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TURKEYS, CASH, OTHER PRIZES TO BE GIVEN AWAY

DEAN DAVIS OF TARLETON SPEAKS AT FFA BANQUET

Seventy-Three Assemble for Annual Father-Son Get-Together; Sixteen Boys Awarded Certificates of Merit.

Introduced as a friend of vocational agriculture, of Future Farmers of America and of all boys and girls, Dean J. Thomas Davis of John Tarleton college was the principal speaker at the annual Father-Son banquet of the Merkel chapter, Future Farmers of America, at the High School gym Friday night of last week.

"For a boy to pick out his vocation is good American doctrine," the speaker said. "The main thing about vocational agriculture is the method, nature and application on the job. It is worth infinitely more how you do it than it is what the task is you are doing."

"During the late depression, the world never could find enough men who knew the fundamentals of vocational agriculture and home economics. The men who knew the science upon which vocational agriculture is based had the fundamentals of making good in another occupation."

Introduction of the speaker was made by C. H. Collinsworth, Merkel High vocational agriculture instructor, who was a former student under Dean Davis.

Seventy-three were registered at the banquet, including Future Farmers, their fathers, the honorary members of the chapter and other guests. D. C. Cox, vocational agriculture teacher at Tuscola, was the only other out-of-town guest.

A sumptuous turkey dinner, prepared by Wozy's cafe, was served by six girls from the home economics department: Misses Louise Richie, Mildred McLean, Evelyn Bigler, Anne Lee Blake, Pearl Mathews and Mary Nell Morgan. The program folders carried out the school colors of purple and gold, with place cards also stressing the same scheme, and both cards and napkins were stamped with the FFA emblem.

As president of the local FFA chapter, Morris Clack was master of ceremonies. After the invocation by Arthur Lee Graham, chapter officers were called on: Eldwood Cox, vice-president; Waymon Adcock, secretary; Mark Malone, treasurer, and Don Warren, reporter. Welcome was extended by the president, which was followed by a poem, given as a toast to the fathers by Roy Coats, Jr. Other speakers on the program were Rex Myers, principal of the High school, and Superintendent Connor Robinson.

L. B. Gibson gave a report of the projects now being carried on by chapter members and contemplated objectives.

At the conclusion of the program, the names of 16 boys who received certificates of merit last year were read and certificates of merit were presented to the following twelve boys for this year's work: Deaund Gilbreath, Don Warren, Harrison Malone, J. W. Cook, J. D. Sandusky, Jr., Glenn Robertson, Willard Paine, J. W. Hughes, Clyde Sears, Arthur Lee Graham, A. C. Bland, Jr., and Eldwood Cox.

An interesting feature in connection with the visit of Dean Davis to Merkel was that he brought five Merkel students in John Tarleton college with him for a short visit home. They were Norman King, Misses Sis Gamble, Mary Helen Mashburn, Phyllis Smith and Jane Ferguson.

LIST OF GUESTS.
Those present were: Pal Watson, W. C. Neill, Kenneth Neill, D. B. DuBose, Marvin DuBose, H. B. Robertson, Glenn Robertson, Roy R. Coats. (Continued on Page Two.)

Record of Births.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McLeod, Trent, Sunday, December 5, 1937.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Byrd, Stith, Monday, December 6, 1937.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kelson, Stith, Monday, December 6, 1937.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Kenneb, Noodle, Tuesday, December 7, 1937.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Art Harris, 37, and his 35-year-old wife, of Dallas, were seriously burned Friday night in an explosion at a tourist camp on the edge of New Orleans.

Mayor W. J. Hammond and City Councilman Herbert L. Hull, fighting against a move to unseat them from Fort Worth's governing body, were overwhelmingly victorious in Friday's recall election.

Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, assistant editor of the Houston Post and wife of Former Governor W. P. Hobby, has been invited to serve as chairman of the national advisory committee on women's participation in the New York world's fair in 1939.

Texas will issue December checks for old age assistance for 114,881 people for a total of \$1,574,422, a reduction of 706 below the rolls upon which November payments totalled \$1,584,344.

Death from causes unknown was the coroner's verdict returned Sunday by County Judge Ross H. Wideman in the case of George Moore, 19, Plainview youth, whose body was found hanging from the limb of a cedar tree in a pasture of the 6666 ranch near Guthrie Saturday.

Four young men, all of Inadale, were killed at Sweetwater Saturday night when their light roadster was in collision with a truck as it attempted to pass another automobile. The victims were: Bill Ward, 30; Kenneth Charles, about 17; Nolan Jean, 28, and Roy Smith, 22.

Directors of the Texas Postmasters' association decided at an executive meeting at Dallas to hold the association's 1938 convention in Galveston. The meeting will be held either before June 15 or after Sept. 1.

A two-year-old boy, Leonard Albright, and Capt. F. A. Avelino of the Mexican army were killed at Austin Tuesday night when a Kelly Field attack plane piloted by Avelino hurtled out of the mist into the residence of Spencer D. Albright, Jr., instructor in the University of Texas.

The body of M. M. Cooke, 52, of Dallas, who died while lost in marshland near Beaumont on a duck hunt, was found at 5:45 Tuesday afternoon. The search ended after an army pilot who had sighted the body signalled to a searcher.

The 1938 governor's race was on in Texas Monday, with the hat of Representative Farmer of Fort Worth already in the ring and developments expected virtually every week from now on until late next July.

Fern Bickers, 24-year-old prisoner in the city jail at Lamesa, was found hanging in his cell Tuesday morning. The body was dangling from the ceiling with a piece of bed blanket knotted to a light cord near the ceiling.

Art Exhibit Continues Through This Week

A number of out-of-town visitors have viewed the showing of the art work of Mary Eula Sears Johnson, sponsored by the Fortnightly Study club. Included among the visitors were several members of the Creative Sketch club of Abilene.

The showing, which is open to the public, will continue through Saturday of this week, it is announced. The hours are from 2 to 5 p. m.

A special invitation has been extended to Anson Study club members, several of whom are expected during the week-end.

Colored Street Lights Will Herald Holidays

Strings of brightly colored street lights were to be turned on in the Merkel business district Thursday night, giving the town a truly holiday appearance.

Delay in putting up the steamers of colored lights was due to the fact that globes of the colors desired were not available until shipment arrived Thursday morning.

TEN TURKEYS GIVEN AWAY SATURDAY



URGED TO SHOP AND MAIL EARLY

Postmaster Durham Also Explains Rates Postage on Holiday Greeting Cards.

"During the holiday time the volume of mail increases approximately 300 per cent, and it is a physical impossibility," said Postmaster Wrenn Durham early this week, "to handle this great mass of mail matter efficiently and promptly within a few days. Therefore, to assure delivery of your Christmas presents, cards and letters by Christmas Day, you should shop and mail early. Mail your gifts, greetings and letters at least a week or ten days before Christmas, according to the distance they have to go. This will not only make it certain that they are delivered but will be a great aid to your postal service and to postal employees.

"There seems to be some confusion on the part of the public with respect to the rate of postage on Christmas and other greeting cards sent in unsealed envelopes. Printed greeting cards mailed in unsealed envelopes are chargeable with postage at the third-class rate of 1-1/2 cents each, regardless of whether addressed for delivery through post office boxes or general delivery, or by city or rural carrier; the 1-cent drop-letter rate applicable at this office does not apply to such cards in unsealed envelopes.

"Printed Christmas cards in unsealed envelopes may bear a written inscription not in the nature of personal correspondence, such as 'Merry Christmas,' 'With best wishes,' etc., together with the name and address of the sender and of the addressee, without subjecting them to more than the third-class rate. Greeting cards, sealed or unsealed, bearing a written message other than the simple inscriptions above mentioned, as well as all cards in sealed envelopes, are chargeable with postage at the first-class rate. The first-class rate of postage is 1c for drop letters, 2c if the letters go to a local route, and 3c if the letter goes to another office.

