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F. & M. BANK'S 21ST BIRTH DAY

On November 14, 1904 a charter was issued to the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of this city, and for twenty-one years ending November 14 last, this splendid institution has functioned as one of the great banking institutions of Merkel and this part of the state. It has faithfully and efficiently served its patrons throughout all these long years, withstanding all droughts, wars and hardships, and stands today one of the strongest and best equipped banking institutions in all the west, a monument of service to the entire community and a credit to the conservative and accommodating management of those in executive charge since its opening day.

Mr. J. T. Warren has been the only President of the institution since its beginning, and there has been but two Cashiers or executive officers, Mr. Thos. A. Johnson, now connected with the Collin County National Bank of McKinney, who served faithfully and efficiently in this capacity up until the fall of 1919, when he relinquished same to Mr. L. R. Thompson, who has since and now occupies this most responsible position.

And not only has the bank continued to maintain its strength and popularity for efficiency and courteous service to the community and its patrons, but has grown and expanded in a manner that is in keeping with the times and development of the country at large, under the able and careful management of Mr. Thompson, who, in addition to the successful management of this banking institution, has also given much of his time and effort in all matters pertaining to civic improvement, growth and development of the town and community as well as being a leader in church and Sunday school work in his home town and county. For the past two years he has been the President of the Merkel Luncheon Club, which organization has done much toward the improvement of our town and surrounding community.

Attention of our readers is called to the full page advertisement of this bank on another page in this paper, which contains other interesting facts concerning this bank.

BUSINESS MAN PROVES EASY VICTIM

Staid, stable business men are the easiest victims for vampires. The flirtatious male falls easily and often, but he nearly always changes his affections in time to avoid real disaster. It is the dignified character who becomes an easy prey because the object of his affection really means something to him. In "Why Men Leave Home" the John M. Stahl picture which is to be presented by First National at the Cozy Theatre on next Wednesday and Thursday, Lewis Stone plays the role of the dignified husband, while Helene Chadwick and Alma Bennett form the other two points of the triangle.

This paper regrets very much to learn that our good friend and most excellent citizen, Mr. C. C. Campbell, who has been very sick for some ten days, is still in a feeble condition at his home in the North part of the city. We join his many friends in the sincere hope that he will soon take a decided turn for the better, and soon regain his former good health.

BRO. CYPERT'S BROTHER SERIOUSLY INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Elder W. G. Cypert returned first of the week from Floydada, where he had been called to attend the bedside of his brother, Dr. Z. J. Cypert, of Lockney, who last week was run down while traveling afoot along the highway and run over by a passing automobile. Dr. Cypert suffered two broken ribs, both legs broken, his nose broken, and otherwise bruised and injured. And, although he is sixty years of age, is now reported as getting along nicely, and is expected to recover from his injuries.

ELECT OFFICERS AT NEXT LUNCHEON

The regular Luncheon Club meeting will be held next Tuesday night, at Ed's Cafe, with Mr. Robert Hicks as the Toastmaster.

The next meeting is quite an important one for several reasons. First, because the Toastmaster is sure to bring forth a very interesting and appreciative program, and next, because at this meeting it is expected that officers for the coming year which begins January first will be elected, and every one should want to be present and take part in that.

And in order that there may be a large attendance assured, the president, Mr. L. R. Thompson, has appointed Messrs. Chas. H. Jones, Warren Smith and E. Yates Brown as a committee to sell tickets for the occasion. Hence, when they call on you, be ready to buy your ticket. They only cost \$1.00 for two meetings, and besides the splendid meal that is always served, you will enjoy the good programs and best of all have an opportunity of taking part in the work of the organization, which has for its purpose the upbuilding of the town and community.

Also, since the president, Mr. Thompson, is not expected to be present, being away with his wife who is in the Temple Sanitarium for treatment, Mr. H. C. West, has been asked to preside in the president's chair.

LARGENT CATTLE WIN IN KANSAS

Wichita, Kan., Nov. 11.—A special train from Fairview, Ok., arrived here Wednesday, bearing 625 visitors for the Kansas National Live Stock Show, which Tuesday night turned away large crowds seeking admittance.

The American Legion staged an armistice program at the show Wednesday night.

Winners of Wednesday's prize awards included: Bulls calved between June 1, 1923, and Dec. 31, 1923, Superior 39th, C. M. Largent & Sons, Merkel, Texas; calved after Oct. 1, 1924, junior class Superior 51st, Largent & Sons; senior champion bull, Ken-Caryl Ranch, Littleton, Colo.; junior champion, Prince Domino 3rd, Largent & Son; grand champion bull, Ken-Caryl.

