

Week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Campbell were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lay and two children, Douglas' Wayne and Wanda Jean, from Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth Russom and little son, Randall Booth, have returned to their home in McCamey after spending a two weeks vacation. with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Russem and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson were week-end visitors with Mr. and HERE FRIDAY Mrs. R. A. Burgess in Waco, and Messrs. Burgess and Patterson went to Austin for the Texas U .- Rice game.

After visiting several days with her uncles and their families, D. E. and N. L. Riggan at Stanton and Eugene Riggan at Big Spring, Miss Helen Conley is due to return home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes and Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Pee attended the Dallas and Fort Worth markets the first three days of the week, returning home Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas and Donald Wayne, accompanied by Miss Mary Criswell, visited in the home of the Earl Douglasses of Stanton Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Marr, of Stephenville, were week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg.

Misses Sue Mayfield and Sandra Sadler, students in Colorado Women's college, Derver, Colo., are due to arrive home Friday for a week-end visitors. Local fans hope that Benvisit. They will make the trip by plane.

Attending home-coming last weekend at West Texas State college, Canyon, Mrs. H. C. Reid visited with her son, Billy, a freshman student at this same college. She also visited in Amarillo with her sister, Miss Mary Kate Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Dunlap, Jr., of Hobbs, N. M., are visiting this week with their parents, Mrs. Ruby Jinkens and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dunlap. Help Farmers Secure

Mrs. Stewart Dean and son, Larry, Modern Fixtures of North Hollywood, Calif., who have been guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes, will leave Friday Texas REA co-op managers to help for home. When they arrived here every farmer now served by REA sesome two weeks ago, they were returning from a trip with her husband to visit his parents in Hamil- rural homes. ton, Ontario, Canada. Mr. Dean con-

TO PLAY LEAGUE LEADING ROTAN

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Last Home Game of Season to Be Unreeled Friday Night at Badger Stadium Against the Yellowhammers; Kickoff at 8.

The Merkel Badgers, with their backs to the wall as far as the conference race goes, will meet the league-leading Rotan Yellowhammers here Friday night, starting at 8:00 o'clock

It will be the last home game of the regular season for the local gridsters. Unless the Badgers do better than

they did against Hamlin last week, the visiting Yellowhammers won't even get a good workout. If Purple and Gold club is "up to snuff" and playing the kind of ball of which they are capable, the loop leaders will be in for a rough evening. Although Rotime again. tan will be favored by several touchdowns, it is within the realm of possibility for the Badgers to upset the son's boys will have "blood in their practically nil. eyes" and be in a vengeful mood

ome Friday night. The Yellowhammers have won four and lost one this season. Their after the opening kickoff. Merkel's record: Rotan 25, Anson 0; Rotan 19. Stamford 0; Rotan 20, Snyder 0; 17 and took over on downs. The Rotan 6, Ballinger 13; Rotan 21, Badgers drove to the Hamlin 44 Roscoe 14. before being forced to boot.

Asks REA Managers to

El Pase, Oct. 27 .- U. S. Senator Lyndon B. Johnson has called on cure running water, modern bathrooms and modern kitchens for their "Electricity is already at work

FOUR INCHES OF **Badgers Victims of RAIN GAUGED Hamlin** Aerial FOR AREA Blair Cotton Damaged by Hail

MERKEL TEXAS, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1949

Attack 14-0

A listless band of Merkel Badgers and Rainstorm Thursday succumbed to a second half rally by Night; Total Moisture for the Hamlin Pied Pipers at Hamlin Year Reaches 22.67 Inch. last Friday night to lose their first Four inches of rainfall wre added conference game of the season, 14-0. to the year's total in the Merkel area A capacity crowd of about 2,000, during two rainy periods last week. one-half of whom were local rooters, On Thursday night, Volunteer

saw the Badgers turn in their poor-Weather Observer J. I. Ford gaugest performance of the season. Some ed 1.7 inches. The heavy downpour, of the Merkel gridsters apparently which began about midnight. was accompanied by thunderstorms and were somewhat over-confident and others not in too good shape physical- electrical disturbances, and considerable damage to cotton resulted from hail in some areas. Worst ef-

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A determined Merkel line. led by fects were felt in the Blair area Walton Lively, Kenneth Bowen, where some fields of cotton were a Dudley Farr, Sidney Williams and total loss. Buddy Derington, one of Bobby Campbell, probably saved the the farmers hardest hit in that locals from an even worse disaster community, reported a loss of more by throwing back the Piper attack than 25 bales. His crop was a total inside the 20-yard line time and

Over a 36-hour period, from Sat-The usual potent Badger ground urday night to Monday morning, Mr. game looked pitiful at times during Ford's rain gauge measured 2.3 inches, to bring the week's rainfall the second half due to fumbling and to an even four inches, and the sloppy blocking. The aerial game was year's total to 22.67 inches. The hustling Pipers, aided by a

Car Collision North of 15-yard penalty and a 21-yard pass. pushed to Merkel's 7 in quick order **Town Injuries Three** Merkel Residents line shoved the Pipers back to the

Three Merkel residents were injured in a three-automobile collision Wednesday night, three miles north

of Merkel on Farm Road 126. James Paul Hass, 26, driver of one Hamlin drive on the 12. From this vehicle, suffered a large cut on the left side of his forehead.

point Brandion Wade got off one of the best runs of the night when he Harold G. Cox, 27, riding in the circled left end to the Hamlin 44. Hass' automobile, had numerous se-Again the Badgers couldn't go and vere cuts on his face, when his face had to kick. Score at the half: 0-0. was thrust through the windshield. The Pied Pipers struck fast in the He had to have several stitches.

second half. Merkel returned the kick-Mrs. Gertie L. Davis, 49, driving off to their own 32. On the next play one of the cars, suffered a cut on Donald Green intercepted a Badger pass on the 50 and returned to the Merkel 29. Afer two incomplete Wyelder, driving the third vehicle,

Buddy Winter Ranks SCHOOL QUEENS Second in Livestock TO BE CROWNED **Judging Contest** AT CARNIVAL

Texas Tech's senior stock judging team, after competing against 22 teams from top U. S. agricultural colleges, ranked in sixth place in the livestock judging contest conducted at the American Royal Live Stock show in Kansas City, Mo., Saturday, Oct. 15.

