

## H. C. WEST TO HEAD THE LUNCHEON CLUB

At the regular Luncheon Club meeting at Ed's Cafe on last Tuesday evening, a splendid and most interesting program was carried out with Mr. Robert Hicks as Toastmaster. In the absence of the president, Mr. L. R. Thompson, who was in Temple with his wife who is there for medical treatment, Mr. H. C. West was expected to preside, but illness of members of his family also kept him away and Mr. Chas. H. Jones very ably held this position.

After the splendid program and discussion of many interesting and important matters of interest to the town and community, the matter of election of officers for the ensuing year, beginning January 1, 1926, was taken up with the result that Mr. Henry C. West was unanimously elected. Mr. West is one of the city's most progressive and forward looking citizens, and this paper hastens to predict for the Luncheon Club a very successful and useful year under his guidance as president.

As vice-president, Mr. Chas. H. Jones was unanimously elected. He, too, is among the progressive and influential business men of the city, thoroughly capable and will make a very fine official in his position. As secretary-treasurer of the organization, Mr. Thos. Durham was named.

The Luncheon Club has done a constructive and lasting good in behalf of the town and community since its organization, and the officials and membership should be commended for their work and interest for the upbuilding of the town and community by all good citizens, and it is to be hoped that their good work will not only be kept up, but that its good works may be increased many fold and in its efforts it will enjoy a larger and better degree of cooperation from the citizenship of the town and community.

Owing to the fact that to carry on all such organizations there is always needed some extra funds for incidentals and current expenses, and owing to the further fact that this organization has not before had a definite plan for raising this needed fund, it was decided that after the next meeting the monthly tickets which are good for two meetings, including the dinner, that all tickets would be sold for 75c for one meeting or \$1.50 for two meetings, and that 50 cents per month of this would go into the treasury for the payment of the expense of the organization. This is indeed very small and will no doubt meet with the approval of every one.

It was also discussed and favorably so, that a ladies auxiliary to the Luncheon Club should be organized in order that the women might have a part in the work of improving and beautifying our city, and unanimously voted that at the meeting to be held on December 22, the ladies would be invited to attend, and at that time give them the opportunity of organizing an auxiliary, which, although an entirely separate organization, will work with and in conjunction with the Luncheon Club. Let every man and woman of the city and surrounding country interest themselves in this matter and make arrangements to attend this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. George Coker and baby of Dallas, visited the lady's parents, Mayor and Mrs. N. D. Cobb, two days last week.

## WILL REPEAT THE EXPRESSION PLAY

The program at the Grammar School auditorium on last Friday evening by the Expression Department, Miss Lucy Tracy Director, was so well attended and highly appreciated by every one present the demand has been very great for her to again put on the program, and she has kindly consented to do so on Thursday evening, December 10, at the Cozy Theatre, to be presented for the benefit of the Merkel High School Annual which is being planned by the high school.

Miss Tracy is one of the most capable and popular Expression teachers in all West Texas, and while her plays are always appreciated, this is without doubt one of the best entertainments that the people of Merkel have had the privilege of attending. Whether you have seen the program or not you will do well and be highly pleased to attend again at the Cozy Theatre on Dec. 10.

## BAPTIST 5TH SUNDAY MEETING IN MERKEL

A Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Sweetwater Association of the Baptist church will be held with the local Baptist church on November 27, 28 and 29. The program will be as follows:

**Friday Evening**  
7 Devotional, led by Lee A. Stulce.

7:30 Address by Dr. J. D. Sandifer.

**Saturday Morning**  
9:30 Devotional, led by R. H. Williams.

10 Getting the local church ready for a revival, Chas. A. Powell.

10:30 Importance of personal work in a revival, J. O. Heath.

10:15 Associational Evangelism, Jno. W. Newsom.

11:10 Sermon by Dr. Millard A. Jenkins.

12:00 Noon. Lunch served in basement of church.

**Saturday Afternoon**  
1:30 Devotional, led by W. G. Tankersley.

2:00 SIMMONS UNIVERSITY as an evangelistic force, Dr. W. F. Fry.

2:30 Supporting our Denominational Institutions and our mission work is true evangelism, by Chas. T. Whaley.

3 General discussion and board meeting.

**Saturday Evening**  
7 Devotional led by Wendell Foreman.

7:30 Sermon, Dr. Chas. A. Powell.

**Sunday Morning**  
10 Sunday school with visitors in all departments. You are invited to come see a STANDARD Sunday school at work. We not only have a standard Sunday school but we have the only Standard Adult Department in Texas.

11 Sermon, L. P. Fitzgerald.

12 Noon. Lunch.  
**Sunday Afternoon**  
1:30 Devotional led by A. R. McClure.

2:00 Young People in a revival, Sam Morris.

2:20 Sunday school officers and teachers in a revival, Sam Malone.

2:40 Women in a Revival, Mrs. J. C. Burkett.

3:00 Laymen in a revival, by Judge Jas. P. Stinson.

3:30 The greatest revival I

## 3-ACT HOME TALENT PLAY AT THE COZY

A cast of all home talent players, young men and young women, appear in the three-act royalty play entitled "Come Out of The Kitchen," presented at the Cozy Theatre on next Thursday evening, December 3rd by the Baraca and Philathea classes of the First Methodist Church, South, under the direction of Miss Lucy Tracy, teacher of Expression of Merkel High School.

Although all of the players are amateurs, all of them have appeared in a number of other home talent plays and with the five weeks of hard practice under Miss Tracy will probably set a new mark in local home talent plays with the presentation of this 3-act royalty play, "Come Out of The Kitchen." This play has not been exhibited in Merkel before, and is a high class drama on which a heavy royalty is paid.