Mr. D. O. Huddleston reports his son in California, who some ten days ago underwent a serious operation, as doing nicely at last reports. Mr. Huddleston returned last week from a visit to his son, and in fact was present when the operation was made. His many friends here will be glad to learn he is doing nicely.

UNION SERVICE THANKSGIVING

The time draws near when our nation, according to custom, offers thanks to God for the manifold blessings of life. Merkel always takes part in a wholehearted way in everything for the spiritual uplift of her people, and this Thanksgiving is to prove no exception to the rule, for at a meeting of representative members from the various churches of the city called by the pastors, it was decided on last Wednesday evening that there will be held a big Union Thanksgiving service at the Baptist church, these services for the two years previous having been held with the Presbyterian and Methodist churches respectively.

At the meeting Wednesday evening those attending from the various churches selected Rev. Chas. H. Little of the Presbyterian church and Elder W. G. Cypert, of the Church of Christ, as the principal speakers of the evening, and appointed as a committee to arrange a suitable and interesting musical program, the choir directors of the various churches.

As individuals and as a town and community our people have much for which to be thankful, and as the services are to be held at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, a time when it should be possible for all to attend, there should be one of the largest gatherings of the citizenship ever before present for such occasion. Let every man, woman and child make their arrangements to be present. We owe it to ourselves, our town, our community, state and nation, and above all to our Lord and Master, to assemble ourselves and offer heartfelt thanks for our many blessings and happiness.

Brown Ranch House in Mulberry Canyon Burns

For the second time in the annals of the Mulberry Canyon the home on what is commonly known as the old Arthur Sears ranch has been burned.

The ranch now owned by Mr. Brown of Anson was occupied and managed by his son, Ben, who was away from home for the night. Unless the fire was caused by rats striking matches, the origin has been undetermined, unless it be of incendiary origin.

No insurance was carried on the property.

Dawson Egg Coal for Economy. Swafford, phone 44. It

12,179 BALES ARE RECEIPTS TO DATE

According to Public Weigher C. L. Tucker, there had been weighed at the cotton yard up to noon Thursday 8,299 bales of cotton, while at the Cotton Farm Bureau Platform Mr. C. W. Simpson reported 2,880 bales weighed there, and Mr. Sam Swann reports 2,000 round bales which, counted as whole bales, makes a grand total of 12,179 bales received here up to that time.

Up to November 20 last year there had been a total of 10,591 bales received in Merkel from all sources, which shows that the receipts this year are 1,588 bales more than at this time last year.

Taylor county, up to November 1st last year had received 28,157 bales, whereas this year up to November 9 there had been ginned in this county 33,840 bales.

It looks now as if the Merkel Mail's guess of 14,000 bales for Merkel this year will come near being right.

MISS TRACY'S CLASS RENDER A PROGRAM

The Expression Department presents at eight o'clock Friday evening, November 20, in the Grammar School auditorium. An admission charge of 25c will go to the Library Fund.

- Program.**
1. "The Playgoers," a domestic episode by Arthur Pinero.
 2. Sparkin' Peggy Jane, Novel Duet, by Willis Bugbee.
 3. The Circus, short comedy, by Bugbee.
 4. The Ladies' Aid, musical reading with chorus, Lytton Cox.
 5. One-act play, The Sing-A-Song Man, by Jagendorf.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson accompanied by Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. E. T. Hood, of Greensboro, Kansas, left Thursday afternoon over the Sante Fe from Blair, for Temple, where Mrs. Thompson goes to the Scott Sanitarium to be under the care and treatment of specialists and where it may be found necessary for her to undergo an operation. Their many friends here and elsewhere regret that her condition necessitates this move, and sincerely hope that the treatment she receives will prove of immediate and permanent relief from her ailment.

REAL NEWSPAPER BARGAINS

THE ABILENE REPORTER (Daily and Sunday) for one year	\$4.20
THE MERKEL MAIL One Year	\$1.50
Total	\$5.70
OUR CLUBBING OFFER—The Merkel Mail and Abilene Reporter daily & Sunday 1 yr.	\$5.00
You Save	\$.70
FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM (Daily and Sunday) One Year	\$7.45
THE MERKEL MAIL One Year	\$1.50
Total	\$8.95
OUR CLUBBING OFFER—The Star-Telegram Daily and Sunday and The Merkel Mail, 1 yr.	\$8.00
You Save	\$.95
DALLAS NEWS (Daily & Sunday) 1 year and THE MERKEL MAIL 1 year for	\$7.25
MAGAZINES	
Holland's Magazine 1 yr. and Merkel Mail 1 yr.	\$2.00
Holland's Magazine 3 yrs & Merkel Mail 1 yr.	\$2.35
Holland's Magazine 5 yrs & Merkel Mail 1 yr.	\$2.75
Farm & Ranch 1 yr. and Merkel Mail 1 yr.	\$2.35
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Farm & Ranch 5 yrs. and Merkel Mail 1 yr.	\$3.25

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N. A. Dowell Erecting A Building for Auto Shop

Mr. N. A. Dowell, Merkel's popular Auto Top Repair man, has purchased a lot adjacent to the Boney Garage and is now building a nice business house, into which he will move his business as soon as same can be completed.

