75 ENJOY BIG

the banquet was one that Mer- youd your conception." kel will not forget for many moons.

accomplished will put Merkel in more attractive.

city where there now stands knocker." tock pen, the speakers easily ected that the populace was

Elaborate Banquet

s were decorated with flowers doubled. id music was a feature of the cassion.

el Commerical and Agricultur- and south of this city. Club, the Rev. Fred S. Rogers The next speaker on the pro- completed.

Judge Cummings, formerly County Judge of Jones County, recently moved from Anson to Merkel where he has opened up a law office. Judge Cummings elaborated on the congeniality and hospitality of Merkel and stated that Merkel was very at-We take pleasure in reproduc tractive to him, from the stand ing the following full and com- point of schools, churches and of the High school Lyceum met in regular session on last plete report of the big Com- civic assets, all of which are not Course will be given at the Wednesday afternoon. We were merical & Agricultural Club portrayed as they should be. High school Auditorium on Wed indeed glad to have such a nice Banquet held in this city last "You Merkel people do not por- nesday evening, January 17th, sized crowd present and for all Tuesday evening, as given by tray your town as you should," at 7:30 o'clock. This is the 5th the new members who gave the Abilene Morning Reporter. declared the speaker. "As a number of the course, and with their names for membership. Mr. George McDaniel, brilliant new comer I see much here the possible exception of the We still have room on our Club young writer connected with that you do not appreciate. Tamburica Ochestra, is the best membership roll for many more that splendid publication, was Your town is superior to most number of the course. The pro- names and we surely wish that present and is responsible for towns your size in the matter gram will be varied enough to every parent of Merkel who the excellent write-up of the of school and church envior- satisfy all. It will consist of in- feels at all interested in the Mer evening's entertainment, which ment. Your churches are extra strumental solos and duets, in- kel school would attend these Merkel, Tex., Jan. 10—One of are above the average. You do phone, and cornet, interspersed if you would come you would the most rousing and entertain- not portray to your neighboring with excellent vocal numbers, become so interested in the ing commercial meetings held towns just what you have here. You cannot afford to miss this work of this organization that here in many months was stag- My wife and I are delighted and very excellent number. If you you would join hands with us and of which his lattice, Mr. G. here in many months was stag- My wife and I are delighted and very excellent number. If you you would join hands with us F. West is at the head. John, as ed last night in the form of a elated over coming to Merkel, believe in this class of entertain and help us put the Merkel Pub he is called by his host of fribanquet by the Merkel Commer- You have apparently received ment, encourage it by your pat lic School on the map. ical and Agricultural Club, us with open arms and yet you ronage. Unless the patronage A splendid program was renwhich was attended by approx- people do not realize what the increases a great deal for the dered at this meeting and every imately one hundred people. A hand clasp that you give really last two numbers, the course number on the program was renumber of the members means to the new comer. From will show a financial deficit, sponded to very heartily by brought their wives and lady a business standpoint your pos- This would mean that lyceum those to whom parts had been friends with them and all in all sibilities are unlimited and be- courses in the future will not be assigned. We were indeed glad

Mayor Speaks

The subjects of half a dozen of the City Administration," not pay financially, a course can Gay for the two musical numtalks were pertaining to "Mer- Mayor H. C. West, stressed the not be secured. Come! Boost! bers on the program. kel" and before the meeting importance of the assistance of See and hear the Collins Duo! After the Program, a short PROGRAM FOR QUARTERLY was half over any stranger who all the people o fMerkel in mat For years Mr. Collins was business session was held. The might be present could easily ters that make for a better manager of the Castle Square Chairman of Entertainment see that Merkel is not portray- Merkel. The mayor emphasized Entertainers in which company Committee reported the coming to the world all her real and that with all pulling together his cornet and violin solos, clev- mittee working on a plan to erly Conference at Nubia on tangible assets, which if proper the betterment of Merkel was er musical character imperson- submit to the different rooms January 20 and 21 will be: ly played up would make for a assured. He also invited suggest ations, ballads and topical songs in the school by which we hope greater Merkel, and that the ions and criticism from any cit- were outstanding features. Fol- to increase our attendance at Lane. commerical and civic leaders of izen and urged the people to lowing that association, he had these meetings. A few other Merkel have some worth while make Merkel a cleaner town by several seasons in vaudeville small matters of business were session. improvements, enterprises un- each person cleaning up his with the Fraternity Four and attended to, after which a moder consideration which when premises and making the homes the Four Lincolns. Then three tion was made and carried to Bro. Lane.

As was intimated by several Methodist Church, and in the phone soloist, who by becoming of many things necessary for of the speakers, Merkel has not very outset of his remarks the Mrs. Collins completed this in- carrying on first class school Bills of \$3.00 or more will be head this institution for the ensources and does not realize the should be an ideal town with her tours with the Varsity Sex- able things lacking are libraries cash prices. Will appreciate our best fixed and most excelmagnitude of the attractive as- paved streets, a sewer system, tette, Mrs. Collins was associat- for the grades.

