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REV. ALBERTSON

ACCEPTS CALL

14 PAGES

R. O. Anderson is no longer Through the courtesy of Ross There will be a big Turkey The announcement is made with the Farmrs State Ferrier of the Merkel Garage Trot pulled off in Merkel Satur- that Rev. W. H. Albertson, of Bank, having retired as cashier who loaned his loud speaker day evening, December 11th Harrison, Arkansas, who was of that institution the first of and H. C. West of the West Co. free to every body. The leading here some weeks ago, and deliv-

ADDRESS BY RADIO

the month. Mr. Anderson has been an helped to do the installing, the are going to each give away a the Baptist church, after which out standing figure in banking students of the Merkel High Turkey by throwing them from the local congregation made a circles for more than twenty School heard the President of the top of the store buildings. unanimous call to him to accept

MR. ANDERSON RE- HEARS COOLIDGE

AS CASHIER

lity, is genial and courteous, National Capitol, Washington Christmas dinner. There will ary 1st. and will be greatly missed by D. C. The speech was carried by be other features of amusement! Rev. Albertson is coming to the entire community and will telephone wire from Washing- both for the young and old. Merkel with the recommendatbe attended by the best of wish- ton D. C. to Dallas, Texas, where bring the children along, they ion of being one of the able min es of the people of this section. it was amplified and broadcast- will enjoy the sights. Will re- isters of his state, and this pap-He is succeeded by Mr. R. L. ed by station WFAA of the Dal- quest cars not to travel the er hastens to congratulate the Grimes who comes to the bank las News. The radio set of the main streets in the business sec local Baptist church upon their from the Winters State bank Merkel High School picked up tion while the chase is in prog- selection of Rev. Albertson. and bears a fine reputation as a the speech, and the loud speak. ress, which will only last for a man and a banker. This paper er so kindly loaned by the Mer- few minutes. Come every body, shall remember Mr. Anderson kel Garage made it possible for and lets have a Jolly time. as one of the most progressive thes tudents of the High school

citizens with whom we have to hear. been acquainted. We also wel- Millions of people this time "BIRTH OF A NATION"

come Mr. Grimes with the con- heard the President deliver his fidence that Merkel has gained message to Congress. Stations a citizen who will measure up everywhere in the United States People of the Merkel commun rendered. Everyone invited. in every way to all the fine com- installed loud speakers for the ity will have an opportuntyplimentary things we have occassion. The speech was de- on next Monday and Tuesday to BOX SUPPER AT MULBERRY layed from Washington to vari- see the greatest picture that leard concerning him We are also glad to learn that ous central radio stations, was ever produced, or that ever The announcment is made

him in making Merkel over radio. The Dallas News by point of Universal appeal. It to night at Mulberry School future home, and that agreement with the Star Tele- has been viewed by more people House, and to which all are corare prominent church go- gram braodcasted for the south at a higher price than any pic- dially invited to attend. It is

of the Presbyterian States.



dealers in radio supplies, who Merchants . and business men ered two splendid sermons at

3s, during which time he has the United States deliver his These turkeys will be all thrown the pastorate of the local church de a host of loyal friends. He annual message to the joint sess at one time, and who ever catch has accepted the call and will a man of remarkable person- ion of the 68th Congress at the es the Turkey can have it for arrive here on or before Janu-

BIG FREE SHOW

HERE DEC. 15TH

The Merchants of Merkel.

Blair School Friday week, Dec.

plies, A special program will be

ir, Grimes' family will soon which in turn broadcasted will be produced, from the view that there will be abox supper working people; being western part of the United ture or stage production in the also urged that all the ladies of amusement world. In "The Cans the community bring a box.

man", Thomas Dixon's version of the struggles of the South in the reconstruction days, (from which thepicture was made) is so vividly portrayed that all,

Great Subscription Campaign Being Launched By Merkel Mail. Valuable Prizes Offered

Nominations Open---All Are Invited

Every Contestant Guranteed To Win---"Everybody Wins" in This Great Subscription Campaign

Today the Merkel Mail announces a most stupendous "Every body Wins Something" automobile, silver and valuable prize gift distribution.

Gifts totaling over \$1,500.00, including the very latest model Ford Touring Car, two beautifu and expensive diamond rings, a life scholarship in Draughon's Business college at Abilene, and ladies wrist watch, are to be distributed among the men and women, boys and girls of Taylor and surrounding counties.

"Everybody Wins"

This is to be a memorable event. It is to be a friend-making campaign.

In addition to latest model Ford Touring Car and the other valuable prizes, the Merkel Mail is making it possible for every man, woman, boy or girl who takes part in this generous distribution to be a prize winner. "Everybody Wins" is the slogan -and everybody does win.

That everyone participating in this campaign may know in advance that "Everybody Wins' the Merkel Mail has set aside a sum of money to be paid in commissions. This is over and above the other prizes.

Something Diffrent

To every reader who participates and does not win one of the big prizes, the Merkel Mail will pay a cash commission of 15 per-cent on all subscriptions turned in during the campaign. That means Merkel Mail readers who actively participate are guaranteed at the very least 15 per cent of every dollar received for subscriptions during the campaign.

Did you ever hear of anything more fair? No, and no one else ever did.

Why Do We Do It? Mail in dollars to-day. But the Now why does the Merkel effects of this campaign, the Mail put up \$1,500 in gifts? subscribers who will be gained, Why does the Merkel Mail guar- the friends who will be made, antee every reader who is active will be of lasting and inestimain this campaign, valuable con- ble benefit. The Merkel Mail is UNURUH UEU. 30 sideration for his or her ef- simply investing in its future, forts? Thre are two reasons: in the future of Merkel and this First-This is a FRIEND territory. Frankly, in the end it

14, the proceeds of which will HERE NEXT WEEK go for library and athletic sup-

T TEACHER CLUB

t Wednesday afternoon local I. O. O. F. lodge of this "Birth of the Nation" for a t Teachers will hold city Tuesday night, the follow- town the size of Merkel, at less dar monthly meeting ing officers were chosen for the than usual admission prices. It is alsolutely nective and LIBERAL campaign with this city, on December 30, when they will dedicate their hand-they will dedicate their hand-nlish its aim

esting program and G.; B. P. Middleton, V. G.; J. business session, M. Toombs, secretary; W. M.

de the placing Elliott treasure. J. R. Pee was We are ex- chosen to represent the lodge arge attendance at at the meeting of the grand

The two rooms lodge and G. W. Elliott, alter- partments of the Merkel High able and popular pastor before ONE CENT OF EXPENSE, However, if by the spending of red the library at the nate. Mr. Mc Murray of Knox School will present their pupils and after the new building was \$1,500? ig will be out of the City, was present for this occas in recital Friday evening, begin- built will be here and have In this section The Merkel tion list to the point where more nd may use their influ- sion and gave a much needed ning promptly at 8 o'clock, at charge of the services of that Mail hopes to secure more sub- advertisers will use its columns nd may use their influe sion and gave a much needed the High School Auditorium. day. It is also hoped that the new scriptions—to enlarge an al- at a higher rate, to reach a nember of the P. T. A. principles of the order. There will be a small sum of 15 pastor, Rev. Albertson, will ar- ready large list. To secure re- greater number of people, then this state the ready large list. To secure re- greater number of people, then this state the ready large list.

-+ --- every patron of

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school wheth 12 O'CLOCK LUNCHEON it has a spec-

un to these

is and lets put the Mer- The Mail is asked to announce the school. lic school on the map. that the Fords and Pages are 1. High School Choral Club. orget the program for entertaining the Buicks with a 2. Piano Solo: Glissando Mazurevening at the school 12 o'clock luncheon Tuesday in Isa by Bohm, Dorothy Sandundr the direction of the basement of the Baptist ners. The admission will invited. This closes a contest by Peple, Nell Sharp. and 25 cents. Proceeds that has been very interesting.

the Library fund of A. This program will Attention is called to the 5. Readings: (a) Sweet Brown turned first of the week from aim. The Merkel Mail. That is the tribution. a one act play to-Brown Dry Goods Company ad-songs, readings, vertisement on third page in Honey, Howdy, by Dunbar, some of the best pictures now of new The Merkel Mail immediate for 2000 readers each isthis paper. Read it and profit

- at the High thereby. rium Friday evne-

7, at 8 o'clock. this week. Swafford, south side Column. phone 44. 1t.

TION BLANK IN THE MERKEL MAIL'S TY WINS" CAMPAIGN

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(MR. OR MRS.) ESS

ndidate in the Merkel Mail's "Everybody Wins" prize dis

ly one nomination blank accepted for each candidate

young, high, low, rich and poor greatest picture of all time, and credit is due Mr. Groene for se-At the stated meeting of the curing an engagement of the

RECITAL BY STUDENTS OF

AT BAPTIST CHURCH Parent Teachers Library Fund, celebration. The proceeds will go to the and be here to take part in the we naturally need circulation. will be returned time and again In this campaign The Merkel to the Merkel Mail. which they are making up for

ers. Lack, Hazel Lee Rainbolt. Mamie Ellis. McAlester Coal unloading 7. Musical Readings: (a) Smilin' Through, by Penn; (b) Old

Time Wedding Day, by Cox, Minne Coats. Piano Solo: Le Cavalier Fan- signed gins in Merkel will gin back from the subscriptions rec-Fae Rose.