"Unsealed Christmas cards sent at the third class rate are not forwardable without additional postage. If you are not certain that the addressee is at the address given, you should send the card first class so that it may be forwarded."

Attention is also called to the announcement that there will be no mail delivery Christmas Day, which is Saturday, Dec. 25.

Announce Christmas Holidays for Schools

The Merkel Public schools will dismiss at the close of the school day on Wednesday, Dec. 22, for the Christmas holidays, resuming on Monday, Jan. 3, 1938, according to announcement from Supt. Connor Robinson.

Singing at Blair.
It is announced that there will be a singing at Blair school house on Thursday night of next week, Dec. 10. Everyone is invited to attend.

FORTY ATTEND PTA SESSION

Abilene Woman Principal Speaker for Occasion; Christmas Pageant for Dec. 20.

The Merkel Parent-Teacher association met Wednesday afternoon in the Grammar School building, with Mrs. Connor Robinson, the president, presiding. Forty patrons and friends of the school were present.

Mrs. Wade Hedrick of Abilene was the principal speaker for the afternoon. She talked on the subject, "How Social Ease is Developed Through Family Relationships." An excellent demonstration of class folk songs and dances was given by the third grade room of Miss Vennie Heizer. Six folk dances were sung and danced by eighteen class members, Mrs. Elsie Nash accompanied on the piano.

Mrs. Comer Haynes presented four of the High School Choral club girls who led the group in singing, with Miss Emma Joyner as pianist. The invocation was given by G. W. Wilhite. In an executive committee meeting preceding the general meeting, it was voted to promote a library for the grade school children as a yearly project for the association.

A Parent-Teacher book shelf, which will be on display at the January association meeting for members' use, is being arranged by Mrs. Rufus Adcock, publications chairman.

The P.-T. A. is presenting the Choral club and speech class of Mrs. Comer Haynes in a Christmas pageant at the gymnasium on Monday night, Dec. 20, at 7:30 o'clock. Christmas carols will also be sung by the audience. The public is invited to attend.

Quarterly Meeting of PTA Council at Lawn

The Taylor County Parent-Teacher council met for its quarterly meeting in the Methodist church at Lawn on Wednesday of this week for an all-day, covered dish luncheon meeting, with the Lawn P.-T. A. as hosts.

About 25 were in attendance, with the three council representatives from the Merkel P.-T. A. present, Mesdames Joe Self, Wrenn Durham and Connor Robinson. There are 12 Parent-Teacher associations in Taylor county affiliated with the council.

Mrs. J. C. Stewart of Lawn, as president of the council, presided. The business session was held in the morning with talks and a program arranged for the afternoon. Reports were heard from each of the six schools represented and from three of the four precinct chairmen present. A report of the state convention was given by Mrs. Holland Holt of Abilene, sixth district president, and a discussion followed of the district convention to be held in Del Rio the latter part of April, 1938.

The council voted to co-operate with county school officers in promoting a County Forum, to meet in different parts of the county each month for discussion of problems of interest to Taylor county residents.

Next meeting of the association will be in Abilene in February.

MERKEL MERCHANTS STAGE SERIES OF FIVE TRADES DAYS, STARTING SATURDAY, DEC. 11

TO DISTRIBUTE CHRISTMAS CHEER

Contributions of Toys, Fruits, Groceries, Clothing, Wanted For Needy Families.

Plans for distributing Christmas Cheer boxes to the needy of the city were furthered at a meeting Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist church, at which the following were present: S. M. Hunter, chairman of the Lions special committee; Rev. John H. Crow, pastor of the Methodist church; Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church; Mrs. F. C. McFarland, Joe P. Self, D. A. Lee and C. J. Glover.

A general appeal is made to every one able to help in this worthy movement for toys, broken, discarded or new, fruit of all kinds, groceries, clothing, bed clothing or any useful article for food or wear.

The fire station has been designated as the central depot for assembling these articles and contributors are asked to get together anything they want to give for this cause and leave at the fire station. Gifts of cash in any amount, large or small, will also be acceptable.

Many broken or discarded toys can be made like new, and the fireboys have generously volunteered to do the work of mending or repairing the toys.

While many, in fact, everybody is willing to do their part in making Christmas more happy for those in less fortunate circumstances, an early response is urged by the general committee sponsoring the movement.

Basketball Season Opens Next Week

Next Thursday night the Merkel High basketball team will entertain the Roby team at the High School gym here. Fifteen Badger cagers are coming out regularly for practice, with prospects of a good strong quintet for the season.

The same night a volley ball game is to be played between the Merkel and Roby girls, and possibly a third attraction will be the Merkel Lions versus a men's team from Roby in a volley ball battle.

KRBC Program.

Miss Loraine McGaughy will be heard in a song program over KRBC, Abilene, at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Dec. 11. Sandefer Hollingsworth will play her accompaniment.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, December 14, 1917.)

FAITH IN THE GREAT MERKEL COUNTRY.

That actual facts may be better brought out, we prefer that our leading men speak out in reference to their experiences and prospects:

D. G. Barrow.

D. G. Barrow, manager of the A. B. Barrow and Company, one of the biggest furniture concerns in all West Texas, said: "Some people might ask why we came to Merkel when the conditions are so unfavorable and make as large investments as we made. I will just state Merkel has a good substantial citizenship and a big territory and, as we have been in this section 12 years, there is nothing alarming about present conditions. We know the country will come back to its own."

J. S. Swann.

J. S. Swann, president of the Farmers State Bank and prominent stockman, said: "I have been in this country 28 years and during that time have made some mighty fine crops. Only 3 years since I've been here have I been without grass and feed. Our banking conditions are away ahead of our expectations."

Ten Turkeys, \$10.00 in Cash and Seven Merchandise Prizes to Be Distributed on Opening Day of Program.

Announcing a series of five pre-holiday trades days, the merchants of Merkel will give away absolutely free a total of 60 turkeys, \$80.00 in cash and 41 or more merchandise prizes, apportioned on the following dates:

SPECIAL TRADES DAYS.
Saturday, Dec. 11.
Wednesday, Dec. 15.
Saturday, Dec. 18.
Wednesday, Dec. 22.
Friday, Dec. 24.

GIFTS ARE FREE.

Beginning Saturday of this week, which is the first of the special trades days, 10 turkeys, \$10.00 in cash, distributed in three amounts, \$5, \$3 and \$2, and seven merchandise prizes will be given away. Hours set for distributing the prizes, divided in two lots, are 2 p. m. and 4 p. m. First distribution will take place at the alley intersection on Kent street, near Wood's store, the second to follow at 4 p. m. at the alley intersection on Elm street near Eli Case's store.

On Wednesday of next week, Dec. 15, the same schedule of prizes will be followed, and the same hours: at 2 p. m. at the alley intersection next to Merkel Drug, and at 4 p. m. at the alley intersection next to the post office.

WILL PITCH TURKEYS IN AIR.
The turkeys will be pitched in the air from an awning or top of a building, and with each turkey will be attached a special prize either cash or merchandise—the turkey will belong to the person catching same, and he will present the ticket carrying the prize to the merchant offering same, or to Joe P. Self, treasurer of the Merchants Trade Extension association, for the cash.

THREE OTHER DATES.

On Saturday, Dec. 18, 15 turkeys, \$25.00 in cash and 10 merchandise prizes will be given away.

On Wednesday, Dec. 22, 10 turkeys, \$19.00 in cash and seven merchandise prizes will be given away.

Climaxing the series, last trades day before the holidays will be Friday, Dec. 24, when 15 turkeys, \$25.00 in cash and 10 merchandise prizes will be given away.

MERCHANTS SPONSOR EVENTS.

The plan of these special trades days originated at a meeting of several merchants Monday night, in the office of W. O. Boney, presided over (Continued on Page Four.)

Bob Martin, manager of the Bob Martin grocery company, said: "I have been here 31 years, and this is the hardest year we have had."