Reserved seat tickets have been placed on sale at the Hamm Drug Company, and to be sure you will have a seat you had better reserve one today; if you buy a reserved seat ticket you are guaranteed a seat, and no tickets will be sold over the seating capacity of the house previous to the night of performance. Reserved seats are 75c and general admission tickets 50c. All net proceeds will go to the Baraca-Philathea Building Fund, which is to be used in the erection of a Baraca-Philathea building on the Methodist Church grounds.

## COLORADO SPECIAL TRAIN STOPS HERE THIS MORN.

A telegram came yesterday from Colorado to Mr. Dee Grimes, Secretary of the Luncheon Club, stating that the Special train bearing about 500 boosters from Colorado, in company with the football team of that city, bound for Cisco, where in the afternoon they will play the Cisco Lobos for district championship, will arrive Thursday morning at 9:45, and will spend some few minutes mixing with the citizenship here. The telegram stated that a parade will be given, headed by their fine band which will also entertain with some good music.

ever held, Dr. R. C. Pender.

**Sunday Evening**  
7 Devotional led by Horace Tatum.

7:30 Sermon, R. M. McGinnis.

Come praying that this meeting may help start that great revival that so many are praying for.

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## NEW PASTOR RECEIVES WELCOME

On last Sunday mornng the Rev. W. R. McCarter, the new pastor of the local Methodist church, preached his first sermon of the year. Although he had only been in our midst but a day or so, and had only met a very few people, he was greeted with an unusually large audience at both the morning and evening services. Many were the complimentary expressions to be heard from among the membership and many visitors present upon the occasions, there being many visitors owing to the fact that some of the other churches dismissed the evening service in honor of the coming to our city of the new minister.

Rev. McCarter is a veteran in the practice and experience of the ministry, very able and eloquent in his addresses, and best of all bears every mark of the truly refined and religious type of man that will succeed in his noble undertaking. This paper in behalf of the citizenship at large bids him and his noble wife a royal welcome among us.

On Tuesday evening the new pastor and wife were really surprised and made very happy when messengers from among the membership knocked at the parsonage and summoned them to come into the main auditorium where they met with a royal reception and old fashioned pounding.

An interesting program had been arranged and was carried out, with the presentation of many tokens of appreciation from the church membership, followed by responses from both the pastor and his wife.

Considering the many compliments and expressions from among the church membership looking forward to a year of much progress and spiritual uplift, with Rev. McCarter as the leader, it is doubtful if the Methodist people ever had brighter prospects for a happy and successful church year.

Col. Ed. C. Miller of Atchison, Kansas, is here this week guest of his brother, Dr. Geo. L. Miller. The former Mr. Miller is on his way to California, where he will spend the winter months.

Uncle Charlie Brown, citizen of the Mulberry Canyon since the year 1878, in company with his son, Andy Brown, of Sweetwater, Robert Hicks and Carlton Dennis of this city, left Wednesday for a big hunting trip to South Texas.

## 13,400 BALES ARE RECEIVED HERE

Since our last report on last Thursday at noon on the number of bales of cotton received in Merkel, there has been received 1,203 bales in less than one week this amount has been received.

Up to noon Wednesday of this week there had been received at the cotton yard 9,075 bales, and at the Farm Bureau there had been received 3,223 bales, and at the Sam Swann gin there had been in round bales, which is not counted in the above, 2,200 bales which makes 1,100 whole bales, and added to the above makes a total of 13,400 bales received in Merkel up to this time.

A little more than 13,500 bales was the total amount shipped from Merkel last year, and considering the above figures it seems certain that more than 14,000 bales will be received here this year.

It is said that cotton is now coming here to be ginned from beyond Dora, 25 miles southwest and Sylvester and McCauley and even Anson farmers are coming here to gin their cotton, all because of the new and improved gin machinery located here.

## IS HONORED ON 81ST BIRTHDAY

Mr. J. H. Bayless was given a birthday dinner by his children Sunday, Nov. 22, at the beautiful country home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Homer Hail, about eleven miles west of Anson, where a large crowd of relatives and friends numbering around 50 had gathered to pay respect and honor to this highly esteemed gentleman.

Chrysanthemums were used in a pretty manner for the house decorations. Promptly at high noon dinner was announced and guests found their places around tables beautifully laid with linen and silver, over flowing with a sumptuous turkey dinner.

Mr. Bayless was born November 22, 1844, in Tennessee. He came to Texas forty-eight years ago, and has been a resident of West Texas twenty years, is now making his home with a daughter, Mrs. N. F. Roberts, of Anson. He joined the Baptist church in 1867, and his present membership is with the First Baptist church of Merkel. Mr. Bayless was made a Mason in Arkansas in 1867, being demitted to Fannin county where he first resided after coming to Texas. But now is a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 710, of Merkel. He served three years and three months in the civil war. He has five children: Mrs. McCandless of Merkel; Mrs. N. F. Roberts, Anson; Mr. Edwin Bayless, Anson; Messrs. Clarence and Sam Bayless of Fannin county. All were present for the occasion except the two sons who reside in Fannin county. He also has 20 grand children and thirty great-grandchildren, with a good number present for the day.

An afternoon treat was the readings by Mrs. Harry McCandless who charmed her hearers with two very appropriate numbers, one being Home Sweet Home, and the other in negro dialect.

The guest list included: Mr. J. H. Bayless, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bayless, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCandless, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hail and son, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Warnell and family, Mr. and Mrs.