9. Reading: Sigus Is Sigus, by Dixon, Dorothy Sandrs. 10. Musical Readings: (a) Keep Smiling, by Cox; (b) Whisting Boy, by Cox, Lola Dennis. 11. One Act Play: Maid of France, by Brighouse, Mamie Ellis, Lucile Guitar, Sally Brown, Julia Martin and Clesby Patterson.

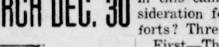
2. High School Choral Club.

H. L. Propst is back from a business trip to Plainview.



BOX SUPPER AT BLAIR

A box supper will be given at



Plans are being made by the MAKING CAMPAIGN. Second will profit The Merkel Mail. Baptist congregation in Merkel —Only, by conducting a FAIR Circulation Necessary

TAL BY STUDENTS OF EXPRESSION & MUSIC burn the note which will have And what is the Merkel Mails scription list. Your Merkel Mail DEPARTMENTS been paid in full by t hat time, aim? How can The Merkel Mail costs the publishers more each

week only.

GINNING NOTICE

After this week we the under vance that you cannot get it ion.

tasticque, by Godarls, Ona on Friday and Saturday of each eived? And the answer-

ing columns.

THE BLAIR GIN NOTICE

The Bair Gin will after this own medicine. It is advertising, few weeks. week gin only on Tuesday and It is spending money to create Thursday of each week.

Planters Gin Company. 1t, to add to its advertising patron- this great gift distribution is

The Music and Expression de-It is also expected that Rev. afford to give away ABSO- year to produce it and deliver it Ira L. Parrack, who was the LUTELY FREE WITHOUT to you than you pay.

\$1,500 will increase its subscrip

Mail hopes to add to its great **A Business Proposition** GEM THEATRE ADDS NEW number of friends. This will be It is simply a business prop-LIGHTING EQUIPMENT accomplished not alone by the osition and sound from every addition of new subscribers standpoint. No one loses, not

but by the manner in which this even The Merkel Mail. This pap The Gem Theatre of this city campaign is conducted. Every er will not realize the benefits pression, Music and Voi- church. All class members are 3. Reading: The Littlest Rebel, has recently added a new and reader who takes part in this and cash in on them as soon as 3. Reading: The Littlest Reber, has recently added a new for reader who takes part in the and cash in on them as soon as by Peple, Nell Sharp. modern lighting system for campaign will, when it is over, do our readers who carry on 4. Piano Solo: Crescendo, by this popular show place and the be a living advertisement for with us in this great gift dismanager, Mr. Lee Acuff, re The Merkel Mail. That is the tribution.

on the screen, besides he is not pay The Merkel Mail imme-'care for 2,000 readers each is-1tp 6. Piano Solo: Balancelle, by planning on putting in a new diately in dollars and cents. It sue just as easily as it can for Wachs, Gracie Lee Cranston. and more modern Piano. 1tp would be unreasonable to ex- half that number. And that is pect that. Then why you may the goal-2000 subscribers-

ask, do you put up so much that it hopes to reach as a remoney when you know in ad- sult of this great gift distribut-

The Gift List

And the gifts? Just what are Get More Than Money they? A Ford touring Car; two Planters Gin Co. There are things more valu- beautiful diamond rings, ladies Sam Swann Gin able to a newspaper than Mon- high grade wrist watch, life Guitar Gin, ey. Subscriptions are more valu- subscription in Draughon's Busi

F. P. Hamm Gin. able. Subscriptions give a news ness College, Abilene, and 15 per South Side Gin paper prestige, power, and en- cent CASH commission to every hance the value of its advertis- active non-gift winning partici-

pant. All this goes to make up The Merkel Mail is taking its the gigantic gift list in just a

It's Fair and Square

subscriptions-spending money The Merkel Mail's plan for

age and to create a greater good absolutely fair and square. Fri-

, Read the Classified Column. will. It will not pay The Merkel (Continued on Page Two)

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be passed up lightly.

THE MERKEL MAIL

Merkel Mail To Now the price of this car is pretty good money to add to Give Away \$1,500 your present income for your spare moments during the next few weeks-moments that other

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wise would be lost. Work in Spare Time Very little is required of you

ends and readers of this pap- to win. You have the time, er are to determine to whom the plenty of it. A few hours spent gifts are to go. Free votes are among your neighbors and frithe deciding factors. ends for The Merkel Mail is suf All over the territory in Tay- ficient to win the biggest gift lor County and outside The Mer in the list. You have the time. kel Mail has many friends-real Really the next few weeks-friends, who stand ready to help moments at the noon hour, a Every reader who would share few minutes of an evening-is in this great gift giving will worth more to you these few find the ground well broken for weeks than any full time employ him and for her. The way is ment you could imagine. Yet it made easy. You will readily un- is but a side issue a spare time derstand the whole plan once proposition. It is a business proyou read The Merkel Mail's position. Nothing more. There "Everybody Wins Something" is no sentiment about it. To automobile and grand prize gift earn money is honorable and the distribution announcement else- brand new Ford Touring car is now provided. It is here for you. where in this issue. **Costs You Nothing** You Can't Lose

The Merkel Mail bears the ex- You cannot lose. You are paid pense. There is not one cent for for every minute of your time. you to spend. Your time is your Every active non-gift winner is own. You can win by simply de- given an ABSOLUTE GUARAN voting a part of your spare time TEE that he or she will be paid It will be easy, you will find, to for his or her time 15 percent be the recepient of a Merkel of every subscription is yours if you fail to land one of the big Mail Gift.

Everybody Wins Something gifts. That, in itself, is a good In the Merkel Mail distribut- business proposition. We can ion "Everybody Wins Some-have spare moments, after thing" you win either one of the work that we can turn into big prizes or you win the CASH cash.

commissions. Everybody wins There is one thing, though, either a prize or cash. that is certain. There is abso-In this election you can in lutely no way you can secure your spare time earn more in one of these gifts- either car the next few weeks than the or cash-except by votes. There average family man earns in are but two ways you can get several months. You can earn votes. One is by collecting the more than the average man sav- free vote coupons which appear es in a whole year. You abso- in each issue of the Merkel Mail. lutely increase your earning The other is by securing subpower-and you do it in your scriptions or renewals.

You Can't Buy Votes

Cash Your Prizes No votes will be sold. There Perhaps you already have a is absolutely no way you can car-in your case you may cash secure votes except for coupons your prize and expend the mon- or subscribtions. You are not to ev in travel or a nueclus for an spend one cent your self. You education, or for a home of are to get your friends to save your own. Everyone has use for coupons and to secure subscripcash. And this amount is not to tions and renewals. Coupons - and subscriptions will win and

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Booth Warren, Asst. Cashier

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mind to enter. WIN. Earn

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These prices are for Cash Only and will run until Decmber 24th. We are doing this to reduce our stock before inventory. We had rather count money than merchandise.

These prices are right so why not take advantage of them.

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It is spending . marsher to grants

NOTTEE

hese two alone. If there is anyone who imag-The more candidates entered the next few weeks than ines he or she can enter and carthe easier it is for you to secure ever earned before in like ry away a big gift by spending money, he or she is advised now the car or one of the big prizes. ENTER. Get in. You to stay out. Read the vote schedule. Unless you want to If there are only two candi- Cut out or tear out " XX compete in the same fair and square manner in which The dates running for the office of nation blank in this

Merkel Mail puts on this gift Sheriff of Taylor county, the Merkel Mail. Wri, distribution, save your energy winning candidate must have name, your address, for some other plan. All on Even Terms

Nothing but straight and hon five candidates seeking election ination to this offic est, fair methods will tolerated. If you are in earnest, if you will date need only have more votes off with 5,000 votes. devote an hour a day, if you than any of the other four. In Nominations may be m are ready to compete on even other words, victory comes to any one for anyone. A ne terms with everyone else, and the winner with far less votes ion is a nomination. A frie if you want to assure your self when five are running than can nominate you. You can n of some real money or a car- when two are running. Yet the inate a friend. But only then you want to participate in total votes cast in each instance nomination counts fe this distribution of gifts.

More Votes at Start

Votes Alone Win In order to absolutely elimin- Remember this, too: The big- ble. Make the start. Let s

may be the same.

men, boys and gin

try. No one is bar

The More-The Easier) money. Earn more money

over half of all the votes cast have a telephone,

in order to win But if there are number. Mail or bri

as sheriff, the winning candi- your first step. That st

ate any possible chance of any gest prizes as big as they are, Short and Snappy one "buying" his or her way to have nothing to do with the This campaign will not victory, the Merkel Mail is giv- number of votes required to long drawn out affair of sev ing more votes at the start than win them. Only so many votes month's duration. It exte at the finish. As the campaign will be cast. It makes no differ- over a period of only a progresses the voting power of ence whether the total vote is weeks. It closes, January 1 coupons and subscriptions dim- 100,000 or one million. The car Think of securing in about inish until finally they are worth goes to the leader with the weeks, gifts that would ord less than one-sixth their pres- most votes. All he or she has to ily require months, yes, ent value. The final week is of do is to have more votes than years, of self-denying and the least concern for votes then any other candidate. ing to acquire— and the count so little. The first weeks Because the gift list is so ex-given to you for you ing to acquire- and the are the weeks that count the traordinary, so big, it is prob- time and a little in most when coupons and subscrip able someone will imagine that helping The Merkel ons count the most. "The early bird catches the votes to win." No one knows The Campaign Mianager tions count the most.

worm." It is advisable to start how many votes will be requir- be at the Merkel Mail early. It pays to be able to make ed. No one can tell. With a rea- each evening until 9 up your mind quickly. Votes are sonable list of candidates in this The telephone number is greater and easier to get at the election just a few good sub- Call him up or come down scriptions can win the biggest let him explain this camstart.

