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JOHNSON'S NAME **GOES ON BALLOT** LATEST RULING

Chief Justice Black Issues Stay In Election Contest.

As a result of Tuesday's action in the United States supreme court. Lyndon Johnson's name went on the official ballot Wednesday as the Democratic nominee for United States senator from Texas,

The order for each of the county election boards to insert Johnson's name on the bailot went out from the office of the secretary of state, who had been restrained by an order of Federal District Judge T. Whit Davidson from certification of Johnson's name to the Nov. 2 ballot pending an investigation of alleged voting irregularities in South . Texas counties.

Wednesday's action on the part of the secretary of state followed a stay of execution of the injunction by Justice Hugo Black of the United Davidson had no authority to interfere with a state election.

In the official canvass of the primary run-off election on Aug. 28, the name of Lyndon Johnson was certified by the State Democratic convention as the party's nominee for U. S. Senator. Johnson's majority over former Gov. Coke Stevenson was declared to be 87 votes.

Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Leona Glenn Reddin, 72, who died at 10:30 bers: "Cradle Song," "Sonny Boy," Tuesday night at her home in the "I Love a Little Cottage" and "Home Stith community, were held at 4 Sweet Home," accompanied by Mrs. p. m. Wednesday from the Stith Comer Haynes at the piano. Methodist church.

Rev. H. S. Earp, pastor of the

ENACTS PART IN FIRST WBAP-TV COMMERCIAL

The "young leading lady" in the first WBAP-TV commercial will be 8-year-old Rosslyn Ferrier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Jr., of Execution of Injunction of Fort Worth, and granddaughter Order from Judge Davidson of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bryan, all of Merkel.

> In telling the story of "Radio Folks Getting Slicked Up for Those Television Commercials," (just like the movies do it), a feature story appearing recently in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram pictured one of the shots showing Chief Photographer George McCullough focusing his lenses on an adorable young "leading lady," none other than Rosslyn, who is about to accept an all-day candy-sucker from the grocer, enacted by Thaine Engel of the production department.

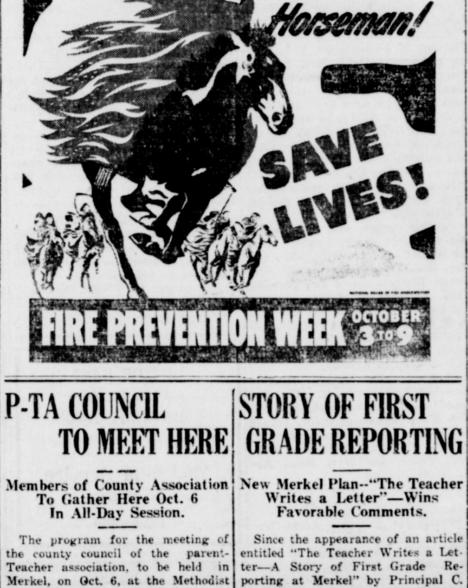
"Evaluation of Home" Year's Topic of P-TA

The Merkel Parent-Teacher asso-States supreme court, who ruled that ciation met in the Grammar School auditorium, Tuesday evening, for the first program of the year. The year's program is based on the topic, "Evaluation of Home."

Rev. R. L. Butler opened the program with a prayer. Mrs. Carroll Benson presided at the business session, at which time it was announced that the P.-T. A. will have a Hallowe'en street carnival.

Mrs. Powell Miller previewed the year's program and Mrs. Buster Horton spoke on "Finding Permanent For Stith Resident Values Through Home and School."

> Mrs. Edwin Read closed the program with a group of violin num-



Opening time is set for 10:30 a.

Writes a Letter"—Wins Favorable Comments.

A. Farley in the September issue of church has been announced.

the "Texas Outlook," the official m., with the business meeting to publication of the Texas State Teachfollow at 10:40. After a special fea- ers association, a number of inquirture at 11:30, a parliamentary drill ies from all over Texas have been

PARTICIPATES IN **OPENING PARADE** WEST TEXAS FAIR

The Merkel High School band was one of 12 college and high school organizations taking part in the big street parade at Abilene Monday afternoon, opening the West Texas Fair. Participating also in the parade was the High School Pep Squad. In the late afternoon the band.

directed by Mrs. Johnsie Allen, gave one of a series of concerts by high school bands in the automobile building.

Recently elected officers of the band are: Billy Jackson, president; Gerald West, vice-president; Sandra Sadler, secretary-treasurer; Joy Lansford, reporter; Ernest Reynolds and Mona Robertson, librarians.

Badgers Face Tough

The Merkel Badgers will journey to Andrews Friday to tackle their times and the visitors 5 times. toughest foe of the season, the Andrews Mustangs. Game time: 8 p. m. Coach Carroll Benson's inexperienced Purple and Gold lads are not given much of a chance in most quarters against the cardinal clad and McLean alternated in carrying veterans of Coach Francis Tubbs. back from last year's club which finished third in the tough 7-A dis double stripe from the five. McLean's trict. Local fans will recall that the kick for the extra point was no good. Badgers nudged the Mustangs 6-0 here last fall. Three of the returning lettermen are backs and two are linesmen. A boy by the name of Holderman, quarterback on the T formation, weighs 185 pounds and has led the Mustangs to three straight victories this season. Their record for 1948 reads: Andrews 26, Pecos 0; Andrews 26, Sudan 0, and Andrews 21, Wink 14.

Many observers have placed Andrews, Seminole and Monahans in the favorites role to cop the 7A title this fall.

BEAT BULLDOGS; BADGERS REGAIN SOME CONFIDENCE

Rout Loraine, 38-6 in Non-Con-ence Affair Here Last Friday Night; Blocking and Tackling Greatly Improved.

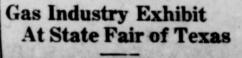
Merkel's Badgers crushed the Class B Loraine Bulldogs, 38-6, in a complete rout here last Friday night in non-conference game.

In, contrast to the Anson fracas. Coach Benson's boys looked like they really wanted to play the pigskin game the way it should be played. The blocking and tackling of the locals was greatly improved.

This second game of the season, played before about 1800 fans, was Game With Mustangs marred by excessive fumbles and penalties. Merkel was penalized 8 times for 50 yards and Loraine 7 times for 50 yards. The Badgers fumbled 3

The Badgers opened the scoring early in the initial quarter after recovering a Loraine fumble on the Bulldog's 45-yard line. Douglas, Wade ceterans of Coach Francis Tubbs. the mail to pay dirt behind good Coach Tubbs has five regulars downfield blocking. Quarterback "Niger" McLean bucked over the

> In the second period the hustling Merkel gridsters recovered another Loraine fumble on the 50 and racked up another tally in 3 plays, including a nice 20-yard jaunt by Brandion Wade. Douglas crashed over from the 8. McLean booted the extra point. Later in this same per-(Continued on Page Three)



Merkel Assembly of God church, conducted the services, assisted by Rev. R. L. Butler, Methodist pastor. Burial was in the Stith cemetery under direction of Laughter-North Funeral home of Abilene.

Mrs. Reddin was born Dec. 31, 1875, in Johnson county and moved to the Stith community Jan. 1, 1918, with her husband, S. M. Reddin, to whom she was married Jan. 4, 1893, at Sterling City. She was a member of the Methodist church.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Dewey Reddin and Howard Reddin of Merkel, Douglas Reddin of Hamilton; two daughters, Mrs Willie Mae Winters of Abilene and Mrs. Oleta James of Merkel. A 10ster-daughter, Mrs. Pauline Keyes of Abilene also survives.

Twelve grandchildren and two brothers, Tom Blair of Sterling City and Frank Blair of Abilene, also survive.