## COUNTY AGT. ORGANIZING FARM CLUBS

The county agent, Mr. J. R. Masterson, visited the Merkel, Cross Roads and Trent schools last week, promoting boys and girls club activities. His aims in advancing these projects, he advises us, are not to teach the rural youths how to cultivate crops or how to grow cotton and maize, but to give them information that is not available through other sources.

He states that "a generation ago, farming in West Texas was in its infancy and the pioneers did not know what might be expected from the soil of this section until experiments had been made to reach definite conclusions. Corn was planted extensively by the settlers of a generation ago, but it failed to prove successful in the semi-arid West. The government sent grain sorghum samples out here to be tested, and the experimental stations made numerous tests to determine the practicability of this grain in West Texas. We know now that grain sorghum is adapted to this section, but seed selection and seed improvement must come with the boys and girls who will take the place of their parents on the farm.

"Ten years ago, there were very few standard bred poultry on the farms of West Texas. Taylor county now has perhaps as many pure-bred fowls as could have been found within ten counties of this area ten years ago, and yet poultry production is just in its beginning here. We hope to teach the boys and girls how to call out the scrub hen from the hens of large laying capacity, in order that they may hasten poultry prosperity in this section.

"Every boy and girl in the Merkel territory should be interested in the Merkel Fair and should begin this spring to prepare for the Fair, in order that his or her contribution may be made at the exhibit. If our rural children will begin to study seed selection for exhibition purposes, by the time that they assume the obligation of farm management they will have a thorough knowledge of this phase of farm activity.

"We would like to entuse our boys and girls with the ideal of making rural life more desirable and with the idea of adding such conveniences to their home lives as will offer larger opportunities to them. We want our boys and girls, when they take their father's and mother's places on the farm, to enjoy the pleasures that farm life offers without the drudgery that has characterized the rural condition during the past. We want the rural children in time to share the same opportunities that are offered to the youths in town.

"These things," stated the county agent, "comprise the activities in which I am engaged, in dealing with the rural boys and girls of Taylor county.

Harry McCandless, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Westmoreland and son, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Boswell, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jones and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roberts and children, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wheatley, Mr. Howard and George Jenkins, Misses Ruby, Ava, and Hortense Alexander, Dr. and Mrs. N. J. Smith and daughter. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wallace and family of Colorado, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Derrington and son and Mrs. David Alston, Crowell; Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter and children, Merkel.



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Let's suppose you are an employed man. You know that employment is increased as the business of Merkel banks, stores etc. is increased. If you and your wife buy in Merkel everything both you and your children need the tendency is to increase the business of Merkel and therefore to increase the number of employers who look for your services.

Let's suppose you are a stockholder, officer or employe of a bank. You know that the more money that is put into circulation in Merkel the more money spent in Merkel after being in Merkel the more business the banks will do. Do you and your family buy what you need in Merkel?

Whatever you are, whether it be minister, doctor, lawyer, laboring man, clerk, investor, capitalist, it makes no difference, if your interest is in Merkel it is to your benefit that all Merkel do their buying in Merkel. This is merely simple arithmetic. If we all buy out of town the town

dies. If half of us buy out of town we have a half-town. If one tenth of us buy out of town, we lack 10 per cent of being the town we ought to be.

All of this comes with special force right at this time because this is the very time when doing your spending at home is most needed. A man or woman in Merkel who thinks business conditions could be improved and then buys several hundred miles away what could just as well be bought right here at home is not helping Merkel at all. The money that could increase the circulation of money here, that could pump the life blood of business faster, is sent away and is gone for good. Spent here it is turned over and over, getting into many pockets, making things easier for everybody. Spent away from home it does no good in Merkel; spent in Merkel it does not stop its usefulness with that one spending.

#### Raises Large Peppers

Mr. J. W. Moore, residing in the city, brought in a large sweet pepper pod weighing three-fourths of a pound and measuring twelve and a half inches in circumference, he said. He also stated that he raised a number that large, and that four rows of pepper 80 feet long produced 300 pounds and brought him about \$30.00. He also raised beans, beets, squash, peas, etc. The plants were irrigated. Mr. Moore stated that he got a late start this year, and that he would raise some big peppers next year.

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#### GRAND MATRON VISITS LOCAL CHAPTER MONDAY

Merkel Chapter order of the Eastern Star was honored with a visit by the Worthy Grand Matron of Texas, Mrs. Velma B. Halley, of Arlington, at a special meeting on Monday evening. She was very much pleased by the large attendance of the membership who came out to meet her.

She gave a talk on our beautiful order and what it stands for, and told us about our new Eastern Star Home in Arlington. Sister Wilma Robertson, Worthy Matron, presented the Grand Worthy Matron with a beautiful bouquet.

We also appreciated very much the kindness of the Royal Arch in giving us the hall on that occasion. After the meeting delicious refreshments were served to all present. While in our city the Worthy Grand Matron was most royally entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Hall.

We would also call attention to all members that we have work for Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, and urge all to be present. A Member.

#### PARENT TEACHERS ASSN. IN REGULAR MEETING

The Parent-Teachers Association met Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 3:30, the president, Mrs. A. R. Booth, presiding. In the business session the club voted that in the future the business session would be held before the program.

A most interesting devotional was led by Rev. Parrack, after which the following program was rendered:

1. Pumpkin Head Song, High First.
2. Thanksgiving, High First.
3. Reading, Modyne Sheppard.
4. Three Pumpkins Thanksgiving, High First.
5. Thanksgiving Dinner, High First.
6. Japanese Fan Drill, Low First Girls.
7. Piano solo, Music Dept., Mabel Morton.
8. Reading, "Thanksgiving," Jannette Hayes.
9. Turkey Song, Low First.
10. Jack-O-Lantern Drill, Low First Boys.