Your patronage. W. F. Hamb- lent citizens and will be delivered. Come and get my suing eyar. Mr. Sears is one of the attractive asyour patronage. W. F. Hamb- lent citizens and will be delivered. sets that she has to offer the and a new high school. "One of ed with the Lincoln Ladies Or- Our next meeting will be the lett. prospective new comer. The lead the first things that we should chestra. Musicianship, Person- Second Wednesday afternoon ers of the commerical activities do is to fall in love with Merkel, ality and experience combine to in February, and we hope to of the city set the ball to rolling declared Mr. Hays. "It takes make this one of the most de- have a full house at that meet-Tuesday night when they de- people to make a town-men lightful duos on the Lyceum ing. Our committee are workclared for a better, bigger, and and women who love the town platform. more attractive Merkel by de- and I want to urge you people termining to take an active to become boosters for Merkel, day, January 17th, 7:30 p. m. time.—Club Reporter part in seeing that Merkel ac- Buy your goods in Merkel Admission will be by season complishes something of a spend your money in Merkel, ticket or by payment of single worth while civic nature and bet and do not send your money off terment during the year 1922. to mail order houses where it De-'aring themselves to be in will not do Merkel any good. r of paved streets in the You will be worth more to your ness district (the city now community and your community graveled streets in the busi will be worth more to you if you and residence districts) spend your money at home. Be further that Merkel should for your town first, last and all a new High school building the time. I think the unpardonsewerage system, a great able sinner, commerically speak te way and an attractive ing, is the knocker and this is Just as we were going to odist Church held a business than an average of 75 percent Rogers. nicipal park in the heart of one town that has no use for a press this Thursday afternoon, meeting Sunday and elected the on each subject and make a gen Editorials from Home Mission

Merkel on the map. We have tance west of town. earn peas, fruit salad, cran- They are learning how to be ing, and in some way lost con- and Mrs. S. G. Russell. rry sauce, pickles, lettuce, ap worth more to their town and trol of the car, with the result by the ladies of the primary able them to help build a great- windshield and also pinning and Mrs. T. F. Compton. partment of the Methodist er Merkel. I want to call attent- him underneath the car, which surch. The Banquet was held ion to the fact that in the past was a Hudson Super Six; killthe Gaither Building on Ed- two years the Sunday school at ing him almost instantly.

In the absence of the Presi- emphasize the need of better the bereaved loved ones. ent H. M. Rainbolt of the Mer- roads, especially to the north As this is being written, fun-

astor of the Presbyterian gram was L. R. Thompson, who nurch, acted as toastmaster spoke on "The Outlook for 1923 Mrs. Reeves who for the past the school. nd showed his proficiency in and it did not take more than year or more has been in the

ford to give up this sort of en- Hays present with us. Speaking on the "Problems tertainment? If the course does | We are very thankful to Miss

edmission of 35 and 50 cents.

we are indeed sorry to learn following officers. Putting Merkel on The Map that Mr. C. L. Dubree, a farm- President, Mary Ellen Smth, ment, punctuality and attend- A Dish of Queries Speaking on the subject, er residing a few miles west of Vice President, Juanita Beene, ance) of not less than 85 per- Closing Prayer h them by the cheering de- "What can the Citizenship do town lost his life when the car Sec. and Treas., Intha Bird, Re- cent. I make this little statenstration when an appeal to put Merkel on the Map", Dr. in which he, with his wife and porter, Eva Maye Johnson, ment in order that the parent s made for each of these as- M. Armstrong declared that Co- daughter were riding, turned Supt. of Social committee, Opal may better know when to exoperative work is what will put over on the pike a short dis- Patterson.

the Mail joins the entire citi- home. "There are many things that zenship of the community in ex Merkel needs and I want to tending deepest sympathy to

(continued on back page) making that state their home. [come them back to our city. [Merkel School.

The next to the last number The Parent-Teachers Club fine. Your civic improvements cluding the piano, violin, saxa- meetings. And we feel sure that

signed up for. Can Merkel af- to have Bro. Rogers and Bro.

seasons in Canada, the last one adjourn. After adjournment, Mr the forefront of West Texas "Merkel As It Should Be" was with the Varsity Sextette in Burgess very gladly conducted Bro. Lane. towns that are even much largthe subject of an address by the which company he found Mary us through the building, and we
er than Merkel.

Rev. M. C. Hays, pastor of the Louise Long, pianist and saxa- could not fail to notice the lack

> ng and we fill have some things Remember the date-Wednes worth while for you by that

WILL PREACH AT HOPE

Sunday. All are invited to be school will receive their report there at 10 o'clock a. m. to cards. This will contain a report Roll call, answer with Scripture Study the Bible with us. W. G. of the pupil's work for one-half Quotations Cypert.

The Booster Class of the Meth the pupil should not make less Mormonism, by Mrs. Fred S.

