ALL THE AUTHENTIC OIL NEWS OF THE NOODLE CREEK FIELD

Badgers Play Two Court Games Here This Week-End

ball team started the season in prop- who for a number of years was pro- family in Merkel and surrounding er order by defeating Trent and fessor of the Poultry Department of territory. All Christians are urged Stith in the first two games of this A. & M. College, will speak at the to take active part in the meeting. season played last Friday and Sat- Abilene Chamber of Commerce on It is hoped that every singer in the urday. The prospects for a real good Saturday night of January 15th on community will come and help make club are more evident in each day's "Care of Baby Chicks." Mr. Kazmeier up a big enthusiastic revival chorus. practice, says coach Carleton.

the games this week.

Merkel High School and girls of the ferent sections of this trritory are hearts for the Lord's blessings to Merkel Hi meet Dora Hi.

On Saturday night, January 15th, Merkel boys will play Noodle in the Armory at 7:00 o'clock. All three HOLLOWAY CAFE TO games promise to be close, and a hard fight for Merkel if a victory is won. Come out and see the boys in action. An admission charge of 15 and 25 cents will be made.

Many New Subscribers On Merkel Mail List

In summing up the many new and renewal subscriptions to the Merkel during the holidays, we find it im- nouncement in this paper. possible to express our thanks to each one personally; hence we take this method of expressing to each and all ur sincere thanks and appreciation. We appreciate every subscription, from every one. During the bargain days we have sent many subscriptions to the daily papers for many of our subscribers, and in each case have saved them practically the price of the Merkel Mail when the two were clubbed together.

We have now by far the largest circulation the Mail has had for many years and possibly ever did have; therefore we can commend it to our advertisers as a better advertising medium. In fact the Merkel Mail circulation is by far the largest of any medium circulating in the Merkel

Opening New Ladies Store on Kent Street

Mrs. L. Hester, of Loraine, was Merkel dirst of the week and leas-I the building on Kent Street fornerly occupied by the Patton Variety Store and will on next Saturday open her stock of Ladies' Ready-to-wear, Millinery and gift line which she is where for a number of years she has been conducting same.

Mrs. Hester states that after visiting a number of towns and traveling die Fikes and family move into our about considrably, she decided that Merkel gave promise of the best opportunity for re-locating her business She stated that this city appeared to be the livest and busiest of any place she visited, and felt sure Abernathy. that from what she could learn there would be considerable play and activity here by the oil fraternity.

Announcement of the opening of her place of business in Merkel on next Saturday will be found in this Harris of Warren. paper and to which we call the attention of our readers.

Airplanes Flying to South America Use - Exide Batteries

Word has been received by Mr. S. with Exide batteries.

As in the case of the round-the- and attend it. world army fliers those batteries were selected because of the worldwide battery service maintained by he manufacturers. This service enusands of miles from home. Exide every one who will to hear him. ice stations operated by Exide ributors are located throughout eady shown their goodwill toward Goods Company. automotive products of this country in the manner in which they have patronized Exide service.

The many friends of Mrs. J. M. Garrett, will regret to learn that on Thursday morning she fell and suf-

Poultry Expert to Speak at Abilene Saturday night

Much enthusiasm is being mani- thorities on this particular subject in al instrument and will bring it to fested by the adding of William Pan- the entire South. Perhaps there is no the church and play it for glory of nell to the line up. He will play in poultry expert in Texas who is bet- the Lord will find a convenient place ter qualified to instruct the farm peo- and a warm welcome. On Friday night, January 14th, at ple in the proper care and attention Then, too, that larger group of 6:30 o'clock, there will be two games of baby chicks from the time that Christian men and women not classplayed at the Armory. These games they are hatched until the danger ed as singers or musicians but who will be between the girls' team of period has passed. People from dif- know the Lord and can pray in their Dora High School. Also the boys of urged to be prsent and to share this come on us, are urged to come and unusual opportunity.

J. R. MASTERSON, County Agent. that Merkel has had in many days.

OPEN NEXT WEEK

Mr. J. F. (Shorty) Holloway, instreet, about next Monday.

The building has been renovated, repaired and made neat and new, glory of the Lord, every church in some new fixtures will be installed, will have the money that would have enabling him to better serve his pat- been paid out for some evangelistic Mail during the fall and especially rons in the future. Read his an-

Methodist Church

We had a good day last Sunday at ter attended.

We want to bring the attendance in the Sunday School up to 350 next

McMURRY DAY this time for McMurry College, and next Sunday will be observed as Mc-Murry College Day.

Rev F. W. Riggs, one of the teachers in McMurry, will be with us Sunday and represent the College

W. R. McCarter. Baptist Church.

Salt Branch News

Farmers of this community are all

Grandma Robertson has been sick for some time with the flu.

Little Vivian and Lillian Jaynes are on the sick list.

Mr. Sam Chriswell and family have moved to this community, farming moving to this city from Loraine, the R B. Wells place, last year occu- during the meeting, but the church where water is not available many

pied by Mr. Tom Beene. We are very glad to have Mr. Od-

community Sunday in Merkel with their daugh-

ter, Mrs. F E. Church. Miss Johnnie Hinds spent last Thursday night with Mrs. Herman

Mr. Cullen Toombs is improving his place some by building new barn

lots and fencing the pasture. Mr. Truman Jaynes spent last Sunday night with his sister, Mrs. Ellis

Sunday with Mr. and Mrs, Eron Hor- ment in this paper.

ton of Mulberry. Everybody is invited to attend the preaching services Saturday and Sunday both the morning and evening services. The services will be conduct-M. Hunter, the local Exide Dealer at ed by Bro. Willis Taylor of Abilene. Everybody's Garage, that the five | Come to singing Sunday afternoon airplanes which are carrying the at three o'clock and let's don't let our American fliers on their good will singing go dead. There is a Fifth has recently installed one of the very seasons. tour to South America are equipped Sunday in this month. We want to be newest and most modern Seeberg The man who plants 100 acres to

Will Preach at Noodle

les the fliers to get battery atten- he will preach on next Sunday at the theatre goers of this community agriculture of A. & M College there on from authorized Exide service both the morning and evening hours the best to be had in the moving pic- will not be an over supply of pecans ations even though they may be at Noodle. He very cordially invites ture show world, and should enjoy for 100 years. The pecan is becoming

Beautiful Japanese Art Pantral America and the West Indies. els, now being given with each OPENS NEW BOARDING South American motorists have al- \$5.00 purchase. Brown Dry

> Miss Dota Garoutte has our thanks | co, has recently leased a building in for a subscription to the Mail which the center of the business block on she sends to a friend residing in the Kent street, next door north of Mccapitol of our state.

