

# THE MERKEL MAIL

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1923

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OTHER

## KIDNAPPED A BRIDE!

On Monday afternoon the neighbors noticed that Mr. Burgess rushed home, dashed into the house and shortly emerged stoking his chin in a very perplexed manner. Buried in thought he wandered back to the car kicking the rocks from the path as he went.

About nine o'clock his strange actions were explained when several cars drove up returning with his bride, who had been kidnapped by the faculty and carried a safe distance in the country by way of the Billie Teaff farm. The party rested here while chickens were being prepared for roasting. Fearing pursuit by the frantic bridegroom, the kidnapers, with the bride, moved on to Mulberry Creek where they enjoyed a chicken supper. The following then gathered around the camp fire and presented Mrs. Burgess with a token as an expression of their good wishes for a long and happy wedded life: Misses Stanfield, Smith, Williamson, Travis, Coats, Ellis, Martin, Pogue, Teaffs, Dry, Pierce; Mesdames Johnson, Earp, Sublett, Pat Jones, Tabor, and Mr. Tabor, who remarked, "This came in one being a hen-party".

Messrs. Hamilton & Case have this week moved their Grocery business to the building on Front street, formerly occupied by Bradshaw & Sublett. They are good grocery men and will no doubt enjoy a good business.

## COLLEGE BOYS AND GIRLS BACK SCHOOL

Parents and friends were glad to welcome the many boys and girls back home for the holidays who have been away for the past months at various schools. They make merry many hearts on coming home and sadden them on leaving, but we are glad to make note of the many boys and girls who are from Merkel who are attending higher schools of learning.

Castle Ellis, returned to Austin Texas to finish the ensuing year at the State University.

Miss Lilley Pratt Sears is attending Kid Key, Sherman.

Miss Lula Mae Boaz is attending T. W. C. at Fort Worth.

Miss Evelyn Hamm is attending Simmons, Abilene.

Miss Mary Proctor is attending A. C. C. Abilene.

Miss Lola Armstrong is attending T. W. C. Fort Worth.

Miss Mary Cleo Booth is attending Simmons, Abilene.

Mr. Jack Durham, is attending State University, Austin.

Mr. Claude Riney is attending State University, Austin.

Mr. Jerome Hutcheson is attending Austin College, Sherman, Texas.

Mr. Warren McSpadden is attending State University.

Mr. Judson and Hugh McRee are attending State University.

Miss Ona Fae Bland is attending Trinity, Waxahachie, Texas.

Misses Lorena and Loyce Dry are attending C. I. A., Denton.

Miss Antry Porter is attending C. I. A. at Denton.

Miss Gerlie Howard is attending C. I. A. at Denton.

Miss Annie Bickley is attending State Normal at San Marcos.

Miss Ganevera Middleton is attending San Marcos State Normal.

Miss Nell Holloway is attending Kid-Key, at Sherman.

After this week our weighing will be done by the new Public Weigher, Garrett & Co. It.

FOR SALE—Some good Shoats See W. H. Laney, at the Boney Wagon yard. It.

## COM. CLUB BANQUET NEXT TUES. NIGHT

In order that our citizenship may get together at this the ginning of the New Year, where they can talk and mix together and incidentally enjoy some "Good Eats", it has been suggested, and President H. M. Rainbolt and others of the Commercial & Agricultural Club, have made arrangements with some of the ladies of the Methodist church for serving the membership of Merkel Commercial & Agricultural Club a big fine banquet on next Tuesday evening at 7:30 O'Clock, same to take place in the Gaiter building on Main Street.

As is stated elsewhere in this paper, the Club holds its regular meeting Monday evening at the Cozy Studio, and the meeting will be continued over to include Tuesday evening when the big banquet and social entertainment will take place.

The ladies state that they will give one of the finest and best banquets ever given in Merkel, and as there will be a fine program of entertainment by the Club it behooves every one who can to attend. It does not matter whether you are a member or not, you are welcome to be present. Messrs. Booth Warren, Dr. R. I. Grimes and H. M. Rose, who compose the Entertainment Committee, will have charge of the matter, and all who desire to attend will do these gentlemen and the club a favor by calling on them for tickets to the banquet on Tuesday evening, January 9th.

L. W. Tittle, who has been here for a visit among friends and relatives during the holidays left first of the week for El Paso, where he is staying for his health. He has many friends who trust that his health may improve rapidly and permanently.