On the "Broadway of America"

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Buddy Winter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Winter, former residents of the Goodman community, was second high man in the livestock judging contest, in which 110 contestants competed. Buddy scored 900 points, trailing M. D. Randle, Mississippi State senior, who won highest individual honors with 906 points.

Buddy, who graduated from Trent high school before the family moved to Lamesa, is now a senior in Texas Technological college, Lubbock, majoring in animal husbandry.

C. O. Deavers, Son of Merkel Couple, Dies In New York City

Carey O. Deavers, 46, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Deavers, long-time Merkel residents, died in New York City Friday of last week. He was taken ill about four days before hi death.

The body, shipped here for burial arrived on the 1:13 p. m. westbound T. & P. Eagle Tuesday, and funeral services were held at 4 p. m., following, from the First Baptist church. Rev. Joe Allen, the pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. O. B. Tatum, Baptist minister.

Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery under direction of the Starbuck Funeral home. .

Pallbearers were Emory Jones of

Monday Night, Oct. 31 Date for F-TA Sponsored Hallowe'en Event; Scores of Fun and Booths Planned.

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Queens of each of the three schools of the Merkel Public School system will be crowned as the principal feature of the Hallowe'en Carnival sponsored by the Merkel Parent-Teacher association.

The annual carnival is to be held Monday night, Oct. 31, from 6 till 10 p. m. at the football field. A small gate fee of 5 cents will be charged, and prizes will be awarded at intervals during the evening's program.

There will be prizes for the best costume in the pre-school, primary, elementary and high school groups. All sorts of booths and contests are being planned, providing both food and fun.

From each of the three schoolsprimary, elementary and high school -a queen will be chosen, and in the presentation, the queen from each school room with her escort will be introduced.

If the weather is bad, the carnival will be held in the school gymnasium, it is announced.

Pre-School Division of Parent Study Group Holds Meeting

The pre-school division of the Parent Study group of the Merkel P.-T. A. met in its first regular meeting in the home of Mrs. Powell Miller at 9:30 on Tuesday morning.

An interesting program was presented. Mrs. Powell Miller discussed "Emotional Growth" and Mrs. Ben Sublett talked on the special problem, "Why Children Hurt Each Other?" A lively round table discussion followed these talks. .

suger visit, 1 Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pee and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mashburn were visitors last Sunday to the State Fair of Texas at Dallas.

Bobbye Dudley Elected Chairman of Taylor 4-H Committee

Abilene, Oct. 27 .-- Bobbye Ann Dudley of Trent was named chairman of the Taylor County 4-H Committee when officers were chosen and the constitution was amended.

Wanda Casey of Wylie was elected vice-chairman; other officers are Sue McRee, Trent, secretary, and Mrs. L. P. Liles, Merkel, treasurer. The constitution was changed so that each club could name a delegate to attend each meeting.

Fredna Brookreson, retiring chairman, presided and heard reports from nine of the eleven clubs of the county. Mrs. Grady Petree gave the treasurer's report and six clubs presented their annual reports.

Plans were made for national achievement week, Nov. 5-13. The committee will sponsor a window display contest. Anne Egan, assistant Home demonstration agent, gave a training session on selection of a pattern.

Nov. 5 was set as a luncheon date for old and new officers and the county agents, Miss Egan and Annie Lucy Lane.

Local Methodists to **Hear District** Superintendent

Taylor county junior farmers are entered in the ninth annual \$6,000 Production-Marketing Contest of the Na tional Junior Vegetable Growers as- First, Second, Third sociation, according to an announcement Thursday by J. F. Rosborough, extension horticulturist at Texas A. & M. and NJVGA adult leader in this state.

Among competitors, seeking the nation's junior vegetable growing championship and a share of the cash awards and scholarships provided by A. & P. Food Stores, are Doris P. Barley and Ruth Galle, both of Tye; Bobby Ann Dudley of Trent, and Gloria Teaff of Merkel.

Texas U. Ranks Seventh.

Austin, Oct. 27 .- The Universit, of Texas with 15,500 students ranks seventh in enrollment among statesupported universities in the United States, a preliminary survey by Dr. Raymond Walters, University of Cincinnati president, shows.

This .

Senator Johnson told delegates to the Region 10 REA conference in El Paso Monday, "but now we've got to put it to work helping mother, too.

Johnson pointed out that money has long been available to help the farmer finance electric water pumps and other electric home equipment through short-term, four per cent loans. He expressed doubt that farmers knew this, though, and urged coop managers to concentrate on extending this service.

designed to help self-respecting men become self-supporting on a pay-asyou-go basis," Johnson said. Johnson warned the delegates against permitting REA to become "the lamb's skin in which the wolves of alien radicalism cloak themselves," and advised a four-work slogan for political life as well as business life: "Stay out of the red." Before Johnson spoke, the meeting heard Clyde T. Ellis, executive manager of the National Rural Electric cooperative association, declare power companies are seeking to kill

electric cooperatives. Governor Allan Shivers was the chief speaker Wednesday.

The Texas cooperative group elected officers late Monday. They are.

C. M. Lester of Stamford, president; Garland Pennington of Tahoka, vicepresident; M. G. Hyltin of San Marcos, secretary-treasurer, and A. L Duncan of Decatur, Allen Burditt of La Ward, Weldon Groves of Hamilton and D. B. Lancaster of Douglasville, directors.

Representing the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., of Merkel, were: H. R. Roberts, of Guion, president; W. C. Church, of Merkel, secretary-College Station, Oct. 27 .- Thirteen treasurer; O. S. Moore, of Nolan and Comer Haynes and Sam Butman. Jr., directors, of Merkel.

Grade Parents to Visit School

All parents, both mothers and fathers, of the local first, second and third graders are invited and urged to visit school on next Wednesday, Nov. 2.

On this day each parent will have an opportunity to see some of the work done by their child during the past six weeks and to have a conference with the teacher.

Parents may come at any time during the day which may be convenient for them. The pupils will stay at home on this day.

