

## MAIZE \$22 A TON BY FEEDING HOGS

Abilene, Texas, Dec. 19.—G. H. Tucker of the Merkel section, a visitor here Saturday, told local newspaper men that he has demonstrated to his entire satisfaction that the most profitable way to market maize and other sorghum grains is "on the hoof." Tucker, who specializes in Poland China hogs and Holstein Friesian cows, declared that he had kept a close account of his hog-feeding operations this year and has found that by feeding his maize to his own hogs, he realized \$22 a ton for the maize—whereas maize is a drug on the market at \$7 and \$8.

"There is always a market for hogs," Tucker said. "It is not always possible to find a market for maize, and if you do find one, it is liable to leave you holding an empty sack I have found that by feeding milk to young pigs from my big producing cows and by using home-grown maize instead of trying to market it I have done very well during the last four years. The work is lighter and the returns more sure. I used to be a one crop farmer, but not any more for me."

Tucker was a big winner of prizes in the hog division at the West Texas Fair at Abilene last September.

## METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

Owing to the disagreeable day last Sunday we did not have so many in attendance as would have liked; yet we had many new members present and for which we are truly grateful. And especially were we proud to see so many of the young men and young ladies present, and let us take this occasion to extend to you a most cordial welcome to come be with us regularly. And while owing to the fact that we are making extensions to the church, we are short of room, we have made arrangements for nice, comfortable rooms for both the young ladies and young men's classes. Also the American Legion Class recently organized, and which is growing in bounds, will meet at the home of Mr and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard. And let us say to all Legion boys who do not attend Sunday school at some other church that you are welcome, at the Methodist church.

On next Sunday may the entire membership be present and join in the day's worship. And don't forget the Christmas tree Saturday evening December 24. A welcome to all.

L. W. Cox, Supt.

## CLOSING NOTICE

We the undersigned, agree to close our place of business all day each Sunday in order that we might cooperate with the churches of our town in increasing the attendance of all our Sunday Schools to the greatest number possible. This is to take effect beginning Sunday 18, 1921.

Patterson Bros.  
Watkins Bros.

Mr E Gaston Foote son of pas tor Foote, of this city, is visiting his home folks this week. He is studying for the Ministry and expects to take his college degree at the close of this school year. He is a student of S M. U.

Mr M. L. Estes and son L. L. returned first of the week from a trip over the South Plains. They report conditions in that section pretty hard owing to the drouth and short crops.

## BIG KU KLUX PARADE ON TO-NIGHT

As was announced in our last week's issue, there is expected to take place in Merkel to-night (Thursday) a big Ku Klux Klan parade, by the local organization, and late rumors have it that it is possible that the parade will be participated in by members of that organization at Abilene, Stamford, Sweetwater and Anson.

Thousands of people are expected to be present to witness the parade, which will be the first of its kind to take place this far west.

## BRUNKS COMEDIANS HERE ALL NEXT WEEK

Christmas comes once a year and so does Brunks Comedians, and this year, they come together. Christmas is generally the same old Christmas, but Brunks Comedians grows larger and better with each visit. They have just received the largest tent theatre ever used in Texas, costing \$4,000, electric lighted and heated, seated with folding opera chairs. All of the plays are new and are changed every night. The prices are 15 cents for children and 35 cents for adults, these prices cover the war tax. The Band and Orchestra are superior to any ever carried by Brunks Comedians. Band concert on Street, Monday and every night at the Tent. The opening Play, Monday night is a great comedy in four acts—"When Dreams Come True." Lets go. The Tent will be located on Elm Street, East of the Cotton Yard. 1tp.

## BANK CLOSING NOTICE

We are authorized to announce for the two splendid banks of this city that as Christmas and New Years fall on Sunday they will according to law, observe the following Monday, and will therefore be closed during these two days.

They also announce that beginning on January 3, and there after, until next fall, they will open their doors at eight in the morning and close at four in the afternoon.

## NO MERKEL MAIL FOR NEXT WEEK

As has been the custom of the management of this paper for many years, to omit publishing a paper during Christmas week, we will likewise issue no paper next week, which will enable us to take a little rest, clean up the shop etc., and get in readiness for the next year's work.

The writer takes this opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends, patrons, subscribers, and the citizenship of Merkel and surrounding country, for their loyalty, liberal patronage and general good will. We must say that you have been extremely kind and generous to us in the past, and while we are sure we have made mistakes, fell short of doing everything we should to merit all these good things, but in a measure we have tried to give you a paper worthy of your patronage and admiration, and we hope that with your continued patronage, good will, and cooperation during the next year, to even make you a paper much better in every respect.

We extend to all most happy Christmas Greetings and trust that the New Year will bring continued happiness and prosperity to you.

Rev. J. W. Hunt of Abilene will preach at the Methodist church Sunday at eleven and Sunday night.

The Merkel Mail \$1.50 per year.

## TRENT MERCHANT SHOOTS BURGLAR

According to reports Mr. M. G. Scott, dry good merchant of Trent, at about four o'clock Wednesday morning of this week shot and possibly fatally wounded a man who was trying to enter his store.

During the past year Mr. Scott's store had been robbed three times; the burglars getting away with \$2,000 worth of goods, and he was sleeping in the store on the above mentioned night, when the man was heard to try to get in at both the front and back doors; failing to pry them open he broke out the glass in a door and was trying to break open the lock, when Mr. Scott is said to have fired one shot from a gun, and we are told then called the deputy sheriff, who came to the scene, and by this time the burglar, badly wounded, had managed to escape over about the depot, where it is said he secured a service car driver or some citizen who happened to be waiting for the morning train to start with him to a doctor, but Mr. Scott and the deputy sheriff arrived on the scene about this time, and not knowing in the dark why the men in the car were making such a hurry to drive off, shot down their casings, and in this way the man was captured and taken to Abilene where he was given medical treatment, and according to the Abilene Reporter, Wednesday afternoon, was still in a serious condition, and not expected to live. He was badly wounded in the face and about the mouth and was not able to talk, but managed to write his name, giving that of H. R. Roberts of Dallas, and it is said looked about 25 years of age.

## BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday was a banner day in attendance. We had 516 present three Sundays before the time to attain our goal of 500.

With a real blustry West Texas sand storm blowing and a number of our people sick the attendance Sunday was truly a great one. Ours was the second largest Sunday school in Taylor county, the First Baptist in Abilene having more than we. With this record we should do our best to continue the good work. There were a hundred men in our Sunday school Sunday, sixty of them our young men.

Don't let Christmas dinners keep our people away Sunday. Come on to Sunday School and help to make Christmas a day to His honor.

Remember the Christmas entertainment Saturday evening beginning at seven. We have a fine program to be rendered by the Sunday school, but the best part of it is the gifts for Him whose birthday we are keeping. Every one will be given an opportunity to give Jesus a birth day present. The free will offering brought by the Sunday school and by the friends will all go to Buckner Orphans home where there are seven hundred children that have no mother or father to provide for them. In giving to them we are giving to Him for He said, "In as much as ye did it unto one of the least of these ye did it unto me."

All regular services through the day and through the week. A cordial welcome is extended to all who will come and work and worship with us. Ira L. Par rack, pastor.

We understand that Mr. J. M. Garrett purchased through Mr. G. W. Boyce, local realty dealer lot No. 2, in block No. 13, located just south of Mrs. Cash's home.

## NEW ROAD LAW IN EFFECT JANUARY 1

The new road laws as passed by the last legislature go into effect January 1, and which will do away with the old system of road overseers etc., and in their stead the roads will be classified and the counties will be allowed to make up a budget for the maintainances of the roads and high ways and also employ road superintendents whose duties it will be to look after the up keep and improvements of the roads. We notice that each county will divide into sections the roads which shall not be longer than twenty miles or shorter than eight miles and each shall be numbered numerically and be known on the county road map according to such number.

Our splendid and efficient county commissioner, Mr. W. H. Frazier has been kind enough to leave a copy of the laws with us but we have been so busy up to this time it is impossible this week to give an accurate description of the laws as we would like, but will try to do so later on after Xmas.

## PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

As we look back over the record of the year just closing, we cannot but feel a little justifiable pride in the splendid progress our Sunday school has made. And this growth has been gradual, steady and, seemingly permanent. Nor can this growth be attributed to outside agencies! It has been brought about by the prayers and the earnest endeavor of the Christian men and women of the Church.

Now that our attendance has more than doubled, very nearly trebled, let's endeavor to have it trebled on the first Sunday of the New Year. That will mean one hundred thirty-two present on that day. We have the enrollment to back us, now let's boost up the attendance. We can do this as easily as we have always done the tasks to which we have set our hands.

It will be more easily done if we will only bear in mind that this is the day we begin our big automobile race. And surely every one will want to see this. If you want a free ticket of admission, be sure to be present on next Sunday, December 25th.

Keep in mind the special program and Christmas tree next Sunday night and the special Christmas service on next Sunday. Let us have a full attendance at these services.

