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PRESIDENT'S PROSPERITY PROGRAM WINS ACCLAIM FROM ALL PARTS WORLD

Plan of Hoover Gains Approval From Bankers; Pool Idea Endorsed; Feverish Buying Sends Exchange Prices Up.

Enthusiastic acclaim of President Hoover's six-point plan for hastening economic recovery was heard Wednesday from Wall street to the stock mart of Tokyo, according to the summary of the day's glad news by the Associated Press published in Thursday's daily papers.

While the favorable reaction was echoing around the world, the president held conferences with leading real estate men to devise ways of easing credit for home building.

Leading New York bankers started working out details of the \$500,000,000 credit corporation proposed by Mr. Hoover for relief of banks outside the federal reserve system. Mortimer N. Buckner, president of the New York Clearing House association, and leading bankers throughout the country will head the organization.

Under-Secretary of the Treasury Ogden L. Mills announced in Washington that 24 New York banks already had signified their intention of joining the credit pool.

Feverish buying on the New York stock exchange, which sent prices up as much as 15 points Tuesday in the greatest advance in recent years, subsided during the day and prices sagged under profit-taking, but the new note of confidence remained in financial quarters. Advances were made by 382 stocks, while 254 declined.

Leaders in Wall street said Mr. Hoover's plan had checked unreasoning hysteria and left the way clear for a sane approach to the economic problem.

Prices on the London, Paris and Tokyo stock markets rallied.

The "Iron Age" said prospective purchasing of automobile materials, rails and pipe line gave an indication of some recovery for the steel industry in the last quarter of 1931.

In Germany, the resignation of the cabinet was followed by the issuance of emergency decrees giving the government far-reaching powers in dealing with the nation's financial and economic problems.

Praise of President Hoover's plan came from Washington officials, from business leaders, economists and newspaper editors throughout the country, and from financiers in European capitals. Congressional leaders of both parties pledged their support to the plan in principle.

The American Bankers' association voted quick approval of the proposed bankers' pool at a convention in Atlantic City.

AUDITION FINALS 11 P. M. THURSDAY

Ten Young Women and Ten Young Men to Compete in State Finals Over WFAA.

Ten young women and ten young men were selected by the judges in tryouts at Dallas Wednesday, to appear before the microphone of Station WFAA at 11 o'clock this Thursday night in the state finals of the fifth annual National Atwater Kent Radio audition. The young women are: Ruth Thomas, Waxahachie; Ruth Warner, Waco; Alleah Homan, Mineral Wells; Mila Eggleston, Vernon; Lois Perkins, Stamford; Elizabeth Rutherford, Sherman; Mary Helen Harding, Childress; Allene Kirk Trimble, Corsicana; Hannah Tubner, Dallas; Anna Belle Hall Bailey, Fort Worth. The young men are: Charles C. Wells, Abilene; Davis Miller, Roscoe; W. R. Lawes, Big Spring; John Flynn, Mineral Wells; Joseph Vancil, Fort Worth; Leon Sparks, Waco; Garland Brady, Sherman; Robert A. Thompson, Terrill; J. T. Morrow, Waxahachie, and Clifton Janek, Tahoka.

Merkel had two representatives, Miss Edith Baker and A. J. Tucker, in the tryouts on Wednesday. Others from Merkel who went to Dallas for the audition were Miss Christine Collins who was chairman of the local audition, and Mrs. C. W. Delmer.

Funeral Rites Held For Toland Infant

Funeral services for Ruby May, two-weeks-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Toland of Tye, who died at the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. L. Grogan, in Abilene, was held at 3 p. m. Wednesday at the Presbyterian church at Tye, with Rev. R. A. Walker, Merkel pastor, officiating. The child had been carried to Abilene Monday to be under a physician's care.

Besides the parents, the baby is survived by Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Seymour of Mulberry Canyon and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Toland of Georgetown, grandparents.

50 Millions Art Museum.
New York, Oct. 8.—The death early Sunday of Mrs. Henry Clay Frick, under the terms of her husband's will, released to New York city an art collection valued, with the house containing it, at about \$50,000,000.

Anniversary of Tragedy.
Washington, Oct. 8.—A year ago Monday England's giant airship, the R-101, crashed, killing 48 persons.



KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

T. M. Dees, business man and banker of Dallas and Midlothian, Tuesday announced himself as a prospective candidate for governor on a platform favoring the managerial form for Texas.

Mrs. Claude De Van Watts of Austin, president of the Texas W. C. T. U. for the past nine years, was reelected to that place by a large majority by the 50th convention at Austin Wednesday.

Rushing in front of the wheels in an attempt to save her doll from being run over, 2-year-old Edna May Skedule was crushed under a loaded cotton wagon near her farm home near Cameron.

A Texas man, Francis Marion Law, president of the First National bank of Houston, was elected second vice president of the American Bankers association at its annual convention at Atlantic City Wednesday.

Enrollment in Texas Christian university for the fall term is 1,156, of which 976 are enrolled in day classes and 180 in the newly inaugurated night classes, as compared with 1,058 for the fall semester last year.

W. F. Neal, postmaster at Overton for 27 years, is now the possessor of an oil well, a producer having been brought in Saturday on his 109-acre tract in the city limits of Overton. He has stated that he will continue to perform his duties as postmaster.

John S. Fordtran, 63, prominent grain broker of Galveston and well known throughout the Southwest, whose grandfather settled in Industry, Texas, in 1831, died at 3 o'clock Sunday morning, as he was driving his automobile from Dickinson to Galveston.

Mrs. J. H. McGraw, 62, was killed and her 34-year-old son, Herman, was seriously injured when J. H. McGraw, 63, tenant farmer, residing near Hawley, opened fire with a shotgun on persons he believed were trying to steal his truck late Saturday night.

B. A. McKinney, first vice president of the First National bank of Dallas and president of the federal advisory council, has been elected governor of the federal reserve bank at Dallas, succeeding Lynn P. Talley, resigned to head a California banking chain.

John Alsop, former Fort Worth policeman, was given a 10-year penitentiary sentence in 89th district court at Wichita Falls, on a charge of venue from Tarrant county, upon conviction of murder in connection with the Polytechnic bank robbery in Fort Worth April 10, 1930, in which he killed two negroes.

The First Baptist church of Stephenville celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary at a special service from 10 o'clock to noon Sunday. Talks were made by Rev. George B. Ely of Fort Worth, Rev. Walter T. Hillsman of Dallas and Dean J. Thomas Davis of John Tarleton, representing the three 25-year periods of the history of the church.

Heat Pops Corn.
Green Bay, Wis., Oct. 8.—Popcorn was popped on the cob in the garden of Mrs. Andrew Spang during the recent September heat spell, when the mercury reached 95, according to her report, backed by an exhibit of an ear of corn so affected.

NO REDISTRICTING BILL IS PASSED

Second Called Session Fails to Agree on New Alignment of Congressional Districts.

Austin, Oct. 3.—The second special session of the 42nd legislature, convened by Governor R. S. Sterling to enact a law reducing cotton acreage in an effort to bolster a declining market, adjourned sine die at 7:18 Saturday night after working 26 days.

The latter days of the session were devoted to oil, a troublesome factor in Texas and the mid continent area since the East Texas pool was discovered almost one year ago. Next to cotton legislation the outstanding achievement of the extraordinary meeting was passage of a bill designed to give the state an interest in the petroleum reservoir beneath the bed of the Sabine river.

Legislation for congressional redistricting of the state was undertaken but failed, so wide was the difference of opinion on rival bills. The subject was offered in the closing days and time for a free conference committee to work out a plan was lacking.

The governor said he was sorry redistricting had failed but that he would not recall the legislature to pass a bill.

After working almost three weeks a bill reducing cotton acreage in 1932 and 1933 to 30 per cent of the 1931 tillable area was passed and signed by the governor.

Other principal achievements of this session were authorization for the highway department to make a loan of \$3,000,000 at 2 per cent interest, to the general fund and a law cancelling interest and penalties against delinquent taxes of record October 20, 1931, provided the taxes were paid by January 31 next year.

Attorney General James V. Allred advised the comptroller that there was serious doubt as to this latter law's constitutionality and suggested that tax collectors be cautioned against following it.

Governor Sterling convinced the legislature that unless the state were authorized to lease or develop on its own responsibility river beds in proven territory, the tax payers would be deprived of millions of dollars which otherwise would go into the pockets of private operators. He said he had been told the state was entitled to at least 20,000,000 barrels of oil from the East Texas pool through development of the Sabine river bed which meanders for nine miles through the area.

The bill was finally passed after the governor nipped a plan to adjourn last Tuesday without enacting it, but it did not receive the necessary affirmative votes to place it into immediate effect. It must wait until 90 days after adjournment of the legislature to become operative.

The governor said he believed he had the executive power, through martial law, a means recently invoked in East Texas to stop rampant production there, to close all wells pending the bill taking effect, but he was hesitant to do so, fearful such action might be unfair to operators in the sector.

He otherwise expressed satisfaction with work of the legislature save its failure to redistrict the state to accommodate 21 congressmen instead of 18.

Friday he intimated he might reconvene the legislature in third special session should it adjourn without completing redistricting but Saturday night he said he had changed his mind about that.

BAGERS HOLD ROBY TO 7-0 SCORE; TO PLAY AT COLEMAN COUNTY FAIR

LIONS APPOINT BOY SCOUT GROUP

Committee of Three to Work Out Plan for Financial Support of Boy Scout Movement.

Three visitors from Abilene, who came in behalf of Boy Scout matters, were guests of the Lions club at their regular luncheon Tuesday. These guests were C. W. Clark, president of the Abilene Lions club, Ed S. Stewart, and Carl C. Sellers.

Herbert Patterson, who is one of the local Scoutmasters, A. H. Brackeen, a former Merkelite and also a former Lion, and R. Briggs Irvin, coach of the Badgers, were also guests, besides Miss Christine Collins and Mrs. E. Yates Brown, who furnished musical numbers of a very high order as the entertainment part of the program. Miss Collins in a well selected program of vocal numbers was accompanied by Mrs. Brown at the piano and was effectively joined by her in duet parts.

