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BAPTIST CHOIR IS HIGHLY ENTERTAINED

The home of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Brown was the scene of a lively affair on Tuesday evening of this week, when Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Eargal Meador assisted by Mr. Yates Brown, entertained the members of the Baptist church choir and a few invited guests, with a valentine party. In response to very unique invitations a large percent of the members assembled in this ever hospitable home, where valentine decorations prevailed thru out the entertaining rooms. Various contests in keeping with the Valentine season were enjoyed. First the hunt for hidden hearts, the reward being given to the one collecting the greatest number of hearts. Mrs. A. R. Booth was successful in this and was presented a very unique valentine. A contest of shooting hearts created much merriment. A small heart placed in the outer of a white square and pinned on the wall was the target which tested the skill of each one with the bow and arrow. Mrs. Kirby Beckett of El Paso proved to be the most accurate archer and was also rewarded with a beautiful valentine. In a similar contest, that of pinning a heart on a heart but with the participant blindfolded, Mrs. Sam Swann proved successful and was awarded a daintily dressed cupid doll. Comic valentine cards were passed with the request that the name of persons in the choir best described by the verses thereon be written and when read aloud created much fun.

Then a mysterious search for hearts was begun, the goal being an even more mysterious reward. After a diligent search from room to room, Mrs. Burl Scott discovered the prize, a package containing a tiny heart ring so cleverly disguised as to appear to be something several times its actual size. Then partners were drawn and a contest of matching broken hearts

followed in which Mrs. Scott, and Yates Brown were first to succeed and were rewarded with small red satin heart shaped box of candy. The slips of paper heart shape, on which was written a heart contest, were passed and three minutes given in which to write the answers. Miss Mae Lassiter won the valentine given as a reward for this.

The "mimic club" stunt brought the evening's entertainment to a very hilarious close.

Mr. Warren Smith, accompanied on the piano by Miss Lula Sharp, favored the guests with a number of vocal solos during which time, Mrs. Meador and her mother passed a dainty refreshment plate of pink and white brick cream, individual, heart shaped cake in pink and white with plate favors of small red candy filled baskets on which a cupid was poised.

At a very late hour guests departed, having enjoyed one of the most delightful parties the choir has ever had.

Mr. Kirby Beckett of El Paso who spent a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren, returned to his home last night, accompanied by Mrs. Beckett, who has been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren, for some time.

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J. T. Warren, President L. R. Thompson, Cashier

WHITE CHURCH NEWS

Uncle Bill Brown motored to Merkel Saturday, accompanied by Mr. T. P. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. West, Hoyt, and Mr. Reynolds went to Merkel last Saturday. Mr. West's brother is still very ill.

Arlton Farmer spent Saturday in Merkel.

Last Friday afternoon, the teacher and pupils took off one hour and "cleaned off" the school campus—Early spring cleaning.

Those who visited the school last Friday were: Nath Riggan Loyd Harris, Elsworth Bell, Clyde More, Mamie Patterson, Arthur and Jesse Wilson, Walter Dye.

Butman Basket Ball team did not come as they intended, so we did not have our ball game.

Mr. Reynolds spent last Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Carl Hughes, who lives south of Blair. Mr. Reynolds has a new niece out there who is a week old.

Mr. and Mrs. H. West were called back to Merkel late Saturday on account of his brother, J. V. West, growing worse. However, Mr. West reported his brother to have been much better Sunday.

Dr. Cranford was called out to Mr. Grant Riggan's Thursday of last week to see Mr. Riggan's baby, who was quite sick. We are glad to report that the baby is much better.

Miss Belle Shuff visited relatives in Merkel Saturday and Sunday.

Ung's Charlie Brown was in Merkel Sunday.

Good Merchandise and Ford Prices. Merkel Motor Co., Authorized Ford Dealers. It

Mrs. J. Ben Campbell received the sad news of the serious illness of her father, Mr. Adkins at his home at Carson, Fannin County. Mrs. Campbell left Tuesday night for his bedside.

Dan Simpson made a business trip to Roby Monday.

Just A Word About Prices By the Brown Dry Goods Company

Some four months ago all kinds of wool and cotton fabrics and some other lines of goods commenced to advance and have continued to advance to this date. Infact some of the big standard lines of goods after making their prices to run until next September have withdrawn their prices in past ten days and gave notice that no more orders would be accepted at prices made and would announce the new prices by March 15th.

