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Sweetwater Assn. Meets With Local Baptists Sunday

Sunday should be a big day with the local Baptist church. We are to entertain the associational Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. meeting for the quarterly meeting. Workers from nearly 40 churches will be expected to attend the meetings during the day. Coming as it does immediately following the recognition of our Sunday School as an Advanced Standard school for the new year, many workers will come to see our school at work and it is hoped that every officer, teacher and pupil who can will be in their place Sunday morning.

We will have the regular Sunday School work Sunday morning with visitors seeing our Sunday School at work.

Rev. Chas. T. Whaley, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sweetwater, will speak to us at the 11 o'clock hour on the Conquest Campaign.

Those coming from a distance are bringing their lunch with them and will eat in the basement of the church. Many of our own people will bring their lunch and join with the visitors in the social hour in the basement of the church. The Althean class with Mrs. E. N. Brown as teacher, will have charge of the noon hour program and we trust that as many of our people as can will bring their lunch and help this good class to make the hour a success.

Elsewhere in this paper will be seen a program for the afternoon session.

All our B.Y.P.U.'s will meet at 6:30 p.m. and at the close of our regular meetings we will have the installation of officers for our general B.Y.P.U. for the new year.

At 7:30 Rev. C. D. Owen, missionary of the Sweetwater Association, will speak to us on the Conquest Campaign.

It is hoped that all our people who can come at all will be in the services Sunday. A cordial invitation is extended to any friend or stranger or any one without a local church home to come with us for one or all the services of the day.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Sweetwater S. S. and B.Y.P.U. Association

Meeting with the Merkel Baptist Church, Sunday, January 29, 1928.
9:45-11:00 Observation of the only Advanced Standard Sunday School in Texas.

11:00-12, Sermon, Rev. Chas. T. Whaley.

Noon Hour.
2:00-2:30, Music and devotion, Clarence Tremain.

2:30-2:50 Training School Institute, Zollie Steakley.

2:50-3:10, Round Table.

3:10-3:20, Special Music, Ewell Bone.

3:20-3:40, The organized class and its possibilities, S. J. Rhodes.

3:40-3:55, Round Table.

3:55-4:10, Young People Active in Kingdom Work, Rev. S. W. Baggett.

Reports.
Business.
The church sending the largest representation in proportion to the membership reported to the Association as listed in the minutes will be presented with a banner for the first quarter of 1928.

LECTURE BY MR. SHELTON.

The lecture given by Mr. C. H. Shelton, who is touring the United States, held the interest of both the faculty and student body for more than an hour Tuesday afternoon. Experienced as an inhabitant of the Philippine Islands for eight years, he was capable of relating some interesting incidents regarding the customs and habits of the Philippine. Telling of the location, products, languages, schools, styles of dress, and American influence on the Islands, the speaker was able to hold the interest of his audience throughout his lecture.

At the close of his program curious of the native inhabitants were displayed and the skill of the natives was almost unbelievable.

Miss Dixie Howard, of Abilene, is a guest of Mrs. Earl Baze and other friends here this week.

Let's Have a New Hotel For Merkel

Merkel needs a new hotel more than it needs any other enterprise at this time, and one handicap to our getting it is the different opinions as to the size and cost. Let us iron out these differences and be a unit in asking for something that we are likely to get.

If we had a good, modern, fire-proof hotel with twenty-five rooms well furnished with bath and closet in every one, well heated and well lighted, with a spacious office, a coffee shop and a dining room that would accommodate fifty or more persons at luncheon or banquet, we would have a paying investment. We could interest outside capital in an investment that would have the appearance of returns in dividends. If we had a hotel such as we suggest, it would, in the opinion of the writer, pay from the start. A spacious lobby would give an opportunity for men to meet and trade. A dining room such as we mention would make possible the organization of civic clubs that would stimulate growth and development throughout our trade territory. The writer meets oil men and traveling men every day who would be glad to make Merkel their headquarters if it offered the proper hotel accommodations. This is no criticism of our present hotels—there are none better for the accommodations they advertise to offer—it is just a suggestion for an up-to-date, modern hotel not too big to become a losing investment.

J. H. Bratton in Race For County Clerk

J. H. Bratton for eight years a citizen of Abilene, announces his entrance into the race for county clerk of Taylor County, subject to the action of Democratic voters in the primaries of July 28th.

Mr. Bratton is 39 years of age and since boyhood has had a varied experience which has fitted him for the office he seeks, according to friends who have urged him to become a candidate for this responsible county office.

He was born on a ranch near La Casa, Stephens County, Texas. There he was educated in the public schools later going to college for two years, then returning home, where he farmed and raised cattle for a number of years, after which he was in the railway mail service, but being away from home all the time, he decided to quit and return home, and upon doing so he was appointed Postmaster of the La Casa post office, and at the same time formed a partnership with G. B. Mosely in the general mercantile business at that place, selling his interest in the business and resigning as Postmaster in the latter part of 1919, and moving to Abilene about February first, 1920, and for the past five years has been associated with Sam Dryden in the Marble and Granite business.

Mr. Bratton has come to be known as a high grade citizen, and a Christian gentleman. He states that he desires to make a clean race, strictly on his merits and qualifications to fill the office creditably to himself and the county.

He promises, if elected, to perform the duties of the office in an honest, business like manner, ready at all times to show to every one the courtesy they should expect. Promptness in discharging the duties of the office, to be ready at all times to accommodate any one so far as is possible. Service to all alike regardless of their vocation in life, to keep the records in a neat, clean condition and upon this basis he solicits the votes of Taylor county Democrats in the coming primaries.

ADULT B.Y.P.U. PROGRAM

For Sunday, Jan. 29.
Group Two. Leader, Mrs. A. M. Daugherty.

Part one, Mrs. E. N. Brown—Early Years and education.

Part two, Mrs. General Jones—Marries Mr. Shuck, sails for China.

Part three, Mrs. A. R. Booth—A long voyage, ending at Macao.

Part four, Mrs. J. N. Teaff—Language study and work with children.

Part five, Mrs. J. A. Collum—War with England, open ports.

Conclusion by Mrs. Nash.
Prayer, J. N. Teaff.

Methodist Women Hold Zone Meeting At Capps Church

About 68 women attended the meeting of the west zone of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Abilene district of the Methodist church held Wednesday at the Capps church. Sixty-eight official delegates from churches in Capps, Trent, Merkel, and First, St. Paul's and Oak street Methodist churches of Abilene were in attendance at the morning and afternoon sessions, and were special guests of the Capps W. M. S. at an elaborate dinner served at the noon hour.

Mrs. Thos. Durham of Merkel, the zone leader, was in charge of the sessions.

Morning Program

Mrs. Richards of Merkel led the devotional service for the morning session, and greetings to the group by Mrs. Harber of Capps brought a response from Mrs. H. W. Claxton of Abilene.

The meeting as that of the first quarter of the new year, was spent largely in making plans for the work of 1928, including the enrollment of jubilee members and reports of officers for 1927. The address of the leader, Mrs. Durham, was in line with the new year's plans.

The members of the W. M. S. of Capps entertained the group during an informal social hour at noon, at which time they also served an elaborate dinner, cafeteria style.

For the Afternoon

Mrs. Joe Lisman of Abilene conducted the afternoon devotional. The greetings of the district secretary were given by Mrs. Walter Jennings of Abilene, while the address on the theme of the session, "Stewardship," was made by Mrs. E. E. Traweck, of Abilene. The plans for the jubilee year program were given by Mrs. L. A. Grimes, president of the First Methodist W. M. S. of Abilene.

Those attending from Merkel were Mrs. T. V. Touchstone, Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt, Mrs. Etsel Church, Mrs. C. E. Richards, Mrs. W. J. Mayhew and Mrs. Thos. Durham.

MERKEL SCOUT LEADERS ATTEND DALLAS MEET

Herbert Patterson, Assistant Cashier of the Farmers State Bank of this city, and Scoutmaster for the local Boy Scouts, accompanied by L. R. Thompson, vice president of the Chisholm Trail Area Boy Scouts, left Wednesday for Dallas, where they went to attend a three-state meeting of Executives of the Boy Scout movement.

