# Keeping Up With Texas

Dr. A. C. Scott, Sr., 75, skilled surgeon, cancer expert and hospital administrator, of Temple, died Sunday of a heart attack. A pioneer in the use of gas anaesthesia, he won fame for his experiment with the hot (cautery) knife in the removal of

Walter Sherman, 58, died at an Austin hospital Monday from injuries received when he was struck by a car at a street intersection there early Sunday night.

More than 13,500 aliens had regis tered prior to Saturday in El Paso, Postmaster M. L. Burleson of the border city announced. He estimated that 15,000 will have signed before registration ends Dec. 26.

Betty Lou Barton, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barton of Ranger, died Monday morning from injuries received when she was struck by an automobile on the downtown streets Friday night.

By a one-vote margin residents of Putnam voted wet Saturday in a local option election. Of the 179 total the post office on Elm streeet. votes cast, 90 favored the sale of four per cent beer and 89 were against.

Jester L. Bailey, 25, employee of the Ford Motor company, Dallas, was killed Saturday in an automobile accident near Greenville. Bailey suffered a crushed skull when his car left the highway three miles east of Greenville and overturned.

B. L. Jones, Sr., is the new presithat body and is secretary of the with the usual city alley on the west. National Farm Loan association at Anson. A former Merkel man, L. B. Anson chamber of commerce.

ed and three other persons critically family. injured when fire early Saturday destroyed the Bonilla home in the

d of \$96.915. with \$137,235.

killed and Irland McIlvain, 40, which is a hallway leading to the ed at the P.-T. A. booth. Cleveland, O., suffered a severed leg alley. Off this hallway is a men's early Monday when they were struck rest room. At the end of the corridor by a railroad switch engine at Hous- is the elevator hatch. The operating

Dr. M. J. Ferguson, 58, of Mexico, of the building. D. F., was killed Monday in an autotruck collision on highway 77, about Case Home is Damaged est Hallowe'en costumes; judges will one mile south of Lancaster. Dr. Ferguson, accompanied by his wife, was en route to Tulsa, Okla., when his car smashed into a southbound Antonio, Mrs. Ferguson received

After a record of 144 days without a traffic fatality, death's Dallas holiday ended after Edwin Lucky, 42, died at noon last Thursday from the effects of a crash early in the morning at a Dallas street intersection. ing on high, which resulted in melt- Co-Operative, Inc., the beginning of Lucky was thrown out of his machine ing out the bottom of a stewer and and his head struck the curb.

With only two small boxes out, the result of Tuesday's election in Coleman county was 2,169 against the sale of beer to 815 for.

Katherine Henderson, deputy district school superintendent, with headquarters at San Angelo, was killed Wednesday in an automobile collision in which four other persons were injured.

above the ground, the body of W. S. a plan sponsored by the Fortnightly Dunford, 26, of Wichita Falls, was Study club of raising funds in cash found Wednesday on an oil derrick to care for the job. on the Jere Barnes lease, 14 miles

from Electra. Dr. J. Howard Williams, Amarillo minister and president of the Texas the county force, which graded and Gardner, with six members present. ed later for re-opening of the drug Baptist convention, Wednesday night cleaned the streets, and from use of accepted a call to become pastor of the city's trucks. the First Baptist church at Oklahoma City, second largest in the South.

# Sewing Room Project In Another Location

Removal of sewing room equipment from the John West building to the Jones building on Edwards street took place over the week-end and work was started under a new project ing into government loan this year. Monday morning at the new quarters.

Number of workers employed at present is 25, it was stated Thursday morning by Mrs. Bonnie Griswold, supervisor, and about 1,000 gar-

ments are made each month. The display now in the windows is the same which was exhibited at books of the bank was only a little Mesdames H. C. Reid, Connor Robin- the Noodle school, it is announced next, the object being to see which tries and bid our kind host and hosthe West Texas Fair. Visitors are more than \$100,000, it was stated by son, Hoit Vaughn, Grover Gilbert, C. by W. J. Bicknell, president. Every line could get the peanuts to the far tess goodnight. welcome at all times.

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On the "Broadway of America"

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# WORK BEGINS ON MERKEL'S NEW **FUNERAL HOME**

Company. On Elm Street.

Staking lines and digging foundations got under way Thursday morning for the modern new funeral home of the Barrow-Sheppard company, to be erected on a lot 64x48 feet recently purchased by A. B. Barrow and A. T. Sheppard from G. M. Sharp, just across the street from

General contract was let to J. L. White of Merkel, the total cost to run approximately \$7,500. Plumbing and electrical contracts are to be let separately and are not included in the general contract.

The building proper, which will The building proper, which will occupy 50x48 feet, fronting 50 feet Gym Thursday Night on Elm street, will be of hollow tile, with stucco finish, with hardwood dent of the Anson chamber of com- floors throughout. A private driveway merce. He is the third president of of 14 feet is provided on the east,

Provision is made in the plans for a chapel, 23 by 42 feet, in the east Scott, was the first president of the portion of the building, to be equipped with movable steel chairs for 125 A Mexican mother and three of her persons. A mortuary organ will be children burned to death, the father, installed here, with space for the Dominga Bonilla, was fatally burn- choir and a private section for the

lobby, 10x16 feet, with a ladies' a short program from the stage at Doole community, 30 miles northwest lounge and rest room at the east end; 8 o'clock and the presentation of all out questionnaires and return them as election judge. Polls will open at and fired a bullet pass 12 yards over Houston's building permit total for the private office. From the lobby Each grade in Grammar and High given by registrants will be used in 1940 passed \$19,500,000 last week as one entrance opens to the chapel and school has selected its queen who will classifying draftees. the bayou city led the state with one to a corridor, from which stairs all be presented to the Carnival \$280,950 in permits. Corpus Christi lead to the mezzanine floor— a discrewed from the stage at 8 o'clock. the first draft will be answered by Mrs. Sam Swann, T. L. Grimes and in complete control of the situation. was in third place with a seven-day play room running the full length of The two winning queens, of this 1,573 Texans, it was announced Wed-George T. Moore. he building and half the width.

# By Fire Sunday Noon

Fire that started in the kitchen truck driven by Joe Jiminez of San of the Eli Case home about noon Sunday spread to the adjoining dinbruises and lacerations. Jiminez was ing room and hall, considerable damage from smoke resulting also to other portions of the interior of the house, especially wall paper and draperies and some furnishings.

> The fire was caused by oversight in leaving an electric stove unit burnigniting the meat which was being prepared. The flames caught the woodwork in the corner of the kitchen.

Damage to the house and furnishings is covered by insurance.

## Cemetery Clean-Up **Program** is Started

Work started Monday morning on Dangling by a safety belt 80 feet cleaning up Rose Hill cemetery under

> Contract was let to W. S. Hickam, Mrs. Elma McFarland, committee second meeting of the year in the work will be finished by the middle chairman, announced, with help from home of the chairman, Mrs. C. B. of next week. Date will be announced

More funds are still needed to complete the work, according to the original program.

# **Government Loan Cotton Over \$300,000**

Figures from the Farmers & Merchants National bank indicate a very large portion of the cotton crop is go-

As of the close of business Wednesday, the Merkel bank was carrying government loan cotton to the amount of \$316,882.35, which at an average of \$45 per bale figures over 7.000 hales.

In 1938 the item as carried on the Booth Warren, cashier.

# STREET LEADING TO CEMETERY TO BE RE-GRAVELED

Elm street all the way to the cemetery and the block south from the cemetery entrance to the highway Modern New Structure, to be available, this stretch of .8 of a mile Erected by Barrow-Sheppard will be hot topped, it was stated by County Commissioner Jack Canon Wednesday night.

> The county has already graded the street from the end of the paving at

> Commissioner Canon stated that Kent street would also be re-graveled from the end of the hot top section of work done by the city, and, if funds allotted would permit, a portion of this road also be hot topped.

# All in Readiness for

Doors will be opened at 7 p. m. this Thursday night for the annual High School gymnasium under the sponsorship of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association, and all is in readiness for an evening of fun for adults and children.

Each grade will have a fun or food booth with room mothers and teachers of each grade in charge. The Merkel High School band under the The front entrance opens on a direction of Richard Young will give the number allotted on their quota. group are to be determined by the nesday night by Adj. Gen. J. Watt James W. Wilson, 65, Houston, was floor, is the slumber room, back of votes at one cent each to be record-

> room occupies the northwest corner nival (10:15). At this time, also, a call quota for the state. fifty cent prize will be presented to the boy and the girl with the clevertheir decision. A \$2.50 prize will be given the grade turning in the most money at the Carnival close. Door (Continued on Page Two)

# Crews Get Started

Monday morning ten men working for the lines of the Taylor Electric which work was delayed last week waiting for a shipment of wire.

Supt. Johnny Cox again calls at tention to members of the urgency of getting the house wiring done, es- Patterson Building pecially in the Merkel area, as the co-op cannot start setting meters and entrance switches until houses are wired and inspected.

