.

SPECIAL DRIVE PTA MEMBERS ENDS SATURDAY

Reward to be Given to Room Having Largest Percentage of Members by That Time; Night Meeting Nov. 9.

Membership drive for the Merkel Parent-Teacher association closes Saturday, Oct. 30, according to Mrs. O. R. Dye, chairman of the membership committee. (A reward is being given the room with the largest percentage of members by that time. Annual membership dues are 50 cents, 25 cents going to the state treasury and the other 25 cents to local work. The "Texas-Parent Teacher" magazine is sent monthly to those who pay these dues.)

Paid membership to date is 60 members; this does not, however, include all those who have joined since Oct. 13. A final count will be announced later. The treasurer of the local P.-T. A. must send in state membership dues by Oct. 31 for the record of membership to be filed for this year. Others may join, however, after that date, but, although counted by the local unit, will not be officially counted on state records for this year.

Yearbooks are being sent to the printers this week and will be ready for distribution at the next association meeting, Tuesday night, Nov. 9, according to Mrs. Wrenn Durham, chairman of the program committee.

An excellent program is being planned for the Nov. 9 meeting. Ed Shumway, Chisholm Area scout executive, will speak on "Good Times in the Family." Miss Violet Barley, physical education teacher for girls in the High school, will direct a demonstration of games by girls of her department. She will also speak on "Games for the Family," and direct the group in a few family games.

Mrs. Comes Haynes will present the Dramatic club of the High school in a short one-act play.

The association purposely planned every alternate meeting to be at night in order that those living in rural communities would be able to participate in the local P.-T. A. work. Parents and friends of the school are most cordially invited to this next meeting to be held in the Merkel gym, according to Mrs. Connor Robinson, president.

The president also wishes to thank those who contributed in any way to make the Halloween Carnival a success.

Urges Armistice Celebrations.

Washington, Oct. 28.—President Roosevelt has called on America to celebrate the 19th anniversary of Armistice day on Nov. 11, to show the United States' determination to "adopt every practicable means to avoid war."

MULE HANGS HIMSELF.

Arch Harris was in town the other day. He said he had finished picking cotton before the sandstorm came up last Saturday and had staked his mule in the cotton patch. Next morning when he went out for his mule he found the wind had blown the sand out from under the mule and the mule had hung himself. So now Mr. Harris' cotton picking days are over.

Last Wednesday night Mr. Claude Demere of the White Church community was called by death. He was about 30 years of age and single. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Demere, his parents surviving. Pneumonia was the cause of his death.

In a letter from Long Island, N. Y., from Floyd Dean and Guy Bradley, they write that they expect to sail for France Sunday or Monday. "We have now our full equipment in every way. We are the first flying squadron to cross over and expect to be in the big drive this spring and be home by mid-summer. If any of our friends wish to drop us a line it will be highly appreciated." 89th Aero Squadron, Aviation Section, Signal Corps, American Expeditionary Force, Via New York, N. Y.

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RURAL SOCIETY

MID-WAY CLUB.

The Mid-Way Home Demonstration club met Oct. 20 in the home of Mrs. Harold King to observe their "Achievement Day," with Miss Peggy Taylor, county agent, present. Mrs. Roger Williams, club president, gave report of the last council meeting and Mrs. Harold King gave a report of bedroom improvement.

Plans were made for members to entertain their families with a supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Williams. Members present were Mesdames M. C. Graham, Eli Graham, J. L. Ashford, Ed Burk, Roger Williams, Cleve Johnson, E. L. Ashford, W. P. Derington, Jr., and the hostess, with one visitor, Mrs. Carlton King.

SUPPER PARTY.

Members of the club and their families spent a most enjoyable evening Saturday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Williams. Games were played and club members presented Mrs. M. C. Graham with gifts as she is going away for an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Nora Willison, in New Mexico.

Supper was served to Messrs. and Mesdames Ed Burk, Cleve Johnson, Guy Sibley, Eli Graham, W. P. Derington, Jr., E. L. Ashford and Mrs. M. C. Graham.

OVEN MEAL.

(By Eudora Hawkins.)

RIB ROAST—Wipe, trim and prepare meat for cooking. Season with salt and spread with melted butter. Place in shallow open pan for roasting. Place in cold electric oven along with oven meal. Turn on oven for roasting. Set temperature control at 325 to 375 degrees. In an oven meal set control to 350 degrees. Turn timer. Time 20 to 30 minutes per pound.

SPANISH RICE—1 cup washed rice, 3 1-2 cups tomatoes, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 green pepper diced, dash tobacco sauce.

Combine and place in covered oven pan. Cook with oven meal.

BAKED UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE—Batter: 1-4 cup butter, 2-3 cup sugar, 1 egg well beaten, 1 cup milk, 2 1-4 cups flour, 4 teaspoons butter, 1-2 teaspoon salt.

Filling: 3 tablespoons brown sugar, 3 tablespoons butter, 1 can apricots. To mix batter: Cream butter, add sugar gradually and egg. Mix and sift flour, baking powder and salt. Add alternately with milk to first mixture.

To mix filling: Cream butter, add sugar and spread bottom and sides of pan with mixture. Cover bottom of pan with apricots. Pour in batter mixture.

Place in cold electric oven or with an oven meal. Turn switch for baking. Temperature: 375 degrees. Time, 50 minutes.

GOLDEN CORN BREAD—3-4 cup cornmeal, 1 cup white flour, 1-3 cup sugar, 5 teaspoons baking powder, 3-4 teaspoon salt, 1 egg, 1 cup milk, 2 tablespoons melted shortening.

Sift dry ingredients into bowl, add the egg, milk and melted shortening. Beat thoroughly. Pour into greased shallow pan or into well greased corn stick pan.