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HEREFORD AUCTION SALE AT ALBANY MAR. 3rd.

The Shackelford County Hereford Breeders Association is making big preparations to hold on March 3rd, a big Hereford show and auction sale.

It is expected that many fine cattle will be put up for auction on this day, and the little city of Albany is expecting it to be one of the biggest days that city has had for a long time.

Mrs. J. E. Badgely, of Roscoe stopped off here first of the week for a few days visit with her daughter, Mrs. T. T. Davis, while on her return from Fort Worth, where she had been called to attend the funeral of a relative.

Mrs. T. H. Christopher of Lamesa is a guest in the home of her daughters, Mrs. Earl Thornton, and Mrs. Len Sublett.

TRUCK LAW IS OUT

Austin, Feb. 14.—The State highway law relating to the operation of commercial motor vehicles on the public roads was held unconstitutional on the grounds that it is obnoxious to the provision of the constitution relating to prohibiting class legislation, by the court of criminal appeals today. The decision was rendered in the case of ex parte Ed. Wofford and J. F. Faison, from Dallas county.

The writer is pleased to acknowledge receipt of a handsome purse which the Wm. P. Carey Co., of Chicago, is having distributed to their patrons and friends here, through the local firm, the Merkel Lumber Company. It's a fine advertising scheme. We wish to thank again the firm as well as the local manager, Mr. J. E. Richardson for same.

MARRIED FRIDAY

Mr. C. C. Clark, who resides in the Noodle community, and Mrs. Jessie Adair, who came in Friday morning from the State of Colorado, were united in marriage in the depot in Merkel that morning, Rev. A. L. Jobe performing the ceremony.

The story goes that these people were sweethearts in the long ago, but drifted apart and the marriage Friday was the culmination of their former courtship. They will make their home in the Noodle community, and coupled with the wishes of their many friends, the Mail bespeaks for them much happiness and contentment.

Mr. A. L. Stanley of Collin county, was here last week for a visit to his son Ira and family and brother-in-law, W. A. Thornton and family.

Intermediate B. Y. P. Program Group No. 2

1. Introduction—Fannie Bell Boaz.
2. The first psalm a preface to the others—Cullen Toombs.
3. The Godly man will not associate with evil doers, by Henry Biggs.
3. (b) Jessie Childress
4. The Godly man loves Gods words and tries to live by it. Louis Giles.
5. The Godly man will be the truly happy and prosperous man (a) Claude Dye. (b) Wilber Thomas.
6. The description of the Ungodly man—(a) Harold Wilson (b) Wylie Elliott.

Marvin Boney, one of our hustling druggists was in Mineral Wells first of the week on business.

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

All regular services Sunday and through the week. Do not let the cold keep you away, as we will have the building warm throughout.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. all classes at the church except the Young Business Men's class that meets at the Gem Theatre.

This class is taught by Judge Cummings, and is especially suited to men and young men. The class does not wish to take any man out of any other Sunday school in town but does want to enlist every man not in any other Sunday school Class.

The meetings are held down town to be convenient for men also to leave more room at the church for other classes. Men who are not in Sunday school will be welcomed at any session of the class either as a visitor or as a member. The class had 49 present Sunday and expects to have more than 50 the closing Sunday.

Our prayer meetings are becoming more and more what they should be. Fine attendance last night and splendid spirit in the meeting. If you are missing the prayer meetings each Wednesday evening you are missing something that would help you in your efforts to live for the Lord. The men of the church are leading these meetings and they are showing good talent and in trest. Come and see for yourself.

Bginning Sunday we will begin our evening services at 7:30 instead of 7 as we have been.

All B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 6:30 and if the older people will come at the same time we will have a Baptist Old People's Union meeting in the main auditorium while the young people are in the separate rooms. This will enable parents to come with their children and either stay with them thru the evening service or accompany them home after the young peoples meeting Lets come to the 6:30 meeting and stay for the evening service. Ira L. Farrack, pastor.

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HORN NEWSSETTS

Sunday school was well attended last Sunday. We had about 50 present. This is a good record for Horn.

The young people enjoyed a party at Mr. Car's. A large crowd attended, and all hope they will give another one soon.

We enjoyed a good singing at Mr. Cole's last Sunday night.

There will be but little plowing done this week. We surely have a good season now.

Mrs. Looney spent Tuesday in Abilene.