MERCHANTS TO CLOSE ON NOV. 26

A canvas of the merchants reveals that almost every one is willing and ready to follow the usual custom of closing their businesses for Thanksgiving day which will be next Thursday.

This has always been the custom of the business interests of this and almost every other American city for the past one hundred years, and in fact has become a great day with the American people.

Let everybody remember this and make preparation to supply their wants the day before, which will not cause any of the merchants to have to open up their back doors to supply some one with their actual needs. Let every one make it a day of Thanksgiving for the many blessings enjoyed during the past year.

WHERE THE M. E. PREACHERS GO

That our readers who may be interested in the changes and locations of the various Methodist ministers as assigned them by the Annual Conference at Canyon last week, we give the list of former Merkel pastors as follows:

Rev. Rea, pastor for the past two years, goes to Lockney.

Rev. R. E. L. Stutz has been returned to the Merkel circuit.

Rev. C. H. Ledger returned to the Trent station, and Rev. M. R. Pike will be a student in McMurry College.

Rev. W. M. Murrell has been returned to Childress where he has under construction a fine new church. Rev. Murrell will entertain the Annual Conference next year at Childress.

Rev. C. W. Foote has been returned to Paducah, where he will serve that church the fourth year. His son, Rev. Gaston Foote, will be stationed at White Deer, Texas.

Rev. Elmer Landreth goes back to Oak Street Church, Abilene for the third year. And Rev. W. M. Pearce was returned to First Church of that city for his fifth year's work.

Rev. L. N. Stuckey was sent to the Polk Street Church, Amarillo, which is the largest church in the conference in point of church membership. Rev. A. L. Scales of Tyler Street Methodist Church, Dallas is the new pastor at St. Paul's, Abilene.

Rev. Hamilton, of Anson, was given the shamrock station. Rev. Garvin returns to Dalhart and Rev. Ed. R. Wallace, also a former pastor of the local church, will be stationed at Southland.

Mr. Thos. Johnson of McKinney was here last week for a visit with old friends and to attend the celebration of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank's twenty-first birthday.

Miss Mossie Sears left this week for Chillicothe where she will spend some time visiting her sister there.

NEW PASTOR AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

The annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which met at Canyon last week, in its deliberations saw fit to send as pastor of the local Methodist church for the next year Rev. W. K. McCarty, who comes from Tulia, where he has been stationed as pastor for the past two years.

Rev. McCarty is wholly unknown to the membership of the local church, but comes most highly recommended, not only as an able pastor and fluent speaker, but a very energetic and progressive citizen of the highest type, and this paper in behalf of the church membership and citizens of the town and community, extends to him and his good wife a most hearty and cordial welcome.

According to reports, Rev. McCarty is expected to arrive in Merkel not later than today (Friday) and is expected to preach his first sermon to the local congregation next Sunday morning, and will no doubt be greeted with the full attendance of the entire membership of the church.

Rev. T. J. Rea, pastor of the church here for the past two years, was sent to Lockney, a growing and progressive city in Floyd County, on the famous South Plains, and with his family left Wednesday for that city via Childress, where the family was called by a message announcing the serious illness of Mrs. Rea's mother. In fact the message stated that the aged lady was not expected to live until their arrival.

Rev. Rea and his good family by their faithful and untiring service have endeared themselves to the church's entire membership as well as that of the people at large, and have the best wishes and prayers of all with whom they have become acquainted during their stay in our midst. And we take this opportunity of commending them to the people of Lockney as citizens of which they may well be proud to claim as theirs.

NORTHWEST TEXAS METHODISTS RAP FERGUSON REGIME

Canyon, Nov. 15.—A direct rap at the present State administration, of which Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson is head, was taken Saturday by the Northwest Texas Methodist Conference.

The conference went on record as condemning the administration as "contrary to the spirit and best interests of prohibition. The report was made by the Board of Temperance and Social Welfare, and was as follows:

"We recommend every religious sect, fraternal order and secret organization which has for its aim and object, in part or the whole, the making of social conditions better, either by aiding the duly constituted officers of the law in the enforcement of the same, or by establishing means of prevention of anti-social conditions."

