

LUNCHEON CLUB HAS FINE MEET

The Merkel Luncheon Club closed the year 1924 with one of the most lively and enthusiastic meetings of the entire year, Tuesday evening at Ed's Cafe. The fact that the men had as guests their ladies, indeed added a special boon of interest and made the entire evening one of much pleasure.

After partaking of the well prepared and tastefully served luncheon, Mr. L. R. Thompson, president of the Club, introduced the toastmaster for the evening, Dr. R. I. Grimes. Dr. Grimes proved himself a very interesting toastmaster and presented those present a very interesting program.

The speech theme during the time of the program was summaries of, "What the Merkel Luncheon Club has Accomplished during the past year." Elder G. Cypert was introduced as the first speaker of the evening and made a very able talk, bringing forcibly to the minds of his hearers the many accomplishments done through the club of which he attributed to the fine cooperation among the citizenship.

Mr. L. R. Thompson, as the next speaker, briefly talked of the city's development, and especially brought to mind the cooperation and efforts the city officials had done to bring about all of the progress made in the past twelve months. Mr. Thompson closed with the remark that here could be no other club, with size of town considered, that had done more in the few months of its organization than had the Merkel Luncheon Club, since more than one hundred miles of good roads had been built, a \$50,000 sewer system installed, a \$40,000 school building constructed, a successful "Community Fair" had been staged, and the "Community Trade Trips" to all nearby communities a proven success.

Resolutions were made by each speaker during his talk, and the following were set forth to be carried out during the coming year, 1925: A better lighted city and residence section; paved streets; side walks; city parks; more good roads; and a more united citizenship.

Visitors present were Judge and Mrs. E. T. Brooks, of Abilene, Mrs. Rotan Cypert of Crosbyton, and Mr. A. M. Jones, recently of Miami, Texas, who a few weeks ago moved here to make his home. Judge Brooks made a brief talk on the progress of Merkel, and was very timely and much enjoyed.

Musical numbers were much enjoyed at intervals during the evening. Miss Christene Collins gave a vocal solo, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. L. B. Howard. Miss Lynn Thompson gave a violin number, and Mrs. L. B. Howard entertained with two vocal selections. The orchestra furnished fine music during the early part of the evening.

Understand that Mrs. J. Pett, who has been in the Sanitarium at Abilene, is some time for treatment, is expected home today. We join many friends in the hope that she may have received permanent treatment and cure.

Miss Lynn Thompson has accepted a position in the Trent Schools as teacher of English, during the remainder of the present session. Miss Thompson has specialized in this particular work, and will no doubt give capable and competent service in this position.

DO YOU KNOW WHEN YOUR MAIL EXPIRES?

A good number of subscriptions to the Merkel Mail expired in December, and as yet we have not taken them from the mailing list, but a revision will soon be made and all those taken off who have not paid in advance. Your label on this paper bearing your name also gives the date that your subscription expires. If yours reads 23 Dec 24, your time was out on the 23rd of December, 1924. We don't want to take your name off our list. Come in and renew. The Merkel Mail is now \$2.00 per year outside of Taylor county and adjoining counties.

HOLDS OFFICE HERE 18 YEARS

Judge W. W. Wheeler, who for the past sixteen years has held public office elective by the people of Merkel and this community, went down to Abilene Thursday where he filed bond as Justice of the Peace for the fourth consecutive time.

And when he shall have completed the next two years in office he will have served the people of Merkel for the past eighteen years without a break. He first served six years as Justice of the Peace, then four years as Mayor of Merkel, and now for the fourth consecutive time, he is elected to that office again. Judge Wheeler has only had opposition one time and then defeated his opponent by nearly two hundred votes.

One only needs to consider the length of time that the people have honored the Judge to ascertain just what a good official he has made, for any man who has been elected so many times consecutively, surely must give efficient and honest service.

SHARP-WILLIAMS WEDDING

On the evening of December 24th, Mr. Kenneth Sharp and Miss Alpha Williams, both excellent young people of this city, were happily united in marriage by Elder W. G. Cypert, the ceremony taking place at the home of Eld. Cypert in the presence of only a few close friends.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Williams, who reside near the city, and by her womanly graces and charming manners numbers her friends by her acquaintances. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp and he, too, has been reared in this city, and by his sterling character and friendly disposition is popular among the entire citizenship.

We join many friends in wishing for them much happiness and prosperity.

Mr. E. L. Ash has moved his Shoe Shop from its location on Front street next door to the White House Cafe for the past two years, to Kent street, next door to I. H. McDonald Grocery.

Mrs. Maude Rogers was suddenly called to DeLeon on account of the serious illness of her aged mother. She was accompanied by her son, Charles, of Dallas, who was here visiting at that time.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Dry of Dublin, Texas, were here several days last week visiting Mrs. J. M. Dry and relatives and friends.

Dr. W. F. Armstrong of Fort Worth, was here this week for a brief visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong.

ACCIDENT FATAL TO BOY 4, AT TRENT

J. M. Jr., little four-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beasley, who reside two miles south of Trent, died last Tuesday from injuries received when he was thrown from a wagon. It seems, from reports, that the father was doing some hauling about the place and placed the little fellow in the wagon, starting the team up for a short drive, and he himself stayed on the ground, and when the team was started the bridle had come off one of the horses and they immediately started in a run, jerking loose from Mr. Beasley, and the little boy was either thrown from the wagon or fell out with the result that injuries were inflicted that caused death some four hours after.