Place in cold electric oven or in the electric oven with an oven meal. Turn on oven for baking. Set temperature control to desired temperature and bake. Temperature, 375 degrees. Time, 25 to 30 minutes.

Box Supper at Blair.

There will be a box supper at Blair Friday night, Oct. 29. The money raised will go to the Methodist church. Everybody is invited.

CARD OF THANKS.

We want to express our heartfelt thanks for the many evidences of love and friendship shown in our recent bereavement—the tragic loss of our dear loved one, and also to express our thanks for the beautiful floral tributes.

May God's blessings rest upon all of you.

Mrs. W. W. Wozencraft.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wozencraft and Family.

Commercial and private airports decreased from 564 in 1930 to 552 in 1935 in this country, while municipal airports increased from 550 to 739.

The first word of the preamble to the United States constitution is "we."

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Clara Weiser and three daughters, Roberta, Gloria and Jeanne, have returned to the Sherman home after spending the summer months with Mr. and Mrs. Neill in Ridgewood, N. J. Joe Cook of Lipan is also a guest with the Shermans. Mrs. Cynthia Hall from the state of Oregon will spend the winter with her sisters, Mrs. Sherman and Mrs. George Moore of Merkel.

Mrs. Horace Taylor and daughter, Jo, of Sonora spent a few days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn.

Steve Payne, government trapper located near Henrietta, spent the week-end here with his mother, Mrs. A. R. Payne.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shouse Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick and daughter, Mildred Sue, Mrs. J. A. McWilliams and children of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin M. Rensau of Big Spring.

Out-of-town visitors at the Methodist church services were Miss Vergie Strawn, Mrs. Roy Elliott, Sylvester; Miss Celeste Scott, Sylvester, but now a member of the faculty of the Goodman consolidated school, also district secretary of the Union of the Lighted Cross; Miss Opal Blankenship and T. C. Blankenship, teachers in the Eskota school, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ross, Jr., of White Flat, and Mrs. T. J. Carleton of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Clyde Smith of Merkel visited with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Terry Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Winn in Sylvester Sunday. They returned via Sweetwater and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Evans.

Hazel Wanda and Dow Williamson of McMurry college, spent the week-end with home folks.

Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., is reported doing nicely after an attack of the "flu."

HIGH SCHOOL CARNIVAL.

Goblins, black cats galore, fortune-tellers, witches and even owls may greet you at the entrance of the High School auditorium Friday evening when the population of Trent "turns out" to pay tribute to Halloween. The age-old tradition of ghosts following you may cause an unexpected citizen to change into a "spook," if you venture outside your door to investigate a queer noise on this gala night. However, the school faculty and patrons promise that none of this "tomfoolery" will spoof you when you come to the Carnival at the appointed hour. Plenty of fun is promised to young and old alike—Friday, Oct. 29, auditorium.

METHODIST CHURCH WOMEN MEET AT CHURCH.

The Woman's Missionary auxiliary composed of Methodist women met at the church building Thursday afternoon for their regular meeting, with nine members present.

Mrs. John Payne, Miss Hermal Glasgow, Mrs. R. B. McRee and Mrs. Tom Williamson presented topics in the study book, "What is This Moslem World?", preceding a preview and combination of the religious life of Moslem people discussed by Mrs. Alsie Carleton, study leader.

Mrs. Alton Boone and Mrs. H. J. Kegans presented an interesting playlet entitled "Interest in Moslem Religion."

Next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. R. B. McRee, the time being set at 2:30 p. m.

TRENT CIRCLE IN SESSION.

Trent Woodmen Circle No. 668 held initiation for one candidate seeking admittance at the W. O. W. hall Tuesday evening. Mrs. Helen Williams was given the obligation following the officers' march. The drill team, captained by Miss Imogene Mangum, assisted the officers in presenting the United States flag. A short business session was held, with Mrs. Ed Burks, guardian, presiding.

Present were Mesdames Bill Neill, Bob Billington, Isom Burks, John Payne, O. L. Bishop, J. R. Gafford, Burks, Misses Vera Bright, Elsie Bishop, Mangum. Refreshments were served.

PARENTS AND TEACHERS HOLD MEETING.

Parents in the Trent school district met with the faculty Friday afternoon to formulate plans for an organization. No definite date was set, however Tuesday afternoon was suggested for the regular meeting.

Mrs. Alsie Carleton acted as temporary chairman for the business session. Mesdames H. B. Kegans, O. L. Reeves and L. E. Adrian were appointed as a nominating committee. Members' names recommended by them will be voted upon to fill respective offices at the next meeting. The organization will sponsor a booth at the High School carnival Friday night.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Rear were hosts Sunday when they served a delicious dinner at the noon hour in

recognition of the birthday of their daughter, Elena.

Present were Rev. and Mrs. H. East, Abilene, Joe Cook, Mrs. Ed Sherman, Mrs. Clara Weiser, Vesta Scott, Wilson Bright, Trexel Quarles, Ernest Stewart, Roland Duncan, Jimmie O'Rear, Willie Jean and Neill O'Rear, Miss Odell Banner of Merkel, Miss Avis Neill, the honoree and Mr. and Mrs. O'Rear.

PAGEANT PRESENTED BY YOUNG PEOPLE.

The young people's department of the Methodist church presented a Biblical pageant for the evening worship Sunday.

Following the introductory number, a musical reading "Pass It On," by Dorothy Jo Strawn, the pageant entitled "A Good Samaritan" was presented by the following cast: reader, Beatrice Cooley; a certain man, Alvis Cooley; priest, James Garth Strawn; the good Samaritan, Hughie Cooley; inn-keeper, Hollis Jones; two thieves, Van Sawyer, Deveral Bishop. Lighting effects were in charge of Charles Andy Shouse.