Trent Home Ec Club to Sponsor Box Supper

Trent, Sept. 30 .- The Home Ec club of the Trent high school is announcing a box supper Tuesday night, Oct. 5, at the school auditorium.

There will be a short program of entertainment beginning at 7:30 p. m., with the box auction to start at 8 o'clock. All boxes will be appreciated. The public is invited.

Glenna Scott is club president, and Miss Kathleen Bryan, sponsor.

Rites at White Church For Pvt. Carl L. Riggan

Reburial services for Pvt. Carl L. Riggan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggan of the White Church community, who was killed in action on Nov. 18, 1944, on Leyte in the Philippine Islands, will be held at 3 p. m. Saturday from the Methodist church at White Church.

Rev. R. L. Butler, pastor of the Merkel Methodist church, will officiate, and burial will be in the White Church cemetery, with Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home in charge.

The body of the veteran will arrive here at 1:30 p. m. Friday on the T. and P. westbound Eagle.

Entering service in October, 1942, Private Riggan went overseas about a month after enlistment, serving 8 same time in Australia before returning to New Guinea and on to the Philippines.

Surviving are his parents, three all of White Church, and three sisters, Mrs. Leroy Swinney of Merkel and Lola Mae and Betty Lou Riggan, at home with their parents.

Reburial Friday for 36th Division Veteran

Funeral services were held at 4 p. m. Friday from the chapel of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home for Pvt. Clifford G. Bunch, son of Mrs. C. O. Washburn, who was killed in action in Italy on Feb. 18, 1944, Rev. R. L. Butler, pastor of the Methodist church officiated.

Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery, with Merkel Post 5683, Veterans of Foreign Wars, conducting military rites.

Pallbearers were Waymon Adcock, Melton Cross, W. R. Cypert, Lloyd Robertson, Louis Farmer and Howard Carson; honorary pallbearers, Doyle Seifried, R. D. Ely, David Gamble, L. A. Dudley, Herman Daniel, Lavern Moore, F. G. Barnett, Edgar Tipton.

The escort, or firing squad, included Horace Boney, Robert Higgins, Vincent Barnett, Jesus Moreno. Fermin Hernandez, Alton Newton and George Reidenbach; honor guard, E. L. Tarpley, J. L. Hester; color guard, L. C. Whisenhunt, J. P. Click; bugler, Charles Simpson; chaplain, Rev. R. L. Butler.

Private Bunch was a member of the National Guard when that organization was called to service and trained with the S6th Division at Camp Bowie, going overseas with that famous unit.

Survivors are his mother: three sisters, Mrs. Cecil Ross, Trent, Mrs. Charles Royston. Abilene, and Mrs. Charlie Cass, Merkel, and two brothers, Clyde and Louis Bunch, both of Merkel.

Resolution for Bonus Passed by Local VFW

A resolution calling for a state bonus to every World War I and II veteran was passed by members of the Merkel (5683) V. F. W. Post at its regular meeting Sept. 23.

The resolution, which was submitted to the Post by Roger Q. Evans of Austin, calls for payment of \$10

per month for home services and \$15 for each month veterans spent overseas during either World War I or months in Hawaii and about the II. The resolution calls for a minimum payment of \$300, and a maximum of \$600.

The maximum would be doubled to the next of kin of a veteran who night, Comer Haynes was named brothers, Merle, Denzel and Jimmy, lost his life. Veterans with a disability rating would be paid an increase over their earned bonus, bas- bers of the group are Holland Teaff said.

and "Ethics of Money Raising" will] received by local school officials and be brought by Mrs. H. Holt and Mrs. first grade teachers. J. Hutchens of Abilene.

At 12:30 a covered dish luncheon will be served. In the afternoon the program will begin at 1:30 with System" will be the subject of a talk by Supt. R. A. McCollum of the year. Merkel Public schools, Riggs Shep-

perd, a school trustee, will discuss "The Functions and Powers of Our School Board." All members of the local P.-T. A

are urged to attend this meeting, and welcome members from other units.

Bluebonnet HD Club Wins Second at Fair

Second place, with prize money of \$75, went to the Bluebonnet ciub, Mrs. Tom Russom, chairwoman, in the HD club division at the West Texas Fair, being held in Abilene this week.

The Buffalo Gap club was winner of first prize of \$100.

Firemen to Meet At Cisco on Oct. 7

Cisco, Sept. 30 .- The Cisco Volunteer Fire department will be host Thursday, Oct. 7, to the Mid-West Texas Firemen's association, when between 400 and 500 visitors are expected.

The program will begin with registration at 10 a. m. From 1 p. m. until 5:30 there will be a business meeting, followed by a sports program and a barbecue at Lake Cisco. The convention will end with a dance at Lake Cisco pavillion in the evening. Among out-of-town guests expected are Frank Williams, Austin; Sen. Pat Bullock, Colorado City; Railroad Commissioner Olin Culberson. Austin; Col. H. R. Brayton, College Station, and others.

J. C. Hall, Jr., of Loraine is president of the Mid-West association, with J. Parker Sharp, of Merkel, as secretary-treasurer.

Pulpit Committee to Secure New Pastor

Following the resignation of Rev E. M. Weathers, who had been pastor of the First Baptist church for the past four years and who preached his farewell sermon Sunday chairman of the pulpit committee to secure a new pastor. Other mem-

rett Pinckley.

Last Saturday the two first grade teachers from Winters came over to Merkel to talk to Mrs. Elsie Nash and Mrs. Vincent Barnett, two of music by the Merkel High School the local first grade teachers, about Choral club. "Our Public School the unique plan of reporting which was used here in the first grade last

> Other letters have come from Pecos, Henrietta, Canyon and Lovington, N. M.

The prize letter was from Dr. S. H. Condron, head of the government department at West Texas State college at Canyon. Dr. Condron stated:

"I have thought many times that a frank statement from the teacher would mean more than some alphabeticals which seldom mean any-

thing. Your article caused me to make this decision: I am going to write a letter to the parents of any boy or girl in my classes this year when any problem concerning them shows up. It will be an attempt to bring the student into closer touch with me and the parent in closer

touch with the college." It seems that Merkel is probably the only school in West Texas and one of the few in the state which has pioneered this new type of reporting to parents.

Instead of sending out the traditional type of report card each six. weeks, the teacher writes a personal informal letter to the parents of each child. Also, the child stays at home one day during the six weeks and the parents come to school in his place to have a conference with the teacher and to see some of the work which the child has done during

This plan was highly successful in the Merkel first grade last year and is being extended to the second grade this year.

Modern Washeteria Will Open Monday

In the newly constructed tile build. ing, erected on the same location formerly occupied by the Beech laundry, the Modern Washeteria, owned and operated by Jennings Winter, will be open for business next Monday.

The new building covers overall space of 46x56 feet, with a 20x20 foot boiler room in the rear. All equipment has been completely overhauled.

By way of introduction, Proprie tor Winter announces that for one whole week beginning Monday, Oct. 11, one week's free wash will be gived on their ratio of disability, Com- and Buster Horton and Mesdamos en to every one, details of which are ment elsewhere in this issue.

The local Bad cers gal confidence in downing the Loraine Bulldogs 38-6 here last week and are expected to be in the right frame of mind to give the Andrews boys a battle. There is not much question that the Badgers will be outclassed. but Coach Benson hopes that his charges will play good enough ball to hold the Mustangs to a respectable score.

The Merkel squad will leave about 9 Friday morning, spend Friday night in Odessa or Midland and return to Merkel on Saturday.

Seniors Organize for Year; Elect Officers

The Senior class of Merkel High school has organized for the year of '48-'49. Voting was done by secret ballot, and the following officers were elected: Gaston Walker, president; Roger Bailey, vice-president; Jorene Risinger, secretary, and Gerald West, reporter.