We are grateful to all who have helped us so splendidly in the past, and we extend a cordial invitation to those who are not now lined up with some school or church, to line up and work and worship with us. If you will but attend the services of the house of the Lord on Christmas day and if you will resolve now regularly to attend Sunday School and preaching services during the new year, we need not wish you "A merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." Jas H. West, Supt.

The work on the new addition to the Methodist Church was delayed on account of not being able to secure the proper kind of sand in our locality. Colorado sand will be used in the foundation and the building will begin next Tuesday and will be rushed to completion.

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## A PIONEER WOMAN RESIDENT IS DEAD

Knox City Texas, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Josiah W. Watkins was buried at Rochester, Texas, Thursday afternoon having died the day before at 2 p. m. Her maiden name was Martha Jane Brizendine. She was born in Tennessee March 7, 1841 and was first married to W. T. Mathis, who lived only a few years. After his death she married J. W. Watkins in 1867. They had lived happily together 54 years last Thanksgiving day.

They moved to Texas in 1874 living in Dallas county until 1885, when they moved to Taylor county and for a long time lived in Mulberry Canyon, near the old White Church. For the past few years they had lived in Rochester.

Mrs. Watkins leaves an aged husband, one daughter, Mrs. Andy Hunter, who still lives in Mulberry Canyon, and five sons Lee, at Merkel, Eddy at Rochester, Houston at Abilene, E. R. at Abilene and Johnny at Rochester. She had 21 grand children living and sixteen great grand children.

Early in life she professed faith to Christ and for over sixty years lived a devoted Christian life. She and her husband were staunch members of the Methodist church at White Church for years. —Abilene Reporter.

The following letter complimenting our big Holiday Edition of the Mail, as well as the progressive and enterprising spirit of the business men of our city, so greatly manifest by their liberal advertising in the columns of the paper, and which is found in all real upto date, live, business towns, is self explanatory and highly appreciated by the management of the Mail.

Mr. Thomas Durham, Editor, The Merkel Mail, Merkel Tex.

Dear Sir;

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With Baird, our next door neighbor on the east, in the midst of a booming program of civic development and Merkel following suit, we feel that if we can get our own organization in harness and set for a prompt start on January 1, the New Year will hold much for our common section in progress, prosperity, and happiness.

With best wishes for the coming year and expressing the hope that we may be able to cooperate in the advancement of our section during 1922, we are,

Cordially yours,

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The Mail \$1.50 year in advance

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## HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

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## FRIENDSHIP CLUB NOTES

Mrs. M. C. Buzbee entertained the Friendship Club last Friday, with all members present. A very pleasant afternoon was spent. Delicious refreshments were served. The Club will meet next Friday, with Mrs. Bruce Hancock, Reporter.

## DAUGHTERS OF RUTH

On last Monday afternoon, the Daughters of Ruth met at the home of their teacher, Mrs. Pick Allen, for the purpose of quilting a quilt, which was peiced by the class, for the orphan's home.

After the quilt was finished and sent away by Mrs. R. J. Miller, the rest of the afternoon was spent by making candy and having a jolly good time, as we always do when Mrs. Allen is our hostess. A guest

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### CITATION

#### THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greeting

You are hereby commanded to summon Ellen Archie, Stella Belle Flesher, her husband F. R. Flesher, W. B. Alexander, H. F. Alexander, S. M. Oldham, Ella Belle Flesher, her husband Orren Sandell, Aurelia Marshall, her husband B. G. Marshall, F. M. Oldham, Clinnon Oldham L. C. Oldham and Linord Oldmah by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof in Abilene Texas, on the first Monday in January, A. D. 1922, the same being the second day of January, A. D. 1922, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 28th day of October, A. D. 1921, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 4824, wherein A. A. Alexander, also known as Mrs. H. B. Alexander, is Plaintiff, and Alfred Alexander, Emma Jacobs, her husband W. E. Jacobs, Susie Moody, her husband J. M. Moody, Minnie Emmons, her husband Jason Emmons, L. C. Oldham, M. H. Oldham, C. L. Alexander for himself, as administrator of the Estate of H. B. Alexander, deceased and as

guardian of the Estate of Luther Alexander, Brice Alexander, Etter Alexander, Fredy Alexander, Lewis Alexander, Clinnon Oldham, Linord Oldham, Minors Alpha Airhart, her husband W. A. Airhart, W. B. Alexander, H. F. Alexander, Jennie Evans a feme sole, S. B. Alexander, Ellen Arch Della Kavanaugh, her husband, A. R. Kavanaugh, Stella Belle Flesher and her husband, F. R. Flesher, F. M. Oldham, W. S. Oldham, Letha Storms and her husband, Virgil Storms, Lillie Gunnels and her husband, Charlie Gunnels, Matilda Alexander, a feme sole, Osborne Alexander, S. M. Oldham, Luther Downs, Aurelia Marshall and her husband, B. G. Marshall, Ella Sandell, and Luther Alexander, Brice Alexander, Etter Alexander, Fredy Alexander, Lewis Alexander, Clinnon Oldham, and Linnord Oldham, Minors, are Defendants, and said petition alleging, and being a suit for trespass to try title for the possession and title to 205 acres of land out of the Herschel Corzine Survey No 508, patented to W. R. D. Ward, assignee of Herschel Corzine, on the 30th day of January, 1855, as per patent No. 78, Vol. 12, situated in Taylor County, Texas, more particularly described in said petition on file in said cause, and for the removal of the cloud upon plaintiff's title to said land, and for her possession, damages and costs; that on or about the first day of October, 1921, plaintiff was lawfully seized and possessed of said land and premises

holding and claiming the same in fee simple, and that on said date defendants unlawfully entered upon said land and premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withholds from her the possession thereof to her damage in the sum of \$4000; plaintiff especially pleads the five and ten years peaceable and adverse possession of said land and premises, holding, using, and cultivating and paying all taxes thereon under deed duly recorded in the deed records of Taylor County, Texas for a period of more than five years and of more than ten years after her cause of action accrued and before the commencement of said suit, wherefore she prays judgement of the court, etc.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 22 day of November, A. D. 1921

J. K. Fuller, Clerk.  
District Court, Taylor County Texas.

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### CITATION

The state of Texas To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Nannie Renau by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the District court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, on the 1st Monday in January A. D. 1922, the same being the 2nd day of January A. D. 1922, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 5th day of December A. D. 1921 in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 4853, wherein S. L. Renau, is Plaintiff, and Nannie Renau, is Defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff is bona fide resident of Taylor County; that the residence of the defendant is unknown; that plaintiff and defendant were married July 4th 1917 and lived together until February 1918 when defendant voluntarily abandoned the bed and board of plaintiff without his consent and has continuously lived separate and apart from him. That defendant's residence is unknown. Plaintiff sues for divorce, costs, and general relief.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, this the 5th day of

December A. D. 1921.  
J. K. Fuller, Clerk.  
District Court, Taylor County 4tp.

A modern discovery for the rapid healing of flesh wounds, cuts, burns, bruises, sores, and scalds is Liquid Borozone. It is a clear, colorless liquid possessing marvelous healing power. Price, 30c 60c, and \$1.20. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Dec.

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The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County Greeting; You are here by commanded to summon J. E. Rider, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in the city of Abilene, on the 1st Monday in January A. D. 1922 the same being the 2nd day of January A. D. 1922, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 7th day of December A. D. 1922 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 4859, wherein Effie Rider is Plaintiff and J. E. Rider is Defendant, and said petition alleging that Plaintiff and defendant were married in 1917 and lived together as husband and wife until April 1918 when the defendant, without the consent of Plaintiff, voluntarily abandoned her, and has lived separate and apart from her since said time. That of said marriage there was born two girls, minors, ages 13 years and six years; that plaintiff is the proper person to rear said minors. Plaintiff sues for divorce, for custody of the minor children, costs and general relief.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, this the 7th day of December A. D. 1921.

J. K. Fuller, Clerk.  
District Court, Taylor County By B. Wellbourn, Deputy.

Some folks have an idea that a Steam Laundry is more expensive to patronize than the wash woman. Let Ligon the laundryman convince you that it is a wrong idea. Phone 218 brings my car. tf.

We have the largest stock of tires in West Texas. New shipment just received. Merkel Garage. tf.

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We are glad to announce to our friends that we are again located in our New Home, (The Old Stand) and will appreciate our friends and patrons calling on us when in need of anything in our line. And we will have associated with us, Messrs. C. A. Miller, Frank Barrett, Wayman Rose and the undersigned. We will appreciate your business and will endeavor to give you as good as the best in the barber line.

**H. M. ROSE**

J. L. McDavid Chas. Wright  
"MONEY TO LOAN"

We have plenty of money for Farm and Ranch loans. If your security is good

NO DELAYS SUDDEN SERVICE

McDAVID & WRIGHT Abilene, Texas  
Telephone 605-129 1022-1/2 N 2nd St.