"Move to strike out the reference to secret organizations," called out Rev. B. W. Dodson of Slaton. A ye a and nay vote was ordered on Dodson's amendment. The yeas had it by a big majority and the reference was stricken from the report.

This resolution went through intact at last year's conference at Abilene, with the "secret organization" reference retained, it not having been objected to at that time.



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Let's see—there are about five weeks left in which to pay no attention to early Christmas shopping pleas.

SCHOOL HAS LARGE HONOR ROLL

Honor roll of Elementary and Primary school, Mrs. Len Sublett, Principal.

Seventh Grade: Nina Vantress, Hilda Rister, Pauline Toombs, Nadine Tippett, Clara Pilcher, Missie Dye, Fred Guitar, Frances Frederickson, Florence Ligon, Odell Hunter, Eleanor Mae Hamilton, J T Darsey, Milton Case, Beryl Hunter.

Sixth Grade: Fannie V. Jones Mary Ligon, Jess Higgins, Elsie Lasater, Fred A. Baker, Elvis Richardson, Clara L. Miller, Lucille Cole, Mattilou Largent, Joel Darsey, Beth Hamm, Alvin Parrack, Benjamin Sheppard, Vera Richie.

Fifth Grade: Ida Mae Derstine, Ross Ferrier, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Lela Patterson, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Roy Abbott, Thelma Leach.

Fourth Grade: Fay Vantress, Meyer Mellinger, Alice Reuses, Florene Rider, Lucile Campbell, Duncan Briggs, Imogene Middleton, Zeldia Belle Miller, Joyce Wheeler, Nell Hughes, Helen Best.

Third Grade: Rogene Dye, Walderine Huskey, David Gamble, Jim Chaney, Mary Nell Summerhill, La Verne Holden, Maxine Abbott, Neal Denhow, Julia Proctor, Hazel Reeves.

Second Grade: Guy Ragan, Fern Toombs, James Pilcher, Burneal Scott, Isabel Propst, Glenna Rea, Alice Russell, Modene Sheppard, Estelda Tucker, Jack Lowe, J. C. Jones, Billye Gambill.

High First Grade: Hollis Huddleston, Truett Patterson.

Low First: Elmo Smith.

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BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday was a good day with the Baptists. There was increased attendance at all services.

There was a fine spirit in the whole congregation Sunday morning as the sixth anniversary of the first coming of the present pastor was celebrated. The whole membership faces the future with a feeling that there are greater tasks in front of them than the ones they have already finished. In the whole service the Lord was given all the glory for anything that had been accomplished. One of the quotations from the Bible was "The Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad."

All regular services Sunday and through the week with some special services including a town-wide Thanksgiving service to be held at our church Thursday at 7 p.m. and the Fifth Sunday meeting beginning Friday evening at 7 p.m. and continuing until Sunday evening with out of town speakers and visitors addressing every meeting.

It is hoped that the local people will keep these meetings in mind and attend in good numbers so our blessings will be greater. The local people need the help that will come to us from these visitors who will come from all over the Sweetwater Association.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

* HIGH SCHOOL NOTES *

The Expression Department will give a program Friday evening at 7 o'clock at the Grammar School Auditorium. An admission charge of 25 cents will be made, the proceeds going to the Library fund. This will be a very interesting program and we hope the public will attend.

The M. H. S. football team will play at Sweetwater Friday. Sweetwater has a good team and the Badgers are expecting a good game. Now show your enthusiasm again and go with the boys and help them win.

The Annual staff has begun to function and every student will be asked next Monday morning to subscribe for the Annual. The Annual has been named "The Badger." This is the first annual the school has published in several years. We solicit the cooperation of every student and patron in our efforts to make this publication a success.

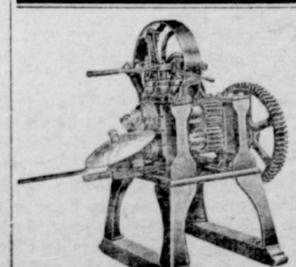
At The Nazarene Church

Rev. H. C. and Mary Lee Cagle of Buffalo Gap will preach at the Nazarene church here next Sunday morning and evening. Everybody welcome. Dr. J. F. Hendricks, pastor.

Mr. W. J. Sheppard manager for the Jones Dry Goods Company of Merkel, is in St. Louis this week, where he went to make additional purchases of fall and winter dry goods for his firm.