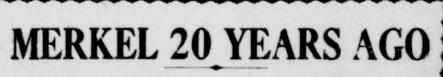
Elected as room mothers were Mes. dames DuBose, Bailey, Walker, West. Reid, Risinger and Lansford. Sponsors are Mrs. Edwin E. Read, Mrs. Virginia Pope and Mr. Hoyt Byrd. The class is looking forward to a full and successful year.

gas industry exhibit flavored with Mexican art and music will be presented during the State Fair of Texas in Dallas, Oct. 9-24. Described as a "Fiesta of Fun," it will provide free entertainment for the entire family and a view of gas appliances that save time and labor and add to the health and comfort of the American home.

The exhibit will be housed in the air-conditioned Natural Gas building amid a striking setting inspired. by Modern Mexico. Among its features will be a giant mural (17x26 feet) portraying cordial relations existing between the United States and Mexico. This outstanding work of art was painted by Perry Nichols, of Dallas, among the leading artists of the Southwest.

A preview of the exhibit will be held on the night of Oct. 8 and a portion of the program will be broadcast by WFAA (820) from 8:30 to 9 o'clock. D. A. Hulcy, Lone Star Gas Company president, will unveil the Nichols mural.

The Natural Gas building is easily recognized by a giant flame atop a 70-foot tower painted Mexican pink. Lounges, rest rooms and ice water will be available for the comfort of visitors.



(From Files of The Merkel Mail, September 28, 1928.)

MERKEL ROCK TO BECOME EX- a friend of long standing who lives HIBIT IN L. A. MUSEUM. Said to Bear Footprints of. Fossils of Permian Origin.

Specimens of rock found nine miles south of Merkel, said to bear footprints of fossils thousands of years old, will be exhibited in the Los Angeles Museum.

During the past week Merkel had as Monica, Calif., formerly of the University of Illinois Medical school; Henry Wilde, geologist at the Los Angeles Museum, and T. L. Miller of San Diego, photographer. They spent two days in excavating at the base of Castle Creek and as a reward for their efforts shipped back to Los

Angeles seven big cases of rock show-Permian and pre-historic period. The surface had long since been covered over by growth and the natural march of time.

mander R. D. Ely of the local post A. R. Booth, Dean Higgins and Jar- explained in the opening advertise- According to Dr. Moodie, he was ports that all are doing nicely. The attracted to the Merkel discovery by | car was badly damaged.

at Abilene. It is his intention to classify each specimen and label it so that visitors to the museum may know the name of each particular fossil and observe its footprint. Merkel will be given as the place of discovery. Further plans call for a book by Dr. Moodie. In the near future he will prepare a paper, in which the material found here will be discussed and examined, to be entitled, "Castle, Feak, A Cretaceous Outlyer." "The visitors Dr. Roy L. Moodie of Santa fact that we traveled 3,000 miles at our own expense and spent two days of hard work in order to get the specimens ought to be pretty good evidence that we consider them valuable," declared a member of Dr.

J. H. Grayson, Mrs. Grayson and their daughter, Mrs. Wheeler, were ing the footprints of animals of the bruised and badly shaken up when their automobile turned over near DeLeon last Sunday.

Moodie's party.

They were brought to Merkel and treated by Dr. H. P. Hulsey, who re-

the previous six weeks period.



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PACE THREE

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WILSON JEWELRY



Five conservation group meetings March; Hubam sweet clover, 4 to 6 were held last week in the Merkel lbs., rows, Feb. and March; winter area of the Middle Clear Fork Soil peas, 10 to 12 lbs., rows, Sept. and Conservation district, for these Oct., 20 to 25 lbs., drilled, Sept. and groups: Golan, Sinclair, Compere, Oct.

Mixed sandy loam soils: Madrid Boyd's Chapel and Carpenter's Gap. Technicians from the Soil Conservasweet clover, 2 to 3 lbs., rows, Nov., tion service assisted the group lead-| Feb. and March; Hubam sweet elovers in conducting these meetings. er, 4 to 6 lbs., rows, Feb. and March; winter peas, 10 to 12 lbs., rows, Sept. Winter cover crops and other timeand Oct., 20 to 25 lbs., drilled, Sept ly conservation measures were the central theme of this series of meetand Oct.; Hairy vetch and rye, 10 lbs, vetch, 20 to 30 lbs. rye, drilled. ings, where films stressing two soil enservation practices were shown. Sept. and Oct.

Deep sands: Hairy vetch and rye This is an opportune time to lay 10 lbs. vetch, 20 to 30 lbs. rye, drillplans for fall and winter cover crops. ed, Sept. and Oct.; winter peas, 20 Most district cooperators who grew winter cover crops last year were imto 25 lbs., drilled, Sept. and Oct. Bottom land soils: Alfalfa, 10 to pressed and well pleased with the results obtained from winter cover 12 lbs., drilled, Sept. and Oct.; Madrid sweet clover, 2 to 3 lbs., rows, crops in protecting their soil against Nov., Feb. and March. wind erosion" and for grazing. Dry weather prevented most legumes from making a seed crop last year;

however, they served a very useful

purpose in controlling wind blowing

of top soil. Most legumes seed which are adapted locally can be purchased

Information, based on field trials

from former experience in the Merkel area over the past three years,

as contained in the following sum-

mary, may be useful in selecting a

legume for your farm. Good to ex-

cellent results have been obtained by

Tight land: Madrid sweet clover,

2 to 3 lbs., rows, Nov., Feb. and

from local seed dealers.

time of planting:

Electric Industry Has 40-Millionth Customer

Abilene, Sept. 30 .- The 40-millionth customer of the electric industry came on the power line sometime between Sept. 8 and Sept. 15, Ernest R. Acker, president of the Edison Electric Institute, has advised Price Campbell, president of the West Texas Utilities company.

Pointing out that the demand for farmers using these legumes on the electric service in West Texas for soil types as shown in the following cooking, cooling, water heating, lightprepared table, giving type of soil ing and many additional uses in infirst, adapted legume, planting rate dustries and stores is at an all time per acre, method of planting and high, Mr. Campbell said:

> "In keeping with its policy of anticipating future need, the West Texas Utilities company is now engaged in an \$18,000,000 construction program to build new facilities and to enlarge and improve existing ones. Much of the material for this program, which has been under way for many months, was ordered

Badgers (Continued from Page One)

iod the Purple and Gold warriers marched 46 years for another marker. Wade scored from the 3 to make the count 19-0 at the half.

In the middle of the third canto the locals drove 58 yards for their fourth T. D., McLean finding the "promised land" from the 2. Kick by McLean was no good. Late in the same period Billy Harris, freshman back, scampered around his own left end on a double reverse play from the Loraine 2 for another six-pointer and one of the best runs of the contest. McLean converted from the placement to make the score 32-0 at the end of the third stanza.

McLean chalked up the last touchdown on a beautiful 21-yard gallop over right tackle in the middle of the closing frame.

The outclassed visitors garnered their only score late in the game against the Merkel third stringers. Lowell Richardson raced 24 years over his own right tackle for the marker.

The story in figures: First downs, Merkel 21, Loraine 5; net yards rushing, Merkel 278, Loraine 77; passing, Merkel completed 1 out of 4 for 15 vards, Loraine completed 4 out of 8 for 43 yards; punts, Merkel none, Loraine 5 for 112 yards;

Individual yardage: McLean toted the ball 16 times for 139 yards; Douglas netted 49 yards in 5 trips Wade collected 38 yards in 8 tries, and Harris made 48 yards in 5 carries.