These gentlemen, besides giving their time, are paying their own expenses, and they are busy men, but not too busy to be interested in this good movement which has for its purpose the making good citizens of the coming young men of the community. Let us say here that the Boy Scouts organization in Merkel, under the able leadership of Mr. Herbert Patterson, has made wonderful progress and is growing rapidly. He is a good man, in the right place, and this paper trusts that the fathers and mothers of this community will give him whole hearted and unstinted cooperation and support in the work here.



Judge Tom Eplen For Re-election

In the announcement column of this paper will be found the name of Tom K. Eplen, as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Judge of Taylor county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary next July.

Judge Eplen, who is serving his first term is without doubt too well and favorably known to need introduction and commendation from this writer, since his service and position have made it possible for him to become acquainted with almost every voter in the county, and the further fact that his official record is an open book to every one.

However, his friends claim for him a most wonderful and successful record of achievement during this his first term as County Judge. And with his wide experience and acquaintance with the duties incumbent upon the office, he is more capable of rendering even better service in the future than has been accomplished during his first term.

He has been diligent in the performance of every duty confronting him, doing so with the best interests of every part of the county sharing a like benefit, in fact county judge for all of Taylor county.

And with reference to the good people of this part of the county Judge Eplen says:

"I owe a debt of gratitude to the people of Merkel and the surrounding territory for the faith and confidence which they have heretofore placed in me, and for the splendid cooperation which they have shown since I came into this office.

I can honestly say to myself, and to them, that I have done my best, and my greatest hope is that I continue to hold their confidence, and if they want me to serve them another two years I would indeed be very ungrateful if I did not undertake to fulfill the trust to the best of my ability."

This paper would urge that the voters of Taylor county give his claims due, fair and careful consideration before casting their vote for County Judge in the coming Primary election.

Mr. Kyle Blackerby, an expert mechanic, for the past two years with the Chevrolet Motor Company of Anson, has accepted a position with the Brackeen-Hughes Chevrolet Company of Merkel, and has moved to this city, having already entered upon his duties with this firm.

SMITH WELL EXTENDS NOODLE POOL 4 MILES

Man Dies Here Following Injuries In Truck Mishap

A man giving his name as C. A. Warren, from Bradley, Arkansas, died here about eleven o'clock Thursday from injuries sustained when a big truck in which he was traveling overturned on the Bankhead Highway about two miles east of town early yesterday morning.

It is said there were two men besides the driver on the truck, but the driver and other man are said to have escaped injury when the truck was badly wrecked. They immediately brought the injured man to this city where he was given medical attention by Dr. C. B. Gardner. The doctor stated that the man was badly crushed in the chest and lungs.

The remains are being held at the Barrow Furniture Company's Undertaking parlors, awaiting instructions from the man's relatives who are believed to reside in Arkansas also.

Eastland Men Buy Quality Bakery

Mr. Allen A. McGehee, for the past several years the very popular owner and operator of the Quality Bakery in this city, has this week sold same to Messrs. J. H. Jackson and J. H. Ainsworth, both of Eastland, who are now in active charge of same.

Allen McGehee has not only given the people of this city and community most excellent service and fine products in the bakery line, but has made this city a most excellent citizen. He has always shot straight and honest and now measures his friends by his acquaintances, and this paper with his host of friends regrets very much that he has sold his expects to move from our midst. However, his health had not been the best of late, hence the cause of his selling this splendid business.

We are glad to say that Messrs. Jackson and Ainsworth, the new proprietors, come as most highly recommended and experienced bakers and fine citizens also. They state that they expect to keep the quality of both service and product maintained by Mr. McGehee up to the highest level, and if possible make improvements. They are both married men and have moved their families to this city and expect to become identified with the best interest of same. We welcome them.

Merit Badges Are Given Local Scouts

Scout Executive Ed Shumway, Scout Commissioner, Dr. R. A. Maddox, and Harry Porter Brooks, of the Brooks Dry Goods Company, and Pope Pool of the Abilene State Bank, came to Merkel Tuesday evening and sat as a Court of Honor to award local boy scouts promotion and merit badges.

These men are all prominent business men of Abilene, but take enough time from their business to do something for the young fellows who are soon to step in their places. Men who are only interested in him and his immediate family is failing to live up to his opportunities to become happier and wiser and better. The boys of today are the men of tomorrow and we older ones are responsible for their being good or bad citizens and it is refreshing to find busy men such as those named above, gladly willing to make sacrifices of time, comfort and money that they may have a share in building character into boys.

The local men present were: Rev. Ira L. Parrack, Rev. Walker, Herbert Patterson, Rev. Mayhew, W. O. Boney, I. L. Jackson, Chas. H. Jones, Frank Golladay, W. A. Whiteley, W. J. Sheppard, Klye Blackerberry, Ralph Duke, and L. R. Thompson.

John D. Coats received the following badges: 1st aid, automobiling, printing, and swimming. William Sheppard received merit badges for First aid and swimming. W. A. Whiteley, Jr., received tenderfoot, first and second class cards. J. T.

On last Friday night about ten o'clock the bit in the Shaheen, Hutson & Weaver No. 1, on the Smith tract, hit the pay lime at 2,499 feet, and drilling was temporarily halted until casing could be run and preparations made for drilling in. The well filled 450 feet with oil in two hours after tapping the sand and rose to 1500 feet.

Since that date the well has made several heads, producing considerable oil through about forty feet of cavings, according to officials. At this time the well is being cleaned and swabbed preparatory to running a liner, following which a test of the well's production is expected to be made.

According to the opinions of several drillers and oil men, it is thought the well will be good for from 200 to 400 barrels per day, and possibly be a better well than any in the proven area of the Noodle Creek Field. It is located four miles north of the Noodle Creek field and is thought by many to be an extension of the pay in that pool, while others believe it to be a new pool with possibly greater production.

The well is located about twelve miles north of Merkel and if proven a good producer will mean considerable new oil activity in the surrounding territory, which will be of much benefit to this city, the nearest important railroad point.

Short Road Found To New Oil Well

How far is it from Sweetwater to an oil well? Possibly that city has slid from its foundations eastward, or it may be that there is a new comer there who is acting as correspondent to the daily press who is not well acquainted with the distances in this section of the state. At least there seems to be some mistake about the reported distance from that city to the new wildcat oil well which recently came in on the Smith tract, fourteen miles north and a little west of Merkel. The correspondent in Sweetwater in reporting the coming in of this well gave the distance from Sweetwater to the well as sixteen miles. When the Noodle Creek field was discovered the Sweetwater correspondents gave the distance as twenty miles, and the new well is recognized by every one else as being located four miles north of the Noodle Creek field. And we doubt if there is a nearer route to the new well than to come via the Noodle Creek field to same from Sweetwater. It would be a better road to come from Sweetwater via Merkel to the new well, and that would help the autoist some. But the question is "How far is it to the wildcat well located on the Smith estate, section 51, block 18, Texas and Pacific survey, Jones County, Texas, from Sweetwater?"

FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING

The Fifth Sunday Singing Convention will be held at Salt Branch on next Sunday, January 29. The singing is scheduled to begin at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. All singers are cordially invited and urged to attend and participate in the singing. A number of special numbers by prominent singers from over the district are on program and a good time is assured all who attend.

Mr. E. Yates Brown returned first of the week from a trip to Dallas, where he attended the National Shoemen's Convention and the Dallas Style show. While in the great wholesale center he purchased a nice line of new spring merchandise for his new store here.

Darsey, Jr., received tenderfoot and second class cards. Earl Watts received tenderfoot card and Isadore Mellinger received his tenderfoot card.

All the men present were very proud of the boys who applied for badges or cards, both as to their appearance and their efficient knowledge of scout craft. Herbert Patterson deserves the greatest credit for holding the local organization together. His life is a fine example to the boys he leads and the parents can be assured that nothing will go out from him either in present or future. He is a fine example that will influence and come under his influence.



STATEMENT of CONDITION

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas, Close of Business Dec. 31, 1927.