# Merry Christmas



We love you Santa because you remind us of our childhood days when Xmas came so many years apart, it seemed to us, but now it rolls around so soon. Yet we are thankful and our hearts are glad because we know what it means to the child. We are also thankful for the business our friends have seen fit to give us since we have been in business in Merkel, and hope to serve you better in the future than we have in the past.



## We Likes You, Santa



## We Have a Nice Line

Of Cut Glass, Silver Ware, China ware, Decorated Bowls, Guns, Air Rifles, Tricycles, Flash Lights, Serving Trays, Percolators, Pyrex and Aluminum ware, that are nice Xmas Presents. General line of Hardware.

With best wishes for a Merry Xmas and a very Happy New Year to all



# Liberty Hardware Company

At home to our friends and customers after January 1st. where the Racket Store is now located.

### CITATION

#### THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greeting;

You are hereby commanded to summon W. H. Blackwelder by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, in the nearest county where a newspaper is published to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene Texas on the first Monday in January, A. D. 1922, the same being the second day of January A. D. 1922, then and there to answer a petition filed in said

Court on the 26th day of August, A. D. 1921, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 4786, wherein Erma C. Blackwelder is plaintiff, and W. H. Blackwelder is defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant are husband and wife, and were lawfully married in Taylor County Texas, on or about the 23rd day of December 1913, and continued to live together as husband and wife on or about the 20th day of August, 1920, when by reason of harsh, cruel and inhuman treatment of defendant towards plaintiff, she was forced and compelled to permanently abandon defendant, without cause or provocation on her part, which cruel and inhuman treatments are of such nature generally as to render their further living together as husband and wife insupportable, and they

have not since lived together as husband and wife; that plaintiff was always kind and affectionate to defendant, and was true to her marital vows and obligations for the last two or three years prior and up to the time of their said separation, defendant was unmindful of the duties and obligations of his marital vows, and began a course of unkind, harsh, cruel, abusive and inhuman treatment towards plaintiff, which continued up to the time of their said separation, until plaintiff by reason thereof became almost a total nervous wreck and was compelled to receive medical treatment; that frequently when plaintiff was sick in bed unable to wait on herself, defendant would leave home and remain away for several days and weeks at a time, showing an utter indifference for her life or

health; that during said marriage one child was born unto them, a boy about five years of age, by the name of Odell Blackwelder, who now resides with plaintiff, cared for and supported by plaintiff; that defendant has failed to care for or support either plaintiff or their said child, but has refused to do so. Wherefore Plaintiff prays for a dissolution of said marriage relations, and for the care and custody of their said child, and for such other further relief, special and general, in law and in equity that she may be justly entitled to, etc.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, as its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, and the Seal of said Court, at

office in Abilene, Texas this the 4 day of November A. D. 1921.

J. K. Fuller, Clerk.  
District Court, Taylor County, Texas. 214

### A TEXAS WONDER

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25 Small bottle. Send for testimonials to D. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

A remedy that will penetrate is necessary in the treatment of rheumatism. Ballard's Snow Liniment goes right through the flesh to the bone and relieves promptly. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. De c.

### CLOTHES CLEANED AND PRESSED

Now is the time to think of winter clothes, look through your wardrobe and get all those old clothes out and let us clean and press them. They will look like new. Cash Tailor Shop. Phone 180. tf.

Distress after eating is due to bad digestion. Herbine helps the digestive process, clears the system of impurities and restores a feeling of vigor and buoyancy of spirits Price 60c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Old Homestead Coffee at G. M. Sharps. tf.

If you want to look your best have Ligon the Laundry man clean and press your clothes. Phone 218. tf

# Gifts For Everyone

We are ready with our Xmas Goods. The Holiday Goods you want are here in abundance and variety. You will find that our Dolls and Toys are much cheaper this year and your dollar will go farther than last year. We invite you one and all to come in and look over the pretty things, examine them and buy if you like.

You are Welcome

Phone 105

## The Merkel Drug Company

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**T. & P. TIME TABLE**

Time Table of the Texas and Pacific trains taking effect on June 5th.

West Bound	
No. 1 (Sunshine) . . . . .	9:36 p.m.
No. 5 . . . . .	4:13 a.m.
No. 23 . . . . .	5:00 p.m.
East Bound	
No. 2 (Sunshine) . . . . .	8:36 a.m.
No. 4 . . . . .	9:30 a.m.
No. 16 . . . . .	11:50 p.m.

Happy New Year to the professional reformers. Their work will never be finished

Happy New Year to the preachers. May they be shown that their work is appreciated.

Happy New Year to the speeding autoist. And may he reform before he breaks his fool neck.

Happy New Year to our bankers. And may they be willing to renew our note when it falls due

Happy New Year to those whose duty it is to enforce the laws. May they have the support of the people

Happy New Year to the children. They are the joy of the earth of today and its hope for the future.

Happy New Year to the doctors in this town. But we refuse to hope they will be kept busy during the year

Happy New Year to the man who always greets us with a smile. He is making the world happier every day.

Happy New Year to President Harding. May he measure up to the great opportunities that come to him.

Happy New Year to the bill collectors, even if they don't make others happy.

Happy new Year to our advertisers. For they know a good thing when they see it.

Happy New Year to the World War veterans. They fought one good fight, but their greatest work is yet to be done—that of establishing their own country.

Happy New Year to the old Bachelors and the old maids, although probably they don't deserve it. Everybody ought to be married.

**SUNDAY AT CROSSROADS**

I have been invited to speak at Crossroads Church next Sunday (Christmas Day). Would be glad to have a house full out to help us with this Christmas service. Subject for the eleven o'clock will be "Memorials" Let us get there at 10:30 o'clock for 30 minutes singing. It may be I can bring some good singers with me. O. J. Adcock.

**"How We Cleared Our Summer Home of Rats" by Mrs. Perry**

"When we opened our seaside home last May, it was alive with rats. They'd gnawed all the upholstery. We cleaned them out on a week with RAT-SNAP. I prefer this rat killer because it comes in cake form, no mixing. Saves dirtying hands and plates." Three sizes, 35c 65c, 1.25. Sold and guaranteed by Liberty Hardware and Merkel Printing Co.

Coal and Feed. Phone 203. See Swafford and Leslie. It.

# Cozy Theatre

Friday Saturday

## BUCK JONES in "Get Your Man"

Fox Comedians in "A Sunshine Comedy"  
 Fox News and Mutt and Jeff

**NEWS FROM NUBIA**

As we haven't seen any news from Nubia in a good while, we thought it would be well to send in a few things to remind you that Nubia is still on the map.

The New Baptist Church is almost completed and will be dedicated on New Year's day.

Rev. Hughes preached at the Baptist church Sunday morning and Sunday night. Rev. Dickerson preached at the Methodist church Sunday after noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Matthews have moved to their new home. Arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cargill a new son.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman are the proud parents of a new

baby girl. Mrs. R. H. Matthews who has been real sick, we are glad to note is much better. Mrs. Doyle Blair who has been sick so long is not much better at this writing.

There is to be a Christmas tree at the Methodist church at Nubia Saturday night. Every one is invited to come. And kids Santa Claus has promised to be there, so be sure and come. Mr. George Clinton has moved to the Mayfield place near Blair.

Mr. Doc Blackburn has gone to Knox County. Sybil

Coal and Feed. Phone 203. See Swafford and Leslie.

Better buy another ton of Coal, while you can get it. Mines are on a strike in western field now and no one knows when they will resume work. Swafford and Leslie. Phone 203 It

Frank Armstrong came home this week from New Orleans to spend the holidays with friends and home folks

Miss Ona Fae Bland, who has been attending Trinity University came in Wednesday morning to be at home for the holidays.

Coal and Feed. Phone 203. See Swafford and Leslie. It.

**WILL PREACH AT TRENT**

Eld W. G. Cypert announces that on next Sunday at eleven o'clock he will preach at Trent. He cordially invites everybody who can to be present.

We have the largest stock of tires in West Texas. New shipment just received. Merkel Garage.

Happy New Year to the man who turns over a new leaf. May he keep it clean.

Try American Beauty Flour and Meal. They stand for perfection in Bread making. Crown Hardware Co. It.

**Santa Claus' Books**

WHEN the evening shadows gather and the time is eight o'clock You can hear, if you will listen, Mr. Sand Man's gentle knock. Then you'd better hustle lively—time your evening prayers were said. And each boy and girl well tucked in their cozy, downy little bed. For when Mr. Sand Man's knocking sounds the signal, you may know Santa Claus is closely watching from his palace built of snow. And the children that are naughty and don't mind their ma's and pa's (Get their names down in the "Bad Book" that is kept by Santa Claus.