Start Early-It Pays

gift. When this election is over in full detail. You can get more coupons and everyone will be surprised at more subscriptions at the start the small number of votes re- PREACHING AT NUBIA than you can when many candi- quired to be the recepient of dates are out after them. At the gifts. Then those without cour-| Sunday, Dece. 9 will be on start the whole field is yours, age will say, "Why, if I had only day for preaching at Nubia. Le What you get early, you get known how few votes it took I every one be present for th easily. And the early coupons could have done that." Then it Sunday School hour at 10 and subscriptions count up fast will be too late. er—the votes are bigger. The Profitable—Enjoyable. Clock are the best. "Electioneering" in The Mer- es at Blair at 3:00 o'clock first weeks are the best. "Electioneering" in The Mer-'es at Blair at 3:00 o'clock Make up your mind NOW. En- kel Mail election will be most afternoon. A collection ter NOW. Everybody wins, YOU enjoyable as well as profitable taken at each of the

WIN. You can't help. but win. work. The more you do the more you And it will PAY YOU BIG... Orphanage. get of course. But everybody Decide now. Make up your get of course. But everybody

clock and preaching at 11 c'lock. We will also hold ser the interest of the Me

M. R. Pike

WHITE CHURCH

AD)

Tuesday night-How do you like the weather out side? First sleet only lasted a few minutes and we are having a nice shower. During our last rainey spell I heard a woman who is past the middle age, say, "This is the fore runner of a fine crop.' Thats wonderful to feel that way this kind of weather, and be thankful for this prosperous year. Almost every one is thru' gathering their crops and now are waiting for the other fellow to move.

Our school seems to be progressing nicely. It has been announced that there will be a Box Supper there next Friday night, (30). The proceeds to be used to purchase some play ground equipment. Everybody is invited to come and bring a well filled box.

We regret to report that Thomas Clinton received a brok en arm while playing at school last Friday.

Frank Wilson filled his regular appointment here Sunday and Sunday night. The time for Sunday school and Epworth league has been changed so as to have both in the afternoon. Perhaps by this change enough people will be interested in same to keep going during the winter months.

Billy Moore left Saturday for Angleton.

Adrian Farmer has just finished moving to the Blair community.

J. S. Hughes and family of Merkel spent Sunday night with relatives here.

Since we have been receiving inqugiries about when we will meet again at the cemetery, as a suggestion, watch for the an-ready.

Since this is Wednesday deeper before night. morning, the weather conditi- Read the Classified Column.





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states most skunk.

game, then parts of Alaska and cer- but who for several years has ful afternoon. tain of the Rocky mountain states, been residing at Gorman, Texas but like the fur animals there is no "one locality" that has most of all returned here this week and will

these animals, including bear, deer, probably again make this his moose, elk and mountain llon .- Sports- home man's Digest.

He is the father of Mr R. A. 44. Martin, groceryman of this

PIONEER RETURNS TO

MERKEL

CELEBRATES 79TH BIRTHDAY

On Sunday, November 25, 19-23 after Mr. J. H. Bayless had gone to church, his children, grand children and great grand children gathered at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. A. McCandless to celebrate his 79th birthday.

Every one brought well filled baskets and dinner was spread. When Mr. Bayless returned from church he found the house filled with relatives, and the dinner all ready.

Those that enjoyed the good dinner and good time together were: Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Roberts and daughter of Anson, Mr .and Mrs. I. F. Westmoreland and son, of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Warnell and children of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jones and children of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fail and son of Anson, Mr. J. E. Wallace of Colorado, and Mr. and Mrs F F. Cox of this city.

Presbyterian Auxiliary

Mrs. Henry West and Mrs. Fred S. Rogers were delightful hostesses to the Ladies of the Auxilary on Tuesday afternoon, naming Mrs. O. B. Hutchison, who is soon to leave here as honoree. Mrs. Rogers opened the meeting with a beau tiful spiritual Christmas reading and the hostesses gave a lovely duet. Prayer was led by Mrs. Geo. West. At the close of the devotional hour the guests were asked to go bird hunting. In this unique little contest Mrs. Hutcheson was presented a beau tiful towel. A delicious salad course was passed. After a few minutes spent in conversation with Mrs. Huchison each member expressing their deepest regret their leaving, but wishing for her much happiness in her

Dr. J. W. H. Martin, for new home, good byes and ex-If the inquirer is interested to know many years a successful and pressions of gratitude were giv what state, or section, has most big well known physician at Nubia, en the hostesses for this delight

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sons who traverse the Atlantic knows that at various stages of the trip liners actually sail over mountains. Fewer still realize that in some instances the peaks of these mountains are almost incomfortably close to the surface. The biggest of these submarine

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nore thoroughly surveyed than any

Probably not one in a thousand per

other

mountains is known to science as Mt. Laura Ethel. It lies roughly midway between Liverpool and New York, and is at least 12,000 feet in height, its summit being less than 100 feet from the surface.

Another mountain, Placentia in the South Atlantic, is almost an Isiand, for its peak is less than 20 feet from the surface

scent is nature's means of fertiliza-The Faraday hills, in the Nort's Atlantic, have been the subject of much tion is proved by the fact that flowers exploration by means of soundings. Recent investigations show that the urrents have deposited at the base of no scent. the biggest of the group the wreckage of over 5,000 vessels of all kinds.

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me?

with the masses?"

It seems, therefore, that the distinction of being the real "Davy Jones' Locker" can with good reason be ascribed, as it has been, to this eerie under-sea locality.

VAN THE SALTIEST OF LAKES

Dead Sea Ranks Next to Body of Water in Turkey in Proportion of Saline Ingredient.

The waters of the Dead sea are very salty, but not the saltlest in the world. It is not difficult to account for the saltiness of the Dead sea. There are large quantities of salt and salty matters, generally, in the volcanic rocks of the region, but even if this were not so, when a river empties into a lake with no outlet to the sea, as does the River Jordan into the Dead sea, and which therefore loses its water by evaporation only, the water will gradually become very salty, since the remaining waters of such a lake contain more or less of salt, while the water it loses by evaporation only contains

In every 100 pounds of Dead sea water 24 pounds consist of salty matters. The waters of Great Salt lake, in Utah, contain 18 per cent of salty matters. Lake Van, in eastern Turkey, is perhaps the saltiest lake on earth, it containing no less than 33 pounds of salty substances in every 100 pounds of water.-Detroit News.

Fur-Bearing Animals' Habitat. There is really no one section that has most of all the various fur animals. In Alaska there are some of about all other than skunk, civet cat and opossum; in Nevada, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and other of the Rocky mountain states, there are more coyotes than elsewhere; New England and other of the east

There is a possibility that our culti- city and Mr. Finley Mastin, one vated flowers are losing scent to a very of our good farmers.

great degree, and if the loss continues to a point where it disappears entirely the species will likewise disappear, for

whose visits effect the necessary fer-Avery. tillzation of the blooms. Florists do away with the scent of a flower by in-

creasing its color and size, and all the up this extra substance. The culti-

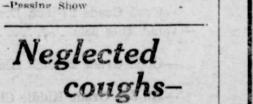
Messrs. Jim Burns, and W. B. Moore of route four were in the city one day this week and Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Avery of while here dropped in to renew the perpetuation of the plant depends Callahan county, are visiting at for the Merkel Mail. Mr. Burns upon the scent to attract insects, the home of their son, W. I. had us send the paper to rela-

tives in his old home state. Tenn essee, and in which state he

W. S. Slayden, carrier on expects to make a visit during energy of the plants is used in making route two, is back on duty, the coming holidays. after an absence of a week on

vated plant finds it does not need to perpetuate itself by attracting insects, account of an arrival of a new Coal from \$6.50 to \$15. Swafas man does not waste time and labor son at the Slayden home. ford-South side. Phone 44. 1t producing perfume not required. That

that are wind-fertilized, or attract insects by their brilliant coloring have An Open Question. "Crimson Guich hasn't had a lynching in years," remarked the traveling "Yep," replied Cactus Joe. "The fact is causing some dispute. We don't feel certain whether our civic morals have improved or whether the posse is demoralized an' loafin' on the job." Weighty Words. "Did your words have any weight "It looks cheerlessly that way," answered Senator Sorghum. "The boys are saying it was one of the heaviest little speeches I ever made." Sidestepping Mrs. Grundy. "Why do you go on the balcony when I sing? Don't you like to hear DETROIT "It isn't that. I want the neighbors



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to see that I'm not beating my wife."