After a duet, "Somebody You," by Mrs. Alsie Carleton and Imogene Mangum, Rev. Alsie Carleton delivered the sermon, followed by the benediction.

ENTERTAIN CHURCH OFFICIALS.

Rev. and Mrs. Alsie Carleton entertained the Methodist board of stewards and their wives at the parsonage Friday evening. Games and interesting contests were enjoyed, interspersed with jokes and informality.

Refreshments were served to Messrs. and Mesdames H. H. McRee, Lesley Beasley, R. H. Cooley, Earl Strawn, Alex Williamson, Messrs. H. R. Poor and Oakley Reid.

Famous U. S. Navy Band to Give Two Abilene Concerts

Abilene, Oct. 28.—The famous United States Navy Band will give two concerts in Abilene, at the Hardin-Simmons University auditorium, on Nov. 5. The event, a treat for music lovers of West Texas, will attract large audiences, matinee and night.

The noted Navy Band is coming to Abilene for its first West Texas engagement, and music lovers can look forward to brilliant programs by this organization, under the direction of Lieut. Charles Benter.

The Navy Band concerts are the first of the Artist Course numbers to be offered during the winter season by the Hardin-Simmons Concert bureau. Other numbers include Ted Shawn and Artists, the Vienna Choir Boys, Salzburg Opera, Ballet Russe and Kubelik.

The Navy Band's concerts will include a matinee, specially for school children, at 3:30 o'clock, and an evening program at 8 o'clock.

New Business Here—Crown Variety Store

After having been out of business for nine years, during which time he has farmed part time and been otherwise employed, W. D. Hutcheson, pioneer Merkel merchant, re-enters business at an early date under the name of the Crown Variety store. His former business was the Crown Hardware company.

The building belonging to the John Sears estate, located between Max Mellinger and the Farmers State bank, is being made ready for occupancy, and new counters and fixtures are being installed this week.

Mr. Hutcheson said, however, that it depended on how long it took to get ready before the opening date could be announced.

SINGERS MEETING.

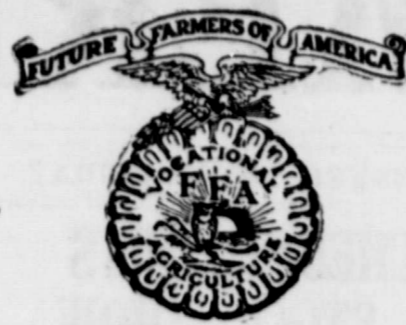
Dear Friends: Next Sunday is our Fifth Sunday singing. Meet us at Stita, nine miles northeast of Merkel, on gravel road. We want you on the floor at 10:30 sharp. Latest books will be there, so come, bring some one with you. We want this to be one of our best conventions and it requires all of us to put it over.

This is a religious service and we invite all ministers that can be with us. We are looking for a number of visiting singers from Sweetwater, Roscoe, Snyder, Anson, Caddo, Abilene, Wingate and Trent, also Valera; those visiting us from other points will probably not have their lunch, so bring (you home people) some eats to spare that we may be fully prepared to take care of them for noon hour.

Mr. Berry will have charge of the coffee department and I'm sure it will be just right and hit the spot. So please be on time. Remember the forenoon is our greatest need—there's always plenty in the afternoon.

Lovingly yours,
Tom Spears.

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Future Farmers Hosts To Homemakers Club

The Future Farmer club boys and the Future Homemaker girls met at the High School Tuesday night at 7 o'clock and from there journeyed by means of automobiles, to "Blow-Out" mountain for a weiner roast.

The boys chiefly entertained the Future Homemakers by showing them how well they could climb over the mountain and fall into crevasses in the darkness, but after all were gathered, tired but happy, at the top of the mountain, a large bonfire was built and, after it had burned down, all present enjoyed roasting and eating weiners and marshmallows with the usual trimmings of mustard, pickles and a small amount of ash and grit in some places.

Following the weiner roast, Mr. Davis, the football coach, kindly consented to entertain with two humorous stories, and Mr. Collinsworth and Morris Clark gave short reports on some of the F. F. A. work.

Besides the members of the boys' and girls' clubs, there were present Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Collinsworth, Pat Davis and Miss Juanita Stroud and Neweta Cleveland, teachers in the High school.

Adding machine rolls 15c or two for 25c; regular retail price everywhere. For Sale at Merkel Mail office.

Mail Classified Ad for Results.

Advertisement for Farmers & Merchants National Bank. Includes text: "Satisfaction---", "Our knowledge of and familiarity with conditions in this territory, acquired thru many years continuous service—our strict adherence to fundamental banking principles—and our ability to meet your particular needs—are your guarantee of banking satisfaction at this bank.", "THE OLD RELIABLE", "Farmers & Merchants National Bank", "Merkel, Texas", "MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION", "FURNISHED APARTMENTS", "If you have a furnished apartment or furnished rooms for rent, why not try a classified advertisement in the Merkel Mail? It will cost only 25 cents per insertion.", "PHONE 61", "MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS".