# "This World of Ours"

The Study Group of the Merkel Parent-Teacher association met Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 9:30 a. m. for its

Based on the general subject for store. the year, "This World of Ours," the program centered around a discussion View Townsite Pool prepared by Dr. U. H. Zehnpfennig on "Health in War and Peace," bringing out the importance of health education in the stages of child development: pre-natal, infant, preschool, primary and adolescent. "It's a Small World," by Malcolm McLean, was presented by Mrs. Connor Robinson, and Mrs. Holt Vaughn discussed "Sheep in McGuffey's Third Reader."

The next meeting of the group will be the Wednesday following the monthly general P.-T. association meeting. All who are interested in child welfare are invited.

Those present Wednesday were B. Gardner and Ed Sandusky.

# TEXAS TO CALL 1,573 MEN IN INITIAL DRAFT

J. I.. White Gets Contract for will be re-graveled and, if funds are Order Number for Draftees whose name will appear on the bal-Will be Next Step.

> First number drawn Tuesday in Route 4, of Taylor county draft board No. 2, outside of Abilene. Second number affecting those in Taylor county outside of Abilene was 192, serial number of Thomas Franklin Patterson, also of Route 4, Merkel.

In the lottery at Washington, 9,-000 numbers were drawn, but only those embraced in the highest serial Carnival Opening at number—1,855—in the district of Taylor county draft board No. 2 concerned those who had registered out side of Abilene. That was the total number of registrants with draft board No. 2.

Complete list of order numbers is Hallowe'en Carnival at the Merkel being printed by the Abilene daily paper, based on the serial number of not have access to a paper.

first men in the order list up through good.

The nation's first call for men in Mrs. A. R. Booth, Mrs. George White. quota of 30,000 men to be called be- ments. In the order named they protween Nov. 18 and Dec. 1, but head- vide: The winning Grammar School and quarters at Austin predicted Wed-High School queens will be crowned nesday that Texas will have suffi- Red River county may upon a vote on the stage at the close of the car- cient volunteers to complete the first

# roam through the crowd to make From Lumber Yard

Office of the Burton-Lingo company, which was burglarized a few years ago, was again broken into on Thursday night of last week, at which time an adding machine and a .22 Monday Sees Stringing rifle were stolen. A few cans of paint may have been taken also, it is reported by Clyde Bartlett, manager.

Entrance was made through a winin two crews started stringing wires dow on the north side of the office, after a hole had been cut in the glass through the hole in the window.

No clues as to the person or persons involved have yet been located.

# Is Being Repaired

Work started Monday morning on epairs to the west half of the Patterson building, which was damaged by fire some three weeks ago and this Study Group Topic portion of which will again be occupied by the Lee-Bailey drug store. The new ceiling, height of which is being lowered, will be of Celotex. It is expected that construction

Odessa No. 2 R. G. Fain

of 1,100 barrels, based on a gauged present to hear what he was told. flow of 362 barrels in eight hours But any way this was lots of fun and casion and members of both classes through three-fourth inch choke after many of us went away much wiser vote Mr. and Mrs. Thompson charmtreatment with 1,000 gallons of acid for having visited the witch. in lime at 2,365 to 2,410 feet.

Singing at Noodle. The regular series of Sunday night one is cordially invited to attend.

### VOTERS ASKED TO SCRATCH NAME J. E. McDONALD

In writing all precinct chairmen of the county to urge voters to scratch the name of J. E. McDonald, Determined by National Lot- lot as the democratic nominee for tery Tuesday; Questionnaires commissioner of agriculture, Judge James P. Stinson, county chairman, suggests that Taylor county democrats repudiate the man who has the national draft lottery at Wash- repudiated his party, and proposes ington, D. C., was 158, serial number that voters write-in the name of Wilof Jesse Franklin Russom of Merkel, liam N. Corry, Tarrant county, who of the season, 25-6. was defeated by McDonald in the July primary.

Last week McDonald was emphatic in announcing he would vote for Willkie for president, and immediately democratic leaders of the state met and launched the write-in campaign for Corry.

# Will Elect President Next Tuesday: Vote Amendments

Voters will indicate their choice each registrant. These papers are on from president to constable in the ing the ball tied the score at 6-6. file at The Mail office, if anyone national and state election to be held Highlight of this drive was a pass wishes to refer to the list and does next Tuesday. Of course, voters are play which was good for 55 yards aware that they vote only for presi- and a touchdown. The kick for extra When the local draft boards re- dential electors instead of for the point was no good. ceive their quotas in the first draft, president, but the phrase "from they will issue questionnaires for the president to constable" still holds second quarter Merkel was again on

Draftees will have five days to fill be at the Lions hall, with Sam Swann ed only when Melton stepped back at the west side of the lobby will be "queens" will precede this program. to the draft board, and information 8 a. m. and close at 7 p. m., as usual. the middle to Smith who was standing

On Tuesday's ballot also will be 'Yest of the corridor, on the main queen having the largest number of Page in Fort Worth. That is Texas' submitted four constitutional amend-

> "That the commissioners' court of of the qualified electorate therein, levy a tax and issue bonds to refund the outstanding warrant indebted-Adding Machine Stolen ness of the general fund of such Ginnings for Week

"That notaries public be appointed by the secretary of state of the state of Texas."

"That Article 16, Section 30, of the constitution shall not apply to appointive offices of any municipality placed under the terms and provisions of civil service."

"Authorizing the legislature to provide for appeals direct to the

# **BADGERS RUN** ROUGHSHOD OVER **SNYDER TIGERS**

Merkel Boys Register First Conference Win of Season; Roby Game Transferred to Merkel: Starting Time 7:45.

The Merkel Badgers ran roughshod over Snyder here last Friday night in scoring their first conference win

Scarcely five minutes of the game had elapsed when the Badgers recov-

ROBY PLAYS HERE Originally scheduled at Roby, the Roby - Merkel game Friday night has been transferred to Merkel, due to light attendance there. Starting time is 7:45 p. m.

ered a Tiger fumble near mid-field and on straight power plays pushed over their first touchdown. Bryant carried the ball around left end for 12 yards to score standing up. The place kick for extra point was missed.

Snyder received and without los-

Soon after the beginning of the the march. A drive which had start-Voting box in Merkel precinct will ed deep in their own territory end-Assisting Mr. Swann will be Miss on the three-yard line. "Smitty" Pauline Johnson, Mrs. V. B. Sublett, stepped over for the counter and from this point on the Badgers were The half ended with the score 12-6,

> The third quarter saw the Badgers threaten twice, but neither attempt carried over. However, a third drive paid off early in the fourth when 'Buster" Melton scampered 12 yards around his own left end to enter the

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# **Total 768 Bales**

Although 768 bales of cotton were turned out during the six days ending Wednesday night by the six gins in Merkel and those at Stith, Blair and Noodle, it is evident that the crop is rapidly being gathered, with possibly not more than 15 or 20 percent left in the fields.

Total for the season at these nine gins, according to this week's tabusupreme court in instances involving lation by The Mail, is 8,688 bales. and the lock opened by reaching the constitutionality of certain laws The final figure for the 1939 crop was around 6,800 bales..

# **MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO**

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, November 12, 1920.)

MR. AND MRS. THOMPSON ENTERTAIN. On Friday evening, Oct. 29, Mr. and up.

Mrs. L. R. Thompson entertained the Business Men's class and King's The well rated a daily potential these said wive insisted on being steaming hot coffee.

> nut contest. All the guests were ar- with them again soon. end and back the quickest, but those

at the far end instead of passing them back proceeded to eat them all

Little Miss Juanita Beene delighted us with a reading entitled "When the Minister Comes to Tea." Master Daughters class at their lovely home Sterling Sheppard also read for us on Oak street. This was one of the "Johnson's Boy." These readings were most delightful affairs of the Hal- both greatly enjoyed. We were next lowe'en season and Mr. and Mrs. given advertisements cut from mag-Thompson spared no pains in making azines and then cut in zigzag shapes a pleasant evening for their guests. and told to match them so as to make Jack o' lanterns were much in evi- a perfect whole. This caused much Given Largest Well dence to lend enchanting spirit to merriment as it seemed at first that the occasion. After the guests had none of the pieces would match The View Townsite pool gained its all assembled, a witch made her ap- but after a diligent search was made largest producer with the completion pearance in the dining room and de- all pieces were matched perfectly. last Friday of a railroad commission sired to tell our fortunes. The men We then found seats with our partpotential on the W. J. Walsh of were called first but the poor vic- ners and were served delicious retims had all brought their wives and freshments of pumpkin pie and

This was indeed a pleasant ocing entertainers and sincerely hope We were next arranged for a pea- they may find occasion to have us

ranged in two long lines and the head | The 12 o'clock hour had drawn of each line was given a handful of nigh before we could find courage singings will begin Sunday night at peanuts and told to pass them to the to tear ourselves from these pleasan-

-A Guest.

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# P.-T. A.

(Continued from Page One) admission is 5 cents to all

Door prizes, including a number of useful articles, such as a pound of coffee, two quarts of motor oil, a cake, two passes to the theatre, etc., donated by the merchants, will be given away from the stage.

Room mothers, teachers and other helpers were busy Thursday transforming the gymnasium into a Hallowe'en setting and food and fun galore will be on hand for all Merkel and its surrounding communities to enjoy Hallowe'en together.