Mr. W. M. Snow, one of the pioneer to his sons in dist

MERKEL BAPTISTS

Beginning Sunday there is planned a meeting to be held in the Merkel Baptist Church. It is hoped that this The Merkel High School basket | Mr. F. W. Kazmeier, Bryan, Texas, meeting will prove a blessing to every is regarded as one of the ablest au- Also every one who plays any music-

help make this the greatest meeting

We do not have to wait for some outside party to come to Merkel to get us to work togethr as Christians. Merkel Christians can have a great town wide revival without sending forms this paper that he expects to for a visiting party of workers that re-open his cafe recently destroyed by would cost the community many hunfire, in th Wheeler building on Front dreds of dollars. If all the earnest workers of every name and order will join in a great campaign for the and Mr. Holloway stats that hand- and about Merkel will be blessed and party to carry on their local and world wide work through their own churches. We have no fight to make on regular evangelists who travel from place to place, but in this time of scarcity of money that puts many the Methodist Church. The Sunday things out of our reach, we need not School and all the services were bet- deprive the community of the blessings of a great town-wide revival.

We urge the pastors, singers, and workers of all the churches to come and join in the meeting as you would if some visiting evangelist had A special effort is being made at brought a tent and an evangelistic team to town. And we promise that if you will we will treat you with as much consideration as any evangelist in the land.

During the meeting there will be two services daily at 10 a.m. and 7 No services Sunday night on ac- p.m. Also prayermeetings for differcount of the revival meeting at the ent groups. It is hoped that a men's prayermeeting will begin to function the very first day of the meeting. Certainly the good women will have a daily prayermeeting and possibly several cottage prayermeetings daily. Then the young people we feel sure will join in a great young people's

before the regular service starts

rain, snow, sleet, or ice.

will be welcomed in all services.

New Garage

A larg crowd njoyd th party at a garage and automobile repair shop

Cozy Theatre Adds

in good practice and take our class Pipe Organs thus enabling the show nuts and inserts the paper shell bud trees marauded by the intruder. to furnish its patrons the best in into the young tree two years after-

theatre muste the patronage and support of the entire community.

HOUSE ON KENT STREET

Mrs. Lucy Sudderth, of New Mexi-Donald & Collum Grocery, and has

ing oil town.

WILDCATS IN JONES HOLD ATTENTION

In the Noodle Creek oil field eight miles northwest of Merkel, there has been no special interest this week, except for the fact that three new rigs are being erected for offsets to the Atlantic's E Howell, which hit the pay sand some ten days ago, but according to reports has never been drilled in, although it is now producing around three hundred barrels per day The offsets will be located on the Thornton to the northwest, and the Beasley to the west.

The next wells expected to reach th producing levels are the J. W. Wheler, located several miles to the northwest of the discovery which at last reports was drilling at around 2,400 feet. The Mason No. 3, is also expected to top the sand this week. The World Oil Company's Clark is

drilling at around 1150 feet. The Haynes, three miles west of town, is drilling at around 1100 feet. The Hunter & Grisham's D. O. Huddleston, six miles southeast, was shut down Thursday morning for

fuel at about 850 feet. On last Saturday a report was received that the drill had penetrated a showing of oil and gas in the Cranston well, located nine and a half miles northeast of this city, and at

Jones county. One well is reported to have a good oil showing and lots of gas, and is located on Deadman try who for years have been trying creek, a few miles southeast of Haw- to seize the cil and min ing resources ley. The other reported find is located about five miles east of the Cranston well. The showing in this well is to that count y as a weaker nation." said to be at about 2,090 feet, while feet, about sixty feet above where the log indicated the finding.

Rig material is also being assemblpany on the Mrs. J. F. Smith tract pronounced "false and malicious." six miles due east of Merkel.

PECAN TREES WILL GROW HERE, IS SAID

With few exceptions most of the farmers of Taylor County could successfully grow pecans on their ground prayermeeting gathering at the where water is available. Nursery church an hour before the evening stock should be secured from two to service and kindling the revival fires four years of age. The transplanted When a Home is Broken trees must be watered during the Of course this is winter time and first two years if they are to grow we can expect some severe weather during the dry summer. However, will be comfortably heated for every farms of Taylor County could be conservice and no service will be aban- verted into pecan groves within a you need never raise the question the field were not planted to crops Mr and Mrs W. U. Beene spent about whether there will be a service. but were seeded to pecans. On these The Lord willing we will hold every blank rows 50 feet each way, six nuts service at the time set regardles of should be planted. The second year five of these young trees should be these young trees should be uprooted. ing no groove no meaning to life. Subject for Sunday, 11 a.m., "How The reason that several nuts are to make this Revival a Success"; 7 planted instead of one is because Mr C. S. Higgins has recently open- trees should be budded with a paper the garden way over. shell variety Within a few years the Miss Nora Fostr's last Friday night. in the building to the rear and north entire field would develop into pecan Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jaynes spent last of the post office. Read his announce- grove and during this growing period crops could be grown on the same

The reason that many of the transplanted nur ory trees die is because New Pipe Organ the tap root is broken when they are dug from the nursery, but if the excellent Picture play house, under is intended to grow the tap root penthe management of Mr. Clyde Foster, etrates deeply and will ndure the dry

wards will leave his children a for-The Cozy Theatre, one of the best tune when they assume the obligapicture shows between Fort Worth tions as managers and owners of his Elder W G. Cypert announces that and El Paso, is without doubt giving farm. According to the professor of the most popular nut in America. Charlie Chaplin!" or, "You can't this north and south road would be Under such a plan the children 20 blame the gir. Why didn't he work builded first. We are in the habit of years from now will not have to suf- a little harder for his home?"- Abifer from the low price of cotton.

J. R. MASTERSON, County Agent MRS. W. F. HAMBLET RE-TURNS FROM HOSPITAL

We are informed that Mrs. W. F. Hamblet, who some time ago was in-Mrs. Sudderth states that she is cessitating her spending some weeks

HOKUS POKUS GROCERY STORE **CPENED HERE**

Among the many new enterprises the street from the post office

of this new and modern system, which th City of Merkel. will be conducted s milar to what is known as the M s stem and Piggly cording to the announcement, one Riley Walling to the north, the Ira Wiggly. Beartiful 1 ew fixtures have block south of the Grammar school been installed and complete new building and is being offered for sale stocks of g.oceries purchased, and at reasonable prices. Mr. Hughes the new enterprise has every appear- has also let the contract for the ance of the biggest city grocery es- erection of two houses in this adtablishments, and according to the dition, which will be fore sale or for proprietors who have contracted for rent. an extensive advertising campaign in the Mail, the new store will offer Chamber of Commerce from time to time interesting and attractive prices on taple and fancy groceries.