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$322,835.77
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	10,459.00
Due from Guaranty Fund	6,940.91
Other Resources	7,892.91
U. S. Bonds	\$ 47,650.00
Commercial Paper	70,127.00
Bills Ex. Cotton	174,437.92
Cash & Exchange	115,250.68
AVAILABLE CASH	\$407,465.60
Total	\$788,094.19

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Profits	26,183.07
Bills Payable	50,000.00
Discounts	NONE
DEPOSITS	\$661,911.12
Total	\$788,094.19

The above statement is correct. W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier

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J. S. Swann, President	Herbert Patterson, Assistant Cashier
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W. L. Diltz, Cashier	Dallas Scarbrough
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For Meditation

By LEONARD A. BARRETT

KEEPING FIT

IN THE field of science Doctor Steimetz died at the age of fifty-eight in the world of music Mozart died at thirty-five. Caruso was a comparatively young man when he passed away. In the columns of daily papers announcement is made of the sudden death of prominent business men whose ages are under fifty.

Why this? The answer is usually, overwork, overstrain, too heavy a load. A more subtle question may be asked: why was the load too heavy and the strain too great? Work itself never killed anybody. Worry has slain its thousands.

The next explanation is hardened arteries, high blood pressure, softened muscles and impaired nerves; the result of not keeping fit, of not living right. Diet is responsible more than anything else. Lack of sleep, toxic poisons and the absence of adequate exercise are also responsible.

Realizing the dangers suggested by these symptoms, men in middle life seek refuge in golf or other diversions. Better this than nothing. The time, however, to build up a physical constitution capable of standing the strain is when one is young.

If every young man and woman at the age of twenty would determine to keep fit and carry out those resolutions throughout the years, a breakdown in middle life would be a rare occurrence.

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Many Uses for Flaxseed

Flaxseed is grown primarily for the production of linseed oil, each short ton of seed producing from 70 to 80 gallons of oil, which is used in the manufacture of paints and varnish, linoleum, oilcloth, printers' ink, patent leather, imitation leather and sundry other products. The cake that is left after the oil is pressed out is valued as a feed for dairy and beef cattle and finds a ready market. A large part of the cake produced in this country is exported, principally to the Netherlands, Belgium and the United Kingdom. The United States is the second largest producer of flaxseed in the world, but, in spite of this fact, this country is also the world's largest importer of this product. Our production ordinarily takes care of about 55 per cent of our domestic requirements. This year the United States produced approximately 24,270,000 bushels.

THOMAS MEIGHAN



The ever-popular "movie" star, Thomas Meighan, was born in Pittsburgh. In this city he spent his childhood and also made his first appearance on the stage. When he finished his studies his family hoped he would continue his plan to become a physician, but the stage had attracted him and his wonderful success is known wherever motion pictures are shown. As an "extra" man he made his debut in "Mistress Nell."

Uncommon Sense

By John Blake

GOOD AND EVIL

EXPERIENCE, as the copy books and the preachers have told us, is the best teacher.

But it is out of the question for everybody to go to school to him.

Most of us must learn most of what we know through the experience of others.

Just now there is a very loud and very general outcry about the tendency of the stage, and of literature to depict the darker side of life.

"What is the use," say the timid, "to pick out the evil of life for the stage and for the library, when there is so much good that has never been shown?"

What is the use to show a child a fire, and explain to him that it will burn if he puts his little fingers into it?

What is the use to teach men and women that disease germs hide in the dust and are carried by the wind to spread infection to the unwary?

Experience may come too late to serve as a warning against much of the wickedness of life.

Why not substitute for it the experience of others.

I do not believe in plays or books that merely pander to evil instincts. And there are many of them which do this, and nothing else.

But there is no reason why all of life should not be shown to those who can, by themselves, hope to see but a very small part of it.

Why should the well-to-do live out their lives never suspecting that there is wretchedness and poverty and oppression in the world?

Of what use is the art of picture making or of writing if it does not bring to minds which grope in the darkness some of the light which could illuminate them?

The traveler about to start on a journey gets all possible information from those who have taken the same journey.

In life we are all travelers, and we must secure all the aid we can in planning our long and only tour.

It from books and from the stage we can see life as it is the knowledge will help rather than harm us.

I believe that young people today are better fitted to take care of themselves, and surer of their steps than were those of fifty years ago.

Make things that have been mysteries mere matter of fact realities, and the evil in them loses its glamor.

It is as much of a mistake to coddle the minds of young people as it is to coddle their bodies.

Provided books and plays are truthful, and are intended to instruct the young and old, rather than to appeal to sensuality, they will do far more good than harm.

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"A lot of people seem to think," says Ironical Irene, "that minds are exempt from taxation."

STATEMENT of CONDITION

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business December 31st, 1927

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$199,245.57
Overdrafts	2,200.30
Warrants, Ind. School Dist.	1,415.78
Furniture & Fixtures	6,750.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Banker's Acceptances	\$ 73,524.08
Commercial Paper	161,500.00
U. S. Bonds (owned)	116,150.00
Bills of Ex., Cotton	88,318.34
Cash & Sight Exchange	123,743.99
CASH AVAILABLE	\$563,236.41
Total	\$775,110.56

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	33,860.59
Dividend Unpaid	3,000.00
Circulation	6,250.00
DEPOSITS	\$681,999.97
Total	\$775,110.56

STATE OF TEXAS } I, Booth Warren, Cash
County of Taylor }
ier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear
that the above statement is true to the best of my
knowledge and belief.

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier

Directors

J. T. Warren G. F. West Sam Butman, Sr.
Geo. L. Paxton Booth Warren

HEBRON NEWS

Every one was proud of the rain. Mr. Lige Harris and family visited Mrs. Skidmore at Golan Sunday. Miss Evelyn Pannell's friends will be glad to know she entered Byrne Business College at Dallas Jan. 19. Mr. Houston Clark and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Dean Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. William Pannell of Trent visited Mr. Jack Pannell and family Sunday.

Trent visited Mr. Jack Pannell and family Sunday.

Mesdames T. G. Bragg, E. M. McDonald and Fred Guitar were called to Westbrook last week because of the illness of their mother, Mrs. Barnes. She was much improved when the ladies returned.

Try a Classified Ad for Results

MERKEL GARAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

As we have bought the above named garage we want to say to the public that we will be prepared to serve you at any time and in any way, as we will have the equipment to do the work, satisfaction guaranteed.

We will also have a complete steam vulcanizing outfit, Battery and radiator work.

Tom G. Wallis and Frank Wallis, workmen. Try us once—you will come again. Our motto is to do right and to treat you right.

We handle Magnolia Gas & Oils

Merkel Garage

TOM G. WALLIS

W. W. WALLIS

Wallis and Son Owners

Early Spring Goods Arriving

Just received a very large shipment of Men's, Women's and Childrens' Shoes. The very latest and newest in Fashions Creation; smart in the extreme. Come in and see them; you will be pleased with them in every way.

And we have also received a large shipment of Young Men's Hart Schafner & Marx new Spring Suits. Drop in and see them. They are correct in style, reasonable in price and most serviceable in quality.

Other early, new spring goods are coming in already, and soon our stock will be complete in every detail.

Max Mellinger

Methodist Missionary Society

Lesson from the Mission study and an informal social hour a very interesting and pleasant evening for the members of the Methodist Missionary Society Monday afternoon. The social feature was to honor Mrs. Geo. Brown, who is moving to Fayetteville, Arkansas. Mrs. Brown has always been one of the most loyal workers in the Missionary Society, and it is with deep regret that she is being given up by the members of this Auxiliary. To express in a measure the love and appreciation of Mrs. Brown, the Auxiliary presented her a silver sandwich tray. Refreshments of hot tea and wafers were served to about twenty members and visitors.

On next Monday the Auxiliary will have a program and social meeting in the home of Mrs. Touchstone, with Mrs. Church and Mrs. Whiteley assisting. The meeting will be at two o'clock.

Would you wish a nice saving on your Grocery Bill for 1928? If so start today with—
CLARENCE SAUNDERS

DINNER PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. John West were at home to a number of their friends on Wednesday evening of this week. Dinner was served at Seven o'clock, after which games of progressive 42 were enjoyed until a late hour.