Boys who never split the kindling, and the girls who always cry When they're asked to wash the dishes— Santa Claus has got his eye On such boys and girls, and watches with a sad and sorry look As he writes each name in sorrow on the pages of his book. And the girl who never hurries, but lets mamma do the work. And the boy who's always scheming all his little chores to shirk— They may think no one pays notice when they don't help ma's and pa's But their names are on the "Bad Book" that is kept by Santa Claus.

But old Santa keeps a "Good Book"—it's the bestest book of all. Where he writes the names of children who are prompt at duty's call. And the boys who split the kindling and the girls who never shirk But rise early in the morning and help mamma with the work. And the boys who never grumble when there's work for them to do. And the girls who help their mamma's till the housework is all through— Oh, they needn't ever worry when it's Christmas time, because All their names are in the "Good Book" that is kept by Santa Claus.

Is your name down in the "Bad Book"? Well, there is still a chance for you. And if you will listen to me, I will tell you what to do. Don't act naughty, don't talk rudely, don't be noisy, be polite; Get up early in the morning, and into bed early at night. Cheerfully perform each duty, do your work before you play. Never put off till tomorrow work that should be done today. If you do these things, dear children, it will please your ma's and pa's. And your names go in the "Good Book" that is kept by Santa Claus.

**THE YULETIDE FLAME**

Spark in Hearts of People Cannot Be Quenched.

All Have Desire to Make Fellowmen Happy by Gift or Words of Greeting.

NEITHER hatred, nor envy, nor deceit, nor all the legions of ugly human passions that assail the heart, nor rancor between individuals, nor national lust for power, can extinguish it. They may dim but they cannot quench the spark in the heart of man which impels him, as every waning year brings the Christmas, to try to make a few of his fellowmen a little happier. Often it is by the method of the gift, perhaps something that costs hundreds of dollars, maybe only a penny card bearing an inscription of good cheer. Frequently it is some-

thing intangible, the whole-souled word of greeting to the old lady in a shawl who sells you your paper, or the smile of comradeship which you give the conductor who punches your ticket, or the elevator man who takes you up to your office (fellow workers all). It is not giving that counts, not the bestowal of something valued in dollars and cents, the transference of something from your hand to another's. That is a purely mechanical process, which may or may not create happiness. No; it is the longing to give, the desire to be the cause of another's happiness.

To wish to help others is the oldest passion in the world—even a little older than the impulse to overcome others. And it is the deathless passion as well. It needs no Christmas day to keep it alight, but as long as Christmas continues to provide fuel to make the flame of good fellowship burn brighter, that day will continue to be the richest 24 hours in all the year.

Miss Sylvia Sears of Hale Center, was the guest of Miss Maurine Angus for the weekend. The young ladies are students at Abilene Christian College, and the former very pleasantly spent a few days with the latter before going to her home for the Christmas holidays.

Coal and Feed. Phone 203. See Swafford and Leslie. It.

Bill Stevens and Doyle Garrett, came in Thursday morning from Sherman, where they have been attending Austin College.

Coal and Feed. Phone 203. See Swafford and Leslie. It.

Miss Loyce Dry came in from Denton, where she has been attending the College of Industrial arts

Max Mellinger, left Wednesday morning in response to a message received from Memphis Texas that his brother had died.

Coal and Feed. Phone 203. See Swafford and Leslie. It.

# Our Greetings

## In the Meaning of Christmas

IN THE true spirit of the occasion and with due appreciation of all it implies, we extend Christmas greetings to the readers of this publication. Christmas has a meaning possessed by no other holiday throughout the world. America has its national and special days, other countries have theirs; Christmas is the only one alike in spirit and celebrated in all Christian lands. So pure is its principle that it commands respect and admiration among people who worship their Creator in different ways from ours.

Christmas typifies all that is best in mankind. It is the culmination of the human mind throughout the ages dwelling upon the wonders and mysteries of existence, turning to a reverence for God and His representative on earth. It expresses the ascendancy of spirit, the realization of men of their interdependency and their duty to one another; and so it is marked by the bestowal of gifts and other sentiments of benevolence and well wishing.

The makers of newspapers, concerned as they are with the doings, manifestations and thoughts of their respective communities and the world at large, and recording them in their more important aspects for the information, mayhap the education of readers, are brought into an intimate sense of the spirit and meaning of Christmas. Would that we could express to you all the good that we see in the hearts of men and the increased brilliancy behind a few shadows of the light which has upheld the world for so many centuries. In the happy auguries we see for the future, there is every reason to be merry.

Our Yuletide thoughts go out to the people of this community and our thanks are due the patrons and kind friends who have given us practical support or extended encouragement during the year. May this be the best Christmas you have ever spent, is our wish to all.

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The spirit of the season prompts us to express to you appreciation of our pleasant business relations during the past year and to most heartily wish you health and prosperity for the coming year.

Hoping to be favored with your good will and patronage in 1922, we beg to remain,

Very truly,

# CROWN HARDWARE COMPANY

### GEM CAFE AND CONFECTIONARY

Located on Front Street, one door west of the American Shoe shop. We will have a complete line of Nuts, Candies, Fruit etc. We are making a closing out price on everything on December 23. Give us a call. Gem Cafe and Confectionary. 16t2p

### "I Got Real Mad When I Lost My Setting Hen," Mrs. Hanna

"I went into the hen house one morning and found...a,ddc rite setter dead. I got real mad. Went to the store, bought some RAT-SNAP and in a week I got six dead rats. Every body who raises poultry should keep RAT-SNAP." Three sizes, 35c, 65c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by Merkel Drug and Liberty Hardware Co.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ferguson and son Raymond are spending the holidays with relatives in Weatherford, Fort Worth and Dallas

### RED CROSS SEALS



Will be on sale at all the leading stores during the holidays buy them in preference to all others, they cost no more and you will be aiding some poor un fortunate.



SANDERS DRUG STORE

### EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

Leader, Ruth Pike. Song, Joy to the World. Scripture Reading (Matt. 1-11) The other Wise man, Cyrus Pee.

Reading, Gladys Middleton. The Angel and the Star, Mabel McNeese.

The signs in the Christmas tree, Joe Ridenbauch. A child's Dream of a Star, Ganevera Middleton.

Following the Star, Myrtle Daniels.

What Christmas should mean to an individual, by Rev. Foote.

Song Business League Benediction.

Rev. C W. Foote and family have gone to Comanche to visit with home-folks for a few days. Bro. Foote will likely return on Monday. Rev. J. W. Hunt will occupy the Methodist pulpit in Bro. Foote's absence.

Coal and Feed. Phone 203. See Swafford and Leslie.

Miss Amanda Curtis spent last week in Sweetwater at her brothers, C. W. Curtis. She attended the funeral of her nephew, Roy Curtis. This young man was known by Merkel people and frequently visited here.

Irregularity in the bowel movements makes you feel uncomfortable and leads to a constipated habit which is bad. Herbine is the remedy you need. It restores healthy regularity. Price, 60c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Dec.

Mr. and Mrs T F Compton are spending the winter at Santa Ana California.

Happy New Year to Every body.

Coal and Feed. Phone 203. See Swafford and Leslie.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### FOR SALE

Two good Fords in good condition at a bargain. Also a Buick six to trade for stock. McDonald Motor Co. 1t

FOR SALE—Some good work mules and horses, would trade, sell for cash or good notes on fall time Also some used cars to sell for cash or trade. E. L. Horton, Phone 137. 1t.

### FOR RENT

For Rent— Farm, 200 acres in cultivation, 2 sets of houses on place, 70 acres in pasture. Would like to rent to one outfit. 7 Miles south of Merkel. See G. W. Moore. 1t.

### WANTED

WANTED—Salesman for Merkel and vicinity Commission contract only, for spare time or full time. We will teach you to sell income protection through our free school of instruction and help you build a profitable business. Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company, Accident and Health Dept. Saginaw Michigan, Capital, \$1,500,000. 16t2

To relieve rheumatism, sprain lame back, lumbago or pleurisy Ballards Snow Liniment is a remedy of proven merit. It is very powerful and penetrating. Three sizes 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle Sold by Sanders Drug Store Dec.

Coal and Feed. Phone 203. See Swafford and Leslie. 1t.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus and daughter, Miss Maurine leave today for a visit with friends and relatives in Fort Worth 1t.

### THE TYLER COMMERCIAL COLLEGE CLOSES A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas enjoyed the biggest enrollment of their history in 1920. All previous records were broken by the total enrollment of four thousand, four hundred and eighty three the largest annual enrollment of any American business college. By the end of this year, they intend to beat that record. Last month, the total enrollment was ahead of the same period the previous year. The wide-awake, progressive young people of the South west have been coming to this great institution by the hundreds all thru the year.

There is a reason for the business enjoyed by this school,—the fact that since the beginning of the school they have always been ready to extend a helping hand to their students or graduates. This policy has won the friendship and good will of their former students and caused them to send relatives and friends to Tyler, knowing that they will receive the most thorough business training to be had, in the shortest time and at the least cost.