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Owen Robertson and the help of Mrs. Lem Dudley, room representatives chairman of the P.-T. A., the following room mothers with the school faculty will be on hand at the various booths:

Primer - Mesdames Elsie Nash, Merritt Clements, Ray Mundy, A. R. Booth, Billy Cobb, Ellen Duncan, Leon Scott, Bob Sumpter, Dewey Sandusky, Owen Robertson.

First - Misses Imogene Schulze and Ruth West, Mesdames Forest Block, Chester Bryant, J. H. Clark, E. H. Hendricks, Sam Swann, Joe Weston, L. S. Tipton, W. T. Sadler. Second - Miss Alzada Pogue, Mes-

dames O. R. Douglas, Hollis McCoy. Third - Misses Vinnie Heizer and Mildred Holt, Mesdames Joe Risinger, Clark Mundy, J. H. West, M. T. Shults, Roy Harrell, A. W. Bailey, Weldon Coats, Carl Baccus.

Fourth - Misses La Verne Dunbar and Hettie Logan Clay, Mesdames A. B. Baker, R. H. Buchanan, Emmett Ayers, John L. Jones, Geo. West, Jr., Joe B. Toombs, F. Y. Joyce, Hubert Turner.

Fifth - Miss Billie Gardner and Mr. Jack Patterson, Mesdames Stanley Stanford, Bob McDonald, Leon Toombs, Ralph Walker, Earl Baze, Homer Foster, Denzel Cox, T. J.

Sixth - Miss Mamie Ellis and Mr. William Taylor, Mesdames Leonard Jinkens, Joe Seymore, Beatrice Speck, R. P. McLean, W. R. Click, Frank backs, Spikes, Nael, Reid and Blanch-Golladay, Chester Hutcheson, Nell ard. Groene, R. B. Bland.

Seventh - Mrs. Elmo Collins and Mr. Gordon Green, Mesdames Walter Teaff, A. A. McGehee, Holt Vaughn, Frank Simpson, Sam Allen, F. Y. Gaither, Grover Gilbert, L. S. Kings-

Freshman - Mr. Charles Clark, Mesdames H. Curington, Will Webb. Sophomore - Miss Willie Bell Elect Delegates to Virden, Mesdames Len Sublett, T. J. R. Swafford, B. R. Dingle, Clyde Bartlett, R. H. Mathews.

Junior - Mr. Carroll Benson, Mesdames Booth Warren, Clyde Sears, Dee Grimes, J. C. White.

Senior-Mesdames Comer Haynes, John Shannon, R. J. Miller, T. L. Grimes, J. S. Grant.

# Badgers

(Continued from Page Cne) promised land. The kick for extra Get Together?" point again failed.

At this point most of the "regu- members met with the teachers at great help to me. lars" left the game and the reserves the school building to elect a delegate started a drive on the Merkel 30 to the state meeting of the Parentthat netted 5 first downs, 70 yards Teacher association in Dallas in and 6 points. Smith went over right November. Mrs. Bud Winter, local tackle for 12 yards to score his sec- P.-T. A. president, was elected and ond touchdown of the night. Melton Mrs. Karl Bonneaux and Mrs. A. Roosevelt, the president's youngest cracked left guard for the extra Williamson, first and second alter- son, held draft No. 1874 which was

Individual honors went to several Members present were Mesdames in this game. Captain Davis led a A. Williamson, Carl Edwards, John hard charging line that opened gap- Wheeler, Jr., Bud Winter, Malcolm ing holes in the Tiger defense and Beasley, B. C. Lansford, Leslie Beasstopped cold every running trick the ley, G. Wilks, C. W. Edwards, John see County Commissioner Jack Canon visitors could muster. The ends, Cox Strawn, Hub Kegans, J. W. Tiner, and settle up before Nov. 12. and Hickam, were especially out- Karl Bonneaux. standing in stopping the wide sweeps for which the Tigers are famous.

On the backfield Melton and Smith played brilliant ball, the latter tered the Sadler Clinic last Friday years ago, should sink another three scoring two touchdowns. On defense for treatment and X-ray. Smitty backed the line to perfection and was a big reason Snyder's run- day for major surgery.

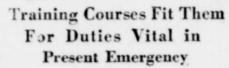
ning game failed to go. Roby's Lions will be here Friday tomy Tuesday. night, the game site having been shifted from Roby. Game time has ment during the week, were Mrs. Although the Statue of Liberty

The starting line-ups: Merkel - Ends, Cox and Hickam; er, Trent.

# WOMEN RALLY TO NATION'S DEFENSE IN RED CROSS VOLUNTEER SERVICES







JITH the call to the colors of more than a million of the nation's oung men, American women everyhere ask how they can volunteer their services to aid in the emergency. What part can women and girls play in national defense?

The American Red Cross, through its 3,700 Chapters and their branches, provides the answer. More than a haif million women already have enrolled to give their time in Red Cross voluneer services, according to Mrs. Dwight F. Davis of Washington, D. C., Chairman of Red Cross Volunteer Special Services. Through sewing and knitting a million garments for Europe's war victims, and making millions of surgisick, they have gained efficiency and experience which can be readily dicarted to the work for home defenses

the Red Cross is extending its training in the First Aid classes. courses through its Chapters. Women the health of the'- families, take sustain the morale of the sick. Nurse's ber 11 to 30.

Gibson and Derington; center, Mc-

Coy; backs Melton, Bryant, Harrell

Statistics-First downs, Merkel 15,

Snyder 5. Passes completed, Merkel

cepted by, Merkel 1, Snyder 1. Punts,

Merkel 3 for 118, Snyder 6 for 134.

Penalties, Merkel 7 for 25, Snyder

5 for 35. Yards gained rushing, Mer-

State PTA Meeting

Trent, Oct. 31 .- The Trent P .- T.

monthly meeting Wednesday, Oct. 23,

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. Sam Mashburn, Route 1, en-

Mrs. Bud Winter registered Sun-

Mrs. Leo Harris had a tonsillec-

kel 280, Snyder 70.

and Smith.



cal dressings for war wounded and Top left, millions of garments and surgical dressings made for war victims by uniformed women; right, Nurse's Aides trained to serve in hospital clinics; Gray Ladies trained to give morale building services in military and civilian hospitals. All are volunteers who give time to this work of mercy every day.

In order to prepare most efficiently Courses; those who wish to learn how expert registered nurses in clinics and for any emergency which may come, to aid the victim of an accident, enroll hospitals and this training is limited

The Gray Lady Corps is composed many hospitals. motorists are trained for the Red of volunteers who require more spe-Cross Motor Corps; girls who wish to cialized training and this is available humanity" program is supported by volunteer for office work, train for the only in those chapters near military the memberships of the American pub-Staff Assistance Corps; other thou- hospitals. The Gray Ladies are the lic and every patriotic man and women sands join the Canteen Corps; women visitors in military and civilian hospiand girls who wish to learn to protect tals giving those aids and comforts to Chapter during the Roll Call, Novem-

should the need arise, Mrs. Davis said. Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick | Aides are trained to assist doctors and at present to regions where there are

The Red Cross "preparedness for

# tackles, Davis and Reynolds; guards, Week's Menu Listed For School Cafeteria

Menu for the week beginning Snyder-Ends, Lefwich and Terry; Monday, Nov. 4, with the exception vertising columns this week of an oftackles, Setes and Mebane; guards, Erwin and Miles; center, Snyder; will be closed on account of national company, whereby free band instruelection day, follows:

2 of 5, Snyder 4 of 10. Passes inter-

Tuesday-Closed, (Election.) carrot slaw, cornmeal muffins, milk, tor. cup cakes-raisin sauce. Thursday - Scalloped potatoes,

eam, spinach, eggs, cornmeal muffins, peaches, cookies. Friday-Beans, diced pork, butter-

ed cabbage, cornmeal muffins, milk, field, Tuesday, October 29, 1940. trip carrots, apple strip pie.

#### A. Study group held its regular Insurance Man Extends in the home of Mrs. A. Williamson. Thanks for Business Mrs. B. C. Lansford was leader of

the subject, "Good Routines for the To the People of Merkel Territory:

Pre-School Child." Mrs. Williamson I take this method of expressing read and discussed with members the my sincere appreciation for the subject for which Mrs. L. N. McRee splendid business I have had in this was leader, as she was unable to be territory, also to all Policy-Holders present, "Can Parents and Teachers of Ideal Security Life Insurance Co., for the co-operation that you have After adjournment of the meeting given me, which has been such a

H. L. Willis.

#### Holds Late Number. Nahant, Mass., Oct. 31. - John

drawn 7298th early Wednesday.

NOTICE TO FARMERS. Those owing bills to the county for

terracing and tanking are asked to The 549-foot San Jacinto monu-

ment near Houston has settled 2.8 inches since its construction three inches in the next five years, University of Texas foundation engineering expert says.

Sixty-seven thousand tons of water Other patients, received for treat- go over Niagara Falls every minute. been changed from 8 o'clock to 7:45. Bob Riney, A. D. Barnes, Mrs. R. B. was completed in 1883, it was not Buntin, Trent, and Mrs. F. M. Coop- unveiled on Bedloe's Island until Oct. 28, 1886.