This plan of reporting is a continuation of the plan started two years ago and which has attracted statewide attention.

passes, Joe Allen Dean harled a Plase to End Don Rowland, who stepped out of bounds on the two-yard line. Dean plunged over the goal and kicked the extra point to give Hamlin a 7-0 lead.

Later in the second frame the

Merkel forwards halted another

After the ensuing kickoff, Benson's boys lost four yards in three plays and kicked out on their own 40. A Statue of Liberty play by the Pipers carried to the Merkel 3-yard line. The Purple and Gold linemen, led by Walton Lively and Sid Williams, pushed the Pipers back to the "REA is an American institution 5 during the next four plays.

Two plays later Wade fumbled and Hamlin recovered on the Merkel 7 Due chiefly to some good defensive To Annual Yearbook play by Kenneth Bowen and Williams, the Badgers managed to halt the drive on the 3. Two plays later Willie Robertson fumbled the pigskin behind his own goal line and Guard W. T. Stapler covered the ball for the second Piper T. D.

Merkel's only threat came in the second quarter as Robertson passed to End Mac Springer from the Hamlin 37 to the five, only to have the play called back.

The Merkel business department had a poor showing as follows: Doug- Funeral Services Held las 27 yards in 7 tries, Wade 55 yards in 4 carries, Harris 44 yards in 9 attempts and Robertson had a minus 2 yards in 4 runs. The story in figures: First down

Merkel 7, Hamlin 10; net yards rush ing, Merkel 121, Hamlin 101; passes Merkel completed two of 12 for 20 yards, Hamlin completed 11 of 20 g for 105 yards; penalties, Merkel 6 for 40 yards, Hamlin 2 for 20; penetrations, Merkel 0, Hamlin 5.

New Officers Preside

At 4-H Meeting Held Tuesday

Twenty-five members were present besides the teacher-leader, Miss Ann Egan, and the mother-leader, Mrs., L. P. Liles, when the Merkel 4-H club met Tuesday, Oct. 19, in the REA's lovely new kitchen. Leaving the Grammar School auditorium, they went to the meeting place on a school bus driven by Author McCoy.

Anne Egan, Taylor county home demonstration leader, demonstrated making an oatmeal dish. Officers chosen recently functioned for the first time.

They are: Dorothy Foster, president; Rachel Tarpley, vice-president; Marlene Windham, secretary-treasurer; Frankie Sullivan, reporter; Marilyn Liles, cereal demonstrator, and Betty Chancey, song leader. A new clothing demonstrator will be announced in a meeting or two.

caped injury. Highway Patrolman Selwyn Leedy who with Highway Patrolman E. E. Powell investigated the accident, said that Hass, driving south, collided with the rear of Mrs. Davis' automobile, also traveling south. Mrs. Dav-

is' car was knocked across the road. Miller's car, meeting Mrs. Davis, collided with her car. Mrs. Davis' automobile came to a stop in a ditch.

All three of the injured persons were taken to Sadler Hospital; two, Mrs. Davis and Hass, were dismissed Thursday.

Listed as Contributor

The 28th Yearbook of the National Elementary Principals Association entitled "The Public and the Elementary Schools" has C. A. Farley, principal of the local elementary schools. listed as one of the contributors.

The Yearbook which came off the press in September has contributions from 30 other Texas principals. Mr. Farley helped write Chapter 6, "The Relationship of the Public

to the Elementary School."

Friday for Betty Louise Hurd

Betty Louise Hurd, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hurd, Rt. 4, Merkel, died in Sadler hospital about 11:45 a. m. Thursday of last week.

Betty Louise was born Dec. 30, 1946. She had been ill only a short time.

Funeral services were held at the chapel of the Starbuck Funeral home at 4 p. m. Friday. Rev. C. R. Blake, pastor of the First Baptist church at Sylvester, officiated.

Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery. Pallbearers were: Jimmy and Ralph Russell, Loyd Robertson and Robert Higgins.

Survivors are the parents; a sister, Beverly Ann, 7-months-old; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hurd of Merkel; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. King of Abilene, and the maternal great-great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Jones of Sylvester.

Hospital Notes.

Frank Jefferies underwent surgery at Sadler Hospital on Oct. 22. Patients received for treatment the | and example past week include: Ted McAninch, E. C. Brown of Trent, Oct. 20; R. V. Hammock, Oct. 21; I. I. Addison, Oct. 22; E. L. Frazier, Mrs. A. L. Duna, Oct. 24; H. Fennell of Win- Ford in Fannin county and, besides ter, Mrs. Marvin Freeman of Trent. Oct. 25.

Bob Fowler, Robert James and M. L Douglas.

He was born Apr. 12, 1903, in Avalon, Ellis county, Texas, and moved to Merkel with his parents in 1920. He had made his home in New York City and Kentucky since 1940. Survivors are his parents; three sis ters, Mrs. Eulala Womack of Lamesa. Mrs. Thelma Vestal of Plainview, and Miss Avis Deavers of Brownwood; two nephews, Clyde Deavers of Hyattsville, Md., and Frank Deavers of Corpus Christi.

Local Youths Seek **Top Garden Honors** In \$6,000 Contest

Dr. H. Clyde Smith, Methodist district superintendent for the Abilene district, will preach at the Methodist church Sunday at 11 a. m. His last two pastorates before being appointed district superintendent were at the First church in Big Spring and the First church in

"Dr. Smith is a good preacher and I hope that all who can will hear him Sunday morning." Rev. W. C. Hinds, the Merkel pastor said.

The next meeting will be on Nov 22 in the home of Mrs. David Gamble. All mothers of pre-school children are urged to attend these worth-while sessions.

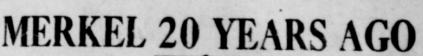
These attending were: Mesdames Buster Hester, Joe Cypert, David Gamble, Louie Herring, Bill Skiles, Houston Byrd, Don Riney, H. H. Cunningham, Robert Higgins, Willie B. Toombs, Ben Sublett and Powell Miller.