An example of their policy of helpfulness is the maintenance of the Students Loan Fund. Any ambitious young person who wants a business training but hasn't sufficient funds can secure financial assistance with which to get a business course

through this Students Loan Fund, paying it back after he has finished his course and has taken a position, which the College will secure for him. This makes it possible for every young man or woman who is really sincerely anxious to get an education and make a start in the world to do so.

The College also maintains a Service Department, which is absolutely free to all graduates. Any graduate of the school may, at any time, call on the Service Department for information on any question or problem of a business character and the desired information will be gladly given. The interest of the College in its graduates never ceases. They are always ready to assist a former student in any way possible.

For Complete information and a large free catalogue, fill in and mail coupon.

Name.....  
Address.....  
Interested in Students Loan Fund?

Peanuts—Best to be had. Shipped from Johnson Co., where there wasn't a drouth this year. Swafford and Leslie. 1t.

Misses Lucille Russell and Johnnie Bennett, who are teaching at Blair are attending the institute at Abilene this Week.

Happy Ney Year to our enemies. May they soon become our friends.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

As we approach the Christmas season, our thoughts naturally turn toward the higher things of life; the church strives continually to keep these things before us, why not admit the church to a larger share of our time. The Presbyterian church offers you a place of worship, our order of service gives every one in the congregation a part in the worship.

The Christmas spirit will be found in all our services this week. Saturday night there will be a Christmas tree, with a real Santa Claus present, also an interesting program will be given. The public is cordially invited to spend Christmas eve with us.

On Sunday the Choir will have some beautiful Christmas songs, there will also be some special numbers. Sermon Subject Sunday morning, "Following the Star." Subject for Sunday night, "Spirits of the Past." The Presbyterian church and Sunday school wishes all, "A Joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year. And extends to all a cordial invitation to worship with us. Fred S. Rogers Pastor.

Buy your hay and Feed from Swafford & Leslie. Phone 203.1t

Miss Lilly Pratt Sears has come home to spend the holidays with her parents and friends. She has been attending school at Kid Key College this past term

# Christmas Greetings



In appreciation of the business we have received the past twelve months we take this method in wishing our customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our increased number of Customers is evidence that we are giving satisfaction. No matter what you want, we are always ready to serve you. We have many attractive and useful gifts for the Motorist, such as Motor Meters, radiator Caps, radiator ornaments, spotlights, sun shades, no glares fornight driving, dash clocks, bumpers, tire covers, horns etc.

PHONE 123

That place where you get Personal Service.

## MERKEL GARAGE

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# Make This An Electric Christmas

For Father—

An Electric Fan,  
Desk Lamp,  
Flash Light

For Mother—

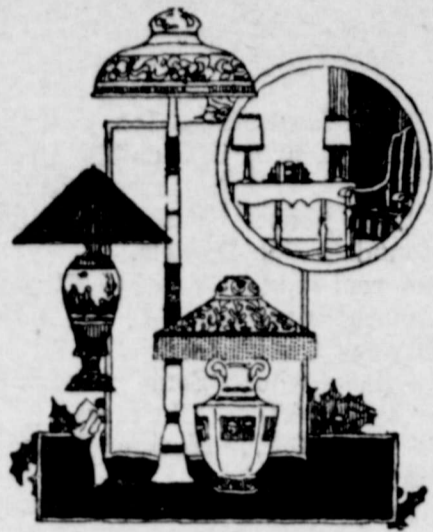
An Electric Range,  
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Toaster,  
Percolator,  
Cleaner,  
Sewing Machine

For "Him"—

An Electric Water Heater,  
Bed Lamp,  
Flash Light

For "Her"—

An Electric Boudoir Lamp,  
Chafing Dish,  
Junior Iron,  
Curling Iron,  
Grill.



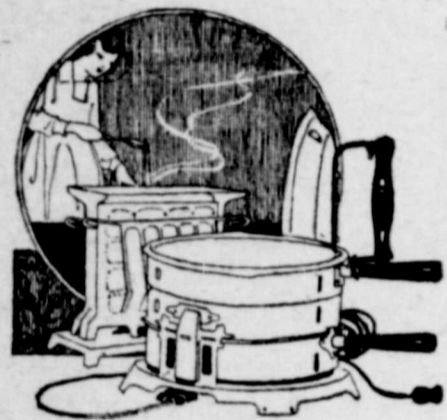
Electric Gifts at Christmas time, as on all other gift occasions, are not baubles or trinkets for a day or so. They are lasting gifts which carry electrical cheer throughout the years.

Keen Joy, real enthusiasm and gratitude will radiate from grown-ups when they receive something electrical as surely and as strongly as from the children who are given electrical toys.

For the recipients, Electrical Gifts will give Christmas Day an added meaning and increase happiness, comfort, and convenience every time they are used.

Then give Electrical Gifts for Christmas. They answer the question, "What shall give?", most satisfactory.

EASY MONTHLY TERMS ON  
ALL APPLIANCES



## Merkel Power Co.

### HANGING UP THE STOCKING

Time-Honored Christmas Custom  
Dates Back to the Days of St.  
Nicholas of Padua.

FROM Italy comes the legend from which we are supposed to get the time-honored custom of hanging up the Christmas stocking.

Good old St. Nicholas of Padua used to throw long knitted purses tied at both ends, into the open windows of the very poor people. These purses were made of yarn not unlike a footless stocking. Finally it became the custom of the people to hang them outside of their window on the night before Christmas, so that St. Nicholas could put a gift into them as he passed by. By and by, when coin became scarce, toys were put in for the children, and useful presents for grown people. In the North country where it was rather chilly at Christmas time, the purses were hung on the mantelpiece, and it was believed that the good old saint would come down the chimney and fill them. When these purses were out of use, stockings were substituted and have been used ever since.

### CHRISTMAS TIME IN FRANCE

Yuletide Season Great Time for Display of Green Plants; Houses Filled With Decorations.

IT IS the Le Petit Jesu that brings gifts to the French children at Christmas time. He never forgets a good child and is sure to slip something into the wooden shoe of the child if it is left at the door. He has, however, been known to leave pebbles in the shoe of one who has been naughty.

To the French, Christmas is the great time for greens. Everywhere one sees the brilliant poinsettia flower displayed. The houses are filled with mistletoe and holly, and half the fun of Christmas consists in getting the greens and decorating the houses. The houses are then ready for le Jour de l'An, or New Year's day, which is the giver of the two festivals.

### The Hodening Horse.

ABOUT the middle of the Nineteenth century it was the custom in Kent for the male farm-servants to go on Christmas eve from house to house with the hodening horse, which was an imitation of a horse's head, life size and made of wood and fastened on a stick about the length of a broom handle. The lower jaw had hinges and was arranged by means of a cord so that it would open and close. The strongest of the lads was selected for the horse. He stooped and supported himself by holding to the stick. Then he was covered with a horse cloth, and one of his companions mounted him, and such a kicking, rearing and gnashing of teeth as there was! They made the rounds of the houses begging a gratuity.

### Wandering Jew's Christmas.

There was a common belief in some countries that the spirits of the lost had rest on Christmas night, and that when the hour comes that ushers in the holy season, the wandering Jew rests his weary feet, and with sad, upturned face gazes in the direction of Jerusalem where he struck the Savior in the time of his trial. A lamp or candle must not be permitted to burn to its end on Christmas, as that forbodes a death in the family during that year. For the same reason a live coal must not be taken out of the home on that day.

### Celery Soup.

Take the coarse outer stalks of a bunch of celery and scrub them well. Cut into small pieces; cover with boiling water and boil until tender in an uncovered saucepan. Drain and save the water. Mash the celery through a colander, return to water and boil for ten minutes. To each cupful of celery water add a cupful of hot milk, two level tablespoonfuls of butter and one level tablespoonful of flour rubbed together. Season with salt and pepper. Sprinkle chopped parsley over the top of each bowl and serve with croutons.



START NOW  
Try to save a little  
From the cost of livin';  
Christmas time is coming,  
With its cost of givin'.

### Christmas in Peru.

A midnight mass is generally held the night before Christmas in Peru. Christmas day is generally celebrated by a huge spectacular bull fight, and after this has taken place, a religious procession follows, at the head of which usually is held a statue of the Virgin. When this ceremony is over people are free to enjoy themselves as they choose for the rest of the day.

## We Wish You

A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
A Happy and Prosperous New Year

**SANDERS**  
The Rexall Store

### GOLAN NEWSETTS

George Lawlis and family and J T Williams were guests of Jess Greene and family Sunday.

L. C Williams and wife spent Saturday night with her mother, Mrs. Dora Hill.

Misses Lotta and Annie Jones Gladys and Alma Gam, Ester Herron and Vera Lawlis visited Edith Hudspeth Sunday.

Miss Clonnie St Clair of Hayley was guest of Bettie Byrom Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Leonard Marris and Children of Anson were visiting her sister, Mrs. George Lawlis last week.