Mr. and Mrs. West's guests for the evening were Messrs. and Mesdames Booth Warren, Dee Grimes, Jim West, C. B. Gardner, W. L. Diltz, Sam Swann and Kirby Beckett.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

Leader, Mildred Richardson. Song 213; 87. Lord's prayer, leader. Piano solo, Alice Church. Psalm 23, Imogene Middleton. Story of Christ's adventure, Nell Hughes. Song 243. League Benediction.

For Sale—At \$25 discount, unused life scholarship in best business college in Abilene, as illness prevents my attending. School will tell you before buying that the scholarship is all right in every particular. If interested in qualifying for a good business position at considerable saving, write Box 38, Abilene, Tex. 27t2p

Quality Bakery

Under New Management

We take this method of announcing to the people of Merkel and surrounding country that we have purchased the Quality Bakery from Mr. A. A. McGehee and expect to continue to give you the very best to be had in everything in the bakery line. We expect to make a specialty of cakes and all kinds of fancy pastry. Place your order for anything you may need in this line.

JACKSON & AINSWORTH
(Proprietors)

Every phase of childhood is worth a picture record.



Photographs of the children never grow up

"PHOTOGRAPHS LIVE FOREVER"
RODDEN STUDIO

Facts On "Two Arabian Knights"

William Boyd, Mary Astor and Louis Wolheim are the featured players in "Two Arabian Knights," a Caddo Production presented by Howard Hughes and John W. Considine, Jr., through United Artists. Lewis Milestone directed, from the McClure's Magazine story by Donald McGibney, under supervision of John W. Considine, Jr.

The screen play is by James T. O'Donohue, scenarist of "What Price Glory?" and Wallace Smith. Art direction by William Cameron Menzies, and titles by George Marion, Jr. Antonio Gaudio and Joseph August photographed the film. Ned Mann was technical director. The supporting cast includes Michael Vavitch, Iran Keith, Dev Jennings, Michael Visaroff and Boris Karloff.

The film is a comedy of two American doughboys after the war, a private and his top sergeant. They ultimately arrive in Arabia, and there takes place a series of comic adventures surrounding the private's courtship with an Emir's daughter.

William Boyd was a star in "The Volga Boatman." Louis Wolheim was the original "Captain Flagg" of the stage play, "What Price Glory?" and also Eugene O'Neill's "The Hairy Ape." Mary Astor was leading lady for Douglas Fairbanks in "Don Q," and John Barrymore in "Beau Brummel." Louis Wolheim directed "The Caveman," "The New Klondike," and was co-director of Harold Lloyd's "The Kid Brother."

"Two Arabian Knights" will appear at the Palace Theatre Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 1 and 2.

A western picture without "hokum" is Tim McCoy's latest starring vehicle for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, "The Law of the Range," which is playing at the Palace Saturday.

Members of the basketball teams of Hollywood High school who participated in the exciting fray in Fox Films "High School Hero" consider themselves among the luckiest boys in America. This picture is playing at the Palace Friday.

SUNSHINE CLASS

On last Friday afternoon Mrs. W. F. Golladay entertained her Sunday School class at her home. After every one arrived, music was enjoyed until they were told they were going on a journey to Jericho. They were then led into a room where various objects were, and the one remembering the most objects was awarded "all-day suckers," Mary Elizabeth Grimes being the lucky one, but all enjoyed one of the "all-day suckers". Next was a potato race. Sides were chosen and the side losing in this race was to entertain the other side. This caused much excitement. Next we were allowed to handle a "new dime." The dime was passed and every one was supposed to remember every thing on it. The one having the best memory for this was Wanda Hunter, and she was awarded the "new dime".

A delicious plate of sandwiches, olives, cakes and hot chocolate was passed to the following members: Alice Church, Frances Marie Church, Rogene Dye, Nell Durham, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Wanda Hunter, Eloise Manscil, Imogene Middleton and Florene Rider, Mrs. W. F. Golladay and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Jr.

THELMA PATTERSON HOSTESS

On last Saturday afternoon from three to five Thelma Patterson entertained a few of her friends. A play was stated by Mary Grace Dunn, Ora Derrick, Billie Bernice Gamble and Thelma Patterson. This was followed by a reading by Kathleen Harmon, and Birtie Mae Leslie, after which several games were played. Sandwiches, cakes and lemonade were served, each one departing to their home wishing Thelma would entertain again soon.

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Sophomore Reporters: J. T. Darsey, Frances Frederickson.
Freshmen Reporters: Louise Booth Eris Ash, and Margaret Turner.
—M. H. S.—

FOAM FROM THE CURRENT OF EVENTS IN M. H. S.

Semi-finals are over and half the battle is lost—or won. Demerits have been totaled up and there is a great wailing and gnashing of teeth. Mighty and many are the resolutions to study hard and not chew gum in the sight of Mrs. Young.

The old routine has nearly taken up again. Miss Sloan is now walking five miles a day to reduce and Miss Bird is at peace with the world (at times).

The speech arts class has taken up the study of debate and floods of oratory may now be seen rushing out of the exits. Elizabeth has been elected chief executioner in all cases of capital punishment.

Mr. Camp now has time for his pipe—not so during exams.

—M. H. S.—

BOYS' SLYSTERS.
Say, didja know—
That some of our brother reporters are not so truthful, according to Miss Booth, who informs us they must not be surprised to see her teaching 10 years from date?

That this is our first week of the last half of the 1927-28 term?

That most of us have made new term resolutions to do better this next term than last.

That the Sophs have at last been photographed.

That there is to be a new department to the Badger Weekly called the Daily Good turn, which will be about the activities of the local Boy Scouts?

That we are glad to know there are real Boy Scouts in Merkel?

That our classmates, Frances Frederickson and Beryl Hunter are getting to be quite poetesses?

That this is all for this week?
We did. J. T. Darsey.

—M. H. S.—

UN TEMPESTADO.
El cielo esta muy azul
El Mundo esta en reposo
Flores dulce perfume el aire
Pero, todos no son bien!

En el cielo, detras de la luna,
Descano un negra, negra nube.
Temoque el dios de nube tiene enjar
Cuando la tempestado llego, dios me libra!

Los cielos tienen muchos enojar
Los nubes son negra y pesado
El dios de trueno grune sanosamente
Ei el tempestado esta malo, Dios me libra!

Los horas son pasados, y el tempestado,
Mi corazon esta quebrado
Los cielos han llorado me he llorado
El dios de tempestado ha tomado venganza en mi.

—Beryl Hunter.

—M. H. S.—

SUCCESS.
Success is sweet and good to greet,
Though failures all have known.

Without them life is not complete
Nor seeds of victory sown.
And if from failure we ascend
The stronger shall we be,
And be more apt access to win
And taste of victory.

So if we fall let's don't begin
To think that we are done;
For failures sometimes are, my friend,

The greatest victories won.
—Frances Frederickson.

—M. H. S.—

MY TEACHER.

I have four teachers this year, and all of them are very dear. They make us work hard sometimes and memorize poetry, my goodness, about a hundred times. Miss Sloan is teaching my

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Algebra now, and if you can't work a problem she will show you how. I like her very much indeed, but when she says something you had better heed. Miss Tracy teaches English 2, and I like her, don't you? Miss Booth teaches History at period No. eight, and lots of times people are late—she gets peeved you see, and I would too, if it were me. Mrs. Young teaches Spanish 1, and she won't let us chew gum. You just try it some day and she will give you five demerits right away.
—Marcella Pinckley.

—M. H. S.—

THE YEAR'S REPORT.
Twas in the dead of winter—December festivals were now six days old. The world was beautifully clothed in a sparkling mantle of blinding white, at midnight on the farewell night for the old year and the welcome of the new.

An angel came down from heaven to make the year's report. The recording angel in heaven wished to make her report correct, so sent down this message of fate:

After a quiet survey of all the wide world the messenger angel returned with a happy face to heaven. The people of the earth are content, they are more peaceful than ever before. They are progressing smoothly and methinks they are safe for the beginning of this happy new year.
—Beryl Hunter.

THE DAILY GOOD TURN.

