

year 1940-41 exceeds its expenditures Morris, Fla. The son and two of the have joined also in the service if it tional defense shop was held Monday gone to Amarillo last month for the \$33,933,076.84, Comptroller George H. brothers, Earl and Lasley, were at had not been that a revival was start- night at 7:30, with a large number Brown couple's anniversary. Sheppard announced Monday. Receipts his bedside when death came. The totaled \$230,198,599.81, compared with third brother, Austin Moore, in the expenditures of \$196,265,522.97. The army stationed in Florida, was un-

The first meeting of the Merkel na-

Melton kicked one that bounced crazily around the goal line and finally lied on the 3

balance in the treasury at the end of able to come. the year, Aug. 31, 1941, was \$103,-047,806.39, an increase of \$33,953,-299.16 during the year.

Glenn Kirkwood, about 25, employee of the Anco Gas Corporation Recycling plant in Long Lake field near Palestine was killed Monday when a high-pressure gas line blew out. His left leg, left arm and chest were crushed.

W. L. Hull, druggist at Hillsboro, died of a heart attack Monday. When his aged father, T. J. Hull, heard the news, he died of shock.

Mott Flounory, 70, a negro, was axe slaying of young Mrs. Roy Morehouse last August. Ten minutes later he was stabbed to death by the youthful husband of the dead woman.

Brig. Gen. J. H. Bryson, 65, re-Third army, died Monday in the station hospital, Fort Sam Houston.

Second Lieut. John R. Harshey of Houston, crashed to his death in a ranch near the upper end of Medina Lake, San Antonio, Tuesday afternoon.

Fire ravaged buildings in the central business section at Brownwood Sunday, causing damage estimated at nearly \$100,000.

John F. Swayne, 91. first secretary of the city of Fort Worth, the only ducts of the world are handled co surviving member of the group who met in his law office April 4, 1873, to form the city government and the oldest living former county employee, died Tuesday night.

Southwestern university, announced from the university presidency.

Chillicothe and Stamford high school football teams will play their bi-district game at Stamford, Friday night, Dec. 5, officials of the two schools decided at a meeting Tuesday night at Seymour. This game is between the winners of district 9A and 10A.



Farmers Have Much To Gain in Merkel's **Cheese Cooperative**

The cow, sow, chicken and garden ombination is the all-American backfield on the food-for-freedom team for National Defense.

With good care, 5 good milk cows, 500 hens, 2 sows and a good garden led into a crowded courtroom at Luf- will, at the present prices, pay the kin Monday to be tried for the alleged owner \$2,500.00 per year over and above the cost of feed that cannot be raised on the farm.

No other market has yet proven as profitable to farmers as have cooperatives. The direct cooperative-productired former chief of staff of the er-to-consumer market has eliminated a great deal of expense in handling

and shipping. It has been said, "the sun never sets on co-operation." Scattered through-Kelly field plane on the Gallagher out the world there are data available will close all-day Thursday for the on over 623,000 agricultural cooper- traditional Thanksgiving holiday, atives with a membership calculated but, as the rural mail carriers were to be approximately 65,000,000. Co- given holiday last Thursday-the date operative markets were started more designated by President Rooseveltthan 100 years ago and have continu- the carriers will make their regular ed to grow until now every conceiv- delivery Thursday, bringing The Mail able product produced on the farm is to its readers a day earlier.

handled cooperatively. More than 80 per cent of dairy and poultry prooperatively.

Establishing and maintaining good market for commodities produced on the farm is equally as important as working to increase the yield, Dr. John W. Bergin, president of In a cooperative producers own the business and with full co-operation Curb, county committeeman, com-Tuesday he had requested retirement this can mean thousands of dollars

increase in revenue. The Merkel Cooperative Cheese and Locker plant needs the membership and support of every farmer in the Merkel trade territory. It is the nucleus around which other profitable markets can be built. If every one would wait to sign up until the plant was in operation, it would never get started.

Competitive prices are expected on the locker equipment in a few days, Bradshaw. at which time it is hoped sufficient cows and lockers are signed to place order for all equipment, it was stated Wednesday morning by Manager Johnny Cox of the Merkel Cheese and Locker plant cooperative.

Hospital Notes.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs Leo Ueckert Nov. 20 at the Sadler Clinic, and a boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Harris Nov. 22. The son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell rement Nov. 23.

ing that day at the church.

of the evening's program, for which terian church. Other ministers taking of each week.

part were Rev. Marvin L. Boyd, Methodist pastor; Rev. G. O. Crow, Nazarene pastor, and Rev. J. W. Saffle, retired Baptist pastor. Special musical numbers included

by Mrs. Edwin Read, and a vocal duet, | will turn out some nice work. "I Surrender All," by W. A. Bowman and Mrs. Don Riney. Mrs. Comer

Haynes was accompanist for both numbers. Mr. Bowman was song leader, the choir including singers from all the churches, and Miss Gay West, pianist.

The collection amounted to \$18.78, of which one-half, \$9.39, went to the Taylor-County Red Cross and the other half to a fund for local charities.