Interest in the meeting centered in the two movements, the Boy Scouts and boosting the Badgers.

Following talks by the visiting Abilenians, a suggestion was made by Booth Warren that one of the football games of the present season might be dedicated to the Boy Scouts, the proceeds from this game to go to Merkel's support of the Boy Scout movement in this district.

H. H. Jenkins, who was presiding in the absence of the president, Matt Dillingham, named the following Lions as a special Boy Scout committee: Supt. Roger A. Burgess, chairman; Booth Warren and Yates Brown. They will work with Herbert Patterson and T. G. Bragg, who are local leaders of the Boy Scouts.

Coach Irvin called attention to the game to be played Friday at Coleman, to be staged as one of the attractions of the Coleman County Fair. The secretary of the club also read a telegram from the Coleman County Chamber of Commerce inviting the Lions and all Merkel to come over for the occasion.

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Briggs Irvin's Boys Rally After Lions Make Counter in First Quarter and Put Across a Brilliant Game.

After a full week of hard workouts, the Merkel Badgers are in fine shape for their game Friday afternoon with the Coleman Blue Cats at Coleman. The game will be played as one of the attractions of the Coleman County Fair now in progress.

The locals came out of their game with Roby without an injury and practice has aided them much. Coach Briggs Irvin has been putting his charges through some new plays that promise to leave the opposition dazzled and at a loss.

Six new candidates appeared on the scene this week and Irvin is mightily pleased with their work to date. The new men are: Monte Moore, S. G. Russell, Leo Harris, M. L. Windham, Jack Stanford and Howard Stanley. Several additions are promised as soon as cotton picking is finished. At present there are around 25 men reporting every afternoon.

Their splendid showing in their last game gave the Badgers the confidence they have needed and Coach Irvin has high hopes for a victory at Coleman.

DEFEATED BY SINGLE TOUCHDOWN.
Scoring their only touchdown in the first quarter of play, the Roby Lions bested Merkel in last Friday night's game at Parramore field, Abilene, 7 to 0. After the first quarter the Badgers held the Lions to one first down in each of the last three periods and easily outplayed the Roby boys in the latter part of the game.

The only counter was shoved over by Bolden on the fourth down, after a drive which started on Merkel's 45-yard line when the Lions first gained possession of the ball.

The most spectacular play of the game was made by Gerald Derrick, Merkel's safety man, who picked up a Roby punt on his own ten yard line and ran through a broken field 40 yards.

Deserving of more than passing notice was the clever exhibition by the Girls Pep Squad, assisted by boys just recently organized into their own

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WORDS.

An officer of an insurance company invited me to the formal opening of some model tenements which the company has erected.

"Why should I come to see model tenements?" I asked.

For answer he pulled out of his pocket a crumpled sheet of paper, saying: "Here's an editorial that you wrote nearly fifteen years ago. You pointed out that the insurance companies collect millions of dollars in annual premiums from the poor. You asked why some of those millions should not be used in tearing down old tenements and erecting decent homes in their place."

"We read that editorial in our directors' meeting. It started the thinking which has resulted in these homes for folks of modest means."

Words are mysterious and awe-inspiring. We shoot them into the air, either by tongue or pen, and most of them perish. But now and then some stray sentence drops into a mind that remembers it, and is influenced by it for many years.

Many books, many sermons, many speeches have run in and out of my brain leaving little trace. Yet here are three quite casual remarks that I remember.

1. Said the late Talcott Williams, in a talk which I had with him immediately after my graduation from college:

"Never forget the old saying of the Jesuits, 'A great deal of good can be done in the world if one is not too careful who gets the credit.'"

2. Said a prominent business man when I was blue and discouraged because the first concern for which I worked had gone busted:

"You are very fortunate to have had a severe disappointment while you are still young. The men to be pitied are those whose disappointments come in middle life, when it is too late for them to start over again. A disappointment in youth is merely part of the hardening process that is necessary to make you capable of carrying through."

3. Said my friend Robert Updegraff:

"Never grumble about your problems. They are responsible for the greater part of your income."

Of the three bits of wisdom this last has done me the most good. Whenever I think I am having a tough time I remember that jobs with no worries carry small pay. It's because I have larger troubles that I draw a large income.

None of these three friends probably gave his remark a second thought. But I have never forgotten them, and I now pass them on in this editorial. Ninety-nine out of every hundred readers will pay no attention. But some day, fifteen years from now, somebody may say: "I read something of yours a long time ago, and it gave me a fresh idea."

That's the marvelous thing about working with words.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, September 29, 1911.)

MERKEL GARAGE, NEW ENTERPRISE.

The newest enterprise and one to fill a place on the want list of the little City in Clover is a garage being erected on the property of the Merkel Electric Co. by W. E. Britain and J. G. Jackson. In the past several attempts to establish such an enterprise have failed but it is the hope to make it a permanent proposition to accommodate the local and transient autoists.

In the establishment, building and operation of his electric light plant he has demonstrated his ability as a mechanic; he will do all repair work and carry a small line of automobile accessories, sell oil, gas, etc.

RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.

Low Barnett was the victim of an accident Sunday morning, sustaining a very badly bruised shoulder. He was driving in his buggy when the horse became frightened and he was thrown to the ground with the above results. His injuries were treated and he was removed to his home southeast of town.

FOR SALE.

I have for sale one almost new Eush and Lane piano, one curry and

harness, one rubber tire trap, one hack, one domestic sewing machine and one good large sized gentle family horse.

C. W. Harris.

J. S. Swann, I. S. Allen, R. L. Krigbaum, H. C. Williams and R. L. Adcock were in Abilene yesterday to hear State Superintendent Bralley.

Editor Long of the Trent Tribune was a pleasant caller at these sanctums Tuesday.

Miss Kittie Pipes, one of Merkel's most charming young ladies, left Sunday for Dublin and other points where she will visit friends and relatives for a few weeks.

Frank Smith and sister, Miss Annie, left Sunday for Stamford to enter college.

F. R. McLean is one of our kind of cattle, votes and drinks straight all the time and keeps his subscription paid in advance. He is renewing this week.

H. D. Ratliff, a traveling man of Fort Worth, was in our city this week.

Skyscraper of Early Days to Make Way for 42-Story Structure

Chicago, Oct. 8.—One of the world's first skyscrapers is coming down.

Workmen have started work to wreck the Home Insurance building, reputed to have been the first in which skeleton metal framework was used. In its place, Chicago's largest office building, a 42-story structure, will be built by the Marshall Field estate.

The Field building will contain more than 1,000,000 square feet of floor space, and will be equipped with elevators having a speed of 1000 feet per minute. Approximately 25,000 tons of steel will be used. Thousands of workmen will be given employment.

Construction of the new building is expected to begin in about 60 days. It will be finished in 1934, according to present plans.

The Home office building, situated at the corner of LaSalle and Adam street, was built 47 years ago.

A controversy has developed as to

whether this structure, or the Tacoma building, erected three years later, contained the truer elements of the modern skyscraper and the point is expected to be settled by investigating by architects during the dismantling.

Don't Worry, is Advice Of Californian at 114

Hayward, Cal., Oct. 8.—"Don't worry about the years and they won't bother you." This is Pedro Yecassa's sole formula for longevity, and he ought to know. He is 114 years old. When he celebrated his birthday he said jauntily:

"I'll be here when I'm 125 years old."

Yecassa has a son 69, and a daughter 59, both of whom live in the East. He has been married twice.

Born in Peru at the time Napoleon's retreat was still making news, Yecassa now lives in a cabin here, and is a ward of the county welfare board.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

Business Improvement Noted in Fall Buying

Washington, Oct. 8.—Government economists foresaw Saturday a prospect of decided improvement in business through fall buying.

To Assistant Secretary of Commerce Julius Klein the most encouraging factor is stability in the price curve. He said this reflects a balance that has not hitherto been manifest in the depression and links up directly with anticipations of revived buying.

"This remarkable balance that the price curve has maintained for several weeks is highly interesting," he said. "This has not happened before in the time since the crash came in October, 1929. Since then, up to a few weeks ago, the price curve was gyrating."

This seems to Dr. Klein to signify confidence, both on the part of business and the consumer. The plunges of the price curve, he said, represent a nervousness and reflect the throwing of goods on the market at

any price. That sort of psychology seems to have disappeared.

With a considerable volume of buying almost imperative for fall and winter necessities, retailers must replenish their shelves, Dr. Klein pointed out. This should stimulate manufacturing industries.

The weather also figures as an important factor. Unseasonal warm weather has held off buying, but with the chill of October in the air officials here expect a real stimulus to business in the next few weeks.

A LETTER FROM HOME.

Your son or daughter off at college or finishing school will welcome the home paper just like a letter from home. The subscription price for nine months for the Merkel Mail is \$1.50 for towns and cities outside of Taylor County. (In Abilene \$1.15 for term.) Subscribe now.

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Condensed Statement of Condition

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RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$240,008.56
Overdrafts	295.34
Real Estate on Hand	11,586.29
Furniture and Fixtures	6,250.00
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	2,250.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation	6,250.00
Other U. S. Bonds	\$20,000.00
Bills of Exchange Cotton	7,296.84
Cash & Sight Exchange	70,159.12
TOTAL CASH RESOURCES	97,455.96
Total	\$364,408.65

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Undivided Profits	14,731.34
Circulation Account	6,070.00
Rediscounts	NONE
Bills Payable	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	293,607.31
Total	\$364,408.65

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The West Texas Utilities Company has been in existence as a corporation for nine years—and during this time the average electric rate of the territory served has been reduced over 60%. You have reaped the benefit of this substantial reduction—by way of a lowered bill or through a greatly increased use and enjoyment of the comforts and conveniences of electric service.