Defensively, Guard raul Bow and Jimmy Floyd, back, were particular ly outstanding, but were closely followed by Roger Bailey, Dudley Farr, Wayman Hicks and Donald Douglas.

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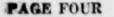
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MOVIE CALENDAR

-:- Q U E E N -:-

Friday - Saturday - Double feature program: Robbrt Cummings Brian Donlevy in "Montana Mike" and Veronica Lake, Joan Caulfield, Barry Fitzgerald, William Demarest in "The Sainted Sisters;" color cartoon, "Circus Today" and serial.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday Barry Fitzgerald, Howard Duff in "Naked City;" Bugs Bunny cartoon and latest News

Wednesday - Thursday --- Roy Rogers, Dennis Day, Andrews Sisters in "Melody Time;" selected short subjects.

"NAKED CITY"

There are two stars, a man and a metropolis, in the late Mark Hellinger's final screen production, "The Naked City," a Universal-Interna-tional release which comes to the Queen theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The man is Barry Fitzgerald. The metropolis is New York, the giant city of nearly eight million inhabitants, which plays itself in the title role of this thrilling film. Fitzgerald is wise, humorous, patient, kind, brave and shrewd as a veteran New York police lieutenant who solves one of the most baffling murder mysteries shown on the screen in a long while. New York with its teeming millions, its vibrant tempo and breath-taking street vistas is simply overwhelming.

Treasurer of McMurry **Teachers' Organization**

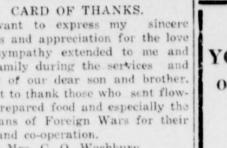
Abilene, Sept. 30 .--- Viola Allred of Merkel will serve as treasurer of the McMurry College chapter of the Future Teachers of America this year. The organization is composed of students who plan to follow teaching careers and any student who is interested in teaching is eligible to join.

Later this year McMurry, Hardin-Simmons university and Abilene Christian college will be co-bosts to the second annual state-wide conference of the Future Teachers of

guests being children of other American families stationed in Germany. She received many nice gifts, including a box of school clothes sent her from relatives here at home. Sandy will start to school this year and will attend school at Darmstodt, I want to thank those who sent flow-Germany, seven miles from the town | ers, prepared food and especially the where the family now lives, which is Veterans of Foreign Wars for their Ober Ramstodt,

The Fitzgeralds recently moved there from Wiesbaden, where they had been living since going overseas almost two years ago.

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the love and sympathy extended to me and my family during the services and burial of our dear son and brother. help and co-operation. Mrs. C. O. Washburn.



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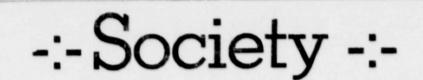
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w Potatoes, No. 2 can 13c	Red and White—Concord Grape Jelly, 12 oz. glass 23c
and White miny, No. 2 can 10c and White_Tiny 2 Sieve	U. S. NO. 1-IDAHO Russets Spuds, 5 lbs25c
as, No. 2 can 25c	Colorado White Onions, Ib
egar, qt. bottle 19c	Hershey's
nato Soup, 2 cans	Breakfast Cocoa, 1/2 lb. 19c Red and White
Drenched Tree Riped aches, tall can 17c	Pie Crust, 9 oz. pkg 16c Skinner's
it Cocktail, tall can 27c	Raisin Bran, 10 oz. pkg. 17c Rayon 12 ounce
ted Meat, 2 cans19c	Mops, each
k, 2 tall cans 29c	It Floats Ivory, Ig. bar
of Arc-CUT	Proctor & Gamble New Wash Day Wonder
paragus, No. 2 cans 33c	TIDE, lg. box 33c Red and White-CUT
caroni, 2 pkgs23c	Spaghetti, tall can 15c
CLORAX Quart Bottle 18C	
MEAT MARKET DEPARTMENT	
LOGNA, pound	ROLLED ROAST, lb 69c
EESE, pound	Banner VEAL BRAINS, Ib
AST, Ib	Armour Star PURE PORK SAUSAGE, Ib 57c
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HERE IS ALASKA." The Methodist Women's Society of Orien Higgins and Henry Howard. Christian Service meets Monday, Oct. 4, at 3 p. m., at the church to begin the study of "America's Geographi cal Frontiers.'

lyn Stefansson, wife of the famous explorer.

to attend.

FAREWELL PARTY.

Rev. and Mrs. Merle Weathers and daughter. Nelda, were named guests of honor Sunday when Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collins extended hospitality, entertaining with a covered dish luncheon at one o'clock at their home on Bettis heights. Rev. and Mrs. Weathers left Monday to make their home in Amarillo.

A delectable, seasonal menu was served to the following: Rev. and Mims, secretary-treasurer, and Doro-Mrs. Weathers, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCandless, Mr. and Mrs. Dewel McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collins.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Neff are an-

The Merkel Home Demonstration

of baby diaper.

BIRTHDAY PARTY IN HONOR OF MILTON DICKEY ELLIOTT.

Bonita Wilson, McMurry senior Milton Dickey Elliott to observe his the pulpit at both services, 11 a.m. from Higgins, Texas, will review sixth birthday Friday afternoon, by and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 10 the book, "Here is Alaska," by Eve- his mother, Mrs. R. L. Elliott, Jr.

freshments of ice cream, cake and nesday. All interested women are invited punch were served to the following little guests: Nancy Vaughn, Mike and Bill Vaughn, Buddy Patterson, Jocille Thompson, John Riggs and Ann Shepperd, Don and Keith Wilson, Lester Dorton, Jr., Robert and Sarah Harris, Jimmy Risinger and Bobby and Dickey Elliott.

> 4-H Girls Elect Officers On Sept. 23, the Noodle 4-H girls,

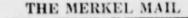
meeting with the county agent, Miss Loretta Allen, elected the following officers: Dorothy Goode, president: Susie Griffin, vice-president; Sue

thy Bumpass, reporter.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. L. L. Smith underwent survery Wednesday at Sadler hospital. for Reynolds Home,





METHODIST CHURCH.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Worship 10:50 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

Young People's meeting 7:15 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8:00

Troy M. Cummings, Minister.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m Preach-

ing at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Mid-

week prayer meeting at 7:30 Wed-

NAZARENE CHURCH.

at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meet-

CARD OF THANKS.

I would like to express my appre-

ciation to Dr. Sadler and Dr. Byrd

and all those at the Sadler Clivic

who so lovingly served my every

need during my illness. Also other

other gifts and the Live Oak Baptist

church for the lovely flowers sent.

My best to all of you.

friends who sent flowers, cards and

ing at 8 p. m. Wednesday

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching

A. T. Suskey, Pastor.

R. T. Smith, Paster.

Mrs. Frank Demere.

Bible School 9:45 a. m. Sunday.

R. L. Butler, Pastor

Birth Announced.

Calif., formerly of Merkel.

kel

M1. and Mrs. J. C. Carson, of La-

Twin Boys Born.

Oil Notes.

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pin lime from 2,537-44.

In The Church School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11. Youth Fellowship 7:00 Junta, Colo., are parents of a son, Churches Wednesdays, 7:30 p. m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was McMURRY SENIOR TO REVIEW | Bill Skiles, Billy Largent, Tillman 812 as compared with 755 on the pre-Rutledge, Euel Hurd, Mark Malone, vious Sunday. The attendance on the same Sunday a year ago was 757.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

p. m. Dr. Fisher, teacher of Bible at A party was given in honor of Hardin-Simmons university, will fill a. m. Training Union at 6:30 p. m. After the gifts were opened, re- Prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday evening.

Reporter.

PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS. Elder W. W. Brown of Abilene will be in the pulpit at the eleven o'clock hour Sunday to fill his regular appointment here of the first Sunday in each month.