The meeting adjourned to meet December 9, with the second grade in charge of the program.

#### Methodist Missionary Society

At the Missionary Society of the Methodist church on last Monday afternoon we had a splendid program from the Voice Bro. McCarter, our new pastor, visited with us and gave a very much appreciated talk.

We are nearing the close of the year and there remains a lot of work to be done if we close out the year with all our finances paid in full. This we have always done and must do this year. The district "Harvest Day" meeting will be held in Abilene at First Church on the 8th and 9th of December. We want a good representation and a good report from this Auxiliary at that meeting.

On next Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the church there will be a social meeting of the Missionary Society. Every lady of the church is invited to come to this meeting. On this afternoon we will also pack a box for the Wesley House at Dallas. Any one who has old clothing in good condition and cares to contribute them to this box will please bring them on next Monday afternoon. Remember this is a social meeting. A good program and refreshments. Come to this meeting at 2:30 at the church. Supt. of Publicity.

#### Remember

That every added subscriber helps to make this paper better for everybody

#### MR. AND MRS. FITTS' BURY DAUGHTER IN ABILENE

Many Merkel citizens drove over to Abilene Tuesday afternoon to attend the funeral services of Mrs. George D. Henck, daughter of County Treasurer and Mrs. Austin Fitts, of Abilene.

For many years prior to his election to the office of county treasurer, Mr and Mrs. Fitts were citizens of Merkel, and their daughter was practically reared here, and with her parents had a host of close friends among our citizenship.

Concerning the death and burial of the deceased the Abilene Morning Reporter gives the following:

Funeral services for Mrs. Geo. D. Henck, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Fitts of Abilene, who died at her home in Pasadena, California, Friday, were to be held at three o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the family residence at 1734 North Fifth street, with Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, in charge.

The body of Mrs. Henck arrived in Abilene at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, and was met by a group of Abilene friends. Mr. and Mrs. Fitts were with their daughter when death came.

She is survived by her parents and husband, who is an architect in Pasadena.

Pallbearers for the funeral were W. A. Riney, R. W. Barnes, T. O. Massey, W. E. Beasley, D. T. Harkrider, Comer Clay, C. W. Bacon, H. L. Roberts.

#### COMPERE ITEMS

By Alma Stout

Sunday school and preaching was attended by a large crowd Sunday. There was preaching Saturday night by Bro. Bryant and also Sunday morning and Sunday night.

Health of the community is not very good at present.

Most all the farmers in this section have their crops gathered by now.

Mr. Hall Hobbs visited at Mrs. Stout's a while Sunday afternoon. Miss Opal Rister has been sick for several weeks but was improving at last reports. We hope she has a speedy recovery.

Mr. Allred and family were in Abilene Saturday.

Miss Bernice Hanson was sick a few days last week but is better now.

Mrs. Willie Mae Foster and son, Berton, visited at Mrs. Stout's Friday evening.

Rev. Bryant took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Terry Sunday.

Mr. Matt Randolph was a visitor in this community Saturday night.

Mr. Raymond Stout, Roy Kenner, Jake McDonald and Oscar Johnson attended the party at Stith Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker and daughter, Carrie, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. T. K. Marshall.

W. L. Maud, Gertrude, Vivian and Howard Cook are attending school at Stith this year.

Miss Carrie Whitaker visited Mrs. Chester Lucas Saturday night.

Mr. Ed Spurgin returned Sunday from a trip to the plains.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lucas spent Monday with Mrs. Marshall.

Miss Carrie Whitaker will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. T. K. Marshall and will attend school at Compere.

Messrs. Hob Robertson, Joe Higgins, Tom Harvell and V. Garner returned first of the week from a fine hunting trip to South Texas. They report poor luck but a fine trip.

Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson and daughter, Miss Mary, left this week for Fort Worth, where they will visit the former's father and enjoy a family reunion during Thanksgiving.

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**SINGERS TAKE NOTICE**

Our next regular Fifth Sunday singing will meet with the Shiloh class on November 29th. Owing to the fact that our singing has grown to such an extent, we are compelled to leave off our big public dinner, so there will be no public dinner served on the grounds.

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Washington, Nov. 21.—The Federal Trade Commission has begun an investigation, under cover as usual, of a complaint registered by mail order advertising interests against local merchants dictating the advertising policy of local newspapers by giving them the choice between accepting local or mail order advertising. Smaller newspapers, it is alleged, are particularly affected by a standing threat of local business men's organizations that if mail order advertising is carried, local merchants will withdraw their announcements.

It is hinted unofficially that the commission may seek to require newspapers to accept mail order advertising despite the objection of local merchants and it is said that some newspapers have already indicated that they would welcome such an official order from the commission. The commission, it is stated, has been so informed by officials of a number of newspapers and may soon issue a complaint. In that event, under the present rules, the complaint would not be made public until an answer was filed or decision recorded.

### THRIFTY CHRISTMAS CHEER

There is, this year, a something besides the usual Christmas cheer in the air. It isn't the feeling of don't care extravagance that so often characterizes this time, but an atmosphere of satisfaction that comes from calculated thrift. The thrift clubs of banks in which one saves a small sum weekly for next year's Christmas money, were well patronized last year. Accounts and well-planned budgets have grown in numbers.

It is easy to spot the patrons of the thrift clubs, the owners of the "accumulated funds"

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### Social of Baptist W.M.S.