By Boy Scouts of Merkel.
On last Friday evening, Jan 13, the local scout troop met at the Methodist church to hold a court of honor. Mr. Ed Shumway, chief Scout Executive of the Chisholm Trail Area, was to preside. About 25 of the local business men were invited but there were only 5 present so the court of honor was postponed. Mr. Shumway questioned the scouts on their scout lore, which was sadly lacking.

On Jan. 15 two local scouts took the merit badge test for cycling which in part means "go on a bicycle 50 miles in ten hours." The two local boys, John D. Coats, a first class scout, and J. T. Darsey, Jr., a second class scout made the 50 miles in about seven hours. They started for Anson, but due to bad roads retraced their way back from about two and one-half miles north of Truby to Hodges, thence to Merkel, where they completed the required distance. This is quite a feat and the two scouts are to be commended for their splendid efforts.

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JUNIOR HONOR ROLL:

Roy Kelso 93, Rebert Riney 92, Bernice Lassiter 92, Helen McCormick 94, Ruby Patton 91, Addie Fae Patterson 95, Lois Suber 90, Velma Walker 93.

NINTH GRADE:

J. T. Darsey 93, Carlos Montandon 90, Doris Brown 92, Gladys Copeland 91, Vernie Derrick 96, Frances Frederickson 98, Ethel Hamilton 93, Eleanor Hamilton 92, Wynona Patton 92, Hilda Rister 90, Nadine Tippett 97, Nina Vantreesse 97.

EIGHTH GRADE:

Fred Baker 91, Harold Leeton 95, Alvin Parrack 96, Elvis Richardson 97, Benjamin Sheppard 93, Leo Tucker 91, Louise Booth 92, Verna Lee Beasley 90, Opal Foster 90, Jess Higgins 92, Velma Lee Holden 93, Elsie Lasater 92, Thelma McAninch 94, Norma Patton 91, Ola Smith 91, Mable Pilcher 90.

7th Grade—Mrs. Sublett.

Ross Ferrier 97, Katherine Duff 97, Mary Elizabeth Grimes 95, Nell Durham 94, Willie Evelyn Boaz 92, Gerald Derrick 90.

7th Grade—Mr. Duke.

Lela Patterson 95, Himalaya Swafford 95, Oleta Moore 94, Woodrow Wilson 94, Hazel Leslie 93, Ruby Lee Slater 93, Isadore Mellinger 92, Madeline Murray 91, Ouida Hulsey 90, 6th Grade—Miss Martin.

Meyer Mellinger 91, Harold Brown 90, D. O. Huddleston 90, Nell Hughes 95, Opal Huskey 95, Frances Marie Church 94, Imogene Middleton 94, Margaret Cannon 92, Nadine Field 92, Margaret Miller 92, Venelle Gilbert 91, Ruby Lloyd 91, Duncan Briggs 90, Thelma Leach 90.

6th Grade—Miss Roisten.

Jim Patterson 92, Vergil Lee Perkins 90, Mabel Thome 92, Roy Bobbins 92, E. C. Toombs 91, Jack Tucker 93, Mildred Richardson 93, Wags

Vantreesse 92, Maurine White 93, Margaret Wheeler 92,

5th Grade—Miss Campbell.
Bessylea Church 94, Walderine Huskey 94, Rogene Dye 93, Wilma Gardner 93, Wanda Hunter 92, Hail Derstine 92, Oscar Adcock 91, Bertie Mae Leslie 91, Neoma Grayson 90, Iris Copeland 90,

5th Grade—Miss Altman.

Julia Proctor 96, Mable Morton 94, Carabel Mansfield 93, Eloise Manscill 92, Lloyd Robertson 91, Sarah Sheppard 91,

4th Grade—Miss Guitar.

Ethelda Tucker 96, Alice Russell 94, Fern Toombs 93, Ben Sublett 93, Billie Robbins 92, J. V. Patterson 92, Modyne Sheppard 92, Jackie Slater 91, Melba Lee Watts 90,

4th Grade, Mrs. Cookston.

Mary Grace Dunn 94, Jack Lowe 93, Beth Duff 92, Pauline Lasater 92, Deverl Brown 92, Clara Francis Largent 92, J. W. Adcock 90, J. C. Jones 90,

3rd Grade—Miss Heizer.

Harold Morgan 96, Armie Love Toombs 96, Louise Toombs 96, Arnold Lloyd 93, Mollie Frank Touchstone 93, Thelma Patterson 92, Murray Toombs 91, Norman King 90, Minston Polly 90.

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Beth Holloway 93, Don Brown 93, Horace Boney 92, Ora Derrick 92, Preston Chaney 91, Jeannette Hayes 91, James Hass 91, Jack Davis 90, Gordon Henry 90, Hollis Huddleston 90,

2nd Grade, Miss Pague.

Lawrence Thornton 93, Marguerite Berger 92, Jess Skidmore 92, Morris Wenzcraft 92, Vernon Mansfield 92, Buster Masters 90.

2nd Grade, Miss West.

Doris Jackson 95, Robert Grimes, Jr. 95, Altie Grayson 95, Betty Lou Grimes 95, P. A. Diltz 94, Waymon Adcock 94, Murphy Dye 94, Laverne Hughes 94, Elma Mae Gamble 93, Eteyl Church 91, Bessie Hunt 90, High 1st, Mrs. Teaff.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cox and daughter, Miss Clovis, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall, of Sweetwater, were guests in the J. T. Dennis home last Sunday.

Miss Lola Dennis, student at Simmons University, was a week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis last week.

TRENT CHURCH of CHRIST

"Where there is no vision the people perish." Proverbs 29:18. We are beginning to get a vision of the great work and the field that lies before us. Preparations are being made to do more church work through the coming spring and summer than we have ever done before. Greater interest and more activity are being exhibited each Lord's Day. A new song service and music study for the young people has been started. They meet each Friday night at seven o'clock. Bro. Joseph Nalley is in charge of this service. He has the hearty cooperation of the young folks, and is well qualified to do a great work among them.

You are invited to attend any and all of our services. Bible study 10 a.m. Sermon 11 a.m., subject, "Looking Forward." Communion 12 M. Children's Class 6:45 p.m. Young people's service 6:45 p.m. Sermon, 7:45 p.m., subject "The Great Commission." Midweek Bible study Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Song service and music drill Friday 7 p.m.

You are never a stranger here but once. Carl A. Collins, Minister.

After returning from a prospecting trip to the state of Arkansas first of the week, Mr. George Brown and family departed yesterday for the city of Fayetteville, where they will make their home. While Mr. Brown expects to engage in some kind of business, the move to that city was made mostly for the purpose of entering their daughters, Misses Sallie and Inice, as students in the University of Arkansas, located at Fayetteville. They have been citizens of Merkel for many years and have hosts of friends who regret very much their departure. They were popular in church and society circles and will be missed by their many friends. This paper wishes for them success, happiness and contentment in their new home. Two sons, Messrs. Jimmie and Willie, remain citizens of Merkel.