Funeral services were conducted at Trent Methodist church the day following, with burial in the local cemetery immediately after.

We join many friends in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

BANKER GRIMES MOVES INTO HIS NEW HOME

Mr. R. L. Grimes and family moved yesterday into their new home, which they recently purchased from T. G. Bragg, and which is one of the nicest homes in this city.

Mr. L. L. Huddleston and family who have resided at this place for the past two years, are now occupying the home vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Grimes in the southwest part of the city.

W. H. Frazier and Phillip A. Diltz drove down to Abilene on Thursday where the former finished up and closed his term as Commissioner from this precinct turning the duties of the office over to Mr. Diltz, who was regularly elected in November. Mr. Frazier has undoubtedly made Taylor county and this precinct one of the most capable and progressive Commissioners the county has ever had. And while it is the regret of many friends that he relinquished the affairs of the office, there is also rejoicing over the fact that his place is to be filled by another very capable, energetic, and progressive citizen, in the person of Mr. Phillip A. Diltz, who was sworn in to take Mr. Frazier's place.

Womans Missionary Society

The Methodist womans missionary Society met in a called meeting on last Monday afternoon. The meeting was opened with a short program followed by a business session. This being the last meeting of the year, the business included the rounding out of the year's work. At our meeting on next Monday afternoon, we will begin a new year. The newly elected officers will take their places, new plans and pledges will be made for the coming year, and a regular business meeting will be held. Every member of the Auxiliary should be present next meeting and pledge their hearty support and cooperation to the new year. The progress and success of the coming year's work does not depend on the officials alone, but upon every member of the auxiliary. May we as members resolve at the beginning of this new year to place ourselves upon the altar of service in order that our society may measure up to the Standard that it should. Pub. Supt.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Anderson and baby of Sweetwater visited here last week.

MORE THAN 17 MILLION AUTOS

New York, Dec. 31.—Motor vehicle registrations in the United States for 1924 show that there is one passenger car or truck for every 6.42 persons, based on an estimated population of 114,000,000.

Registrations for the year, excluding the last 10 days of December, totalled 17,700,179, a gain of 16.28 percent over the total of 15,222,658 in 1923.

These figures, compiled from official figures obtained from every state were made public today by the magazine Motor.

Passenger cars increased during the year from 13,455,073, to 15,520,663, a gain of 15.35 percent.

Commercial vehicles jumped from 1,765,555 at the end of 1923 to 2,176,516, an increase of 23.3 percent.

The amount of money invested in these vehicles is estimated at \$10,620,107,400.

New York leads in registration with 1,412,050, of which 1,136,400 are passenger cars. California is second with 1,321,480 and is less than 10,000 behind on passenger cars, which number 1,125,956. The only other state in the 1,000,000 class is Ohio with 1,237,000.

Michigan had 877,453; Texas 823,075; Massachusetts 672,315; Indiana 649,797; Iowa 614,500.

COZY THEATRE CHANGES MANAGEMENT 1ST. YEAR

Mr. Clyde Foster, one of Merkel's best known and most excellent young men, who for many years has been at different times connected with moving picture businesses in this city, with the beginning of the New Year, takes over the management of the Cozy Theatre, relieving Mr. Hodge of Abilene, who for the past few months has been in charge.

Mr. Hodge is a most excellent picture show man, and has always given good service in that line in this city. Since Mr. Foster is so well acquainted with the business there is no reason why the patrons of the Cozy should not expect to enjoy fine pictures there in the future under his able management.

Judge and Mrs. W. W. Wheeler accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Burl Wheeler of Abilene, attended the funeral of Mr. W. M. Turner at Rule, Texas, last Monday. Mr. Turner was a brother in-law to Judge Wheeler and was 78 years of age.

Mr. W. C. Witt and family of Kingsville, Texas have been here some time visiting Mr. D. C. Herring and family of Noodle community. Mr. Witt formerly made Merkel his home.

Miss Annie Laura Smith of Electra has been here visiting her father, Mr. F. J. Smith, during the holidays. Miss Smith is a Physical director in the Electra schools.

We have been authorized to change the address of the Merkel Mail going to J. H. Craig, Dille, Texas, to Mr. Craig at Winters, to which town we are informed he and family have recently moved.

Messrs J. T. Dennis, son Carlton, and Mr. J. E. Tucker, returned last week from a short hunting trip to South Texas. We understand they had a fine trip with splendid luck.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger A. Burges returned last week end from Lubbock, where they had been to spend the holidays.

INVENTS AN ENGINE AND A LONG WORD

From the "Pueblo Star-Journal", Basel, Switzerland, Dec. 29, 1924.—By his invention of a hochdruckkondensationsdampflokomotive, professor Kurt Wiesinger of the Zurich Technological University has demonstrated his capacity not only as an engineer, but also as a coinventor of long words. His invention with the 37-letter name means high pressure, condensing-steam locomotive.

It is claimed that it will mean a saving of about 50 percent of coal.