At the home of Mrs. T. E. Collins on Tuesday afternoon the W. M. S. of the Baptist church had the initial social event of the fall season. Lovely chrysanthemums of red and white, with beautiful autumn leaves were used in the entire house decorations. The women spent a very busy hour on piecing a quilt to be given for charity. Then a Bible cross word puzzle was worked, most every one finishing her puzzle. Following this the guests listened to some very poetical rhymes brought by each woman together with her dollar, the rhyme telling how she had made her dollar for West Texas Baptist charity fund for the Hospit-

al at Abilene. The hostess served sandwiches and pickles with hot chocolate to mesdames W. L. Johnson, E. W. King, W. D. Haynes, G. J. Jones, E. Summerhill, Best, J. S. Swann, Sam Swann, N. Causseaux, Ira Parrack, T. A. Bearden, A. R. Booth, Earl Lassiter and Mrs. E. D. Massey of Trent.

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which have been faithfully fed according to the budget. They buy carefully, and without extravagance, but they buy comfortably and adequately. There are still the hurried ones, the wild-eyed ones dashing around in flurries of uneasiness lest they forget some one important, lest the bills of January get too big. But they grow fewer, year by year. There used to be something a little contemptuous in the attitude of the flurries towards the savers: Christmas, they said loudly, ought to be a time of extravagance and foolishness and fun.

But now the look is cast up instead of down. For the savers seem to be having all the fun, and are better able to be foolishly generous if they want to, and they have no bad morning afterward. They have only the rather

pleasant five minutes of opening the bills, writing the checks and forgetting that part of the performance in the joy of looking forward to another happy Christmas.

### Box Supper at Blair

On Friday, December 4, there will be a box supper at the Methodist church at Blair, to which all are cordially invited and urged to bring a well filled box of good things to eat. The funds received will go for the benefit of the church.

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### Mighty Minds Conceive

By JACK WOODFORD

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"YOU know," said Blister Jones, reflectively, to Pat Scovel, who sat upon the messenger's bench next him, "if I was president of this here bank I'd—"

"Aw, shut up, don't make so much noise," put in the head messenger, "you're always talking too much—you make me sick—you freckly bonehead!"

"Just the same," insisted Blister Jones, "I got a swell idea."

"Yeh, I s'pose you have—" taunted the boss messenger.

"Well, I was going to say before you spilled over, that if I was president of this here bank, and that there one across the street, I'd stick the two of them together, and cut out a whole lot of—"

"Aw, shut up," growled the head messenger; "here take this here envelope over to the Merchant's National, and yuh needn't hurry back—you make me tired." Blister Jones and his dream departed, but after he had gone Arthur Mulligan, the head messenger, allowed his mind to play with the idea, and when one of the tellers came down he spoke what was in his mind.

"Say, don't you guys up on the commercial floor do nothing most of the time?"

"How can it be avoided?" said the teller haughtily.

"You know," persisted Mulligan, "if I was president of this here bank, I'd go to the president of the First National across the street, and I'd say: 'Look here, Howe, old man—let's you and I stick our banks together and save a lotta dough.'"

"Quite an idea," said Henry Stiles, the teller, in a tone which implied that he thought that it was the craziest thing he had ever heard of.

Upstairs, however, there was nothing to do, for the rush hour was past and it was not yet time to balance. Henry allowed his mind to toy with the idea put into his head by the head messenger. Presently Mr. Mason, the chief clerk, came along.

"Well, Stiles, kind of quiet today," remarked Mr. Mason.

"Yes, very," replied Stiles, groping about frantically for something extremely smart to say, but gasped and took a chance.

"Did it ever occur to you, Mr. Mason, that a good deal more work could be done, at a smaller expenditure for help, if this bank and the First National could be joined together?"

"Quite an idea," he remarked politely, and moved away. Returning to his desk, Mr. Mason found Tommy Waterbury, one of the assistant cashiers comfortably ensconced in a chair.

"Hot day," offered that official.

"Sure is!" agreed Mason.

"Not much doing," argued Waterbury desperately.

"No," echoed Mason, painfully conscious that this was no way to talk to an assistant cashier. He stumbled through his mind vainly—there was nothing there except the last thing that had been put there.

"Did you ever stop to think, Mr. Waterbury, that a consolidation of this bank and the First National might be an excellent idea?"

"Quite an idea," Waterbury said politely as he rose and strolled away. A little anxiously apprehensive of the wisdom of the thing, Waterbury approached the cashier of the bank. "He leaned forward, his brows knit seriously.

"You know, Mr. Stetson, I've been thinking what an excellent thing it would be if we could efface the Commercial National's competition by combining ourselves with the First National." Stetson glared at him.

"Hot day, isn't it, Waterbury?" he remarked in a tone that cooled Waterbury to the marrow of his bones.

"Yes, sir," murmured Waterbury as he moved off.

Try as he would, next day, Stetson could not concentrate upon his work. He kept seeing immense buildings—buildings which had a hyphenated bank name over the door—and he kept seeing balance sheets, gigantic balance sheets. Being something of a practical psychologist he at last decided that there was only one way to permanently free his mind of this obsession. He approached the frosted glass door of Mr. Morley, the first vice president.

Several months afterwards the papers carried the story of Mr. Cunningham's financial stroke.

"That active mind of this financial genius," said one of the papers, "has conceived what gives promise of being the boldest step that any large bank has taken in the history of the city. The mind of this great man, constantly brought to bear upon banking problems, has evolved a scheme for a bank merger that promises to be, very shortly, the greatest move . . ." and so on. "President Cunningham" was a familiar name for months in all banking publications.