In this paper will be found the tention of our reader

Huddleston's Views

Represen vive Huddleston of Ala-

-b. t his marks are interesting "There are interests in this counof Mexico," Mr. Hud lieston said, "and these care nothing for our duty

the showing said to exist in the Cran- administration is being upheld by ston well was found at about 2,175 American bayonets was described as timations from the state department that bolshevism generated in Mexico ed by the Midwest Exploration Com- is being spread in Nice ragua were

front line and Secretary Kellogg as closer of the "ile." The " learsts, the McLeans and the oil barons" were nominatd for the front rank.

Our boldn ss with Mexico and Nicaragua contrasts strangely with our wishy-washy foreign policy as applied to Europe .. - Abiline Daily

ing about the Chaplins? man and woman, the "common" man west and east. doned about weather conditions; so few years, if a row each 50 feet in and woman, the smooth-running mechanism of that home, constitutes one's summun bonum.

The broken home means to "the common man' disaster unt'l a substitute for that home is found some-Strangers, visitors and new comers uprooted. The second year five of how, It means broken threads, drift-

The home is as old as life: as old as Adam and Eve, who called the p.m., "Place of Prayer in a Revival." there is a decided variation in the shadow of one particular tree "home" vitality of different nut seeds. The the trysting place, the spot where one spring of the second year these young might find the other when the day in

Home is as old as the savage gnawed his bones in a dismal cavern-dismal, but HIS cavern, not just any cavern-his own the cavern where his woman was-the woman whom he had pounded into submission with his thorny club, elad in the leopard skin which he brought her.

Home is as old as the battles fought The Cozy Theatre, Merkel's most seed is planted on the spot where it for it-the "topless towers of Ilium" crumbled because a home hal been violated, and all the wars of savage tribes sprang from home cares or home clay hut; or home nests in giant

There may be bickering, disagreement, quarrel -but until the actual devastation cones, the world assumes that all is will with a man or woman as long as the home is maintained.

lene Daily Reporter.

Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m.

Senior Christian Endeavor at 6. There will be no evening service

Mr. Hughes Announces New Addition To City of Merkel.

Mr. John S. Hughes, who owns and business conce ns to open in our and resides on a beautiful residential city recently is the Kokus Pokus plot adjacent to the city on the South Grocery, which is beated just across west has an announcement in this week's issue of the Mail of the open-Mr J. N. Carson & Son are owners ing of the Haynes-Moody addition to

The new addition is located, ac-

NEWS

Mr. Thompson reports that the opening announcement of this new Chamber of Commerce is properly enterprise, to which we call the at- functioning and that he is receiving the hearty cooperation of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in furthering his work. The shipments of local freight from Fort Worth will hereafter be received from one to two days earlier and Mr Wade is working bama gave or some new slants on the with him in an attempt to get a modthis time the well is shut down wait- situation in licaragua and Mexico in ern hotel erected here. Within the ing for six-inch casing to arrive, a speech made in the house the other next ten days Merkel will have some which will be set before cleaning out day. Whether his charges are based of the best publicity accorded any on facts or a merely he work of an town in this part of Texas. As soon There is also reported two wildcat imaginative han complicated with a as the field is widened some there strikes in the southeastern part of policed bias we are not able to say will be no doubt but we will get several Supply Ware houses here. We have one already located with material on the ground and others are coming Our greatest drawback is our failure to meet at least once a week to plan for and do team work. It is the intention of the prsent Execu-Prsident Diaz of Nicaragua, whose tive Committee to add to that list all who are active supporters of the cause and to begin an intensive cam-'a tool of New York bankers." In- paign to attract investors and industries. We are now just ready to reap the benefits of the discovery of oil. We have well recovered from the effects of the first "Boom" and are "If we have war," he concluded, "I ready to settle down to quiet, earnest minate Calvin Coolidge for the effort toward building Merkel in a substantial and permanent way. The Chamber of Commerce is keeping in touch with the Supply Houses, giving them reliable information as to the rigs going up and the production of the wells already in. It is assisting people to get comfortably located at reasonable prices and is doing its best towards bringing together employer and those who are looking for

> We have had within the last four months nearly as many columns of Why all the tumult and the shout- publicity as Abilene and arrange. ments are now being perfected where The answer is so simple. The word by we will have access to the columns "home" expre ses it. To the average of some of the best papers in the

Not alone are we trying to be of service to Merkel, but to all of the people of this trade territory and many farmers have expressed their appreciation of the prompt and efficient service rendered them.

It requires no wisdom to conclude that it taks the organized and united efforts of the citizens of the whole community to build that community, and we urgo that on Thursday evening of each week we plan to take part in doing our share. These meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the office of the Chamber of Commerce so long as it will accommodate those who are really interested No one is barred from these meetings whether they are mmbers or not.

We hope within the next fiften days to organize a civic club, either the Rotary, Lions, or Kiwanis, so that we may meet at a mid-day luncheon and get right down to real community building. Merkel has builded more roads than any other single community in Taylor county and by organizing we can hasten the building of the hard surfaced road running north and south thru the county for which we voted bonds under the promise of those advocating the road that the bonds would be sufficient to build it and that the government wanted a hard surfaced road to the When it crashes, they say, Poor Mexican border and would insist that keeping our promises and we are going to insist that promises made to us to secure votes are also kept. Let's,

Re-Opens Barber Shop

Mr. Gilbert, proprietor of the barber show located in the building with on account of the revival which will the Holloway Cafe on Front street, a broken arm but at last re- and splendid citizens of the Canyon, well pleased with Merkel and that she in an Abilene sanitarium, has return- be in progress at the Baptist church. both of which businesses were prac-We extend a cordial invitation to tically destroyed recently by fire, has cas resting well. We join has our thanks for two more sub-came here believing that within a ed to her home here, and is slowly we extend a cordial invitation to tically destroyed recently by fire, has ends in wishing her a speedy scriptions to the Maji ich he sends short time this would be a live, thriv- and steadily improving from her inall services. Chas. H. Li tle. niture and fixtures.

Statement of the Condition of the FARMERS STATEBANK

At the close of business Dec. 31, 1926

RESOURCES

Loans	\$418.943.19
Overdrafts	
Banking House	
Furniture & Fixtures	5,430.00
Other Real Estate	6,256.50
Due from Guaranty Fund	13,257.69
U. S. Bonds \$80,150,00 Bills Ex. Cotton 28,097.54 Cash & Ex 230,102.62	338,350,16
Total	\$801,823,45

LIABILITIES

Total	801,823.45
Deposits725	,823.45
Other Borrowed Money	None
Bills Payable	None
Rediscounts	None
Dividends Unpaid	2,500.00
Surplus and Profits Net	23,500.00
Capital Stock	50,000.00

FARMERS STATE BANK

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timate on jewelry and watch repair recovery. work from J. S. PENNEY, your

Try a Classified adv in the Mail Baker & Wheeler Market.