## Way to Assist Band **Get Free Instruments**

Announcement is made in the adof Tuesday, when the lunch room fer being made by the Iowa Soap ments will be given the Merkel Bad-Monday-Tamale pie, cabbage-ap- ger band in exchange for box tops ple slaw, muffins, milk, apple sauce from Magic Washer Soap powder and from Nola Pure White Soap Flakes.

Further information may be secur-Wednesday-Irish stew, cabbage- ed from Richard Young, band direc-

# Record of Births

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Horton, Thursday, October 24, 1940. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Green-

Pillows for Rent. The Girls Scouts will rent pillows

at the game with Roby Friday night

The United States is the only maj or agricultural country in the world without an agricultural museum, so the Agricultural History society has set up a committee to study the need for a musem of this kind.

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Bethany, Mo., Oct. 31.-Clothier E. B. Thompson advertised "suit free the Pan-American games, proposed if drafted." First man eligible-if as a substitute for the cancelled he's called into service— was Jack Olympics, has been deferred until Klindt, Thompson's own employee-

### Pamphlet Denounced.

New York, Oct. 31. - Democratic and republican leaders both have denounced a circular attacking the Georgia Warm Springs foundation a "private business operated for

Many persons plant bulbs too closely together. Large-growing ones should be about eight inches apart and the small bulbs about two or three inches apart, according to scientists at the Cornell University Experiment station.

#### Postpone Action.

New York, Oct. 31.-Decision on early next year, it was announced and he just had ordered a new suit. Wednesday by the American Olympic association.

# NOTICE!

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on the railroad track the first of the week.

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part. Use Magic Washer and Nola Flakes---give the tops to your

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#### TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

past week-end in Sonora visiting and Sunday night. their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor and Jo.

Mrs. C. C. McRee, who is ill at this writing, has as her guest her mother, Mrs. Matheny of Abilene.

Smithy Ogletree, who is working! and Sunday with home folks.

A. W. Woods left early Sunday morning for Houston to attend the annual Red and White convention Sunday with Iris Eoff.

where Mr. Jones is now employed Collins and Lucille Crick, of Merkel. and where they will make their home.

Trent school were given the typhoid course in Abilene. serum on Thursday of last week, with Dr. W. T. Sadler and Dr. Urban Fort Worth. Zehnpfennig of Merkel in charge, assisted by the county nurse, Miss Alma Richardson, and Miss Vivian Davis.

#### HALLOWE'EN PARTY.

last Wednesday evening in the home Officers are: of Rev. and Mrs. Fred Porter.

out in the house decorations and Rose McCain; reporter, Mary O'Leta games with a Hallowe'en touch to Dixon; sponsor, E. E. Read. them were played.

stripped candy, was served to the fol- ton Foster; sponsor, A. D. Hill. lowing: Betty Howell, Roy Coats, Jonnie Roberts, Jack Graham, Wan- busy selecting members for our "An- meetings. da Stribbling, Wilma Stribbling, nual," and finally decided on the fol-Neely Tittle, Billy Tittle, Edith lowing: Harriss, Avis Neill, Mary Lou O'Rear, Leo Reynolds, Charlene assistant editor-in-chief, Charles Car-Jones, Ladie Fred Crain, Alice Carey, ter; class editor, Juanita Morgan; guest Tuesday of Mrs. Price Melton. Dorothy Hood, Vera Bright, Mrs. A. art editor, Dorothy Barbee; activity Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Orvin editor, Rose McCain; athletic editor, Robinson and Jerry and Rev. and Wanee Tarpley; business manager, Mrs. Porter.

#### TRENT OVERWHELMS BRADSHAW.

their fourth conference game of the for the girls are purple and gold.

Billy Jones made three of the touchdowns for Trent and Billy Joe Purser made the other. H. H. Jones added the two extra points ..

First downs-Bradshaw 7. Trent

The starting line-up for Trent was: John Armour and Billy Jones, ends; Othell O'Kelly, center; John Barnes, quarterback; H. H. Jones, half back; Billy Tittle, fullback,

As yet, Trent has not been scored on in their conference games. On Friday afternoon they meet Tuscola at 2:30 p. m. on their home field for their fifth conference game.

The winners of this Friday's game will, in all probability, be the county champions.

# QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday - Saturday - Roy Rogers, Geo. (Gabby) Hayes in "The Ranger and the Lady;" also Popeye cartoon, 2-reel Edgar Kennedy comedy and "Adventures of Red Ryder," new thrilling chapter play.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee and Monday night-"The Westerner." based on the life story of Judge Roy Bean, "The Law West of the Pecos," with Gary Cooper, Walter Brennan. Tuesday only-"A Fugitive from

Justice," with Roger Pryor, Lucille Fairbanks. Wednesday - Thursday - Brought

Sylvia Sidney, Fred McMurray; added, selected short subjects. Preview next week - "Knute Rockne."

back by special request, "Trail of the Lonesome Pine," with Henry Fonda,

# Roistering Judge Bean Portrayed By the Scene Stealer, Walter Brennan

Action-filled scenes, suspenseful drama and romance with a punch sweep across the screen in Samuel Goldwyn's "The Westerner," which comes to the Queen theatre Saturday preview. Sunday matinee and Monday night. "The Westerner" has Gary Cooper in the title role, and the supporting cast features such brilliant players as Walter Brennan, Doris Davenport, Fred Stone, Lilian Bond

and Forrest Tucker. Cooper plays the type of he-man, outdoor role which has made him one of the screen's top-notch actors, portraying quick-on-the-trigger Cole

# NOODLE NEWS

Brother Melvin Byrd preached at Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Winn spent the the Noodle Baptist church Sunday

> Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Phillips of Goodman visited Sunday in the home of her sister, Mrs. Waldo Cox.

Mrs. Guy Westerman and children, Betty Jane, Billy, Audry Fay and Ernest Stuart spent the past Myrtha, from Cross Plains, visited week-end with his uncle in San An- in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Swope Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Cantrell and in Brownwood now, spent Saturday children visited over the week-end in the home of her mother, Mrs. A. C.

Miss Yvonne Howard spent the day

Miss Fannie Boaz had as her com-Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jones and pany Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bickchildren have gone to Amarillo, nell and daughters and Misses Mary

Miss Imagean Bird returned home One hundred and eight pupils of this week-end. She is taking a beauty left Saturday in response to a tele-

### **Noodle School News**

The seniors and juniors of the The Young People's class of the Noodle high school met Tuesday of ness trip to Big Spring last week. Missionary Baptist church were en- last week for the purpose of electing end. tertained with a Hallowe'en party officers for the current school year.

Seniors-president, Iris Eoff; vice- his family and other relatives over The Hallowe'en spirit was carried president, Charles Carter; secretary, the week-end.

Juniors - president, Harlon Win-After the games, refreshments of ter; vice-president, Harold Sosebee; lady. Five members were present. cake and hot cocoa, with Hallowe'en secretary, R. G. Bond; reporter, Bur- The next meeting will be on Tues-

Our high school students are very ladies are invited to attend these

Editor-in-chief, Mary Jo Bicknell; Iris Eoff; secretary, Billie Jean Sose-

Noodle basketball girls made an early start, with three weeks' prac-Trent's undefeated six-man foot- tice already completed. Nineteen girls ball team beat Bradshaw at Brad- are coming out, and the call for white men as early as 1700, long beshaw last Friday afternoon, 26-0, in match games has been issued. Suits fore his birth.

> Harden, who drifts into the wild and woolly town of Vinegarroon in the roaring days of the '80's when there raged a bitter and long protracted battle between the cattlemen and the homesteaders. Cooper comes to grips with Walter Brennan, portraying Judge Roy Bean, who administered justice at the point of a gun and established himself as the sole "Law West of the Pecos."

> One of the most impressive and realistic sets created for "The Westerner" is a saloon of the 1880 vintage. It is plainly a dive- a replica of that infamous liquor dispensary in which Judge Roy Bean of Texas held his court.

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# BLAIR ITEMS

The fourth quarterly conference ton of Lubbock, executive secretary come. of the board of Christian education, morning devotion. After Scripture developing the theme of the responsi- night in the home of Mrs. Fannie bility of a Christian. Rev. J. B. Reeves. Stewart was song leader, with Miss Jimmie and Gaston Walker of Lottie Butman at the piano. Rev. C. Merkel spent Saturday night in the A. Bickley, of Abilene, district superintendent, presided over the business session, with Mrs. Clyde Latimer as secretary. A covered dish lunch was served at the noon hour. Towns represented were Lubbock, Abilene, Merkel, Nubia, Butman, White Church and Mt. Pleasant.

son, Sammie, and Marshall Provine home Friday. gram of the serious illness of the lat-Norman Bicknell left Sunday for ter's brother, Burton Provine, of Bobbie Gene, Mr. and Mrs. Lea Capitan, N. M.

dren left Saturday to visit relatives Dickerson and son spent Sunday in

R. B. Horton, who has accepted employment at Brownwood, visited

The ladies' Bible study met Tuesday, Oct. 22, in the afternoon and presented a sunshine bag to a sick day, Nov. 5, at M. E. church. All

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Stewart of Abilene dined with Mr. and Mrs.