Mr. Boytt, a prosperous farmer of the Cross Roads community was a visitor to Merkel Saturday.

Judge Cobb attended to legal business in Breckenridge the first of the week.

We are glad to see Ben Pilcher able to be down town, after a ten days confinement at home with sickness.

A. R. Cox, a pioneer citizen of this section, is able to be up and around after two months confinement at home with sickness, we are glad to state.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Kile and children, of Miami, are here on a visit to the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Burns. Mr. and Mrs. Kile formerly lived in this section and have many friends who are glad to see them again.

Mr. H. R. Hicks is busy assessing taxes in and around Merkel for Mrs. Florence Vance, and without doubt the public will find Mr. Hicks, clever, accommodating and highly capable.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Graves of Abilene, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Adcock, Sunday.

TRENT NEWS

By Lillian Tedford

Mrs. Minnis of Fort Worth has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Smith.

Mr. Charlie Stillerns baby has been very sick, but we are glad to report it is improving.

Misses Pat McLeod and Sylvia Smith attended the band concert in Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. Bill Teaff and Mr. Everett Jones were in Trent Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Skillern of Sweetwater spent the week-end with her son Mr. Charlie Skillern and her daughter Mrs. Hinton Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Causseaux of Tuscola spent a few days with Mr. Causseaux's mother of Trent.

Mr. Walters has the flu, we are hoping he will soon be up.

Mr. Robert Orear was in Abilene last week.

Mr. George West and Herbert West were in Abilene one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. F. Johnston of Escota were in Trent last Friday.

Mr. Huse Bailey of Slaton is visiting his sister, Mrs. G. H. Watkins.

Miss Ethel McLeod who is teaching in the Newman community spent the week end at home.

Mrs. C. A. McCurdy who is teaching at Shiloh spent the week end at home.

Miss Margaret Graham, who is teaching at Noodle, spent the week end with her parents.

Mr. Othel Watkins who is attending Simmons College spent the week end at home.

Misses Fuller and Stamps and Mrs. Ben Howell motored to the band concert at Merkel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Collins of Merkel spent Sunday with Mrs. Collin's sister, Mrs. E. D. Massey.

Mrs. Luther Dudley was called to Abilene last week to see her father who is very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Knox returned Sunday from Abilene, where they have been visiting Mrs. Knox's parents.

Dr. G. H. Watkins has been quite sick for the past few days and unable to make any calls. We hope that he is soon able to be up.

Misses Ora Smith and Bea Billings motored to Abilene Sunday afternoon to visit Miss Billings' uncle, Mr. John Howell.

Miss Cora Scott returned last week from Abilene where she has been staying with her brother.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith motored to Merkel Sunday afternoon to visit Mrs. Smith's sister, Mrs. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd of Lameca spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell. Mr. C. T. Beckham accompanied them back to Sweetwater.

Mrs. Joe Nalley has the flu and will be unable to teach Monday. Miss Willie Driggers taught for her. We hope Mrs. Nalley will soon be up again.

Mr. Zant Scott visited his uncles, Messrs. M. G. and Homer Scott last week.

Mrs. Stroud and her son left last week for Oklahoma where Mrs. Stroud will live with her daughter for a while. We were very sorry to lose Mrs. Stroud from our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Barnes of Longworth visited Mr. Barnes's brothers, Messrs. John and Albert Barnes of Trent last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barnes are moving to Blair, where he will put in a blacksmith shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman who live south of Merkel are visiting their parents this week.

The Epworth Leaguers, who are studying the Hand book are progressing nicely. They will have the last lesson Thursday

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evening at the parsonage and decide when they will take the examination.

Mr. J. B. Garret who is advertising manager of the Taylor county Times was in Trent last week on business.

Mrs. J. M. Bankhead has returned from Abilene where she has been visiting her daughter Mrs. W. R. Graves.

Get our prices on Batteries for Fords. Merkel Motor Co., Authorized Ford Dealers. It

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Chaney of this city, Monday February 12, a son.

Mrs. Bob Martin returned last Sunday from Sweetwater, where she had been for some time attending the bedside of a sick relative, Mrs. W. C. Calvert.

Mrs. J. T. Sanders left Sunday morning for Muskogee, Okla., where she goes to visit a sister Mrs. Cloe Mosley. Mrs. Sanders will visit her father, Mr. Davis at Warren, Ark., before returning home.