In past years, many of you paid as high as 20 cents per kilowatt-hour for electric service in your home. Reductions made in the domestic or residential rate alone have amounted to 53%, and you are now receiving a more dependable and higher type of service at an average rate of less than 6.5 cents per kilowatt-hour. When you realize that this reduction has been accomplished in the short span of nine years, and that it has been made in a territory of small and widely scattered towns and communities, you will appreciate the magnitude of the task accomplished for you by the West Texas Utilities Company.

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No. 4 will leave Merkel 2:34 P. M.
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SIGHT UNSEEN

by MARY ROBERTS RINEHART



SECOND INSTALLMENT.
SYNOPSIS.

Six people, Horace Johnson (who tells the story), his wife, old Mrs. Dane, Herbert Robinson and his sister, Alice, and Dr. Sperry, friends and neighbors, are in the habit of holding weekly meetings. At one of them, Mrs. Dane, who is hostess, varies the program by unexpectedly arranging a spiritualistic seance with Miss Jeremy, a friend of Dr. Sperry and not a professional, as the medium.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

Miss Jeremy, the medium, was due at 8:30 and at 8:20 my wife assisted Mrs. Dane into one of the straight chairs at the table, and Sperry sent out by her, returned with a darkish bundle in his arms and carrying a light bamboo rod.

Don't ask me what they are for, he said to Herbert's grin of amusement. "Every workman has his tools." Herbert examined the rod, but it was what it appeared to be, and nothing else.

Some one had started the phonograph in the library, and it was playing gloomy. "Shall we meet beyond the river?" when Miss Jeremy came in.

She was not at all what we had expected. Twenty-six, I should say, and in black dinner dress. She seemed like a perfectly normal young woman, even attractive in a fragile, delicate way. Not much personality, perhaps, the very word "medium" precludes that. A "sensitive," I think she called herself. We were presented to her, and but for the stripped and bare room, it might have been any evening after any dinner, with bridge waiting.

We all liked her, and Sperry, Sperry the bachelor, the iconoclast, the anti-feminist, was staring at her with curiously intent eyes.

Miss Jeremy gave the room only the most casual of glances.

"Where shall I sit?" she asked.

Mrs. Dane indicated her place, and she asked for a small stand to be brought in and placed about two feet behind her chair, and two chairs to flank it, and then to take the black cloth from the table and hang it over the bamboo rod, which was laid across the backs of the chairs. Thus arranged, the curtain formed a low screen behind her, with the stand beyond it. On this stand we placed, at her order, various articles from our pockets—I a fountain pen, Sperry a knife; and my wife contributed a gold bracelet.

We all felt, I fancy, rather absurd.

We arranged between us that we were to sit one on each side of her, and Sperry warned me not to let go of her hand for a moment. "They have a way of switching hands," he explained in a whisper. "If she wants to scratch her nose I'll scratch it."

We were, we discovered, not to touch the table, but to sit around it at a distance of a few inches, holding hands and thus forming the circle. And for twenty minutes we sat thus, and nothing happened. She was fully conscious and even spoke once or twice, and at last she moved impatiently and told us to put our hands on the table.

I had put my opened watch on the table before me, a night watch with a luminous dial. At five minutes after nine I felt the top of the table waver under my fingers, a curious, fluid-like motion.

"The table is going to move," I said. However, curiously enough, the table did not move. Instead, my watch, before my eyes, slid to the edge of the table and dropped to the floor, and almost instantly an object, which we recognized later as Sperry's knife, was flung over the curtain and struck the wall behind Mrs. Dane violently.

One of the women screamed, ending in a hysterical giggle. Then we heard rhythmic beating on the top of the stand behind the medium. Startling as it was at the beginning, increasing as it did from a slow beat to an incredibly rapid drumming, when the initial shock was over Herbert commenced to gibe.

"Your fountain pen, Horace," he said to me. "Making out a statement for services rendered, by its eagerness."

The answer to that was the pen itself, aimed at him with apparent accuracy, and followed by an outcry from him.

"Here, stop it!" he said. I've got ink all over me!"

We laughed comically. The sitting had taken on all the attributes of practical joking. The table no longer quivered under my hands.

"Please be sure you are holding my

hands tight. Hold them very tight," said Miss Jeremy. Her voice sounded faint and far away. Her head was dropped forward on her chest, and she suddenly sagged in her chair. Sperry broke the circle and coming to her, took her pulse. It was, he reported, very rapid.

"You can move and talk now if you like," he said. "She's in trance, and there will be no more physical demonstrations."

Mrs. Dane was the first to speak. I was looking for my fountain pen and Herbert was again examining the stand.

"I believe it now," Mrs. Dane said. "I saw your watch go, Horace, but tomorrow I won't believe it at all."

"How about your companion?" I asked. "Can she take shorthand? We ought to have a record."

"Probably not in the dark."

"We can have some light now," Sperry said.

There was a sort of restrained movement in the room now. Herbert turned on a bracket light, and I moved away the roller chair.

"Go and get Clara, Horace," Mrs. Dane said to me, "and have her bring a note-book and pencil." Nothing, I believe, happened during my absence. Miss Jeremy was sunk in her chair and breathing heavily when I came back with Clara, and Sperry was still watching her pulse. Suddenly my wife said:

"Why, look! She's wearing my bracelet!"

This proved to be the case, and was, I regret to say the cause of a most unjust suspicion on my wife's part.

"Take down everything that happens, Clara, and all we say," Mrs. Dane said in a low tone. "Even if it sounds like nonsense, put it down."

It is because Clara took her orders literally that I am making this more readable version of her script.

For some five minutes, perhaps, Miss Jeremy breathed stertorously, and it was during that interval that we introduced Clara and took up our positions. Sperry sat near the medium now, where Herbert had been.

The rest of the party were as we had been, save that we no longer touched hands. Suddenly Miss Jeremy began to breathe more quietly, and to move about in her chair. Then she sat upright.

"Good evening, friends," she said. "I am glad to see you all again."

I caught Herbert's eye, and he grinned.

"Good evening, little Bright Eyes," he said. "How's everything in the happy hunting ground tonight?"

"Dark and cold," she said, "Dark and cold. And the knee hurts. It's very bad. If the key is on the nail—arthritis will take the pain out."

Herbert, who was still flippantly amused, said:

"Don't bother about your knee. Give us some local stuff. Gossip. If you can."

"Sure I can, and it will make your hair curl." Then suddenly there was a sort of dramatic pause and then an outburst.

"He's dead."

"Who is dead?" Sperry asked, with his voice drawn a trifle thin.

"A bullet just above the ear. That's a bad place. Thank goodness there's not much blood. Cold water will take it out of the carpet. Not hot. Not hot. Do you want to set the stain?"

"Look here," Sperry said, looking around the table. "I don't like this. It's darned grisly."

"Oh, fudge!" Herbert put in irreverently. "Let her rave, or it, or whatever it is. Do you mean that a man is dead?"—to the medium.

"Yes. She has the revolver. She needn't cry so. He was cruel to her. He was a beast. Sullen."

"Can you see the woman?" I asked.

"If it's sent out to be cleaned it will cause trouble. Hang it in the closet."

Herbert muttered something about the movies having nothing on us, and was angrily hushed.

"Now then," Sperry said in a business-like voice, "you see a dead man, and a young woman with him. Can you describe the room?"

"A small room, his dressing-room. He was shaving. There is still lather on his face."

"And the woman killed him?"

"I don't know. Oh, I don't know. No she didn't. He did it!"

"He did it himself?"

There was no answer to that, but a sort of sulky silence.

"Are you getting this, Clara?" Mrs. Dane asked sharply. "Don't miss a word. Who knows what this may

develop into?"

I looked at the secretary, and it was clear that she was terrified. I got up and took my chair to her. Coming back, I picked up my forgotten watch from the floor. It was still going, and the hands marked nine-thirty.

"Now," Sperry said in a soothing tone, "you said there was a shot fired and a man was killed. Where was this? What house?"

"Two shots. One in the ceiling of the dressing-room."

"And the other killed him."

But here, instead of reply we got the words, "library paste."

Quite without warning the medium groaned, and Sperry believed the trance was over.

"She's coming out," he said. "A glass of wine, somebody." But she did not come out. Instead, she twisted in the chair.

"He's so heavy to lift," she muttered. Then: "Get the lather off his face. The lather. The lather."

She subsided into the chair and began to breathe with difficulty. "I want to go out. I want air. If I could only go to sleep and forget it. The drawing-room furniture is scattered over the house."

"Can you tell us about the house?" somebody asked.

There was a distinct pause. Then: "Certainly. A brick house. The servants' entrance is locked, but the key is on a nail, among the vines. All the drawing-room furniture is scattered through the house."

"She must mean the furniture of this room," Mrs. Dane whispered.

The remainder of the sitting was chaotic. The secretary's notes consist of unrelated words often being childish.

On going over the written notes the next day, when the stenographic record had been copied on a typewriter, Sperry and I found the one word recurred frequently. The word was "curtain."

Of the extraordinary scene that followed the breaking up of the seance, I have the keenest recollection. Miss Jeremy came out of her trance weak and looking extremely ill, and Sperry's motor took her home. She knew nothing of what had happened, and hoped we had been satisfied. By agreement, we did not tell her what had transpired, and she was not curious.

Herbert saw her to the car, and came back, looking grave. We were standing together in the center of the dismantled room, with the lights going full now.

"Well," he said, "it is one of two things. Either we've been gloriously faked, or we've been let in on a very tidy little crime."

It was Mrs. Dane's custom to serve a Southern eggnog as a sort of night-cap on her evenings, and we found it waiting for us in the library. In the warmth of its open fire and the cheer of its lamps, even in the dignity and impassiveness of the butler, there

was something sane and wholesome. The women of the party reacted quickly, but I looked over to see Sperry at a corner table, intently working over a small object in the palm of his hand.

He started when he heard me, then laughed and held out his hand.

"Library paste!" he said. "It rolls into a soft, malleable ball. It could quite easily be used to fill a small hole in plaster. The paper would paste down over it, too."

"Then you think—?"