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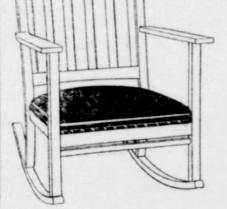
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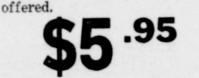


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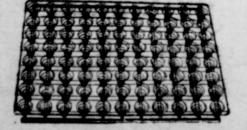
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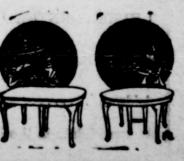
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sidering the muddy streets. After the regulad business meeting the officers for the New Year were elected. The les

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HER EXILE

By JANE JORDAN

SHE came among them in strange reticence: tactfully aimed quesreticence; tactfully aimed questions met with no success. There was a kind of haughtiness about the new resident which forbade intimacy. Later it was the exacting townsfolk who encouraged the coldness. Mrs. Gay was not desirable, they decided. True, her frocks in their modish good taste were superior, and the bungalow she had taken the finest in town.

There was craning of necks on Sunday when the remote neighbor attended service at the beautiful stone church, whose ancient date was registered on the doorpost. The organ was the pride of all. It was the gift of a now great musician who had come from Plainsville in his boyhood.

Rupert Rolf had repeatedly promised to return to his old home town to give an exhibition of his skill. The promise had been unrealized.

One day printed placards announced at the musician was to arrive that week in Plainsville; the following Sabbath he would play upon the gift organ in the beautiful church.

The placard in the store window cemed to scream at her with its red etters-Rupert Rolf! Rupert Rolf! and next Sabbath he was to play at the church she attended. Well, might she not still attend?

"Good-by," said the little girl; "my anoma would not want me to stop. Oh, Mrs. Gay, your eyes are wet." Mrs. Gay laughed shakily. "Why, so they are," she said.

She wore a dark dress the day of Rupert Rolf's church recital. She went early to take her seat in the gallery, and sat palpitating throughout the reliminary opening of the service. The minister explained that he was alting, with little hope, the appearace of Rupert Rolf. The musician ad not arrived in the town as exected, detained by engagements, but had sent a letter, assuring his pres-

e if possible, at the morning serv-The allotted time of walting passed.

he minister looked, smiling, over his ople. "Our usual organist is out of own," he said. "I wonder if some e will not volunteer to play for us his morning? Please," he beggednd paused. There was no response: gain the request was given. "This is an unusual circumstance," he minister explained, troubled. "Will

ot some one kindly help in this man-Again no response Some one arose in the gallery-sigilled her willingness.

The audience could not see the vol ateer organist who went swiftly to ake her place before the keys. They aw a dark-clothed back, an envelopig small hat.

A pleasant occassion for the The music poured forth. It was an Friendship Club members was

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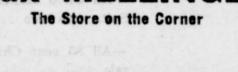
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A. L. JOBE

This was a musician indeed bo played for them; untrained ears

y-the volunteer organist was the giving was near by the contest pproved Mrs. Gay. Her face shone lite and sweet beneath the drooping im of the prim black hat-then she were the lucky ones and won s seated beyond their sight. The nice prizes. lister came down the pulpit stair reledly afterward that he might not s her, to extend his thanks. Many agered, looking back curiously. A and visitors: Mesdames Geo. arose in the rear of the building Woodrum, M. Boney, Golladay, He, too, pressed hurriedly forcard until he stood with the minister, nd the one who had come to his as- Club will meet next time with But the man's hand went Mrs. Buzbee. out first to the woman-"Gay," he

aurmured chokily; "Gay!" The little woman smiled; a smile

hand went out to the man. "Rupert the Plains. Rolf," cried Reverend Roberts. "Here and I did not see you."

"I arrived very late," the musician eplied. "My substitute was already at her post filling acceptably my place." He whirled about. "Mr. Robrts," said Rupert Rolf, "let me preent to you-my wife."

The minister hesitated-"Mrs. Gay." "Gay," said the musician, "is my wife's given name. To you I may as well now explain. My wife and I were rival musicians. We met abroad, upon a musical tour. After our marriage we traveled together giving recitals. I had lived but for my music before I Ola Sharp. met her. You know, my life was so ordered. And-in an artist's madness of pride-I found myself humiliated one night, the very night I had so wished to excel-by my wife's superior performance. I and my loud attempt was lost, in her glory; can you understand a man's bitter jealousy? Now-I am overwhelmed at that madness. I know not what reproaches I brought to my wife-1 know that next day she left me secretly, and my most absorbing effort to find her was unavailing. In order to place me first in the musical world which she thought my all--she had effaced herself completely. And-" the musician's eyes, filled with remorseful tears, met those of his wife-"and broke my heart," he finished. She met the townspeople gracefully, the gifted wife of the famous musi-

"Such a charming pair!" the restlents said. "No doubt it was Mr. Rolf's wish that his wife remain un-DWD A

Friday afternoon from 2 until ognized the sympathetic skill, the 5 when Mrs. B. T. Sublett was autiful rendering of a great compo- hostess. A pleasant hour was spent in work of the club. Then She stood a moment, finding her we were reminded that Thanks-

Mrs. Pogue and Mrs. Buzbee Dainty refreshments were ser ved to the following members distinguished-appearing blonde McCoy, Pogue, Stanford, Patter son, Buzbee and hostess. The

Bill Sheppard, efficient and which set her blue eyes all at once accommodating clerk for Sandshine, "Rupert !" she answered him; ers Drug Company returned the minister walted. Suddenly his first of the week from a visit to

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then, by Floyd Dowell. 5. Contend for the Faith, by Nina Miller.

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ry McCandless.

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2. Indulgence, Anna Lou Rus- this city Wednesday afternoon sell. 3. Asceticism, Sallie Brown. 5. Scripture lesson, leader. 4. The Christian conception-- Hill cemetery. Elfe Chaney. Prayer Hymn. Quotations on Health, Leader Phone 44. I'll make my body, Gladys Milliken. Hymn League benediction.

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Announcements.

ty, Lola Dennis.

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at him by those who could not all over my body, causing me to themselves create truths. blood and carbuncles broke out The negative forces in this suffer intensely. This condition les for over a year and seven tive forces; but in the whirl of the criticism that builds and them. my stomach from the very first morrows, the world, in its dedose. In less than a week's treat sire to honor those who push ment al' signs of carbundes had good forward, is glad to forget not at all has little weight and labor, ceased to appear. In iess than 3 those who pull backward. Those who follow the lines of weeks all my carbuncles were of one since.

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When criticism attempts to rec- you're dwelling. good work is safe from misconstruction, Every saint has ral tify error, improve judgement Boost the goods that you are pressing, dyeing at reasonable cide to use them--then it will be his defamer. That which made and refine public taste, it be- selling,

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Every conqueror must some Boost it to the final letter .-- Ex time meet his master. That is

common good and for the com- master will be the critic who who was on his way to Snyder fort and the liberities of the can do better. from Red River county stopped

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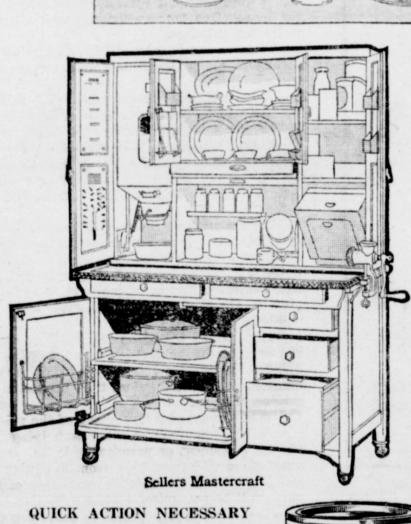
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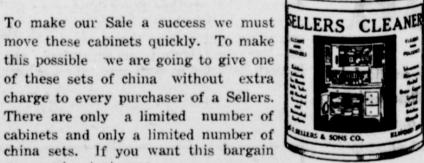
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Mr. Banner was born in Vir- mind is to lead men and women ginia on June 12, 1820. He came to Christ. We hope to make each to Texas in 1870 and to Com-Sunday during 1924 a decision ter. anche in 1872. Up to two years Sunday, but we have set the first Sunday in each month as ago he was hale and hearty.

On the occasion of his 100th communion Sunday and Decisbirthday a family reunion was ion Day. On each of these Sunheld here, attended by a large days a special evangelistic sernumber of his descendants. He vice will be held. We also want was presented with 100 silver to keep before us the Vesper dollars by 100 citizens, all of service each Sunday at 4 p. m. whom had been residents of bginning the first Sunday of the Comanche for twenty-five years New Year. We are counting on the High School Choral Club to or more.

Mr. Banner is survived by 7 sing at some of these services, children, fifty-two grand child- and have the promise of one of favorite topic, "you just watch for ren, 118 great-grand children our preachers and an out stand and ten great-great grand child- ing layman, who wil speak to his cabin door that night; Jim, as us during January. ren.