Otis Moore Sunday. Mrs. Eli Brooks of Merkel was Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melton and family, accompanied by Mrs. Cynthia Hall, spent Saturday with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Land of Abilene.

Pike's Peak was named after Zebulon Pike, but it was known to

#### **NEWMAN NEWS**

There will be a pie supper and box convened at the Methodist church supper at the school house Friday Friday, Oct. 25. Rev. W. E. Hamil- night, Nov. 8. Everyone is invited to

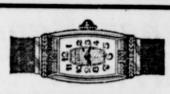
was the principal speaker in the baby of Port Arthur, Mrs. Irl Walk-

erson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson and Mrs. Leon Dickerson and baby visit-

Mrs. John Cross of Rotan, Mrs. John L. Jones and daughter of Merkel and Mrs. W. O. Reeves and baby Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan and of Port Arthur visited in the Reeves

Mrs. Fannie Reeves and son, Buster, Alice Boen and sons, Douglas and Dickerson and sons, Thelbert and Mrs. A. M. Jackson and two chil- Arvalee, and Mr. and Mrs. Leon the home of Mrs. John Cross of Ro-Howard Windham made a busi-



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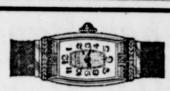
ALL OCCASIONS

MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Reeves and er and daughter, Irlene, and Mr. and reading from the 17th Psalm, his Mrs. John L. Jones and daughter, subject was "Building the Church," Helen, of Merkel, spent Saturday

home of Thelbert and Arvalee Dick-

ed in Merkel Friday.



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Courtesy Nation's Business

# Care for Heating Needs avoid the last minute rush.

come with cold weather. For several guard to open the door for pneumo- must be ventilation. months they have been repairing nia, influenza and other serious resmains, laying lines, drilling wells and piratory ailments. Doctors generally checking machinery to be in shape urge plenty of rest, sensible eating worth of blue surplus food stamps for winter.

service to customers, Lone Star Gas system employees request customers until cold weather strikes before tak- | fortable, even heat. ing care of their heating needs. Now is the time to get out heaters and factor, particularly where unvented inches in the next five years, Univhave this service finished before the heating equipment is used. Opening ersity of Texas foundation engineer-

installed these appliances early to densation of moisture in the air of sidered the life of a good tire.

The gas company warns its cus-Gas men are preparing to meet the sents a threat to the family's health, The heater takes air from the room Having brought a complete gas avoidance of draughts as allies in Stamp plan during the month of warding off colds."

serious a health hazard as an unheat- was in operation. to do their part by supplying proper ed room, according to the gas comappliances for health and comfort. pany, which urges customers to heat They are asking them not to wait their entire homes but only to a comment near Houston has settled 2.8 The grasical program, consisting state of the union, urging that they Drug Company.

a window slightly from the up will ing expert says. During the summer gas company prevent headaches resulting from employees promoted modern heating stuffy atmosphere and will also pre-

For safety as well as health, th Before Norther Strikes; tomers that heating habits are as gas company warns its customers Gas Company's Advice important in safeguarding health as against sleeping in a tightly closed eating habits, saying: "Winter pre- room where a gas heater is burning.

> habits, evenly heated rooms and an were distributed through the Food August in the 125 areas through-An overheated room can present as out the United States where the plan intermediate class, and boys and girls

> > The 549-foot San Jacinto monuinches since its construction three

According to the manufacturers,

### A "True Story," Told By Shiloh Intermediates Honor New President

A "True Story," ages old, yet ever today, is the one featuring the program of the Sunday School zone meet- Nov. 8 and 9. Four and one-half million dollars ing, which will be held with the Noodle Baptist church on Sunday, Nov. 3, at 3 p. m.

Houston Smith, zone superintenof this class are putting forth every effort possible to make this program worthwhile.

of vocal numbers and stringed in-Ventilation is another important years ago, should sink another three struments, is inspiration within it- Mater. self, to say nothing of the discussions on the birth, mercy, object and will be the chapel program by the death of Christ. So be there!

equipment and many customers have vent wall sweating caused by con- approximately 20,000 miles are con- 25c or 25 for \$1.00, at Merkel Mail game between Abilene Christian Col-

# A. C. C. Homecoming to eleven on the afternoon of Nov. 9.

Abilene, Oct. 31.-Detailed plans new, stranger than fiction and more are being laid as Abilene Christian lists numerous other reunions, meetextreme demands for fuel service that using the common cold as an advance atmosphere and consequently there popular than any sold on newsstands college prepares for one of the larg- ings and social events on the detailed est homecomings in its history on program.

Theme of this annual event will be to honor Don H. Morris, newly or 61. named president who took office June 1, the first executive to be elected dent, who is teacher of the Shiloh from the ranks of the ex-students association.

Bulletins, numbering 8,000, are be-Bulletins, numbering 8,000, are being mailed this week to former students located in practically every state of the union, urging that they join the trek back to their Alma

Feature events of the gathering O. R. O. for TURKEYS Merchants Sales Books 5c, six for rally for the home coming football sects. Sold and guaranteed bylege Wildcats and the Daniel Baker

Fred Barton, Abilene, who is president of the ex-students association and in charge of the event, also

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utes From Pneumonia

health authorities urge all citizens

to play safe and guard against win-

ter illnesses resulting from the

common cold. A cold is an internal

infection and unless treated

promptly and seriously may turn

into something worse. According to

published reports, there is a death

every four minutes from pneumonia

traceable to the so-called "common

The nation's sneezing bill each

year reaches the staggering total

of \$100,000,000 for treatment of

common colds. More than two mil-

lion wage earners in industry,

stores and offices are sick for at

least eight days due to common

colds, sinus infection, sore throat,

influenza and pneumonia that fol-

low or began as colds. Lost time

and treatment costs caused by the

common cold are estimated at two

Local doctors point out that sud-

den changes of temperature can be expected soon and special effort should be made to safeguard

against catching cold. Any sudden change of temperature permits the old germ to become active.

billion dollars annually.

With the approach of winter city

# GAS COMPANY AGAIN WARNS AGAINST COLDS

Dallas, Oct. 15-Heating habits are as important in safeguarding the family's health throughout the winter as eating habits, the gas company warns its customers.

"Winter presents a threat to the whole family's health, using the common cold as an advance guard to open the door for pneumonia, influenza and other serious respiratory ailments," the company points out. Scientific tests prove that the most important step in preventing colds is to regulate room temperatures properly and provide a circulation of warm air throughout the home. Because of its flexibility, the ideal heating fuel is gas. Floor furnaces, gas steam radiators, circulation and central furnaces are the best examples of modern vented gas heating equipment and each type offers an invaluable 1 lth protection insofar as he is concerned. V produces ~

Sneeze"Germs Hunt New Victim 3 In Big Hurry

Pittsburgh, Sept. 30 (AP).—The rhygiene foundation reported tohygiene foundation reported to-that common cold germs proday that common cold gernis pro-pelled by a sneeze, better than 100 tims at a sour. miles an hour. miles an unstiffled sneeze snrays the tims at a speed of percer sprays the miles an hour. sneeze sprays the miles an hour. sneeze of droplets, are with thou sands of feet and at some of which as 50 feet per in.

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production.

By Epidemic of Flu. Pneumonia

Fills Hospitals and Confines Many to Homes; School Attendance Cut

A wave of influenza and pneumonia, sweeping over the city during the past few days, had filled hospitals, confined many others to their homes, and cut down on school attendance Thursday.

It was difficult to get beds at Parkland and St. Paul, according to reports from those hospitals Thursday, and others in the city were crowded to near-capacity. Officials at Parkland said that 12 cases of pneumonia had been brought there during the past three days.

12 Per Cent Absent Dr. J. W. Bass, head of the city health department, said reports to his office showed that 12 per cent of the school children in Highland Park and University Park were ab-

sent because of illness. Be Careful of Colds Specific advice offered by Dr. Bass was: "When you get a bad cold, go to bed and call a doctor. Avoid exposure even with a mild cold. Whether you are sick or well, n't go from a warm room into th Don't let your body get chille

Nation's Flu Chart Going Higher Rapidly; Doctors Warn of Complications

curve on a chart at headquarters of he public health service.

It tells them that Public Enemy Flu is on the loose-that this winter's wave of the mysterious chillfever-ache malady is four times bigger than the average.

New cases of influenza some 10,000 as com five-year medium sponding week of . more than a month ca increasing at an acc Public health is no cause yet for In the 1932-1933 epid

new cases were week of 1932

or the first week of 1946

break 200 sponding

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Washington (AP)—The "G-men" | That is mainly because of the danwho help guard the nation's health ger of complications such as pneuare watching a sharply climbing monia and streptococcic infections. Medical science has found no spe-

cific remedy or preventive for influenza and its first cousin, the common cold.