Trent Students Attend State Fair at Dallas

Trent, Oct. 27 .- The F. F. A. boys and F. H. A. girls of Trent high school attended the State Fair at Dallas on Oct. 15. They were accompanied by Alice Cross and Bill Scott, sponsors, and Ola Lee Winn, Leonard Quattlebaum and Richard Scott. Bus drivers were Supt. Ben Newhouse and Truman Carey.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, Sunday, Oct. 23, 1949. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rutledge, Monday, Oct. 24, 1949. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. James Bright, Monday, Oct. 24, 1949. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sanders. Monday, Oct. 24, 1949.



(From Files of The Merkel Mail, October 25, 1929.)

FUNERAL RITES FOR MRS. J. I. FORD.

Resident of This Section for 22 Years, Age 67, Dies at Her Home Here.

Mrs. Maggie Halcomb Ford, 67, wife of J. I. Ford, died at her home here Tuesday afternoon at about 3 o'clock, following a long illness, during which friends, neighbors and relatives visited her with tender ministrations in token of their love and esteem for the splendid woman that she was, a home-loving wife and mot ther, one of God's blessed characters who was able to help others along the way by her own resolute faith

Mrs. Ford was born in Georgia near the city of Savannah and later moved to Texas with her family. She was married 31 years ago to J. I. her husband, she is survived by one son and one daughter, Hoyt Ford, W. D. Haynes and Fletcher Jones.

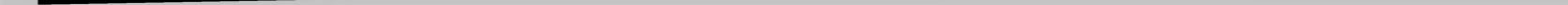
member of the Simmons university faculty at Abilene and Mrs. E. F. Vantreese of the Hodges community, and four step-children, W. A. Ford of Stith, L. E. Ford of Abilene, Mrs. T. J. Ford of Merkel and Mrs. Ray J. Massey of Dallas.

Mrs. Ford has been a resident of this section of the state for 22 years, having lived in the Stith community 17 years before moving to Merkel 5 years ago. She was a member of the First Baptist church here, having been converted early in life. She was one of 16 children, of whom three brothers survive, one residing in California and two in Collin county.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist church here at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon, with the pastor, Rev. Ira L. Parrack, officiating, assisted by Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Simmons university. Interment was in the Stith cemetery.

Pallbearers were: M. L. Estes, J. Canon, Clark Church, Elbert West,

Pampa.



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The Merkel Mail Published Every Friday Morning C. J. GLOVER, Editor-Owner. L. B. WHITAKER Ass't. Editor-Advertising

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



Louie Herring, J. B. Griffin, Sr., and Z. Edgar Boaz, all cooperators with the Middle Clear Fork Soil conservation district, have recently contructed new farm ponds for livestock water and especially better distribution of watering places for livestock. These ponds will assist in erosion control and run off.

Henry Tillett, cooperator with the district in the Mt. Pleasant area, has deferred grazing all of his native pastures this year. He plans to stock and graze grain fields this winter.



He states that grasses have come out this year that he didn't know he left. Most all of his remaining grass species have seeded this year as a result of this growing season deferment. This is a good range improving practice which gives the grasses all an equal chance to make growth, increase root systems, increase vigor and make all around improvement.

> A. J. Barbee Sr., cooperator in the Northeast Noodle Conservation group, has reseeded 20 to 25 acres of his old alfalfa, to a new crop of alfalfa. This three year old planting had been used for hay and grazing during the past three years and the stand had thinned out in spots. A few weeds and johnson grass had come in these spots. To insure a uniform stand, Mr. Barbee, decided to reseed this area. He seeded common alfalfa seed at the rate of about 15 pounds per acre. He made an application of superphosphate at the rate of 300 pounds of O-20-0 per acre. He also gave his 30 acres of two years old alfalfa a similar application of superphosphate. Mr. Barbee is very interested in legume and grasses. He has planted about 2 acres to smooth brome grass and 1 acre of KR bluestem. Both plantings were made in rows. These are to be seed increase plots. *******

Farmers are reporting good results with the use of winter peas for soil improvement, especially in the sandy house, with Mrs. E. J. Patterson, the loam soil areas. In the Carpenter's Gap Sinclair Conservation group areas district cooperators are reporting increased cotton fields and larger cotton bells following winter peas. Full details will be made when crops are completely harvested. Much interest is being shown in the planting



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THE WINNER . . . Mrs. Bomaine Dahlgren Simpson, New York divorcee, will become the bride of the Marquess of Milford Haven. cousin of King George, recognized as Britain's most eligible bacheler.



BLUEBONNET HD CLUB. A regular meeting of the Bluebonnet Home Demonstration Club was held Oct. 18, with the president, Mrs. E. J. Patterson, in charge. A prayer was given by Mrs. John Hughes, after which the minutes were read and approved.

Mrs. Hughes gave a very good report on her trip to the State Home Demonstration Club convention at Mineral Wells Sept. 22-24 to which she was a Taylor County delegate.

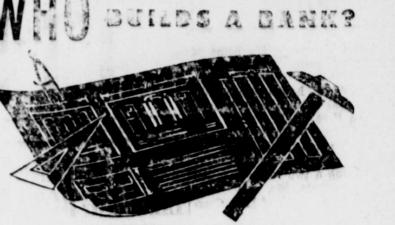
The next meeting will be Nov.1. at 2 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Tom Russom. This will be the club's yearly Achievement Day program. Members are urged to be present and visitors are always welcome. A delicious plate with Hallow'en

motif was served to the following visitors, Mesdames John Hughes, John Bryan and J. Ben Campbell of Merkel, and members: Mesdames A. R. Toombs, Dewel McLean, Ben Butman, Louis Butman, E. J. Patterson. W. H. Ensminger, Frase Demere and Tom Russom.

The club's first meeting in the month was held Oct. 4 at the club

of winter peas and hairy vetch in those areas. These two winter legumes will assist in controlling blowing, prevent runoff, furnish lots of high quality grazing at a time when badly needed, add or-

increase productivity.



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president presiding. Mrs. Dewel Mc- Joe Swinney and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lean was hostess. Mrs. Ben Butman gave a program on flower legends. Mrs. Ruth Phillips of Merle Norman Studio, Abilene, gave a glamour demonstration.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY. It was a delightful evening in the Tom Russon home, Oct. 18, when a number of friends and relatives began pouring in with pretty gifts and singing "Happy Birthday, Dear Mary."