Advertisement for West Texas Utilities Company. Includes image of a woman sitting at a desk with a lamp, and a glowing light bulb. Text: "Carmen Allen, 'Sweetheart' of West Texas County Judges' Association, Uses I-E-S Student Lamp to Protect Her Very Good Eyesight", "Light Heart, Light Home to See Best in Life", "Life is fleeting, says the poet. Hence, we say 'Why not get the utmost out of life 'ere it fleets?' To lighten the heart, light the home. For two reasons: conserve eyesight... brighten the domestic scene. Doctors can tell you of proper light's value; our lighting advisor can show you how good light will beautify living room, dining room, bedroom, kitchen or basement. Glare and sudden contrasts are eyesight's worst enemies. Ask our lighting advisor to show you how they can be eliminated at little or no additional expense. There is no charge for a lighting demonstration.", "A Bulb Empty Sockets Mean a Sock in the Eye!", "A bulb, costing 15c, may mean the difference between good light and bad light in your home. So try filling empty sockets. Ask us about bargain prices on group purchases of Mazda light bulbs.", "Ask for LIGHTING ADVISOR", "West Texas Utilities Company".

THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and Sponsored by the Senior Class of '38—Rex Myers, sponsor

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DEPENDABILITY.

One of the highest compliments that a student may be paid is that he is dependable. A dependable student is usually the one that has his assignments ready when the teacher calls for them or has his notebook prepared on time. The teacher knows when she assigns a lesson or a duty to some student that he will do that thing. She knew this or she would not have asked that student to do that thing for her.

One characteristic that is required; whether a clerk, a secretary, a pupil, or any other kind of employee, is dependability. It will help you a great deal in any work, whatever your choice may be. So, why not be dependable?

PERSONALITIES.

Johnnie Chadwick.

This is Johnnie's first year in Merkel High school, but she seems as if she has been here always. She is a member of the Pep Squad, Spanish club, Dramatic club and Senior Girls club. Johnnie wishes to go to college and her ambition is to be a dress designer or a beauty specialist.

Griffin Barnett.

Griffin is another good Badger. He has spent his school life in Merkel and is an active member of the F. F. A. club, Spanish club and Senior Boys club. He has played football four years and basketball three years. Griffin has not decided whether he will go to college or not, but we are sure he will succeed in whatever he does.

CHORAL CLUB.

Our special interest at the present time is our dresses. We are planning and discussing this subject with Mrs. Haynes and Mr. Robinson. Several of the new teachers thought our uniforms of last year were very pretty. You'll be seeing us in our dresses for this year before long.

SPANISH CLUB.

We are planning our first entertainment of the year for next Tuesday night to initiate all the new members into our Spanish club. They are to come dressed as Spanish seniors and senioritas. Our party is to be in the gym, Tuesday night, Oct. 26, 1937. This is going to be an initiation like no one has ever seen or heard before!

PEP SQUAD.

We girls were out backing those Badgers Thursday against the Abilene B team and were we happy "For when the game was o'er We had the biggest score."

We are really proud of our boys and even though they didn't win those other stiff games they proved their ability to play football. We have backed them along and you'll still find us backing them at the end of the season. Come on, Badgers, let's beat Snyder!

THE DRAMATIC CLUB.

The Merkel High School Players' club, sponsored by Mrs. Haynes, had its first official meeting the night of Oct. 20, 1937, in the gym at 7 o'clock.

"Keys to Success" were presented to each guest. Progressive games were used for entertainment. The following program was given at various times during the evening: piano duet by Billie Wood and Mary Jo Russell; a short story, "Hush Money," by Gay West; another "The Professor's Ball Game," by Billie Largent; "Parliamentary Law," by Frances Higgins, and two numbers, "Sing, Little Banjo," and "Bells of St. Mary's" by a group of girls in the club, and a reading, "Hats," by Mary Jo Russell.

After the tables were cleared away, and the chairs formed in a semi-circle, the climax of the evening occurred. This was a one act play entitled "A Unicorn and a Fish." The cast was J. M. Bickley, as Mr. Foster; Mary Jo Garland, as Mrs. Foster; Lucy Faye Diggins, as Marion, their daughter; Don Wood, as Jack, their 16 year old son; and Marvin Hunter, as Mortimer DeLancey (Marion's heart throb).

At the refreshment hour Dr. Peppers and doughnuts were served to 45 of the members, Mrs. Haynes, Mr. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Myers, Miss Martin and Miss Barley.

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

Soph Seelings: I wonder why Othar Suber goes to Mary Pruitt for help on algebra problems.

Syble Harris was at the football game Thursday with Junior Clark.

Joyce Renfro, who is the Sweetwater date?

It's strange that Madlyn Addison falls for Freshman boys.

It looks fishy to me that Lena Fay

Orsborn and Archie Farr were partners so many times at Dramatic club Wednesday night.

Gay West really enjoyed a game of checkers with Mr. Myers at Dramatic club, although she was defeated.

Anne Lee, you had better put on your most charming smile because Helen is out after Jaka, too.

I wonder why Billy Largent's face got so red when Mrs. Haynes corrected him in English class.

I think Lou Dale's Dream Boat must have sailed in last Friday night.

Strange that Euvalda hated to see the skating rink leave town so soon.

A. C. ! ! What's the meaning of this? I've noticed you and Evelyn Bigler carrying on conversations here lately.

Too bad, Bernie Opal, that L. S. didn't go home on the bus one day last week.

The Sophomores are all pepped up over the carnival. We're going to have a swell booth and we expect everyone to come and pay us a visit.

JUNIOR NEWS.

Now, take it from me, I'm no gossip and I never repeat anything but I must tell you this:

Two boys on the Abilene High football team were over Saturday night broadcasting the fact that they knew Mary Nell Morgan and Joyce Fulton! So what! One was the waterboy.

Shame! Shame! Joyce and Wilma, what's over the hill?

Arthur Lee, that was certainly a bunch of pretty girls. Don't you think so, Nollie?

Danger! Love at work! Mary Love and James!

Nice dress, Patsy! Oh boy! and were those good cookies, Dorothy?

Dorma Lee thought she was paid up! But only financially!