Reporter. ASSEMBLY OF GOD. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preachng services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p m. Services Thursday 7:30 p. m.

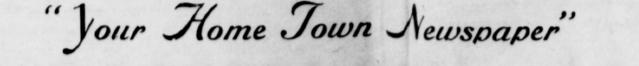
H. S. Earp, Pastor. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. The pastor, Rev. Tom Keenan, will occupy the pulpit Sunday, as usual, Sunday School at 10 a. m. Offering



Friday, October 1, 1948.

Lack of buffalo grass is the reason bisons did not migrate east of the Mississippi River.





THE MERKEL MAIL

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1948.

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JOHNSON'S NAME **GOES ON BALLOT** LATEST RULING

Chief Justice Black Issues Stay In Election Contest.

As a result of Tuesday's action in the United States supreme court. Lyndon Johnson's name went on the official ballot Wednesday as the Democratic nominee for United States senator from Texas,

The order for each of the county election boards to insert John. son's name on the ballot went out from the office of the secretary of state, who had been restrained by an order of Federal District Judge T. Whit Davidson from certification of Johnson's name to the Nov. 2 ballot duction department. pending an investigation of alleged voting irregularities in South Texas counties.

Wednesday's action on the part of the secretary of state followed a stay of execution of the injunction by Justice Hugo Black of the United States supreme court, who ruled that ciation met in the Grammar School Davidson had no authority to interfere with a state election.

In the official canvass of the primary run-off election on Aug. 28. the name of Lyndon Johnson was certified by the State Democratic convention as the party's nominee for U. S. Senator. Johnson's majority over former Gov. Coke Stevenson was declared to be 87 votes.

Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Leona Glenn Reddin, 72, who died at 10:30 bers: "Cradle Song," "Sonny Boy," Tuesday night at her home in the "I Love a Little Cottage" and "Home Stith community, were held at 4 Sweet Home," accompanied by Mrs. p. m. Wednesday from the Stith Comer Haynes at the piano. Methodist church.

Rev. H. S. Earp, pastor of the Merkel Assembly of God church, con- Reburial Friday for

ENACTS PART IN FIRST WBAP-TV COMMERCIAL

The "young leading lady" in the first WBAP-TV commercial will be 8-year-old Rosslyn Ferrier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Jr., of Execution of Injunction of Fort Worth, and granddaughter Order from Judge Davidson of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bryan, all of Merkel.

> In telling the story of "Radio Folks Getting Slicked Up for Those Television Commercials," (just like the movies do it), a feature story appearing recently in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram pictured one of the shots showing Chief Photographer George McCullough focusing his lenses on an adorable young "leading lady," none other than Rosslyn, who is about to accept an all-day candy-sucker from the grocer. enacted by Thaine Engel of the pro-

"Evaluation of Home" Year's Topic of P-TA

The Merkel Parent-Teacher assoauditorium, Tuesday evening, for the first program of the year. The year's program is based on the topic, "Evaluation of Home."

Rev. R. L. Butler opened the program with a prayer. Mrs. Carroll Benson presided at the business session, at which time it was announced that the P.-T. A. will have a Hallo we'en street carnival.

Mrs. Powell Miller previewed the year's program and Mrs. Buster Horton spoke on "Finding Permanent] For Stith Resident Values Through Home and School." the county council of the parent- entitled "The Teacher Writes a Let-Teacher association, to be held in ter-A Story of First Grade Re-

Mrs. Edwin Read closed the program with a group of violin num-

Funeral services were held at

con at 11.

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Horseman!

PARTICIPATES IN **OPENING PARADE** WEST TEXAS FAIR

On the "Broadway of America"

The Merkel High School band was one of 12 college and high school organizations taking part in the big street parade at Abilene Monday afternoon, opening the West Texas Fair. Participating also in the parade was the High School Pep Squad. . In the late afternoon the band.

directed by Mrs. Johnsie Allen, gave one of a series of concerts by high school bands in the automobile building.

Recently elected officers of the band are: Billy Jackson, president; Gerald West, vice-president; Sandra Sadler, secretary-treasurer; Joy Lansford, reporter; Ernest Reynolds and Mona Robertson, librarians.

Badgers Face Tough Game With Mustangs

The Merkel Badgers will journey to Andrews Friday to tackle their toughest foe of the season, the Andrews Mustangs. Game time: 8 p. m.

Coach Carroll Benson's inexperienced Purple and Gold lads are not given much of a chance in most quarters against the cardinal clad veterans of Coach Francis Tubbs. Coach Tubbs has five regulars back from last year's club which finished third in the tough 7-A district. Local fans will recall that the Badgers nudged the Mustangs 6-0 here last fall. Three of the returning lettermen are backs and two are linesmen. A boy by the name of Holderman, quarterback on the T formation, weighs 185 pounds and has led the Mustangs to three straight victories this season. Their record for 1948 reads: Andrews 26, Pecos 0: Andrews 26, Sudan 0, and Andrews 21, Wink 14.

Many observers have placed Andrews, Seminole and Monahans in the favorites role to cop the 7A title the fail - - -The local Badgers gained some

confidence in do whing th 5c PER COPY

BEAT BULLDOGS; BADGERS REGAIN SOME CONFIDENCE

Rout Loraine, 38-6 in Non-Con-ence Affair Here Last Friday Night: Blocking and Tackling Greatly Improved.

Merkel's Badgers crushed the Class B Loraine Bulldogs, 38-6, in a complete rout here last Friday night in a non-conference game.

In contrast to the Anson fracas. Coach Benson's boys looked like they really wanted to play the pigskin game the way it should be played. The blocking and tackling of the locals was greatly improved.

This second game of the season. played before about 1800 fans, was marred by excessive fumbles and penalties. Merkel was penalized 8 times for 50 yards and Loraine 7 times for 50 yards. The Badgers fumbled 3 times and the visitors 5 times.

The Badgers opened the scoring early in the initial quarter after recovering a Loraine fumble on the Bulldog's 45-yard line. Douglas, Wade and McLean alternated in carrying the mail to pay dirt behind good downfield blocking. Quarterback "Niger" McLean bucked over the double stripe from the five. McLean's kick for the extra point was no good.

In the second period the hustling Merkel gridsters recovered another Loraine fumble on the 50 and racked up another tally in 3 plays, including a nice 20-yard jaunt by Brandion Wade. Douglas crashed over from the 8. McLean booted the extra point. Later in this same per-(Continued on Page Three)

Gas Industry Exhibit At State Fair of Texas

A gas industry exhibit flavored with Mexican art and music will h presented during the State Fair of Texas in Dallas, Oct. 9-24, Described as a "Fiesta of Fun," it will provide free entertainment for the entire family and a view of gas appliances that save time and labor and add to the health and comfort of the American home.

ducted the services, assisted by Rev R. L. Butler, Methodist pastor. Burial was in the Stith cemetery under direction of Laughter-North Funeral home of Abilene. Mrs. Reddin was born Dec. 31,

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8 o'clock. All boxes will be appreciated. The public is invited.

Genna Scott is club president, and Miss Kathleen Bryan, sponsor.

Rites at White Church For Pvt. Carl L. Riggan

Reburial services for Pvt. Carl L. Riggan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggan of the White Church community, who was killed in action on Nov. 18, 1944, on Leyte in the Philippine Islands, will be held at 3 p. m. Saturday from the Methodist church at White Church.

Rev. R. L. Butler, pastor of the Merkel Methodist church, will officiate, and burial will be in the White Church cemetery, with Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home in charge.

The body of the veteran will arrive here at 1:30 p. m. Friday on the T. and P. westbound Eagle.