Vivian Mc Clung and brother Jack of McCauley spent the week-end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jeffery.

Owing to the large enrollment of pupils here the two teachers could not handle the ten grades and Supt. Thompson employed Prof. Loyd of Ft. Worth as principal, former principal, took the 5, 6, and 7th grades. The school will be much shorter but we trust a more successful term.

Our Sunday school is preparing for an Xmas tree Xmas eve. A program is being arranged by the teachers. We want everyone to come and help.

Mr and Mrs. Claude Stribling, Prof. Loyd, and Purvis

were guests of Charlie Doan's Sunday.

Mesdames, Mary Chapman and Bessie McClung were shopping in Anson Saturday

Clene Jeffery and family, Mr and Mrs. Med Herron and baby and Hugh Jeffery and wife were visiting at Frank Jeffery's Sunday. Zo.

Your clothes will stay clean longer, look better and last longer if properly cleaned and pressed. We remove every particle of dust before cleaning them. No after-gasoline smell. It doesn't cost any more to have them dry cleaned. Phone 218—Ligon the Laundryman tf

### A CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of thanking our many friends of this community and others for their untiring efforts during the sickness of our wife and mother. We feel that you did all you could to cheer and comfort us and we feel we owe some of the praise that we are now enjoying in good health. May the Lords richest blessings rest upon every one that so kindly helped us. W. M. Carey and family.

We have the largest stock of tires in West Texas. New shipment just received. Merkel Garage.

## SAM EXTENDS THANKS

I wish to thank the public for all business and ask for continuation of same When you want good Oil and Gas see or 'phone 168.

Wishing all a Merry Xmas a prosperous and Happy New Year.

**Sam Owens**  
The Magnolia Man

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W. O. BONEY

MERKEL, TEXAS

### NEWS FROM TRENT

Last Friday the Merkel boys and girls came down for a game of basket ball The Trent teams were victorious in both games, boys score being, 26 to 11 and the girls 23 to 15. Sweetwater girls also met defeat on our court on last Thursday, 14 to 6.

Last Sunday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage in Trent, Mr. Ellis Smith and Miss Burma Howell were united in marriage, Rev. B. Y. Dickinson officiating. These are prominent young people who have a host of friends that wish them much happiness in their new life.

The Womans Missionary Society has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Estep; Vice-president, Mrs. J B McRee; Cor Sec., Mrs. Otho Smith; Treas., Mrs R B Johnson; Rec Sec. Mrs E L Mangum; Supt of

Service, Mrs Sol Johnson; Supt of Young People, Mrs. B Y. Dickerson.

The building occupied by the firm of Estep and Stevens is being overhauled, which will add much to its convenience and appearance.

Sunday afternoon an Epworth League was organized at the Methodist church, with Oakley Graham, Sec and Treas; Dept. of Recreation and culture, Miss Amanda Payne, and Mesdames R. B. McRee and B. Y. Dickinson; Dept of social service, Miss Norma Boyd; Dept. of Devotion, Misses Anice Richards and Lillian Telford.

Buy a sack of that big, snow-white, butter kist Pop Corn at Boney's tf.

Peace Maker Flour, at G. M. Sharp's

### BLAIR DOTS

Everybody enjoyed the program at Blair last Friday night. We are sorry to say that Mr. E. E. Patterson has been very sick the past week.

Mr. L. H. Spears has got a big tank built just waiting for a good rain.

Mr. Dee Malone got his arm broken Saturday morning, while cranking his car.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cargill are the proud parents of a fine boy.

Mr. George Clinton has moved in our community and we are very glad to welcome him here.

Mrs. S. L. Harrison has gone to Clyde to spend Christmas.

We wish the Editor a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year Old Trailer

You will find the things here for your fruit cake. See Crown Hardware Company. tf.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We take this means of thanking our many friends and customers for their patronage and influence during the year that is now almost past and gone.

While conditions have not been just what we would have them be, we have many things to be proud of; and which we could not have accomplished with out your loyalty to us.

Trusting that you will never loose trust in us to always supply you with the best merchandise at the lowest possible mark'd price. .Wishing one and all a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

**A. C. ROSE**

# GREETINGS FROM BARROW FURNITURE CO.

We are profoundly Grateful to our host of Friends and Customers, for their very liberal patronage during the year of 1921. And we assure each and every one, that we heartily appreciate every courtesy shownus.

Two more days of unheard of bargains in Furniture. You can buy furniture Friday and Saturday cheaper than you can after Xmas. Why not take advantage of our Special Xmas prices and make your Xmas present Furniture.

Remember the Free goods to be given away Saturday. Come in and take advantage of this big Opportunity.

Again Thanking each and every one of you, and wishing you a Merry Xmas and a Prosperous New Year.

We are Respectfully

# BARROW FURNITURE COMP'Y

### BLAIR ITEMS

The people are still enjoying the dry weather here and the cold snap has caused them to be very busy killing hogs.

Johnnie Ray and clerks are very busy as the "piano contest is near a close.

Doan and Campbell have pur-

chased a new truck for the purpose of carrying on their business at this place.

Earl Hughes of Abilene made a jitney trip here Sunday visiting relatives.

Mr. Eli Spears and family of Stith visited his parents Sunday.

Miss Mattie Campbell spent

Saturday night with Miss L. V. Rains at Compere.

All who attended the party at Mr. George Reeves, Saturday night reported an excellent time.

Mr. Purl Sanfer, accompanied by Miss Lucille Russell motored to Merkel, Sunday evening.

Prof. Jones accompanied by several of his pupils made a "hike" to Blow Out Sunday, carrying their kodaks.

Mr. Adrian Farmer and family have moved to White church.

The school will give an entertainment Friday, December 16, every one is invited to come.

Sunday school was reorganized Sunday. Every one invited to attend.

Bro Brown will fill his regular appointment, Sunday Dew Drops

Would you invest a \$1.50 for a new suit of clothes. That is what our cleaning and pressing solves. Ligon the laundryman. Phone 218.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish through the columns of the Merkel Mail to thank the many Merkel School children who so generously showered us with Christmas gifts this Christmas time. May we wish each one of you a Merry Xmas. J. M. Ashby and Family.

Your household linen washed and ironed at 8c per pound is cheaper than you can do it your self. Ligon the Laundry man. Phone 218.

Happy New Year to the aged and infirm. May they have strength to bear their infirmities for the short time they are to remain with us.

Cotton Seed Meal at G. M. Sharps.

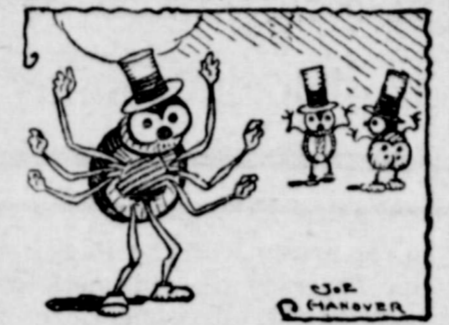
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### THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

Birth of the Christ Child Announced by Angel.

Good Tidings of Great Joy to All the People in Coming of the Savior.

NOW it came to pass in those days, there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment made when Quirinus was governor of Syria. And all went to enroll themselves, every one to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to enroll himself with Mary, who was betrothed to him, being great with child. And it came to pass, while they were



VERY USEFUL "Say, wouldn't Mr. Spider be useful to tie up bundles during the Christmas rush?"

Imperative. Crawford—Does your wife beg you for Christmas money? Crabshaw—I wouldn't put it exactly that way. She issues an ultimatum.—Judge.

"What's in a Name?" By MILDRED MARSHALL Facts about your name, its history, meaning, whence it was derived, significance, your lucky day and lucky jewel.

### DORIS.

THOUGH etymologists do not directly connect Doris with Dorothy, and some believe that she is merely a modern version of a feminine fancy for a name a trifle out of the ordinary. It is impossible to believe that her source was not identical with Dorothea and that strange but correct reversal Theodora.

Such being the case, Doris comes from one of the early Christian Greek names, notably Thekla. St. Thekla was said to have been a disciple of St. Paul and to have been exposed to lions at Antioch. Instead of tearing her to pieces, they crouched at her feet, but nevertheless she was considered the first virgin martyr, and no higher praise is possible for a woman than to compare her to St. Thekla. From Thekla came the French Tecla and then through the Eastern church, Theodora, signifying "divine gift," and, much later, the incorrect Dorothea.

There have been two St. Theodoras one a virgin martyr and the other a Greek empress.

Massinger composed a drama dealing with the story of St. Dorothea, the Cappadocian maiden who sent the roses of paradise by angelic hands as testimony of the joys of heaven. It is needless to go into the growth of Dorothea, followed by Dorothy, Dolly, Dora, and Dorinda. Her contractions elaborations and diminutives are legion, but unfortunately history does not record what first enterprising mother named her baby Doris, though the name is almost as popular as Dorothy in England and America. Even Germany uses it. France alone finds it too harsh for her tongue and prefers the softer Dorette and Dorallce.