One day, shortly after the new building had been completed, and the two banks had moved together, Arthur Mulligan, who was now head messenger for the big, new consolidated bank, called a diminutive freckled boy to his desk.

"Sorry, Blister," he said, not unkindly, "but the two messenger routes combined as one doesn't seem to call for so many lads somehow—got to let 'em go, here's your time—don't make it so—"



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### WARREN NEWS

By Vera Jones

Cotton will all be out soon and school days are here.

Health of the community is fine at present.

There will be a box supper at Warren school house Friday night, November 27, 1925. Every one come.

Many from our community attended the party at Miss Nelia Hudson's Saturday night. All re-

ported a nice time.

Miss Lottie Gressett visited Miss Azilene Sumpter Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelso of Stith visited Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd James visited Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones and daughter, Vela, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris Sunday.



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### At The Methodist Church

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Preaching at both the morning and evening hours by the new pastor, Rev. W. R. McCarter. He extends a hearty welcome to all strangers and those who have no regular place of worship at any of the other churches, and urges every Methodist to be present and take his or her place as usual.

The new pastor is just entering upon his duties for the year, and will be greatly strengthened and helped in his work for the Lord by your presence at each and every service. It is urged that he be given the united cooperation of all.

To have a front place, or to be given this or that place of prominence in church work is more the aim of some church members than is their sincere desire to really live a Christian life. And often when they do not receive the recognition they desire will refuse to work at all, and spend a lot of their time belittling and slurring those who may happen to hold responsible places, or even their pastor, when they happen to differ with him on some matter concerning the church work. Yes about the least thing in the world is a scandle-mongering, back-biting church member.

Among the large number from Merkel who attended the funeral of Mrs. Fenck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Fitts, in Abilene Tuesday, were the following: Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Shepard, Mrs. F. C. McFarland, Mrs. R. O. Anderson, Mrs. S. D. Gamble, Mrs. H. L. Propst and Mrs. R. I. Grimes.

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LOST—Pair of barber shears on streets of Merkel Tuesday, Nov. 24. Finder please return to Merkel Mail. L. Morrison, Rt. 1. 1tp

LOST—Last Monday evening on the streets of Merkel, an Eastern Star pin. Finder please return to Mrs. J. M. Garrett. 1t

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Rev. J. W. Brown, new Methodist pastor at Tye, was in Merkel on Tuesday of this week.



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### Western Remedy for Snake Bite

By J. D. ELLSWORTH

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As a Westerner, I was amused by the discreet sinfulness of Boston; but when business called me to Maine, our down-East sister, whose temperate example is always held before our eyes, I felt that I was about to set foot on the stepping-stone of heaven. To provide against the serpent that must inevitably haunt such an Eden, I filled my pocket flask with the standard western remedy for snake bites.

The train left the Union station at nine in the morning, and anticipating a stupid ride I went into the smoking-car to enjoy a cigar and read my newspaper. The car was fitted up with mahogany card tables and stationary cribbage boards. In the seats in front of me were three traveling men.

"Play euchre!" said one of them, looking toward a lean, lanky stranger.

"Does it cost anything?"

"Not a cent."

"Well, then, I guess I'll come in," and he opened himself like a jack-knife and strolled to his place.

As the train rushed over bridges and through suburban cities the novelty of my surroundings so engrossed my attention that I did not notice the card players again, until I heard the lean stranger say:

"I guess I'm going to be real sick. I never had such a fearful pain before in all my life."

He put his hand on the pit of his stomach, and there were sharp lines in his face that indicated intense agony.

The dealer looked up sympathetically, and his partner said:

"I've got a little something with me from Kentucky. Perhaps it might do you good."

"I come from Maine," said the stranger, "and we don't drink rum down there. But, as a medicine, I might take a few drops, if you don't think it would go to my head."

Lozging back in my seat and watching the dissolving panorama of snow-bound villages, I ruminated on the incident.

At Lynn I was reminded of the euchre players as one of the drummers got out and another passenger took his place. The last comer carried a gun case and was dressed for a hunting trip. When we reached Salem at 9:35 the two remaining drummers left. The lean stranger and the sportsman found two new partners and continued playing.

As I had finished my cigar and exhausted my newspaper, I tried to amuse myself by watching the game.

When the cards were passed to the lean stranger he shook his head and pushed them over to his partner.

"Deal for me," he groaned; "I've got an awful pain in my side. It seems like pneumonia, but it may pass in a minute."

The group looked solicitous, and the sportsman, taking a black bottle from the pocket of his hunting-bag, said:

"Take some of this, man; you mustn't fool with a pain like that."

"I come from the state of Maine," said the sufferer, "and I'm opposed to strong drink. But, rather than delay the game, gentlemen, I'll take a little as medicine."

At the town of Newburyport the lanky representative of the Pine Tree state was left alone at the card table. I was becoming interested in him. As we crossed the bridge over the Merrimac I lost sight of him for a moment, but when the train had passed the state line I walked forward in the car. My invalid friend was playing seven-up with a swarthy stranger.

Drooping into a seat, I patiently waited for developments. We were due to reach Portsmouth at 10:30. I looked at my watch from time to time and then at the man from Maine. I saw that he began to get uneasy. His face showed signs of suffering and he coughed violently.

The brakeman brought some water in a tin cup. The suffering man motioned him away, gasping, "I wouldn't dare (cough) to take water (cough); it makes it worse."