Business Firms Observe Second Thanksgiving

The business houses of Merkel including the post office and bank,

The public schools will have holi day both Thursday and Friday.

Signing of Defense

Sheets to Continue

"They're coming in pretty good, but we've still got quite a way to go to hit that 100 per cent mark," John mented Tuesday regarding the signing of farm defense plan sheets.

Signing of the sheets in communities of the county is to be continued this week, Curb said, with notice to be sent most of the farmers who have not yet signed.

Farmers of precincts 1 and 3 may sign their sheets at the county courthouse, farmers from precinct 2 may

sign at Merkel and Trent, and farm-1A. ers from precinct 4 at Lawn and

Season Nears End,

the season closes.

reporting and making application for Rev. Cooper Waters, pastor of the the courses. Some 30 young men have First Baptist church, was in charge made application.

The regular time of meeting was the sermon was preached by Rev. J. set Tuesday night. Instruction will Basil Ramsey, pastor of the Presby- be from 7 to 10 p. m. five nights out

The construction of work tables and cabinets for the tools is now under way and by next week all fixture Durham Family Hold work will be completed.

The applicants are very anxious for a violin number, a medley of hymns, the training, and it is expected they

> **New Taylor Wildcat** Staked Near Blair

Location for a new Taylor county wildcat, about a half mile south of Blair, has been staked by Tom B. Medders of Wichita Falls on the J. W.

Moore farm. Scheduled for spudding in the Jones county Wimberly pool is the Brookover No. 2 W. C. Church, north offset to the R. L. Foree et al No. 1 O. J. Fikes, which on preliminary

testing flowed 75 barrels of oil in six hours from natural lime at 2,295-2,305 feet, total depth, indicating production of 300 barrels daily.

Mercury Drops to 27 In First Hard Freeze pany there.

A minimum of 27 degrees Monday morning marked the advent of Merkel's first hard freeze of the season A killing frost had made itself felt Sunday morning, when the mercury dropped to two degrees below freezing. Starting as a drizzle, rainfall dur-

ing Friday night yielded one-fourth inch of moisture, according to the gauge of Weather Observer J. I. Ford, bringing the year's total to 381/2 inches.



The petit jury for next week in 104th district court includes the folowing names:

Walter Hunter, A. D. Fulton, W. A. son and Miss Pearl Toombs, both Whiteley, C. L. Tucker, Joe Holmes, popular and well known young people M. Jackson, R. M. Ferguson, Merof Merkel, slipped away from their kel; Pat Patterson, W. P. McDonald, L. C. Moore, Geo. L. Smith, Fred E. host of friends and drove over to Abi-Wallis, W. E. Jarrett, J. B. Buckley, lene, where they were happily united

H. B. Fullerton, H. R. Arrant, W. E. in marriage. Bailey, O. A. Prescher, Chas. A. Kes-12.062 Bales Ginned sler, H. D. Terry, J. S. Burgess, O. T. and Mrs. T. J. Toombs, one of Tay-Indicating that the ginning season Daugherty, Bryan Ball, T. P. Horn- lor county's pioneer, best and most is about over, the total for the six back, M. H. Brasher, Lester Patter- substantial families, and is loved and \$100.00 bill and a note attached, inplants in Merkel and those at Stith, son, A. J. Hoover, Richard Maxwell, esteemed for the many womanly Blair and Noodle, as tabulated by W. G. Golleher, Henry Boulte, W. P. graces with which she is possessed The Mail Tuesday night was 12,062 Edwards, A. M. Duncan, W. E. Arn- while the groom is one of Merkel's bales to date for the season, with the wine, O. B. Williams, W. B. Guitar, promising and enterprising young past week's ginnings accounting for D. White, W. W. Ford, Max Daugh-, business men, who by his good manonly 191 bales. The final figure for 1940 was 10,-270 bales, and there is a possibility McIntyre, Wingate; I. N. Wilkinson, been his good fortune to become ac-was tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill ceived a tonsillectomy Nov. 25. Mrs. that this year's total may exceed that L. J. Covington, Dock Dickson, Tus-Annie Scott was admitted for treat-amount by around 2,000 bales when cola; J. Y. Pearce, Joe Saunders, extending congratulations and good of his mother and three sisters, w Bradshaw; O. A. Smith, Trent.

Surviving Mrs. Bro band, a retired special officer of the Santa Fe railroad, three sons, three four brothers: General Jones, Merkel; Andrew Jones, Amarillo; John Jones, McCamey, and Dee Jones, Roswell, N. M.

Reunion at Lubbock Members of the Tom Durham famimet at Lubbock for a reunion on the first Thanksgiving, with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Durham, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Durham and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Echols and son, and Neill Durham present from Clovis, N. M., Postmaster and Mrs. Wrenn Durham and daughter, Dana, from Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm and children, from Colorado City, and Mrs. L. D. Foreman, from Spur, where she is teaching school. One other daughter, Miss Nell Durham, employed as a telephone operator at

Clovis, was unable to attend. Tom Durham, a former owner of the Merkel Mail, has been for several years, associate editor of the Curry County Times, at Clovis, N. M., where his two sons, Jack and Neill, are employed on the Clovis Journal. A son-in-law, Bob Echols, is bookkeeper for the Goodyear Tire & Rubber com-

Promoted to Corporal.