Preacher, that is the wrong one. Mary Love has other interests.

Mark's bad arm is a hindrance, isn't it, Geraldine?

Mary Jo, no fair peeking, cause it's that red fox.

SENIOR NEWS.

Mr. Robinson announced that from now on, on Thursday mornings, that one of the classes would take charge of the chapel hour and we Seniors were made the first "goat."

On Tuesday, Oct. 27, we gave a play in which a poem was read backstage and enacted before the audience by Dick West, Hollis Perry, Frances Higgins and Norman Winter. Don't you wish you had been there?

WONDER:

Who the Peter Pan of the Pansy parade is?

Where T. C. got that picture of Evelyn Bigler?

What James, Frances and Fannelle think of the Badger annual (for a change)?

How come Norman Winter to smear his powder?

What Joyce said to "Cutsie" that made Pearl want to kill her?

If Dick will ask Dorma Lee for a date to the banquet? (Hint! She said she wished he would!)

If it was the weiner roast that kept Hollis and Frances out so late Thursday night?

Why Jack isn't continuing his courtship with Nell?

Why Rachel likes "Roses (or is it noses)" in December.

Mail Classified Ad for Results.

BLAIR ITEMS

Fair weather prevailed the past week and was welcomed by all cotton farmers around here. A good deal of the crop is still to be gathered, now in the form of unopened bolls, and it is hoped that this will provide a better sample than some that has gone before.

Rev. Lloyd Mayhew, Methodist pastor, preached his farewell sermon here Sunday for the conference year. His generous spirit, consecration, culture and deep concern have caused his messages to bless those with whom he came in contact, and we bid him and his good wife Godspeed in their new field, because we know they go about doing good, for they live with their Lord.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rolland and Miss Bonnie Fae Campbell of Mt. Pleasant were in our midst Sunday.

Mrs. Cynthia Hall of New Mexico is the houseguest of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melton, and other relatives for an indefinite time.

Miss Ann Lepard of Merkel was the week-end guest of Miss Evelyn Latimer.

Mrs. Henry Lewis and Mrs. Garland Lewis of the Divide visited her mother, Mrs. H. H. Price, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Maddera, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Doan and family, Mrs. Susie Doan and Mrs. Price Melton and baby motored over to Clyde Sunday and visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Malone and family, accompanied by Miss Nell Scogin, motored to Lubbock Sunday to visit the former's daughter, Miss Sarah Malone, who is in school at Texas Tech.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore and Mrs. Hugh Campbell visited their children, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton and family, of Big Spring Friday.

Mrs. J. M. Mayfield, who entered the Sanatorium hospital for treatment recently, was getting along just fine, according to last report.

Mrs. Bart McCrory of Lamesa and Mrs. Lloyd Mayhew and attractive little daughter, Charlene, of Abilene,

attended services at the M. E. church Sunday.

Fate Scogin left Monday for Wilson, Texas, where he has accepted employment as cotton ginner.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Peterson and sons visited relatives at Stith Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Ralls and family of Merkel visited Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Maddera Sunday.

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**Fun, Drama, Music
In "Blonde Trouble,"
Hallow'en Fun Frolic**

Eleanore Whitney and Johnny Downs, the screen's most appealing pair of young sweethearts, hit the bell again for another film triumph in their new comedy, "Blonde Trouble," which is booked for the Hallow'en Fun Frolic, Saturday night only, at the Queen theatre, with Terry Walker, Lynne Overman and William Demarest heading the fine supporting cast. "Blonde Trouble" is the hilarious tale of a young song-writer about to be "taken" by a gold-digger who imagines that he has plenty of money and a rosy future. The gold-digger, Terry Walker, turns the boy, played by Johnny Downs, away from his sweetheart, Eleanore Whitney and determines to marry him herself. Downs falls for Miss Walker's plan. He quarrels with Miss Whitney, and "breaks off" with her. Miss Walker submits Downs' new song to her song-publisher ex-boy-friend, played by Lynne Overman, and he, figuring that if she marries Downs he'll be rid of her, encourages the pair in the belief that Johnny is going to be a big success. Just before the wedding is to take place, Miss Walker learns that Overman will not publish Downs' song. Realizing that Downs is a failure, she walks out on him, leaving him high

and dry, and afraid to go back to Miss Whitney, whom he now realizes that he loves.

With Downs at his lowest point, a famous singer accidentally drops into Overman's office, sees the song, and likes it. She sings it on the air, and it is an immediate success. Johnny is once more on his feet—he is deluged with movie contracts—and, best of all, he proudly displays, on the third finger of Miss Whitney's hand, a brand-new wedding ring which he has placed there.

**"Varsity Show," With
Dick Powell, Waring
Band Coming to Queen**

"Varsity Show," Warner Bros. film-musical extraordinary, is featured for a two-day engagement, Monday and Tuesday only, at the Queen theatre. Starring the ever-popular Dick Powell and introducing in grand manner to motion picture audiences, Fred Waring and his nationally famous orchestra, the Pennsylvanians, "Varsity Show" marks a new high in musical and comedy entertainment.

Included in the stellar cast besides Dick Powell and Fred Waring are such leading figures as Ted Healy, Lee Dixon, Priscilla Lane, Rosemary Lane, Buck and Bubbles, Walter Catlett, Johnny Davis and Roy Atwell. Busby Berkeley, known for his imaginative and lavish production numbers

in past Warner Bros. musicals, outdoes himself in "Varsity Show" with a smashing finale that climaxes more than an hour of supreme fun and amusement.