"I'm not thinking at all. The thing she described may have taken place in Timbuctoo. May have happened ten years ago. May be the plot of some book she has read."

"On the other hand," I replied, "it is just possible that it was here, in this neighborhood, while we were sitting in that room."

"Have you an idea of the time?"

"I know exactly. It was half-past nine."

At midnight, shortly after we reached home, Sperry called me on the phone. "Be careful, Horace," he said. "Don't let Mrs. Horace think anything has happened. Arthur Wells killed himself tonight, shot himself in the head. I want you to go there with me."

"Arthur Wells!"

"Yes. I say, Horace, did you happen to notice the time the seance began tonight?"

"It was five minutes after nine when my watch fell."

"Then it would have been about half past when the trance began?"

(To Be Continued.)

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Cash	46,907.95
Total	\$221,681.96

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 40,000.00
Surplus Fund & Undivided Profits	10,136.46
Bills Payable	47,382.49
Rediscouunts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
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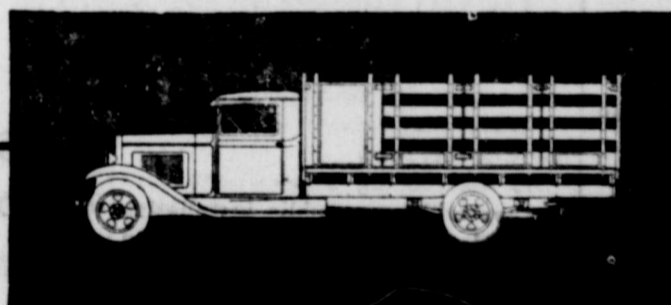
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CHURCHES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
The attendance at the four reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday showed an increase of nearly 100 over the previous Sunday. The number present last Sunday was 760, as compared with 666 on the Sunday before and with 558 on the same Sunday last year.

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.
The Men's Sunday Afternoon Prayer service will meet next Sunday at the Baptist church, with W. M. Elliott as leader. The study of the Acts of the Apostles will be continued, with the lesson next Sunday based on the 16th chapter. An invitation is extended to all the men in Merkel and surrounding communities to attend these services.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. We expect every member of the Sunday School to be present every Sunday unless unavoidably prevented. Then you are more interested and a help to some one else.

There will not be a preaching service Sunday, as the pastor will be at Baird.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Glad to have you in all our services.
W. M. Elliott, Supt.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.
Song No. 83.
Scripture reading by leader, Wanda Hunter.

"Can You Reform?" by Imogene Middleton.
"The Wicked Rich," by Lois Whiteley.

"Science and Dirty Dishes," by Grisham Dowell.
"Watching the Clock," by Robbie Walker.

Song.
Benediction.
All young people welcome at 5:30.

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Last Sunday was a good day at the Baptist church; three bright, Junior boys were happily saved and joined the church for baptism.

All services at regular hours next Sunday. Everyone and anyone has a cordial welcome at the Baptist church.
J. T. King, Pastor.

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.
Our Sunday School officers were elated over the attendance last Sunday. The adult department attendance was unusually high.

The morning message by Rev. E. E. White was considered the best he has ever brought.

At the evening service next Sunday we will have public installation of Sunday School officers. This is a beautiful service and should mean much to the school.

Our fourth quarterly conference will convene Monday evening, Oct. 12.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.
Leader: Roy Patterson.
Subject: "What is Expected of Us as Good Citizens?" Scripture: Rom. 13:1-7; Matt. 22:15-22.

1. "The True Basis of Good Citizenship," B. P. Middleton.
2. "The Relationship between Christianity and Government," Clinton Bryan.

3. "Means of Cultivating Good Citizenship," Eunice Richards.

HI-LEAGUE.
Song No. 266.
Prayer.
Song No. 116.
Roll call to be answered by a Bible verse.

Chapters of St. John to be told by: 13th chapter, Imogene Middleton. 14th chapter, Milton Shannon. 15th chapter, Mildred Richardson. 16th chapter, Milton Shannon.

Song No. 239.
League benediction.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Bible school 10 a. m. Worship 11 a. m. Training classes 6:30 p. m. Ladies' Bible class each Tuesday 2:45 p. m. All women are invited to this very interesting and wide-awake class. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:45 p. m. A hearty welcome to all.

L. E. Carpenter, Minister.

NAZARENE CHURCH.
Sunday services: Sunday School begins at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Text for morning service: St. John 17:17, "Sanctify Them." Subject, "Sanctification, How Obtained and How Retained?"
Our fall revival begins at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday and continues 30 days. The Rev. Lula A. Williams will be our co-laborer in this meeting. We very cordially invite the public to attend these services. Come to be a blessing and get blessed.

Services each evening at 7:30 in Nazarene church, near High School building.
Lovick P. Fretwell,
Supply Pastor.

Fireboys Do Some More Effective Work

Quick response and splendid work on the part of the Merkel fireboys were responsible for saving two dwellings from destruction by fire this week, the loss in each case being largely confined to the furniture and contents, with only limited damage to the two houses.

At about 7:15 Tuesday night, the residence of Claude Dye in South Merkel was discovered on fire and the interior of the house was gutted with flames, but the fire was confined to the inside portions. Claude's furniture was almost a total loss. Insurance was carried on the furniture in the sum of \$600 and there was \$1,400 on the house. It is thought the fire was caused by the explosion of an oil lamp. The family was not at home at the time of the fire.

The second fire, which occurred shortly before 2 o'clock Thursday morning, was in the Kirby Beckett home in South Merkel, occupied by C. W. Delmer. The origin of the fire is unknown but Mr. Delmer, who was at home alone, his wife being out of the city, was awakened by a suffocating smoke and he gave the fire signal by firing his gun which he picked up as he went out of the house. The fireboys made a quick response here too, and held the damage mostly to the furniture and interior. The amount of insurance could not be learned Thursday morning, but some insurance was carried on both the house and the contents, it was stated.

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Bridge Shower.
Mrs. L. B. Scott was hostess to a large number on Saturday, complimenting Mrs. John Olin Lusby, nee Miss Lola Dennis, with a lovely bridge-shower. A beautiful color theme of pink and green was employed in all party appointments and in game accessories at bridge tables. The house was decorated with lovely fall blossoms.

Bridge games progressed happily until interrupted by a soap peddler, who forced his way in and A. J. Tucker, ludicrously garbed as such, made his famous side-splitting soap speech and in displaying his wares it became evident that some of them were lovely and useful gifts for a bride, which he cleverly presented to Mrs. Lusby.

A delectable salad course in which the party colors, pink and green, were reflected was served with iced tea to Mesdames J. O. Lusby, J. T. Dennis, Theiss Jones of Abilene, Misses Palmer and Carter and Edna Marie Jones, and Mrs. Ernest Old, all of Abilene, Mesdames, W. L. Diltz, Ollie Dye, R. O. Anderson, Charlie Jones, Bill Haynes, S. D. Gamble, Booth Warren, W. T. Sadler, Dee Grimes, Jack Anderson, Bob Mayfield, Ted Nichols, Briggs Irvin, Ed McCrary, Bill Brown, C. B. Gardner, F. Y. Gaither, Misses Addie Holler, Christine Collins, Mary Eula Sears, Vennie Heizer, Lillian McRee of Trent, Opal Sloan, Helen Patterson, Lucy Tracy, Virginia Welch, Evelyn Curb, Maurine Tipton, Anna Lou Russell and Johnnie Sears.

Honor-Bridge.
The lovely home of Miss Johnnie Sears was the scene of a brilliant in-honor-affair on Monday evening complimenting Mr. and Mrs. John Olin Lusby.

The house was decorated with a profusion of lovely cut flowers in which a color theme of yellow and white predominated to stress the party colors in all game appointments for bridge games. Miniature ivory baskets of yellow creamed mints also carried sprays of lilies-of-the-valley. At the culmination of the games Mrs. Lusby was presented with a love-



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Miss Sears was assisted by her sister, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, in serving delicious chicken salad, wafers, stuffed celery, mint jelly and iced tea to Mr. and Mrs. Lusby, Mr. and Mrs. Theiss Jones, Miss Onita Carter and Messrs. Paul Urban and Clayton Lusby, all of Abilene, Misses Virginia Welch, Helen Patterson, Opal Sloan, Evelyn Curb, Maurine Tipton, Lucy Tracy, Christine Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Briggs Irvin, Mrs. Jack Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCrary, Messrs. Comer Haynes, Wren Durham and Ralph Duke.

FORMER MERKELITE HONORED.

Mrs. Frank Iddings entertained in honor of Mrs. A. H. Brackeen of Mineral Wells at her home Tuesday afternoon. Progressive forty-two was played, after which a refreshment plate was served to the following: Mesdames Burgess, Hicks, Stephens, Case, Teague, Patterson, Briggs, Richardson, Brackeen and the hostess.

J. U. G. CLUB.

Little Miss Doris Gay West was hostess for the J. U. G.'s on Saturday, their regular club date, and the afternoon, which started with a short business session, was whiled away all too quickly with games, contests and story reading. The climax came when a picnic lunch was served to Mary Jo Russell, who was welcomed as a new member, Mary Faye Johnson, a guest, and club members, sponsor and hostess.

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Lions Luncheon

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The club singing was led by E. Yates Brown, with Mrs. Brown as accompanist, and the invocation was given by Herbert Patterson. Dr. W. T. Sadler was toastmaster, assisted by P. P. Dickinson.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. George Walker, residing north of town, Saturday, October 3, 1931.

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Personal Mention

Tom Wilson from Dallas spent Sunday here with his parents.

Miss Nell Swann is in Snyder visiting her sister, Mrs. Forest Sears.

Mrs. M. L. Holden has as her guest her aunt, Mrs. L. A. Penix, of Colorado.

Mr. S. H. Locke and children of Hamlin spent the week-end with Mr. & Mrs. Dan Reidenbach.

J. W. Shannon left Sunday for Dill, Okla., to visit his daughter, Mrs. B. H. Moore, and other relatives.

Miss Nadine Tippett has returned from a visit of several weeks with Mrs. Roy Largent at Brownwood.