The talismanic stone assigned to Doris is the agate, which gives her courage, guards her from danger and is also said to be a cure for insanity if worn as a pendant around the throat. Friday is Doris' lucky day and 5 her lucky number.

A LINE O' CHEER By John Kendrick Bangs. THE ANTE-ROOM. WHATEVER that other world may be That all of us look forward to. In which a pure felicity Awaits the spirit true, Whatever be the nature of. That golden realm of wondrous bliss. 'Tis sure that Honor, Cheer, and Love, Make Paradise of this.

Average Intelligence Low. On a basis of tests made on 1,500,000 soldiers, 500 school children, 500 delinquent boys and 250 feeble-minded individuals, a writer in the Journal of Applied Psychology states that the average mental age of adults is only thirteen years. This means that the average thirteen-year-old boy, though of course he does not know nearly so much as the average grown man, is his equal in intelligence.

# TO MY FRIENDS

I wish you a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. We thank you for the past year's business, as it has been very good.

We have been in the Restaurant game for several years and find this fall to be the best in our history, having sold something like Seven thousand pounds of meats from the Patterson Bros. Market since Sept. 11th and 31 thousand oysters for Cenac and Co of Homar L. A. since Sept. 11th.

We hope to be at your service next year just back of the Farmers State Bank. Our motto is more to eat for less money.

Yours as ever

# CAMPBELL CAFE

### HEBRON NEWS

The weather continues fair and warm. The meeting at Hebron, which was conducted by Bro Tankersly of Abilene closed Sunday night and we believe a great good will result from Bro. Tankersly's untiring efforts. The church called Bro Tankersly for pastor, and he will be with us again the first Sunday in January 1922.

Several farmers attended the trades day at Merkel, Monday of this week.

Dan Matthews and family took dinner with R. A. Reagon and family last Sunday.

Will Mettingly and family of Compere visited Mrs. Mattingly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hodges last Sunday. A. L. Peek and family visited W. M. Carey Sunday afternoon.

Clara and Mary Estell Wortham visited Blanche Carey, Sunday afternoon.

Oliver Carey and Nelson Gazaway were pleasant callers at Mr. Tylers, Sunday afternoon. We learn some of our neighbors boys are training their horses by riding them into our school house, which is not the right thing to do. Be careful boys.

### B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Our lesson for next Sunday is a Missionary Lesson.

Leader, Maud Hardy. Hymn.

Opening prayer Bible Study, Mrs. Miller Introduction, by leader.

Some things in which China is the Greatest, Lula Belle Sharp.

The Chinese are physically the World's Strongest Nation, Ruth Boden.

China's Great Wealth, Lillian Craig.

The Powers of Superstition, Gyrle Howard.

Education in China, Gladys Mayfield.

The failure of China's old Religion, Ruth Holloway.

Christianity in China, Nell Tracy.

Southern Baptist Missions in China, Rev Parrack.

Hymn. Prayer Our union meets at Six. Come you will be welcomed.

You will enjoy the holidays better if your clothes have been properly cleaned and pressed. Ligon the Laundry man Phone 218.

### HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The fourth, fifth, and sixth and seventh grades have been running a close race this week to see which could sell the most Christmas stamps. At noon, Thursday, the seventh grade was ahead, with a balance of eighteen dollars and ninety three cents.

The seventh Grade sold sandwiches last Friday and made enough money to buy shades for their windows. Each one of the students wish to thank Mrs. Dennis for making the sandwiches, and also Mr. Darsey for selling the shades at cost.

The Basket Ball teams were both defeated at Trent la Friday afternoon. The girls lost by a score of 23 to 15 and the boys 26 to 11 But their motto "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again", has kept up their morale and they say, "just wait til we get Trent down here Miss Tracy sent some of her students up to entertain the English classes Friday morning The program was greatly enjoyed

Both the Boy's teams will play the first and second teams from the home court on Friday afternoon Come out and help the boys win.

The ninth grade entertained the eighth grade last Friday evening at the home of Miss Myrtle Daniels. The feature of the evening was a "hot tamale contest" between Cyrus Pee and Bell McDonald. After each had eaten almost two dozen, the contest was given up and called a tie. Delicious refreshments were served and these two classes reported to the Juniors and Seniors that "America" was good enough for them.

Every one is looking forward to a good Christmas vacation. All of the rooms are gaily decorated and a good many of the grades will have programs on Friday afternoon.

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Happy New Year to the housewives. And may their husbands appreciate them as they should be appreciated.

Oats, Bran and Shorts at G. M. Sharps.

# A PLEDGE TO YOU

For five strenuous years now, our business has gone ahead, steadily growing in volume and growing wider in its circle of satisfied friends. In a large measure, this is due to the confidence and hearty co-operation of each and every patron of this store. Particularly during the last year, when a great lassitude oppressed business, every where have our friends stood by us. Your constancy and your faith are appreciated by this firm.

Now we are entering another trying phase of the readjustment period, a time when wages are decreasing and employment is far from plentiful. It is our turn to prove the friend, and we promise to do so. All goods will be sold on the closest margin possible, all prices will be kept at an absolute minimum. Every effort will be put forth at all times to have our prices lower than the market level, thus increasing the buying power of your income.

At any time we will be glad to have you inform us of a lower price than ours on merchandise of an equal quality. This policy is a stricter application of our business creed—half the profits, twice the customers. In a time like this we confidently believe it preferable to make friends rather than to make money. In conclusion, I want to thank you for all you have done for me.

My wife joins me in A Merry Xmas and A Happy New Year to you all.

# JOHN RAY

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### The New Year

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To youth the New Year means a long, pleasure-filled evening and the writing of a new date on their letters. They look neither forward nor back. They make resolutions because it seems the correct thing to them to do. They keep them sometimes and it helps make them better men and women, but it is not a serious matter with them—just as is natural for youth.

Older folks involuntarily look back a bit on the even of a new year—not systematically, but with a general sweeping glance that usually makes them a bit uncomfortable at things left undone or failures to make good as they had intended. Maybe there has been just one thing accomplished that gives them a little warm feeling round their hearts—maybe not. The great sorrow or great joy stands out with more meaning to them than to youth. 'Tis another milestone passed.

The New Year may not present very bright prospects to some, but these same older folks know that there is something better in store than what the immediate future seems to offer—know that unhappy things can't last—that they are pretty sure to lead to something greater and better—know that even if they can't understand the reason for sorrow and trouble that there is a reason—know it deep down within themselves, though outwardly they resent and rebel against fate. It is not blind faith or optimism that teaches this, but reason and knowledge of life.

Older folks know that the year is bound to bring happiness and relief to those who are now bearing sorrow and trouble.—Mrs. J. E. Leslie, in the Detroit News.

### BAPTIST CHOIR

The Young People of the Baptist Church met last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burl Scott at seven thirty o'clock to organize a choir. The following officers were elected: Mr. Burl Scott, president; Holland Teaff, vice-president; Mrs. Burl Scott, Secretary and treasure; Mrs. L B Howard, first Pianoist and Directress; Miss Lula Belle Sharp, second Pianoest; Yates Brown, choir leader; Miss Dove Teaff, Librarian.

The choir will meet every Friday night for Choir practice at the Baptist church and let those that are members be sure and be there. We departed at 10:45 bidding good evening to Mr and Mrs. Scott, wishing for another call meeting soon.

You will enjoy the holidays better if your clothes have been properly cleaned and pressed. Ligon the Laundry man Phone 218.

## GRACE Presbyterian Church

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### ANNOUNCES

A Christmas Tree and Special Program  
Saturday Night Dec. 24

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11 o'clock

Begining Saturday, Jan. 1st  
The Biggest and Best  
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FREE TICKETS OF ADMISSION  
Will be given away to all  
Present on Next Sunday

Line up now and help us make the  
Presbyterian Sunday School  
Just the Sunday School you would have  
it be.

We wish you a Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year

### BUSY BEE CLUB ENTERTAINED

Last Friday at 2 o'clock the members begin to gather at the home of Miss Maxie Banner where they were hospitably entertained with music and games. Quite a bit of fancy work was done as Christmas is fast approaching. A general good time was had. The name of the club was changed from "Busy Bee to Friendship", and will here after be known as the "Friendship Club". We will meet next Friday night with Mrs. M. C. Busbee. After all business was transacted cheese sandwiches, olives and hot tea was served to the following: Mrs. L. J. Renfro; Lowe; McCoy; C. M. Pogue; Owens; Golliday; Turner, Geo. McDonald; Sanders; Buzbee; Hancock; Banner; Misses, Renna Burns; Luna White, Durwood Owens, Lucille Owens; Ruby Fae Golliday; Jeraldine McDonald; Jack Lowe Bruce Hancock, Clara Jeanette Hancock, and hostess. Reporter.

### Happy New Year

W. O. Johnson of Mulberry Canyon was in Friday and made this office a visit He says he has cured the 3rd cancer in 7 years, and has the receipt to cure same.