The banquet, consisting of an right now forty to forty-five While we have not been able Miss Lucille Russell returned hundred pupils on the Honor petizing menu of chicken. of our boys and girls at college to get the exact facts, we are to Sylvester after spending the Roll last grade period, the num essing, gravy, cream potatoes __putting this town on the map. told that Mrs. Dubree was driv- holidays with her parents, Mr. ber failing is still far too large

pie a la mode, coffee and when they grow up the educat- that it was turned over, throw- R. J. Reed came up from Abi-, with the teachers to see that gars, was prepared and serv- ion they are getting will en- ing Mr. Dubree through the lene to spend Xmas with Mr. the work is brought up each

man was a guest the first of every night for study. This need ards Street. The two long tab- tendance in Merkel has about A sad accident, indeed and the week in the J. N. Teaff not be long, just so definite pro-

BOX SUPPER

The first address of the even- time to show that he is whole- Mellinger dry goods store, left in last week from New Mexico better chance not to lose a year g was by Judge E. S. Cum-heartedly for Merkel. Infact if first of the week for California for a risit to home folks and in his school work. Very respect sings, who spoke on "Merkel Merkel had more hoosters like where she will join her son in friends. Their many friends wel fully, Roger A. Burgess. Supt.

POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE

At the Pastors Study of the Presbyterian church on last Sat urday evening, promptly at 9 o'clock, Rev. Fred S. Rogers, in his usual happy and appripriate manner, pronounced the words that bound in holy wedlock Mr. John R. West and Miss Eula Johnson.

The bride is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson, and by her charming, lady-like ways, she has made a wide circle of friends throughout this city and section of the country.

The groom is one of the city's popular and successful young business men; being connected with the West Company's big Hardware and grocery business and of which his father, Mr. G. ends, is indeed one of our most President; R. O. Anderson Cash promising young business men, and has by his honesty, sincerity and splendid business ability, made a large circle of close friends.

The Mail joins the friends of both the contracting parties in wishing for the happy couple much happiness and prosperity.

CONFERENCE AT NUBIA

The program for the Quart-Saturday at 11, Sermon, Bro.

Saturday afternoon, Business

Sunday at 11, Sermon, by Sunday at 7 p. m., Sermon by

Ulmer S. Bird, Pastor Merkel Circuit

worked up to her wonderful re- preacher declared that Merkel teresting combination. Before work. One among the most not- delivered. Come and get my suing eyar. Mr. Sears is one of

On Wednesday, January 17th Presbyterian Auxiliary I will preach at Hope next the pupils of the Merkel Public of the year. By it the parents Reading of Minutes can tell whether or not his child Devotional, by Mrs. Geo. West. this year. To pass in his work Prayer eral average (including deport- monthly pect the report card.

Though there were over one The parents can aid in reducing the number by Co-operating day. This can be done by seeing that pupils above the third Mr. A. L. Lewallen of Cole- grade have a definite period vision is made for it on the pupil's daily duties. It is the regularity of this study that counts. It is the keeping of school work There will be a box supper at uppermost in the child's mind eral arrangements were not Compere on Friday night of the that means success for him in 19 of January. The proceeds of his school work. Your co-operwhich will go to the benefit of ation along this line will certainly be appreciated by the teachers, and will also mean

On last Tuesday afternoon, the stockholders of Merkel's two splendid banking institutions met and elected directors and officers for the ensuing year. However, there were but few changes in either of them.

The Farmers & Merchants Officers: Mr. J. T. Warren, Pres ident, Geo. West, Vice-President Henry James Vice-President; L. R. Thompson Cashier, Boothe Warren, Assistant Cashier.

Directors: J. T. Warren, Geo. West, L. R. Thompson, Henry James and Sam Butman Sr. The Farmers State

Officers: Mr. John Sears, President; R. L. Bland Viceier, F. Y. Gaither, Assistant Cashier; W. L. Diltz Jr. Assistant.

It will be noted that the only change in the Farmers & Merchants National is that Mr. Booth Warren takes the place of E. D. Tueton, as Assistant Cashier; Mr. Tueton going to Trent, where he will be associat ed with the First State Bank of that city. He will make the Trent bank a good man. We also commend Mr. Booth Warren upon his promotion and advance ment. And Mr. Owen Ellis, who for the past year has been with the Citizen's National at Abilene, will take the tellers place. Owen is a fine man and we are glad to know he is coming back to Merkel.

In the Farmers State, we only notice a change in the President, Mr. T. J. Toombs, having resigned his position as President, Mr. John Sears was elect-It make this institution a splendid president.

We would also add here that both ofthese fine banking institutions published in this paper last week their official statements and which showed that they were both in tip top condition.

Booster Class of M. E. Church is passing in his work so far Our Job, by Miss Dota Garroute

Just like a brand new suitthat's what they all say. Ligon the laundryman cleaned it. tf

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

EF YOU FIGGUES OUT DE MAN WHUT DONE MISSED HE CALL'IN' YOU GINALLY FINDS OUT HE SHOT TOO HIGH!



Farmers State Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of business, December 29, 1922

Loans	\$265,248.27
Chattel's	328.75
Banking house & Fixtures.	13,800.00
Other Real Estate	9.764.85
Due from State Gty. Fund.	29,880.48
Other Resources	18,203.38
Stocks & Bonds	1,951.25
Cash & Exchange	159,454.66
THE PROPERTY OF	\$400 COL CA

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	50,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits	7,226.08
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Borrowed money	NONE
DEPOSITS	416,405.56
Total	498,631.64

Mr. John Elliott, formerly a citizen of Merkel, but now refor which we are thankful.