The plot of the picture deals with the efforts of Chuck Daly (Dick Powell), a Broadway producer temporarily on his uppers, to stage the annual Quadrangle Club show at Winfield College. Daly, himself a Winfield alumnus, is induced to return to the college to rescue the varsity show from the hands of Professor Sylvester Biddle (Walter Catlett), faculty advisor, who is all for art and nothing for modernity in school presentations.

Daly overcomes many obstacles set before a successful production by Professor Biddle, jams members of the cast through special scholastic examinations and then figures in a student strike brought on when Biddle ousts him from the campus. The undergraduates take matters into their own hands. The show must go on. It does.

**Rogers' "Handy Andy"
His Fastest, Funniest
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Will Rogers, as the beloved small-town druggist who proves handiest at mixing fun and romance into one joyous prescription for entertainment, has the grandest time of his screen career taking doses of his own medi-

cine in "Handy Andy," Twentieth Century-Fox comedy brought back to the Queen theatre next Wednesday and Thursday in response to popular demand.

Robert Taylor appears in a romantic role opposite Mary Carlisle, a courtship frowned upon by Will's wife, Peggy Wood, whose demand that Will retire from the business he has nurtured and loved and which has brought him prosperity for thirty years precipitates a round of fun and excitement that ends only when the famed comedian has gone on his grandest spree of hilarity.

Unprecedented in previous Rogers pictures, the story launches into a series of rowdy, active sequences that make "Handy Andy" the gayest of the American humorist's photoplays.

From the sleepy small town where he has spent all his life, Will is dragged off by his wife to New Orleans in time for the famous Mardi Gras celebration. It is on this occasion that the entire population of this normally

calm city takes time out to go on an extended spree, and the expatriated Will, persuaded by a local druggist, joins right in the spirit of fun. The result so shocks his wife that she is only too happy to take him back home and get him back to work.

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3. Employees of any company of Lone Star Gas System and their immediate families and professional photographers or persons engaged in the business of making photographs for commercial purposes are not eligible to enter this Heating Photo Contest.
4. All photos submitted must have your name and address (including the town) PRINTED PLAINLY ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER AND PASTED TO THE BACK OF EACH PHOTO ENTERED IN THE CONTEST.
5. All photos submitted should be delivered to your local gas company office or mailed to LONE STAR GAS SYSTEM, ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT, 305 S. HARWOOD ST., DALLAS, TEXAS.

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**John Brown has
"a cold"**

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MATTIE (L. V.) LARSON: Will relatives of Mattie (L. V.) Larson please write Mary E. Hart at Muleshoe, Texas.

Member of Current Literature Club at Teachers College

Denton, Oct. 28.—Miss Iris Garrett of Merkel is one of thirty-six students at the North Texas State Teachers college who were last week taken into the membership of the Current Literature club, social and literary organization for women.

Pledgship activities were climaxed Monday night with the club's traditional candle-lighting initiation ceremony. New members were honored with a picnic supper Friday evening.

Organized in 1902 and federated in 1915, the Current Literature club belongs to the City, District, State, and National Federations of Women's clubs. It holds periodic literary study meetings, and in addition offers a varied social program of teas, breakfasts, receptions and dances.

Harvard ranks first in number of alumni prominent in the theatre with Columbia university second.

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New Chevrolet Models Incorporate Many Noteworthy Advances

Chevrolet's Master models for 1938 are designed and built for owners who seek to practice thrift without compromise on completeness. To such buyers, the Master Chevrolet is presented as embodying in fullest measure those qualities which Chevrolet's extensive public contacts indicate that modern motorists demand in their cars.

Performance, economy and comfort are carried to new heights in these models, without sacrifice of beauty or style. The cars are as roomy as the Master DeLuxe series; they are powered by the same 85 horsepower six-cylinder valve-in-head engine; and they offer the year's outstanding engineering advance, the new "Tiptoe-matic" Chevrolet clutch.

Like the Master DeLuxe, again, they embody numerous refinements, in features affecting performance, comfort, safety, durability, and style. The result is an all-round heightening of the qualities which for the past three years have been generating a steadily-increasing demand for Chevrolet, with the result that production capacity has had to be enlarged again and again.

The principal difference between the chassis of the two new Chevrolet series is the use, in the Master series, of conventional I-beam front axle for the fully-enclosed knee action now beginning its fifth year as a feature of the master DeLuxe.

Externally, the two lines are almost indistinguishable. Body style is identical. The Master DeLuxe models carry an embossed die-cast nameplate on the front end of the hood louvers.

Inside the car, the differences are correspondingly slight. There is a modification in moulding trim, and pillar switch for dome light, assist cords, ash receivers, rear window curtains and decorative sill plates, are featured on the Master DeLuxe only. The Master instrument panel is like that of the Master DeLuxe, except for the absence of a water temperature gauge. The cabriolet in the Master series has armrests on the doors, similar to the Master DeLuxe models.

Merkel Boy Enlists in United States Army

H. E. Farmer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farmer, Sr., Route 4, Merkel, who enlisted in the United States army Tuesday, has been assigned to the cavalry division, Ft. Clark, Texas.

Additional vacancies exist and applicants should contact Sgt. Clifton D. King, Postoffice building, Abilene.

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State Markers to be Removed from U. S. Designated Highways

Motorists traveling United States designated highways in Texas no longer will be puzzled by a multitude of highway markers in thickly populated areas, according to instructions just issued by the Texas Highway commission through Julian Montgomery, state highway engineer, ordering state markers taken down on such routes.

"After an exhaustive study of this whole matter of highway markings we have found that by simply using U. S. route markers it is much easier for the traveling public to follow such highways", said Mr. Montgomery. "With the trend toward simplicity and elimination of confusion caused by duplicate markers some thirty-five states are using U. S. markers exclusively to the satisfaction of all concerned."