Camp Barkeley, Nov. 26 .- Lowell C Highfill of Merkel has been promoted to corporal in the 45th infantry division. A member of Battery C, 158th field artillery, he has been a private first class.

quarter elected to run with the ball and was stopped cold. He gambled daughters, one sister, Mrs. Teaff, and again and faked a kick that was to have been a pass. Elbert Hickam swarmed him down for a safety to make the score 8-0. Following the free kick Merkel marched from the Baird 48 to the 25 before losing possession

The third quarter found neither team able to gain much and as the quarter ended Melton kicked over the goal line. The Bears took over and without once losing the ball went over for a touchdown, but the try for extra point was blocked.

Merkel fumbled on their own 45 and Baird recovered. Their passing attack had clicked and now it seemed that they were on the march again: But Smith intercepted and ram one back to the Baird 35. The Badgers couldn't gain and kicked out on the 15; Two passes clicked. Then Melton grabbed a pass as it bounced out of the hands of the intended receiver and raced it back to the Baird 20. The game ended with Merkel in possession

of the ball on the Baird 14, and in sole possession of the district 6A. crown

Coaches Carroll Benson and Eugene Sunderman have seen their boys through an untied and undefeated season. Their closest squeeze was with Baird. The Bears were the only team to score on the Badgers on a sustained drive.

All the boys were hustling. Elbert Hickam played a fine defensive game, as did Reynolds and Butman. Warren and Smith got many tackles back of the line. Smitty threw some bone-(Continued on Page Two)

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO (From Files of The Merkel Mail, December 2, 1921.)

> a long life of usefulness and happiness.

MERKEL HAS A KU KLUX KLAN. For some time there have been rumors and guesses that there existed an organization of the Knights of the Klux Klan in Merkel, but such was only a guess and a surmise until on last Saturday when the editor of The bride is the daughter of Mr. this paper returned to his office from and Mrs. T. J. Toombs, one of Tay-lunch, he found slipped under the office door an envelope containing a structing that the money be immediately handed to Mr. C. L. Tucker, who had the night before lost his home and household effects by fire and who just a week before had a young son, wishes to him and his fair bride, for only a few years ago preceded him

POPULAR COUPLE WED IN ABILENE. On November 25th Mr. Nat AnderPAGE TWO

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Californians Visit in Earl Mashburn Home

Visitors in the Earl Mashburn home Sunday were: Pvt. Earl Mashburn, Jr., from Fort Sam Houston Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mashburn, Black well; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd West, White Church; Mr. and Mrs. Faby Mashburn and son, Charles Lee, Merkel; Staff Sgt. and Mrs. P. H. Lassiter, San Diego, Calif .; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Peterson and daughter, Patty Lou, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Peterson and children, Betty Jean, Alva Jewel and Nellie Jo, Fluvanna; Mrs. May Field, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peterson, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Norris Barnett and children, Abilene, and Pvt. Robert I. Gilmore, Fort Bliss.

his home here.

in the United States.

Honor J. L. McLean **On 84th Birthday**

The eighty-fourth birthday of J. L. McLean, one of this section's high- of cotton marketing quotas for 1942. something out of nothing for Christ- a ly esteemed pioneers, was celebrated with a birthday dinner Sunday in the home of a son, Rex McLean, in the White Church community.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. E. J Emanuel Feuerman, the cellist, Patterson, Nubia, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Patterson, Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. never lets his cello out of sight and Oscar McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Caul buys an extra berth for it when McLean and their families. traveling.



Conference on Civilian Defense for Women

Mrs. Roosevelt, assistant director of civilian defense, presided at a conference on women's activities in civilian defense. Sixty-seven women's organizations were represented. Left to right, Paul V. McNutt, Eloise Davison, assistant director of women's activities, Mrs. Roosevelt, and Civilian Defense Director LaGuardia.

RURAL SOCIETY **Celebrate Sixty-Fifth** Birthday of J. G. Gay

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

J. G. Gay, whose 65th birthday fell The Bluebonnet Home Demonstraon the 26th of this month, was honortion club met on Tuesday, Nov. 18, ed with a birthday dinner Sunday at for their Achievement day with a

covered dish luncheon in the home of Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Hugh Campbell. Mrs. A. L. Thomas Gay of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Farmer, club president, called the Leonard Gay and daughter, Wanda, meeting to order and presided for a short business session. Roll call was at Truby. Misses Tennie Lee and Rachel Miller of Penwell, Mr. and Mrs. William answered by each member giving her Gay of Cross Plains and Mrs. Mabel greatest achievement for the year. Kerr and children of this city.

interesting report on the last two Texas cotton farmers will go to the council meetings. Miss Tennessee polls Dec. 13 for the fifth time to Read, county agent, brought an inanswer "yes" or "no" to the question teresting program on how to make

mas gifts and in conclusion she gave a poem on Christmas gifts. Plans were Mount Whitney is the highest peak made for the Christmas party, on church Sunday morning and Sunday be present for the opening song, Dec. 17, in the home of Mrs. Will But- | night. man. As the committee on the Christmas program, Mrs. Joe Seymore, Mrs. Dewell McLean and Mrs. Ford Butman were appointed.