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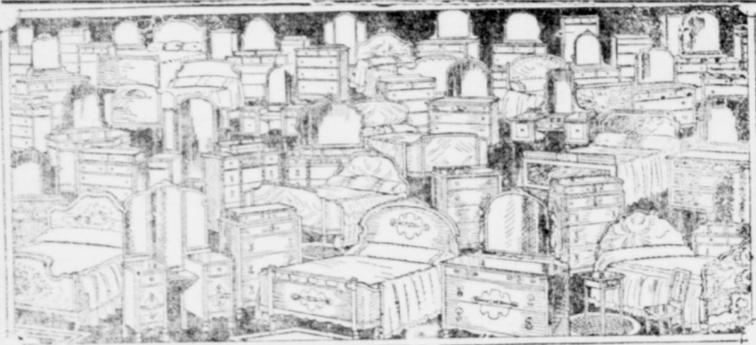
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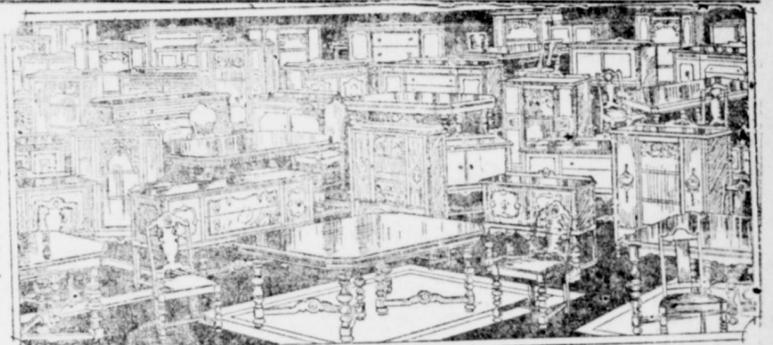
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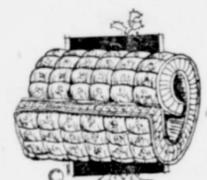
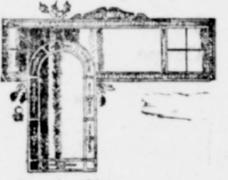
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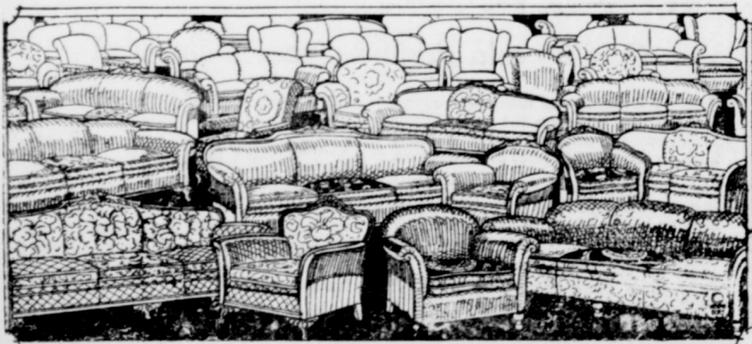
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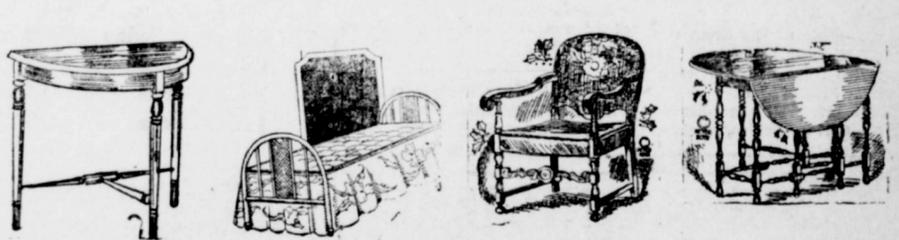
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Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1927, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 27th day of January, 1928.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security	\$380,588.42
Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon	7,676.00
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	4,698.35
Customers' Bonds held for safekeeping	47,650.00
Real Estate (Banking House)	25,000.00
Other Real Estate	10,459.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Cash on hand	41,460.07
Due from approved reserve agents	73,512.11
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	278.50
Interest on Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,105.88
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	4,835.03
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange, undoubtedly good	174,437.92
Other Resources	7,892.91
TOTAL	\$788,094.19

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Certified Surplus Fund	20,000.00
Other Surplus Fund	2,000.00
Undivided profits, net	4,183.07
Individual Deposits subject to check	586,494.62
Time Certificates of Deposit	16,169.37
Public Funds on Deposit (City \$3,558.25) Total	3,558.25
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	8,038.88
Bills Payable	50,000.00
Customers' Bonds deposited for safekeeping	47,650.00
TOTAL	\$788,094.19

STATE OF TEXAS,)
 County of Taylor) We, J. S. Swann, as President, and Herbert Patterson, as Assistant Cashier of said bank, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
 J. S. SWANN, President.
 HERBERT PATTERSON, Asst. Cashier.
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 (Seal) Willie Toombs, Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.
 CORRECT—ATTEST: David Hendricks, R. O. Anderson, W. L. Diltz, Jr., Directors.

Shiloh Happenings

Health of this community is pretty good at this time.

There is quite a bit of excitement over the oil well on the Smith place which from all accounts is a good one.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grayson visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Howard near Noodle Sunday evening.

Mrs. B. L. James spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Rutledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Greene and baby and Mrs. Elmer Pomroy and children visited Mrs. Phoebe Greene Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Tiner called on Mrs. J. H. Grayson Sunday evening.

Master Robert James and Hershel Riley visited Masters Emmett and Gerald Tiner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyett Barnes visited Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Barnes Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beal and baby and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill James Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shouse and children spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin James.

Sunday School next Sunday morning at 10:30. Everybody invited. Let's have a good crowd next Sunday.
 Topsy.

Double Wedding

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The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm was the scene of a double wedding Friday morning when their daughters Misses Ruby and Evelyn Hamm, became the brides of Mr. Guy Darsey and Mr. Byers Petty.

The wedding was solemnized at seven o'clock, was beautiful in its simplicity and only the members of the immediate family were present. Preceding the ceremony Miss Lucy Tracy softly sang "At Dawning," with Miss Melba West playing a lovely accompaniment, which drifted into strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March as the two couples entered from opposite sides of the room. The ceremony was read by the Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the First Baptist church. The two couples left immediately for a wedding trip to points in East Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Darsey will remain in Fort Worth, where they will make their home, while Mr. and Mrs. Petty will occupy their new home in south Merkel. Misses Evelyn and Ruby are popular members of Merkel's younger set, prominent in church work as well as favorites in the social life of the city. They are the possessors of many friends who wish them all happiness.

Mr. Guy Darsey is a former resident of Merkel, although he is at present connected with the Hub Furniture Company at Fort Worth.

Mr. Petty is one of the proprietors of the Petty and Buford Barber Shop of this city. Both men are well esteemed because of their sterling characters as well as their business ability and the Mail joins their many friends in wishing these young people a prosperous, happy life.

The guest list for the wedding included Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Darsey, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Petty, Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm, J. C. Petty, Mrs. F. C. McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamm and family.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Subject: "First Woman Missionary to China," (1817-1844).

Leader, Bill Haynes.
 Introduction by leader.

1. Early years and Education, Mrs. Stevens.

2. Marries Mr. Shuck; sails for China, Lucy Tracy.

3. A long voyage, landing at Macas, Rubyjo Higgins.

4. Language study and work with children, Mildred Hamm.

5. War with England opens ports, Floy Ash.

6. Conclusion, Miss Heizer.

STOP, LOOK and LISTEN!

Don't let the Senior B.Y.P.U. drag. Everyone come. All you young folks come and also these young married people. We need you every one and you should all come. There is enough young people in this town that should come to this service at 6:30 every Sunday afternoon. Why don't you come? There should be fifty or sixty in this service every Sunday evening, as many young people as there are in this town who are not going to services like this. Try and see if you can't come next Sunday. If you don't have a way to come get out and see if you can't find some one that will come with you. If you have a date bring him, don't stay at home or go car riding. If you want to go riding go in the afternoon and come to B.Y.P.U. Bring him with you. That will be more and we may need him. Come on out next Sunday, and do your part for the Lord. Don't forget at 6:30 let's have a crowd there. Every one who is sixteen and above is invited to come.

The T.S.P.P. Girls Club

The T. S. P. P. Girls Club of Stith gave a party at the home of Mrs. Walter Ford Tuesday evening.

When all arrived the games were started, and a delightful evening was enjoyed by those present. After games of 42 were played hot chocolate and cakes were served to the following: Earl Dwiggins, Wesley Butler, Mae Holloway, Mason Barker, Herbert Kelso, Buster Horton, Roy and Helen Kelso, Marvin Holloway, Dalmon Mashburn, Vernon and Rex Hudson, Bryant Dunagin, Pauline Mashburn, Emma Mae Bridges, Irmalee and Weldon Dwiggins, Alberta Butler, Dollie Berry, Cecil Williams, Bobbie and Lena Jones, Stiles, Ausie, Ertis, Dennis and Hoyt Watson, Johnnie and Ollie Berry, M. J. Shaw, Sam Burns, Ernest Hendricks, Leon and F. J. McDonald, Willie Mae Redding, Artis Jones, Algie Daniels, Cecil Peterson, Minnie Ethel Canon, Bertie Lee Redding and others.

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Less Rain in Future?