Sanders Drug Store.

CARD OF THANKS

siding with his family in San We take this method of ex- York city will be present; also party Saturday night. After you can have it all washed and impurities and dressed with Antonio, writes his old friend H. M. Rose, an interesting and long letter about New Years, and with the letter to his old and workers. A definite program Judges and the cake was award by Sanders Drug Store. Jan. friend, he incloses the price of served to the Commerical and will be gven later. the Merkel Mail, which Mr. Agrcultural Club on last Tues- The Vesper services last Sun Charlie Hodges as being the Rose has turned over to us, and day evening, a success. We day at 4 o'clock was well at- 'tackiest' couple. Zoe. thank all who attended same, tended. A special program each and we also thank Mr. B. C. Sunday afternoon. Sermon sub-Aching joints, rheumatic Gaither for the use of the build ject each Sunday-Jesus in the pains, neuralgia, can be reliev- ing and Mr. C. K. Russell for Present Day problems. Sunday, ed quickly by a rubbing appli- his kindness in donating some January 14 the subject will be, cation of Ballards' Snow Lini- hauling. We are very grateful "The Problem of Lawlessness". ment. It is powerful penetrat- to Mr. A. A. McGhee for donat Sunday school promptly at ing remedy. Three sizes, 30c ing the fine bread. The Primary 10 o'clock. The new officer will 7. 60c and 1.20 per bottle. oSld by Department of the Methodist have charge of Sunday school Song; Song Jan. Church.



A Cow can give milk to her fullest capacity only when fed the right proportion or balance of milkmaking materials. Milk is made up of Protein, Carbohydrates, Fat, Minerals and Water, in pro-

portions that, practically speaking, can't be varied. Asstead of making imperfect milk, a poorly fed cow r se lue mille.

end your cown will get all the Prettin and a a creen needed to has non-your Cariceleyde prough-



GARRETT @ CO.

Mesdames Booth and Collins Hostesses to T. E. L. Class

At the home of Mrs. R. A. with places for all. lins, assistant hostess, the T. E. a. m. and 7 p. m.

L. Class of the Baptist church | Morning subject—"Following were delightfully entertained. for loaves and fishes."

by a business hour, in which a to the Called". with the word Hancock written programs. on it, and asked each one to Training classes meet Monmake new years resolutions, us- day at 7 p. m. ing the letters in her name. All Ladies meeting on Tuesday at Ice contest was had in which 3 p. m. Mrs. Meador proved to know Prayermeeting Wednesday at more about Ices' than the rest, 7. p. m. and was rewarded a favor of Choir Practice, Wednesday at two tea towels. The guests were 8. p. m. then invited to the dinning told to fish in a fishing pond, vices. Ira L. Pararck, Pastor. that she would catch something but unless it was numbered she could not fish again. Several of the lades taking their turn her surprse she began to realize Lawlis Sunday. a bountiful shower of gifts.

A delicous refreshment plate of Waldorf salad, flakes, stuf- the week-end with her parents fed dates, and hot coffee were Mr. and Mrs. W. M. West.

served. Those enjoying Mesdames were, Mesdames, Brown, Bland, J. R. Dean this week. Dye, Bearden, Rose, Hathaway, Meador, Scott, Largent, Hancock, Huddleston, Lassiter, and but is improving at the present Miss Dovye Teaff.

Grace Presbyterian church and member. Many good things moved where he lived. are in store for us, one of which Louis will be one of the speakers ladies brought forth.

next Sunday. Our Sunday school under the leadership of Jas. H. West has grown into one of the most efficient in Abilene Presbytery, and we look forward to ward a great and continued growth under the leadership of H. C. West, our new Superintendent. Fred S. Rogers, Pastor

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First State Bank, Trent, Texas 1922, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 12th day of Jan. 1923., RESOURCES

Loans and dis personal or collatera	1 \$ 72,863.88
Loans, real estate	4,125,00
Overdrafts	242.6
Bonds and Stocks	8,120.00
Real Estate [banking house]	7,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	2,125,00
Due from other banks and bankers and cash on hand	32,795.00
Interest in Dap, Gty. Fund	2,068.00
Assessment Dep. Gty. Fund	. 5,796.7
Total	\$135,136.36
LIABILITIES	array 13
Capital stock paid in	\$ 30,000.00
Surplus Fund	
Individual Deposits Sub.to Check	
Time Certificates of Deposit	600 00
Cashier's Checks	85 1
Total.	\$135,136.8
State of Texas County of Taylors	to et

asterwood as cashier of said bank, each of us, solemnly swear that the above statement is Newberry true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ay of Jan., A. D., 1923. R. O. Anderson Notary Public Taylor County, Texas.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Booth, with Mrs. Twyman Col- | Preaching by the pastor at 11

A short devotional, johowed Evening Subject-"The call

number of important matters All B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 6 p. were dsposed of, and then the m. in main auditorium of the meeting was turned over to the church for opening exercises, hostesses. They passed papers then go to rooms for special

You will find a hearty welroom, where each guest was come at any and all these ser-

GOLAN

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lawlis before Mrs. Hancock, then and son, Robert, Miss Mildre came her time. And after a Cheatham, of Palava and Ma number of packages were drawn and Mrs. Charlie Dean and all of which were numbered, to children were visiting G. M.