The afternoon was spent in lookng over of the work of members. A

Compere News

Attention! Compere and surroundng communities! There will be a Christmas tree and a short program at the Compere Baptist church. We have not definitely decided on the date but will let you know. Be sure to come and bring your friends, Joyce Stanley, a student in John Tarleton college, spent last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Stanley. Also visiting in the Stanley

home were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stanley and son, Larry, Mrs. S. A. Coats and daughter, Miss Hazel Coats. Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Chancey, Sr., had as their guest for the week-end. their son, Ed Lail, from Stephenville.

We have a tiny, new arrival in our community, a baby son, born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Chancey.

Visiting Mrs. N. C. Palmer and Mrs. R. S. Palmer were their sister, Mrs. Bill Childers and daughter, Helen, from Cisco.

Misses Kathlyn Milner and Dorothy Johnson, students in ETSTC, at Commerce, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their parents.

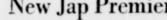
Visiting in the Ben Adkins home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Lucas and children, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas and children, Mr. and Mrs. Newel Lucas and baby daughter, all from Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Blair have as their visitor their grandson, Cecil Lassiter. Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Palmer and daughter, Mary June, and Miss Jacquetta Palmer visited Sunday in

the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Ray Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Palmer and sons visited Sunday with Mrs. Paul

Newman at Golan. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clemmer are

Miss Billie Jo Wimberly is on the sick list this week. We wish for her speedy recovery.





For their Many Blessings

appear in comparison with the weight of misery which has descended upon the peoples of many other lands. Within the circle of our security, life still goes on in a civilized manner, and even the poorest of us is rich enough to enjoy liberty and to command justice. Let us be thankful.

How small our few troubles



NOODLE SINGING.

lo business will be transacted by this bank on Thanksgiving Day.

THE OLD RELIABLE

Farmers & Merchants National Bank MERKEL, TEXAS

DIRECTORS:

Sam Butman, Sr. Henry C. West Dr. W. T. Sadler W. S. J. Brown Booth Warren

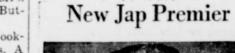
Badgers

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crushing blocks that rated him the standout of the week by the Abilene Reporter-News. Melton's 38 yard run enough together at that time to start. was the best run he has made all So please be on time-anybody can year. He has' made longer runs but be slow. Tell all your friends about not against opposition like Baird. the big singing going to be at Noodle

The Bears had 12 first downs to next Sunday all day; so bring your Merkel's 9, but gained only 167 yards unch and song books; come, spend while Merkel gained 225.

Mrs. Ford Butman gave a very sporting a new 1942 Plymouth car.





Hello, friends, here we come once more, calling your attention to our Rev. O. B. Tatum filled his regular appointment at the Compere Baptist Fifth Sunday singing. So be sure to which will be 10:30, if we can get



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LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS Mothers and Dads Buy New Bus for McMurry

Truett Patterson, who was accept ed and some time ago passed all exams for the aeronautical engineering corps, has been notified that it will be July 1, 1942, Defore he can be placed. At the time he will be ordered to report for nine months' training at a designated school.

In the party of Merkel deer hunters, who returned Friday of last week, Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig brought back an 11-point buck. Don Warren's kill was 6-points, and Tom Harvell Mrs. Frank Fain, secretary-treasurbagged a three-pointer. W. L. Fugat, a member of this party that went to the Chisos mountains, missed on his first trip out but last week-end, in company with Homer Patterson. went to Kerr county and brought back the year is to buy iron gates for the 6-pointer.

L. B. Gibson left Sunday for New York City, from where he was to sail at the Saturday session. to St. Johns, Antigua, B. W. Indies, to be employed by S. J. Groves & Sons in construction work.

Exchanging apartments during the past week, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mc-Saughy are now domiciled in one of the stucco duplex apartments on West Elm street, owned by H. H. Toombs, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Cobb and family have moved to the apartment at the home of his parents, Judge and Mrs. N. D. Cobb.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Green have recently become owners of one of the cottages in the Hughes addition, which they purchased from Hurley Toombs and which they are now occupying.

The dried meat of cocoanut, Tahiti's leading industry, is a source of nitroglycerin and other explosives; the hard outer shell is treated to yield a fine charcoal, used as an absorptive and filtering material in gas masks.

is buying a new college bus. Confirming a decision of a committee to purchase the bus, members pledged nearly \$700 in a meeting at Homecoming Saturday. Officers of the organization are

Mrs. Nib Shaw, vice-president; and you. er, all of Abilene. Nib Shaw, O. P. Thrane and Lewis T. Ward are members of the bus

purchasing committee. The alumni association's goal for entrances to Medley stadium, the Mc-Murry Athletic field. Approximately

\$100 was raised in cash and pledges

Texas has only 2 per cent of its total corn acreage planted to hybrid seed, according to the Agricultural Marketing service.