T. A. Johnson.

T. A. Johnson, cashier of the Farmers and Merchant Nat'l. Bank, said: "The year 1917 has been one of experiences, costly for most of us—but in many cases worth the price."

W. P. Duckett.

W. P. Duckett, who is in the produce business, said: "I'd rather live in Merkel than any place I've ever lived. I believe this country on a ten-year average is in better shape than any section of the state."

G. E. Comegys.

Comegys, proprietor of the Star Store, said: "I am not afraid. I have been here 17 years; this country will come back."

Seth Hamilton.

Seth Hamilton, member of the Crown Hardware Co., said: "After living in this country continuously for over 26 years and having been active in the mercantile business over 19 years at this place, I can say that I am proud to be a citizen of this great country."

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

John Halbrooks went to Waco Wednesday of last week to attend the three-day meeting of the Centennial convocation of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A. F. & A. M. Mrs. Halbrooks went as far as Fort Worth and returned Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Halbrooks also made a week-end visit to Lamesa with their son, Lonnie and Mrs. Halbrooks.

Cullen Currington was a guest recently of relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Leggett in Loraine.

Miss Helen McLeod is making preparation to attend the San Marcos Academy, San Marcos, after the holidays.

Mrs. Joe Wash and children are residing in Trent a few weeks while Mr. Wash is attending to business in points in Texas oil fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse, also Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shouse were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shouse in Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie McRee and daughter, Sue, were Abilene guests Saturday of last week. Mr. McRee attended the Hardin-Simmons University home-coming, of which she is an alumnus. She also attended the Cowgirl tea, a social organization of the school. Little Sue was guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McLeod are the proud parents of a fine baby boy, born Sunday, Dec. 5.

CIRCLE ELECTS OFFICERS.

The Woodmen Circle announced the following officers: guardian, Mrs. Ed Burks; past guardian, Mrs. Isom Burks; chaplain, Mrs. Ruby Windland; attendant, Mrs. John Payne; assistant attendant, Mrs. Harold Terry; adviser, Mrs. O. L. Bishop; banker, Mrs. H. R. Poor; captain, Miss Imogene Mangum; inner sentinel, Mrs. Helen Williams; musician, Miss Vera Bright; outer sentinel, Mrs. W. R. McLeod; reporter, Mrs. Ed Bowers; auditors named were Mrs. Bob Billington, Mrs. Odessa Butler, Mrs. Bill Neill.

Mrs. John Gafford will be the secretary, having served in this capacity for several years.

Installation of all officers will be held publicly in the early part of January.

PRE-CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

The Methodist parsonage was the scene for a Christmas party Thursday evening, given in honor of the young people with whom Rev. and Mrs. Alsie Carleton have worked throughout the year.

The entertainment consisted of Christmas games and contests. Rooms were decorated in gay Christmas tinsels and novelties, with a brilliantly lighted Christmas tree in red and silver coloring. Refreshments were bags of Christmas fruits and candies presented by a Santa Claus from a Christmas tree.

The committee in charge of program and refreshments were Ruby

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Cooley, Ida V. O'Neal and Elsie Bishop.

Besides the above named committee, the following were guests: Dorothy Jo Strawn, Elvin Cooley, Garth Strawn, L. D. Jones, Wilson Bright, Beatrice Cooley, Neely Tittle, Charles Andy Shouse, Vesta Scott, Ernest Stewart, Othel Jones, Henry Bright, Devero Bishop, Mardell Shouse, Roydell Bishop, Moreen Banner, Avis Cooley, Ola Barnes, Hughie Cooley.

WORK OF TRENT SCHOOLS EXHIBITED IN ABILENE.

Work of pupils in the Trent Grammar school Saturday went into place in a series of exhibits in the office of County Superintendent Tom McGhee and Mrs. Kate Causseaux, county supervisor.

The display was prepared by students in the classes of Misses Magdalene Payne and Hermal Glasgow, Mrs. R. L. Fortune and Mrs. O. L. Reaves. Articles exhibited were handmade, specifying different countries studied. Indian tepees, moccasins and arrowheads were displayed by the second grade.

A special poster in the picture study of distance, each child contributing their ability to each scene, is the work of the fifth grade; the fourth grade exhibited a Christmas poster in silhouette, depicting "Star of the East."

Wooden images, whatnot shelves, carved and pointed, were the special work of the boys.

The display will remain up two weeks.

PLAN FRIENDSHIP BANQUET.

The Woodmen Circle met Tuesday evening in a regular session, with Mrs. Ed Burks, guardian, presiding. After a brief ceremony, a business session was held in which the regular meeting date was changed, Monday evening being selected for the time being.

Plans for a friendship banquet were presented, and the following committees named:

Menu, Mrs. Mary Neill, Mrs. Isom Burks, Mrs. John Payne; decoration, Mrs. Helen Williams, Mrs. Laura Kegans, Mrs. John Payne; table, Mrs. H. R. Poor; place cards, Misses Elsie Bishop, Ruby Cooley, Vera Bright,

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Mrs. Helen Williams; invitation, Mrs. Ed Burks; program, Miss Imogene Mangum.

BAPTIST CHURCH PEOPLE TO HONOR PASTOR.

A Christmas dinner will be served Sunday, Dec. 12, at the First Baptist church, commemorating the first anniversary of the work of their pastor, Rev. and Mrs. H. E. East, of Abilene.

It will be the annual home-coming for former residents and friends of the membership. Out-of-town guests have been invited. It will be an all-day affair, with the morning devoted to the weekly worship, followed by a sermon. The afternoon will be informal, at which Rev. and Mrs. East will receive congratulations.

A play will be presented at the evening hour, entitled "The Trial of the Robbers."

Bereavement acknowledgement engraved cards, with envelopes to match, 50 cents per dozen at Merkel Mail office.

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

Merchants Sales Books 5c, six for 25c or 25 for \$1.00, at Merkel Mail office.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

FFA Banquet

(Continued From Page One.) Roy Coats, Jr., W. D. Rogers, J. D. Rodgers, Connor Robinson, J. Thomas Davis, Stephenville, Morris Clack, E. R. Clack, Joe P. Self, Stanley B. King, Norman King, Pat Davis, Carrol Benson, J. L. Coffman, R. T. Gray, Rex Myers, Lem Dudley, O. J. Adcock, S. D. Gamble, Waymon Adcock, H. C. Chancey, Jr., H. P. Allen, A. C. Bland, Jr., Paul Riney, Clyde Sears, Booth Warren, Don Warren, Berdon Conley, E. E. Conley, Leslie Palmer, Max Davis, J. B. Griffin, Jr., J. D. Sandusky, J. D. Sandusky, Jr.

Clyde Deavers, Jr., Mark L. Malone, Mark Malone, Harrison Malone, L. B. Gibson, Dent Gibson, David Gibson, C. H. Collinsworth, D. C. Cox, Tuscola, Walter Mayberry, George Mayberry, V. L. Merritt, Burnel Merritt, Deauard Gilbreath, Lum Gilbreath, Eldwood Cox, Box Murphree, J. W. Hughes, J. M. Hughes, Ralph Russell, S. G. Russell, Francois Harris, Ellis Harris, Arthur Lee Graham, E. G. Graham, Billie Graham, Willard Paine, O. W. Paine, Wade Ensminger, W. H. Ensminger, C. J. Glover.

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This Christmas Shop at Home! Wide selections of first quality merchandise are now being placed on the shelves of local stores—merchandise that has been especially purchased for the holiday trade. Local merchants and business people contribute substantially to the up-building of this community. They give employment to many local people. Their taxes help support our civic institutions. Their capital invested and spent here adds to the community's wealth. And their money, banked locally, swells the fund of local credit available for local needs. Do your Christmas shopping early..... PATRONIZE YOUR LOCAL MERCHANTS. THE OLD RELIABLE Farmers & Merchants National Bank Merkel, Texas MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

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

The Staff:
 Editor-in-Chief—Hollis Perry. Society Editor—Jannell Black.
 Assistant Editor—Frances Higgins. Sports Editor—James Russell.
 Joke Editor—Charles Andy Shouse

REPORT CARDS.