BEEN READING THE MAIL FOR 34 YEARS

Mr. J. H. Campbell, one of the splendid pioneer citizens of this community, dropped in one day this week and renewed his subscription to the Mail and Abilene Reporter.

Mr. Campbell stated that he had been a constant reader of the Merkel Mail during the past 34 years, and stated that he could not well get along without it. We are glad to have such good friends, and the management of the Mail hopes that as the years come and go Mr. Campbell will continue among the list of readers, and that the Mail will even be more newsy and interesting in the future.

MR. AND MRS. COSTEPHENS ENJOY FAMILY RE-UNION

At the beautiful and palatial home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costephens in the south part of the city, on last Sunday afternoon, a family reunion was held which was attended by all the sons and daughters of this splendid pioneer couple, including a few special friends.

Outside the immediate family attending the occasion, were: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Morrison of Abilene, F. J. Smith and daughter, Miss Annie; and Miss Gyrllie Howard, all of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barnes of Westbrook, Texas, visited their daughters, Mrs. T. G. Ragg, Mrs. E. M. McDonald, Mrs. Fred Guitar and Mrs. J. C. Childress during the holidays.

Mr. B. C. Gaither returned first of the week from a trip to Greenville, Texas, where he spent a few days with a brother and sister residing there. He also met another brother who came out from Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris spent the holidays with relatives at Colorado where Uncle Joe says he enjoyed a big, fine turkey dinner on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson attended the big banquet in Abilene last evening given by the Lions Club of that city, and of which organization Mr. Thompson is a member, and which was "Ladies Night" for the Lions Club.

Mr. Ira Moore and family have moved to their new home a few miles east of town, having recently purchased the J. H. Craig place.

Mrs. Ellis Warren of Knox City is the guest of her mother, Mrs. H. C. Williams this week.

Miss Willis Swann and Miss Hazel Adkisson are spending a few days in Anson this week, the guests of Mrs. William Brown.

CHARLEY HUGHES BURIED MONDAY

After a lingering illness of many months, Charley Hughes, for many years a well known and highly respected citizen of this community passed away at the family residence a few miles Southwest of the city, on last Sunday night, December 28, and on the following day his remains were tenderly laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the Methodist Church, and Eld. W. G. Cypert, pastor of the Church of Christ.

Mr. Hughes was a good citizen, and by his strict honesty and kind disposition he had won a large circle of close friends, with whom this paper joins in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved children, two girls and one son, who are left to mourn his departure. Deceased was born in the state of Alabama, coming to this country at the early age of 12 years, and at the time of his death was 43 years of age.

Besides the three children, an aged mother, two sisters and two brothers are left also to mourn his demise. We also learn that his wife preceded him to the grave some several years ago.

NOTICE EX-SERVICE MEN

Have you applied for your adjusted compensation? If not it should be done at once. Blank forms for application are being furnished by the local National Guard Unit, also a man to assist you in filling it out. Make your application at the earliest possible date, however the time limit is not out until January 1, 1925. It

Houston Robertson was in the city yesterday from his home near the city, and reported that he is building a new bungalow home on his farm, and that a thief, yes a thief, had stolen a lot of his carpenter tools, several doors, nails, etc. that were being used in putting up the building. We understand the officials are looking into the matter, and it is probable that the guilty parties will be apprehended and punished as they should.

Mr. J. Ben Campbell received the sad news recently of the death of his oldest sister, Mrs. J. M. Beaty, which happened on the 23rd of December, at Crowley, Colorado, the home of the deceased, who at the time of her death was 68 years of age. A severe attack from pneumonia was cause of death. We join his friends in extending deepest sympathy.

Mr. A. J. Canon was called to El Paso last Sunday on account of the serious illness of his sister.

Mr. Wayman Rose of Sweetwater was here several days first of the week visiting friends. Wayman attended school at the North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington, this year.

* \$365,671 FROM TAX *
* AUSTIN, Dec. 31.—The * state one cent a gallon gas * oline tax produced \$365,671 * for the public treasury in * November, the state comp- * troller announced today. * The Gulf Refining company * sold 10,000,000 gallons dur- * ing the month, making the * highest record.

CAN YOU OPEN 1925's Treasure Chest?

WRAPPED up in the days of the New Year are opportunities for each one to get ahead in life--to reach some of the goals every ambitious person aims for.

Energy, honesty, skill, experience--these you need. But they are not all.

You need the confidence and the support of money in bank—a reserve of strength that will help you when your chance comes, if it is getting the home you want, or a share in business, or more land, or new equipment, or other things that cost money.

You will write your own record in 1925. May it be the kind you want and hope for—and may the New Year prove the best you have ever had!

Farmers State Bank

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DISPENSABLE PEOPLE

The easiest man to get along without is the one who thinks he is indispensable.

THE HOLIDAY SWALLOWS

One swallow doesn't make a spring, but a few swallows at holiday time made many a funeral.

ARTISTIC

The girls who paint their faces are quite often most interested in the boys who paint the town.

SCANDAL OR BIOGRAPHY

When you tell things about the private affairs of ordinary people during their lives, it is scandal. But when you write the same sort of stuff about great men after they are dead, it is biography.