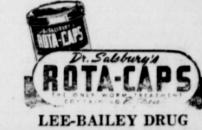
CARD OF THANKS. We take this method of thanking our many friends for their kindnes and sympathy and for the beautiful Abilene, Nov. 26 .- Announcement floral offerings during the illness and has been made that the Mothers and death of our beloved husband, father Dads club, McMurry college, Abilene, and brother; especially do we thank the members of the Masonic lodge for their visits and services during the illness. We also thank the kind neigh-

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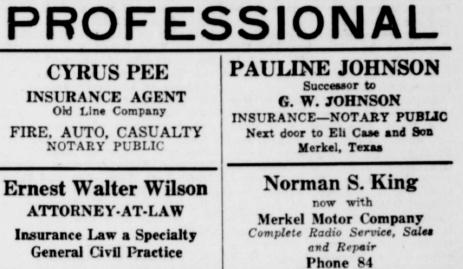
bors for the bountiful lunches served at our home. May the richest of blessings be be-

Mrs. M. L. Touchstone, president; stowed upon each and every one of

Mrs. W. L. Moore and son, James. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moore. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Moore. Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moore. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Moore.







29c

5c

18c

10c

.15c

.10c





FOR SALE

FOR SALE-Good red seed oats; 400 bushels, at 50 cents per bushel. C. R. Peterson, on John Hughes home place, southwest of town.

FOR SALE-'34 V-8 tudor; also 3year-old mare mule. Dee Moore, Route 3, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE-Two good milk cows; two houses and lots; two pianos; would exchange for cattle; garage for rent. Joe Garland.

FOR SALE-Thor electric washing machine, with tubs and furnace. Mrs. Herbert Patterson.

FOR SALE-A team and implements, with the rent of a place. Walter Hunter, Route 4, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE-Model B John Deere tractor, with two-row equipment; also one John Deere one-way plow. C. E. Morgan, Rt. 1, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE-Dozen Buff Orpington pullets, ready to start laying; \$1.00 each. J. O. Castles.

TRACTOR TIRES for sale, new and used; good stock 6.00-16 used tires. White and Palmer.

FOR SALE-My two-story brick building and two business lots on Kent street; 220-acre farm, 21/2 miles southwest of Merkel; my six-room house, with two lots on Locust. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

SEE ME for milk cows and calves and heavy springers. Grover Gilbert.

FOR SALE-710 acre ranch, 75 came on to Merkel for a visit before of Abilene, on all-weather road. ville. Mrs. Amy Sears.

FOR SALE-To settle an estate, 160 acre farm for sale, 11 miles north of Merkel. Mrs. Amy Sears. to spend the week-end with his moth-er, Mrs. L. L. Murray.

FOR SALE-See Lee-Bailey Drug for General Electric refrigerators and appliances.

FOR RENT

ton at Wood grocery store.

Domino parlor.

E. M. McDonald for key.

return. Booth Warren.

WANTED

going with them to the Baird-Merkel FOR RENT-Two-room furnished football game at Baird. private bath. Bert Me

ersonals Dallas Sharp, after seeing the Baird-1 Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft,

A long tube is feeding helium into the barrage balloon of the U.S.

is to keep the enemy flying too high for effective bombing.

Breakfast of Helium

Merkel football game Thursday night, Mrs. Bill Hennessee, Miss Grovene Ford and Joe Earl Kimbrough will acres in cultivation; 7 miles north returning to his home at Stephen- go to College Station Thursday for the Texas-A. & M. football game. On their return they will be accompanied

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Murray and by O. C. Shouse, student at A. & M. children of Sundown, Texas, were here college.

> Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Ramsey and little daughter, Celia Anita, left Wed-

nesday for Muleshoe to spend the Mrs. Ruby Johnson came from San Thanksgiving holiday with her sis-Antonio to spend the first Thankster, Mrs. Harman Swinney. They exgiving holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Golladay, and her pect to remain several days.

daughter, Mary Faye Johnson, and Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth had as her guests last week, her cousins, Mrs. W. C. Barnes, of Grandfield

. . .

marine corps in a process known as "topping off," at Parris Island, S. C. The balloon is made of neoprene, a synthetic rubber, while London balloons are made of real rubber. The purpose of the barrage balloon



Merkel Mail. LODGE CALLS NOTICE MASONS Nov. 29, at 7:30 p. m. All members are

cordially invited. W. C. Black, Secretary.

Legal Notice

TO: Joe Chatman-GREETING:

You are commanded to appear and

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Gamble

THE MERKEL MAIL

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State BTU Contest

Jimmy Sharp Bourn, 5-year-old

He makes his home with his aunt

formerly of Merkel. Jimmy has gone

to the state finals the past two years.

Modern SHOE Service

Merkel, Texas

We Doctor Shoes

And save their

Attend their

HEEL them

DYEING

SOLES!

SOCIETY

GIFT TEA COMPLIMENTS POPULAR BRIDE.