The many friends of Mrs. J. M. Thursday morning she fell and suffered a broken arm but at last reports was resting well. We join You can always get an honest es- many friends in wishing her a speedy

> If it is a house you want built, see a carpenter, but if it is Meats, see

..Announcement..

BOROLONO DE CROZENO CENTRO RELENTA O DE CROSE DE LA CARROLO DE CARROLDO DE CARROLO DE CARROLDO DE CA

I now have the management and controll of the mechanical department and repair shop of the Corner Garage and will personally look after your automobile repair work. I am doing some repair work personally and will absolutely guarantee all work done in my shop.

I also maintain and continue the operation of the front end, and promise my patrons and the public the very best service in this department.

Drive around and let us repair your car. If you need gas and oil we will be pleased to serve you.

Corner Garage

F. C. McFarland, Prop.

Science Advances as

Slowly Rising Spiral

There is nothing new under the sub. Science has developed, if not in a circle, at least in an ascending spirat, according to Dr. J. Newton Friend. It has continually followed earlier trends, but on increasingly higher planes, like a railway circling a mountain top, he told members of the Royal institution in a recent lecture in London.

Side by side with their pseudomagic, the ancient priests of Chalden and Egypt gradually accumulated a varied stock of scientific facts which were of invaluable assistance in enabling them to carry out simple experiments to impress the mob. They learned, for instance, that gases expand when heated, and utilized the fact in performing many a miracle, such as foreing out a libation through a tube concealed in the arm of the idol. Hero of Alexandria, an adroit Greek physician who flourished around 100 B. C., has left an account of many of these "miracles." Among other things he has described what is usually known as the first steam engine. The state of the state of

This consisted of a spherical boiler of water which, when heated gave off steam through several nozzles, causing it to revolve very much on the same principle as the pinwheels that delight little boys on the Fourth of July.

The Greeks were not interested in experiment. That was menial work fit only for slaves. Accordingly they produced theorizers. Besides the wellknown cogitations of Aristotle and others there was Democritus, who developed an atomic theory of matter, the essential features of which were generally accepted until the time of Dayton, said Doctor Friend.

Alchemy did not come till the Christian era, but it lasted well on into the Seventeenth century till the time of Boyle, one of the early physicists. The mainstay and end-all of alchemy transmutation of metals, after enjoying a couple of centuries of disrepute, declared Doctor Friend, now engages the attention of the best scientific minds, since the investigation of radioactive elements shows that they have probably been undergoing spontaneous change into other simpler

Mysterious Message

Mr. W. K. Ludlum, a New York broker, has other problems than the fluctuations of the stock market to solve. Upon returning to his home one evening, Mr. Ludlum found the following note from the maid printed in capital letters:

"MIS MOKS COULDUP SEZ ZUNZ YAKOMOM GOLERUP SEZ NOMAT-ER HOW LET IS GONABEE COL

Mr. Ludlum studied the note for the morning he asked an explanation from the maid. In plain English the note was meant to say

"Miss Marks called up. Says as soon as you come home, call her up. Says no matter how late it is going to be, call her up."

There is reason for complaint, for Miss Marks is a customer of Mr. Ludlum, and when he called her in the morning he was informed that she had just left for the West .- The Outlook.

Comparing Advantages

The country cousin was visiting her city cousin. She was pleased with the city and was pointing out the many advantages of city life. The city cousin said: "Yes, we have our advantages and you also have your advantages in the country. In the country you do not have any of the smoke and dirt that city people have to contend with, I have always lived in the city and my lungs are black from the smoke in the air. You have always lived in the country and your lungs are nice and pink.'

"Just think of it," said "the country cousin, "your lungs are black and mine are pink, and yet we are first

Florida Saws

Felix Isman, one of Florida's most active promoters, said at a Miami "The Florida colored people are an interesting lot. Their proverbs are

especially interesting. "They have a cynical proverb about marriage-'Marriage got teeth.'

"Another marriage proverb of theirs, though, is hopeful and helpful-'A kiss a day keeps divorce away.' "And they have a sociological proverb with some truth in it-'Fat dog say to thin dog, "Buck up!" "

Rustproof Swords

The war office of Japan is considering the adoption of rustproof swords for all Japanese army officers. In Japan an officer is not regarded as fully dressed unless he wears his sword. Damp weather is so prevalent that swords must be polished at all times, and even then it is difficult to avoid rust. A swordmaker recently invented a rustproof weapon which he submitted to the war department.

Odd Articles Lost

Only 42 per cent of the lost property turned in annually to Scotland Yard ever finds its way back home, according to the annual report of the metro-politan police of London. The total number of articles found and turned in to the police during 1925 was 163,-579. Among the deposits last year were a ferret, two human leg bones a glass eye! two white mice and a

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

The Old Reliable

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business December 31, 1926

Loans, Ti

Bills of 1

Safety

should be your first consideration when you look about for a BANK in which to deposit your surplus funds.

We solicit your account on the

Strength and Liquidity

of our financial stateent.

We do not encourage

Speculation

We have no money loaned to our officers or employees.

We will appreciate

Your Business

and serve you to the best of our ability.

1	RE	SOURCES	27.21
me a	nd D	emand	 \$159,232.60
Excha	inge	(cotton)	 20,321.65

2,845.36

116,750.00

5 Per Cent Redemption Fund__ Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank ____ 1,950.00 Bankers Acceptances. 55,000.00 Commercial Paper 180,000.00

Cash and Sight Exchange 166,432.81

Warrants (Merkel Ind. School)

Furniture and Fixtures_____

U. S. Bonds (owned).

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock\$	50,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	12,593.80
Circulation	6,250.00
Borrowed Money	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Liabilities	NONE
Deposits62	6,817.87

I, Booth Warren, Cashier, do sclemly swear that the obove statement is true and correct to the best of

Total ______\$710,661.67

my knowledge and belief. BOOTH WARREN, Cashier.

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BORNELING WORD IN NOOMONDELLING WOOD RELIGIOUS RELIGIOUS

the Canyon public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell.

BLEEDING GUMS: The sight of

tists report the successful use of

sore gums is sickening. Reliable den-

Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy on their

very worst cases. If you will get a

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will return money if it fails. HAMM

OIL! OIL! OIL!

the same as before we got oil.-Ba-

Yes we have oil but our prices are

DRUG COMPANY.

ker & Wheeler Market.

HAPPY GRANDMA— AND CHRISTMAS DAY

THE family had just completed ar excellent Christmas dinner. From first course to last, including stuffing and "fixin's." It was by far (so they all declared) the best dinner ever eaten by anybody. They acted as if they knew about every dinner in Christendom. But this is a common failing of those who are happy and satisfied.