It is almost Wednesday again and time to get report cards once more. But, what color will yours be? Each one should prepare his lessons so that no red ink will be used as decorations. Don't let yourself be one that always lags behind the rest of the class and never cares whether you have your lessons or not.

Let's study our lessons, get our work, and keep out of the red ink.

PERSONALITIES.

Fredia Farmer.
 Fredia is one of the hardest workers in High school. She is always willing to do her part in any activity. She is a member of the Home Eco. Club, Choral club, and is reporter for the Senior Girls' club. She wishes to attend a business college when she finishes school. Good luck, Fredia!

P. A. Ditz.

P. A. will also be missed next year. He is a member of the Spanish club, Senior Boys, and Dramatic club. He has also played football three years. P. A. wishes to be a transport pilot. Luck to you!

PEP SQUAD.

The banquet is the most important thing right now. The date is set for Dec. 15, 1937. The football theme will be used in decorating. Everyone is working every spare moment to give the best banquet and entertainment possible. You'll be receiving your invitations most any day now. (P. S. This is just to make you wish you could go.)

CHORAL CLUB.

We appreciate the many compliments we have received from you on our broadcast and we are continuing our work in order to present "The Bethlehem Road" at the P.-T. A. meeting Monday, Dec. 20.

FRESHMAN NEWS.

Poetry.
 Seniors think they are great stuff. Juniors think they are smart. But it takes a little Freshman To break a fellow's heart.

Ask:
 Dorothy, if she likes to receive notes from a certain Junior boy.

Gertie Lou, if she had a good time Saturday night.

Paul E., what makes him think he is good in deportment.

Louise, why she wants to know what kind of a car a certain Soph drives.

Alene, why she prims so much.

Bob W., why he reads so many books.

Nell Yvonne, why she wanted to move.

Tommye, whom she was with Sunday when she was supposed to be at League.

Geraldine, if she still thinks that she is going to get Fish beauty.

Three Freshman girls if they like to climb mountains.

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

Ask:
 Glenn Robertson, what the commotion was that he aroused in Spanish class last Tuesday.

Bernie Opal, how much frosted root beers cost.

Mildred McLean, what you can buy at a drug store for five cents.

Four little Sophomore girls, whom they played dominoes with until 'way after bedtime Wednesday night.

Helen, since when she began thinking A. C. Bland was so cute.

Those five photographers how it is to run out of gasoline and have to push a car home.

Evelyn L., how it is to slip and fall under Mr. Robinson's desk.

Don Wood, why his heart was broken the other day.

Billie, how she felt when she came rolling out of H. E. room.

Sampia, how he enjoyed the party the other night (under the mistletoe).

Billy Largent, what was the object of his staring at Mildred so in Spanish class last Thursday morning.

JUNIOR NEWS.

Seems like—
 Margie likes the new Dodge.

Billy Cox got fooled by two Junior girls.

Mary Nell and Pearl played a dirty trick on Joyce Hayes Saturday night.

Rachel and Verne were scared Saturday when Margie made that turn.

Clyde can't copy any more 'cause Preacher got moved.

Don W. and Clyde S. got a crush on Mildred McL. and Lorene W.

Elva was disappointed!

Harrison thinks one teacher is too cute. (Also Mary Jo R.)

Archie can write so pretty.

Nettie Lee is going to get fired. Willie Jo and Mary Nell have a lot in common.

Kenneth's picture got lost. J. W. is awfully friendly with some persons.

Dorothy J. had to move. Does Bonnie Lois know why?

Leona H. enjoyed the show. Edgar T. is getting frolicsome in spite of Mary Lov.

SENIOR NEWS.

Our annual is taking form nicely, and we are expecting to sell a greater number than has ever been purchased before. We have our salesbooks, and are ready to take your money and give you a receipt. You may buy from any member of the annual staff, and remember "The customer is always right."

I GUESS—

You think Don W. isn't rushing a certain girl since she was elected Pep leader.

People don't know how Dick is after dates with a certain girl since she squabbled with Norman W.

You all agree that Jack Lowe makes a swell "master of ceremonies."

The real reason the Pep Squad had that certain person for the parson was on account of all the details were so fresh on his memory.

A certain teacher that has to attend to the Senior class every once in a while is gonna turn gray-headed worrying over us.

I didn't know that Frances was tongue tied, but sure enough, she is.

Geraldine can't make up her mind which date to break on account of she gave two people dates to the banquet.

Mabel had better get well so that she can come to our banquet.

Coach didn't know about Indian giving when Leon gave him Grovener's bracelet to keep.

Bobby Woodrum had better stop dating the future Fish Beauty No. 1. (Miss Moore to you.)

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

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N. B. Teaff Honored On 82nd Birthday

Honoring N. B. Teaff, long-time resident of Taylor county, the old family home was the gathering place of friends, relatives and children on Sunday, Nov. 28, for a birthday celebration. Mr. Teaff, who has lived on this farm in the Cross Roads community for the past 36 years, moving to this section from Coryell county, was 82 years old on that date.

From 9 o'clock in the morning until noon of the eventful day, 92 guests assembled. Children present were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Teaff and son, Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Teaff and son, Billie, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Livengood and Earl, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Archie B. Teaff and daughter, Darlene, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Stephens and children, Dorothy, Bobbye and Frankie Ann, all of Weinert; Mr. and Mrs. Will Teaff and children, Howard, Eva Lee, Irene, Sybil, Georgia, Jimmie, N. B., Roy and Audie Vee, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Teaff, Leroy and Johnnie, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Teaff, Berniel and Deverle, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Newton, Alton, Arthur, Kermit, Clinton and Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Teaff, Janet and Jennie Ree, Garland Teaff, Glenn, Lonnie, Nettie Lee and Loucile, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Teaff, Bobbye, Harold and Mary Frances.

Other relatives and friends present were: Vera, Ideen, and R. D. Ely, Lorena McCartney, Ruby Perry, Wanda and W. P. Bailay Pauline Brown, E. R. McGinn, Carl and Gladys Newton, Selena Teaff, Fred McMinn, and one brother, J. W. Teaff and wife of Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Newton, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. McMinn, Merkel; Mrs. J. J. McCartney, Mrs. Ruthie Bigham, Mrs. J. A. King, Mrs. Jennie Ely, Ty.

Out of town relatives were Hamilton Isom and daughter, Helen, Mrs. Minerva Marricle, Virgil Isom and Robert Isom, Idalou; Mrs. Henrietta Teaff, Mrs. W. B. Stephens, Mrs. Mae

Reidenbach and daughter, Leola, Mr. and Mrs. Manton Ely and three children, Merkel.

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- Hats
- Hose
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- Robes
- Coats
- Towels
- Purses
- Dresses
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Crop Output, Largest Ever, is 18,746,000

Washington, Dec. 9.—In its final 1937 estimate, the agriculture department Tuesday forecast a 18,746,000 bale cotton crop, an all-time record, and 503,000 bales above a month ago.

The previous record was 17,978,000 bales in 1926. Last year 12,399,000 bales came from the fields, and in the five years, 1928-32, an average of 14,667,000 was produced.

Trades Days

(Continued From Page One.)
by S. D. Gamble, president of the Merchants Trade Extension association.

A central committee of five was appointed on finances, prizes and schedule of events. This committee includes the president, S. D. Gamble, Nathan Wood, Carlton Vick, Dee Grimes and Booth Warren. A number of others have assisted in soliciting funds and arranging details of the trades days program.

Baptists Planning to Build New Parsonage

Plans for a new parsonage for the First Baptist church were initiated Sunday evening with the appointment of six teams to raise subscriptions for the purpose.

It is contemplated to tear down the present structure and to build a new parsonage on the same ground.

The word cat is not mentioned in the Bible, although cats dwelt along the Nile 3000 years ago.

RURAL SOCIETY

THANKSGIVING PARTY.