Mrs. Murry Toombs, who was until Will Duncan, Kenneth Pee, Sallie the trimmings to out-of-town relaher marriage Nov. 15 Miss Mary Angus, H. F. Hennington, A. J. tives. Helen Mashburn, was named honoree Canon, Bill Harris, David Gamble, last Friday afternoon for a gift tea Homer Patterson, C. B. Gardner, Horby Miss Elma Mae Gamble of Abi- ace Boney, Weldon McAninch, Robert lene, who entertained here in the home Campbell, Sam Mashburn, Worth Lee, Colo., have been the guests the past of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lige Jack Stanford, Earl Stanford, Elmo

COMRADES CLASS HAVE

SOCIAL MEETING.

bers of the Couples class of the

JOLLY NEIGHBORS.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse enter-

At the refreshment hour delicious

The lovely new home of Mr. and

The entertaining rooms were made burn, J. M. Toombs. Misses Luna White, Hettie Logan especially attractive with many gorgeous fall flowers in the soft radiance of lighted candles. Mrs. Gamble was Mary Jo Brady, Mary Collins, Mary at the door to introduce the lovely Love Tipton, Fannie Boaz, Johnnie bride whose mother, Mrs. Sam Mash- Sears, June Rose Laney, Thelma Dallas before returning to her home. burn, was next in line. Miss Elma Mathews, Christine Collins, Vivian Mae Gamble directed guests to view Davis, Vera Richie, Robbie Walker, a beautiful array of miscellaneous Mildred Hamm, Grovene Ford, Helen gifts and Mrs. Weldon McAninch Heeter. presided over the bride's book.

An all white tea table was centered with daises, white mums and white candles where Mrs. Bill Harris, who poured tea, was assisted by Mrs. Mrs. Cyrus Pee was opened on Mon-Horace Boney in serving dainty sand- day evening of last week to memwiches and wafers.

A musical program was continued Methodist church, when Mr. and Mrs. Tuesday for a visit with relatives in throughout the calling hours by Mrs. Edwin Read joined Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson, vocalist, and by Pee in the roles of host and hostess. Mrs. C. B. Gardner and Miss Helen Heeter, both pianists.

Invitations were extended to Mes- and giant mums were house decoradames Harold Lacey, Elmer Lowe, tions. Games were enjoyed until the J. A. Pruitt, Sam Canon, F. G. Brad- refreshment hour when the hostesses ley, Hugh Bradley, Ed Bradley, Earl passed individual mincemeat pies, of their son, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bradley, Virgil Bradley, John Toombs, G. F. Barron, J. H. Austin, Comer Pat. Mesdames Riggs Shepperd, Gordon terson, Fred Hughes, W. W. Haynes, J. Green, Earl Watts, Raymond Fergu- of Waco were recent guests of her O. Brown, W. A. Riney, Abilene; Rex son, Ray Wilson, Pinky Cypert, Ray Holder, Walter McCartney, J. J. Mc- Olivadoti, Homer Newby, Rev. and Cartney, Gillie Millard, Tommie Millard, Ed Stagner, Tye; V. B. Sublett, Corpus Christi; Norman Winter, Tuscola; W. D. Haynes, Anson; S. O. Owens, Colorado City; Kemp Hinch, Odessa; Cecil Justice, Grand Prairie; tained in their new home Monday Misses Jean Boone, Frances Grant, evening naming members of their Barbara Russell, Eleice Elmore, game club, "The Jolly Neighbors,"

Frances Higgins, Norma Riney, Abi- their guests. Yellow and orange lene; Lorena McCartney, Tye. chrysanthemums in pumpkins Mesdames Raymond Ferguson, Mar- throughout the rooms augmented a vin Boyd, Spencer Bird, Stacy Bird, Thanksgiving color theme and table Owen Robertson, F. E. Church, C. K. appointments for games of "84" were Russell, Lizzie Latham, C. L. Sherrill, in Thanksgiving motif. W. T. Sadler, Elma McFarland, Connor Robinson, George Woodrum, Joe barbecued chicken, salad, hot rolls, B. Toombs, W. A. McSpadden, John bread and butter pickles and fruit Stewart, officiating. Shannon, Minnie Hale, W. H. Laney, cake were served with coffee to Howard Laney, Joe Risinger, Delma Messrs. and Mesdames Raymond Compton, R. A. Walker, H. C. Reid, Ferguson, F. Y. Gaither, Spencer her for the past 15 years. Ellen Duncan, Booth Warren, John Bird, Johnny Cox, John Grable, Her-West, Dee Grimes, Dean Higgins, bert Patterson, Gordon Green, Mrs. Grover Gilbert, Bob McDonald, Harry R. O. Bailey, Miss Christine Collins Barnett, Don Riney, George T. Moore, and C. J. Glover.