Flu is a suave faker. Even physicians cannot always diagnose individual cases, influenza or grippe in its early stages frequently being distinguishable from a cold. To people the only difference is

severity. ous vaccines, serums, premedicines and even alcoholic ges have been urged as ina preventives. The public th service says there is no evidence that any of the

the infection ar efinitely harmful Man is the carr the fact that

verage Family Has Three

"Colds" Per Year How to help more than a million people lower the national average of three colds per person this win-ter was one of the chief problems studied at a meeting of the gas company managers here this morn-

"Doctors and health authorities, who cooperated with the company in preparing education information given at the conference, agreed that many colds so prevalent in this section of the country are caused by stuffy, overheated rooms," accord-

ing to D. A. Hulcy, president of the Lone Star Gas System. "Our surveys show that many of our customers are not getting proper benefit from their present heating equipment, due to the un-healthful habit of living in one or two rooms during the winter sea-son," Mr. Hulcy said. "Occupants of these homes are not only subof these homes are not only subjecting themselves to exposure to catching cold by going from warm rooms to unheated parts of the house, but are also in danger by remaining in the overheated and usually poorly ventilated rooms. Scientific tests prove that the most important step in guarding against colds is to provide adequate ventilation, regulate room temperatures properly and provide a circulation properly and provide a circulation of warm air throughout the home."

For several years the gas company has been engaged in research concerning the common cold and the relationship between adequate heat and health conditions during the winter season. Findings from these investigations have been endorsed by leading doctors and health authorities throughout this health authorities throughout this section.

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Mrs. C. E. Jacobs, who has been ill for the past ten days, was able to sit up Thursday morning and is reported getting along nicely.

Rev. M. C. Miller, who has been preaching at Shiloh, has accepted the pastorate of the Fundamentalist Baptist church here and will fill the home last week were two nephews average of about one-third of the pulpit Sunday for the first time.

Johnny Cox, superintendent of the Temple. Taylor Electric Co-Operative, Inc., remove to the Henry Frazier home in a few days when the latter moves to his farm. Miller Patton has taken the Cox place on the Armstrong

In a pool joined by 55 local young men who registered for the draft on Oct. 16, Jack Stanford drew the jackpot of \$13.75. His serial number is 19 and this number, 11th in order for Draft Board No. 2, Taylor county, was the first drawn out of the group that participated.

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Courtesy Nation's Business

# **PERSONALS**

Passing visitors here Monday night vere Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Self of Breckenridge, who were accompanied by Mrs. H. E. De Lane and Mrs. Sloan and son, Robert, also of that city. They were returning home from a sales congress and agents meeting of the Lincoln National Life Insur ance company.

Mrs. S. G. Russell returned Sunday from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Bayard Shive, at Brownwood. Little Darlene Warlick spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. Sam

Mrs. Ruby Johnson of San Antonio was a week-end visitor with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Golladay and daughter, Mary Fay Johnson.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Collins and children arrived Tuesday from Vinson, Okla., for a visit with their mothers, Mrs. J. M. Collins and Mrs. Seth Hamilton, Mrs. Hamilton's other daughter, Mrs. L. G. Shafer, and husband are expected to arrive from Dallas Saturday for a visit.

Week-end guests in the R. J. Miller home were their daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Davidson, of Millsap.

Miss Iris Garrett, who teaches music in the Hamilton schools, spent the week-end with her father, J. M.

Mrs. W. E. Petty is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Gladys Turner, at Big Spring, who is entertaining a big boy born Oct. 25, weighing seven pounds and six ounces. All are doing fine, Mrs. J. W. Higgins is also visiting in the Turner home.

Mrs. C. P. Church returned Sunfrom Ada, Okla., where she had visited several days. She made the trip with her father, B. N. Wheeler, and uncle, J. W. Wheeler.

Going by way of Austin, Mayor and Mrs. Henry West took Joy Frances West to Corpus Christi last week-end where she will stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George West, Jr. George is one of the 150 LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS electricians at the Naval Base there, which is now in full swing.

Cisco game at Cisco Saturday after- Groene, Nedra Swafford, Betty Jane noon, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marr of Curb, Johnny McDonald, Mary Lou Stephenville came on to spend Sat- Bow, Frances Derington, Freda Nell urday night and Sunday with Mrs. Huddleston, Janet Teaff. Marr's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G.

of Mr. Hunter: John E. Hunter of Fort Worth and Robert L. Balch, of

has moved to town and he and his ters, Misses Winterdean and Jannell, United States belong to four or more wife are temporarily located at the of Abilene, spent the week-end with organizations besides their local home home of Dr. M. Armstrong. He will Mrs. Ada Heeter and Miss Sadie demonstration club.

> Mrs. A. V. Dye, accompanied by Typewriting and carbon paper at two sons, Claude and Frank, of San Mail office.

> > tions in poultry and hogs.

Tape Worms, and Pin Worms.

try and hogs.

Angelo, visited here last week-end, Merkel P.-T. A. Has Returning home, Mrs. Dye was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Ray King, who is visiting there this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Robertson have as their guest, Mr. Robertson's 212 members, the Merkel Parent mother, Mrs. T. D. Robertson of Far- Teacher association closed its annual

#### Hallowe'en Parties for Girl Scout Troops

Members of the two local Girl Scout troops enjoyed jolly Hallowe'en parties Saturday and Monday nights for their respective groups.

On Saturday evening the Bluebonnet troop, of which Miss Billie Gardner is sponsor, was entertained in the home of Mrs. Grover Gilbert, where the Hallowe'en theme was carried out with a haunted house, games and contests. After readings by Doris Dudley, the evening ended with bobbing for apples, in which prizes were doln Vaughn.

Members present were Kathryn Speck, Betty Jo Perry, Becky Gaither, Mary Ruth Hutcheson, Dorothy Nell Lee, Jean Curb, Valerie Leonard, Reba Rae Kingsbury, Beth Ann My- send 25 cents to state office, as re-Faye Johnson, Geneva Allen, Geral- use. dine Daniels, Ann Groene, Marian Grover Gilbert and Miss Billie Gard- bers.

Mrs. Walter Teaff, the Sequoia troop, of which Mrs. Richard Young is sponsor, met with special invitations extended their boy friends. Games were played and Hallowe'en fun was enjoyed, after which orange punch and cookies, with orange and black mints, were served to Don Hutcheson, Waymond Rutledge, Joe Horton, Clyde Bartlett, George Mack Owens, Deverle Teaff, Billy Joe White, Franklin Deavers, Delma Harris, H. F. Hennington; Evelyn Sears, Patricia Leonard, Jeanette After attending the Stephenville- | Neff, Billie Mae Cobb, Dorothy Nell

Brake inspections undertaken in Guests in the S. M. Hunter home many states recently show that an cars inspected had faulty

Forty-four per cent of the home Mrs. John Woodrum and daugh- demonstration club women in the

# Record Enrollment

Reaching a record membership of

With Mrs. Norman Hodge, association president, Mrs. H. C. Reid, treasurer, and Mrs. Clyde Sears, drive, continuing from the first of school, reached its climax this week with 100 per cent membership among all seven school trustees and their wives, all factory members and their husbands or wives, and all committee members and room mothers. At this time last year the total membership was 85, but increased to a total 1939- ed by her husband. 40 membership of 167.

Twenty-five cents, which is required for membership by the state office, must be sent there for every won by Valerie Leonard and Gwen- registered member. Funds to carry on local work each year are made through the medium of the Hallowe'en Carnival given Oct. 31 every year. Most associations besides Merkel set 50 cents as dues, enabling them to ers, Ann Walker, Betty Gilbert, Mary quired, and keep 25 cents for local

The prize of \$2.50 donated by the Cobb, Betty June Toombs, Ima Ruth F.-T. A. and \$1.00 by the member-Shouse, Gwendolyn Vaughn, Doris ship chairman to the room securing Dudley, Genevieve Robertson, Jennie the largest percentage of its parents Ree Teaff, Bobbie Nell Reagan. Visi- as members was awarded to a third tors were Billie Mae Cobb, Mrs. Bil- grade room taught by Miss Vinnie ly Cobb, Mrs. Hob Robertson, Mrs. Heizer. This room secured 25 mem-

Two hundred and twelve members On Monday night, in the home of is the largest membership recorded in any one of the four years of Merkel's

participation in Parent-Teacher work. Rainfall for 1940 Other workers on the membership committee include Mrs. Bob Mc-Donald, Mrs. Denzel Cox and Mrs. Jinks Winter.

# membership drive Thursday, Oct. 24. Sisters Visit First Time in 32 Years

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. Elliott membership chairman, as leaders, the last week were Mr. and Mrs. Elliott's two sisters and a brother and brother-in-law, the first visit of the sisters together in 32 years.

> The sisters are Mrs. Ann Jones of Duncan, Okla., and Mrs. Tom Stealey of Trousdale, Okla., while

on Saturday the visitors were gas pains. Get ADLERIKA today. guests of their niece, Mrs. Carl Black. Merkel Drug Co.

Nears 22 Inches

Two showers that fell late Thursday afternoon of last week yielded three-eighths of an inch of moisture, only precipitation locally during the month of October.

Rainfall for the first nine months of the year was 21 1-4 inches. With last week's moisture added, the year's figure to date is 21 5-8 inches.