Miss Clara West, who is attending school at Anson speni

Mrs. Lera Stribling and little daughter of Plainview are visit Booth and Collins hospitality, ing her parents, Mr. and Mr.

Mrs. J. W. Hill has been very sick for the past two weeks writing

There is quite a bit of moving taking place in this community. F. Jeffery and family moved to Sylvester and W. E. Byrum moved to Mr. Jeffery hopes to make 1923 the most home place. Luther Davis movsuccessful year in its history. ed to the place Mr. Byrum va-We count on the continued help cated. Otis Kinsey moved west and cooperation of every friend of Sylvester and Med Herron

There was a rabbit drive in will be "Presbyterian Field Day our community last week but Feb. 6 for Abilene Presbytery. from some cause the men com-We feel fortunate in having plained of not having any luck. this great meeting in Merkel We know it was not from the Rev. Chas. L. Ovesrtreet of St. lack of the bountiful dinner the

A secretary of the womens Mrs. C. R. Dean entertained board of missions from New the young people with a 'tacky' tainty of a washwoman, when should be cleansed of dirt or ed to Miss Viola Evans and the Laundryman, phone 218. tf

Leader-Sallie Brown Subject-The League Radio Subscribe for the Merkel Mail furs.

Scripture lesson-Prov. jv 5,

Announcements The League Radio Station, by

mma Toombs Radio messages from other eagues- Orpha Patterson.

Radio messages from the cen tral office-Dorris Pike. Radio messages from the Bible-W. L. Harkrider.

Radio messages from other ands-Lois Dxon. Piano Solo by Mary Ellen mith.

Song; Benediction.

Our weighing is all being done by the Public Weigher. Garrett & Co.

B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject, Bible study lesson Leader-Eura Bland Bible readers Quiz, Valerie

1. The Theme of the Letter, Maud Hardy 2. Salutation and thanksgiving,

Loyd Hardy 3. Present situation and feel-

ings-Ethel Wilson 4. Jesus our example, by Ruth

5. A study in profit and Loss y Ruth Boden 6. The Optimist, Mrs. Earp

Send it all to the laundry, have it done where a guarantee goes with every order. Ligon the laundryman phone 218. tf

Farmers & Merchants **National Bank**

MERKEL, TEXAS

Our Shareholders met Tuesday and elected the same directors and declared the usual dividend.

We have always been conservative and grow stronger with the years.

We wish to thank every patron of the bank for your fine loyalty and to solicit the accounts of those who wish to establish banking connections with a bank that has successfully rode every storm and is abundantly able to take care of your needs. Mail your money or checks and we will forward you a duplicate deposit slip by return mail.

If you knew the safety and convenience of our safety deposit boxes you would write us to reserve you one.

J. T. WARREN, Pres. L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier

DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren

G. F. West

Sam Butman, Sr.

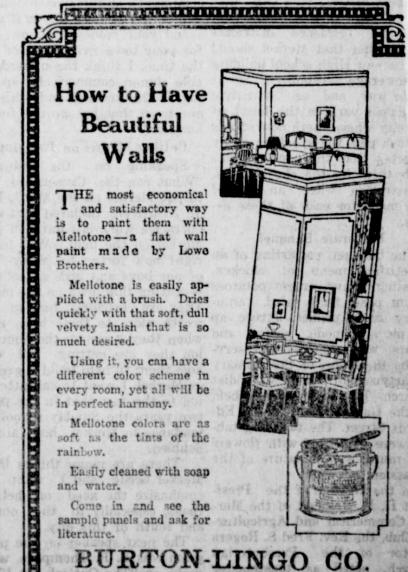
Why bother with the uncer- A bad wound, burn or cut

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Diltz and ical College scholarships, cheap. daughter Phala have returned Intermediate League Program to Walters, Okla. after visiting in the homes of T. F. Compton

and P. A. Diltz Sr.

FOR SALE-2 Tyler Commer-

Duckett Produce will pay the highest market price for chickens, eggs, turkeys, hides and



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ALL ADVERTISMENTS MUST BE IN THIS OFFICE BY SIX O'CLOCK P. M. WEDNESDAY wisest and won the prize. FOR INSERTION IN THAT WEEK'S ISSUE OF THE MAIL

ward or backward? That is a with Miss Ruby Fae Goladay, question that should interest assisting. every business man and every Those present were: Mesdam property owner within her es, Earl Stanford, Golladay, B. borders. Other towns of like T. Subletet, V. B. Sublett, Rensize are forging ahead. They fro, Miss Renna Burns. Visitors are building new homes, new were Miss Bobbie Jones, Mrs business houses, and making Earl Busbee. many valuable and needed civic improvmeents. What is Merkel EPWORTH LEAGUE doing along this line?

rounding country should co- 1. Leader- Sie Hamm. these leaks. Let's have a better 25. standing, and then all will be 207. of town for goods that can be Marie Williamson. bought here, means that such 5. Scripturee lesson, 2 Cormoney will never reutrn. It will inthians 3 1-4 by President. every one knows that the better and Bragg. town Merkel is the better market will we have in which to sell what is raised in this com- enbauch. munity.