L. V. Moore, Jack D. West, Byers Petty, Comer Haynes, E. Y. Bailey, Y. W. A. COMBINE BUSINESS

TRENT NEWS AND In The PERSONALS

Taking advantage of his furlough, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Whitaker left Wednesday of last week for a visit with relatives at Roff, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hughes were Tommie Hogan, M. E. West, Nolan most gracious hosts last Sunday when Palmer, Frank Hamm, Mary Carr, they served a venison meal with all

Mr. and Mrs. Steen and sons, Mor ris and Horace, and daughters, Zuna Joyce and Juanelle, of Central City, ten days of Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen, Collins, Clesby Patterson, Buck Mash- Mr. and Mrs. Ozro Steen and Mr and Mrs. John Strawn.

Mrs. B. F. Falkner has gone to Fort Clay, Imogene Schulze, Ruth West, Worth for a visit with her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Falkner. She will also visit with relatives in Mrs. Odell Freeman and little son, Ronny, left Wednesday for a visit of several days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Audrey Wright at Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bishop and Mrs. Mary Neil have returned from a ten day trip in South Texas. They spent part time fishing at Aransas Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Quattlebaum and children, Lindel and Venita, accompanied by Mrs. Faye Purser, left Little Rock, Ark.

Miss Lola Burnett, beauty opera-A Thanksgiving theme was given tor at Bowers shop, is back at work emphasis in all party appointments after an absence of four weeks following an appendectomy. Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Stoker of Clyde are spending the week in the home olives and coffee to Messrs. and Stoker. Mrs. Emmitt Holt and daughters

parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen. Jess Strawn, of Indianapolis, Ind. Mrs. Marvin Boyd and Mrs. Elmo an uncle of John and Earl Strawn, visited with them the early part of the week.

Mrs. Belle Sparks and son, Rufus, and daughter, Miss Alene, of Anson, were visiting friends here Saturday. o'clock. Iland Hale of Grand Prairie spent

the week-end visiting his parents. Roberts Grimes Seago, who is in

the navy, is home on a furlough.

COOK-HANKS.

Miss Iona Hanks and Ben G. Cook of O'Donnell were married Saturday afternoon at the Methodist parson-

age with the pastor, Rev. J. B. Mrs. Cook is a sister of Mrs. Charles Keys and has made her home with

OFFICERS ELECTED BY

4-H CLUB BOYS.

Winn was elected

The couple left for O'Donnell where they will make their home.

Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

There were 487 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 605 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 221.

METHODIST CHURCH. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning worship service 11:00 a. m. Intermediate League 6:30 p. m. Methodist Youth Fellowship 6:30 p.m. Evening preaching hour 7:00-8:00 p. m. Wo-

men's Society of Christian Service Mondays at 3:00 p. m. Mid-week service Wednesdays 7:15 p. m. Marvin Boyd, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 6:15. Evening sermon at 7:15.

evening. Choir rehearsal 8 p. m. Cooper Waters, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. As the pastor will be out of town, there will be no other church service Sunday.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday: Bible School 9:45 a. m. preaching 10:45 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. young people's Bible class 6:00 p. m. Wednesday: Ladies' Bible class 2:30 p. m. and prayer meeting at 7:00 p. m.

The public is invited to attend each of these services. Come, bring your friends.

Claud C. Smith, Minister.

NAZARENE CHURCH. Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30

Everyone is cordially invited to these services.

G. O. Crow, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock, Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

A. V. Henderson, Pastor.

The 9,614 hospitals in the United States have 1,282,785 beds, according to a survey conducted by the census bureau. Hospitals average 97 beds for each 10,000 of the population and the hospital

Revival at Church of Wins First Place in Christ to End Dec. 2

Fine interest is being shown in the dvival which is in progress at the grandson of Mrs. J. P. Sharp of Mer-Church of Christ, according to an ankel, won first place in the B. T. U. nouncement by Claud C. Smith, minister of the local church. state Bible story telling contest, held D. Lee Hukel, minister of , the in Fort Worth at the Broadway Church of Christ at Stamford, is the Baptist church, on Nov. 20-22. evangelist in this meeting and is

delivering inspirational gospel *serand uncle, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. mons daily at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. The meeting will continue through Sharp, 4006 Madlin, Fort Worth,

Tuesday night, Dec. 2, and the pubic is cordially invited.

Homemakers Enjoy A **Thanksgiving Program**

The Merkel chapter of the Future Homemakers of Texas held its regular meeting Tuesday night of last week n the High School studio. After a business meeting, Esther Farr had charge of a Thanksgiving program. Mary Sue Grant, Valerie Leonard, Becky Gaither and Mary Jo Hutchins assisted in presenting entertainments and decorations for the holiday.

Buck's Shoe Shop The meeting adjourned with the singing of the club song, "I Am an



J. Basil Ramsey, Pastor.

Prayer meeting at 7:15 Wednesday

Earl Watts, W. A. Ford, Sallie Gant. N. T. Hodge, John Mansfield, Wrenn Cyrus Pee, Bob Mayfield, Herbert Beech, W. O. Boney, R. G. Toombs.