It is reported that a man in a Middle Tennessee town took a drink of bootleg liquor and after a short while began to see reptiles, animals and birds of assorted sizes and colors. He rented a room and opened a wild animal show, charging 25 cents admission. Persons who bought tickets, finding no show, complained to the town marshal. The marshal went in to arrest the faker, and was carried back to one corner of the show room and given a drink from the same fruit jar. Immediately following the drink he paid the showman \$300 for a half interest in the show.—Knoxville Sentinel.

THE NEWSPAPER GRIND

H. G. Wells is not yet an old man, but the products of his literary efforts are stupendous. He has written novels, tracts, and an outline of the world's history. He is looked upon as one of the most voluminous producers of literature alive.

But recently he gave up the work of preparing articles every week for newspapers. This writing under tention and pressure is too much of a strain, he says.

One of the most energetic writers alive has found it too big a job to prepare something to order every week. Probably few people appreciate what this means, but there is not an editor or alive who does not understand it.

The job of getting up copy week after week is often hard on the nervous system. It is trying and exacting, and not always conducive to the best workmanship. The editor or reporter fighting the deadline cannot always pause to take care in the proper selection of words cannot always look well to the ring of sentences. But readers who do not understand, are often prone to criticize. They see the defects—they do not understand the difficulties.

So when you go over your paper and occasionally see a sentence that might be improved, remember that the editor is forced to write at high speed, under pressure, without time and opportunity to study carefully the construction of everything he writes.

Remember that one of the greatest writers of this age, finds the job of preparing newspaper copy too much.

FOOLING THE PEOPLE

You can't fool all the people all the time, to be sure, but the mail order houses prove that you can fool some of them most of the time.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

REAL WE

"VIRGINIAN"

Tom Foreman, erstwhile Texas cowboy, realizes a lifetime ambition when he completed the screening of Owen Wister's classic, "The Virginian," admittedly the greatest story ever written of the West, which comes to the Cozy Theatre for two days, Friday and Saturday, January 2 and 3. Through a remarkable chain of circumstances every detail of the production was in the hands of men born and bred to the life led by the novelist's picturesque hero.

Beginning with Foreman as director, the picture had the services of two other men familiar with the western cattle country. Louis D. Lighton, scenarist, was a cowpuncher at one time while Col. William Hawley, a personal friend of Wister's and the man who staked out Casper, Wyoming, where the novel was written contributed historical accuracy to the picture.

Foreman, who had the final decision in all matters pertaining to its production, was born on a big Texas cattle ranch and was a full-fledged cowpuncher, working for his father, before he had reached the age of fifteen. In fact, Tom, when he was not going to the little prairie school-house in the long, cold winters, was riding his "string" with the best of Lone Star State riders, before he was twelve. At this age Owen Wister's novel was his textbook and the black-haired Virginian his beloved hero.

"I carried Wister's novel in my saddlebag when I was a kid and when the herds were quietly feeding, laid on my stomach in the prairie grass, reading the book until I knew it by heart", said Forman.

NOTICE

There will be singing at the Methodist Church at Nubia at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Everyone invited.

We are grateful to Mr. Geo. W. Moore, among the many others who have recently renewed for the Merkel Mail.

C. T. Derrick, one among the many substantial citizens of the Noodle community, who reads the Mail, has our thanks for the renewal of his subscription to same this week.

Corn and Maize for sale. See Sam Swann.

ALL

WITH THE CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH

The New Year is here. We welcome it. We welcome the opportunity it offers to serve and to be a factor in the upbuilding of the community.

It shall be our aim to contribute a definite and distinctive service for the general good of all. To dedicate anew ourselves and our services to God and our fellow man. To give to those who attend a more consecrated and comprehensive service. To create a deeper and more wholesome religious atmosphere. To hold to the faith of our Fathers. To be courteous, kind and helpful to all.

Sunday School each Sunday at 9:45 and preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

The Glee Club with Miss Christene Collins as director, will give a special number at the morning preaching service. Come T. J. Rea, Pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a.m. Preaching 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. B.Y.P.U. meet at 6 p.m.

We will observe the Lord's Supper next Sunday.

Sunday evening the pastor will continue the series of sermons on the Ten Commandments. The fifth commandment, The Home, will be the subject. Our great need today is home-life. Hear this sermon. It will deal with present conditions.

You're always welcome.

W. H. Albertson.

Baptist Sunday School

Abraham Lincoln said, "Be sure you are right and then go ahead".

When you start to Sunday School, you know you are right. No man ever goes higher than his ideals. The Sunday School tends to elevate our ideals. The Master said, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things I command you". We should start the New Year right by being in the Sunday School of our choice. Next Sunday, the first Sunday in the New Year.

Especially do we urge the Baptists and those who attend the Baptist Sunday School to be present. We have new literature and new plans. May the Lord depend on you in 1925?

A hearty welcome awaits all those who wish to visit with us. The piano will start five minutes

before 10:00. Sunday School promptly at ten. Bill Haynes, Superintendent.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are standing on the threshold of another year. Many golden opportunities will come to us, and we may expect disappointment and sorrows. Whatever comes we need the church, this church seeks to be a blessing to the community. We hope to make 1925 one of spiritual growth. Sunday, January 4, begin the new year right by attending Sunday School and church. Preaching service at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Christian Endeavor at five o'clock. Fred S. Rogers.