The above mentioned deceas- Sunday, December 9, all the ed, was the father of our fellow regular services will be held. beyond a doubt. He saw a dark entownsman and most excellent Sunday morning at Sunday citizen, Mr. J. L. Banner, and school new teachers and officers who has many friends here, will be elected for the New with whom we join in extend- Year. It is important that every ing deepest sympathy in the member be present. oss of his aged father. Subject for the morning ser-

THE MERKEL MAIL

HIGH TOP'S WITCH

By JANE GORDON

"DEED it is a witch, Mr. King, sir;

D I done seer with my own eyes, Last night when we's in the cabin

the window. Sam, he says, 'I bet

the man that sees or tries to catch

messhouse, and she throws a laugh

Glen King laughed, but the golden-

"It is true what Jim says. I saw

the witch one evening just as I was

ucked me into bed and kissed me

into my bed-and first she kissed the

cose-so I wasn't afraid at all. May-

be its only bad men that she punishes.

Mr. King; Joe was a bad nigger, Mary

Murphy says. He gambled money and

"Information bureau," Glen King

remarked, and pinched the little girl's

"So you have seen the witch, and

are not afraid of her. Angel-and

Monna says that red roses mean love?"

Glen King was quite untutored in

And the chief engineer was,

Glen was torn with jealousy at times

by the sight of Monna, walking the

sweet mountain trails at the side of

ike himself, had come with the en-

gineering commission, as secretary to

Bob Whitely. Bob, a New Yorker

ways of John Kirkwood's daugh-

took all poor Tim Murphy had.'

his job, diggin' on High Top."

haired child on his knee warned:

BIBLE USED AS AN ORACLE Persons "Seeking a Sign" Open Scriptures at Random and Find Message Upon Which Thumb Rests.

A common practice with those who seek for a sign" is to open the Rible at random and find their answer in the passage upon which their thumb resta as they part the leaves.

In pagan times this divination was playing cayrds something brushed past accomplished by placing the finger at random on a passage of Homer, Virgil, that's High Top's witch.' Which? I or some other great author. Virgil was asks, and Sam tells us. She roams a particular favorite, and the practice the mountains, and its bad luck for of consulting him continued down to modern times, though the Bible is the her. Joe, he once give chase, when book now generally used.

the witch come prowlin' around the During the Middle ages Virgil be came so enveloped in a mist of tradiat him and gets quick behind a tree, tion and superstition that he was al and when Joe looked all about she luded to by the uneducated as "Virgil wasn't there; an' next day Joe lost the Wizard"; and the popular estimation of the chief value of the "Aeneld" was as an oracle.

As late as the time of Charles I the Bible had not entirely supplanted the "Aeneid" for purposes of divinagoing off to sleep. Sister Monna had tion, as is evidenced by the well known story of how that monarch learned his good-night. She threw a rose from the fate by the "Sortes Virgilianae," as it dge right through my window and was called.

This practice of divination by books is said to have "originated in the respect and veneration of certain books arising from their wisdom and reputation"; and it is easy to understand the sychology which induced people of the Middle ages to consult "Virgil the Wizard," and leads men of a superstitious trend of mind today to turn the Bible into an oracle.

The beginning of the idea dates back o the first introduction of letters. when, to the common mind, there was something supernatural in the power of a few marks made in a certain way o convey from one person to another tot merely ideas but whole speeches ord for word.

The feeling is displayed today by reote tribes of savages when they see or the first time the use of the printed written word in communication .-ondon Tit-Bits.

MANX CAT WITHOUT TAIL

Animal Is Native to the Isle of Man -Jumps Forward Like a

Rabbit.

The Manx cat, which is native to he isle of Man, a British island in the rish sea, is noted because of its abe of a tail, and a formation of body at distinguishes it from cats of other reeds. The origin of the Manx cat is sttributed to the arrival on the Isle of Man of ships belonging to the Spandi armada that were wrecked there. is said that these cats were most robably previously brought from aban or other parts of eastern Asia. in the true Manx cat the forelegs are | tended her hand. bort and the rump arises as abruptly

CON AMORE

TRALLY GREAT TO THE TO THE TO THE T

By IDA M. GOULD

McClure Newspaper Syndicate.) row path led irregularly to Nowhere. She rested on a fallen tree trunk, ket, she slipped it on her finger.

When the old routine of school teaching was resumed the ring adorned her slim finger.

she planned to spend a few days in ure. Boston sight-seeing. On one of her jaunts she lost the ring. How she missed it! She inserted a description found columns of the newspapers. Returning from her pilgrimages next

day, she found a tall, middle-aged gentleman awaiting her. "I am Mr. Linn Childs," he an-

nounced, stiffly. "You are the edvertiser of a ring, Miss-' "Gage," faltered Elinos.

"Miss Gage, is this the ring you lost?"

the joyous expression of the girl's eyes as they identified her lost property.

"Yes-oh-yes," gasped Elinor, reaching for the ring, which the man still held.

"This is my ring," he began, with his unsympathetic manner. "Where did you find it?"

"At Beechwood."

"I thought so. I lost it there last summer. It was a gift from my wife." The stern eyes softened.

"Miss Gage, why not accept a duplicate ring from me? I owe you that much for restoring a cherished keepsake."

"I cannot agree to such an arrange ment."

"It seems fair to me," smilingly said the owner of the ring. "May I ask if you are in Boston permanently this winter?"

"Oh-no. I start tomorrow for the West, where I teach school." Elinor looked frankly into the man's honest

ing been the vehicle by which we have met, may I hope to see you soon again?"

"I think not. I leave here for my home tonight." And Elinor Gage ex-

"Au revoir, then; perhaps at Beechus see that your children among those doing satisfactor work. Very respectfully, Rogen A. Burgess.

SECOND REPORT T THE PARENTS On Tuesday afternoon, Decem ber 11th, the second report

that the pupils of the Merkel

Public school are to receive this year will be given out. This re-ELINOR GAGE fastened her boat port card includes the work for and wandered through a path she the first one-third of the year. had dearly longed to explore. A nar- The year's work is now about one-third over. The grades listening to the humming of insects, eived on this report largely She let her eyes search the bypath, termine whether or not the and they fell on a glittering small ob- il will pass at the end of the large amethyst, bearing the words vear. If the pupil has failed thus "Con Amore," set in diamonds. Brush- far, unless the parents will coing the moss particles from the trin- operate with the teachers and pupil at once to see that a radical change in habits of study is made, the pupil will continue to

As the next summer vacation ended fail and will end the year in fr

Now is the accepted time. De lay will be fatal. Parents should and promise of reward in the lost and examine very carefully this re port card, and if the child failing or is badly getting should confer with the teacher at once. It will do to repeat that it is impossible for a child to pass unless the parents will see that school work comes firstthat nothing is allowed to inter-Carefully holding the ring so that it fere with the child studying might be seen on all sides, he noted EVERY night, that it is just a regular and certain as the coming of the night. If the parent really wants his child to do satia factory work in school he will see that outside activities of any character are not allowed to divert the pupil's mind from his school work. It is not the active sions from schools million time used in too freaent dim hurts, but it is the a mind the pupil in divertig i from his studies t th side activities. If the child is doing satisfactory school work, well and good, but if he is now is the time to center a tion on his school work. v. way of doing this is to requi egular home-study periods an providing the necessary qu "At least, Miss Gage, the ring hav- place for his home-study-

Your co-operation to and even a higher percepas the pupils of the Me school do satisfactory work certainly be appreciated.

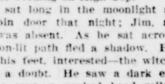
Mr. Kirkwood, and Glen could not get over his dislike and suspicion regard-•g the ingratiating stranger. Monna appeared not to share this dislike. Sighing now, he put the child down rom his knee and left the cabin; Ancel walked at his side.

"And if you don't believe in the witch, Mr. King," she continued her

Glen sat long in the moonlight at usual was absent. As he sat across the moon-lit path fled a shadow. He got to his feet, interested-the witch,

veloping cape, a peaked hood rolled

for a moment the cape about heror him.



The witch eluded him; but moonlight showed a touch of scarlet lining. where the person's arm had tightened

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Miss Mamie Ellis one of the Evening preaching service at efficient teachers in Merkel 6:45. Christian Endeavor at 5 schools spent Friday and Sat- o'clock. Let us make this a great coldiy. urday with friends in Clyde. day. Fred S. Rogers, Pastor.

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Next day Glen King astonishingly received notice that his services on the great engineering commission were dispensed with. When he sought out is chief John Kirkwood received him

"This grieves me more than it can possibly grieve you," he said. "If I and not undoubted authority, I would not find it possible to believe you guilty of the very fault you have aparently been eager to help me to due. You were an active gambler it last night's disgraceful meeting on High Top.

Stunned, indignant, Glen King ooke but one word. "Mistaken," he ald brusquely, and went to pack his ings

Black Jim brought him coffee. "Dat ascal call himself Bob Whitely, tell Mr. Kirkwood lies 'bout you, Mr. King." Jim said. "Pretendin' to look p the gamblers when he's one of 'em Dressed up like you last night. Went to the whites' cabin. Got out so no one could cotch him, an' den made the detective believe It was vo'self. T now it. An' it's Miss Monna Kirkwood that rascal wants, an' maybe'll get her, on account of his smooth Vays.

"But to think," Glen murmured brocenly, "that after all our association Mr. Kirkwood would disbelieve in

"Dat Bob," Jim confirmed, "is mighty smooth, Mr. King." Glen oowed his head in his head-toward im a slender figure came. The negro iew. "The witch!" the disheartened man heard him cry. Glen raised his head. Monna stood before him. A dark cape wrapped about her, its lining showed scarlet. She held out to him a wide black ribbon. "The peaked hood," she said and smiled.