Ben Phipps and father from Plainview are in the city on business, guests of G. A. Roberts and Carl Thomas.

F. A. Cox and Dr. Monroe of Wichita Falls, friends of the family of the late F. J. Smith, spent Sunday here.

Misses Blanche Simmons of Eastland and Edith Jackson of Abilene are week-end guests of Mrs. Charlie Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. Lenon Chaney of Abilene and Miss Ima Parrack of Chillicothe were week-end guests of Miss Edith Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brackeen, former residents of Merkel and now of Mineral Wells, are spending the week with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morton and daughter, Ernestine, of Snyder, stopped by Sunday afternoon for a visit with Miss Dora Garoutte.

Mrs. H. H. Jenkins, who went to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene for a tonsil operation, has returned home and is reported doing nicely.

Friends will be glad to learn that Urban Shannon, connected with U. S. mail service out of Memphis, Tenn., has been transferred to the Sweetwater district.

Mesdames Otto Steel of Sweetwater, J. E. Bryson of Tokio and Horace Hill of Galveston are here to be with their mother, Mrs. B. Jenkins, who is seriously ill.

Miss Maimie Walker was brought home Friday from the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene and continues to improve to the delight of her many friends.

Miss Mary King was sufficiently recuperated, following a week operation at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene, to be brought home Monday of this week.

Mrs. Ora Baker of Berkeley, Calif., is visiting Grandmother Baker and family here, also her father, Taylor Armstrong, at Clyde and other members of her family at Abilene and Clyde.

Miss Mollie Shannon was brought Sunday from the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene to the home of her brother here, Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon, where she is reported to be steadily improving.

R. O. Anderson, who was accompanied on a trip to St. Louis by Courtney Hunt of Haskell and Claud Comegys to look after matters in connection with the Comegys estate, returned to city the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey of San Angelo spent the week-end with their parents here after an extended tour to the Grand Canyon, Long Beach and other western points. They were accompanied home by Billie Bob Hulse.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Durham and two children were week-end guests in the Durham home, returning to Dallas from a visit to McCamey. Mrs. Duke, the mother of Mrs. Jack Durham, and Mahen Rogers were also here for the week-end, returning to their home at McCamey.

Supt. Roger A. Burgess and Mrs. Burgess were in Abilene Tuesday to attend the fall conference of superintendents and principals of the Oil Belt Educational association, at which about 70 school heads were present. A banquet at the Hilton hotel was one of the features of the gathering.

Among those from Abilene who came for the funeral last Friday morning of Miss N. Olive Garoutte were Mrs. R. L. Bland, Miss Marjorie Bland, Mrs. Austin Pitts, Mrs. Earl Brown and Hyman Harrison. Mrs. E. Q. Warren of Knox City was another among those from out of town to attend the funeral.

Upon receipt of news that her mother was much worse, Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett left Wednesday for Lamesa, where Mrs. Christopher is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. A. Stuart. Mrs. Christopher was first carried to the sanitarium at Lubbock August 16 and has undergone two serious operations. Her three other daughters, Mrs. B. A. Clark, Mrs. Bryan McPherson and Mrs. Harry McCandless, all of Los Angeles, are also at the bedside of their mother at Lamesa.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

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Play At Coleman

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Pep Squad, from Merkel High. After marching double file onto the field, the boys lay down, forming the letter B, and the girls cheered Roby lustily. Later the boys formed two arches by pyramiding themselves and the girls after forming the High letter M about these two pyramids, marched out beneath the two arches.

Through the courtesy of J. T. Darsey, The Mail prints play-by-play report of the Roby-Merkel game:

FIRST PERIOD.

Roby kicked to Merkel's 10-yard line, and Merkel returned 5. Boaz failed to gain on a line plunge. Cade was stopped. Wilson kicked to Roby's 45-yard line. Pursley returning 10. Orvil Davis made 5 on a cutback. After Golden made 4 on a line plunge, Pursley made it first down. Orvil Davis made 6 yards through the line, and then was held after Pursley made 4 through the line. Merkel held on the next two plays, but Bolden plunged over for touchdown from the 2-yard line on the fourth down. Pursley converted to make the score Roby 7, Merkel 0.

Roby kicked to Boaz on his 10-yard line, and he returned 20 yards. Derrick made three through the line. A pass was incomplete, and Derrick lost a yard, so Wilson punted 60 yards to Orvil Davis who returned 8. After failing to gain on two plays, Pursley kicked to Merkel's 10-yard line, where the ball was killed. Derrick picked up five yards around left end as the quarter ended.

SECOND PERIOD.

Cade opened the second session by going through the line for 13 yards. Wilson made a yard, but Boaz was stopped. Roby batted down a pass, and Wilson kicked 50 yards to Orvil Davis, who returned 22, but both teams were off-side, so they were brought back. On his second kick, Roby blocked, but Derrick recovered on the 50-yard line. After Derrick lost 1 on a cut-back, Cade plunged the line for 6 yards. Wilson made it first down on the next play. After picking up 4 yards on two plays, Merkel lost a yard on a triple cut-back; Roby's ball on her 28-yard line. Davis was held, but Pursley made 5 through left tackle. Roby's punt was blocked, and Merkel recovered on the enemy's 40-yard line. Wilson made three yards over left guard after two plays failed to gain. Merkel's pass on the fourth down was incomplete; Roby's ball. A pass, Davis to Ethridge, netted the enemy 40 yards. Bolden made 1 yard on the first play, but Cade threw Davis for a 7-yard loss on the next. A pass failed, and Roby punted out of bounds on Merkel's 22-yard line. Roby was penalized 15 yards on the next play, and Wilson made two through the line as the half ended. Score: Merkel 0, Roby 7.

THIRD PERIOD.

Boaz kicked to Ethridge on his 18 yard line, and he returned to his 35-yard line. Roby lost a yard on two plays, but gained 7 through the line on the third. Davis punted to Merkel's 35-yard line. Cade ambled through the line for 6 yard. After Boaz and Wilson had failed to gain. Wilson booted 40 yards to Davis who returned 5. After Bolden was halted, Davis slipped Pursley a pass that netted 30 yards. Roby was offside, and lost five yards thereof. Burditt made two through the line, and then the Pursley-Davis combination netted another 20 yards. After making three yards on two plays, Shouse threw Pursley for a 7-yard loss as he tried to pass. Merkel got the ball on her 33-yard line after another pass was incomplete. Boaz fumbled but recovered for a 2 yard gain. Boaz passed to Derrick to place the ball on the 50-yard line. Cade made 5 off tackle. After a pass failed, Derrick made 10 on a cut-back. Boaz made 5 over the line. A pass netted only 4 yards. Cade was held, and ball went to Roby on her 32-yard line as the quarter ended. Score—Merkel 0, Roby 7.

FOURTH PERIOD.

Roby gained 15 yards on three plays, but they gave it all away by excessive roughness, but Merkel drew a 10-yard set-back then. Roby punted to Derrick on his three-yard line, and he returned to his 48-yard line. A fumble placed the ball on our 44-yard line. A pass failed. Cade made 10 over right tackle, but a pass failed, so Merkel was penalized 5-yards to give Roby the ball on Merkel's 45-yard stripe. A line play and a pass netted Roby only 12 yards. A pass failed, and after drawing a 5-yard penalty, Roby punted. In four plays, Boaz, Cade, and Wilson earned Merkel a first down. After failing to gain more than a yard on three passes, Wilson booted to Roby's 40. After Cade threw Davis for a four yard loss, Derrick intercepted a pass, and ran 40 yards to Roby's 40-yard line. Roby returned the favor, and intercepted Merkel's pass. After gaining only 5 yards on two plays, Roby punted out on Merkel's 35-yard line. Cade downed Burks after he had intercepted Merkel's pass on Merkel's 32 yard line. Derrick then intercept-

ted Roby's pass, and was downed on his 23-yard line. Roby held on a line play, and two passes failed to click as the game ended.

First downs: Roby 8, Merkel 7.

The starting line-ups were:

Roby—P. Ethridge, left end; T. Nelson, right end; L. Adcock, left tackle; F. Robbins, right tackle; C. Webb, left guard; L. Haley, right guard; P. Burke, center; O. Davis, full back; Olin Davis, right half; Bolden, left half; Pursley, quarter.

Merkel—D. Gamble, left end; A. Moore, right end; P. Collins, left tackle; D. Toombs, right tackle; M. Shouse, left guard; R. Ferrier, right guard; B. Middleton, center; Boaz, full back; A. Cade, right half; G. Derrick, left half; W. Wilson, quarter.

Substitutes—Roby: Kneevs, Burditt, Cross, O'Donnell, Aldridge, Hays, Benson, Neves; Merkel: None.

Officials—Forrester, (Roby,) referee; Riddle, (Merkel,) umpire; Burns, (Simmons,) head linesman.

Credit Allowed on Crop Loans Without The Sale of Cotton

A provision for credit on government crop production loans, without sale of cotton, is available for farmer-borrowers according to information received Wednesday by the two local banks, in response to numerous requests on withholding cotton from the present market.

The loan payment provision is for storage of cotton with a credit of six cents per pound allowed. When the farmer has stored sufficient cotton, at six cents, to provide for the government loan, all waivers signed in connection with his loan are released.

If the cotton is sold at a price above six cents per pound, the borrower gets the extra money. If the staple sells below six cents, the farmer must pay the balance on his loan.

It was believed the storage-credit provision, with an allowance of well over the market price for cotton, would be used by many farmers.

Upon inquiry of the office of the federal loan agent's representative at Abilene, Booth Warren, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants National bank was advised of the regulations governing the storage of cotton under this provision. It is not permitted to leave this cotton in public cotton yards, but the owner may keep same on his premises at home, if protected under cover and insurance can be had. Or, such cotton may be left at compresses or bonded warehouses. If desired, it may be shipped to the Texas Cotton Co-operative association for the seasonal pool and the receipt can be used by the owner for credit on his crop production loan.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method of extending our thanks and appreciation to our many friends and neighbors who gathered at our place last Tuesday and picked out over three (3) bales of cotton, and also for all the other help they have given us in the sickness of E. M. Tarpley, who is now recovering to where he is able to sit up.