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#### "MAN AGED 94

the brother is Z. R. Smith of Apache, Oklahoma druggist. "Used ADLER-Okla. Mrs. Stealey was accompani-IKA last 15 years." ADLERIKA contains 3 laxatives for quick bowel ac-On Saturday the visitors were tion, with 5 carminatives to relieve

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West, who entertained for her with the accompaniment of "Here Comes a smart Saturday luncheon.

The John West home was profusely decorated with lovely fall flowers ed cake and hot chocolate, which was where a seasonal menu was served served to the honorees, Messrs, and Hale and Misses Alzada Pogue and in courses at one o'clock. A shower of Mesdames Stanley King, D. A. Lee, Lottie Butman entertained members gifts for the kitchen was presented Nathan Wood, Joe Cypert, Ray King, of the children's department of the the bride-to-be. Those present were Misses Lou Dale Gray, Sue Grimes, Dora Gaither, Helen Heeter, Billie McGehee, Becky Gardner, Tommye John Woodrum of Abilene; Misses ed with autumn leaves, bright shiny Grimes, Dorothy Shannon, Louise Helen Smith, Sadie Woodrum, Helen Patterson, Wanda Dingle, Mary Jo Russell and Gay West.

#### FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB TO MEET IN ABILENE.

The Fortnightly Study club will meet Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 p m. in the home of Mrs. Bill Haynes in Abilene. Mrs. Haynes, a past president of the club, has extended her hospitality to the group for its regular program meeting.

The program on "Women of Today' will be given by Mrs. Connor Robinson and Mrs. Owen Robertson.

#### JOLLY NEIGHBORS.

The role of host and hostess, for entertaining members of the Jolly Neighbors club, fell to Mr. and Mrs. John Grable this week.

They employed a Hallowe'en motif most effectively in game accessories and in table decorations at the refreshment hour. Dahlias further enhanced the beauty of the rooms where games of "84" progressed until a late hour when sandwiches, potato chips, olives, frosted punch and cake were passed to Messrs, and Mesdames Bob Hicks, Andy Shouse, Spencer Bird, Forrest Gaither, Herber Patterson, Johnny Cox, Miss Christine Collins and C. J. Glover.

# COMRADES CLASS.

The Comrades class of the Methodist church met in a social meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Nutt, with Mr. and Mrs. Homer! Newby as co-hosts.

The evening was a most enjoyable one; games of "Bingo" and "Navigator" were played.

Green, Jack Stanford, Ray Wilson and the hosts.

#### SURPRISE WOODRUMS ON ANNIVERSARY.

Friday, Oct. 25, was the twentyfifth anniversary of the wedding date of Mr. and Mrs. George Woodrum. who were given a surprise party by a group of friends, joined by a number of relatives of the honoree.

From the Stanley King home, where they gathered, the group converged Winter.

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> Sponsors of the affair had provid-Ada Heeter, V. B. Sublett, Clyde evening in the home of Mrs. Sears. Sears, Joe Garland, Effie Rider, Heeter, Winterdean and Jannel Woodrum, Abilene, and Rotan Cy-

#### SEWING CLUB.

Mrs. John Grable was hostess on Wednesday afternoon of last week to members of the Sewing club. The following members enjoyed her hospitality: Mesdames J. E. Boaz, Jr., N. D. Calloway, Max Swafford, Stacy Bird, Buck Leach, L. V. Moore, Owen Robertson, Geo. T. Moore, Herbert Dunn, Nolan Palmer, Worth Lee, Spencer Bird, Milton Case, Connor Robinson, David Gamble, Earl Watts, Urban Zehnpfennig, Earl Beech, Leo Zehnpfennig, Byron Patterson.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB Mrs. Stanley King opened her home Friday to the Merkel Home Demonstration club for the annual Hollowe'en party. The president, Mrs. Grover Gilbert, presided for a short business meeting, and then games of '42" and Chinker chess were played.

Miss Lottie Butman read two poems and Mrs. Andy Shouse played a piano selection, after which refreshments were served to Mesdames Noris Barnett, J. W. Bryan, Geo. Woodrum, Buck Leach, Fred Baker, Jr., Grover Gilbert, C. B. Knight, Paul Blackaby, Bob McDonald, E. B. Wallace, Craig Humphreys, R. L. Sumpter, Roy H. Mathews, L. A. Dudley, Dora Hill, Harry Barnett, W. T. Mc-Aninch, Holt Vaughn, Walter Teaff, Clark Mundy, J. Ben Campbell, John Hughes, Miss Lottie Butman and the

# PARTY AT FUGATS.'

The J. O. Y. class of the Baptist At the refreshment hour a plate of Intermediate Sunday School endelicious nut pie and coffee was serv- joyed a delightful evening at the ed to Messrs, and Mesdames Raymond country home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ferguson, Pinky Cypert, Gordon Fugat, Tuesday. The group was met by a Hallowe'en skeleton and a cold, but welcoming hand.

Hallowe'en decorations were cleverly arranged and interesting games provided diversion for the evening. A chili supper was served to Betty Lou Higgins, Doris Clyde Miller, Venita Allen, Louise Patterson, Pearl Mathews, Sample McGehee, Jerry Warren, David Gibson, Cheatham McFarland, J. C. Carson and Joseph sided for the business meeting, ap-

#### L. L. L. CLASS. On Monday evening the L. L. L.

Sunday School class met in the lovely new home of Mrs. Owen Robertson. Dorothy Sue Bird, president of the class, presided over a business

Many interesting games were enjoyed during the social hour. PLIMENTED WITH LUNCHEON. beautiful array of gifts carrying out Chocolate sundaes and cookies were Petite Lou Dale Gray, who is hold- the silver anniversary note. Included served to Misses Dorothy Sue Bird, ing the spotlight, socially, until her with one gift was a bride's bouquet. Mildred Bird, Grovene Ford, Billie marriage Nov. 6 to Clyde Sears, was with another, a boutonniere of bache- McGehee, Pearl Mathews, Mrs. Alvin again named honoree by Miss Gay lor buttons, which were presented to Wozencraft and Mrs. Owen Robert-

#### HALLOWE'EN PARTY.

Mrs. Clyde Sears, Mrs. Grover W. H. Bullock, R. T. Gray; Mesdames Methodist church on last Friday

> The house was beautifully decoratjack o' lanterns and candles.

With plenty of vim and enthusiasm the children enjoyed the evening by playing games, singing songs and having their fortunes told.

A refreshment plate of hot cocoa, marshmallows and cookies, with Hallowe'en baskets filled with candy for girls and horns for the boys as plate favors, was passed to Robert Thomas Hodge, Dick Sears, Charlotte Harvell, Jewell Daniel, Shirley Ann Sharp, Peggy Joyce Hampton, Wanda Daniel, Ethel Joyce Hampton, Barbara Jean Jinkens, Betty June Toombs, Marvaryn Tipton, Janis Patterson, Jackie Toombs, Wayne McLean, Charles Simpson, Glenn Westenhover.

#### HALLOWE'EN FETE.

The G. A., R. A. and Sunbeams of the First Baptist church were feted with a Hallowe'en party at the church Monday afternoon. The church was decorated in colored streamers and confetti. A sandwich plate, cookies and hot chocolate was served by the W. M. U. president, Mrs. Lum Gilbreath, with Mrs. T. E. Collins in charge of the social hour.

G. A. members present were Fetty Jean Mathews, Alma Lue Smith, Ima Ruth Shouse, Ila Mae Douglas, Jeanie Dingle, Flossie London, Beth Ann Myers, Marilyn Petty, Ramona Northcutt, Stella Roberts, Betty Jane Keifer, Maxine Turner, Odia Clark and the leader, Mrs. W. A. McCand- Mrs. Monta J. Moore, Woodsboro;

Present from the R. A. were Daniel Roberts, Gaston Walker, Jimmy Walker, E. C. Douglas, Troy Douglas, Tommie Webb, J. L. Shults, Sammie Myers, James Bartlett, Wayne Deel, Charlie Bagley and the leader, Mrs. Irl Walker.

Sunbeams present were Ralph Bartlett, Patricia Swann, Peggy Scott, Jan Lemens, Ann Booth, Mona Madilen Robertson, Maxine Kerns, Barbara Ann Bryant, Neth Sue Bryant and the leader, Mrs. Clyde Dea-

# W. M. U. CIRCLES.

The Maybelle Taylor Circle of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Owen Robertson. Mrs. Clyde Bartlett prepointing the following Circle chair-

Mrs. Hoyle Lemens, vice-chairman; Mrs. Owen Robertson, secretarytreasurer; Mrs. J. F. Walker, stewardship; Mrs. Byers Petty, personal service; Mrs. J. D. Northcutt, mission study; Mrs. W. O. Boney, missions; Mrs. Petty, benevolence; Mrs. Clyde Bartlett, social; Mrs. Hoyle Lemens, Christian education

Mrs. A. R. Booth taught the Bible closing prayer.

Those present were: Mesdames Pick Allen, W. O. Boney, W. J. Largent, Byers Petty, A. R. Booth, J. D. Northcutt, Clyde Bartlett, T. D. Robertson and Owen Robertson.