Itis being said that each year the American people are becom ing more selfish; that they live more and more for self. May this not be the case with the people of Merkel and vicinity during the New Year, 1923, just now beginning.

In 1920 the town of Slaton, for water and sewer, \$60,000 for high school building, a new city hall, costing, \$25,000.

which we serve.

public.

equivocally to

than we can deliver.

Friendship Club Notes

The Friendship Club met on Friday evening with Mrs. Mac Busbee. A business meeting was not called as every one was enjoying the social hour too much to think of business.

A portion of the evening was spent playing "42", then several contests were brought forth. Mrs. B. T. Sublett being the

Members will be notified later where the club will hold its next meeting.

Piemento and cheese sandwiches were served with hot chocolate and cake. Plates were Is Merkel as a town going for passed by Mrs. Busbee, hostess

It seems to be no secret that The Epworth League will the business interests of Merkel give an interesting program on did not get all the trade they Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock were entitled to. Here is a rea- The 14th of January is known son. The business interests of as "Epworth Era Day" and the Merkel should make an effort Epworth Era Agent, Sie Hamm property. including a new, Mrs. O. R. Bird proved herself Brown to stop every trade leak. Then will be in chargee. All visitors thoroughly modern, well plan- to be the most skilled in "gum 4. Becoming a foreign missthe people of Merkel and sur- are invited and are welcome.

beter off. Every dollar sent out 4. Prayer by president, Miss

never help build up Merkel. And 6. Special, by Misses Collins

7. Talk by Era Agent. 8. Talk by assistant-Joe Rid

9. 3 Minutes talk on "Why I read the Epworth Era"-

a. by President b. by Supt. of 1st. Dept.

c. by Supt. of 3rd Dept. d. by Treasurer

10 "Every Laguer a Living Letter"-Pastor M. C. Hays.

11 Taking subscriptions

according to government census dress is faded—it just needs a had a population of 1564. To-good dry cleaning, which reday, three years later a recent moves all the dirt and dust, count shows a population of cleans it clean and puts a press 3700. Last year 200 homes in it that stays. Positively guarwere built, \$85,000 was spent anteed. Ligon the laundryman, phone 218.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

This Company considers the inter-

ests of the public foremost, and

particularly that portion thereof

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more, but if anything a little less,

We refrain from statements which,

through ambiguity or incomplete-

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Pathe News

TUESDAY JAN

"THE SKY PILOT"

A King Vidor special production, from the Saturday Evening

One Night Only

House open at 7:00, Feature at 7:30

Post Story, with an all-star cast.

Admission and War Tax 20-40c

FOR SALE

FOR SALE OR TRADE-City ed for her musical ability and ned and well-built six room modeling." operate with them in stopping 2. Hymn-M. E. Hymnal no. age for two cars, erected on a by Mrs. Frank McFarland, pas-Giles cooperation, a better under- 3 Hymn-M. E. Hymnal No. dential district of Abilene, Tex- salad, wafers, olives, hot coffee ens.

> FOR SALE-My teams and farm implements for cash or OUR SPRING INVITATION approved notes. Curtis L. Tucker.

cultivator, at my place 1-2 mile south of Nubia. W. O. Dial. 1t

writer, in good condition. Model fice.

FOR SALE-Some good Maize at \$30.00 per ton. See H. R. 12. Announcements; Benedict Horton, seven miles north of 1tp

FOR SALE-A wicker baby You might think your suit or buggy and bassinet. Mrs. C. S.

WANTED

WANTED-10 to 100 bushels wheat. See C. M. Largent at

LOST

LOST-Between Merkel and Goodman school house, disks of Oliver godevil. Finder please notfy W. O. Dial, Rotan, Tex-

See us for Coal and Feed. South Side. Phone 203.

Max Mellinger one or our local dry goods men returned on Wednesday from a business trip to Dallas.

FREE TUTITION

Free tutition in shorthand, bookkeeping, typewriting, journalism and advertising to all people regardless of religious belief. Only expense that of enrollment fee. Day and night classes. Employment bureau, manuscript service, courses are better than given by ordinary business college or school of journalism. Places provided for a few to work in exchange for board and other expenses. Address First Congregational church, College and Pennsylvania avenues, Fort Worth, Texas. If in the city, take University car get off at Pennsylvania. Telephone, Lamar 805.

See us for Chicken Feed, South Side. Phone 203.

H. M. Rainbolt of this city is serving his country this week as foreman of the Taylor county grand jury. Mr. Rainbolt has served on many grand juries, and being a strict believer in enforcing the laws of the land makes a genuine good one.