Why bother with the uncertainty of a washwoman, when you can have it all washed and starched and ironed and delivered in good shape for less. Soft collars and shirts are included in my pound rate. Ligon the Laundryman, phone 218. tr

## MRS. BRADSHAW BUYS BRICK BLDG.

A deal was consummated this week whereby Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw buys from H. M. Rose the latter's splendid new brick business house located in what is known as the Anchor Block, and now used by Mr. Rose for his barber shop.

We are also informed that the Merkel Power Company has closed a contract with Mrs. Bradshaw for the lease on this building for the next six years, and will soon move their electric light business into same. While Mr. Rose has not yet fully decided just what he will do, it is likely that he will secure other quarters in which to operate his barber shop. We trust that such will be the case as he is a fine barber and a splendid citizen.

W. N. Hall and wife left last week for an extended trip to California and other Southern Pacific points. They will spend the winter and spring in the West, but Judge Hall quietly stated to the Mail that we could remind his friends now that he would return here the latter part of the year, at least in time to enter early in the race for County Judge of Taylor county.

## INTERMEDIATE PROGRAM

Subject—The parable of the Widow.  
Leader—Owen Hutcherson.  
Scripture—Luke xviii 1-8  
Song—Sweet Hour of Prayer The Lord's Prayer  
Song.  
Letter, miting to Gor—Lewis Giles.

The Address—Velma Holloway.  
Song.  
The Stamp—By Leader.

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## ELD. CYPERT UNITES YOUNG COUPLE IN MARRIAGE

At his home in this city, at three p. m., Wednesday January 3, Eld. W. G. Cypert pronounced the words that made man and wife, Mr. Gurney Richards and Miss Selma Patton.

The young man is of a splendid family residing in the Noodle community, while the bride is also of one of the best families residing in the French pasture community. The Mail joins a host of friends in extending best wishes to the happy couple.

Mr. G. V. Allen of Waco, brother of Mr. Pick Allen of Merkel was here during the Xmas holidays.

## Mrs. C. E. Spurgin Entertains

Thursday evening, December 28, the doors of Mrs. Spurgin's home were opened to her guests. Victrola music was enjoyed by all; then games and contests began. The most exciting being the voting contest. The votes were cast for the prettiest girl and the most handsome young man. Miss Zenobia Marshal was awarded a package of chewing gum and Mr. Claude Touchstone was awarded a bar of 'Grandpa' soap.

At a late hour refreshments were served and the guests bid their hostess good night.

## HANCOCK TO MOVE TO BROWNFIELD

We regret to learn that Mr. and Mrs. N. Hancock, will soon move to Brownfield, Texas, where he will establish a bakery in that thriving and growing western city.

Nece, as he is familiarly called by his friends, is a good baker and confectioner man, yes and he is a good citizen, one that any community should feel proud to have among its citizen ship.

The Mail joins a host of friends in commending him and his excellent wife to the best citizenship of that city.

Miss Minnie Houghton returned last week from Stephenville, where she spent the holidays with friends and relatives.

## REV. MURRELL AND WIFE VISIT FRIENDS HERE

Rev. W. M. Murrell and wife of Chillicothe, where the former is pastor of the Methodist church, and who for three years held the pastorate of the Merkel church, were very pleasant visitors among their friends in Merkel first of the week.

On Wednesday evening instead of the regular prayer service, Rev. Murrell delivered a splendid and highly appreciated sermon, at the request of the local pastor Rev. M. C. Hays. Brother Murrell and wife are held in the highest esteem by the church membership in Merkel and they are always welcome visitors.

## SUPERIOR NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank, Merkel, Texas will be held at the Office of said Bank on Tuesday January 9th, at four o'clock P. M. at which time directors for the ensuing year will be elected and such other business as may come before the meeting. R. O. Anderson, Cashier. 2213

## HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

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## COM. CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS MON. NITE

On next Monday evening the Merkel Commercial & Agricultural Club will hold it's regular monthly meeting; at the Cozy Theatre. This being the time for the election of officers for the ensuing year, President H. M. Rainbolt of the organization urges that every member who can be present.

And the Mail takes occasion to urge that every one who can be present. The organization has a membership of more than two hundred men and women, and as this is the beginning of the New Year, we believe every one should feel it their duty to come out to this meeting and help to start the work for the year which is entirely ahead of us, out in the right manner. Every one should feel it their duty to help in the work to be carried on through the club, and which will have for it's purpose, the upbuilding of Merkel.