Mrs. J. R. Baize left Thursday morning for Millerville, Texas, via Abilene and Ballinger to attend a sick sister, Mrs. Minnie Jones, who is reported seriously sick.

Bob Martin, was a visitor in Sweetwater last Sunday.

Drayton, little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Richardson, has been confined to his room for several days on account of having his tonsils removed last Friday. He is now getting along nicely, and will likely not be bothered any more.

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Drs. R. I. Grimes, M. Armstrong, and Chas. T. Williams, local physicians, attended a meeting of the Taylor county medical Society at Abilene last Thursday afternoon.

The many friends of Ex-post master, Shirley King, were glad to have him here for a visit among them, as well as home folks. Mr. King, formerly Post Master in this city, (and a good one) is now engaged in the drug business at Vaughn, New Mexico, and we are glad to learn, is getting along fine.

Four of our efficient teachers Misses Mamie Ellis, Osee Teaff, Josie Smith, and Alsada Pogue, were in Abilene Monday evening.

Mr. L. R. Thompson Cashier, of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, informs us that he will leave next Wednesday night for Fort Worth, where he will attend a meeting of the Ft. Worth West Texas Bankers Association. On his return home he will be accompanied by Mrs. Thompson, who has been spending some time with her mother in Kansas; she having been called there by the death of her father.

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Mrs. W. A. Thornton was called last week to Fort Worth to attend the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Pearl Kyle, who was reported as being very sick

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Trent Epworth League Program

Subject—How can our Epworth Leaguers serve their communities?

Leader—Curtis Payne.

Songs

Scripture, Luke 4:18-19 by

Leader.

Prayer—David Boyd.

1. How can our Epworth Leaguers serve their communities, Miss Fuller.

2. What shall we do—Dagmah Rawlings.

3. The needy and sick—Averil Scott.

4. Service visits to Alms-houses—David Boyd.

5. The place of the Union and how to organize—Nora Graham

Song; Benediction.

Junior Epworth League

Prayer—Florence Sherman

Songs.

Reading of scripture—Clara Mae Sherman.

Story of Bible—Dagmah Rawlings.

Prayer—Immogene Mangum

Song

Sentence prayer.

Benediction.

Trent B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject—What can the Bible do for me?

Leader—Jas. H. Watkins.

2. The Bible is the Text book of life—Mr. Gilbert.

2. The Bible reveals our true nature to us—A. C. Terry.

3. Prescription for daily needs—Josie Meeks.

4. Help in Temptation—A. H. Woods.

5. Help in time of trial, Mrs. J. B. Winns.

6. Duties and privileges of life—Arma Mont.

7. We must know our Bible, J. B. Winn.

Pageant

Subject—The making of Methodism given as a pageant.

Characters of the Pageant—

Leader—Oakley Reid.

The Youth of the church by Emma Gene McRee.

The Pastor—Rev. E. D. Landreth.

Presiding Elder—Lee Keyes.

Bishop—Curtis Payne.

General Secretaries—

Sec. of S. S. Board, Nora Graham.

Sec. of Board of Education, Miss Fuller.

Sec. of Board of Church Extension, Averil Scott.

Sec. of Board of Lay Activities, David Boyd.

Sec. of Finance—Dagmah Rawlings.

Sec. of Epworth League Board Amanda Payne

Sec. of Board of Mission—Lillian Tedford.

Sharp—Waddie Nuptials

Last Friday afternoon, Mr. Arle Sharp of Merkel and Miss Violet Waddie of Trent were happily united in marriage. Mr. Sharp is one of the efficient

salesmen of the Lyle Dry goods Company of Merkel, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp.

Mrs. Sharp, is the granddaughter of Mrs. Stroud of Trent. We wish to extend to them congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Massey announce the arrival of a little son on last February 7. We hope little James Edgar has a long happy life.

Rev. E. D. Landreth and Mr. D. E. Tedford motored to Merkel Tuesday afternoon.

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what would the result be? The old town would grow and put on new life, and there would be added happiness to the entire population.

That new coat of paint added to the front of the stores of the West Texas Utilities Co.; The Quality Shop, the Rose Barber shop, add much to the appearance of the same. May others go and do likewise.

W. T. Branch of Abilene, was the guest of his son, T. W. Branch, here Sunday.

W. M. Tucker of Fullbright, Texas was here last week for a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter.

Get our prices on tires. Merkel Motor Co., Authorized Ford Dealers. It.