The swarthy stranger drew from his grip a pocket flask and handed it to the sufferer. The spasmodic cough ceased for a moment, and a familiar voice said:

"My friend, I hail from the state of Maine and believe in total abstinence. I can't take a drink, but I'll just swallow a few drops as medicine."

The car was almost deserted after we left Biddeford, and another change came over the unfortunate representative of prohibition. In a very low tone he asked a question of the conductor, who replied by shaking his head decidedly. Then the man from Maine went forward into the baggage car and returned with a pale, haggard face.

Bringing out the flask I had filled at Boston, and unscrewing the top, I said, "Stranger, will you join me?"

"Thanks, very much," he replied; "I am a Maine man—"

As the train slowed up at Portland, the remainder of his sentence was drowned in the gurgling sound that flowed gently and smoothly as in a familiar channel.

### Has Offensive Meaning

In English history the term "cabal" has been applied to the cabinet of Charles II, the word cabal being formed from the initials of the names of the members—Clifford, Ashley, the duke of Buckingham, Arlington, and the duke of Lauderdale. The word has, therefore, come to mean a clique working together and employing questionable means to attain their end.

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## "Kootchie Put Buttons to Sleep"

By HAROLD KINSABLY

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THE east wind had failed to put in an appearance that evening, and the thermometer registered 95 under the stately elms of the Boston common.

The family had gone away for the summer, and Buttons and the butler were out for an airing.

Buttons was a sleek, fat pug, with a knowing eye and oily manner. They called him Buttons because the harness he wore about his forequarters was studded with shining ornaments.

As the two strolled proudly through the Beacon street mall fate favored Buttons and the butler. There was a cat on the common—a pet cat without an escort. This cat belonged to one of the wealthy families who at the tail end of winter board up their city residences and go to the country to spend the summer and save their taxes. The owners of this particular cat had speeded missionaries to the four corners of the globe to evangelize the heathen, but their pet puss they had turned into the streets.

The instant Buttons spied her he gave chase and drove her for refuge into a small tree. Then he stood below and barked furiously, until the sympathizing butler shook the tree and gave him another chance. This time the cat barely succeeded in reaching a low perch on the iron fence, from which with terrified gaze she watched her tormentor.

"Why do you torture that cat?" angrily asked a quiet gentleman who sat on one of the shady benches holding a yellow-haired little girl on his knee.

"Oh, me and Buttons is having a little fun," answered the butler. "Buttons is death on cats."

The quiet man said nothing, but got up, helped the frightened cat to escape to a safe hiding place, and then resumed his seat.

That night puss went to bed without a supper, while her owner presided at the one hundred and eleventh seaside anniversary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and punctuated the courses of a fish dinner with rare vintages of port.

The next evening the same heat hung heavily over the Beacon street mall and Buttons and the butler were again taking an airing and looking for fun.

As Buttons neared the scene of his former encounter he pricked up his ears and sniffed the air for a scent of game. Presently his anxious eye was attracted by something his pug nose had failed to detect. On a bench near by sat the quiet gentleman whose acquaintance Buttons and the butler had made on the previous evening. The same yellow-haired little girl was seated near him, intently watching the rings of cigar smoke he puffed high into the evening air. Between the two a huge inflated paper bag was surging to and fro. It was this paper bag that had caught the eye of Buttons. It interested him. Drawing himself all up in a heap, he proceeded with cautious, measured step to justify his curiosity. As he slowly approached the curious object, his low, fearful growls seemed to rouse it to renewed gymnastics. This frightened Buttons and caused him to turn tail and flee. His curiosity had, however, got the better of him, and, returning to what he deemed a safe distance, he began barking furiously.

"Cat, Buttons, where's the cat?" came from the butler, who was leisurely bringing up in the rear, unconscious of Buttons' find.

With renewed courage the pug rushed toward the paper bag. He had almost reached it when the quiet gentleman gave the bag an opening twist, and, as a furry head with a pair of fiery eyes shot out, he exclaimed:

"Hi, hi, Kootchie!"

The earnestness with which Kootchie hi, hied became instantly apparent by the piteous howls that rose from out of the murderous clawing, snarling mass of flying fur and silver ornaments. And the speed with which Buttons' companion hastened to the rescue proved that even a Boston butler can get a move on. Before he could interfere, however, the quiet gentleman took a hand in the game.

"Stand back," he demanded, in tones that showed he would brook no interference. "Buttons is death on cats. Kootchie is death on pugs. You like fun. I like fair play."

In less than twenty seconds a crowd of loungers, newsboys, nurse girls and pedestrians hurried to the scene. In the confusion somebody thoughtfully told a policeman to ring for the "hurry-up" wagon. But before it arrived the butler was permitted to carry home in his arms what there was left of Buttons.

"Cheese it, der cop!" shouted a newsboy, as the butler picked up his limp and disfigured companion. And, as the crowd scattered, everyone was amused to see a fine, gray, stumpy-tailed cat make its way to the yellow-haired little maid on the bench.

As the butler lovingly stroked her shining coat she remarked proudly, "Kootchie is my little pussy cat. Papa say, 'Kootchie, put Buttons to sleep.'" And the policeman winked with ghoulish satisfaction when the father spoke up, "Kootchie is a regular California cyclone. She is a young wild-cat a friend in Tiger valley sent me. I'm fond of pets, you know, and as she felt a bit homesick this evening I brought her out here to give her a picnic."