Entering service in October, 1942, months in Hawaii and about the II. The resolution calls for a miniturning to New Guinea and on to the Philippines.

Surviving are his parents, three all of White Church, and three sisters, Mrs. Leroy Swinney of Mer-Riggan, at home with their parents.

Camp Bowie, going overseas with Texas Firemen's association, when that famous unit

Survivors are his mother: three sisters, Mrs. Cecil Ross, Trent, Mrs. | Charles Royston. Abilene, and Mrs. Charlie Cass, Merkel, and two brothers, Clyde and Louis Bunch, both of Merkel.

Resolution for Bonus Passed by Local VFW

A resolution calling for a state bonus to every World War I and II veteran was passed by members of the Merkel (5683) V. F. W. Post at its regular meeting Sept. 23.

The resolution, which was submitted to the Post by Roger Q. Evans of Austin, calls for payment of \$10 per month for home services and \$15 Private Riggan went overscas about for each month veterans spent overa month after enlistment, serving 8 seas during either World War I or same time in Australia before re- mum payment of \$300, and a maximum of \$600.

The maximum would be doubled to the next of kin of a veteran who brothers, Merle, Denzel and Jimmy, lost his life. Veterans with a disability rating would be paid an increase over their earned bonus, baskel and Lola Mae and Betty Lou ed on their ratio of disability, Com- and Buster Horton and Mesdames mander R. D. Ely of the local post A. R. Booth, Dean Higgins and Jarsaid.

m., with the business meeting to publication of the Texas State Teach-follow at 20:10 After a special feet essign entries a number of inquir-ture at 11:30, a parliamentary drill ies from all over Texas have been and "Ethics of Money Raising" will received by local school officials and 36th Division Veteran be brought by Mrs. H. Holt and Mrs. first grade teachers.

year.

Members of County Association New Merkel Plan -- "The Teacher

Merkel, on Oct. 6, at the Methodist porting at Merkel" by Principal C.

Opening time is set for 10:30 a. the "Texas Outlook," the official

At 12:30 a covered dish luncheon p. m. Friday from the chapel of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home for Supt. R. A. McCollum of the ferkel Public schools. Riggs Sheperd, a school trustee, will discuss The Functions and Powers of Our chool Board."

P-TA COUNCIL

TO MEET HERE

To Gather Here Oct. 6 In All-Day Session.

church has been announced.

The program for the meeting of

All members of the local P.-T. A. e urged to attend this meeting, and cloome members from other units.

luebonnet HD Club Wins Second at Fair

Second place, with prize money of 5, went to the Bluebonnet ciub, Tom Russom, chairwoman, in e HD club division at the West exas Fair, being held in Abilene is week.

The Buffalo Gap club was winner first prize of \$100.

iremen to Meet At Cisco on Oct. 7

Cisco, Sept. 30 .- The Cisco Volunization was called to service and teer Fire department will be host trained with the 36th Division at Thursday, Oct. 7, to the Mid-West between 400 and 500 visitors are ex-

pected. The program will begin with registration at 10 a. m. From 1 p. m. until 5:30 there will be a business meeting, followed by a sports program and a barbecue at Lake Cisco. The convention will end with a dance at Lake Cisco pavillion in the evening. Among out-of-town guests expected are Frank Williams, Austin; Sen. Pat Bullock, Colorado City; Railroad Commissioner Olin Culberson, Austin; Col. H. R. Brayton, College Station, and others.

J. C. Hall, Jr., of Loraine is president of the Mid-West association, with J. Parker Sharp, of Merkel, as secretary-treasurer.

Pulpit Committee to Secure New Pastor

Following the resignation of llev. E. M. Weathers, who had been pastor of the First Baptist church for the past four years and who preached his farewell sermon Sunday night, Comer Haynes was named chairman of the pulpit committee to secure a new pastor. Other members of the group are Holland Teaff rett Pinckley.

Last Saturday the two first grade teachers from Winters came over to

STORY OF FIRST

GRADE REPORTING

Writes a Letter"-Wins

Favorable Comments.

Since the appearance of an article

A. Farley in the September issue of

score.

Other letters have come from Pecos, Henrietta, Canyon and Lovington, N. M.

The prize letter was from Dr. S. H. Condron, head of the government department at West Texas State college at Canyon. Dr. Condron stated: "I have thought many times that a frank statement from the teacher would mean more than some alphabeticals which seldom mean anything. Your article caused me to make this decision: I am going to write a letter to the parents of any boy or girl in my classes this year when any problem concerning them shows up. It will be an attempt to bring the student into closer touch with me and the parent in closer

touch with the college." It seems that Merkel is probably the only school in West Texas and one of the few in the state which has pioneered this new type of reporting to parents.

Instead of sending out the traditional type of report card each six weeks, the teacher writes a personal informal letter to the parents of each child. Also, the child stays at home one day during the six weeks and the parents come to school in his place to have a conference with the teacher and to see some of the work which the child has done during the previous six weeks period.

This plan was highly successful in the Merkel first grade last year and is being extended to the second grade this year.

Modern Washeteria Will Open Monday

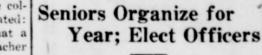
It the newly constructed tile building, erected on the same location formery occupied by the Beech laundry, the Modern Washeteria, owned and operated by Jennings Winter, will be cpen for business next Monday.

The new building covers overall space of 46x56 feet, with a 20x20 foot boiler room in the rear. All equipment has been completely overhauled.

By way of introduction, Proprietor Winter announces that for one whole week beginning Monday, Oct. 11, one week's free wash will be given to every one, details of which are explained in the opening advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

Bulldogs 38-6 here last week and are expected to be in the right frame of mind to give the Andrews boys a will be served. In the afternoon the Merkel to talk to Mrs. Elsie Nash battle. There is not much question program will begin at 1:30 with and Mrs. Vincent Barnett, two of that the Badgers will be outclassed, music by the Merkel High School the local first grade teachers, about but Coach Benson hopes that his horal club. "Our Public School the unique plan of reporting which charges will play good enough ball ystem" will be the subject of a talk was used here in the first grade last to hold the Mustangs to a respectable

> The Merkel squad will leave about 9 Friday morning, spend Friday night in Odessa or Midland and return to Merkel on Saturday.



The Senior class of Merkel High school has organized for the year of '48-'49. Voting was done by secret ballot, and the following officers were elected: Gaston Walker, president; Roger Bailey, vice-president; Jorene Risinger, secretary, and Gerald West, reporter.

Elected as room mothers were Mes dames DuBose, Bailey, Walker, West. Reid, Risinger and Lansford. Spon sors are Mrs. Edwin E. Read, Mrs. Virginia Pope and Mr. Hoyt Byrd. The class is looking forward to full and successful year.

The exhibit will be housed in the air-conditioned Natural Gas building amid a striking setting inspired by Modern Mexico. Among its features will be a giant mural (17x26 feet) portraying cordial relations existing between the United States and Mexico. This outstanding work of art was painted by Perry Nichols, of Dallas, among the leading artists of the Southwest.

A preview of the exhibit will be held on the night of Oct. 8 and a portion of the program will be broadcast by WFAA (820) from 8:30 to 9 c'clock. D. A. Hulcy, Lone Star Gas Company president, will unveil the Nichols mural.

The Natural Gas building is easily recognized by a giant flame atop a 70-foot tower painted Mexican pink. Lounges, rest rooms and ice water will be available for the comfort of visitors.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, September 28, 1928.)

HIBIT IN L. A. MUSEUM.

Said to Bear Footprints of. Fossils of Permian Origin.

Specimens of rock found nine miles south of Merkel, said to bear footprints of fossils thousands of years old, will be exhibited in the Los Angeles Museum.