Junior League Program

Subject: Radio Messages with God.
Leader, Ethel Hamilton.
Song: Jesus Loves the Juniors.
Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-11, Imogene Middleton.
Story, The Tale Sis Willow tree told, Florine Rider.
How Fotsu San learned about Jesus, Dahlia Watkins.
Radio Message, Supt.
Prayer; song.
Come and bring some one.

Senior League Program

Subject: Friends of God in Communion with Him.
Leader: Ethel Wilson.
Song; Lords Prayer; Song.
Scripture (Ex. 33:8-11; Gen. 18: 23-33; James 2:23)
Cornet Solo, Adrian Rea.
Friendships, Madge Pierce.
Friends of God, Judson McRee.
Friendship's privileges and duties, Julia Martin.
The communion of Friendship, Loring Hamblett.
Song; Announcements.
League Benediction.

T. A. Beidlen and family spent several days during the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives at Wayland, Parks and other State county points.

New Year Greetings

At the threshold of the New Year we stand, grateful for your patronage of the past, and in the happy spirit of the season [we tender sincerest greetings

Farmers & Merchants National Bank



Mr. S. H. Meeks has ordered the address of his Merkel Mail changed to Slaton, towichcommunity he and family are moving.

CITY FURNITURE Co. buys, sells and exchanges new and second-hand furniture. Large shipment of dishes, rugs and army goods. Joe Garland, Prop. Across from Post Office. tf

Mr. A. W. Hunter was here one day this week and handed us the wherewith to keep the Mail coming for the next year.

We will buy your maize. Sam Swann.

The longer you use it the better you like it. Try it. Motorgain Fordoye lasts longer, makes motors run smoother. Get it at the OASIS Filling Station, tf

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KANSAS CITY LIFE DOES 20 MILLION BUSINESS IN TEXAS DURING 1924

We take this opportunity to thank our more than 35,000 policy holders for their patronage and wish them and all our Texas friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

We direct your attention to the following statement of business in force in Texas and the amount written during 1924, which we feel is ample evidence of the confidence which Texas citizens have in the Kansas City Life Insurance Company. Many of our policy holders have given evidence of their faith by applying for additional insurance during the past year.

Total New Business Written in 1924 in TEXAS Over 20 MILLIONS

Total Insurance In Force Jan. 1, 1925 in TEXAS Over 75 MILLIONS

The Orville Thorp Agency

Orville Thorp Jas. F. Rodgers O. Sam Cummings
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Among Over 35,000 Policy Holders.

R. O. ANDERSON

Local Representative
Merkel, Texas

THE COUNTRY

writers make quite a ridiculous Chambers of Commerce, Kiwanis clubs, and like organizations because exist to "boost" their home communities.

But after all aren't some of these self appointed guardians of our progress a bit superficial? The editor is of the opinion that a broad view of this American characteristic—pride in the home town—will convince one that it has a very definite and valuable place in the upbuilding of a better country.

Before we can have improvement we must have pride. The old well known saying might be changed to read, "Pride goes before improvement." And boasting is merely an expression of pride.

Think what it means to have thousands of small cities scattered throughout the width and length of the land all "boosting" to build themselves up intellectually, commercially, and socially. We can conclude the intellectually, because we have culture we must prosper—before a nation can set about the task of improving itself mentally, its citizens must first be prosperous.

The speed of growth and development in our country is amazing—it is one of the greatest romances of all history. And one thing that has contributed to this development is the good citizens take every opportunity in the progress of their communities.

Those citizens of Merkel are proud of the town and to boost everything that is on for progress we say: You are contributing a bit to the improvement of your own—and to the growth and building of our nation.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

A good way to start the New Year is to think about the troubles of the other fellow. And the other fellow may be your merchant, your tailor, your doctor, or your editor. Here is a little fable that will help you to understand what the editor is up against occasionally.

There was once a farmer who raised 2,000 bushels of potatoes. He sold the entire crop out at retail on credit—one bushel each to 2,000 customers. He thought he had made a good deal as he was to get \$2,000 out of the year's work.

But the people to whom he made his sales neglected to pay. They just put it off from day to day, and meanwhile the creditors of our friend, the farmer, kept crowding him to meet his obligations. He was placed in an uncomfortable predicament. None of the accounts was large enough to warrant him in making trouble. But in the aggregate they represented the fruits of a year's work.

"And what happened after that?" you ask. Well we don't know for we didn't stay to hear the end of the story. But remember this. The editor is in something of the same fix that this unknown farmer got into. No single subscription account amounts to a great deal, but on the whole they represent the difference between profit and loss on the year's business.

Just think how you would like to get into such a mess, and then come into the office when you get your subscription notice and renew up. It isn't much to you. But it is a lot to the editor.

The longer you use it the better you like it. Try it. Motorgain Fordoye lasts longer, makes motors run smoother. Get it at the OASIS Filling Station. tf

**Our Accomplishments—
What Have They Been?**

I HAVE always found, even in youth, quite as much interest in looking back as in looking forward. It is good to plan for the future, but there is quite as much to be gained from reviewing the past and in seeing how far we have come, how much we have accomplished, in what ways we have developed.