"I have been High Top witch, Glen." She came to sit beside him. "After Angel was put to bed for the night I roamed the Top; really it was fun, but I had an object. Bob Whitely had whispered things about you-had insinuated to father. I had to know, So, I peeked in the cabin windows where games were played. How did 1 know where to go? I followed Mary Murphy's Tim one night, secretly. She had bewailed the fact of his nightly visits. And last night, Glen, I saw through a cabin door, left open but for a moment to admit a man-that man dressed as you might be dressed-but it was not you. I have told my father who the man was. And here I saw you, solitary, on your own doorstep-until you went in to bar for the night your cabin door. I have told my father that, too. Tomorrow it will be Bob Whitely who will leave the High Top commission-and not you, my Glen, dear !"

His longing arm was around the slender figure in the dar' cape. "It was love for you

hind legs longor than the forelegs, so that the cat mems to jump forward like a rabbit and is therefore sometimes called a the cat. The Manx cat may be of any of the recognized colors.

All of the cats of the islands in the inst. the Malay peninsula, Japan, hira and lands contiguous, and even lose of Siam, seem to have curious ormations of the tail, whether cut hort, forked, kinked or otherwise. but these cats are smaller than the lanx cat and there are differences in e call or language and ways and uracter .- Detroit News.

London Lawyers Hard Hit,

"The worst legal year on record," given as the London lawyer's opinn of the last twelvemonths and more arristers than ever are said to be ooking for a livelihood elsewhere han in the courts. General hard times ad the potential plaintiffs and deendants to settle their differences ithout the assistance of wigs and owns, or, if they cannot settle it, they et the difference lie.

In spite of a common and old opinon that money flies as naturally to a wyer's pockets as steel filings do to magnet, the "flowing fees" of the our at all times direct themselves blefty to certain larger and more notable pools.

The emoluments of the great maority of barristers would rouse no great envy even in normal times; when a slump comes (and the big noois must still be fed) the smaller receptacles are in danger of running iry, indeed.-Manchester Guardian.

Hard Times.

Montagu Collet Norman, governor of the Bank of England, was talking at a dinner in Washington, about hard times. "I heard a story the other day," he

said, "about a slum landlord who was going around one morning collecting his rents. At a certain house a boy handed him half a crown.

"'Half a crown!' said the landlord reproachfully. "Here you are, over five quid in arrears, and you only give me half a crown!' "'Oh, go on about your business,

said the boy. 'You wouldn't have got that if the old man hadn't been and sold the kitchen door.""

one peach."

An Age of Specialists. "Tis an age of specialists," remarked Mr. Tenspot from his back porch. "Of concentration, so to speak. Even the vegetable kingdom seems to be aware of this tendency of the times."

His neighbors sent him an inquiring glance which he accepted as signal to continue.

"At least my peach tree seems to be tavishing all its resourcefulness upo

wood next summer "Perhaps." Elinor watched him dis

appear past the crowds in the lobby. "No more adventures until I find an-

other keepsake," thought Elinor. . . . At Beechwood the following season

Elinor went, as usual, walking, boating through familiar scenes with revived memories of the beautiful ring she had so unexpectedly found. Nothing was farther from her thoughts than the man she found awaiting her Theatre. His coming is airea one day, after a long tramp in the woods. Her face was aglow with her walk. Her hands full of pine for Kater is well known ? branches; so, greetings exchanged, she disappeared until tea time.

Few guests remained on the porch, for the air became chilly early. Mr. Childs asked Elinor if she would get an "eyeful" of illusiongo for a constitutional stroll. When he said good-night he placed a

package in her hand, saying it was a trifle he had picked up in Boston and asked her judgment on it.

ring, almost a duplicate of the lost his work have been unifor one, differing only in the omission of the words "Con Amore."

Next morning, intercepting the giver as he was about to start on one of his then proceeds to give b daily walks, she protested that he should not have offered her the gift. Fearing to create comment from by-

standers, she walked slowly down the mystifying in the extreme road, trying to appear unconcerned, he excells in sleight-of-hand v keeping step, until they reached a and marvelous tricks of pr turnstile "Take care!" he warned, too late,

however, for she had twisted her ankle in stepping back too quickly.

house, Elinor."

White with pain from exertion, she had to submit.

prescribed perfect rest for ten days. Chapters could be written narrating tricks there comes a heart the daily talks and readings and Mr. Childs' tender ministrations to distract heart talk for boys and you Elinor from her painful condition.

When Elinor was able to limp to the hammock under the apple tree, her there is a mission in real devoted attendant ceased his readings and began to plead his own suit.

Once more he placed the package in and has made of it a fine art. her hands.

"Is it just like the one you offered me before my accident?" queried the girl

"No. Look for yourself, Elinor." "Oh-how lovely!" exclaimed the ion. Your season tickets wil girl, coloring as she met the earnest eyes near her.

"Accept it with the inscription, 'Con Amore,' which has been added. Does the phrase find an echo in your heart, ene will give ashort program dear?" "Con Amore," whispered Elinor, as

he kissed her.

Snappy Comeback. He-Pardon me, but haven't 1 seen your face before? She-I don't doubt it. This is so I always wear.

KATER, THE MAGICIAN.

Kater, the magician, w pack his cargo of trie magic here on the St December 20th at arousing considerable intere "slicker" in the fine sleight-of-hand, and local peop. will have their poportunity to ments.

Kater is master in magician work. He has appeared in most of the leading cities of the U. Elinor found the package to be a S. and Canada, and reports p praiseworthy. Kater doe

standard magician tric ence one thrill after

with a lot of new magic the digitation. In this field he

no superior. Kater's program is built "Lean on me, until we get to the only to mystify, but to satter tain. an proves conclusively that magic can instruct and The nearest doctor was called. He benefit as well as amuse. A. long with his inexplicable card men, in which he shows the tility of gambling. He belie ic. He takes his work seriou

> Kater, the Magician, is the third number of the course bed ing given under the auspic the Merkel Cemetery Asso good for this number. In . nection with the special r gram mentioned above, Mr. pictures. If you are fond of ic. you cannot afford to miss ing entertained by this m. of magic. Remember the

and the place-Thursday e ing, December 20th, eigh clock, Cozy Theatre.

SHOURD DEATH KNOCK AT YOUR DOOR-?

Should death knock at your door tomorrow, would you be satisfied with the financial condition your family would be left in? Think it over. Would you? Would they have ample means to pay off your obligations, care able little fortune, added to her comor burial expense, and left in- fortable little fortune, would be benepent-or would they be left ficial to both. The parties concerned

in the case were Clarissa Maxwell and nancial condition and if your death would leave your family club where he appeared regularly once in financial distress are you go- a day. He accepted invitations to dining to dream the rest of your ner and to take yachting trips. life away figuring you will not take out some more insurance she called great society leaders by when you are able?

Don't you realize you will called "Clarissa dear" in return.

ver be able-you will always ave a place for every dollar you have, whether you have \$1 same social orbit. That they should or \$1,00,000-You never have attract each other was considered

en able nor you never will be. quite natural. ake up and come out of it orother, do thefair thing, be son of their having remained single honest with your family. If you so long their friends invented reasons are a broad-minded citizen we to suit themselves. Clarissa, it was need you to help the rest of us protect our families. The Citi- man had married somebody else or had zens Mutual, is an organization died; the majority voted in favor of of friends, chipping in \$1 when death. Madison had not married bea member dies, 1000 members equal \$1,000. We are working on our 3rd and 4th Club, any of feited his chance to a large fortune. our clubs have not had over one These reasons for celibacy were endeath this year. The Citizens tirely satisfactory to their inventors Mutual is a business institution not an expriment, but a success but yor stand between us and fair and Madison was possessed of no "Sur family. If you will join us wealthy great-uncle of extreme age, to day, w can reach them when

are ghe. Make your family sort. But now, everybody said, the end of their bachelorhood and spinster-hood was approaching. Madison's aneset acouple of policies,

you p us a card now giving yat age and address that we may furnish you with full information? Or had you only remained to fix the wedding day. aer sleep ahead and let them It was agreed by the parties most gh it the best they can. It's up to you. Citizens Mutual, Abi- Clarissa were to go out to dinner alone lene, Texas. 1t and talk it over. They went to a

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Weaver, since their engagement something indaughter, Roberta Ray, sed through Merkel Satury enroute to Fort Worth, tere Mr. Weaver goes for other. eatment.

Mrs. J. P. Frederickson is

THE MORKEL MAIL

FORTUNE HUNTERS DANCE WITH DORIS

By DOROTHY DOUGLAS

By H. IRVING KING

E VERYBODY said the match was a

Madison James. James belonged to

an exclusive, but rather inexpensive,

Clarissa was thirty and Madison

was thirty-five. Not knowing the rea-

decided, had remained unwed because

proval of an extremely aged and ex-

tediluvian great-uncle had approved

and Clarissa had locked up the mem-

ory of her youthful lover in the closet

The engagement was announced; it

concerned that this should be done on

slightest foundation

of forgetfulness.

most suitable one. His comfort-

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TOMMY WEBSTER called himself every known kind of an idiot, but

it didn't help matters in the least. He was in love with a girl whom he had not met and never expected to meet, for she was a girl who danced in one of the famous "Revues." It was called dancing, but it was in reality just floating about the stage like an exquisite bit of thistledown.