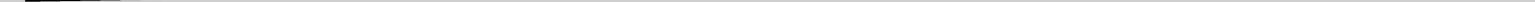
During the past week Merkel had as visitors Dr. Roy L. Moodie of Santa Monica, Calif., formerly of the Uriversity of Illinois Medical school; Henry Wilde, geologist at the Los Angeles Museum, and T. L. Miller of San Diego, photographer. They spent two days in excavating at the base of Castle Creek and as a reward for their efforts shipped back to Los Angeles seven big cases of rock showing the footprints of animals of the Permian and pre-historic period. The surface had long since been covered over by growth and the natural march

of time. According to Dr. Moodie, he was ports that all are doing nicely. The attracted to the Merkel discovery by car was badly damage

MERKEL ROCK TO BECOME EX-1 a friend of long standing who lives at Abilene. It is his intention to classify each specimen and label it so that visitors to the museum may know the name of each particular fossil and observe its footprint. Merkel will be given as the place of discovery. Further plans call for a book by Dr. Moodie. In the near future he will prepare a paper, in which the material found here will be discussed and examined, to be entitled, "Castle Feak, A Cretaceous Outlyer." "The fact that we traveled 3,000 miles at our own expense and spent two days of hard work in order to get the specimens ought to be pretty good evidence that we consider them valuable," declared a member of Dr. Moodie's party.

> J. H. Grayson, Mrs. Grayson and their daughter, Mrs. Wheeler, were bruised and badly shaken up when their automobile turned over near DeLeon last Sunday.

They were brought to Merkel and treated by Dr. H. P. Hulsey, who re-



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133 And variety to fit every mood - Soft toned gold, lustrous pearl, stones, brilliant and sparkling with dark fire-earrings to delight and intrigue.

WILSON JEWELRY



Five conservation group meetings | March; Hubam sweet clover, 4 to 6 were held last week in the Merkel Ibs., rows, Feb. and March; winter area of the Middle Clear Fork Soil peas, 10 to 12 lbs., rows, Sept. and Conservation district, for these Oct., 20 to 25 lbs., drilled, Sept. and groups: Golan, Sinclair, Compere, Oct.

Mixed sandy loam soils: Madrid Boyd's Chapel and Carpenter's Gap. Technicians from the Soil Conservasweet clover, 2 to 3 lbs., rows, Nov., tion service assisted the group lead-| Feb. and March; Hubam sweet clovers in conducting these meetings. er, 4 to 6 lbs., rows, Feb. and March; Winter cover crops and other timewinter peas, 10 to 12 lbs., rows, Sept. ly conservation measures were the and Oct., 20 to 25 lbs., drilled, Sept. and Oct.; Hairy vetch and rye, 10 central theme of this series of meetlbs. vetch, 20 to 30 lbs. rye, drilled, ngs, where films stressing two soil Sept. and Oct. inservation practices were shown. Deep sands: Hairy vetch and rye,

Abilene, Sept. 30 .- The 40-million-

th customer of the electric industry

came on the power line sometime be-

tween Sept. 8 and Sept. 15, Ernest

R. Acker, president of the Edison

Electric Institute, has advised Price

Campbell, president of the West Tex-

Pointing out that the demand for

electric service in West Texas for

ing and many additional uses in in-

dustries and stores is at an all time

"In keeping with its policy of an-

ticipating future need, the West Tex-

as Utilities company is now engaged

in an \$18,000,000 construction pro-

gram to build new facilities and to enlarge and improve existing ones. Much of the material for this program, which has been under

for many months, was ordered as

as Utilities company.

high, Mr. Campbell said:

early as September, 1946."

This is an opportune time to lay 10 lbs. vetch, 20 to 30 lbs. rye, drillplans for fall and winter cover crops. ed, Sept. and Oct.; winter peas, 20 Most district cooperators who grew to 25 lbs., drilled, Sept. and Oct. winter cover crops last year were impressed and well pleased with the Bottom land soils: Alfalfa, 10 to 12 lbs., drilled, Sept. and Oct.; Madresults obtained from winter cover crops in pretecting their soil against rid sweet clover, 2 to 3 lbs., rows, wind erosion and for grazing. Dry Nov., Feb. and March. weather prevented most legumes from making a seed crop last year **Electric Industry Has** however, they served a very useful purpose in controlling wind blowing 40-Millionth Customer of top soil. Most legumes seed which are adapted locally can be purchased

from local seed dealers. Information, based on field trials from former experience in the Merkel area over the past three years, as contained in the following summary, may be useful in selecting a legume for your farm. Good to excellent results have been obtained by farmers using these legumes on the soil types as shown in the following cooking, cooling, water heating, lightprepared table, giving type of soil first, adapted legume, planting rate per acre, method of planting and time of planting:

Tight land: Madrid sweet clover, 2 to 3 lbs., rows, Nov., Feb. and

iod the Purple and Gold warriers marched 46 years for another mark- marker. er. Wade scored from the 3 to make the count 19-0 at the half.

Badgers

(Continued from Page One)

In the middle of the third canto the locals drove 58 yards for their fourth T. D., McLean finding the "promised land" from the 2. Kick by McLean was no good. Late in the same period Billy Harris, freshman back, scampered around his own left end on a double reverse play from the Loraine 2 for another six-pointer and one of the best runs of the contest. McLean converted from the placement to make the score 32-0 at the end of the third stanza. McLean chalked up the last touch-

down on a beautiful 21-yard gallop over right tackle in the middle of lowed by Roger Bailey, Dudley Farr, the closing frame.

ries.

The outclassed visitors garnered their only score late in the game against the Merkel third stringers Lowell Richardson raced 24 years over his own right tackle for the

The story in figures: First downs, Merkel 21, Loraine 5; net yards rushing, Merkel 278, Loraine 77; passing, Merkel completed 1 out of 4 for 13 yards, Loraine completed 4 out of 8 for 43 yards; punts, Merkel none, Loraine 5 for 112 yards;

Individual yardage: McLean toted the ball 16 times for 139 yards; Douglas netted 49 yards in 5 trips Wade collected 38 yards in 8 tries, and Harris made 48 yards in 5 car-

Defensively, Guard Faul Bow and Jimmy Floyd, back, were particularly outstanding, but were closely fol-Wayman Hicks and Donald Douglas.



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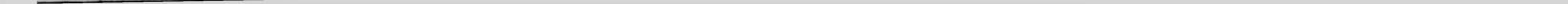
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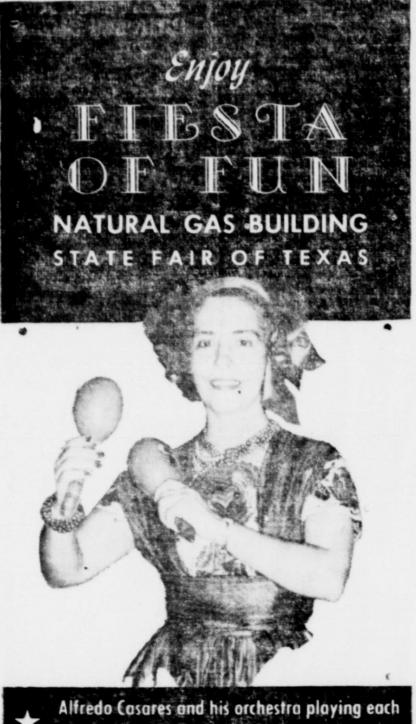
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afternoon and evening in Patio.

Cormensita Cerbantes singing appealing Mexican songs.

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Magnificent displays of automatic gas appliances for Modern living.