I was talking to Foreman about the year that is so nearly at an end. He was dissatisfied with his progress and uncertain as to whether or not the time and money he had expended had been worth while. He had learned little, it seemed; for all he could see, he wasn't different than when he had left the little country town nine months ago. But I could see that he was a little more self-possessed, a little surer of himself, a little less crude in his manners. He was learning to think, learning to meet people, and developing a little wider range of interest than when he left home.

As you come to the end of the year and look back, how far have you come? It is an easy question to ask, but possibly not so easy to answer.

When we were little children at home, mother used to teach us after we had said our prayers at night to go over in our minds for a minute or two the events of the day and try to determine whether it had been a good day for us or a bad one. Often we dropped off to sleep before we had gone far, but it was a good experience. This looking over our accomplishments in the face and trying honestly to estimate them. It is something like this that I should like to put before you as this year is closing. What has the year meant to you? New friends? New powers? New ideals? Have you done something worth while? Are you better, stronger, more able to fight the battles of the world than you were a year ago? Are you wiser with a wisdom that is clean, healthy and uplifting? If so, the year is ending happily for you.—Thomas A. Clark, Dean of Men, University of Illinois.
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**Light in the Steeple
on Christmas Morning**

ALL above the sleeping city, like a low and leading star, like a watchful and kindly eye, like a beacon of assuring hope, a promise of Christmas morning, beamed the light in the old church steeple.

It shone down through one of the church windows and smiled upon the pictured shepherds who found a morning at midnight; and upon the stately wise men who knew the joy of making gladness out of gifts. Its rays lighted up a garret, where two very hopeful youngsters were sleeping upon a very small bed, after making sure that the light was there. In the street below a passer looked up, saw it and smiled; another paused under the glow and spell of it and dropped a coin into the poor box at the church door. The Salvation Army lass came out from the church porch and thumped her tambourine merrily because some genial influence had filled her basket so full, almost dancing down the street as the bells saw by the gleaming light that it was time to ring.

And so with cheering glory and with chime came in another happy Christmas time. While the old steeple, still pointing upward, remained as a witness to things high and splendid.—Christopher G. Hazard.
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A REAL SANTA CLAUS

SINCE we must have our Christmas trees the chief problem is how they are to be obtained. The cutting, shipping and selling of Christmas trees has developed into an established business, extending over the entire country. One large shipper of New England has been in the business forty years and in that time has sold many thousands of carloads of trees. Some of these have been shipped as far south as Texas and as far west as Chicago. This pioneer in the industry is now eighty-two years of age, but he is still active, and curiously enough he is a real Santa Claus in appearance.—Frank Herbert Sweet.
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**Perhaps Little Stars
Known About Christmas**

THE stars shone brightly overhead. Below, the snow was covering up the hard ground, which did not seem to understand Christmas. It was much too hard for that. It was better that Old King Snow should come along and cover it up, giving the people a white Christmas.

The stars shone down upon a little farm house. It was not a palace. It was not even a beautiful house. But the stars shone very brightly.

Perhaps they knew, bright little stars that they were, that in that house, as in many another house which is neither a palace nor a beautiful residence, there was great happiness and glorious celebrating of the beautiful Christmaside.—Mary Graham Bonner.
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THE MAIL APPRECIATES PATRONAGE

The management of this paper is indeed grateful to the business and professional men, of this city who have so liberally subscribed to advertising space in our big Christmas number of the Mail. By the fact that patronage from almost every concern and interest within the city as well as some gins and others from nearby communities you have made it possible for us to issue one of the largest, if not the largest Christmas issue of any paper in West Texas, or the whole state, as for that, published in a town the size of Merkel. And since the newspaper of any town is recognized as a good criterion of the quality, push and enterprise of the same, the publishing of this extra large Christmas issue is indeed creditable to this splendid city.

At this time we wish to especially thank you, one and all, large or small, individually or firm, that has in any way contributed to the success of the edition. And by this encouragement and assistance you will have helped us to carry on in our desire and effort to make of the Mail a better and more interesting paper. And, during the next year we do expect and sincerely desire to make the paper even better than ever before. And right here, we also appreciate the many compliments from the business men and subscribers on the paper that we have been giving you in the past. So, with your united and liberal patronage during the incoming year, we shall bend every effort to make the Merkel Mail just the good, newsy home-town paper that you would like it to be. For the present, we thank, and extend to you the season's most happy greetings.

Miss Lorena Watts, of Clyde, was a guest during the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Watts.

R. L. McLean, splendid citizen and good friend of the Mail, is also among those renewing for the paper this week.

Miss Maurine Hearn returned last week from her home at Roscoe, Texas, where she spent the holidays with her parents.

R. B. Reed came up from Abilene to spend Christmas with his niece, Mrs. S. G. Russell.

Miss Lucille Russell spent the Christmas holidays with home folks and left Friday for Paint Rock to visit Miss Imogene Wade.

Large assortment of Ledger and Cash Books just received at the Hamm Drug Company. It

Mrs. J. G. Hale returned first of the week from a visit to friends and relatives at Granbury, Texas.