Wade Ensminger, Jr., entertained a group of young folks on Wednesday, Nov. 24, with a Thanksgiving party. After games and contests were enjoyed, refreshments were served to the following:

L. V. Perkins, Louise Cook, J. W. Cook, Mary Lou Hughes, Evelyn Latimer, Bernice Lewis, Jerry Butman, Banning Butman, Edith Butman, Nell Yvonne Butman, Leonard Lewis, Leona Harris, Lois Harris, Elizabeth Coats, Lavada Barbee, Roy Coats, Richard Gregory, Willie Joe Riney, Leroy Blackburn, James Riney, Paul Riney, Louisq Richie, J. W. Hughes, Ruth Davis, R. D. Hunter, Etsel Hunter, Lonetta Blackburn, Aileene Frazier, Elba Frazier, Opal Russom, Fredia Farmer, Criswell Doan, Margie Mae Bagby, Arnold Russom, Inez Russom, Rose Russom, Jack Bagby, Gaston Harris, Mildred McLean, Lorene Whisenhunt, Mattie Reynolds.

COMPERE CLUB.

Cranberries, cake and chicken decked the dinner table in Mrs. T. K. Marshall's friendly kitchen while members of the Compere club feasted on Monday, Nov. 25.

Mrs. C. C. Bristow, president, and Mrs. Oscar Johnson, secretary, took places for 1937.

Thursday afternoon, Dec. 16, the ladies will exchange gifts around a home Christmas tree, with Mrs. I. B. Ray as hostess.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On Thursday, Dec. 2, from 3 till 5 o'clock in the afternoon, Mrs. H. H. Hobbs, assisted by her mother, Mrs. C. E. Thomas, entertained with a party in honor of her little daughter, Joy Sue, on her third birthday.

After various games were played, the honoree was asked to open a box, which contained lovely gifts.

A jello fruit salad, carrying out the Christmas colors of red and green, was served with the birthday cake to the following children: Erna Jo and Emma Gene Ely, Dwaine and Doyle Jones, Bettye and Bobby Fern Foster, J. R. and Frances Baker, Odessa, Glynie Mae and Hortense Reeder, Jimmie Goza and Dannie Gene Price.

Other guests were Mrs. S. A. Hobbs, Ella Hobbs, Mrs. M. H. Ely, Mrs. Oddie Foster, Mrs. L. Reeder, Beatrice Reeder, Mrs. Odie Jones and Mrs. Mark Hines.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Homer Newby of Nubia has been added to the personnel of Bob's Barber shop, while Mrs. Nola Patterson, a graduate of Parsons Beauty school, Abilene, is associated with Bob in the Beauty shop.

No change was noted in the condition of W. G. Cypert, pioneer Church of Christ minister, who was taken to the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, late Tuesday as a medical patient. His condition is considered rather serious.

Wesley Mitchell, a transient, received treatment at the Merkel hospital the past week.

While his condition has been unsatisfactory for the past several days, friends will be glad to learn that W. A. Thornton is holding his own.

Bereavement acknowledgement engraved cards, with envelopes to match, 50 cents per dozen at Merkel Mail office.

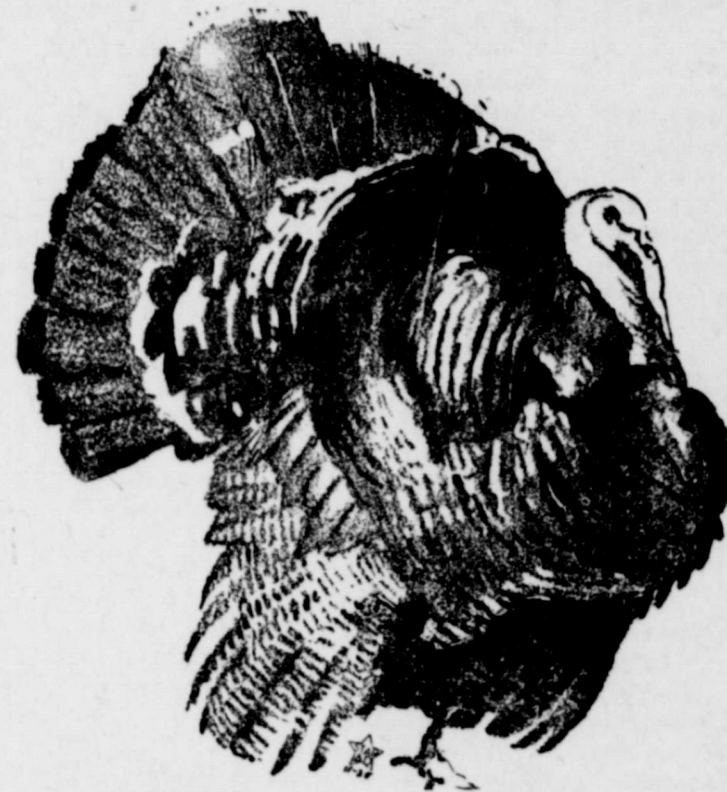
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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22—10 Turkeys, \$10.00 in cash and Seven Merchandise Prizes.

FRIDAY, DEC. 24—15 Turkeys, \$25.00 in cash and Ten Merchandise Prizes.

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- Purses
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- Blankets
- Bed Spreads
- Sheets
- Pillow Cases
- Table Covers
- Towels

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- Hats
- Shirts
- Ties
- Shoes
- Socks
- Belts
- Scarfs
- Gloves
- Jackets
- Sweaters
- Robes
- House Shoes
- Pajamas
- Handkerchiefs
- Luggage

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- Boots
- Scarf Sets
- Sox
- Handkerchiefs
- Purses
- Pajamas
- Gloves
- Dolls
- Robes

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FOR SALE—4-gallon Jersey milk cow, with heifer calf. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Duplex apartment, brick and stucco, West Elm Street. Mrs. L. A. Watts or see Earl Watts at Campbell's Grocery.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—F-20 Farmall tractor, good condition; also want to buy maize heads. A. D. Fulton.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—1933 Chevrolet Master 2-door sedan. Joe Baran at Joe's Garage.

FOR SALE—Black hull seed wheat. Pierce Horton.

FOR SALE—Baby bed and mattress. See Mrs. Wilbur Thomas. Phone 47, Merkel, Texas.

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LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS

A stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., will be held Saturday, Dec. 11, at 8 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

O. B. Leach, W. M.
Carl Black, Secretary.

Suggestions Made for FFA Chapter Contests

Roy B. Mefford, area supervisor of vocational agriculture education, gave suggestions on chapter contests to a meeting of the Abilene district of Future Farmers of America Wednesday night at the Abilene high school. Chapter conducting contests will be held Jan. 25 at Abilene high school for the Abilene district.

C. H. Collinsworth, vocational agriculture instructor in Merkel High school, and several boys from the Merkel FFA chapter attended the area meeting, at which representatives were also present from Tuscola, Rule, Lawn, Winters, Aspermont, Haskell, Bradshaw and Abilene.

Office supplies—Mail office.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

Plainview Minister Accepts Call From First Baptist Church

Rev. A. A. Brian of Plainview, now serving his second year as missionary of the 20 counties composing district nine of Texas, has accepted the call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church in Merkel and will move here Jan. 1, with his wife and three children. Previously he had been pastor at Levelland for four years and at Littlefield for two years.

Rev. Mr. Brian was educated at Wayland college in Plainview and Hardin-Simmons university and is a graduate of Howard Payne college. He also completed the seminary at Fort Worth.

He succeeds Rev. C. R. Joyner, who resigned the pastorate here about two months ago to accept a call to the Spur Baptist church.

During the remainder of December, Dr. E. B. Atwood of Hardin-Simmons university will continue as supply pastor.

Largents Winners in All Classes Entered Chicago International

Exhibiting in 11 classes out of 19, C. M. Largent and Sons were winners in every class entered in the International Livestock show at Chicago last week.

They entered six single classes, winning three first, one second and two third ribbons, while in the group classes they won one first, two second and two fifth places.