Alathean Class Entertains

Mrs. Frank Hamm was hostess to the Alathean class of the Baptist church on Friday, Jan. 5, at her home on Oak street.

After a short busineess session, the class members spent a pleasant social hour together. Hay. Mrs. E. N. Brown was reward-

stucco bungalo and a stucco gar- Miss Ruby Hamm, assisted 5. The Island of Gama by Roy lot 75x100 feet in the best resi- sed refreshment plates of fruit 6. The natives—Durwood Ow as, is offered for sale or in trade and Eskimo pie. The guests 7. The natives homes, Helen for unimproved West Texas then departed, assuring their Booth farm lands. Box 127, Abilene, hostess that they had never 8. Digging the Well-Winfred spent a more pleasant hour.

It makes no difference to us FOR SALE OR TRADE-Row as to whether you are in the that the collection, style and here first of the week. prices are all so complete and reasonable that you can not af- Subscribe for the Merkel Mail ford to pass the opportunity up

Cash Tailor Shop Mrs. C. L. Cash Prop.

J. G. Hale, local cotton buyer who for some time has been buy ing cotton at Tohoka, returned first of the week.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

Song; Prayer; Song 1. Business and records

2. Group in charge No 2 Subject-John G Palom, Mis sionary to the new Hebrides.

2 School days-Gladys Hardy 3. Ten years of training, Nell

ionary, Hellen Booth

9. An open revival discussion 10 Leaders 10 minutes 11 Song

Mrs. R. O. Anderson was call market for a new suit or not. ed to Haskell one day last week We want you to come in at your by a message stating that her earliest possible moment and sister, Mrs. Hunt, of that city FOR SALE-Remington Type- look over our new spring sam- had sustained severe burns, ple lines. They are far the best which we understand were very no. 7. Call at Merkel Mail of- and most beautiful we have painful and serious. Mrs. Anever shown. And we feel sure derson returned toher home

GOOD DIGESTION

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Our dusting and renovating alone is worth the price charged for the finished job. Try it out, no odor process. Ligon the laundryman, phone 218.

Texas & Pacific Railway Establishes Record for Prompt Payment of Claims

The Management of the Texas & Pacific Railway is constantly striving to bring every Department of the service to a higher state of efficiency-and in no branch has greater improvement been shown than in the proper handling of freight and the prompt payment of claims; improvedservice and closer co-operation between the shipping public and the railway, having during these past two years reduced loss and damage to freight handled by the Texas & Pacific MORE THAN SIXTY-FIVE PER CENT!

Such condition is beneficial both tothe railway and the shipper. Money, even when the full amount of claim is paid, doesn't compensate the claimant. The overwhelming majority of business men want service, not claims; they

are as anxious to avoid claims as is the railroad. The way to avoid claims is to prepare freight properly for shipment, then handle it properly and promptly. That this fact has been recognized, and an earnest effort made by both shippers and railway officials and employes to

meet the situation is evidenced by figures submitted below. In the Texas & Pacific organization, the study of claim causes, and the application of preventive measures, has been entrusted to the Service Department, working in close co-operation with the Claim Department. This Department has received most effective support from the shipping public, who have responded whole-heartedly to its appeal that greater care be exercised in the preparation of shipments for transportation. That the united efforts of the railway and the shippers are bearing fruit is evidenced in a most striking

way by the following table, covering the years 1920, 1921 and 1922: Number of Claims Amount Involved \$1,147,929.98 1920 47,456 36,540 384,475.41 19,997

During the year 1922 approximately 93 per cent of the loss and damage claims presented were disposed of within 90 days from filing, 79 per cent of them being disposed of within less than thirty days.

The Service and Claim Departments of this railway are well organized to handle individual complaints promptly, and constructive criticism, with suggestions looking to an improvement in our service, will be appreciated.

> J. L. LANCASTER and C. L. WALLACE, Receivers, Texas & Pacific Railway.



WEARING 'EM ALL WINTER?

Unless you're dead the summer weights all winter don't risk it! It's not worth the chance, and besides there are too for you here.

WOODROOF-BRAGG D.G.Co. PLE PLACE HOST PEOPLE TRADE"

Mr. Ferrier, while at work on a cistern on the J. C. Mason temporary.

same community.

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Mr. Thompson, Merkel would ter how heavy the tax might be I'm for everything that will make Merkel a better town. Dur ing this new year I want to urge every business man in Merkel to become a member of the West Texas Chamber of Commrce. Before this year passes I want to see the stock pens here in the heart of the city removed and in its place a beautiful T. & town in West Texas of a thous-P. Park established.

"I want to state to you people that C. M. Largent, with his at least the beginnings of a herd of Hereford Cattle has sure you can stand done more to put Merkel and West Texas on the map than any man in West Texas."