E. M. Tarpley, Wife and Children.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the kind neighbors and friends who so faithfully helped in the sickness and death of our darling wife and mother. We shall never forget their kindness and may God's richest blessings rest up on each and everyone of you.

J. M. Byrd and Family.

5 1-2 per cent Federal Loans are Better Loans. Longer time, lower rates; plenty of money; never come due. W. Homer Shanks, Sec'y-Treas., Citizens N. F. L. A. Farms, Ranches, Business Property for sale or exchange. Room 1, Penney Bldg., Abilene, Texas.

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SAVE MONEY BY BUYING HERE

- Extra heavy foot tub 39c
- Extra heavy No. 1 tub 69c
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- Cedar Polish, 12 oz. bottle 15c
- Wide Belts, assorted colors 15c
- Many other 5, 10 and 15c Items

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(Next to "M" System)



FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Electric motor and pump jack in good repair. Burton-Lingo Co.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One sheet iron garage; will trade for milk cow. Burton-Lingo Co.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—My home in South Merkel. Mrs. E. D. Coats. Phone 7.

WANTED

ALL KINDS furniture repair work and upholstery; work guaranteed. J. T. Darsey Co.

RELIABLE DEALER WANTED to handle Heberling Products in Taylor county. Excellent opportunity for the right man. Earnings \$60 weekly net unusual. Write for free catalogue. G. C. Heberling Company, Dept. 2295, Bloomington, Ill.

WILL RENT 2 or 3 furnished rooms for light housekeeping temporarily. C. W. Delmer, Box 475, care Delaney-Delmer Chevrolet Co.

LODGE NOTICES

I. O. O. F. LODGE.
Meets every Monday night at 8 o'clock. All members and visitors are cordially invited to attend.
Wm. R. Cox, N. G.
Wm. Elliott, Secretary.

Ft. Worth Livestock

Fort Worth, Texas, Oct. 8.—Excessive cattle and calf receipts resulted in a downward revision in prices Wednesday and one of the duller markets of the year. The estimate called for 3,000 head of cattle and 1,500 calves. Virtually the entire morning and early afternoon passed with nothing of importance finding an outlet. Values were around 25c lower on everything, bulls excepted.

The hog market was steady to 15c higher with receipts amounting to 500 head. Two carloads went at \$5.70 and one car brought \$5.50. The truck top was \$5.65. Sows went at \$4.25 to \$4.50.

Cotton Receipts.

The past week brought 1,504 bales of cotton to Merkel, the season's total being 5,257, up to Wednesday night.

The government estimate, issued Thursday morning of 16,284,000 bales, was an increase of 600,000 bales over the September estimate, and broke the market about 25 points. After the estimate, cotton brought 4.25 to 4.35 middling basis on the street in Merkel.

The ginners report gave 5,408,000 bales up to October first, as compared with 6,304,000 bales for the same time last year, or nearly 900,000 short of last year's figure.

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Aches and PAINS!

When you take Bayer Aspirin you are sure of two things. It's sure relief, and it's harmless. Those tablets with the Bayer cross do not hurt the heart. Take them whenever you suffer from

- Headaches
- Colds
- Sore Throat
- Rheumatism
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- Neuralgia
- Lumbago
- Toothache

When your head aches—from any cause—when a cold has settled in your joints, or you feel those deep-down pains of rheumatism, sciatica, or lumbago, take Bayer Aspirin and get real relief. If the package says Bayer, it's genuine. And genuine Bayer Aspirin is safe.

Aspirin is the trade-mark of Bayer manufacturer of monoaceticacidester of salicylicacid.



Beware of Imitations

Congressman Blanton To Speak at Chapel

Congressman Tom Blanton of Abilene will be the speaker for chapel exercises at the High School next Wednesday morning at 10:45, according to announcement furnished The Mail by Superintendent Burgess.

This is the first time that this district's congressman has been secured for an address before the Merkel students. The public is also invited to come and hear Congressman Blanton's address.

This Rock Worth \$1000. Stockbridge, Wis., Oct. 8.—A "rock" which has stood for more than 45 years on the lawn of George Heller's farm is believed to be a meteorite worth \$1000 or more.

The St. Johns river in Florida is the only river wholly within the United States that flows north.

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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.



Any season of the year this travel way is more convenient... costs less. Travel the Autumn highways in a comfortable Greyhound bus... save time and money.

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"AND NO FOOLIN"
LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

SYRUP, any gallon	69c
SYRUP, any 1-2 gallon	39c
(If these are not Hot Stop Here)	
VERMICELLI OR SPAGHETTI, 3 packages	14c
BUTTER, fresh country	26c
BROOM, good 4 string	29c
CRACKERS, 15c size Graham	10c
WHEATIES, RAISIN BRAN OR RICE FLAKES	10c
MILK, Armour's or Borden's, 3 tall cans	23c
CATSUP, 14 oz. Beech Nut	19c
BEANS, 30 lbs. Pinto	\$1.00
BEANS, 3 lbs. Navy	20c
SOAP, 10 bars White Laundry	25c
SOAP, 7 bars Crystal White	25c
SOAP, 3 bars Palm Olive or Cream Oil	20c
TEA, 1-4 lb. orange Pekos, (25c size)	18c
TEA, 1-4 lb. Tetleys	21c
PINEAPPLE, No. 2 can (heavy syrup)	19c
COCOANUT, 1-4 lb. (15c size) 2 for	19c
COFFEE, 1lb. can Folger's, Hill Bros. or M. J. B.	37c
CORN, 2 cans Prim Rose, No. 2 cans	25c
RELISH, 8 oz. jar, hot, sweet or chow chow	16c
MAYONNAISE, Paramout, (25c jar)	17c

With each \$3.00 purchase for Cash we will give One 2 ounce bottle Hamilton's Extract Free.

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Next to Bakery Plenty of Ice Water

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Good Oklahoma Coal at Attractive Prices

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Sale Begins
FRIDAY
OCTOBER

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MAX MELLINGER'S
Gigantic Bargain Sale

Will Start Friday, October 9th, with biggest offering of greatest values I have ever offered before—You know the High Quality Standard Brands of Merchandise I always carried—every Item in the Store is on Sale and if Saving Money means anything to you don't fail to attend this Great Bargain event—Nail the opportunity its the Biggest Sale held in Merkel and surrounding territory this Sale comes to you at the Height of the Season when you need these seasonable Merchandise, Space forbids the technical description of all the Merchandise—You must come and be convinced of the Store full of Bargains I have prepared for you.

Sale Begins
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MEN AND BOYS CLOTHING

1 group of Men's Suits Worst-
ed and Cashmere well tailor-
ed all the newest fall shades
—Graystones, value to \$22.50,
sale price

\$12.85

BOYS' SUITS

Our entire stock of Boys'
clothing go in this sale—its
the greatest values we have
ever offered in 2 long pants or
one long and one knicker— a
wide selection of patterns—
sizes 6 to 16

\$3.95

AND UP

Boys Long School Pants
Well made, wide bottoms, val-
ue up to \$1.50, sale price

98c

Men's Dress Pants
Worsted in all newest fall
shades, wide bottom, regular
\$4.00 value, sale price

\$2.98

EXTRA SPECIAL

1 group of Florsheim tan calf skin shoes and oxfords—good
selection of styles to select from, long as they last

\$5.95

MEN'S BLUE DENIM OVERALLS

Suspenders or high back—\$1.00 tripple stitched well made

69c

MEN'S WORK PANTS

Khaki, blue denim and cotton ades stripes—all well made,
value to \$1.50, sale price

98c

MEN'S AND BOYS' HATS AND CAPS

Men's new fall Hats Pastel
shades, values to \$3.50, sale price

\$1.98

1 lot of Boys' Hats assorted col-
ors, long as they last

98c

Boys' Wool adjustable Caps, well
made, a wide range, fall patterns
to select from, sale price

49c

Men's all wool adjustable caps
in newest fall patterns, \$1.50
values

89c

Men's Cotton Socks all colors, 15c value

8c

MEN'S SHIRTS

Moleskin finish, light tan, all sizes, \$1.95 value, sale price

98c

Men's fancy and solid color socks, value up to 35c, sale price

19c

SHIRTS AND SHORTS

Young Men's Shirts and Shorts of better materials regular 50c
values

39c

MEN'S BLUE WORK SHIRTS
Good quality well made coat style triple
cotton and 2 pockets long as the last

39c

Extra Special—**MEN'S UNION SUITS**
Men's bleached ribbed Union Suits extra
heavy weight all full size in every way
rayon trimmed, sale price

89c

NOTICE!

In order to help out toward this low price of cotton I
will accept your cotton at 6c per pound in exchange for
any merchandise in my store during this sale—All
goods will be marked as advertised—Don't fail to take
advantage of this offer as it will mean great savings
to you.

Shoes



Young Men's Star Brand
Oxfords—Black Gun Metal
—Leather or Rubber tap
heel, sale price

\$2.98

Men's Star Brand all Leath-
er Scout Work Shoes, sale
price

\$1.59

Shoes on Rack
150 Ladies' Shoes high
and low heels, blonde
and some blacks, value
to \$5.00, sale price

\$1.49

Men's Black Gun Metal Ox-
fords—the well known Star
Brand—rubber tap heel, sizes
6 to 10

\$2.49

1 lot of Children's
black Shoes and ser-
viceable shoe for
school—all sizes up to
2, sale price

98c

House Shoes
Ladies' Leatherette
House Slippers in all
colors, sale price

39c



LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S HOSE

Ladies' Silk Full Fashion Hose, \$1.00 value 69c

Phoenix Silk Hose—Ladies pure silk to top peccot edge
full fashion chiffon and service weight 98c

Ladies' Silk Rayon Picot—top extra good quality—all
the new fall shades sale price 49c

Ladies' Ribbed Rayon Hose regular 65c—all colors
wanted, sale price 39c

Ladies' good quality cotton hose, sale price 12c

Children's Monarch Brand Stockings new fall colors,
sale price 17c



Men's Brown Glove
Brass Nailed Dou-
ble Sole Rubber tap
heel, \$3.50 value
sale price

\$2.69

PIECE GOODS

36-inch Bleached Domestic extra good quality, free
from starch, soft finished, sale price 8c

36-inch fast color Prints in newest fall patterns 11c

9-4 Bleached or Brown Sheeting, good grade, 19c

36-inch extra good quality, outing dark, light and solid
colors, sale price 11c

BLANKETS! BLANKETS!