Cousins, nephews, nieces and children sat themselves down on cushions in front of the blazing fireplace Mothers and fathers, uncles and aunts found comfortable chairs. Grandfather stood filling his pipe from a bowl of tobacco on a stand. Grandma, pink and lovely as a flower, folded her hands in her black satin lap and smiled at every one.

"Grandma," declared a young voice that fluted like a blackbird's, "is the most wonderful person in the world. She's younger than the youngest of us here, and prettier than anyone in seven counties. I wish she would give us her secret of youth."

Grandfather was pleased. Why shouldn't he be? He glanced proudly at his dainty wife. "I'll tell you why she's so young and beautiful," he said; "it's because, my children, she's a windmill."

"A windmill!" shouted every one. "Just that," said grandfather. "And she's forever turning with the Windof-Good-Will. She goes round so fast that she hasn't time to think of anything but pumping up kind thoughts from the Well of Generosity. But the best of it is, that grandma," here grandfather shook a solemn forefinger at everybody, the cat included. "the best of it is, that she is so built that she can't turn in a bad wind!" "What do you mean by that?" again shouted the children.

"I mean," smiled grandfather, in a kind of triumphant manner, "that an Ill wind can no more influence your grandmother than it can blow sunshine away from the sun! She won't turn an inch in it. But send along a fine, strong wind of joy-and away your grandmother goes a thousand revolutions a minute."

"Pshaw!" laughed grandmother. "how you talk!"

But after thinking about it for some time, the cousins, nephews, nieces. children and aunts and uncles agreed exactly with grandfather.

"That's why Christmas Day here is the happiest day of the year!" they declared. "Let's ask grandma to teach us all how to turn into the right kind of windmills!" - Martha Banning

(@), 1925, Western Newspaper Union.

Miss Mary Campbell, after a visit NOTICE with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.

I have my shop equipped with four Ben Campbell, during the holidays, barber chairs and I'm better able left first of the year for hr work in take care of our increa trac I also have a first class Lady Barbo on front chair who caters to lady c Miss Sallie Mary Campbell, daughgentleman trade. Smith's Barber ter of Mr. C. C. Campbell, deceased, Shop, on front street east of West was down from Sweetwater recently Company. for a visit with her uncle and aunt,

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QUALITY AT LOW COST

Local Teacher Weds During Xmas Hlidays

derth were surprised to learn of her this week The ever diverting club marriage to Mr. David Wright, which game of 42 was enjoyed, after which took place at her home in Leonard, a short business session was held Txas, at three o'clock, on December with Mrs Dye, the president, presidthe 25th. The wedding was beautiful ing Mrs T. L. Grimes was assisted in its simplicity, only the immediate by her mother, Mrs. G. J. Jones in members of the bride's family were present and Mr. and Mrs. Wright left serving a most delicious salad plate almost immediately enroute to Dal- to Mrs. Emmett Grimes, T. E. Collas for a short honeymoon before each lins, F. Y. Gaither, F. C. McFarland, returned to their respective duties. O. R. Dye, R. O. Anderson, S. D. he is a student from Simmons Col- of Merkel. Miss Sudderth is head of the History Gamble, Tom Largent, W. J. Lar- lege, and is also a popular young Department of Merkel High School, gent, John West, James West, Char-man. and before coming to us she was an lie Jones, Ross Ferrier, R. I. Grimes, honor graduate of C. I. A. in the Dee Grimes, Booth Warren. summer of 1926. She has made many friends here who are most enthusiastic over her return and in their visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Mrs. Gladys Cunningham and Miss hopes for her future happiness. Mr. S. Swann this month. She had as her Ruby Bayless on the 8:45 train, and py to have as guests in their home Wright is connected with the United house guest last week-end Misses went to the home of their friends, Mr. during the holidays Mrs. E. C. Mur-States Rubber Company, his home Gladys Boren, Cecil Strayhorn, Mil- and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, where phy of Dallas, J. N. Murphy of Mubbeing in Celeste, Texas.

THURSDAY CLUB

Thursday Club members were the The friends of Miss Kathleen Sud- happy guests of Mrs. T. L. Grimes

RENOLDS-STUTTS WEDDING

On December 24th, 1926, Rev. John Renolds and Miss Lena Stutts were united in marriage at the bride's home, Rev R. E. L. Stutts officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R E. L. Stutts of Abilene. Mrs. Repolds was a student at Mclished young lady.

Hugh Campbell.

Miss Willie Swann of Snyder is The happy young couple left with choice Hulls on track. Swaf- Green of Simmons University, Abi- The other guests who partook of this lene and Mrs. C. O. Lynch and son good dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Carl and Mr. Pat Murphy of Abilene.

Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. James Doan. A Guest.

MARRIED RECENTLY

On January 6, Laurence Fitzgerald happily pronounced the ceremony which united in marriage Mr. Earl Walker and Miss Annie Reeves at families. The groom is the son of Mrs. Rev. John Renolds is the son of Lula Walker of Abilene. The bride is

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and year. Thir many friends extend con-Mrs Carl Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. gratulations and best wishes for a happy prosperous future.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Dye were hapdred Robinson and Annie Maye they were given a sumptuous dinner bard City,, Miss M. A. Pleace of San Swann, all of Snyder, also Mrs. prepared for them on Christmas day. Antonio, Mrs. E. S. Murphy of Abi-

LACK IMAGINATION AT CHRISTMAS TIME

44 AY," inquired Roxy of her intimate friend behind the ribbon counter, "say, Annie, does she think we are? Fenceposts with a talking machine inside

Annie tossed her bobbed head and looked as arrogant as this season's "Sure, she does, Roxy. We're nothing but a convenience. A kind of kitchenette that helps feed her sick! I wish they had to stand on their feet and smile at a thousand

"Say it with roses, Annie. Say it with roses. I took a hate to Christmas the first year I come here to this store. People never look at you. They look through you and around you and beyond you. Bet you a nickle that woman coming now couldn't tell the color of my hair to save her soul. And I've sold her three hundred yards of ribbon or I'm a Har. Ain't it flerce!"

Roxy waited for her customer. Like A. Saunders-Smythe came alongside the counter. She lifted her lorgnette with languid interest, "Are you the girl who customarily waits on me?" she asked of Roxey

Swift lightning played over Roxy's heart. In a sudden abandonment of anger she looked Mrs. A. Saunders-Smythe straight in the eye

customer's indolent

the ribbon counter. Mrs. A. Saunders-Smythe took her fill of looking at Then, quite suddenly she

"I'm sorry-I've been stupid-and ankind! Sometimes we lose our imagination at Christmas. We don't think. I'll always remember you now. child!" The merchantman sailed off.

"Gee!" exploded Annie. Roxy lifted her voice. Christmas! Mrs. Smythe!" she called. -Patience Eden.