The event had been previously planned by Mr. Russom and came as a total surprise to Mrs. Russom just as she thought they had started to the movies.

Also celebrating a birthday on the same day was Tommie Swinney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swinney and namesake of Mr. Russom.

Games of "42" were enjoyed and ice matter to the soil and perhaps cream and cake were served to: Mr and Mrs. W. C. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs

A. D. Scott and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dewel McLean and Hollis, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Butman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Will Butman and Louine. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Newby and family, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., Sam Butman, Sr., and Lottie, Mrs. Banning Butman and children, Hoyt Horton and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russom.



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Friday, October 28, 1949



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West Texas Utilities **Awarded** Citation For 1948 Report

Abilene, October 27,-Citation of "Highest Merit Award for Distinguished Achievement in Annual Reporting" has been awarded the West Texas Utilities Company by the Financial World, investment and business publication, in recognition of the quality of Utilities Company's 1948 Annual Report to its stockholders.

In announcing the award, Weston Smith, vice-president of the Financial World, pointed out that more than 4,000 annual reports were submitted for the annual survey. Of the annual reports submitted 2,250 were actually surveyed.

The "Highest Merit Award," Smith said, "qualified West Texas Utilities company as a candidate for the final judging for "Oscar of Industry" trophies. Final judging and Oscar awards for Best 1948 Annual Reports in several classifications will be made at the Awards Banquet at the Hotel Statler in New York.

"The object of the annual survey and judging is to broaden the readership and the understanding of yearly annual reports and thus to achieve a more wholesome appreciation of each corporation, of industry as a whole, and of free enterprise system in general, "Smith added.

The West Texas Utilities Annual Report of 1948, which was distributed to stockholders in April, 1949, was prepared in Abilene by the WTUCo's general office staff.

Pfc. Darrell L. Farmer Lands With Marines In Labrador

Labrado , (ct. 27 .- Pfc. Darrell L. Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer of Rt. 4, Merkel, landed Saturday on the coast of Labrador as a member of a Marine Corps landing force under the command of Brig. Gen. William J. Whaling, USMC. After completing the artic ship-to-shore training operation, the force. which is made up of elements of the Second Marine Division of Camp Lejeune, N. C., will move inland for an extended stay in the field.

Private Farmer, one of more than 3000 Marines participating in this expedition, will undertake to prove the adaptability of amphibious warfare to cold weather conditions.

Irs. Lena Reeder **Hobbs Family Holds** A reunion of the Hobbs family was held Sunday, Oct. 16, in the home of Mrs. Lena Reeder. A sumptuous dinner was served at the noon hour and pictures were taken in the afternoon. All hoped for many happy days like this.

Reunion in Home of

Present to enjoy this get-together were: Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and Bennie, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hobbs and Weldon of Munday; Mr. and Mrs. Hall Hobbs and Joy Sue, Mrs. C. E. Thomas of Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Neeb of San Mar, cos; Mrs. Lena Reeder, Hortince and Francis, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Gray, Gary, Allen and Kenny of Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Harris and Darline, Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Hobbs and Glenna Lou and John of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fowler, Billie and Bobbie. Friends present were: Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Patton and Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Reidenbach.

Two brothers, Charlie Hobbs of Dal. las and Bob Hobbs, of Big Spring, were unable to be present.



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IN THE CHURCHES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Mid-week prayer service at 7 p. m. Wednesday.

TOM KEENAN, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH. Sunday school at 10 a. m., morning worship at 11. Youth Fellowship 6:00 p. m. Evening worship 7:00. Midweek prayer meeting Wednesdays, 7:30 p. m.

W. C. Hinds, Pastor.

There is no profit in feeding the external parasites on cattle. Spraying or dipping with recommended treatments will rid cattle of these pests.



Abilene US Army and Salvation Army Report **Air Force Announce Pay Increases**

Sgt. Faul E. Preacher of the Abilene US Army and US Air Force announced Wednesday that the new service pay bill, effective Oct. 1, increases pay for the services in widely varving amounts ranging from \$5.00 per month for recruits with five months service, to \$300.00 or more a month for Generals and Admirals with over 30 years service.

Bonuses for enlisted personnel will be made on the basis of years to be served, rather than on the old theory of paying \$50.00 a year for past service. Reenlistment bonuses now range from a low of \$40.00 for two year enlistment to a high of \$360.00 for a six year reenlistment.

Sergeant Preacher stated that enlisted personel receiving the greatest aster. benefit will be sergeants and sergeants first class, whose increase will average 33 to 34%. According to Sergeant Preacher the real point of interest is from the career angle. The increased pay as one ascends the ladder of time and accomplishment, leading eventually to a secure retirement, is a satisfactory fact to the potential enlistee. The Armed Forces Pay Bill has been cited as the Career Compensation Act of 1949, with the principal objective being to attract and retain personnel in the service adequate both in numbers and capabilities.

Any further information may be

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Remarkable Growth In This State

Dallas, Oct. 27 .- The Salvation Army is experiencing a remarkable growth in Texas and now operates 31 Corps in the major cities and towns and more than 50 community service units in smaller towns and villages, Lt. Col. John A. Morrison, Texas divisional commander, reports. Among its Texas facilities are four institutions serving lone and homeless men, providing jobs and another chance; a state home and hospital providing refuge for unmarried mothers and their babies; two residences for young women; a state youth camp where hundreds of young people are given religious guidance and citizenship training, and a number of mobile canteens and other equipment located at strategic places and ready to serve in time of dis-

Colonel Morrison's report for the fiscal year just ended shows that the Salvation Army came to the aid of nearly 80,000 lone and homeless persons in Texas, that it conducted more than 10,000 religious services reaching thousands of men and women mostly without church ties, that more than 1,000 ex-prisoners were paroled to the Salvation Army.

Through its broad welfare pro gram to the needy, the Salvation Army aided additional thousands

with other forms of aid and service. "We are thankful to the generous citizens of Texas, for our program could not be carried out if they did not believe in and support so strong. ly the work we are doing," Colonel Morrison said.