66x80 Blankets—extra special plaid Blankets, all are
wonderful value during sale \$1.29

66x80 Part Wool Plaid heavy weight 3 inch sateen
bound edge, \$4.00 value, sale price \$2.98

**Ready-to
Wear**

Stunning fall Frocks tail-
ored of heavy silk cantons
silk crepe black satin in
newest fall fashions,
\$12.75 value, sale price



\$8.95

Wash Frocks

1 rack Ladies' and Misses
Wash Frocks well tailored all
sizes—great selections, sale
price

69c

Children's Dresses

1 rack of Children's Wool and
Velvet Dresses well tailored,
long sleeves, sizes 7 to 14,
value to \$5.95, sale price

\$1.98

**Ladies' Newest Fall
Felts**

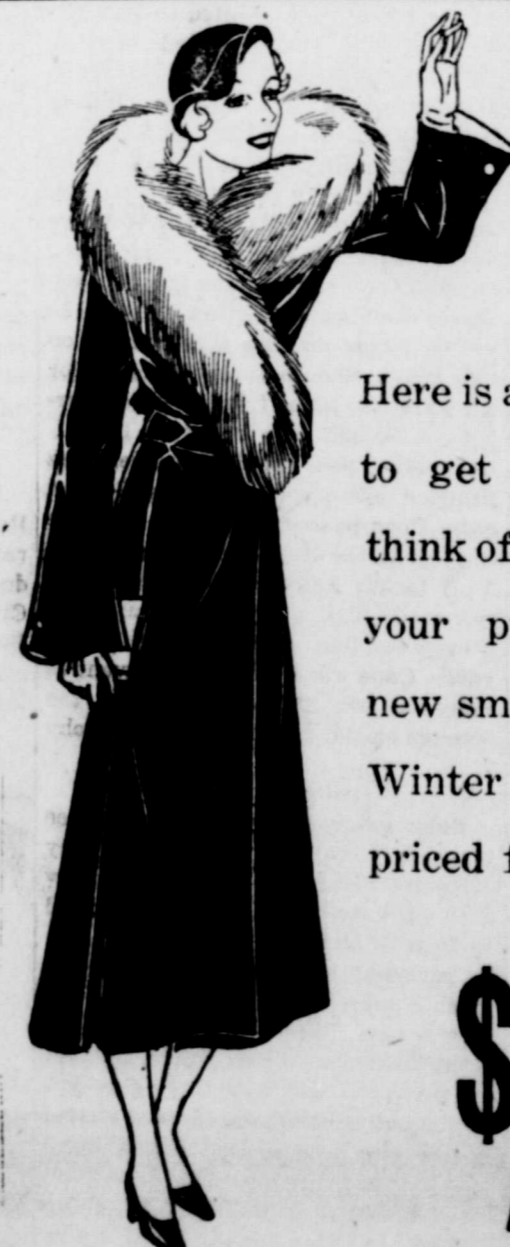
Just the thing you have been
looking for at a price far low-
er than what you expected to
pay

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**Extra—Ladies' Silk
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1 group Ladies Silk Dresses
long and short sleeves—light
and dark shades the greatest
value offered, sale price

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**Ladies'
Coats**

Here is a real sale of coats
to get excited about—
think of being able to take
your pick of beautiful
new smart Fur Trimmed
Winter Coats specially
priced for this sale

\$4.95
AND UP

MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS
Men's Dress Shirts well tailored—7 but-
ton front—solid colors, tan blue and
white also fancy, sale price

89c

1 lot of Children's Black School Shoes
all sizes up to 2.

98c

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

School opened last Monday with an enrollment between 75 and 100. Following the opening address by Superintendent Ross B. Jenkins, Rev. U. S. Sherrill, pastor of the Methodist church, made a very fine talk. The teachers were then introduced by Supt. Jenkins as follows: Roy Elliott, principal; Miss Mary Sheppard, English and Spanish; Miss Nona Burgess, history and home economics; Garland Franks, sixth and seventh grades; Mrs. Bill Reynolds, fourth and fifth grades; Miss Virgie Strawn, second and third grades; Mrs. L. R. Reeves, primary, and Mrs. Buster Edwards, music.

It was announced that for the first two weeks, or until crops were practically gathered, school would take up at 7:30 and dismiss at 1 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. Bailey and children, Miss Sallie Pearl Turner and C. F. McCrady of Abilene were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Curley Rogers of Lovings, N. M., were here Monday visiting friends. Mrs. Rogers will be remembered as Miss Lovie Bright. They were on a honeymoon trip, having been married last Friday.

Mr. Dekle left Monday for his home in Memphis, Tenn., after a pleasant visit of several weeks in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson and other friends.

Mrs. D. Davis of Gordon is the guest of Mrs. J. P. Roberts this week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith and daughter, Miss Maurine, spent the week-end at Stanton as guests of Mr. Smith's parents.

W. L. Boyd of Hamlin was here a few days last week attending to business. While here he was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham.

Mrs. Twyman Collins of Merkel visited with her mother, Mrs. J. I. Leamon, and sister, Mrs. Ed Massey, last Thursday.

Mrs. Kenneth Sharp and baby daughter, Shirley Ann, of Stanton, visited Mrs. Clark Hamner last Thursday.

Mrs. Pat Coyne and little daughter, Patsy, of Oklahoma came Friday for a visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Smith.

Mrs. J. A. Brown and Miss Winnie returned Friday from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Graham of Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Rogers of Stanton spent Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Volley Vessels.

Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Scott and children attended church at Blair Sunday and visited with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Reneau, who have been living near Stanton, have moved back and will live near Eskota.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tinkle of Abilene were week-end guests of Mrs. Tinkle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Tittle.

Mesdames Fowler and Pounds of Pampa are guests of their mother.

Mrs. Hurtell O'Kelley is home from Alexander sanitarium and is reported to be doing nicely.

J. C. Murdock of Mission is visiting his son, Carl, this week.

W. H. Hale, wife and daughter, Miss Edith, returned last Friday from a visit to Bonham and Paris.

Miss Lora Smith has returned from a visit to Golden. She was accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. Henry Newman, who will visit her parents here.

CHURCH OF CHRIST—TRENT.
L. E. Carpenter, minister. Bible study 10 a. m. Preaching and worship 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Tuesday 7:45 p. m. Ladies' Bible class Thursday 3 p. m.

CANYON NEWS
Rev. Marvin Williams will fill his regular appointment at the M. E. church at Nubia Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Griggs and little son, Billy Wayne, of Dora visited relatives here Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Ruth Inshgower of Putnam and Miss Bobbie Jones of Kilgore are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones, this week.

White Church News

Wedding bells have been ringing again in this community. Paul Reed and Miss Lillian Menard slipped away from their friends and were married in Anson. Both are prominent young people of our community and we wish them much joy and happiness.

Mrs. Payne and son, Kirt, of Trent visited Mrs. P. A. Riggan Sunday.

B. D. Pressley had the misfortune of losing a good work horse recently.

Little Maxine Phillips has been real sick but is much better at this time.

Mrs. H. West, accompanied by her sons, L. A. and John Dudley, and her daughter, Mrs. Cliff Perry, and granddaughter, Miss Beatrice Perry, have just returned from a visit to Mrs. West's grandson, Hoyt Willis, at Wichita Falls. They report Hoyt as being much improved, which will be good news to his many friends here and we hope he will soon be home again.

The children of E. E. Patterson gathered at his home Saturday night in celebration of his birthday. They report a bountiful supper and an enjoyable time. We wish Mr. Patterson many more happy occasions of this kind.

Mrs. Ray Brown and son, Dean, are visiting her sister, Mrs. Perkins, of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dye of Bitter creek visited Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Turner recently.

Our Sunday School is beginning on a new year, with E. J. Patterson as superintendent and Lena V. Harrison as secretary. The teachers are as follows: D. D. Coats, Bible class; Mrs. E. J. Patterson, the girls; A. D. Barnes, the boys; Marjorie Coats, Juniors, and Alice Reed, the card class. Come and make this year one of the best we have ever known. Come and bring your children to Sunday School.

Mrs. C. C. Barnes and daughter, Nan, of Abilene and Mrs. A. H. Marne of Route 3, visited in the A. D. Barnes home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Lindsey and son, Burl, of Colorado were seen in our midst recently.

Prayer meeting was well attended Sunday night with Clovis Harrison as leader. Margie Coats will be the leader next Sunday.

Elgin Riggan, Lloyd Mathews and Raymond Russom rendered a thirty-minute program over KFYO at Abilene Saturday night.

LITTLE BERNELL ROGERS.
(By L. E. Carpenter.)

Little Bernell Rogers was born Nov. 6, 1924, and departed this life on September 10, 1931. She is now free from all the cares and sorrows of life. Hence, to die is gain. (Phil. 1:21.) and very far better to depart and be with Christ. (Phil. 1:23.)

Little Bernell was an obedient child and one who was loved by all who knew her. She loved to go to church and Bible study and was always ready with her lessons, verses, or whatever she was asked to do in her department. She tried to serve God here and her spirit has now gone to be with the Lord who gave it. She was a rose plucked from the earth to be transplanted into the Paradise of God. Jesus said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 19:14.) We must, therefore, turn and become as such to enter the kingdom. (Matt. 18:3.) As to her safety, joy and blessings throughout eternity there can be no doubt. Of course, her parents will miss her much and there will be a sad meanness in the home without her. Our hearts go out in sympathy to them. Yet, we should not weep as those that have no hope.