During the last half century the world's average rainfall has, according to weather records, decreased about one per cent. This has been considered due to outside influences such as variation in sunlight, but an Indian weather expert has put forward a suggestion for the decrease that is quite plausible.

He suggests that the lack of rain may be due to an oil film, less than a millionth of an inch thick, spread on the surface of the ocean by ships that burn oil for fuel. Evaporation of ocean water is the chief source of rain, and this film of oil may be sufficient to retard evaporation.

The Shorter Word

The day before Christmas, Edith, ten, had a number of packages tied up for distribution. The doctor felt of one intended for Uncle John, "That's some tobacco," said the doctor, as he fingered the package.

"How can you tell?" asked Edith.

"Because I am a good diagnostician," he replied.

Then, as Edith seemed somewhat dazed at the big word, the doctor inquired:

"Do you know what a diagnostician is?"

"Yes," she answered promptly, "it's a good guesser."

His Philosophy

"Man is never satisfied," declared old Roswell Rickadoo. "The best fishing is always further down the creek. Every sore-eyed farmer wants to move to town and run a restaurant. The incompetent town man believes he could make a fortune raising chickens. The lazy bachelor thinks he could manage the Belgian hare business. The girl who has a good home wants to become a movie actress. The man with the respect of all the citizens wants to go to the legislature. As the feller said, man never is but always to be blessed."—Kansas City Star.

Prehistoric Medicine

Tubes of soft soapstone used by a prehistoric Indian shaman, or medicine man, to heal the sick have been unearthed near San Diego, Calif., says Science. First blowing clouds of smoke through these tubes over the body of a patient, the medicine man pretended he could see into the body. The patient was told he had been bewitched by an enemy who had injected into his body a magical substance which changed into a toad, snake, rock or other object. Having located the object, the shaman pretended to pluck it out, producing as evidence, by sleight-of-hand, the offending substance.

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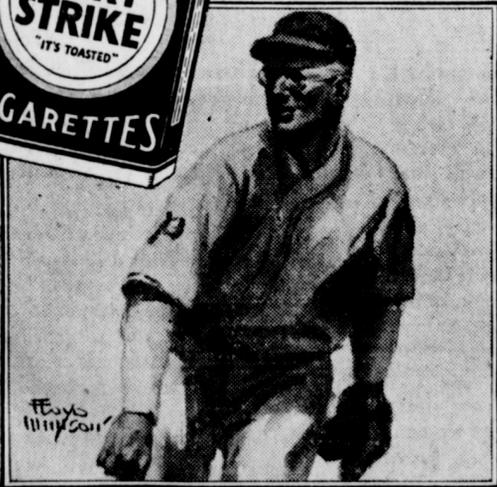
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Famous Pitcher of the Pittsburgh Pirates, writes:

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Lee Meadows



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NOTICE

TO ALL OWNING OR CLAIMING ANY PROPERTY ABUTTING UPON THE HEREINBELOW MENTIONED PORTIONS OF STREETS IN THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS, AND TO ALL OWNING OR CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN ANY SUCH PROPERTY:

The Governing Body of the City of Merkel has ordered that the hereinbelow mentioned streets be improved by raising, grading and filling same, and installing concrete curbs and gutters, and paving with 3 Inch Vertical Fibre Brick on natural foundation, together with incidentals and appurtenances, and contract has been made and entered into with Panhandle Construction Company for the making and construction of such improvements. Estimate of the cost of such improvements for each such portion of street or highway has been prepared.

The portions of streets or highways so to be improved, together with the estimated cost of the improvements for each such portion of street or highway, and the amount or amounts per front foot proposed to be assessed against the abutting property and owners thereof on each such portion, are as follows; to-wit:

On Oak Street, from 2 feet South of the most Southerly rail of the Texas & Pacific's South passing track to the North property line of Calvert Street, known and designated as District or Unit No. 8; estimated cost of the improvements is \$30,969.56; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curb is \$4.70; the total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof is \$5.10.

On Oak Street, from the North line of Calvert Street to the South line of Coomb Street, known and designated as District or Unit No. 9; estimated cost of the improvements is \$12,656.85; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for curb is \$4.40; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curb is \$4.70; the total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof is \$5.10.

On Austin Street, from the West property line of Oak Street to the West property line of Ash Street, known and designated as District or Unit No. 10; estimated cost of the improvements is \$12,163.79; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for curb is \$4.40; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curb is \$4.70; the total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for

improvements exclusive of curb is \$4.70; the total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof is \$5.10.

On Austin Street, from the West line of Ash Street to the West property line of West Street, known and designated as District or Unit No. 11; Estimated cost of the improvements is \$9,812.88; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for curb is \$4.40; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curb is \$4.70; the total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof is \$5.10.

On Locust Street, from the South property line of Travis Street to the South property line of Baker Street, known and designated as District or Unit No. 12; estimated cost of the improvements is \$16,983.75; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for curb is \$4.40; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curb is \$4.70; the total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof is \$5.10.

On Baker Street, from the West line of Oak Street to the East line of Locust Street, known and designated as District or Unit No. 13; the estimated cost of the improvements is \$3,457.87; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for curb is \$4.40; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curb is \$4.70; the total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof is \$5.10.

On South Front Street, from its intersection with the West Property Line of Oak Street to its intersection with the West Property Line of Locust Street, known and designated as Unit No. 14; estimated cost of the improvements is \$3,883.53; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for curb is \$4.40; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curb is \$4.70; the total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof is \$5.10.

On Locust Street from its intersection with the South Property Line of South Front Street to its intersection with the South Property Line of Travis Street, known and designated as Unit No. 15; estimated cost of the improvements is \$4,235.07; the estimated amount per front foot to be

assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for curb is \$4.40; the estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof for improvements exclusive of curb is \$4.70; the total estimated amount per front foot to be assessed against abutting property and the owners thereof is \$5.10.

A hearing will be given and held by and before the Governing Body of the City of Merkel, Texas, on the 30th day of January, 1928, at 3:00 o'clock P.M., in the City Secretary's Office in the city of Merkel, Texas, to all owning or claiming any property abutting upon said portions of streets and highways, and to all owning or claiming any interest in any such property. At said time and place all owning or claiming any such abutting property, or any interest therein, shall be and appear, and will be fully heard concerning said improvements, the cost thereof, the amounts to be assessed therefor, the benefits to the respective parcels of abutting property by means of the improvements on the portion of street or highway upon which the property abuts, and concerning the regularity, validity, and sufficiency of the contract for, and all proceedings relating to such improvements and proposed assessments therefor, and concerning any matter as to which they are entitled to hearing under the law in force in the City and under the proceedings of the City with reference to said matters. Following such hearing, assessments will be levied against abutting property and the owners thereof, and such assessments, when levied, shall be a personal liability of the owners of such property, and a first and prior lien upon the property as provided by the law in force in the city and under which the proceedings are taken, being the Act passed at the First Called Session of the 40th Legislature of the State of Texas,

now known as Chapter 106 of the Acts of said Session.

The improvements on each said portion of street or highway constitute an entirely separate and distinct Unit of improvement, all to the same extent as if entirely separate and distinct proceedings had been taken with reference to the improvements and assessments therefor in connection with improvements on each such portion of street or highway, and the assessments against the property abutting upon any unit shall be and are in no wise affected by any fact or circumstance relating to or connected with the improvements in other units.

Of all said matters and things, all owning or claiming any such property, or any interest therein, as well as all others in anywise interested or affected, will take notice.

Done by order of the City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas, this 2nd day of January, 1928.

PAULINE JOHNSON,
City Secretary, City of Merkel, Texas. 1343

at all hard to see Mhy Richard Arlen, who works in the same office, falls in love with her. Miss Ralston wears beautiful but simple costumes that are apt to set new styles for business girls. She is strikingly beautiful in her bathing costume in the beach scene that features one of the exciting parts of the picture.