FOR SEWER Connections—See Sid Criswell. tf

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CITATION

The State of Texas

To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Taylor County—Greeting: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to summon J. C. Dingler by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day here of, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Taylor county, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas on the 1st. Monday in January A. D. 1925 the same being the 5th day of January A. D. 1925, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 12th day of November A. D. 1924 in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 5636, wherein Hattie Dingler, is Plaintiff, and J. C. Dingler, is defendant, and said petition alleging in substance that plaintiff is a bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas for one year and of the county of Taylor for six months next preceding the filing of her petition; that plaintiff, a single woman, married defendant in Kaufman County, Nov. 5, 1907; that plaintiff and defendant lived together as husband and wife until on or about the 28th day of March, 1923 when the plaintiff by reason of excesses, cruelty and outrages practiced and committed upon her by the defendant was forced and compelled to separate from the defendant and did separate from him on or about said date; that defendant was guilty of studied outrages, excesses and cruelties towards the plaintiff which covered a period of about five years; that the defendant cursed and abused plaintiff and applied to her the vilest of profane and indecent epithets; all of which is fully set out and specifically alleged in plaintiff's original petition on file in this cause which is here referred to as a part hereof. That the treatment of defendant towards plaintiff was of such a character to impair her health and to permanently further living with the defendant unbearable and in supportable; plaintiff prays that upon final trial she have her judgement for separate from the bonds of matrimony with the defendant; that the court restore to her her maiden name of Hattie Thompson and for costs of suit and such other and further relief in law and in equity as she may show herself entitled. the 6th day of December, A. D. 1924.
J. K. Fuller, clerk District court, Taylor county By Belle Willborn, deputy 12t4

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Dandy Ford Coupe with all extras, in good condition. See Mrs. Rufie M. Diltz. 25t2p

FOR SALE—A few good milk cows, and one extra good one. S. G. Russell, route two. tf

FOR SALE—Writing paper and envelopes to match. Name or monogram printed FREE. Call at Mail office to see samples. Blanche Durham. tf

WANTED—Your sewing. We solicit your patronage. Call first house south of J. M. Garretts residence. Miss O. N. Hughes. 19t4

KASCH COTTON SEED—For Sale at \$1.00 per bushel. See M. J. Shaw, two miles east and a mile south of Stith. 2t4pd

FOR SALE—Double-row planter and double-row cultivator. Also sulkey plow. H. R. Hicks. 2t2pd

FOR SALE—Teams, Implements and feed, also place to rent to parties buying the above. See G. W. Branch. 1t1pd

FOR SALE—Good Ford roadster in A-1 condition. Cash or good note. Woodrum Filling Station. 1t

FOR SALE—2 good Jersey milk cows. B. T. Sublett. 1t

FOR RENT—4-room house close in on south side. See S. F. Haynes. 1t1pd

FOR RENT—Two or three furnished rooms. See Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw, first door north of Christian Church. 1t

FOR SALE—A good 1924 model Ford Touring in good condition. See it at the OASIS Filling Station. tf

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FOR SALE—Cheap. Good seven room house and 3 lots. Would take good car as part pay. Also 100 acre farm, \$40.00 per acre, 7 miles northeast of Merkel. See J. C. MASON. 1tp

FOR SALE—A 2-row Standard Cultivator in good shape. See Bryan Dunnagin at Stith. 2t2p

WANTED

WANTED—A middle aged woman to keep house for a family of three. See or write Bryan Dunagin at Stith. 2t2pd

WANTED—A hand to work on farm. Will furnish house, water and wood. See E. A. Click, route three. 2t2p

WANTED—PRIME COTTON SEED—Will pay \$40.00 per ton for Prime Cotton Seed loaded on the car in Merkel, on next Wednesday, January 7. Planters Gin Co. 1t

FOR RENT

TO RENT—A farm to desirable parties. Joe Gunn or Mrs. Causeaux. 1tp

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Miss Jessie Sutphen returned to Electra, to resume her duties as teacher in the schools there.

Geo. Ferrier who is ranching in New Mexico, was here several days for a visit with home folks and friends.

Sam Toombs, of Carrollton, Texas, was here during the holidays for a visit to his mother, Mrs. J. R. Toombs, as well as other relatives.

Mr. Carvel J. Tucker who is teaching in the Goose Creek schools, is here for the holidays.

Claude Riney of Palestine, Texas, was at home with his mother and friends during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Charles Rogers of Dallas visited his mother, Mrs. Maude Rogers, during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Durham and children spent several days last week with relatives at Crosbyton, Texas.

Mr. George T. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Moore, of route three, returned to school at A. C. C. Wednesday, after spending the vacation days of Christmas here.

WHOLE BODY SEEMED IN ONE AWFUL PAIN

Morse, La.—Mrs. L. P. Lambert, who has been a popular school-teacher here for several years, recently told a visitor of her interesting experiences with Cardui.

"Just before my . . . came on," said Mrs. Lambert, "I would ache all over. My feet, my toes, my arms, hands, head—my whole body seemed to be in one awful pain. I would grow so nervous that I could not hold a cup in my hand. My husband would have to hold my coffee for me to drink. Last fall I was in such a bad condition that I had to spend about three days in bed every month. It seemed to me that I was on my last go-round."