All told, they won one blue ribbon more than any other exhibitor in the show.

Second Offset at Noodle Creek Dry

The R. H. Roark No. 1 Toombs, north offset to the McKemie No. 1 W. W. Toombs extension of the old Noodle creek field, was being plugged Thursday after drilling into salt water at 2,490 feet.

The McKemie No. 1 Gerald Derrick, a west offset, was abandoned last week.

Five Burn to Death.

St. Michel De Wentworth, Quebec, Dec. 9.—A mother and four children were burned fatally and six persons were injured when fire destroyed a wooden two-story home here.

Seven Roosevelts at Harvard. Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 9.—President Roosevelt's only remaining student representative at Harvard is his youngest son, John, but the Roosevelts now there total seven. Besides the president's son are Quentin, Joseph Willard, Archibald Bulloch, Jr., James West, Daniel Stewart and Henry Parrish.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

Office supplies—Mail office.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Alice Rose was reported slightly better Thursday morning. She suffered a stroke a week ago last Sunday and her condition since has been considered serious.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Green of San Angelo were guests Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell of Blair. Mrs. Green is a sister of Mrs. Mitchell.

Mrs. George Woodrum, who entered Hendrick Memorial hospital Tuesday morning as a medical patient, was brought back the following day to her home here and is resting very well.

When Mrs. D. W. Rankin and Mrs. Less Claussen of Big Spring came last week for a visit with their mother, Mrs. M. L. Holden, they brought Mrs. Frost of Sweetwater also for a visit in the Holden home, all returning Thursday.

Mrs. M. V. Mitchell, one of Merkel's oldest residents in point of age, continues critically ill.

Mrs. S. A. Derstine, Miss Mary Derstine and Mrs. B. P. Middleton and son, Bobby Jack, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Derstine at Lamesa last week. Mrs. Olin Lusby of Ozona arrived last week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis.

Mrs. R. A. Walker and daughter, Miss Robbie Walker, returned Monday from a visit of several days in Paris. They accompanied another daughter, Mrs. Comer Patterson, and Mr. Patterson, of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Knight and son have removed to Wichita Falls. Mr. Knight, who has been a partner the past year in the P. & K. Service station, will be engaged in the florist business there.

Mrs. J. W. Burrow, Mrs. E. C. Robinson, Mrs. Jess Freeman and Miss Mildred Fae Freeman, all of Rotan, were passing guests of Supt. and Mrs. Connor Robinson Wednesday. Mrs. Burrow is Mr. Robinson's grandmother, Mrs. Robinson, his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wheeler of Loraing are visiting his sister, Mrs. J. H. Witcher, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wheeler and three children of Loraing also visited their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Witcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Harlow of Brownwood were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson, Mrs. Harlow and Mrs. Patterson are sisters.

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Merkel Girl One of Four Tying for Top Honors at McMurry

On the mid-semester honor roll of McMurry college, announced by Dean R. G. Boger, Miss Anna Lou Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church of Merkel, was in a four-way tie for top honors with students from Floydada and Abilene, each with 69 honor points to their credit.

Miss Church, who is a senior, is also a member of the McMurry Chanters and the Girls' quartette.

The other three students tying for top place were: Cleo Burch, Floydada, junior; Alex Bickley, senior, and Joe Herman Rucker, junior, both of Abilene.

Charter Member of Greek Club.

Abilene, Dec. 9.—Austin Varner, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Varner of Merkel, is listed as a charter member of Philkoine, newly organized Greek club of Abilene Christian college.

Mistaker for Deer.

Mena, Ark., Dec. 9.—Mistaken for a deer, by a hunting companion, Robert L. Berry, 28, of Mena, was shot to death 25 miles southeast of here in the Ouachita national forest area.

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Brother of Two Merkel Men Dies at Ada, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church and Messrs. J. W. and Ben Wheeler went to Ada, Okla., last week to attend the funeral Saturday of R. O. Wheeler of that place.

Mr. Wheeler was a brother of John and Ben Wheeler of Merkel, and they are the only survivors of the immediate family, besides the wife of the deceased, Mr. Church is a nephew.

Got a Buck This Time.

Rev. R. A. Walker and Bill Fugat returned Wednesday night from a second hunting trip to South Texas, the former bringing back a three-point buck. Homer Patterson and Paul Douglass, others in the party, had not returned Thursday morning.

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John Roland of Albuquerque, N. M., spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Artman, shaking hands with a number of old friends of the days long gone. He also is spending some time with his son and family in Blackwell.

Mrs. S. E. Porter came home Saturday from Plainview and Wellington, where she spent Thanksgiving.

We are glad to report W. G. Oliver much improved after several days of illness.

Mrs. J. B. Whisenhunt of Eden is here visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Perry.

The girls basketball tournament will be held here Friday and Saturday of this week and, if you like good basketball, come over. There are twenty teams entering.

The boys are sponsoring a tournament here next week-end with a number of entries.

"Achievement Day" for the Divide Home Demonstration club was last Monday at the home of Mrs. Glenn Elliott, with a nice crowd present, and a good time was enjoyed with the agent. This completes their year's work.

Nocha Egger was called to Brownwood Friday to the bedside of his mother, who is very sick. He returned home Sunday, as she was some improved.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Q. Berry of Goldthwaite were visitors Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Holder.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Moore announce the arrival of a baby son at their home Saturday afternoon. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Ernest Parrish and Bowen Hammond were in Abilene Saturday to see the football game.

Mail Classified Ad for Results.

List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The jury panel in 104th district court for next week includes the following names:

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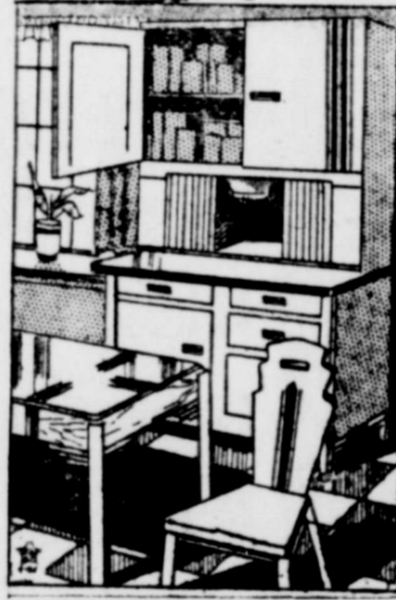
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Bob Steele Returns In New Fast-Action Thriller of Range

It's stage coach robbery and murder on the range that cause the gripping complications in Republic's last western release, "Ridin' the Lone Trail," which shows at the Queen theatre Friday and Saturday, starring Bob Steele.

This promises to be a new and stream-lined western, extraordinary emphasis having been placed by Director Sam Newfield on photography and sound.

Bob Steele, who won such flattering acclaim last year through the series of outstanding westerns for Republic, has been brought back by public demand, and it appears that just as long as fans swarm theatre managers with requests for more Steele pictures, just so long will Steele pictures be made.

There's plenty of mystery and high suspense in "Ridin' the Lone Trail," and this element, added to some outstanding action scenes, give the plot a flavor of thrilling excitement.

Three Great Stars in "Wife, Doctor, Nurse," Year's Gayest Romance

The talents of three grand stars, Loretta Young, Warner Baxter and Virginia Bruce are brilliantly blended in "Wife, Doctor and Nurse," gay and penetrating Twentieth Century-Fox drama with a catch in its heart and a twinkle in its eye, which opens at the Saturday night "Owl" show, also Monday and Tuesday, at the Queen theatre.

Two modern women who thought they could reason about love, and a man who wouldn't listen to reason, are the highlights of one of the year's most exceptional pictures, a gay romantic story in the mood of today, which features an important supporting cast including Jane Darwell, Sidney Blackmer, Maurice Cass, Minna Gombell and Margaret Irving.

The three-cornered drama of "Wife, Doctor and Nurse" begins when Warner Baxter, a prominent doctor who has time for little outside his work, is attracted by the loveliness of one of his patients, Loretta Young, a charming society girl, with whom he falls in love.