"According to the present marking, many places in the state, and especially the business districts of cities, require so many markers on each post that the traveler is forced to stop traffic while studying these markings, thus creating a safety hazard."

State highway officials state that the original purpose in assigning U. S. route numbers was to simplify the markings of highways enabling the traveling public to follow the route, to, or through, other states.

These U. S. route numbers are designated by the executive committee of the American Association of State Highway officials after a careful consideration of the needs for such designation as submitted by the states.

According to Mr. Montgomery, the elimination of state markers from U. S. routes will result in a considerable saving to the department. He further said that state markers would remain in place on state highways which have not been designated as U. S. routes and which do not carry standard U. S. shield markers.

Hintons Postpone Date Opening Bill Account P-T. A. Carnival

Because of the P-T. A. Carnival on Thursday night of this week, opening of the Charles and Florence Hinton company in professional stage shows at the Cozy theatre was postponed from Thursday night to Friday night.

For the opening bill a Toby play has been selected, "The Man from Chicago." Their repertoire includes a number of good clean comedies with good music.

Ladies will be admitted free with one paid adult ticket on opening night, it is announced by the management.

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Winners for First Week Announced in Photo Contest

Ten winners for the first week of the 10-week \$1,250 amateur photograph contest being conducted by Lone Star Gas System were announced by judges this week.

The winners are J. D. Hall, Jr., Denton; Mrs. Stanley Fairly and Mrs. Mary Parks, Waco; Robert Schultz and M. Truman Seale, Wichita Falls; Emmett H. Karrer, Fort Worth; Alfred B. Emrick, J. W. Blanton, A. G. Koenig, and George T. Hudspeth, Dallas.

Winning photographs depict comfortable and cozy living in Texas homes from bed room and living room to kitchen and play room. Scenes included gas radiators, floor furnaces, and radiant space heaters in conformity with one of the principal contest rules that some type of gas heating equipment be included in the scenes submitted. Six of the ten winning photographs include children, adults, and animals; four were without any characters. All types of camera equipment from the inexpensive box type to more costly cameras were used in making the winning photos.

Contest rules provide that scenes must include a home scene with gas heating equipment and that the photographer be an amateur and not a professional. The contest closes Dec. 18 when four grand prizes totaling \$250 cash will be awarded the four best photographs submitted during the ten weeks. Each week \$10 cash prizes are awarded for the 10 best photos submitted that week. A total of \$1,150 is still to be awarded.

Complete details may be had by watching company newspaper ads and from the local Lone Star Gas System office.

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Initiated into Sock And Buskin at Tech

Lubbock, Oct. 28.—Miss Nell Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hughes, Merkel, has been initiated into Sock and Buskin, dramatic club at Texas Technological college.

Miss Hughes, a junior speech major, is one of 36 juniors living in the women's residence hall who last week were given privileges because their scholastic average is "B" or above.

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- Large Bisquick, pkg.35c
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- Golden Glow Peaches, 2 lb. pkg.39c
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SOCIETY

ELY-GAMBILL.
(Abilene Reporter-News.)
Of interest over a wide section Wednesday was the marriage here of Billie Gambill, only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Gambill, and Walter Ely, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ely.

The marriage was solemnized on the date of the bridegroom's parents' anniversary of their wedding, and the day following that of the bride's parents.

The service was read at the Heavenly Rest Episcopal church by the Rev. Willis P. Gerhart. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Billie Gardner, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Gardner of Merkel and University of Texas student. Russell Allen of Wichita Falls was Mr. Ely's best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Ely left soon after the service for San Antonio, planning to return here Sunday, to live at 2241 South Sixth street, in a cottage which has been redecorated and furnished for them.

Moving with her parents two years ago from Merkel to Abilene, Mrs. Ely has been a student in Hardin-Simmons university where her popularity has been shown through her selection as Bronco "beauty" during her freshman year and campus "beauty" in her sophomore year. She has also been chosen as Abilene's representative in a number of neighbor-town events. At the university, she held membership in Art, Home Economics and Players clubs.

Mr. Ely was graduated from the University of Texas in 1935 with B. A. and LL. B. degrees. He entered the law firm of Scarborough and Ely, of which his father, W. R. Ely, is a member.

JOLLY NEIGHBORS

The suburban home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox was the meeting place for members of the Jolly Neighbors club on Monday evening. In a meeting preceding the games Mr. and Mrs. John Grable and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks were elected to membership.

Hallowe'en tallies seated guests for games of "84," interspersed with merriment pertaining to a peanut contest. Mrs. E. Clyde Smith was presented a prize as the winner at the culmination of the games.

Individual minicmeat pies a-la-mode, olives and coffee were served to Mr. and Mrs. Byers Petty, guests, and the following members: Messrs. and Mesdames F. E. Church, Forrest Gaither, Raymond Ferguson, Herbert Patterson, E. Clyde Smith, John Grable and Robert Hicks, and Miss Pauline Johnson.

The club will meet each first and third Thursday evenings. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson to be the next host and hostess.

"ACHIEVEMENT DAY AT MERKEL HD CLUB"

On last Friday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. John S. Hughes, Merkel Home Demonstration club held their annual "Achievement Day." The program opened at 3 o'clock, with readings by Misses Lottie Butman, Peggy Joyce Toombs, Doris Jean Dudley and Jerry McGehee.

Guests reviewed the handwork that members had done during the past year: bedspreads, linen scarfs, etc., wool quilts and all kinds of canned foods.