She cannot return to us in this land of sin and sorrow. (2 Sam. 12:23;) but we can go to all our loved ones who have gone on before and who are awaiting us over there. May we all set ourselves diligently to the task of preparing for that home of the soul. (John 14:1-3; Rev. 21:1 to 22:5.)

UNION RIDGE NEWS
The Union Ridge school opened Monday. There was a good number of people present for the opening, including Mesdames O. E. Carey, M. E. Carey, Lee Tipton, Denzil Cox, and Mrs. J. L. Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell, Mr. E. M. Dean and Mr. M. L. Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Douglas of Stanton were week-end guests of Mrs. M. A. Douglas.

The Russells entertained the young folks with a singing last Sunday afternoon.

Several from here attended the funeral services for Mr. F. J. Smith at Merkel Monday afternoon.

A pound of raw silk will yield enough unspun thread to reach from Philadelphia to New York.

BLAIR ITEMS

Jim McNeese of Dallas and John Hughes of Merkel visited in the Carl Hughes home Sunday and James McNeese of Dallas spent the week-end with J. W. Hughes also.

Riley James, who accepted employment in East Texas several weeks ago, returned Saturday and left Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. James and daughter, for that place, where they will reside for an indefinite time.

Mrs. Cynthia Hall has returned home after spending several months with her son, Chester Hall, in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Gladys Cunningham and daughter, Geraldine, and little Barbara Jean Reynolds of Abilene visited with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Sunday.

Chat Burks and family, with Mrs. Minnie Reeves, spent a pleasant day Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Farmer.

Woodrow Barnes of White Church attended services at the Baptist church Sunday.

Rev. John Reynolds of Abilene was a passing guest in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes, and also Mr. and Mrs. Hurman Doan, Sunray, Brother Reynolds filling to Baptist pulpit Sunday morning.

On October 3rd, following the birthday anniversary of Emmett Patterson a group of relatives gathered in the evening at his home where a colorful dinner was served and many useful gifts were presented the honoree. After a most enjoyable evening a happy group turned toward their home. Guests along with the honoree were: Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Gryant and family of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Patterson and family, Mr. and Mrs.

Owen Patterson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rex McClain, Mrs. Emmett Patterson, the hostess, and the immediate family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuqua and family are moving back to their old home in Franklin county. We hate to lose these good folks, but wish them much good luck.

DORA DOINGS

Rev. McLaughlin of Sweetwater filled the pulpit at the Baptist church here Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Reynolds of Elm Grove were week-end visitors in the home of their daughter, Mrs. John Dudley.

Jasper McCoy of Merkel was in this community Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Blair moved to Sweetwater Monday. Mr. Blair is the county tractor driver and, as their work will be in the White Flat district for a while, it will be more convenient for them to live in Sweetwater.

Mack Beall of Austin is here looking after business interests and visiting his sister, Mrs. J. W. Wallis.

Miss Laura Faye Wilson, English teacher in Roscoe High school, was here over the week-end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ross Artman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Phillip and son, Billie, of Champion were calling here Sunday.

Thomas McCoy spent Sunday in Sweetwater with his wife and son, J. B., who is there under the treatment of a doctor. He reported J. B. doing nicely and we hope he will soon be home.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Ussery and baby and Grandmother Slater were

here Sunday to see Mr. and Mrs. Slater.

RURAL SOCIETY

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Jackie Melton of Nubia celebrated her birthday in the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. A. Campbell, of Blair on Saturday, the fourth of October. Those present were W. C. Melton and family and Jackie's grandmother, Mrs. Cynthia Hall, who arrived from Oklahoma in time for a joint celebration, as it was also her birthday. The day was pleasantly passed, all wishing them the return of many happy birthdays together.

Change of Train Schedule.
Effective last Sunday, October 4, the eastbound T. & P. train No. 4 leaves Merkel thirty minutes earlier. The departing time is now 2:34 p. m. instead of 3:04 p. m., as heretofore. There is also a slight change of four minutes in the leaving time of west-bound No. 3, which departs four minutes later, at 2:12 p. m. instead of 2:08 p. m.

NOTICE.
Having discontinued delivery I want all my customers to know that my butter is on sale at the J. H. McDonald Grocery. Your continued patronage will be greatly appreciated.
M. P. Latimer.

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DEATH COMES IN HIS 80TH YEAR

F. J. Smith, Resident of Taylor County 43 Years, Passed Away At Early Hour Last Monday.

Symbolizing the end of a great and noble life, with Monday's sunset, the body of Francis Joseph Smith, native of Alsace Loraine, was lowered to its last resting place at Midway cemetery, between Abilene and Anson, with members of the Masonic lodge in charge.

Funeral services had been held at the Methodist church here at 3 o'clock, with Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the church, officiating.

Active pallbearers were R. A. Burgess, Joe Holmes, Dr. M. Armstrong, Herbert Patterson, M. C. Graham and Perry Dickinson. Honorary pallbearers: Tom King, G. M. Sharp, A. R. Booth, Tom Compton, R. A. Ellis, Luther Freeman, Fred Greene, T. C. Weir, D. I. Shelton, J. T. Bird, W. C. Moore, J. D. Daniels, G. H. Johnson, Dave Shelton and H. M. Mayfield.

Mr. Smith was born in Alsace Loraine Dec. 25, 1851, and would have been 80 years old on Christmas Day of this year. He came across the ocean when he was one year old. Death came at 2:45 Monday morning, following an illness which became serious eleven days before. Death was attributed to a heart involvement, which became acute soon after his return about two weeks prior to his death from a visit with his daughter, Mrs. R. B. Underwood at Plainview. He came to Taylor county 43 years ago. He retired from active farming five years ago and had made his home in Merkel ever since.

He was married to Mrs. Mollie U. McNairy on November 8, 1877. Four children were born to this union, two of whom survive, Ed Smith of Dallas and Mrs. Laura Gray of Cave City, Ark., the other two, James William Smith and Jesse Pearl Smith, being deceased. In 1890 he was married to Miss Kille Elizabeth Mills. Four children were born to this union: Frank E. Smith, Abilene; Annie Laurie Smith, Wichita Falls; George Allen Smith, Sweetwater, and Mary Josephine Smith, (Mrs. R. R. Underwood,) Plainview, all of whom sur-

INTRODUCING "MIKE AND IKE."



Here are the famous midget twins, "Mike and Ike"—the only midget twins known, photographed with Kent Hosmer, press agent of the

vive.

At an early age he was converted and united with the Methodist church. He led a conscientious, Christian life, ever keeping in mind the precepts of his Master. As a dear friend said, "If such a good, kind, trustworthy man was not saved, we are all lost."

In talking with his daughter, Mrs. R. B. Underwood, he said he was satisfied, prepared and ready to go. Then, tired and worn out, just a few days before he passed away, he again assured the members of the family that "it was all right."

"Like a mother and daddy" both to those fine children, he will be greatly missed, although the family was allowed to have him with them many more than the allotted three score and ten years.

Beckmann & Gerety shows. Mike and Ike will be at the State Fair of Texas, Oct. 10 to 25, as one of the features on the carnival midway, and are being presented in company with a group of Lilliputian entertainers who offer an eight-act vaudeville show of exceptional merit.

It is not only as midgets that Mike and Ike have become a headline attraction. They are linguists of ability and rank high in the amusement field. The boys are 30 years old, 22 inches tall, and weigh 35 pounds each. They were born of normal parents near Budapest, Hungary, and have been on exhibition since they were twelve years of age, both in this country and abroad.

One of the stellar attractions with the Mike and Ike show is Mrs. Sybilla Rogers, billed as the world's smallest mother and grandmother. Mrs. Rogers has taken a mother's interest in the twins for many years and makes her appearance at every performance with the other midgets.

Fireboys Make Request Of Special Importance

The Mail is pleased to print and given emphasis to the following notice of special importance to the citizenship of Merkel by N. A. Dowell, chief, and C. H. Jones, president of the volunteer fire department:

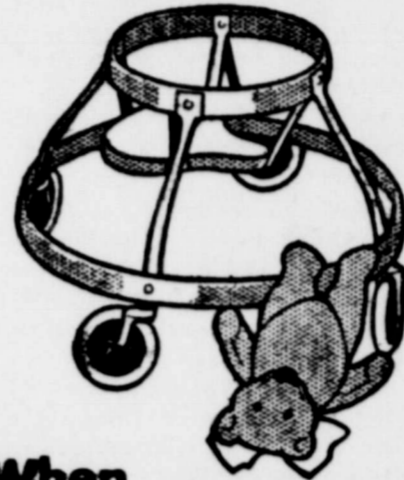
"We, the volunteer firemen earnestly request that, in case of fire in our city, you keep the street open and park your car not closer than one block from the fire, as we have been badly handicapped in handling our trucks and hose in the past, and must ask that the crowds stand back as far as 250 feet from the fire.

"We have volunteered our service for your protection and must ask your co-operation with our fire police.

"N. A. Dowell, Chief.

"Chas. H. Jones, President.

"Volunteer Fire Department."



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GRAPE FRUIT , Texas Sweet, each		5c
ORANGES , dozen		19c
PINTO BEANS , 5 pounds		15c
BEANS , large navies, 5 pounds		25c
BLACKBERRIES , No. 10 can		49c
PEACHES , No. 2 1-2, R & W		19c
SOAP DEAL		99c
MUSTARD , quart jar		15c
SARDINES , can		4c
SUGAR , 10 lbs. pure cane, cloth bag		53c
CORN , No. 2, 2 cans		21c
PEAS , No. 2, 2 cans		21c
RICE , R & W, 2 lb. package		19c
COFFEE , R & W, 1 lb.		39c
OATS , B & W, package		20c
FLOUR , R & W, 24 lb. sack 58c, 48 lb. sack 98c		
Compound	8 pound pail	65c
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