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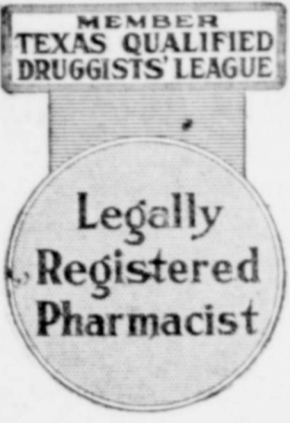
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**WARREN NEWS**  
By Rose Ellington

Everybody is about through picking cotton.  
Mrs. John Hobbs is on the sick list this week.  
The Warren school started on last Monday with a large attendance.  
Grandma Hobbs and Ella and Hall Hobbs spent Sunday morning with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur

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McCoy.  
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Emmette Patterson.  
The party at Miss Nellie Hudson's of Stith was enjoyed by a large number of the Warren people.  
Miss Willie Ellington was accompanied home by Messrs. Noil and Sewell Harvell, Hermon Carter, Misses Rose and Cordie Ellington Sunday afternoon.  
Miss Lottie Gressett spent Saturday night with Miss Azilee Sumpter.  
Miss Vera Jones spent Saturday night with Miss Stella Kelso of the Stith community.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington and family visited Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and family Sunday.  
Grandma Hobbs and Ella and Hall Hobbs visited Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs Sunday afternoon.  
There will be a box supper at Warren Friday night the 27th. Everybody come and bring a box.  
Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy spent Saturday night with her sister of Trent.  
Miss Flora Tarpley spent Sat-

urday night with Nellie Peterson  
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy spent Sunday afternoon with her parents of Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. Bass.  
Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Patterson visited Mr. and Mrs. Homer Patterson Monday.  
Mr. Joe Peterson spent Saturday night with Mr. Thurman McCoy.  
Claud Ellington spent Saturday night with Buster McCoy.  
Mrs. R. L. Newman, Mrs. Barbara McCoy spent Saturday afternoon with their mother and father, Grandma and grandpa Patterson.  
Miss Minnie Ethel Canon spent Sunday morning with Miss Ollie Hobbs.  
Mrs. Homer Foster visited her parents of Merkel for a while Saturday afternoon.  
Mrs. May Peterson visited Mrs. John Hobbs a while Sunday.  
Misses Flora Tarpley and Cordie Ellington spent Saturday afternoon with Misses Lottie and Vivian McCoy.  
Mr. Guy Harvell spent Saturday night with Mr. Bill Harvell.  
Mr. T. B. Hobbs spent Saturday night with Bill Peterson.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kelso and little daughter, Margaret, spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington.  
Mr. Homer McCormick of Ros-

coe, and Jack Kelso visited Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick and family Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy of Merkel spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Barbara McCoy.  
Miss Lottie McCoy spent Sunday morning with Mr. Arthur McCoy.  
**SALT BRANCH ITEMS**  
By Wynona Patton  
The box supper Friday night was a great success.  
Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Robertson and little son, Glen, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Allen.  
Misses Lillie D. and Norma Foster were the guests of Miss Lois Jaynes Sunday.  
Miss Fannie Thompson had as her guest Sunday Misses Ruba and Wynona Patton.  
Mr. Willie Hays was the guest of Mr. Marion Baker.  
Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Johnson of Olney, Arkansas, are spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Patton.  
Mr. Joe Higgins was the guest of Mr. J. C. Allen Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McClain were visitors in Stith community Sunday.  
Mr. R. M. McGinnis will preach at the Salt Branch Baptist church Sunday morning.

**McCANDLESS—BOSWELL**

On Saturday evening, November 14, 1925, Mr. Gilbert L. Boswell and Miss Ava McCandless were united in marriage at the home of Rev. Perry King, in Abilene, Texas.  
The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCandless, and has been reared in the Merkel country. She numbers her friends by her acquaintances.  
The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Boswell, he, too, being reared in the Merkel community, and has many close friends.  
They will make Merkel their home for the present. Their friends wish for the young couple a long and happy married life.  
**Will Preach at Trent**  
Eld. W. G. Cyert of the church of Christ announces that on next Sunday at the eleven o'clock hour he will preach at Trent and cordially invites all who will to hear him.  
Mr. Chas. Rogers, of Dallas, spent last Saturday and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Maude Rogers, and sister, Mrs. Jack Durham.

**SENIOR NOTES**  
My Lola Dennis

Six candidates have been nominated for the most popular girl for the Annual. Every morning at chapel exercises the votes have been taken by paying in a general fund on the Annual or subscription for the Annual. The two leading candidates in the race at the present date are: Stell Ledger, who has two thousand five hundred and thirty-eight, and Opal Patterson, who has three thousand one hundred and ninety-three votes. Evidently this race is going to be very close. The contest is going to close Monday morning and every one is fairly working for their favorite candidate. We want the whole school to take part in this to help boost the Annual over.  
The Senior rings are here. Some of the boys are certainly getting dignified.  
On last Thursday night sixteen members were present at the organization of the High School Dramatic Club. Maben Rogers was elected president and Flora Frances Anderson secretary. Mrs. Anderson was present at this meeting and offered many helpful suggestions. We hope to put on many interesting programs throughout the year.  
—M.H.S.—  
Mr. Summerhill: "I hear Delbert is taking bookkeeping."  
Miss Bird: "Why I didn't know it."  
Mr. Summerhill: "Well, he is always carrying a 'Ledger' with him."  
—M.H.S.—  
Mrs. Jackson: "The price of the alarm clock was \$1.50, but I got a discount, so it only cost me 98 cents."  
Mr. Jackson: "Yes, but you know very well you could have gotten the same thing at Merkel Drug for 75c."  
Mrs. Jackson: "That may be, but then Brown's wouldn't have taken anything off."

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