Bugs are likely to cause serious losses in stored grain unless control measures are taken. Check grain at regular intervals for live insects, and fumigate if needed.

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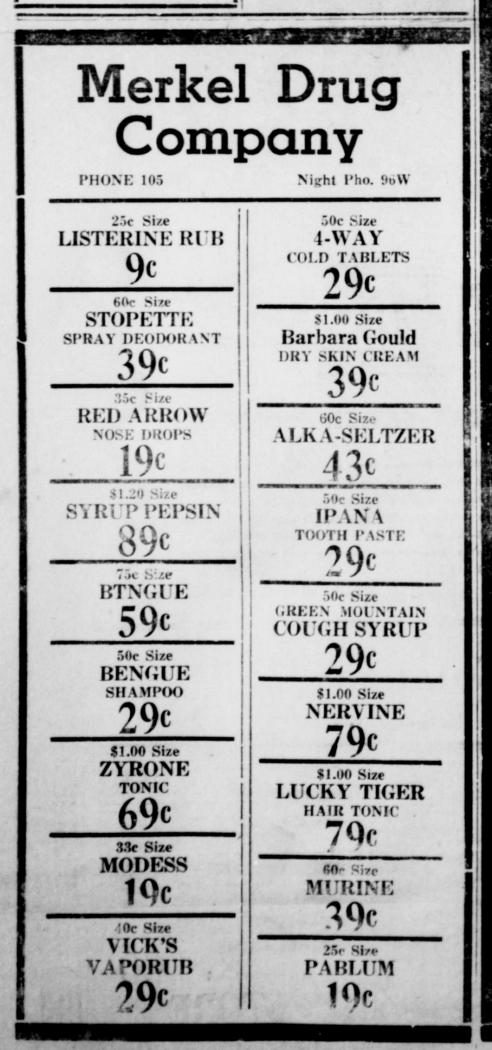
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REAL ESTATE

88,443 Miles Good **Passable Roads** Texas now has, in all. 88,443 miles ANDY SHOUSE of passable roads of all types.

Most rapid progress has been made in farm-to-market roads, 14,-500 miles of which have been financed by the state highway department in conjunction with federal aid, since V-J Day.

The figures are from a survey taken by the Bureau of Public Roads at the direction of the United States senate. Texas statistics were compiled by the highway department in cooperation with county road officials.

Farm-to-Market roads are located upon the recommendations of district engineers after conferences with county commissioners. Location is determined by the highway commission on the basis of need, as these figures show:

Seventy-two per cent of farm-tomarket roads carry school buses; 74 per cent carry mail routes; 24 per cent carry milk routes, and 87 per cent carry one or more of these services.

Other roads built under the farmto-market program service oil fields and forest-lumber operations. When the present program of farm to-market road construction is completed, the vast majority of farm dwellings will be within one mile of a paved road.

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J. D. Beasley ___ \$5.86 Tom Largent \$5.86 E. D. Worthan, Abernathy __\$10.00 Z. M. Sumpter, Breckenridge_ \$2.00 Mrs. C. F. Thompson, Raymondille _____ \$5.00

Merkelite Re-Named **Chairman of County** HD Council

Officers were elected when the Taylor County Home Demonstration Council met in the Agriculture building Thursday morning.

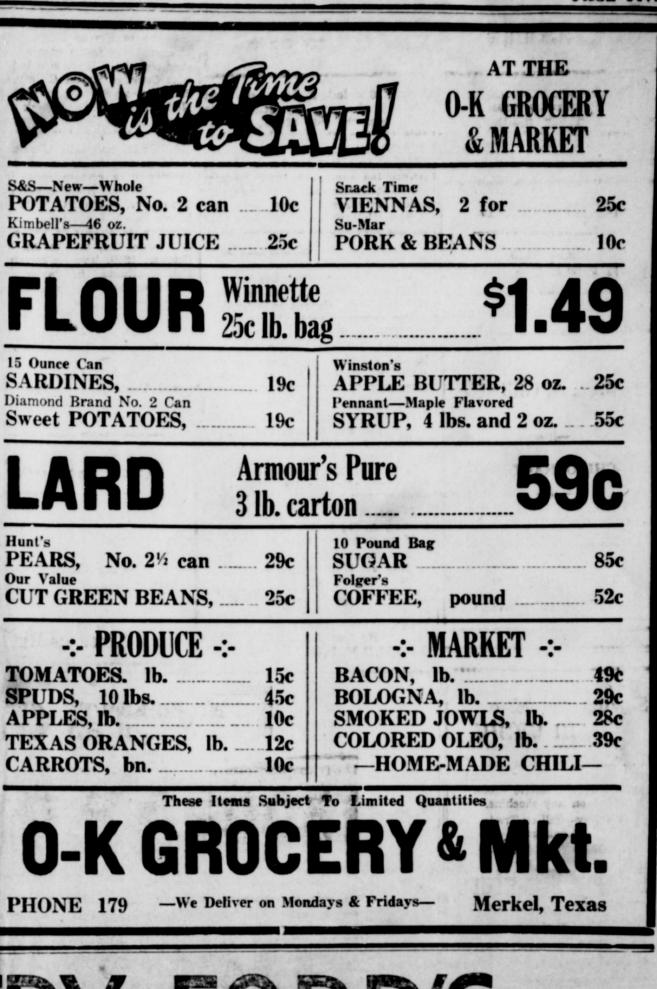
Mrs. O. E. Harwell of Merkel, chairman, was elected to serve another year. Mrs. Guy Vernon of Ovalo, secretary-treasurer, was reelected. Mrs. Rhett Eidson, Jr., of Merkel was named vice-chairman.

Mrs. Leo Standard of Tuscola, who was a delegate to the Texas Home Demonstration Association meeting at Mineral Wells, gave a report on the meeting. Mrs. John Hughes of Merkel, also a delegate to the Mineral Wells meeting, gave a financial report and other notes on speeches by delegates to the convention.