Cotton Seed Meal at G. M. Sharps. tf.

Miss Evelyn Hamm, Lola Armstrong, Lula Mae Boaz and Miss Hazel Harkrider all have come home for the holidays. They have been going to school at T. W. C. this term.

### BLACK NEW YEAR PUDDING

Ingredients: One cupful black molasses; one cupful thick sour milk; one dessertspoonful soda; beat well. Add one teaspoonful salt; one grated nutmeg; one-eighth pound citron, chopped fine; one-fourth pound suet, chopped fine; four dry figs, chopped fine; one dozen almonds, minced fine; one cupful seeded raisins; three raw tart apples, chopped coarsely; three cupfuls flour. Mix all together, steam in a buttered mold for three hours and dry for 15 minutes in an oven. Serve with any good pudding sauce. This will serve 15 persons.

### RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved: To save my money and lead a frugal life.  
Resolved: To do my duty.  
And still abstain from strife.  
Resolved: To give up smoking.  
And never touch a drop.  
Resolved: To heed the speed laws.  
And n'er offend a cop.  
Resolved: To quit complaining.  
And smile whenever I can.  
Resolved: To cease from knocking.  
And praise my fellow man.  
Resolved—but what's the use of my plunging in so deep?  
I've made more resolutions  
Than any man could keep.

### CENTER PIECE HINT.

To launder heavy embroidered round or oval center pieces, wash and starch quite stiff. While wet, divide into fourths or eighths, place paper on rug and pin to floor, as you would stretch curtains on a stretcher. When dry remove pins, and you will have a center done up beautifully, without any ironing.

## IT'S SURPRISE DAY

NEXT SUNDAY AT THE

## Baptist Sunday School

Hear Miss Christine Collins Sing

### "The Holy City"

We had 60 in our Young Men's Class last Sunday. Beginning Sunday this class will occupy their New Room that has just been completed. There is room for 125 young men. Young men, we will make you feel at home.

Our Goal last Sunday was 450  
We had 516 Present

Our Furnace-Heated Brick Church is Most Comfortable on the Coldest Days.

If you are Going to Have a Turkey Dinner Xmas day, come to Sunday School first, dinner will taste better after a pleasant hour at Church.

Ask anybody who attended the Baptist Sunday School last Sunday—They

### WILL TELL YOU

whether the programs are interesting

REMEMBER—that we will take you to Sunday School if you will phone 310, 194 or 102 by 9:30 a.m. Sunday

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### The New Year

THE year that has just closed means something different to most everybody. To some it has brought a great joy; to others a great sorrow; to many, both grief and gladness in full measure. Many of us have gone along the regular, uneventful path, filled with the happiness of love and work and the joy of everyday things, which, after all, is the best happiness.

To youth the New Year means a long, pleasure-filled evening and the writing of a new date on their letters. They look neither forward nor back. They make resolutions because it seems the correct thing to them to do. They keep them sometimes and it helps make them better men and women, but it is not a serious matter with them—just as is natural for youth.

Older folks involuntarily look back a bit on the even of a new year—not systematically, but with a general sweeping glance that usually makes them a bit uncomfortable at things left undone or failures to make good as they had intended. Maybe there has been just one thing accomplished that gives them a little warm feeling round their hearts—maybe not. The great sorrow or great joy stands out with more meaning to them than to youth. 'Tis another milestone passed.

The New Year may not present very bright prospects to some, but these same older folks know that there is something better in store than what the immediate future seems to offer—know that unhappy things can't last—that they are pretty sure to lead to something greater and better—know that even if they can't understand the reason for sorrow and trouble that there is a reason—know it deep down within themselves, though outwardly they resent and rebel against fate. It is not blind faith or optimism that teaches this, but reason and knowledge of life.

Older folks know that the year is bound to bring happiness and relief to those who are now bearing sorrow and trouble.—Mrs. J. E. Leslie, in the Detroit News.

### BAPTIST CHOIR

The Young People of the Baptist Church met last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burl Scott at seven thirty o'clock to organize a choir. The following officers were elected; Mr. Burl Scott, president; Holland Teaff, vice-president; Mrs. Burl Scott, Secretary and treasure; Mrs. L B Howard, first Pianoist and Directress; Miss Lula Belle Sharp, second Pianoest; Yates Brown, choir leader; Miss Dove Teaff, Librarian.

The choir will meet every Friday night for Choir practice at the Baptist church and let those that are members be sure and be there. We departed at 10:45 bidding good evening to Mr and Mrs. Scott, wishing for another call meeting soon.

You will enjoy the holidays better if your clothes have been properly cleaned and pressed. Ligen the Laundry man Phone 218.

## GRACE Presbyterian Church

"The Friendly Church"

### ANNOUNCES

A Christmas Tree and Special Program  
Saturday Night Dec. 24

Special Christmas Services Sunday  
Morning, Dec. 25  
11 o'clock

Begining Saturday, Jan. 1st  
The Biggest and Best  
**AUTOMOBILE RACE**  
Ever Staged in West Texas

FREE TICKETS OF ADMISSION  
Will be given away to all  
Present on Next Sunday

Line up now and help us make the  
Presbyterian Sunday School  
Just the Sunday School you would have  
it be.

We wish you a Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year

### BUSY BEE CLUB ENTERTAINED

Last Friday at 2 o'clock the members begin to gather at the home of Miss Maxie Banner where they were hospitably entertained with music and games. Quite a bit of fancy work was done as Christmas is fast approaching. A general good time was had. The name of the club was changed from "Busy Bee to Friendship", and will here after be known as the "Friendship Club". We will meet next Friday night with Mrs. M. C. Busbee. After all business was transacted cheese sandwiches, olives and hot tea was served to the following: Mrs. L. J. Renfro; Lowe; McCoy; C. M. Pogue; Owens; Golliday; Turner, Geo. McDonald; Sanders; Buzbee; Hancock; Banner; Misses, Renna Burns; Luna White, Durwood Owens, Lucille Owens; Ruby Fae Golliday; Jeraldine McDonald; Jack Lowe Bruce Hancock, Clara Jeannette Hancock, and hostess. Reporter.

### Happy New Year

W. O. Johnson of Mulberry Canyon was in Friday and made this office a visit He says he has cured the 3rd cancer in 7 years, and has the receipt to cure same.

Cotton Seed Meal at G. M. Sharps. tf.

Miss Evelyn Hamm, Lola Armstrong, Lula Mae Boaz and Miss Hazel Harkrider all have come home for the holidays. They have been going to school at T. W. C. this term.

### BLACK NEW YEAR PUDDING

Ingredients: One cupful black molasses; one cupful thick sour milk; one dessertspoonful soda; beat well. Add one teaspoonful salt; one grated nutmeg; one-eighth pound citron, chopped fine; one-fourth pound suet, chopped fine; four dry figs, chopped fine; one dozen almonds, minced fine; one cupful seeded raisins; three raw tart apples, chopped coarsely; three cupfuls flour. Mix all together, steam in a buttered mold for three hours and dry for 15 minutes in an oven. Serve with any good pudding sauce. This will serve 15 persons.

### RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved: To save my money and lead a frugal life.  
Resolved: To do my duty.  
And still abstain from strife.  
Resolved: To give up smoking.  
And never touch a drop.  
Resolved: To heed the speed laws.  
And ne'er offend a cop.  
Resolved: To quit complaining.  
And smile whenever I can.  
Resolved: To cease from knocking.  
And praise my fellow man.  
Resolved—but what's the use of  
My plunging in so deep?  
I've made more resolutions  
Than any man could keep.

### CENTER PIECE HINT.

To launder heavy embroidered round or oval center pieces, wash and starch quite stiff. While wet, divide into fourths or eighths, place paper on rug and pin to floor, as you would stretch curtains on a stretcher. When dry remove pins, and you will have a center done up beautifully, without any ironing.

## IT'S SURPRISE DAY

NEXT SUNDAY AT THE

## Baptist Sunday School

Hear Miss Christine Collins Sing  
"The Holy City"

We had 60 in our Young Men's Class last Sunday. Beginning Sunday this class will occupy their New Room that has just been completed. There is room for 125 young men. Young men, we will make you feel at home.

Our Goal last Sunday was 450  
We had 516 Present

Our Furnace-Heated Brick Church is Most Comfortable on the Coldest Days.

If you are Going to Have a Turkey Dinner Xmas day, come to Sunday School first, dinner will taste better after a pleasant hour at Church.

Ask anybody who attended the Baptist Sunday School last Sunday—They

### WILL TELL YOU

whether the programs are interesting

REMEMBER—that we will take you to Sunday School if you will phone 310, 194 or 102 by 9:30 a.m. Sunday

DON'T FORGET—that on each Sunday the Garages close at 9:00 a. m.—the Drug Stores close at 9:30 a. m.—Meat Markets are closed all day Sundays