Following the handsome doctor's

marriage, his beautiful nurse, Virginia Bruce, discovers that a strong attachment has grown between them in the years of their association and which, on her part, has ripened into love. Realizing that under such circumstances she cannot continue in her present capacity, she leaves the doctor's employ.

Baxter is restless and irritated because of her absence. Loretta, noticing the change in her husband, arranges a meeting with Virginia where they have a heart-to-heart talk over the teacups about the man with whom both are in love. At first Virginia resolves never to see Baxter again but when left alone she considers the situation in a different light and returns.

Matters now become complicated for all concerned—Loretta who wonders how much of her husband's time a wife has the right to demand—Baxter, who can't understand why these clever modern women aren't sensible about their emotions—and Virginia, whose conscience is troubled with the vital question, "Where can a woman draw the line between loyalty to a man, and love?"

Baxter maintains that Virginia is essential to his work but that he loves only his wife. Loretta, however, believes that although her husband may say he loves her, he is not being honest with himself. With that thought in mind, she plans to go to Reno.

The sparkling solution is found in a meeting of the three which results in a dramatic, yet humorous and entertaining compromise which paves the way for a happy climax.

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New Officers Named By Woodmen Circle

At the regular meeting of Merkel Grove No. 536, Woodmen Circle, on Dec. 2, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Past guardian, Mrs. Lila Rea; guardian and presiding officer, Mrs. Winnie Turner; adviser, Mrs. Nancy Polley; financial secretary, Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth; banker, Mrs. Irene Barnes; chaplain, Mrs. Ruby Jinks; attendant, Mrs. Annie Walker; organist, Mrs. Renna Keifer; captain, Mrs. Lillian Mathews; auditors, Mrs. Sallie Gantt, Misses Luna and Maurine White; the assistant attendant and inner and outer sentinels are to be elected later.

A public installation for these officers will be held in the early part of January. The W. O. W. have been invited to join with the Circle in a joint installation.

Mrs. Winnie Turner, guardian, presided for the meeting, and the drill team seated the officers, District

Manager Katie Tidwell was introduced and was given the honor salute.

A Christmas tree, which convenes on Dec. 18, it was voted to have a Christmas tree and program. Every member is urged to bring a small gift for the tree.

A Christmas box is being prepared for the Home at Sherman and every member is also requested to bring a

small gift for the box as well as the gift for the Christmas tree.

Members of the Grove have been invited to attend a banquet to be given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Gafford, charter members of Trent Grove No. 668. The banquet was scheduled at 7:30 Thursday night, Dec. 9.

Leviathan is Sold.
New York, Dec. 9.—Rejecting a Japanese bid for the 23-year-old Leviathan, the United States lines announced the sale of the World war-time troopship to Metal Industries, Ltd., of London, for about \$800,000.
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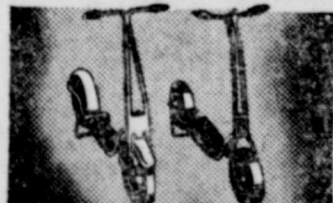
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ANNUAL LOVE FEAST

Members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class annually hold a "Love Feast" at Christmas time and all members and ex-members of the class are invited.

Mrs. Yates Brown gave a piano solo and Mrs. Bill Haynes told a Christmas story as the opening program.

A most delectable turkey menu replete with holiday viands, was served to the following: Mrs. Earl Lassiter of Big Spring, Mrs. Jinks Winters of Lawn, Mrs. L. B. Scott of Anson, Mrs. Mary Bearden of Dallas, Mrs. Andy Brown, Sweetwater, Mesdames Luke Huddleston, George McDonald, J. J. Toombs, all of Abilene, Mesdames W. W. Haynes, Lige Gamble, Self, Brown, Myers, Ford, Booth, Largent, Swann, King, Moorehead, Childress, Warren, McFarland, Deavers, Barnes, Melton, Dye, Earhman, Mansfield, Collins, Renfro, Barnett, Fulton, Angus and Miss Mae Lassiter.

METHODIST STEWARDS GUESTS OF WIVES.

Wives of the stewards of the Methodist church served a delectable turkey dinner to the official board at their monthly meeting in the parlors of the church Tuesday evening.

Rev. C. A. Bickley, presiding elder of the Abilene district, and Mrs. Bickley were special guests.

Others enjoying the delightful affair were Rev. and Mrs. John H. Crow, Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong, Messrs. and Mesdames Herbert Patterson, Vernon Hudson, Eli Case, Dee Grimes, T. G. Bragg, W. W. Toombs, Tom Coats, Roy Baccus, Wrenn Durham, Frank Golladay, C. P. Church, S. M. Hunter, Forest Gaither, A. T. Sheppard, Lee Cox, E. O. Carson and R. M. Ferguson.

KING'S DAUGHTERS.

In the home of Mrs. John Crow, with Mesdames Black, Williams, Sutphen, Golladay and Hutcheson as hostesses, the King's Daughters class assembled for their annual Christmas party on Tuesday afternoon.

The weather had just tinged enough of winter for every one to be in a gala spirit.

With Miss Christine Collins at the piano, the class sang "Joy to the World," followed by prayer by Mrs. Frazier. Mrs. Armstrong gave the Christmas story. Mesdames Patterson and Hodge rendered beautiful solos, which were very appropriate for the occasion, and Miss Lottie Butman gave an interesting Christmas reading that caused much merriment, then the gifts from a lovely tree were enjoyed.

The hostesses passed fruit cake topped with cream, salted nuts, mints, olives and pineapple juice. Besides the hostesses, Mesdames Tucker, Hollingsworth, Estes, King, McCoy, Hill, Pea, B. M. Williams, Richards, Armstrong, Coats, Curb, Frazier, Patterson, Campbell, Watts, McRee, Collins, Crow, Russell, Cox and visitors, Mesdames E. M. McDonald, Hodge, Patterson, Misses Collins and Butman and Bobby Neil Jinkens enjoyed the afternoon.

JOLLY TIME SOCIAL OF THE ALATHEAN CLASS.

Forecasting the Christmas season in her decorations, Mrs. W. O. Boney opened her lovely Oak street home to the Alathean class on Wednesday afternoon of last week for their annual "jolly time" social.

Mesdames W. L. Johnson, Pick Algen and E. M. McDonald assisted Mrs. Boney in serving a two course luncheon consisting of turkey and all the trimmings. After a business meeting, names were passed and "Sunshine Sisters" remembered and all enjoyed their first "jolly time" social.

Class members registering were Mesdames W. A. McCandless, F. A. Polley, J. S. Swann, J. W. Saffie, Fred A. Baker, Sr., R. P. Fields, G. M. Sharp, W. V. Harris, H. G. Eddleman, W. L. Whately, O. B. Tatum, A. H. Zollinger, J. J. McNiece, J. T. Warren, B. C. Tipton, J. D. Porter, W. F. Patterson, J. Ben Campbell, J. M. Meeks, J. M. Ashby, John W. Newsom, E. O. Carson, Chas. West, T. J. R. Safford, J. T. Dennis, and the hostesses.

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB.

The Fortnightly Study club met in regular session Tuesday, Dec. 7, in the home of Mrs. J. T. Warren, with Mrs. F. C. McFarland as leader.

After the business meeting, Mrs. McFarland reviewed the life of Zora Gale, and Mrs. Connor Robinson reviewed the novel, "Borgia," by that author.

Guests of the club for the afternoon were Mrs. Olin Lusby of Ozona and Mrs. Earl Lassiter of Big Spring. Twenty-three club members answered to roll call with current events.

On Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 23, the club had a special called meeting in the home of Mrs. W. W. Haynes to hear the report from the meeting of the State Federated clubs, which was given by Mrs. Clyde Smith, delegate from this club to the meeting. A number of guests were present to hear this interesting and enthusiastic report.

JUNIOR STUDY CLUB.