W. C. Matthews, substantial citizen residing on route five, has our thanks for his subscription to the Merkel Mail.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Sheppard and son Sterling, visited friends and relatives in Abilene last Sunday.

Mrs. Lillie Huey, of Roby, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Simpson Monday night, leaving Tuesday morning for Ranger to visit her father, Mr. Brackeen, a former citizen of Merkel.

Mrs. Ella Rice of Dallas is visiting her brother B. M. Williams and family.

Mrs. W. A. Thornton is spending this week, a guest in the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Kyle at Fort Worth.

Earl Lassiter and father T. R. Lassiter made a business trip to Winters last week.

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We are glad to see Mr. W. R. Cox who for some time has been confined to his home on account of illness, on the streets again first of the wee.

Mrs. Alton Smith has returned from a visit with her parents at Abilene.

W. M. Tucker of Fullbright, Texas was a visitor in the T. R. Lassiter home the past week.

Miss Lilley Pratt Sears arrived at home last Friday, having finished her course of study at Kid-Key, Sherman.

That busy-body, meddling fellow who is not satisfied with the affairs of his own life and business, but who is eternally prying into the affairs of his neighbors and friends, is about the smallest "bird" in the community.

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By Nina McAnich.
 The last number of our six numbered Lyceum course came on Monday night, February 5. There was not a very large attendance on account of the extreme bad weather, but those present enjoyed a very pleasant evening.
 The radio program presented by the Music department of our high school, broadcasted from Abilene Station WQAQ Friday, night, February 9, was quite a success. Part of the pupils heard it at the school building, where Mr. Burgess had a loud speaker donated by Cowden—Payton Hardware Co. of Abilene. The wire was donated by the Merkel Power Co. This Program will probably be repeated one night soon. Some of our Fort Worth friends asked the announcer to repeat the entire program.
 Thursday afternoon, Feb. 8, our boys met the Trent Tigers on the local field and were defeated by the close score of 13 to 12. Both teams were out of practice but put up a good fight and this was one of the most interesting games Merkel has played. They were disappointed when Simmons Freshmen did not appear Friday afternoon, but this game may be played this week.
 "Could You Imagine?"—Roberta, being a sport. Ouida acting as a "gownup" Miss Pearce with her face powdered.
 John L. in society.
 Miss Williamson not in a hurry.
 Carvel without Maud.
 Tina Mae sitting still.
 Quinnie and Loyd not talking
 Viola not excited.
 Mr. Burgess not going home to lunch?
 Beryl not answering a note?
 Althea with a beau?
 Mr. Tabor not boosting the ball boys.
 Ruby as a flirt?
 Faye without her mirror?

Wayman without a shoe shine
 Maud using her lip-stick?
 Dixie saying Oh Boy!
 Mabel knowing her English lesson.
 Mary Eula without her blues.
 Ruth not tickled.
 Miss Bird without a cold.
 Marvin as a judge?
 Alva in love?
 Hattie with blonde hair?
 Myrtle taking her time?
 Nora "as a down town vamp?"
 Herman not teasing?
 Miss Pearce to Billey in American History—"Do you know Lincoln's Gettysburg Address".
 Billey—No I thought he lived in Washington.

A VALENTINE PARTY

The Primary Teachers of the Methodist Sunday school entertained the mothers of the Cradel Roll and Primary department with a valentine party Tuesday Feb. 13th.
 The church parlors were beautifully decorated with hearts, kewpies, and with the shades drawn and the soft red lights and burning candles caused each to feel the Valentine spirit of love and gladness.
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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

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The radio program presented by the Music department of our high school, broadcasted from Abilene Station WQAQ Friday, night, February 9, was quite a success. Part of the pupils heard it at the school building, where Mr. Burgess had a loud speaker donated by Cowden—Payton Hardware Co. of Abilene. The wire was donated by the Merkel Power Co. This program will probably be repeated one night soon. Some of our Fort Worth friends asked the announcer to repeat the entire program.

Thursday afternoon, Feb. 8, our boys met the Trent Tigers on the local field and were defeated by the close score of 13 to 12. Both teams were out of practice but put up a good fight and this was one of the most interesting games Merkel has played. They were disappointed when Simmons Freshmen did not appear Friday afternoon, but this game may be played this week.

"Could You Imagine"?—Roberta, being a sport. Ouida acting as a "grownup" Miss Pearce with her face powdered.