Christmas Bells Over the world the music swells, The chiming sound of the Christmas Ringing the message now, as then, Of "Peace on earth, good will to men.

A GOOD WORD FOR THE PARSON

From the Little Rock Democrat. Under the title, "Benefit of Clergy," the Baltimore Sun says editorially: "In this day of spiritual search ing the parson has come in for no little criticism. Perhaps he deserves it, but, on the other hand, it is about time for him to receive a word of sympathy His task is difficult, for no matter which way he turns he meets

with objections from some parts of

Let's look into the truth of the statement. If the parson is orthodox in his views, he's "bigoted." If he asks for money, he's "worldly;" if he doesn't ask for it his church has no money for "benefactions;" if he calls on his congregation he's a "bore:" if he doesn't he's "indifferent;" if he favors modern amusements in the members" howl; if he preaches the Bible "as it is," th boosters squawk; if he stresses the Sunday school the choir charges "favoritism;" if he boosts the choir, the endeavor societies and the "missions" fel hurt about it. What about the comments of those outside his flock One class approves if he adopts jazz age advertising like the "Boost Jesus" sign of a New York church, while another class says such stuff is "undignified." If he's a Methodist, members of other congregations think he believes everything John Wesley believed. If he's a Baptist they think he's always a "hard shell." If he's a Presbyterian they can't make up their mind whether he believes in original sin or not. In fact, on every hand the parson is misunderstood, principally because of either prejudices or ignorance. He has his faults, also his virtues, and one of those virtues is that he sticks to a job so difficult that the average man would flee it within a year. Shake, Parson, fellow feelings makes us wondrous kind.

MRS. W. F. HAMBLET RE-TURNS FROM HOSPITAL

We are informed that Mrs. W. F. Hamblet, who some time ago was injured in an automobile accident, neessitating her spending some weeks in an Abilene sanitarium, has returned to her home here, and is slowly and steadily improving from her injury.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Frazier moved recently to their farm in the Stith community. They were among our very best citizens and the entire citizenship regrets to lose thm from our

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AT MERKEL

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on Dec, 31, 1926

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts\$414,554.25	
Acceptances of other banks discountedNONE	
Customers' liability account of acceptances of this bankNONE	
Total loans	414,554.25
Overdrafts, secured,\$182.80 Unsecured \$133.95	316.75
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value)\$6,250.00	
All other United States Government Securities\$110,500.00-	116,750.00
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	4,795.36
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	NONE
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	40,872.05
Cash in vault and amount due from national Banks	117,716.66
Amount due from State banks, bankers and trust companies in the	
United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, and 10	NONE
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13\$123,316.48	5,599.82

located out side of city or town of reporting bank \$2,244.28 Miscellaneous cash items.... Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer 312,50 Other assets if any

Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank)

Capital stock paid in ______\$50,000.00 Undivided profits\$12,593.80 Reserved for\$ NONE Less current expenses, paid \$NONE Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the U. S. and foreign countries (other than items 24 or 25) 18,012.89 Total of items 24, 25, 26, 27and 28 _____\$ 29,762.47 Demand Deposits subject to Reserve: Murry College, and is a very accomp- lene, he being a close friend of both Total of demand deposit (other than bank deposits) Reserve, Items 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 \$494,978.81 Certificates of deposit (Other than for money borrowed) _____ 18,200.00 Mr. and Mrs. Renolds of Trent and the daughter of Mrs. Geo. L. Reeves State, County or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank or surety bond made many friends during the past Total of time deposits subject to reserve, vear. Thir many friends extend con-

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>
> BOOTH WARREN, Cashier

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CHILDREN'S VOICES AT CHRISTMAS TIME

T WAS the Christmas time. Snowflakes like soft downy feathers were falling over the city, covering dirt and soot with a beautiful blanket of white.

Men and women were jostling one another through the crowded city streets. Some were laden with packages. Some carried but a few.

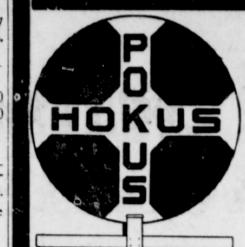
A few were poorly clothed; yet with calm, satisfied faces. More were poorly clothed, with sad, restless faces, as if they grieved for what they could not have.

Many were rich clothing and luxurious furs, and some of these had calm restful faces; but many were weary as if they worried for a peace which

A beggar sat in a corner selling his pencils, one by one. Many unheeding the pencils, dropped a coin into the box strapped about his weather-beaten neck. Some, not noticing the beggar, passed in and out of the great depart-

Many stories over the beggar's head Christmas carols had been pealing forth all the afternoon. The passersby could not have failed to hear them; yet if their minds or hearts responded they gave no sign. Their expressions

Down through the hurrying crowds came a group of little girls on Christmas shopping bent, hastening to the store o'er which the Christmas chimes rang out. Heedless of the elbowing throng they stopped to listen and saw



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Pinto Beans	re-cleaned 9c	12 pounds for	31.00
Lima Beans	baby limas	per lb.	10c
Peaches	No. 2 1-2	per can	25c
Mraut	3 cans for	MATERIAL SECTION SECTION SECTIONS	25c
Hominy	3 cans for	Balling Strate and San	25c
Spaghetti	4 packages for	- ·	25c
Coffee All coffee pri	admiration brand iced special for Sa	3 lb. can turday	31.50
Lard	3 pound bucket	9	1.08

MONEY TALKS

Miss Sallie Mary Campbell, daugh-

LAUGH-BE HAPPY AT CHRISTMAS TIME

CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE

TF IT were possible, the Randals would have been unhappy, because of the many reverses of the past year; a great loss by fire, sickness, too; and hospital bills, and many of the misfortunes that come in a lifetime seemed to have come to them the past year. To peep in on them, or even to have listened in, would have convinced any recluse that happiness was permeating the very atmosphere of that home.

"Now, James," began Mrs. Randal, who didn't resemble one who takes the "daily dozen" but proved the saying, "Laugh and the world laughs with you," "I have laughed at Marta's letter until I am sick. All their money. yet she says she can't have a happy Christmas because of our many reverses, and that they wouldn't think of having any one in, and for us not to be too lonely. Well, well, that surely is funny-us not be too lonely!" Mrs. Randal burst out laughing again. "Well, Rose, quit your laughing and

read that letter, or tell it to me." "Oh, James, to think of her being so unhappy over our loss when we don't even think about it. She always sees the 'Slough of Despond'; no wonder she's so skinny. Worrying about us! Jim, we've never had a happier Christmas. None of us has died yet; we still have our garage to live in. Christmas is Christmas whether our pocketbook be fat or

"Yes, Rose, but Christmas doesn't seem to be the same to the fat and lean, judging from your laugh and Marta's sadness."