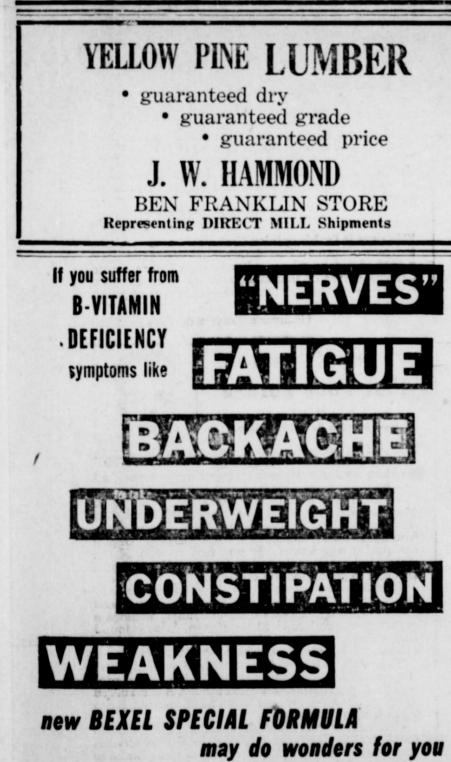
Thelma Casey, district agent of San Angelo, and Mrs. L. A. Groene of Abilene, vice-president of District 7, were special guests at the council meeting Thursday.

Miss Casey stressed the need of more interest in public afairs and politics by farm women, urging them to study the constitutional amendments on the Nov. 8 election ballot. Mrs. Groene announced that the 1950 district meeting of Home Demonstration clubs would be held in Abilene, April 20. Miss Casey also reported that she attended the National Home Demonstration Council convention at Colorado Springs, Colo.

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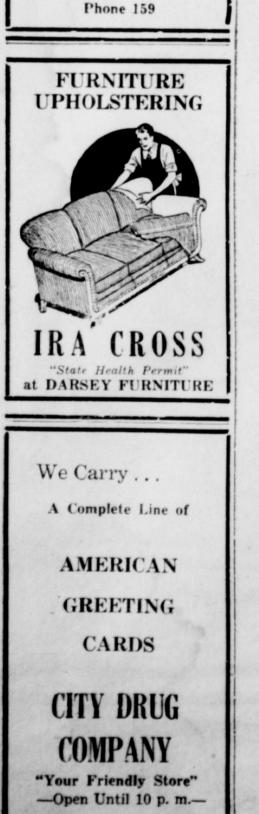
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PAGE SIX THE MERKEL MAIL Friday, October 28, 1949 CITATION BY PUBLICATION. month at the Court House door, of in Taylor County. New ZERMAC Battery Witness my hand, this 5th day of THE STATE OF TEXAS Taylor County, in the City of Abi-Legal Notices With New Plastock Case lene, Texas, between the hours of October, 1949. County of Taylor: Priced from \$9.95 up 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of H. T. Fleming, said levy and said Order of Sale, Notice is Hereby Given that by Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas. FOX REPAIR SHOP I will sell said above described Real virtue of a certain Order of Sale is-By R. H. Ross, Deputy. Phone 66 sued out of the Honorable 104th Dis-Estate at public vendue, for each, to Oct. 14-21-28, 1949. trict Court of Taylor County, of the the highest bidder, as the property 29th day of September, 1949, by J. of said William C. Webb. before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first CITATION BY PUBLICATION Neil Daniel, District Clerk of said Monday after the expiration of 42 And in compliance with law, I give THE STATE OF TEXAS this notice by publication, in the Court, for the sum of Nineteen hundays from the date of issuance of SPECIAL CHEVROLET **SPECIAL** TO: Frank Corneil, Greeting: dred five dollars and 45/100 (\$1,905 .-] English language, once a week for this Citation, the same being Mon-You are commanded to appear and 45) Dollars and costs of suit, under three consecutive weeks immediateday the 14th day of November, A. D., answer the plaintiff's petition at or a Judgment, in favor of John J. ly preceding said day of sale, in the 1949, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., Here's Our Service Special Merkel Mail, a newspaper published before the Honorable 104th District Toombs in a certain cause in said court, No. 6039-B and Styled John J. Court of Taylor County, at the Court Toombs vs. William C. Webb, placed House in Abilene, Texas. **ONE WEEK ONLY REID & REID** in my hands for service, I, H. T. Said plaintiff's petition was filed For Complete . . . -Attorneys-at-Lawon the 30th day of September. 1949. Fleming, as Sheriff of Taylor Coun-**Good Until November 4th** ty, Texas, did, on the 5th day of The file number of said suit being **RADIO** and Phone 8180 October, 1949, levy on certain Real No. 6138-B. REFRIGERATOR 1521/2 Pine St., -:- Abilene Estate, situated in Taylor County, The names of the parties in said INSTALL PISTON RINGS Texas, described as follows, to-wit: suit are: Almeda Corneil as Plain-**Repair Service** Lot No. 15, Block B, of T. R. Rhedes tiff, and Frank Corneil as Defendant. Phone 193 Subdivision of Let No. 1, Bleck 15, The nature of said suit being sub-North Park Addition to the City of stantially as follows, to wit: Plain-**DUDLEY RADIO** Abilene, Taylor County, Texas, tiff and defendant were duly and and levied upon as the property of legally married on February 13, and William C. Webb and that on the 1929, and they lived together until James H. Chaney second Tuesday in November, 1949. **Electrical Service** November 7, 1947. There are no the same being the 8th day of said minor children under the age of fourteen years, and there is no com munity property to be divided. Plain--11tiff sues for divorce on grounds of **OAK STREET SERVICE STATION** Also Includes: Head Gasket Set, Pan Gasket Set, cruel treatment. and Five (5) Quarts of Oil -CHIROPRACTOR-If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issu-**TRUETT PERRY** -11-All Parts and Labor Included ance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 30th day of Sep-We Use Only Genuine Chevrolet Parts tember, A. D., 1949. **Courteous** Service Given under my hand and seal of Merkel Texas said court, at office in Abilene, Tex-**BADGER CHEVROLET** PHONE Pickup & as this the 30th day of September, A. D., 1949. 9 a. m. - 5:00 p. m. 130 Delivery J. Neil Daniel, Clerk (Seal) COMPANY Closed Thursday Afternoon 104th District Court, WASHING AND GREASING Taylor County, Texas. Tires -:- Batteries -:- Accessories By Dorothy Smith, Deputy. PHONE 123 MERKEL, Texas Oct. 7.14.21.28, 1949 We do . . . **Rivers of grass...** Sewing Machine **REPAIR WORK** . . have a few re-conditioned machines for sale at reduced prices! New Electric Motors installed on any machine. We Buy-Sell or Trade Furniture -:- COME TO SEE US -:-**Darsey Furniture**