The next meeting of the Circle will be with Mrs. M. E. Campbell.

met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Mrs. J. O. Castles led the opening prayer and Mrs. Johnson directed the Bible lesson. Mrs. Sam Swann closed with

Those present were Mesdames J. O. Castles, E. O. Carson, A. D. Fulton, Sam Swann, W. W. Wheeler and W. L. Johnson.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. A. D. Fulton on Nov. 11.

The following officers were appointed at the Sept. 23rd meeting in the home of Mrs. E. O. Carson: Mrs. W. L. Johnson, leader; Mrs. J. Mrs. W. L. Johnson; Bible teacher, men--personal service, Mrs. J. S. W. L. Johnson. Swann; Christian education, Mrs. A. D. Fulton; missions, Mrs. E. O. Carson; mission study, Mrs. E. R. Clack;

## RURAL SOCIETY

BRIDAL SHOWER.

To compliment Mrs. Otis Moore, the former Joy Doan, Miss Dorothy Derington was hostess to a bridal shower on Monday, Oct. 21, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell of Blair.

As the guests arrived, they were asked to register in the bride's book, over which Miss Derington presided. The party was held on the lawn where lovely trees afforded a picturesque background. Enjoyable Evening sermon at 7:15. games were sponsored by Miss Louise Addison. Mrs. Dewey Sandusky, who impersonated a witch, presented a lavish array of useful gifts from a washpot in a hideout to the bride, after which they were opened and displayed by the honoree.

Mesdames Hugh Campbell, I. H. Robinson, Jim Williams, Price Melton and A. L. Farmer passed a dainty refreshment plate of bananas, whipped cream topped with cherries, cake and grapejuice, with "thank you" cards meeting. Time, 3 p. m. as plate favors. A color theme of white and misty rose was carried out in all details.

Those present were Mesdames Otis Moore, J. D. Sandusky, Carl Doan, C. E. Derington, Herman Doan, Jim H. Campbell, V. L. Doan, Tommie Malone, Susie Doan, Bob Malone, Adrian Farmer, Butman, H. E. Farmer, Sr., Artist Cook, White Church, J. W. Moore, Lloyd Perkins, I. H. Robinson, Bill Bradberry, Arvin Bradberry, Jim Williams, Tom Johnson, Merkel, Dee Moore, Tye, A. B. Harris, Marvin Melton, O. D. Pruitt, J. Ben Campbell, H. C. Reid, Merkel, R. B. Horton, Pat Addison, S. L. Scogin, Z. V. Moore, Price Melton, A. M. Jackson, R. D. Hunter, Nubia, Lewis Spratlin, Will Campbell, Jess Russom, Hugh Campbell.

Misses Dorothy Derington, Irene Moore, Tye, Mary Derington, Louise Addison, Jimmie Nell Horton, Maggie Russom, Bavaria June Derington Children present were Blanche Yvonne Farmer, Shirley Mae Melton, Fredlyn Farmer, Joe Dellie Doan, Jimmy Wayne Doan, Mary Lucille Perkins, John Wesley Perkins, Patty Joyce Bradberry, Shirley Ann Bradberry, p. m. Sonja Sue Horton.

Those sending gifts were Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Stewart, Abilene, Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. Riley James, Malakoff; Mrs. Dovie Burnett, Anson; Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Horton, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Myers, Anson; Mesdames Clarence Melton, Cynthia Hall, Claudie Derington, Fred Barnes, E. Barnes, W. H. Moore, W. R. Loper, M. H. Farmer, Marvin Egger, White Church, Richard Melton, Howard Brown, Jim Cavette; Misses Pearl Adams, Edna Wright, Alma Zemerle, Abilene; Louise Cook, Nubia; Ruth Chapman, Eva Green, Abilene, Ruth

# SALT BRANCH CLUB.

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club staged a Hallowe'en party Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. J. A. Horton. Various games were played, then prizes for the best costumes were given. Mr. T. C. Allen and Miss Lena Faye Harrell were the lucky winners.

Refreshments of pop and doughnuts were served to the following members and their families: Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robertson, Genevieve Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harrell, Clarence, Donnie and Lena Faye Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hayes, Carroll Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton. lesson and Mrs. Byers Petty led the Bill Horton, Mrs. Carl Baccus, Coy, Wayne, Kenneth and Paul Baccus, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Horton, Dorothy and Joe Horton. Visitors present were Mrs. J. R. Bell, Ruth Bell, Maurine Moore, Jack Hester, Mary Alice Hester, Frances Hester, Stuart Kelly and "Sugar" Folliard of Abi-

# The Blanche Rose Walker Circle Thursday New Date of Achievement Day Tour

The Achievement Day tour of the Salt Branch Home Demonstration club will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 6, instead of Thursday, as Miss Hattie Tacker, county agent, cannot be with the club Thursday.

The tour will start at the home of Mrs. Buster Horton at 10 o'clock. Lunch will be served at Mrs. Hob Robertson's home. All members are urged to be present.

O. Castles, associate leader; chair- Mrs. J. O. Castles; secretary, Mrs.

# ALATHEAN CLASS.

The Alathean class of the First

# In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. previous week. On the same Sunday present. a year ago the attendance was 616.

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning

and prayer meeting 7:15 Wednes- Clothes" by Evelyn Sears. day evening.

#### Cooper Waters, Pastor. BAPTIST W. M. U.

The Baptist W. M. U. of the First Baptist church will meet Monday, Nov. 4, at the church for their business meeting, with the president, Mrs. Lum Gilbreath, in charge. All members are urged to attend this

#### B. T. U. PROGRAM.

The program for the meeting at 6:15 Sunday evening of the Baptist Young People's Training Union will include a number by a girl's quartet, a poem by Vivian Davis and a playlet by Group No. 1.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Offering for Reynolds home. Every one is urged to be present and keep up regular Sunday School attendance,

even though there is no other service

at the church. W. M. Elliott,

### Clerk of Session. METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning sermon at 11 a. m. Young people's meeting at 6:45 p. m. Evening worship at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

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Sunday services: Bible classes 9:45, preaching at 10:45, young people's meeting at 6:30. Preaching at 7:30

Wednesday evening Bible study at 7:30 o'clock.

You are invited to attend. The Elders.

#### FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching Saturday night at o'clock. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7. M. C. Miller, Pastor.

# PRIMITIVE BAPTIST.

The Primitive Baptists will hold services at the Nazarene church Saturday night, Nov. 2, and Sunday, inclusive. Everyone is invited to at tend these services.

## To Preach Farewell Sermon at Sunday Night's Service

We will preach our farewell sermon Sunday night, but we will possibly stay in Merkel until school is

Our subject for Sunday morning will be "The People of God and the Happiness They Possess;" Sunday night, "The Three Greatest Comings Foretold in Prophecy."

We appreciate the privilege of laboring with the church here these five years but felt best not to remain as pastor any longer. We would like to meet all the church and our friends who are not in service elsewhere. R. T. Smith, Pastor.

# To Crown Two Queens At Hallowe'en Carnival

Thursday night will mark the crowning of two of the following queens-one for Grammar School Carnival Queen and one for High School Carnival Queen at the close of the Hallowe'en Carnival in the Merkel High School gym. Winning queens are selected by penny votes, the largest number of votes determining the two queens.

These giris were elected queens of their grades:

Primer-Peggy Scott. First-Norma Jean Hodge. Second-Wilda Lee Bowles. Third-Lovita Coffman. Fourth-Charlotte Harwell. Fifth-Ann Walker. Sixth-Lola Mae Roland. Seventh-Valerie Leonard. Freshman-Mary Sue Grant. Sophomore-Billie Mae Cobb. Junior-Venita Allen. Senior-Peggy Robertson.

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# **Grooming Discussed** By Weta-Frances Club

The Weta-Frances club of Merkel High school held its regular There were 599 present at the six meeting Tuesday morning at activity reporting Sunday Schools here last period in the homemaking depart-Sunday, as compared with 564 the ment. About fifty members were

After a short business meeting was conducted by the president, Dora Gaither, Sue Morgan had charge of an interesting program on "Groomsermon at 11. Training Union 6:15. ing." "Hands" were discussed by Betty Higgins, "Hair" by Doris Teachers' and officers' meeting Clyde Miller and "Care of the

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Concentrated Blue Pkg., 25c Super Suds 3 for 51c Campbell's

Corn Flakes Pkg. 9c Curtiss Assorted Candy Bars 2 for 5c

Catsup .... 14 oz. 10c Folger's

Coffee La 25c

Pickles .. Qt. jar 10c Salmon Tall can 15c

Oleo ..... Lb. 10c Salt Pork Lb. 12½c Bologna .... Lb. 10c

Beef Roast .. Lb. 15c Chuck Steak lb. 20c

Pure Pork Sausage .... Lb. 19c

HOT BAR-B-Q

benevolence, Mrs. Sam Swann; Baptist church is to meet in the If you have lost or found any-Preview Next Week — "KNUTE ROCKNE" stewardship, Mrs. Cooper Waters; home of Mrs. E. O. Carson on Wedthing, want to buy or sell anything, publicity, Mrs. W. B. Stevens; de- nesday, Nov. 6, time 3 p. m. All memlet the folks know it through The coration, Mrs. E. O. Carson; social, bers are urged to be present.