"Say, James, let's have them down for Christmas and show them what a wonderful time people can have living in their garage. We can put them overhead in the servants' quartershave to make use of it in some way, for we may never be able to afford another maid."

"Hop to it, dear. You always do the proper stunt at the right time. I think we shall enjoy it, as you seem

to enjoy the thought of it." Mrs. Randal continued to laugh, and as Marta was leaving, she, too, laughed and said: "Well, Rose, laughing is catching; happiness, too, I suppose. I think we shall live in our garage next year-not nearly so much work, and truly-I've never had a better time. Surely a Merry Christmas we've had and we wish for you and James-well, you'll be happy and think you are prosperous whether you are or not, so all I can say to you isgood-by .- Emily Burks Adams. (@. 1925, Western Newspaper Unton,

for a visit with her uncle and aunt, left first of the year for hr work in Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell. the Canyon public schools.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, Jan. 14-15

ter of Mr. C. C. Campbell, deceased, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.

was down from Sweetwater recently Ben Campbell, during the holidays,

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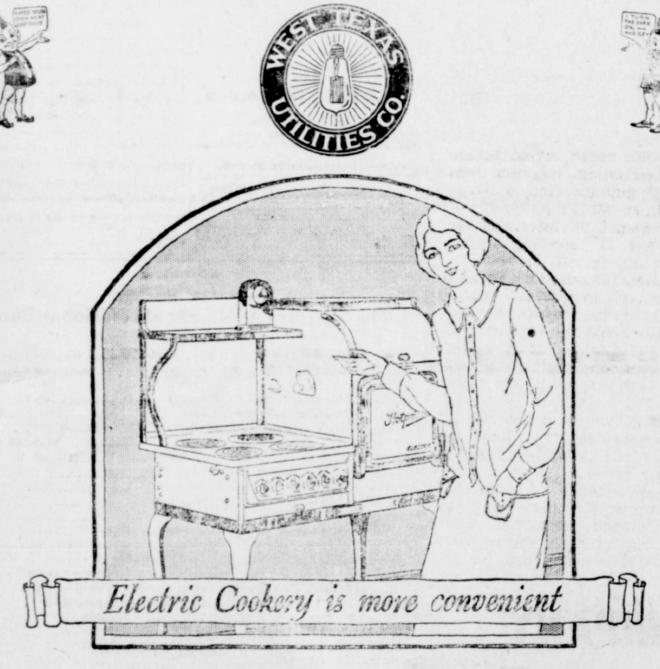
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Hamilton. Promises of

The contract performed, Milton

Piano Solo, Nadine Tippett Song. League Benediction. Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Leader, Westenhover. Answering life's supreme question. Mrs. W. B. Stevens. Facts of interst about his early rears, Iris Garrett.

Part I, Mrs. Warren Smith

Part II Fannie Belle Boaz. Part III, Bob Mayfield. Answering the great question, Bill

A new son weighing nine and a half pounds arrived on the 9th at the nome of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Turner.

Misses Willie Swann and Christine Collins visited in Snyder this week.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I have this week moved my entire line of LADIES READY-TO-WEAR MILLINERY and

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scriptions to the Mail which he sends to his sons in distant towns.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas spent 1t the holidays in Big Spring and Stanton. They were accompanied by Mr. Car choice Hulls on track. Swaf- and Mrs. Joe Douglas, Jr., and baby 1t daughter.

DIE WHEN IT'S NECESSARY

Out in the West, there is a town named Toombstone, and a paper is published in that town called the Epitaph. While wandering around viewing the sights, I saw a toombstone or granite slab, and here is the inscription I found on the Marker: Dust to dust, but he died with his

What a wealth of meaning in that sentence. He died with his boots on. The man must have been in harness pulling a load when his heart failed. He must have been trying up to the very last moment. It was the universal Quietus that made him quit. And we get a lesson out of this-What an unwise idea it is to set a season or time you expect to shuffle off, and after you get this idea well fixed in your mind, how foolish it is to stop and get ready to die

The plan is selfish; most disquieting, and certainly a costly trick to play on yourself. You know of plenty of people who have decided that they are not going to live long after a given time. They are what I call the previous diers, and they generally pass off according to calendar. Here is the dope Be ready to go in a minute then forget about going and think about the things that will keep you going. In this way you will live longer, at least you will think so, if you married man. You will be hapd have more. Die when it's

M. E. Missionary Society

Beginning next Monday afternoon the Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will study a new course under the direction of been ordered and will be ready fo ibution at the Monday meeting. In the absence of the president, the vice president Mrs. Largent, presided at the meeting last Monday, and

Will Preach at Noodle

Elder W G. Cypert announces that he will preach on next Sunday at 300 feet, more or less, and with more both the morning and evening hours or less success. at Noodle. He very cordially invites every one who will to hear him.

Miss Vivian Potts, of Abilene, is a guest this week of Miss Iva Bragg.

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Food Staple Depends on Irrigation Work

Among the staple foods raised in Central American regions is one that the last chapters of the study course, is almost daily on the tables of rich Looking Ahead with Latin Ameriand poor; this is the garbanzo, or ca, were given. Fifteen members were chick-pea. They are successfully grown also in the state of Sonora, Mexico, on the alluvial plains near the mouths of the Mayo and Yaquai above sea level, although they are also grown farther inland at altitudes of

> The plant is very tender and subject to injury by frost. During the growing season the temperature ranges from 70 degrees Fahrenheit to the freezing point. At planting time, in October, it ranges from 50 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit. The average rainfall in the garbanzo region in the Yaquai valley is nine inches and in the Mayo valley thirteen inches. No rain falls during the growing season of this crop, and the growers depend entirely upon irrigation, for the rains begin in July and end in October, just before the first planting begins.

The garbanzos are harvested in May, when the plants are pulled up by and in the field and turned over so they will dry thoroughly. They are then carried in bunches to central points in the fields where a threshing door has been made on smooth beaten ground.-Charles Bell Emerson in Adventure Magazine.

Brown Proved Quite Unable to See Joke

Two bachelors, Smith and Brown, were seated in the flat of the latter. Smith-Would you like to know the name of your future wife?

Brown-I certainly would. "Well, I'll guarantee to tell you her name by arithmetic." "That's impossible."

"Well, you take a piece of paper and work out this sum: Write down the year in which you were born, subtract the last two figures from the first two. Now multiply what remains by the date of the month in which you were born. Divide your answer by two, and tell me the result."

Brown, after a lengthy struggle and much thought, at last works out the problem and hands his friend the re-

Smith-Now these figures obviously indicate that the name of your future wife will be Mrs. Brown, Brown and Smith are no longer friends.