The Fortnightly Study club are happily completing the organization of a Junior Study club which they are sponsoring. The group met in the home of Mrs. Weston West on Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of electing officers. A miscellaneous program, will be studied for the remain-

der of the club season, meetings to be held twice monthly in the homes. Mrs. Weston West is president, with Mrs. Wrenn Durham vice-president. Treasurer is Mrs. Lou Farrow, while Mrs. Raymond Ferguson will act as recording secretary. Mrs. Chester Collinsworth is the corresponding secretary and Miss Frances Marie Church, critic.

The membership is made up of Mesdames William Sheppard, John Grable, R. M. Ferguson, L. C. Zehnfennig, Pat Davis, Chester Collinsworth, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Geo. West, Jr., Weston West, Charles Largent, Fred Guitar, Jr., Wrenn Durham, Lou Farrow, Misses Ruby Jinkens, Lois Whiteley, Helen Reddell, Bessylea Church, Frances Marie Church, Wanda Hunter, Mary Collins, Mildred Burnett, Juanita Stroud.

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NURSES ENTERTAINED.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler entertained members of the Merkel Hospital staff on last Friday evening in their home on Oak street with a lovely Yuletide dinner. A turkey menu with seasonal accessories was served in courses. Entertainment was informal, by little Miss Sandra Sadler. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Caple, Misses Vivian Davis and Vera Richie, Mrs. Gladys McLean and Mrs. Nell Lee.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MEET.

The Woman's Missionary society of Grace Presbyterian church met for their monthly meeting in the church Monday afternoon, Dec. 6. Mrs. J. R. Walling was the leader for the program and gave the devotional centering around the Lord's Prayer. A round-table discussion of the articles in the December magazine of "Women and Missions," published by the Presbyterian Mission Boards, was conducted by Mrs. Walling, with all members present discussing various topics. Mrs. Connor Robinson was appointed leader for the January meeting.

Those present were Mesdames W. M. Elliott, Jim West, T. M. Smith, J. R. Walling, John West, Henry West and Connor Robinson.

BUILDERS CLASS.

The Builders class of young married women of Grace Presbyterian church met Thursday, Dec. 2, in the home of Mrs. Connor Robinson. Mrs. Robinson led the devotional and read the Christmas story of "The Other Wise Man." Following the devotional, Bible games and contests were played.

Candy canes were then dressed with red crepe paper by those present, in keeping with the Christmas decoration and spirit which prevailed, and a refreshment plate was served to the following: Mesdames M. A. Dunn, Ollie Fox, Bob Mayfield, George West, John West, Henry West and the hostess.

JOLLY NEIGHBORS.

The Jolly Neighbors met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Gaither on Thursday, Dec. 2. The evening was pleasantly spent in playing "84," the men being matched against the women.

A delicious refreshment plate was served to the following members and guests: Messrs. and Mesdames J. A. Grable, E. Clyde Smith, Raymond Ferguson, Herbert Patterson, Johnnie Cox, Miss Pauline Johnson, Mrs. F. E. Church, and guests, Mrs. Len Sublett Mr. and Mrs. Tom Grimes, Dr. J. P. Howard, T. H. Christopher.

Dog Walks 300 Miles Home.

Oldham, S. D., Dec. 9.—Duke, a black Great Dane, recently taken to Schuyler, Neb., to a new owner, was back at his home Monday, backtracking more than 300 miles in five and one-half days.

The merchants who advertise in this paper will give you the best values for your money.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

CHURCH SERVICES

Union Pre-Christmas Services December 19

Dr. E. B. Atwood, supply pastor of the First Baptist church, will preach the sermon for a pre-Christmas service in which the churches of the city will unite on Sunday evening, Dec. 19. The service will be held at the Presbyterian church, with special Christmas music by the combined choirs of the several churches under the direction of Miss Christine Collins.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Rev. Herschel Murphy of Cisco will do the preaching for the revival meeting that begins next Wednesday night, Dec. 15, at the Nazarene church. Rev. Mr. Murphy is also a great singer and those who miss these services will miss a great deal.

He will have with him a \$1,000 stereopticon outfit and about 600 beautiful colored pictures, which will be shown 15 minutes each evening.

Services will start at 7:15 p. m. Everybody is invited and we will appreciate the co-operation of all.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The six reporting Sunday Schools here had an attendance of 558 last Sunday, as compared with 593 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 634 were present.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Young people's meeting at 6:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM.

For Sunday, Dec. 12, at 6:15 p. m.: Theme, "Being Friends with Jesus." Song service. Scripture, Luke 10:25-27, Dorothy Lee Shannon, leader.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. As this is the pastor's day at Baird, there will be no preaching service, morning nor night. Every one is urged to attend Sunday School and also to be on time.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Dr. Atwood of Hardin-Simmons university will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. B. T. S. at 6:30 p. m. WMU at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock.

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.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching at 7 o'clock Saturday night, Bible study 10 a. m. Sunday. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7 o'clock. Bible study Friday night.

Scores Night Clubs, "Drug Store Saloon"

Closing of the Cat Claw club and Charley Blanks' place, Abilene night clubs, and riddance of Abilene of "the drug store saloon" were recommended in a bluntly worded report of the 104th district court grand jury Tuesday.

The report recommended that county and city authorities take immediate steps to close Cat Claw club and Charley's place.

"We recommend," read the report, "to our state representative, Bryan Bradbury, and to our state senator, Wilbourne B. Collier, that at the next session of the legislature a bill be introduced and passed to rid us of the drug store saloon."

Concurring in the report were O. N. Smith, H. B. Robertson, Roy Hunter, Leon Copeland, S. J. Foster, C. R. Waldrop, J. P. Keith, Joe Saunders, Walter Latia, Bob Mayfield, Roy Johnson. B. H. Gray was the only member of the grand jury not in the two-day session.

It was the second session of the grand jury in the present 104th court term. Ten indictments were returned Tuesday, including one for murder, one for wife desertion, one for child desertion, two for forgeries, one for felony check swindling, and four for driving while intoxicated.

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QUEEN THEATRE

Advertisement for Queen Theatre featuring "Always Warm and Comfortable" and "RIDIN' THE LONE TRAIL".

Advertisement for Eli Case & Son Grocery & Market listing various food items and prices.

Approaching Marriage Of Merkel Girl Told At Tea at Amherst

Mrs. L. A. Daniel entertained with a tea in her home at Amherst Thursday afternoon announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Gertrude Stanley, music teacher and supervisor in the Amherst schools and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley of Merkel, to Cleo Liles of Amherst.

Clusters of chrysanthemums and fern decorated the living room beautifully, and the tea table was covered with a lace cloth, in the center of which stood a miniature bride and groom. Around their feet were placed tiny scrolls, on which was printed the announcement of the marriage and the wedding date, Dec. 26.

Mrs. Bill Rowland presided at the table and poured from colored pottery. Tiny white tea sandwiches, cut in the shape of hearts and diamonds, and white mints were served.

Miss Noreinee Frazier, teacher in dramatics, read appropriate selections and special piano and vocal numbers were given by Mary Helen Whitfield and Margaret Hunter, Miss Whitfield sang "The First Time I Saw You" and "That Old Feeling." Mrs. Roy

McCrory had charge of the bride's book, which was decorated with white satin bows and two hearts bearing the names of "Gertrude" and "Cleo." Guests were members of the Amherst school faculty. They were Mesdames G. E. Applewhite, Arthur Lee Dunn, S. O. Hutchison, Minnie Lee Hodge, Frank Rogers, A. C. Freeman, Claude Coffey, J. E. Smith, Beason, M. C. Berry, Roy McCrory, Bill Rowland, J. W. Hunter, and Misses Chloa Harris, Margaret Hunter, Mary Helen Whitfield, Lillie V. Cameron, Dorris Hunter, Myatt, Norienne Frazier and Carrie Ivy.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

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Large grocery advertisement for Eli Case & Son listing items like lettuce, bananas, grapefruit, and various meats with prices.