THE MERKEL MAIL

MOVIE CALENDAR

-:- QUEEN -:-Friday - Saturday - Double fea-

ture program: Robbrt Cummings, Brian Donlevy in "Montana Mike" and Veronica Lake, Joan Caulfield. Barry Fitzgerald, William Demarest in "The Sainted Sisters;" color cartoon, "Circus Today" and serial. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday Barry Fitzgerald, Howard Duff in "Naked City;" Bugs Bunny cartoon and latest News.

Wednesday - Thursday - Roy Rogers, Dennis Day, Andrews Sisters in "Melody Time;" selected short subjects.

"NAKED CITY"

There are two stars, a man and a metropolis, in the late Mark Hellinger's final screen production, "The Naked City," a Universal-International release which comes to the Queen theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The man is Barry Fitzgerald. The metropolis is New York, the giant city of nearly eight million inhabitants, which plays itself in the title role of this thrilling film. Fitzgerald is wise, humorous, patient, kind, brave and shrewd as a veteran New York police lieutenant who solves one of the most baffling murder mysteries shown on the screen in a long while. New York with its teeming millions, its vibrant tempo and breath-taking street vistas is simply overwhelming.

Treasurer of McMurry Teachers' Organization

Abilene, Sept. 30 .- Viola Allred of Merkel will serve as treasurer of the McMurry College chapter of the Fu ture Teachers of America this year The organization is composed of students who plan to follow teaching careers and any student who is interested in teaching is eligible to

Later this year McMurry, Hardin-Simmons university and Abilene Christian college will be co-hosts to the second annual state-wide conference of the Future Teachers of America.

William Wood on Honor Roll at Baylor U.

Waco, Sept. 30 .- William M. Wood, special student from Merkel, was one of the 32 honor students named when the dean's list for the summer quar-er at Baylor University was release

guests being children of other American families stationed in Germany. She received many nice gifts, including a box of school clothes sent her from relatives here at home. Sandy will start to school this year and will attend school at Darmstodt, Germany, seven miles from the town | ers, prepared food and especially the where the family now lives, which is Ober Ramstodt

The Fitzgeralds recently moved there from Wiesbaden, where they had been living since going overseas almost two years ago.

CARD OF THANKS. help and co-operation.

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I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the love and sympathy extended to me and my family during the services and burial of our dear son and brother. I want to thank those who sent flow-Veterans of Foreign Wars for their Mrs. C. O. Washburn.

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"HERE IS ALASKA."

Christian Service meets Monday, Oct. 4. at 3 p. m., at the church to begin the study of "America's Geographi cal Frontiers."

Bonita Wilson, McMurry senior the book, "Here is Alaska," by Eve- his mother, Mrs. R. L. Elliott, Jr. lyn Stefansson, wife of the famous explorer.

All interested women are invited to attend.

FAREWELL PARTY.

daughter, Nelda, were named guests Sarah Harris, Jimmy Risinger and pointment here of the first Sunday of honor Sunday when Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collins extended hospitality, 'entertaining with a covered dish luncheon at one o'clock at their home on Bettis heights. Rev. and Mrs. Weathers left Monday to make their home in Amarillo.

A delectable, seasonal menu was Mrs. Weathers, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCandless, Mr. and Mrs. Dewel McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collins.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Neff are an nouncing the engagement of their daughter, Jeanette, to Mr. Clinton wedding date is set for Oct. 2, at 8:50 in the First Baptist church of San Antonio.

The Merkel Home Demonstration bers enjoyed a short song service.

McMURRY SENIOR TO REVIEW | Bill Skiles, Billy Largent, Tillman 812 as compared with 755 on the pre-Rutledge, Euel Hurd, Mark Malone, vious Sunday. The attendance on the The Methodist Women's Society of Orien Higgins and Henry Howard.

> BIRTHDAY PARTY IN HONOF OF MILTON DICKEY ELLIOTT.

freshments of ice cream, cake and nesday. punch were served to the following little guests: Nancy Vaughn, Mike and Bill Vaughn, Buddy Patterson, Jocille Thompson, John Riggs and Ann Shepperd, Don and Keith Wil- be in the pulpit at the eleven o'clock Rev. and Mrs. Merle Weathers and son, Lester Dorton, Jr., Robert and hour Sunday to fill his regular ap-Bobby and Dickey Elliott.

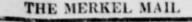
4-H Girls Elect Officers

On Sept. 23, the Noodle 4-H girls meeting with the county agent, Miss Loretta Allen, elected the following officers: Dorothy Goode, president: Susie Griffin, vice-president; Sue served to the following: Rev. and Mims, secretary-treasurer, and Dorothy Bumpass, reporter.

Hospital Notes.

Mrs. L. L. Smith underwent surgery Wednesday at Sadler hospital, for Reynolds Home. J. L. McEver was admitted Sunday for an appendectomy. Mrs. James Reece entered the hospital last Thursday for treatment of second degree burns. Fatients admitted during the week for treatment were: Jack Tarpey, Sept. 23; J. M. Heatly, of Trent, Roland Elledge, of Brownwood, Sept. 24; Mrs. J. H. Horton, Mrs. Ray Mundy, Sept. 25; Mrs. Arch Rose Sept. 26; June Hogan, Sept 27; Mrs. Wanda Horton, Dan M. Deen, tonsillectomy Monday.

volcanic craters is in Hawaii. It is 20 miles around and 2,720 feet deep.



METHODIST CHURCH.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Worship 10:50 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.

Young People's meeting 7:15 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8:00

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m Preach-

A. T. Suskey, Pastor.

R. T. Smith, Paster.

Mrs. Frank Demere.

ing at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Mid-

NAZARENE CHURCH.

CARD OF THANKS.

I would like to express my appre-

ciation to Dr. Sadler and Dr. Byrd

and all those at the Sadler Clinic

who so lovingly served my every

need during my illness. Also other

friends who sent flowers, cards and

other gifts and the Live Oak Baptist

church for the lovely flowers sent.

We take orders for egg stamps

My best to all of you.

The Merkel Mail office.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching

Troy M. Cummings, Minister.

Bible School 9:45 a. m. Sunday.

R. L. Butler, Pastor

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was

same Sunday a year ago was 757.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Dr. Fisher, teacher of Bible at p. m. A party was given in honor of Hardin-Simmons university, will fill Milton Dickey Elliott to observe his the pulpit at both services, 11 a. m. from Higgins, Texas, will review sixth birthday Friday afternoon, by and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Training Union at 6:30 p. m. After the gifts were opened, re- Prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m. Wed-

week prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening. Reporter

PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS. Elder W. W. Brown of Abilene will at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting at 8 p. m. Wednesday

Reporter.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preachng services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Services Thursday 7:30 p. m. H. S. Earp, Pastor.

in each month.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. The pastor, Rev. Tom Keenan, will occupy the pulpit Sunday, as usual. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Offering

Reporter.



Birth Announced. and Mrs. J. C. Carson, of La-Church School 10 a. m. Morning Mr. worship 11. Youth Fellowship 7:00 Junta, Colo., are parents of a son, p. m. Evening worship 7:30. WSCS named John Randall, born Sept. 23 Mondays, 3 p. m. Mid-week prayer Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Wednesdays, 7:30 p. m. Mrs. E. O. Carson, while the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jake Patterson, of Bakersfield, Calif., formerly of Merkel.

Twin Boys Born.

David Blair and Tommy Cornelius are the names given twin boys born last Thursday in Hendricks Memorial hospital, Abilene, to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McCall. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Blair of Merkel.

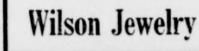
Oil Notes.

Phillips Petroleum Company has plugged and abandoned their No. 1. J. Ben Campbell, north outpost to the Eird field multi-pay production. Total depth was 2,801 feet and a very slight show was logged in Flip pin lime from 2,537-44.



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