John L. in society. Miss Williamson not in a hurry.

Carvel without Maud. Tina Mae sitting still. Quinnie and Loyd not talking. Viola not excited.

Mr. Burgess not going home to lunch?

Beryl not answering a note? Althea with a beau?

Mr. Tabor not boosting the ball boys.

Ruby as a flirt?

Faye without her mirror?

Wayman without a shoe shine
Maud using her lip-stick?
Dixie saying Oh Boy!
Mabel knowing her English lesson.

Mary Eula without her blues.
Ruth not tickled.
Miss Bird without a cold.
Marvin as a judge?
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Hattie with blonde hair?
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RESOLUTION OF RESPECT J. S. BLAIR

At a stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710 A. F. & A. M., held on the 30th day of Dec. A. D. 1922, the following resolution was adopted.

To the Worshipful Master, and Wardens, of Merkel Lodge, No. 710 A. F. & A. M.

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Be it further resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy delivered to the bereaved family, and a copy be furnished the Merkel Mail for Publication; and that the Members wear the usual badge of Mourning for thirty days. N. D. Cobb, F. J. Smith, Joe Holmes.

Just received, a car of oats, chops and corn, at G. M. Sharps Grocery.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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During the month of March, the Presbyterian Church all over the world will make a special evangelistic program the paramount object of work. Last year witnessed the greatest growth in Presbyterian history, and with March, the closing month of the church year, we hope to surpass the great record of last year.

Each Sunday morning during the remainder of the church year this church will make a special effort to win others. May we count on your help?

Sermon Subject Sunday morning, "The Price of Silence." Do not forget the Vesper service at four o'clock Sunday afternoon. Every one is welcome. Fred S. Rogers, pastor.

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He Knew How (The National Grocer)

There was an old geezer
And he had a lot of sense.
He started up a business
On a dollar eighty seven cents
The dollar for stock,
And the eighty for an ad,
Brought him three lovely
Dollars in a day, by dad!
Well he bought more goods
And a little more space,
And he played that system
With a smile on his face.
The customers flocked
To his two-by four
And soon he had to hustle
For a regular store.
Up on the square
Where the people pass
He gobbled up a corner
That was all plate glass.
He fixed up the windows
With the best that he had,
And told them all about it
In a half-page ad.
He soon had 'em coming
And he never, never quit,
And he wouldn't cut down
On his ads., one jit.
And he's kept things humping
In the town ever since,
And everybody calls him
The Merchant Prince.
Some say it's luck,
But that's all bunk--
Why, he was doing business
When times were punk.
People have to purchase,
And the geezer was wise--
For he knew the way to get 'em
Was to advertise.

Miss Nanell Harris, chief operator of the local telephone company at Sweetwater, spent Sunday in Merkel with friends.

We are glad to report that J. V. West, whose recovery from a serious illness has been very doubtful, is very much improved.

Mr and Mrs Will Simmons of Victoria came to Sweetwater to make their future home. Mr. Simmons is a brother of C. R. Simmons of the Sweetwater Laundry.—Sweetwater Reporter.

PUBLIC SALES

We have purchased 122,000 pair U. S. Army Munson last shoes, sizes 5 1/2 to 12 which was the entire surplus stock of one of the largest U. S. Government shoe contractors.

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Doctrinal meeting—"What can the Bible Do for me?" Bible readers quiz—Valerie Dye.

- Leader—Ruth Boden.
Introduction.
1. The Bible is the Text Book of Life, O. R. Bird.
2. The Bible Reveals our true Nature to us, Ruth Newberry.
3. Prescription for daily needs by Dixie Howard.
4. Help in Temptations, Loyd Hardy
5. Help in times of trial, Ethel Wilson.
6. Duties and Privileges of life, Selena Teaff.
7. We must know our bible, Nell Tracy.
Eat your supper early and come to B. Y. P. U. at 6. We enjoy having visitors.

Senior Epworth League

Subject—How can our Epworth Leaguers serve their communities?
Songs; Prayer; Song.
Announcements
Leader—Hazel Harkrider.
1. What has our church and League done for the unfortunate of our town?—Christene Collins.
2. Suggestions that our League might follow to help our town, Cyrus Pee.
3. How the League could cooperate with the pastor in this work—Julia Martin.
4. Paino Solo—Miss Roberta Gay.
5. Business; Benediction.

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