Then one day, said Mrs. Lambert, she happened to read about Cardui and the experiences of some women who had been helped by it. "I felt that Cardui might help me if I tried it," she

continued, "for I had been suffering with similar troubles to those mentioned there. I had heard of Cardui all my life and I knew many women who said they had been helped by it. The very next day I began to take it."

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WHITE CHURCH NEWS

If I were to try to write of all the things that have occurred in this community since I wrote to these columns, this would be a lengthy write-up and too many of the items would be so badly out of date they would appear very ancient to most of our readers in this community.

Although I have not been busy with writing, I have not been idle, nor have my neighbors. Most of us are almost ready to begin our 1925 farm program, while here and there you see some of 1924's crop still hanging in the fields. Those few real winter days hindered progress and as a result some of us will need to borrow a portion of '25 to finish out our 1924 program.

By the middle or last of this week all of Texas will be in a whirl—many changes are being made in this community. Mr. H. E. Farmer is moving to his new home which was occupied by his son, Murry, during 1924. Mr. Byrd Hughes and family are to occupy the house vacated by Mr. Farmer. Clifton Bickley is moving to his home near Trent. Floyd Cogburn moved recently from near Blair to Wm. Snow's place. We are glad to welcome these new neighbors and to all of the old ones which we must see move away we are sending with you our best wishes for a prosperous 1925.

After a week in the institute at Abilene and a week of vacation, our teachers, Misses Rister and Dryden, have resumed their work teaching the young ideas how to shoot straight. We feel sure these young ladies are worthy and competent to fill the positions they are holding in our community, and it behooves each and every pupil and patron of this district to cooperate with them and make our school a better one.

During vacation the patrons and trustees placed a lot of new play ground equipment on the school grounds, and also made some decided improvement in the water works.

It is reported that there was a Christmas tree at the church house Wednesday night, but this writer believing it too cold did not attend, and having been unable to meet any one who was there is not in position to describe the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Bickley gave the young folks a party Christmas night, all reporting a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Gold Riggins of Big Spring were visiting here during the holidays.

Mrs. Oliver Wilson and children from Kress were recently visiting relatives here and at Buffalo Gap.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown accompanied by Grandmother Norris visited Mrs. Chas. Hutchins near Sweetwater Saturday of last week.

Mr. A. J. Pannell and family from Hebron community spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Spears from near Truby, Jones county, accompanied by Mr. Herbert Boone, of Galveston, visited in this community Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers from Mt. Pleasant community were visiting Mrs. Rogers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, the first of this week.

Quarterly conference met at this place Tuesday. Although the attendance was small, a very successful meeting is reported to have been conducted by Brother Hunt in the absence of Brother Lyons, presiding Elder.

Mr. Almer Barnes and little son, Woodrow, are so unfortunate as to be at home with the mumps the last several days.

Miss Leona Barker of Abilene, is here this week for a visit to her sister, Mrs. G. F. Wood.

When your windmill or pump is out of fix and needs repairing figure with me. Mack Cox. 244p

Mr. Bud Sears of Menard, Texas, is here this week visiting relatives and friends.

A NOTES

The people of the Nubia community now appreciate, and soon will be enjoying the benefit of the good roads being made by the grader which has been making a road from Blair to Nubia, and on to Cross Roads.

Work will begin Monday, January 5 on wrecking the old building at Cross Roads, where a new house will be built. While the work is being done the members of the church of Christ at Cross Roads will meet for worship in the Methodist Church at Nubia. All who are interested in the wrecking of the house are urged to be present Monday morning.

On last Friday a very large crowd enjoyed the evening with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Toombs. During the party hot chocolate was served which was enjoyed by all present.

Mr. W. L. Blair has just completed a nice bungalow on his farm near here.

Mrs. G. C. Lilly of La Junta, Colorado, is at the home of Mr. J. J. Pribble. She and Mr. Lilly are moving back to Texas soon.

Mrs. W. L. Blair, who had her foot badly scalded last week, is getting along nicely.

SENIOR NOTES

On Monday morning Merkel schools re-opened after the Christmas holidays. We were glad to have as our visitors Rev. T. J. Rea, who conducted the chapel exercises, Wayman Rose of North Texas Agricultural College, Misses Lorena Dry and Maurine Tipton of C.I.A., Alma Patterson of McMurray College, Weston West of Trinity University, Harry McCandless, and J. J. Russell of Texas University, Carvel Tucker, Wrenn Durham, and Marvin Mayfield, Miss Annie Laura Smith and Jess Sutphen of Electra.

Every one was very sorry that Miss Williamson was unable to be back first of the week on account of their home being destroyed by fire during the holidays and the illness of her mother.

Notice to Shine Customers

Notice is hereby given to all who wish a shine on Sunday mornings, that they will have to get shined before 9:30. Positively no shining will be done after that time. Shine, at Chas. West Barber Shop. 1tpd

Mr. Ralph Bigham of South Texas, was here during the holidays, a guest in the home of Mrs. W. P. Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McBean of Dallas visited Mrs. McBean's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown, during the holidays.

Mrs. S. O. Owens, formerly Miss Ruth Holloway, was here last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Holloway.

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