It is also expected that there will also be some prominent visitors present who with other local speakers will address the meeting. Com. everyone, and let's do something that will make our town a better place in which to reside. It's up to us. Other towns are forging ahead and we must keep up with the procession or be found in the back ground. Which shall it be for Merkel?

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## THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AT MERKEL

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on Dec. 29, 1922

## RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts	\$371,861.04
Overdrafts, secured	\$23,640.00
Unsecured	\$162,010.00
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value)	\$6,250.00
All other United States Government Securities	\$7,297.78
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	16,970.79
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	4,100.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	34,321.85
Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	89,156.49
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	1,181.11
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13	\$90,337.60
Miscellaneous cash items	858.57
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
Total	\$536,696.78

## LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided profits	\$10,806.90
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	10,806.90
Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the U. S. and foreign countries (other than items 21 22)	11,298.03
Cashiers checks on own bank outstanding	2,096.95
Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	372,401.15
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	1,000.00
Certificates of deposit	25,144.00
Other time Deposits	42,699.75
Total	\$536,696.78

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:  
I, L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of Jan., 1923.  
J. T. HOWARD, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest—G. F. WEST,  
J. T. WARREN,  
SAM BUTMAN Sr., Directors

This is a meeting, do not be afraid you will be asked for a donation, but our hope is that you will become so interested in the organization and he work it hopes to accomplish that you will enroll your name as a member and lend your best efforts and influence to the success of the organization. Don't let the time and place of the meeting. Next Wednesday after January 10 at School building Publicity Committee

## PROGRAM FOR PARENT TEACHERS CLUB

National, Rev. Hys. Section, Choral Club History and Accomplishments of the Parent-Teachers association, Mrs. Fred Rogers. Piano Solo

The Value of Domestic Science being taught in the school, Mrs. R. A. Booth.

Would a motion picture machine be an asset to our school, by Miss Josie Smith and Mrs. Effie Johnson.

Business Session, conducted by Mrs. Guy Lee.

Journey through the school building, conducted by Mr. Burgess. Adjournment.

## FARM BUREAU MEETING AT ABILENE

The Mail is pleased to announce that the county Farm Bureau will hold a meeting at Abilene on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a delegate to the State convention which meets at Abilene, soon.

All members of the Merkel local are requested to attend the above meeting.

## SHAREHOLDER MEETING

The annual shareholders meeting of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel will be held at the office of the bank on Tuesday, January 9th, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. for the purpose of electing five directors and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. J. Thompson, Cashier. 2912

## OFFICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the First State Bank of Trent, Texas will be held at said bank at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, January 9th, for the purpose of transacting any business that may properly come before said meeting. E. Kegans, President, Homer Easterwood, Cashier. 2912

FOR SALE—Some good Shoats See W. H. Laney, at the Boney Wagon yard. It.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

**Farmers State Bank**

MERKEL, TEXAS

Close of business, December 29, 1922

RESOURCES

Loans	\$265,248.27
Chattel's	328.75
Banking house & Fixtures	13,800.00
Other Real Estate	9,764.85
Due from State Gty. Fund	29,880.48
Other Resources	18,203.38
Stocks & Bonds	1,951.25
Cash & Exchange	159,454.69
Total	\$498,631.64

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits	7,226.08
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Borrowed money	NONE
DEPOSITS	416,405.56
Total	\$498,631.64

The Above statement is correct  
R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

Subject—Lessons in the school of Prayer.  
Leader—Miss Iva Bragg.  
1. Piano Prelude—(Sweet hour of Prayer.)  
2. Scripture Lesson  
3. Song—"How Firm a Foundation"  
4. The Lords Prayer.  
5. Solo—Esther Roehl  
6. Prayer—Pastor M. C. Hays  
7. Success of the League depends upon Prayer—Russell Pike.  
8. The Importance of Practice of Prayer and Daily Bible Readings—Josie Smith.  
9. Business  
10. League Benediction  
Be on hand at 5 o'clock. All members and visitors are welcome. Lets make this League larger and better this year. Don't forget your "nickles for the Near East Relief."

N. A. Dowell and family returned last week from Roysse City, Texas, where they had been called by the illness and death of Mr. Dowell's mother. We extend deepest sympathy to him in his loss of one so dear.

You might think your suit or dress is faded—it just needs a good dry cleaning, which removes all the dirt and dust, cleans it clean and puts a press in it that stays. Positively guaranteed. Ligon the laundryman, phone 218. tf

Mrs. Robert Hicks and son, Ben Robert, came in this week from their visit to the former's parents, at Wills Point.