J. E. Boaz, Sr., Tom Largent, J. T. ate theme, the program was on Warren, W. S. J. Brown, John Grable, Thanksgiving. Carroll Benson, Chester Collinsworth,

W. R. Yazell, Waymon Adcock, Clyde Pearl Mathews, Anna Lake Waters. Bartlett, Earl Baze, Bill Fugat, Harry Bullock, Ada Heeter, Abbie Ruth Hutcheson, N. C. Bush, Eli Case, Milton Case, Denzel Cox, F. Y. Gaither,

AND SOCIAL MEETING.

Collins.

After an enjoyable social hour, L. C. Zehnpfennig, Leon Toombs, Joe delicious iced drinks were served to of more than three and one million Seymore, A. R. Toombs, Will Toombs, Mesdames Clyde Bartlett, Bill Fugat, persons eligible to receive public as-Stanley Toombs, Willie B. Toombs, Cooper Waters, Don Riney; Misses Bud Toombs, Nannie Perry, S. M. Thelma Mathews, Mary Nell Morgan, Hunter, Cooper Waters, Bob Hicks, Mildred Bird, Bess McNiece, Mau- the hospital until Christmas and by Frank Golladay, Pete West, Harriet rine White, Nadine Clack, Janet Grimes, Pete White, Duncan Briggs, Teaff, Clara White, Grovene Ford,

L. L. L. CLASS TO SEW FOR INFANT.

Members of the L. L. L. Sunday Warren Higgins, Irvin Thompson, School class of the First Baptist Stanley King, A. A. McGehee, Max church met in the home of Mrs. Owen Mellinger, A. T. Sheppard, Morris Robertson Monday night. After a Smith, T. G. Toombs, Holt Vaughn. brief business session, sewing fur-Mesdames D. H. Vaughn, Henry nished diversion for the evening. A West, Lecil White, Florence Berry, number of things has been given to Nell Lee, Dehlia Richie, Alvin Woz- the class for the five months' old encraft, Jack Patterson, Carl Bush, girl the class has promised to F. T. Hogan, Sr., F. T. Hogan, Jr., clothe. The infant will not be out of

of the Trent 4-H club for 1942 at a The Y. W. A. of the First Bap- meeting Tuesday. Other officers in-Durham, Joe Cypert, T. G. Bragg, tist church met in the home of Mrs. clude Buddy Winter, vice-president; Cooper Waters Tuesday evening and Andy Beasley, secretary-treasurer; Patterson, A. B. Patterson, Earl combined a business session, pro- Calvin Wade, reporter; J. M. Beasley gram and social meeting. Thelma and Bud Winter, adult leaders. The Mesdames R. T. Gray, Clyde Mathews presided over the business meeting was under direction of Clyde Sears, Clyde Sears, Jr., Willie Joe session and Janet Tearf was pre- Wells, assistant county agent and Largent, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Royce Eiland, gram leader. Following an appropri- supervisor of club work in the county.

> Blue food stamps added \$9.637.000 worth of farm products to the diets sistance during September.

that time the class expects to have completed a full wardrobe. Delicious refreshments were serv-

ed to Mrs. Owen Robertson, Mrs. Horace Boney, Misses Mary Nell Morgan, Mildred Bird, Grovene Ford and Pearl Mathews.

LOTTIE MOON G. A.

The Lottie Moon Intermediate G. A. of the First Baptist church met Tuesday, 4:00 p. m., in the home of Mrs. David Gamble for a regular meeting and social hour. After a mission study program on 'Believers and Builders in Europe" and a short discussion on Christmas party plans, refreshments were served to Irlene Walker, Dorothy Jinkens,

Avalene Mathews, Sue Morgan, Bobbie Nell Bicknell, Jennie Ree Teaff, Dardanella Swope, Bobbie Nell Reagan, Nedra Swafford and Mrs. David Gamble. The G. A.'s will again meet Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the First Baptist

church, 4:00 p. m., at which time they will present a Lottie Moon Christmas program.

W. M. U. CIRCLES.

The Blanche Rose Walker Circle of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. A. R. Booth. Opening prayer was led by Mrs. W. L. Johnson. An interesting Bible discussion followed, with the closing prayer by Mrs. Earl Lassiter. Those present were Mesdames J. O. Castles, Cooper Waters, A. R. Booth, Earl Lassiter and W. L. Johnson. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Earl Lassiter on Dec. 8.

The Elkin Lockett Circle of the First Baptist church met Monday with Mrs. G. M. Sharp. In the absence of the leader, Mrs. W. F. Patterson, Mrs. Chas. West had charge. Mrs. J. M. Meeks opened the meeting with prayer. The Circle is to do some personal service work through the month of December. An interesting lesson was brought by the Bible teacher, Mrs. J. M. Williamson.

The Circle is to meet with Mrs. Chas. West Dec. 8. This meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Lum Gilbreath. Those present were Mesdames J. M. Williamson, J. M. Meeks, Lum Gilbreath, Chas. West and G. M.

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COFFEE CHASE & 1 lb. can				
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10 lbs. 59c	23c	Salad Dressing, qt. 23c Pickles, sour or dill, qt. 17c		
SLICED BACON pound 27c				
SAUSAGE Nice & Lean, lb.				
SLICED BOLOGNA pound 15c PORK CHOPS Nice & Lean, lb. 33c				
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