Refreshments of coffee and cookies were passed to Mesdames F. A. Polley, Dent Gibson, Kenneth Pee, Harold King, Carlton King, O. R. Douglas, Fred Guitar, J. W. Bryan, E. B. Wallace, J. Ben Campbell, Bob McDonald, H. C. Dunn, Norris Barnett, W. R. Williams, J. R. Barnett, C. P. Church, S. Stanford, A. D. Barnes, Lendon Coats, Lake Renfro, E. O. Carson, and Misses Peggy Taylor, Lottie Butman, Mabel McRee, Doris Jean Dudley, Peggy Joyce Toombs, Myrtle Barnett, Mrs. J. S. Hughes, Harry Barnett and Jerry McGehee.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Warlick were hosts for a surprise dinner on Thursday evening of last week honoring Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jr., on their wedding anniversary. The Hallowe'en motif was carried out in details of the dinner served at seven o'clock.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell, Sr., Ralph, James and Alice Russell, Leo Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Warlick and children, Darwin and Darlene.

COUPLES' CLASS PARTY.

The Couples' class met on Tuesday evening of last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case, with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dunn as co-hosts.

The hours were merrily whiled in playing Hallowe'en games and fortune-telling, after which refreshments of individual pumpkin pies, topped with whipped cream, coffee and salted nuts, with Hallowe'en horns and

balloons as favors, were served to Messrs. and Mesdames C. H. Collinsworth, John Grable, Pat Davis, Fred Guitar Jr., and the hosts.

STEAK FRY.

In celebration of the birthday of Mrs. Claude Smith, her husband arranged a steak fry at Lake Sweetwater on Thursday evening of last week as a surprise, inviting a few friends to join in the evening's pleasures.

After partaking of the palatable steak dinner, with all the trimmings, a beautiful birthday cake was cut.

Those enjoying the affair were Mr. and Mrs. George Caple, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Winter, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith and little son, Claude, Jr.

ALL-DAY QUILTING.

Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jr., entertained Wednesday with an all-day quilting. Those enjoying the day were Mesdames Sam Redwine and daughter, Sammy Doris, and Bob Dunn from Abilene, T. D. Compton, Lige Harris, Selma Russell, C. K. Russell, R. M. Ferguson and P. A. Diltz.

PERSONALS

Harold Morgan and Horace Armstrong spent the week-end in Putnam visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Winter and two children, Buddie and Beatrice, spent the week-end in Lamesa where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe English. Mrs. English is a sister of Mrs. Winter. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Winter, a brother of Mr. Winter.

Sylvan Mellinger, a student in the University of Texas, was home to spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Mellinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hendricks of Corpus Christi were visitors this week with Mrs. Hendricks' mother, Mrs. M. B. Bell, and other relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Joyner and family, now of Spur, were visitors here one day last week with friends. Returning Friday they were accompanied by Miss Emma Joyner for a week-end visit.

Mrs. DeVerle Johnson of Cooper, Texas, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Amy Sears.

After an extended visit with relatives and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Russell left Wednesday for their home in Imperial Valley, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Browning of Cisco were guests the first of the week of Mrs. C. P. Stevens and other friends.

Mrs. C. P. Stevens visited Sunday with her sister, Mrs. G. L. McCracken, in Hamlin.

Miss Billie Gardner, student in the University of Texas, was home for a short visit this week, having come to be attendant in the wedding of Miss Billie Gambill and Walter Ely on Wednesday afternoon at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grable had as their guest last week Mrs. Grable's mother, Mrs. R. P. Lee, of Throckmorton.

A. D. Guy, Jr., of Aquilla is the guest of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Caple.

As a member of the state board from the Sixth district, Texas Federation of Music clubs, Miss Christine Collins attended the dinner for members of the board at the Hilton hotel, Abilene, Thursday evening. She and Mrs. Homer Patterson are Merkel members of the Music Unit, which with the Harmony club are joint hostesses for the Sixth district convention in Abilene the last three days of his week.

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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday was 557, as compared with 593 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago only 474 were present, due to cold, bad weather.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. George Dale of Tahoka will preach at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday. Sunday School at 10 a. m. B. T. U. at 6:45 p. m. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. WMU at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening. All are cordially invited to these services.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Young people's meeting at 6:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. John H. Crow, Pastor.

METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM.

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Sunday School at 10 a. m. As the Baird church is holding a week's meeting, the pastor will be there next Sunday and there will be no preaching here morning nor night. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Every one is cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible Study Sunday 9:45 a. m. Preaching 10:45 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. by Raymond Kelsey of A. C. C. Young people's program 6:00 p. m. Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock a service of song, prayer and Bible study. Come to our services. The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Every one is cordially invited to these services.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

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Merkel Hospital Notes

J. A. Patterson, who entered the hospital a week ago in critical condition following a hemorrhage of the brain, was resting well Thursday morning and showing gradual improvement.

Elton Harrell, injured when the fire truck overturned the night of Oct. 18, was dismissed last Friday.

W. J. Bicknell entered the hospital Wednesday for surgery.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bailey on Thursday of last week.

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Apples Delicious 2 doz. 29c	Bananas Large fruit Doz. 15c	Oranges Calif. med. Doz. 19c
Tokay Grapes, 2 pounds 15c Texas Grapefruit, Marsh Seedless, 6 for 25c Delicious Apples, large size, doz. 30c	Coffee Cooper's Best 3 lb. can 79c	Sugar, Pure Cane, 10 lbs. 59c Milk, 7 cans for 25c Salmons, tall can, 2 for 25c Miracle Whip S Dressing qt 39 Crackers, A-1 Saltines 2 lb. box 19c Gallon 59c Pork & Beans, per can 5c P & G Laundry Soap, giant bar, 6 for 25c Oxydol, regular 25c size 20c English Peas, large cans 5c Jello, all flavors, package 5c Peanut Butter, 2 pound quart jar 29c

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