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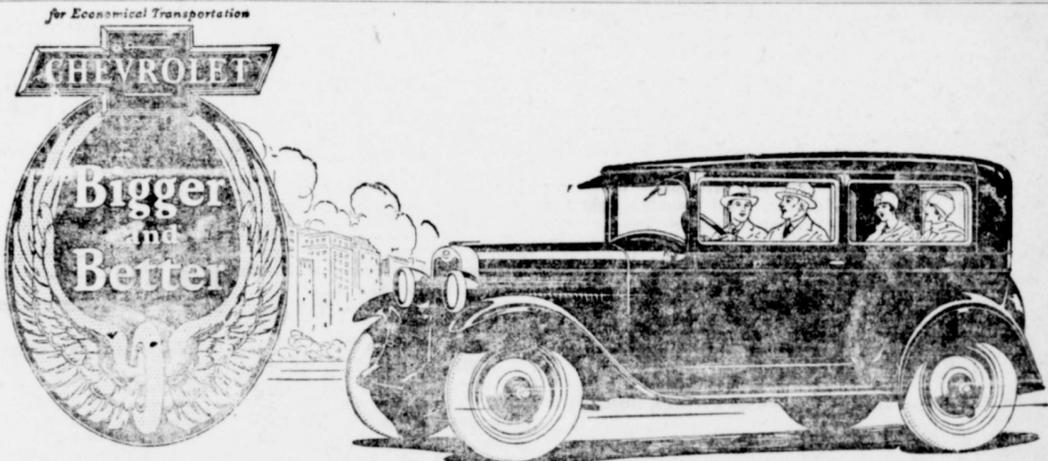
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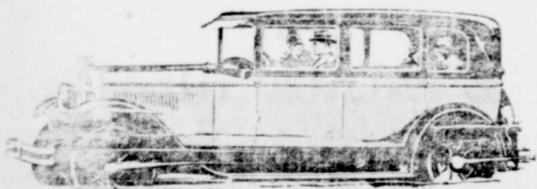
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WARREN NEWS

We are all very proud of the little shower which put a little season in the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Chancey and family and Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. Willie Chancey of Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Couger spent four days with Mrs. Couger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Oddie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Jones spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones.

Mrs. H. C. Chancey spent Monday evening with Mrs. A. J. Hartley.

Mr. and Mrs. Zebbie Sumpter have spent this week at the bedside of his mother, who is in the Baptist sanitarium at Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Couger spent Thursday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Jones.

We are very sorry to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cannon are moving to the Stith community.

Miss Rose Ellington of the Horn community is spending this week with Miss Norah Foster.

Miss Evelyn Hamm of Merkel was a visitor of Mrs. A. J. Hartley Sunday.

Miss Lena Maye Chancey spent Tuesday evening at Warren school.

Misses Lottie and Vivian McCoy visited Warren school Monday.

Mr. Joe Higgins visited Mr. H. C. Chancey Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Couger returned to their home at Lamesa after a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Jones.

Young People's Missionary Society

On last Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Harry McCandless and Miss Gladys Milliken were joint hostesses to the Young People's Missionary Society in the latter's home. After a short business session, every one was told to get their partner and enjoy playing "42". Beautiful piano music was enjoyed very much, this making the 42 players more enthusiastic and the afternoon more enjoyable.

Those enjoying the delicious plate of jello, cakes, hot chocolate and mints, were: Misses Anna Lou Russell, Opal Patterson, Edith Baker, Eunice Richards, Mrs. Earl Thornton, Virgil Hassey of Abilene, Rolft Wagner, W. L. Johnson, Jr., and the hostesses.

As you can readily see there is a good crowd attending the meetings, but there is a hearty welcome for every one that wishes to become a member.

Mother's Cook Book

"Go forth this day with the smallest expectations, but with the largest patience, with a keen relish for and appreciation of everything beautiful, great and good, but with a temper so genial that the friction of the world shall not bear upon your sensibilities."

SOUPS

WHERE there are growing children, and in fact where there are aged members of the family, soups, especially the nourishing kinds are invaluable. A cream soup is substantial enough for a main dish for luncheon and good for a winter night for supper. If the main meal is taken at noon, here is a soup which will "stay by" and make a full meal with bread and butter:

Cream of Potato Soup. Scald a quart of milk with a slice of onion. Cook two or three potatoes, according to size, until soft; mash, add one-half cupful of cream or two tablespoonfuls of butter. Add the scalded milk, bring to the boiling point, season well with salt and pepper and serve hot.

Veal and Celery Soup. Cut up three pounds of veal, break the bones, cover with four quarts of cold water and simmer for four hours; strain and return to the heat. Add two bunches of celery and two chopped onions; simmer until the vegetables are well cooked. Press through a fine sieve, thicken with two tablespoonfuls of cornstarch mixed with two cupfuls of milk. Add two tablespoonfuls of butter in small bits; reheat and serve with croutons.

Veal and Sago Soup. Take two and one-half pounds of veal, three quarts of cold water, one-fourth pound of pearl sago, two cupfuls of scalded milk, four egg yolks and salt and pepper to season. Finely chop the meat, cover with water, bring slowly to the boiling point and simmer two hours, skimming occasionally. Soak the sago in cold water to cover, one-half hour; stir into the hot stock, cook 30 minutes and then add the milk. Pour the mixture slowly over the well-beaten eggs and season with salt and pepper.

Sweetbread Soup. Reheat one quart of veal stock and add two cupfuls of cream which has been beaten with two egg yolks. Take from the heat, season to taste, then add one cupful of parboiled sweetbreads cut into bits. Garnish with a cupful of whipped cream and a bit of minced parsley.

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I will preach next Sunday at eleven o'clock at the North Side Church of Christ. I am requested to explain the text, "He that is born of God can not Sin for the Seed Remains In Him." This together with other kindred texts will be explained at that hour. All are invited to be there. W. G. Cypert.

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Baptist Workers Council Meets at Trent January 30

The Worker's Council of the Sweetwater Baptist Association will convene with the Trent Baptist Church Monday, January 30th, at which time the following program will be rendered:

10: Prayer and praise, W. G. Tankersley.

10:30, The Investments Back of the Conquest Campaign—What are they, why and how made? Ira L. Parrack.

11:10, Texas Baptists Assets and Liabilities, Dr. W. F. Fry.

NOON LUNCH

1:00, Executive board meeting.

1:30, Song service, R. G. Brannon.

1:45, The Duty and Joy of Paying an Honorable, Christ-deserving and Humanity-serving Debt, E. K. Dougherty.

2:15, The Power and Glory of Cooperation in a Worthy Task for Christ's Kingdom, S. W. Badgett.

2:45, Reports of Group Captains.

3:00 Round Table Discussion as to How we should complete the task, led by Chas. T. Whatley.

Note: The time and place of the Worker's Council have been changed so as to get the Conquest Campaign before our people at the earliest possible date and to have the meeting at a more central location.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

Program of 5th Sunday Meeting to be held with Fairview Church, Friday night to Sunday night, January 27 to 29, 1928.

7: Introductory Service, J. C. Kenzy.

7:45, Conquest Campaign Information, Open Forum, C. A. Powell.

SATURDAY

9:30, Introductory service, Huce Williams.

10:00, Our Need of Prayer Compared with other needs, W. T. Hamor.

10:40, Who is Disciple? and what does it cost me to be one of His indeed, as given by Jesus in Luke 14: 26-27; James 8:31, J. H. Edmunds.

11:20, Sermon, W. E. Brown.

12:15, Lunch at Church.

1:30 What Attitude should Churches and Pastors hold towards Mexican Mission work in Jones County, John Ashburn.

2:00, Discuss some of the ways that God's People may have Fellowship with Christ and with each other, J. H. Littleton.

2:30, Discuss some things necessary in order to have a real revival, J. T. Nicholson.

3:00, Why should Baptists read the Denominational Papers? How can we get them to read them? W. C. Moffitt.

7:00 Introductory Service, G. D. Lewis.

7:30, Sermon, Tom White.

SUNDAY

10:00 Sunday School.

11:00 Sermon, J. Perry King.

12:00 Lunch at Church.

1:30 Song Service.

2:00 Discussion, Luke 12:24f, J. T. Nicholson.

3:45 How the work goes with Us, Short Reports from Churches, led by

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Sunday School at 10 a.m. If you are a member of the school, would like for you to be present. If a stranger in town or a visitor you will be welcome. Wm. Elliott.

Preaching at 11 a.m. No evening service on account of the Fifth Sunday program in the afternoon and night at Abilene.

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