Send it all to the laundry, have it done where a guarantee goes with every order. Ligon the laundryman phone 218. tf

Duckett Produce will pay the highest market price for chickens, eggs, turkeys, hides and furs. 5t2

Don't forget to bring your produce to Duckett Produce to get the cash. Thank you for past favors. 5t2

Mrs. Fred S. Rogers returned first of the week from a visit to her mother at Breckenridge.

Miss Mary Campbell, after spending the holidays with home folks, left Wednesday night for Canyon, where she is attending the W. T. S. N. C.

Just like a brand new suit—that's what they all say. Ligon the laundryman cleaned it. tf

L. D. Gaither of San Antonio, was here this week the guest of his father and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costphens left Thursday for Sweetwater to visit their son R. W. Costphens and wife. But most important of all to see their new grand daughter, little Dorothy Louise.

SUPERIOR



FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Two large iron tanks good for holding grain. Inquire of L. R. Thompson.

FOR SALE—Two Black Minorca Cocks, \$2.50 each. One Cockrell, \$1.50. L. R. Thompson.

FOR SALE—My teams and farm implements for cash or approved checks. Curtis L. Tucker. tf

FOR SALE—Team, wagon and some farm tools. Price for all \$300.00. See G. W. Williams 1tp

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Store room, located in the Anchor Block. See C. W. Johnson. 1t.

OUR SPRING INVITATION

It makes no difference to us as to whether you are in the market for a new suit or not. We want you to come in at your earliest possible moment and look over our new spring sample lines. They are far the best and most beautiful we have ever shown. And we feel sure that the collection, style and prices are all so complete and reasonable that you can not afford to pass the opportunity up. Cash Tailor Shop Mrs. C. L. Cash Prop.

Merkel has one of the best bakeries to be found any where. Not only that but the products from the bakery are not to be excelled anywhere. And let us compliment the business men and citizenship in general, for we learn that our bakery is being patronized by all. This is as it should be. We should all stand together in patronizing one another. Yes, if all the printing that is needed in Merkel was given to the local printers they would be able to conduct their business on paying basis, and would be able to meet their obligations promptly, yes they could even make a little money!

METHODIST WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Womens Missionary Society had their regular weekly meeting on last Monday afternoon. This being New Year Day the Society held open house to all the ladies of the church. We were indeed glad to have such a nice large crowd to respond to our invitation to meet with us on this occasion and feel assured by their presence that they have a degree of sympathy for this organization although they do not see fit to become members.

The devotional part of the meeting as well as the installation of the new officers, was conducted by Bro. Hays.

After this, a short program was rendered. Miss Thompson gave a beautiful violin solo; she was accompanied at the Piano by Miss Lorena Frazier. The out going president, Mrs. Armstrong gave a very much appreciated talk on the great work the Missionary is carrying on and what it should mean to every woman of the church. Our new President, Mrs. Thompson then gave us a very beautiful talk, outlining a number of things she hopes for the Society to accomplish this year.

At the close of the program, the new Secretary Mrs. Geo. Brown canvassed the assembly for new members and we were very glad to receive several new names for membership.

During the social hour those present were served hot chocolate and wafers. There were about 40 ladies present and a number of children too.

The Society extends a hearty invitation to all to be present

CONDENSED STATEMENT

**Farmers & National**

MERKEL,

Close of business, Dec

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Divid
Cotton
U. S. Securities
Other Bonds and Wa
Stock in Fed. Reser
Stock in Fed. Int. Bk.
Furniture and Fixture
Other Real Estate
Five per cent Red. Fund
CASH & SIGHT EX.
Total

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock
Surplus Fund
Undivided Profits
Circulation Acct.
BILLS PAYABLE
REDISCOUNTS
BORROWED MONEY
DEPOSITS
Total

J. T. WARREN, Pres. L. THOMPSON, C.

DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren G. F. West Sam Butman, C.

Mr. B. T. Sublett, who for the past three years has been in the Grocery business with Mr. R. L. Bradshaw has purchased from E. E. Britain 80 acres of the latter's farm, and will likely move to same. The Bradshaw & Sublett firm has been one of the most popular business concerns in the city and it is with regret that they discontinue business here.

SUPERIOR

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Brown and Mrs. Jas. H. West returned first of the week from El Paso. Where they visited the ladie's mother, Mrs. G. A. Rister.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

A letter to the Mail from our former friend and most excellent citizen, Sam D Martin, who has lately moved with his family to Post City, states that they like the country fine. He orders the Merkel Mail and Abilene Reporter for another year.