Roads Laid Out by Animals There is an idea become current of late that none but a man of science, bred in a school, can lay off a road. This is a mistake. There is a class of topographical engineers older than the schools and more unerring than the mathematics. They are the wild animals. They travel thousands of miles, have their annual migrations backward and forward, and never miss the best and shortest route. These are the first engineers to lay out a road in a new country; the Indians follow them, and hence a buffalo road becomes a warpath. The first white hunters follow the same trails in pursuing their game, and after that the buffalo road becomes the wagon road of the white man, and finally the

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Mrs. A. E. Brown read the tional, reading the 46th Psalm, Old business was discussed then

report was read from the nominal ing committee, this being time to elect new officers. The following were

Mrs. A. R. Booth, teacher; Mrs. General Jones, asst. teacher; Mrs. A. E. Brown president, Mrs. Sid Coats, Jr., first vice president: Mrs. Thos. tion from authorized Exide service Bearden, 2nd vice president; Mrs. stations even though they may be Neece Hancock, 3rd vice president; thousands of miles from home. Exide Mrs. Doyle Pogue, Secretary; Mrs. Bur Sheppard, Treasurer; M.

Swann, reporter. The class with the new officers plan to do something worth-while

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There are states where the holly isn't to be found in great abundance, In some sections of the South a limited supply must be made to serve the purpose. For profuse decoration: other greens fashioned from sprays to 5 months. J. S. TOUCHSTONE, of Irish yew whose fan-like and lacy Hawley, Rt. 2, phone 9036F13, Anson, foliage is ideal for this use; and, too, there are the beautiful, waxy leaves from the magnolia as well as

But the holly bough, of course, of Full Set Teeth \$17.50 all Christmas green is the lovellest and most popular, not only here but in other lands and in France, in particular, as Brittany grows it in quantities. The holly is of slow growth and propagated by seed which do not germinate until the second year. We think of holly berries always as being red, but some kinds bear yellow fruit, some white, and others even

The holly has a commercial value that isn't generally known. Its evengrained and hard wood is ivory white and is used for inlaying and as an ebony substitute for teapot handles and other articles, when stained. The leaves are used in medicine.-Frances Marshall Morgan. (©, 1926, Western Newspaper Union.)

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THE UNUSUAL USUAL "WE'RE tired of Christ-

mas, they said. "It's the same old thing every year. Same old wreat s. Same old nuisance getting presents. Same old expense. Same old fatigue. Same old holiday greetings. Nothing new about it. It's a

bore." Their names are Mr. and Mrs. Joylessness. They do not see, poor, pathetic creatures that they are, that the usual things are in reality the unusual.

Love is usual, so are children, so is a birthday, an anniversary. friendship

But only the usual can rise to the great heights. And Christmas is the most unsual of all.-Mary Graham Bon-

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It was Christmas Eve and as Aunt Eliza returned from town with a few little things that her scant purse could buy, her heart was a little heavy, for the winter was before her and her strength was failing fast.

"I'm glad I got that knife for crippled Jim; he so enjoys cutting out those animals. Life is worth while so long as we can give others pleasure, and there is always some one that we can help. I'll read to blind Jane tomorrow and that will help her and me pass away the day. Tonight I must try to think of some way that I can earn money. Sister would help me if she knew, so would the church ladies, but I simply can't tell anyone. Well, the only way to be happy is to make some one else happy, so I'll take Jimmy's knife to him. God has never forsaken me." All this was going through Aunt Eliza's mind.

As she opened the door she stood face to face with her only sister. She was overcome with joy. "Oh, Eliza, all the children want for

Christmas is you, and they sent me for you. We have a nice home next to ours, for you. We will start tonight so we can get there for dinner tomorrow. You shall never feel lonely again.'

Eliza continues to believe that making others happy brings happiness .-Emily Burks Adams.

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SAVES PENNIES FOR CAPITAL CHRISTMAS

667 ARS. HULL has a capital plan of saving and giving Christmas capital which she calls her 'fancy fund,' because she uses it exactly as she wishes, with no drawing on the regular family income," Mrs. Ross exclaimed enthusiastically to her friends at an afternoon tea.

"The day after Christmas Mrs. Hull begins saving pennies that come into her hands through the year. She places them in a toy bank and adds six per cent interest at the end of the year. If she has saved ten dollars in pennies she adds sixty cents, which she says pays postage on her Christmas parcels. She always has a fund for Christmas, for she has never acquired the 'penny habit of giving' to church activities. Last year she divided the 'fancy fund' among her nieces and nephews, with instructions that the small amount was to be placed in saving and to be added to, or used as capital to compile more capital. The results were interesting, for each recipient must always keep that amount in reserve for a future savings account.

"Once Mrs. Hull purchased seeds and bulbs and distributed them where they would be appreciated; once she subscribed for magazines which rotated among a large number of readers, some in public institutions. Another time she ordered toys, games and books for a children's home; another year she procured dozens of small dolls, with remnants for clothes, to send to a needy mission school. Once she sent hundreds of greeting cards, and once scores of inspiring mottoes to places where such things are seldom seen. Her mother one year received a fresh bouquet or a plant very few weeks during the year. This year her husband, who promised her his pennies, has added to her 'fancy fund.' She has over twelve dollars with the interest, and she has figured she may spend twenty-five cents each week during the year in making someone happier-fifty-two weeks of sending Christmas cheer! As ideas and opportunities present themselves each week she will use the fund. The first week she invited a homesick college boy into her home to spend the week-

accumulating more than cold capital in her penny plan. She is establishing a 'bank of blessings' with unlimited 'reserve funds of love,' which compounds interest at a rapid rate and pays one hundred per cent."

"Divinelike dividends," Mrs. Leigh answered softly.-Gertrude Walton. (©. 1925, Western Newspaper Union.)

THINKS OF FRIENDS

T CHRISTMAS time more than at any other season of the year friends. Memories and recollections of the old home circle come thick and fast; father-how grave and serious he was-and the older boys and my sister, and dearest of all-mother. They are nearer to me at Christmas was mother who told us the Christmas stories and filled our stockings after we had all been sent off to bed. I knew I should always find raisins in mine-mother knew well how I liked today without recalling all the Christmas joys of childhood-and mother. How far away these old friends are! Most of them are lying silent and still in the little country cemetery near which we lived, and all that are living

live is nomadic and shifting. The friends of today pass on rapidly and parts of the earth. The old friends are everywhere. No matter where I neapolis or New Orleans, Naples or Edinburg, Paris or London, I happen had hardly been ten minutes in Toronto, where I thought I knew no one until I almost ran head-first into an

scattered," you say. Ten years ago, at Christmas time, I was with twenty young college friends gathered about the fireplace, hilariously celebrating before they should go home for the holidays. Where are they now? One has been far beyond the Canal zone;

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