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1 lb. pork sausage meat	1 tsp. soda
1/2 cups corn meal	1 cup sour milk
1/2 cup sifted flour	1 egg
1/2 tsp. solt	2 tbsp. pork sausa
1 tsp. baking powder	drippings

Brown pork sausage meat thoroughly in heavy skillet (about 9 inches in diameter). Drain off drippings. Sift together corn meal, flour, salt, baking powder, and soda. Combine egg and milk and heat until well combined. Add 2 tablespoons drippings to milk and egg mixture. Pour liquid into dry ingredients and stir just until well mixed. Pour batter over pork sausage in heated skillet. Bake in moderately hot oven (450°F.) until well browned, about 30 to 35 minutes. Serve hot as main luncheon dish.

Quotes of the Month

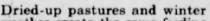
"We, as ranchers, are not sufficient unto ourselves. In fact, we are only the beginning of the beef line. Of equal importance are the feeder, the processor, the distributor and the consumer. Disregard the rights or welfare of any of these, and sooner or later we suffer."

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Gulliver's Travels (written in 1726)





weather create the same feeding R. D. Rasmussen problem for the cattleman. They simply mean that you have lower quality feed and less of it. And you have little choice as to what you can do about it. You can let the cattle eat what they can find. In this case you're likely to take a weight loss on your cows. You'll also take a chance on a weak calf crop. Or you can feed a supplement. If you feed enough of the right kind, your cows and unborn calves will come through in good, healthy condition.

California experiments on deficient range showed the cow herd that got a protein supplement produced a 91% calf crop. Cows on similar range, without a supplement, produced a 61% calf crop. Arizona found that feeding supplement increased the weight of the calves at birth by 10 pounds.

The amount of supplement needed varies. Cows carrying calves, and young stock require more protein than open cows or mature animals. A safe rule to follow is to watch the condition of the stock. Keep them healthy and thrifty. Research by the New Mexico agricultural experiment station shows that during the winter months

Research by the New Mexico agricultural experiment station shows that during the winter months range forage is most critically short of phosphorus as well as protein. While some of the cake supplements are high is phosphorus as well as protein, most ranchers over the state are using mineral supplement for year-'round use. A mineral supplement containing at least 6% phosphorus should be made available at all times to range cattle. Experiments have shown that year-'round use is better and more profitable than seasonal use.

Here's a goal for cattlemen. Use whatever kind and amount of supplement is necessary to keep your cattle healthy and thrifty. (Editor's Note: The principles of animal nutrition discussed above apply in all parts of the country.)

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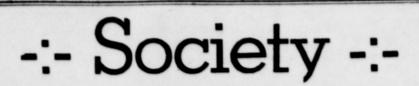
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The Merkel Garden club met on McKeever, Bobbye Fern Foster, Thursday, Oct. 20, in the Communi- Mona Robertson and Jeff Chancey. ty Center.

for the afternoon. She introduced plauded and she played for a sing-Mrs. L. W. Hollis of Abilene as the song at the close of the program. A guest speaker who spoke on "How sack lunch was served every one at to Arrange Flowers" from the standpoint of Flower Show judging.

flower arrangements and Mrs. Ferguson displayed a beautiful Hallowe- Coy, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Riney, Mrs. en table arrangement.

The following members were pres- Earl Hughes and Mrs. John J. Boen. ent: Mesdames Buck Leach, Jack non, W. U. Shannon, Ben Hicks, Robert Hicks, W. D. Hutcheson, Clyde Eager, W. S. J. Brown, Twyman

Mrs. Henry Reid, worthy matron, e'en theme.

ren Daniel, Hob Robertson, Ellis Harris, Joe Jaynes, T. G. Hass and R. J. Miller.

W. T. Powers and Reatha Mullins of Rust, Hosie Windham, Andy Shouse, F. M. Simpson, Fern Rushing, Henry Sharp, Norman Winter, Bill Dunagin, Bryan Dunagin, Craig Humphreys, Warren Daniel, Ernest Teaff, Ross Pratt, S. L. Rakes and D. R. Butler.

to go in the bag.

MERKEL GARDEN CLUB. | Dudley Farr, Jimmy Smith, Marlene

The piano selections played by Mrs. R. M. Ferguson was leader Mrs. John J. Boen were loudly aprefreshment hour. Chaperones present were: Supt. and Mrs. Mack The Center was lovely with fall Fisher, Ralph Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Byrd, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Mc-Ralph Miller, Mrs. P. C. Wylie, Mrs. Every one is cordially invited to at-

tend. The following pupils registered:

Miss Jimmie Nell Horton, bride-

MEXICAN SUPPER.

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Grif Barnett combined host and host- | Girl Scout Week is ess duties to entertain with a Mexican supper, a most seasonal menu, Stressed by Leaders with which even the weather cooperated.

Following the dinner the members played "42" until a late hour. "hose present were Messrs. and Mesdames Weldon McAninch, Chester Collinsworth, Vernon Hudson, Andy Shouse, June Hogan, Raymond Ferguson, Edwin Read, Fred Starbuck, Ray Wilson, Ben Hicks, Frank Simpson, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Hinds and the host group.

NEW LIVE OAK CHURCH. Rev. B. L. Higdon will preach Sunday, Oct. 30, at 3 p. m. at the New Live Oak Baptist church.

Girl Scout Week was stressed Monday at the weekly meeting of the local Girl Scout troop and each member was urged to go to the church of their choice Sunday and to wear their Scout uniform.

At the meeting held Monday afternoon fifteen girls were present and four leaders, Mrs. June Hogan, Mrs. Dan Deen, Mrs. P. C. Wylie and Mrs. Clyde Eager. It was voted for all girls to bring their 20c dues at the next meeting, Monday, Oct. 31.

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