Tommy hated the audience for their wild and noisy applause that clam-Miss Maxwell was active in various ored for Doris until she slipped out charitable and "uplift" organizations. time and time again to bow her pretty thanks and kiss her snow-white fintheir first names and by them was gers. He knew she must be weary and it annoyed Tommy that she must That Madison James and Clarissa stand there with that sparkling smile Maxwell should be brought together on her lips and in her eyes the joy of was inevitable. They moved in the great conquest for that noisy public to admire

If Doris Deene had been a little nonentity on the stage he might have made an effort to become acquainted with her and win her away from her profession, but to one who seemed destined to reach the height of her profession Tommy felt the odds too much against him.

of an early love affair. The young So he had decided that the best thing for him to do was to forget Doris

It was not going to be easy. Tommy cause if he did so without the apwas not the kind of man who loves often and lightly. And Doris, the tremely wealthy great-uncle he forfluffy bit of white thistledown, with her fair curls and laughing blue eyes, drifted through all his dreams, clinging, beautifully appealing. but in point of fact were without the

So, before taking up his office career in the great steel business of his fa-Clarissa had had no early love afther, Tommy started on a six months' travel cure and made up his mind that he would return to New York heart or, in fact, of any great-uncle of any and fancy free. sort, But now, everybody said, the

Tommy reached England during the nonth of June. The days were a bit dull, but the change to glorious sunshine made Ascot, the Derby and the river life a thing of joy. He learned to punt up and down the river quite like an old hand and met many a charming, gally-decked damsel with

whom he passed sundry and varied ley, Texas. ours. a certain night when Madison and clining gracefully among various hued cushions at the other end of his punt.

quiet restaurant and took possession who asked him if he was going to the theatrical garden party. of a onlet corner. For the first time

tangible seemed to have risen between endless, but interesting, work for me. them. Both were strangely silent and preoccupied. They got through dinner I'll take you and we'll do all the stunts they have to offer. Is it a go?" by talking forced platitudes with each

American expression. At last Madison leaned back in his

chair and said : "Well, Clarissa, when is it to be?" She hesitated; her eyes in the Royal hospital grounds at Chelmisty. But she quickly recovered sea enjoying himself immensely. Every

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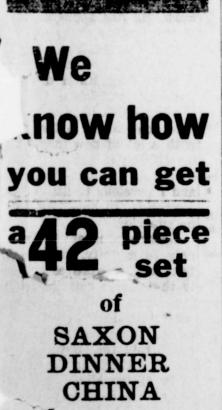
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from Port Arthur.

herself and said in an even voice: back from a visit with a daugh-The was accompanied home by think that I am possessed of a comlittle grand daughter.

is always better for the borand for the depositor to oank. The Farmers and Merchants National Bank solicits ir business on that basis and I have plenty of money to supply the needs of its custotf mers.



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fortable fortune. As a matter of fact, I haven't a cent. I have been living might spend the rest of her days at large income from the estate of her to enter, she felt his arm tighten ch Pasture. CSee T. J. Amason, deceased husband. This income is | against his side. to busness with a conservative only for her life, and she is now aged and in feeble health. If you marry me, you take a penniless bride." It was a full minute before he spoke and then without looking up he said: bold relief-Doris Deene.

'I knew all that long ago. I looked ou up before I proposed." "And yet you did propose!" gasped

Clarissa eagerly. "Yes," said he. "And I also have a

onfession to make. I have hardly a iollar to my name. Ten years ago, after being graduated from the school of mines, which I had entered after completing my college course, I found myself, by the sudden death of my ather, who had suffered large financial losses, possessed of an expensive and extensive wardrobe and \$10,000. I came to New York. How I managed to string out that \$10,000 for ten years it would take too long to tell you. It was a truly marvelous exploit at which I am rather amazed myself. But I am

at the end of my rope now, and if you marry me you will take a penniless husband."

"Oh, I knew all that some time ago," replied Clarissa. "I looked you up before I accepted you."

"And yet you did accept me !" cried Madison. "Yes," said Clarissa, "I couldn't help

It. And I was so afraid that when I confessed you would-"

"And," interrupted Madison, "I was so afraid that when I confessed you would-"

"But we didn't, either of us," laughed Clarissa.

we both intended to marry for money," said Madison. "And we both found that there was | Could you?"

something better than money to marry for," added Clarissa.

"That's about it," said Madison, "and now, Clarissa, when shall it be? Benoni Lockwood asked me yesterday to select a man for him to go down and look after his mining interests in me we will lunch together. I am sail-Mexico. I shall tell him tomorrow ing for home on the 27th, and if I can that I will take the job myself. What do you say if we get married quietly day after tomorrow and go for a wedding trip to the halls of the Montezumas?"

"Day after tomorrow will be Wednesday," mused Clarissa, "Make It Thursday and I will be all ready."

> No Evidence. it's sent engaged? ing i see ans

sea enjoying himself immensely. Every type of girl, in every type of garb. from modern Eve to ancient Turkey mules See W L Diltz Sr. or Motor Company and get re-Office over Farmers State Bank "Madison, before we go any further, from modern Eve to ancient Turkey mules. See W. L. Diltz Sr. or ward. ter at Oklahoma City, Okla. I have a confession to make. You and all the stars and minor constella- W. L. Jr. at the Farmers State tions of the stage were there. Ethel was beginning to think she

on an allowance made me by my Aunt Tommy's side, when, standing in front FOR SALE-Wood. I have ford-South side. Phone 44. 1t Martha, who is in the enjoyment of a of a dance club which they were about some cord wood to sell in Fren-

> He was reading over the list of Route 4. stage favorites with whom one could have a fox trot for half a crown, but FOR SALE -- My home place beonly one name stood out to Totamy in tween Merkel and Bettis

natural as he turned to Ethel. "Are these names all famous over

English stars by name." Ethel read the list. "All pretty Deene is from your part of the world Mrs. C. L. Cash at once. and has taken us quite by storm with I'd just love to dance once with Jack

Buchanan and you try for Doris, 1 from home.'

was out on the floor with the tall Jack before Tommy could make his way to Doris.

It was she who began to talk. my, feeling like a first-class fool for the shake in his voice. "I used to It ?"

Doris looked up and smiled straight into Tommy's eyes.

"Oh, I am glad to meet you," she again at the big, honest boy and knew she liked him-liked him very, very "I guess the truth is that at first the river or-or, just any place away from theaters? I don't like dancing, but I have to earn my living some way.

"Doris Deene," said Tommy, softly, with all his awkwardness gone, "I could do anything on the face of the nic up the river Sunday-all to ourselves, and every day that you spare before this-perhaps you will sail back too."

Tommy Webster had never expected -as his wife it was no wonder that

Bank.

He tried to make his voice sound Heights. For particulars see ing with friends in Abilene. 30t2. Earl Lassiter.

here? I-I don't know many of your FOR SALE-My home in Merkl consisting of five rooms with much in the public eye. That Doris all modern conveniences. See 1t.

her dancing. Come on, let's go in. FOR SALE-Three sections of land four miles South of Abifancy she'd love to chat with some one lene on pike road. Tracts cut large or small to suit purchaser. So together they went in. Ethel Terms easy. See W. C. Lasley-Abilene, Texas. 7t4.

FOR SALE—Six 10 acre blocks "I am from New York," said Tom- 1 mile from Simmons College on Anson Pike \$1250 per block. watch you dance nearly three nights \$500 cash. Balance 1, 2 and 3 out of the week-a bit soft, wasn't years. S. C. Galbraith Agency, 134 Cypress St. Grace Hotel

Bldg. Abilene. said wistfully. "I'm so homesick for FOR SALE-80 acrs land 6 mil-New York and home folks that I could les east of Lawn, Texas. 30 or just cry about it." She shyly glanced 35 in cultivation. All fenced. 2 room house, good well water. much. "I wonder-I wonder if you If sold by January 1st, \$1,000 would come out to see me some time will buy it. Might take good and just take me out on a bus or up team in on it. See W. I. Avery, 7t2p Merkel.

WANTED

WANTED-Men to clear land earth that you ask. We'll have a pie by the acre or cord. Sam But-7t2 man Sr.