Having the wagon scales of Mr. Garrett, the public will find me there or at work in the cotton yard. C. L. Tucker. 1t.

Aching joints, rheumatic pains, neuralgia, can be relieved quickly by a rubbing application of Ballards' Snow Liment. It is powerful penetrating remedy. Three sizes, 30c 60c and 1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug Store. Jan.

**In each 100 lbs. 24 lbs Protein**

100 lbs. of Purina Cow Chow contains 24 lbs. of protein, 85% of which is digestible and convertible into blood, tissue and milk. It is pure feed that perfectly balances home-grown roughage and silage.

It save you the trouble of mixing and balancing your own ration. It is more uniform than any home-mixed feed because the ingredients are laboratory tested to a fixed standard of quality, and measured and mixed by machinery. The high percentage of protein insures maximum milk flow. It will make the average cow on the average ration produce 3 lbs. more milk per day, at an additional feed cost of about 3c

Give Cow Chow a trial. Sold only in checker-board bags. Let us put your hand on a ton.

**GARRETT & CO.**

## LOWER PRICES

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It will be to your interest to visit our store and get our prices before making your purchase.

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# A. T. LYLE

# JOY TH TRE

Matinee Saturday 1.00 from 2 to 5:30

<p><b>Hope Hampton</b> IN "Loves Penalty" ROLIN COMEDY PATHE REVIEW</p>	<p>Saturday <b>"The Hunch"</b> From the popular magazine story by Percival Wilde Also— PATHE REVIEW And— PATHE COMEDY</p>
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**WEDNESDAY JAN. 9** "LYING LIPS"  
One Night Only  
A Thomas H. Ince production with an all star cast  
House open at 7 o'clock. Feature at 7:30  
Admission and War Tax 10-20-30c

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COMPANY, INC  
and Manager  
PER YEAR  
No. 61  
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all matter.

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IN THAT  
OF THE MAIL**

Representative  
RESS ASSOCIATION

**JOYS VENISON**

For about the third time in our life the Editor with his family had the pleasure one day recently of enjoying some fine Venison. Our good friend and most excellent citizen, Geo. A. Smith has our thanks for same; having killed a big eight-ounce buck, while on a visit with his wife, father, Mr. F. J. Smith and sister, Miss Josie, to their father and son, who resides at Uvalde, Texas. It was one of those rib roasts, all nice fat and juicy, and my, how good. Yes, we hope the Smiths'

go on this pleasant visit again next Christmas, and that they go hunting again, and that they kill another eight-pronger, and well—you know the rest. George informs us that his father will remain in that country during the winter, and we are sure that he will enjoy that fine climate.

**Ten Percent Discount**  
In order to familiarize our special service on Semi Finish Family washing and ironing. Ten pound minimum \$1.00 including everything the whole family wears—positively guaranteed against fading and no broken buttons, and as white as snow. Also our no odor process Dry Cleaning and pressing—Mens suits and overcoats, ladies coat suits, plain dresses and winter coats \$1.00. I am going to give ten percent discount all through January. Ask your neighbor. Ligon the Laundryman, phone 218.

Judge Hamilton and wife of Snyder, were here over last Sunday for a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hamilton and also his brother, Mr. Seth Hamilton and family.

**BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS**

All regular services Sunday and throughout the week. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. All B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 6 p. m., meeting in the Main auditorium of the church for the opening exercises, then each union will go to its special room for the various programs returning to the auditorium for the general secretaries report and closing exercises. The Lord's Supper will be observed at the close of the morning service, and every member of the church is urged to be present. In this service kept in remembrance of Him, in which we "show forth His death till He comes again", we should all delight to have a part. At three o'clock in the afternoon there is planned an ordination service at Compere Baptist Church in the new building. The pastor and deacons of several nearby churches are invited to participate in this service and all visitors will be welcomed. A cordial welcome awaits you in all our services. Come find a place to serve and to worship. Ira. L. Parrack, pastor.

**GASTON FOOTE, BOY PREACHER VISITS HERE**

The many friends of young Gaston Foote, who is a student in the Southern Methodist University at Dallas, and who spent his vacation here last summer with his parents, Rev. C. W. Foote and family, were glad indeed to have a visit from him last week end. At the invitation of Rev. M. C. Hays, the able and untiring pastor of the Methodist church young Foote, delivered a most excellent and appreciative sermon at the church Sunday evening.