Porter A. Whaley Speaks

The feature address of the children." evening was delivered by Por- Mr. Whaley emphasized the

to a town, emphasing the fact the West Texas Chamber of farm south of Merkel, sustain-ed a broken rib and other bruis "The Chamber of Commerce the betterment of West Texas." ed a broken rib and other bruis ought to have the machinery, In referring to the publicity in the cistern. However it is the confidence and the finances department of the West Texas thought that his injury is only to secure the things that the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. E. C. Spurgin reports that step in and put big things over such an ignoramus? queried

head using your schools, church any town ought to be a good

es, streets and enjoy reading the local paper and sit back and won't even sign any kind of a subscription list because they think it is below their dignty. I want to tell you that the town make other West Texas towns that never has a subscrption sit up andtake notice. "No mat- list is a dead town. The man who won't sign a subscription list will not make good as a church member. He will not make good as a lodge member and he is no good as a neighbor and no good to his town.

Progressive Towns

"I want to tell you people that it is awful hard to find a and people that has not paved its main streets, that has not a sewer system and that has not great white way. Every town ought to have a community play ground and the ministers of the city ought to do more to direct the playful activities of the

ter A. Whaley of Stamford, Gen importance of a luncheon club eral manager of the West Tex- and the part that such organias Chamber of Commerce. De- zations are playing in the better many good winter claring that he was always glad ment of West Texas towns. to meet with a group of forward Speaking on the West Texas underwears waiting looking people, Mr. Whaley ex- Chamber of Commerce, Mr. pressed his appreciation of be- Whaley stated that there were ing connected with an organiza 281 towns affiliated with the tion which has watched with in organization and that in these terest the growing spirit and towns there were more than optimism, enthusiasm and a de- 6000 members, which makes sire to serve which spirit is the West Texas Chamber of manifest through out West Tex Commerce the second largest organization of its kind in the Mr. Whaley spoke on the val- United States from the standue of a Chamber of Commerce point of members. Last year that such an organization makes Commerce received from its

people want for their town. The Whaley stated that some peo-Chamber of Commerce is a kind ple don't believe in publicity. of an emergency organization to "Why write yourself down as he recently finished building a for the betterment of a town. the speaker. "How far would we nice, modern new home for Mr. "Some people get the idea have gotten with out publicity A. B. Cranston north of Stith, that they don't owe anything to during the war in selling Liand two splendid tenant houses the community in which they berty Bonds and carrying out for Mr. W. R. Cranston in the live, and yet they go right a- other tasks? The best asset to

CUT PRICES BEGINING AT ONCE

Winter Goods

The mild winter has left us with more stock than we care to carry over and if you need any thing in seasonable dry good, clothing, boots or shoes, we will save you money at this store. A liberal discount on every thing to reduce the stock at once.

A fresh shipment of new spring ginghams just received, included in this sale, at a price far below to day's market. Lovely patterns to select from.

If you will need blankets or comforts in the next year we will save you money to buy them here. Visit our store and get our prices before making your purchases.

Thanks To Our Patrons

We wish to again thank our customers and friends for the very liberal patronage extended us during the last year. We appreciate it all. Yes and we appreciate the way you are yet standing by us. And let us say further, that we shall be glad to do all in our power during the fine new year, just now begining, to give you even better service during same. That shall be our constant aim and thought.

We do not belong to any Big Corporation, and we do not care to sell out to any one, or even take in a partner.

Again, all our Gasoline is bought right here in Merkel, through the local dealers and which are known as that Good Gulf and Magnolia Gasoline" none better. And, yes all our work is guaranteed to be satisfactory. We make every transaction with us satisfactory to our customer. Again we thank you for all past favors and business extended us.

Woodrum & McFarland Garage

"The Cash Store"

newspaper. If your newspaper Mr. and Mrs. W. B Smith of is not as good as you think it Haskell, were guests of Mr. and should be-advertising in it Mrs. O. N Buford first of this See Merkel Ice and Coal Comore and it will help you and al- wee.k so help make a better paper."

In referring to the legislative Chamber of Commerce is tak- Grocery. ing in seeking to create a bill for the establishment of a West ing skinned alive by the Abilene Reporter correspondent who is taking down my speech I would state that after being in Merkel a while that Merkel is the logical place for the West Texas State College. Get into the fight and whether you win or not it will do you good."

B. F. Bennett, of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, also spoke at the banquet and reviewed the scope of his work stating that West Texas is today thinking bigger thoughts and doing bigger things than ever before.

We understand that Owen Ellis, who for the past year has been connected with the Citizens National Bank of Abilene, will soon return to Merkel where he has accepted a position with the Farmers & 'Merchants National Bank of this city as Teller. He is a fine young man and a capable young

Mrs. C. F. Long of Abilene spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter.

Car of Choice Brookston Hay, Pure Mississippi Sorgh action that the West Texas just arrived at G. M. Sharp's W. F. Hamblett's.

Herbine corrects biliousness, books at the Mail Office Texas State College, Mr. Whal- indigestion and constipation. ants. ey said, "This year we hope to It is a fine herbal medicine that see this bill passed and we are drives out impurities and reasking that an initial appropria stores healthy conditions in produce to Duckett Prod tion of \$1,000,000 be granted. the system. Price, 60c. Sold by get the cash. Thank yo And if it was not for fear of be- Sanders Drug Company. Jan. past favors.

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