WANTED-Farm and Ranch manage to tell you heaps of things hand, by the month. Must have that I have wanted to tell you long experience. Sam Butman Sr. 7t2.

to have his picture in the London pa- WANTED--To sell 80 acre farm pers, but when he sailed away with good improvements, 1 mile the famous little dancer-Doris Deene from Merkel. Small cash paythe newspaper photographers were ment with good terms. E. L. busy while the happy couple stood on Horton, Abilene, Phone 346. 23t3

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy 7t4p Adams on Sunday morning, December 2nd, a fine girl. Owen Ellis spent Thanksgiv-Gazzaway and Polly is a new business firm opened on Kent Real Estate, Fire, Accident and street, displaying grain and T. L. Grimes has returned

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Insurance-Notary Public Over Woodroof-Bragg's Store. Merkel -:- Texas W. W. WHEELER Tornado Insurance Agent. Notary Public. Office over Crown Hardware Co. Merkel --:- Texas

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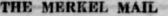
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To you and all your household The folks we love so well Our cheery Christmas Message Again we're glad to tell. We wish you most Sincerely A Christmas full of Cheer And perfect health and Gladness Througout the coming Year. PRACTICAL GIFTS For Men, Women & Children Check this List and Bring to Our Store Kodaks Safety Razors ... Shaving Sets Automatic Pencils Fountain Pens Box Stationery Comb. Brush, Mirror Perfumes, all kinds..... Toilet Waters Perfumed Soaps Pocket Knives Ivory Sets Face Creams Face Powders Greeting Cards Fine Cigars Pipes Smoking Tobacco Manicure Sets Toilet Sets Films for Kodaks Vanities Flash Lights Christmas Cards Christmas Stickers Packed in Chrismas Boxes



SAND BURR SPECIALS

Our school has ben in progress for three weeks and we have excellent prospects for a successful school term, under the supervision of Miss Ruth Wells and Mrs. Roy M. Baccus. The young people of the community are very much enthused over the prospective good time they are expecting to have at our box supper to be held at the school building on Friday night, Decmber 7. Every on is cordially invited to be present and bring a box or a pocket full of money. The proceeds will be used to enlarge ourschool library.

Mr. Willard West and Miss Julia Mae Collier surprised their many friends by getting married last Sunday night November 18. They left immediately for Dennison, Texas, where they will spend their honeymoon. Their host of friends of the Sand Burr community wish for them a life of happiness and prosperity.

We were sorry to learn that Gilbert Binton was called to Keerville, Texas last week by the news of the death of his cousin, Clarence Benton. The later was formerly a resident of XK this community. He leaves a XX wife and four children.

Miss Ruth Wells spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wells at Salt Branch. Mr. Audrian Berry has a new Ford Roadster.

Mr. Lightsey and Mr. Sloan Trustees of the school made a hurried trip to Merkel Monday morning on business for the school.

XK A number of Sand Burr at-XX tended the show at Stith last week.

Mr. Pascal Maple left the past Mr. J. I. Ford, one of the best ... COTTON IS TOO HIGH ... week for California. His family and most substantial citizens will join him there later. of the Stith community, we are

Mr. Fred Kelso has a new Dodge car, Mr. Elbert West has informed has purchased the tresses, bring them in and have home of F. H. Latham, on Oak them made new, the sanitary a new Chevorlet. Street and will soon move to way. Ticks furnished, \$4.80 and

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A Merry Christmas to All

the thoughts of kindness, rememberance and to the

grand thought of giving cheer to others. "It is more

blessed to give than to receive." During the year's

struggles that have passed our thoughts have been

but in a singl vein, "To Receive," yet there comes a

time in every year when our thoughts turn to giving--

giving to our friends, our relatives, our loved ones, and

e'en our enemies, for at this time our happiness lies in

every article in our store. Never before have we had

such a Yuletide showing of suitable Christmas Gifts.

you find better quality, more value for your money, or

more helpful service in the appropriate selection for

we are looking for you, don't fail us or we will be dis-

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The spirit of Christmas seems to be reflected in

You may search the entire city but nowhere will

We have prepared for you, we are expecting you,

IF YOU DO YOUR SHOPPING AT OUR STORE

At this time of each year one's thoughts turn to

-AND IT WILL BE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

S STATE OF TEXAS NTY OF TAYLOR

TAYLOR COUNTY TEXAS the 24th day of December A. thereon, showing how you have TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY D. 1923; Then and there to an-DNSTABLE OF TAYLOR swer a petition filed in said executed the same.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

DUNTY TEXAS, GREETING Court on the 21st day of Nov. the 21st day of Nov. A. D. 1923. Given under my hand, this W. W. Wheeler J. P. Prect. No. 5, Taylor

County, Texas. 23t4

newspaper is published month, and Plaintiff has stored brother had died suddenly. We r at the next regu- said stuff for a period of 12 join many friends here in exof the Justice months at \$6.00 per month, and tending deepest sympathy.

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We would like to show you our line of CASING and TUBES and make you some Prices.

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Read about the new Butcher same with his family. We wel- up. The Sanitary Mattress Fact

Shop in this issue in A. L. Jobe come Mr. and Mrs. Ford to this ory, opposite the Merkel Mail

1tp city.



And therein, without doubt, lies their certainty of welcome as a Gift. You may search far and near and nowhere will you find a more desirable and useful collection of Gift suggestions for all than here.

Special Prices on Apartment House **Ranges During the Holidays**

West Texas Utilities Company

THE MERKEL MAIL

PRE-INVENTORY AND XMAS SALE

In spite of the rain Saturday, the opening day of our Sale, found many shoppers eager to take advantage of the Unusual Prices made in every department of our store. We are sure they were not disappointed as our Sales ran far beyond our expectations.

This Sale Continues Through Saturday, December 15th. and we are adding new merchandise daily to our already big stock.

Big Shipment of Coats

arrived this week and go on sale at almost half price---prices too numerous to mention.

All silk and wool dresses priced to clean up.

Christmas Sale on Silk and Jersey Petticoats \$2.50 to \$6.00, wash and guaranteed for \$1.00



Children

Sensible

Shoes for

During the winter it is especially important to keep the children's feet well protected --- and one of the easy ways to be sure is to come here for their Footwear. A special showing of various styles and leathers offers a good selection from which to choose.

Extra Special!

Choice of any Ready-to-wear hat Saturday for 98 cents.

One lot men's \$1.50 outing night shirts 98 cents.

One lot boy's Suits, value \$10 to \$12.50 at \$6.95

Another lot to sell at \$4.95

One lot men's suits, worth \$20.00 on sale at \$9.95

One lot children's \$1.50 house shoes, 95c.

Our shoe stock is entirely too big. We are determined to reduce it before time to invoice. You more than get the profit if you take advantage of the following low prices:

> One lot men's shoes, worth \$6.00 to \$8.00, for \$2.45 One lot men's shoes, worth \$7.50 to \$10.00, for \$3.95 100 pair ladies' pumps and oxfords, worth \$2.50 to \$3.50, for \$1.00 50 pair ladies' pumps and oxfords, worth \$3.50 to \$5.00, for \$2.95

Our Stock is still so full that you can buy your entire bill here.

The Woodroof=Bragg Co.

"The Place Most People Trade"

tf. day.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

L. P. Jones came in this week from his home at Sierra Blanco

For next Sunday Bro. W. G. and will remain for a few days Cypert will occupy the pulpit with friends and relatives. On both morning and evening and his return he will be accompanas you know he is one of our ied by his wife, who has been most energetic and forceful prea spending some time here with ment. chers therefore we'll all rejoice her father, Mr. J. C. Moore.. in the good lessons which he is so eminently qualified to bring W. A. McCandless and son us. Brother, sister, your indivi- Harry were in Abilene and An- ment. dual spiritual welfare requires son this week on business. that you be on hand, on time, for every service, and for every The Necessity Store will put R. Booth. item, for every service. Friends on Sale Saturday 162 pieces of and strangers will find a hearty Alumnum ware at \$1.00 each.

welcome, and our efforts cannot Better get one while they last. fail of doing you good, if only you enter heartily with us into Thos. A. Johnson and son, store on Kent street, and can day with Miss Hattie Conway by. the work. Come, let us worship DeVerle, were here last week, fill your wants in this line. Will teacher in the Merkel schools,

together. Classified Column. ed for a more extended visit. Polly. Read the

PROGRAM Devotional-Rev. T. J. Rea. Song-Miss Pogue's room. Reading-Expression depart-7 Violin Solo-Mary Catherine

PARENT TEACHERS

Sunday evening. Every one is in Better get one while they last. Cummings. Reading-Expression depart- vited to attend the services. Visitors always welcome.

Duett-Vocal Department. Yuletide thoughts-Mrs. A.

Business session.

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BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11:00 o'clock. Preaching in the evening at o'clock.

CAKE AND MEAL

Winters 45 percent Protein-

Swafford-South Side. Phone

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Etheredge J. E. Richardson and family returned Tuesday morning from are now occupying the premises a visit with relatives at Phoenix recently vacated by C Arizona.

The Necessity Store will put Mrs. Miles Morten, Al B. Y. P. U.'s at 6 o'cock. on Sale Saturday 162 pieces of been here for some time a Let us have a full attendance Alumnum ware at \$1.00 each. in the home of C. W. Mort. Kent street, has returne her home at Coleman. Miss Mabel Joies of Guion is

a guest in the home of her aunt Messrs. T. H. Williamso and Jack Freeman wei from Trent Tuesday.

Attention is called to the 1t. Brown Dry Goods Company ad- Uncle Tom Toombs r vertisment on third page in this last week from a please We have opened a new feed Mrs. W. R. Hines spent Mon- paper. Read it and profit there with his son and daug

some point in New Mexic

and spent Thanksgiving with be glad to have your business, and the two attended the home Don't forget your piece of See us for your friends. The young man remain Phone 161. Gazzaway and coming at Simmons on Thurs- Alumnum ware at the Necessity Coal. Swaffodd-Store Saturday. It Phone 44.

Mrs. J. T. Darsey.



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