**BAPTIST CHURCH AT COMPERE COMPLETED**

We are told by members of that organization that the new Baptist Church at Compere is now completed and ready for use. We are also requested by the members to express their thanks to all who in any way assisted or contributed to the building of same. The Mail commends those splendid people up on their push and progress in thus building their new and handsome edifice, which will redound to the good of the entire community.

**Baptist Missionary Ladies**

The Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church will observe Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon of next week with prayer service. Meeting each afternoon at 3 o'clock. A full attendance is urged. —Reporter.

**Presbyterian Ladies**

The Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church met with Mr. H. C. West on last Monday. We had a very interesting lesson and was enjoyed by every one. Ten members were present with one new member. We will meet on next Monday with Mrs. Comper.

**M. H. S. SENIORS HONORED**

The ex-students from Abilene Simmons College entertained the M. H. S. Seniors in the basement of the Baptist church last Thursday evening. The basement was beautifully and artistically decorated in the Simmons colors, banners, and two lovely Xmas trees. The library table in the center was loaded with "Bronchos", Simmons' Brand", and other college papers, and books. The students sang some of their old songs to give us a sample of their pep. Scot Johnson revealed the history, past and present, of the Athletic field. Following this, interesting address, Miss Lucy Tracy favored us with three readings, given in her usual quite and winning manner. Mr. Carswell of Abilene talked on the general happenings at Simmons and Miss Joe Willie Yandell gave the past, present, and future history as well as the spiritual tendency of the college. Some other interesting addresses were made. Then came an hour or more of fun. After playing several games, we made our selves at home with the "Bronchos" etc. We were served delicious hot chocolate and wafers. Although, not all the Seniors were present, we few felt inclined to try Simmons out next year, and see if it is what it is "put up to be".—Class Reporter

Mrs. Ed. J. Leeman and children are here for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard. Mr. Leeman, who is Editor and owner of the Duncan Oklahoma Daily and Weekly Banner, was many years ago Editor and owner of the Merkel Mail. Mrs. Leeman is accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Price and her son Kenneth Jr.

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Mr. D. O. Huddleston had occasion one day this week to drive out to one of his fine farms in the Noodle Community and by his invitation the Editor accompanied him. It was our first trip through that splendid community, and let us say here and now, that we found same to be one of the most fertile and up to date communities we have yet visited in this country. And Mr. Huddleston certainly has two of the most choice farms of the community. In all his farms in the Merkel country he has now about 1,100 acres in cultivation.

Mrs. J. E. Costphens spent Xmas in San Angelo with her brother George Hill and family. She reports that there was a family reunion in which all enjoyed being one another.

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We take this method of extending our thanks and appreciation to all the friends who visited us on New Year night, and left so many good things for us. May you all, live long to bless the world with your loving kindness. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cypert.

**Now Ready**

We have moved our stock of Groceries to the building on Front Street that was used by Bradshaw and Sublett. We will be found there with full stock of Groceries and feed. We want to thank our old customers and desire to say we will do our best with service, and good reliable goods to merit your continued patronage. Further, to all who have not been trading with us, we extend a cordial invitation to come see us.

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#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We look back to the old year with gratitude for the many blessings accorded us; and to the New Year with hope of many achievements. The Pastor desires to thank personally his loyal membership for their support during the past year, and to express his appreciation to the people of Merkel and surrounding communities for their help and cooperation. It is a pleasure to labor among people such as we have in Merkel. The pastor desires to express his thanks to the Merkel Mail for its help in putting forward every uplifting movement.

During 1923 make the Presbyterian Church your friend and servant, for we are here to serve. You will find a place in the Sunday school and Church to worship. Beginning Sunday, January 7, we will hold our night service in the afternoon at four o'clock. These Vesper services will continue during January and February. The Public is cordially invited to attend these services. A program of special interest will be given. During the month of January, the Pastor will speak each Sunday from the Subject: "Jesus in the Present Day Problems." Sunday morning is communion Sunday. Come and Partake of this holy ordinance of our Lord. Fred S. Rogers.

Our dusting and renovating alone is worth the price charged for the finished job. Try it out, no odor process. Ligon the laundryman, phone 218. tf

Messrs. Ennis Grimes and Wallace Bragg, both splendid employes of the Bank of Chillicothe, were here for a visit with their many friends and relatives

#### SUPERIOR

Ed. Teaff returned first of the week from his trip to Temple and other points in Bell county.

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