Mrs. E. T. Hood, mother of Mrs. L. R. Thompson, arrived Wednesday evening and will spend some time visiting the latter, from Greensboro, Kansas.

Modern girls talk less than their grandmothers did, it is said, but actions talk louder than words.



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Special Thanksgiving service at 11:00 a.m. Program of Thanksgiving music by the Choir, and sermon by the pastor. Let us show our gratitude to God for His mercies and make this a great day in the history of our church.

Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:00 p.m. The Ladies Missionary Society will meet Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Henry West. The course in Foreign Missions will be studied.

Mrs. May Day, of Eskota, was a guest last week of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Leach.



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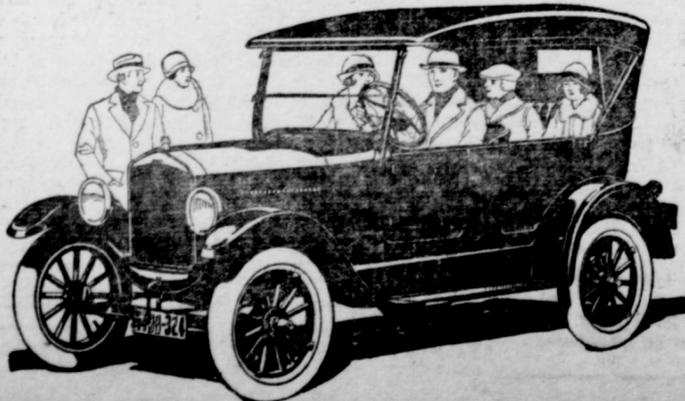
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WARREN NEWS
By Rose Ellington

The farmers would like to see the pretty weather continue to gather their cotton.

Health of the community is very good at this writing.

The Warren school will start the first of December. The teachers are Mrs. Hobson Robertson and Miss Mitchell.

Mrs. Emmitt Patterson visited in Abilene last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy motored to Merkel late Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Buster McCoy spent Saturday night and Sunday with Claude Ellington.

Messrs. Hime, Oddis and R. V. Jones, Robert and Zebbie Sumpter, and Therman McCoy visited in Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Rev. R. H. Williams, wife and daughter Mary of Abilene visited Mrs. Williams' sister, Mrs. G. E. Ellington and family Tuesday.

Miss Helen McCormick spent Saturday night with Misses Vela and Vera Jones.

Misses Willie and Rose Ellington visited their sister of Stith Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Wethersby of Clyde spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and family Sunday.

Misses Margie and Pauline Copeland visited Cordie and Lorene Ellington Sunday.

Mr. Therman McCoy spent Friday night with Joe Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarvin and family and E. C. Tarvin visited Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington a while Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson spent Monday night and Tuesday with his mother and father. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson of Merkel.

Several around Warren attended the carnival at Merkel the past week.

Mrs. Tom Harvell spent the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs.

Thanksgiving Shopping Hints

LADIES, MISSES and CHILDRENS COATS ON SALE. EVERY COAT ON OUR RACKS PRICED SPECIAL FOR THANKSGIVING WEEK. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN BUYING A NEW FALL COAT FOR LESS MONEY THAN YOU EXPECTED TO PAY VISIT OUR STORE THIS WEEK AND GET YOUR COAT.

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Turner Sunday.
Mr. Hall Hobbs visited in the Warren community on Sunday morning. He was on his way to Sylvester. He was accompanied by Otis and Joe Peterson from Warren.

SHILOH HAPPENINGS
By Mrs. C. W. Seago

Everybody is about through picking cotton.

Had very good attendance at Sunday school Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill James spent Sunday with Mrs. B. L. James.

Mr. and Mrs. Deavers and daughters spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grayson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Rutledge visited Mr. and Mrs. Lovel Rutledge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson of Friona are visiting this week in the homes of E. H. Grayson and C. W. Seago.

Miss Avis Deavers was the guest of Miss Edna Tiner Sunday.

The writer and family visited Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Howe near Hamlin Sunday.

Mr. Watts has moved near Trent. We sure will miss them but our loss is the gain of Trent.

Mr. C. P. Church has moved back to his home in this community.

The next Fifth Sunday singing will meet at Shiloh on November 29th. Everybody is invited.

There will be preaching Saturday morning and night and Sunday evening at 4. Sunday school at 3 p.m. A hearty welcome to everybody to be with us.

General J. Jones and family recently moved back to Merkel from Fabens, Texas, where they have resided for several years. Their many friends here welcome them back to Merkel.

Try our "16-Special" Cow Feed at \$2.50, or Spark Plug sweet feed at \$2.00. Swafford, phone No. 44.

Little Mary Elizabeth Grimes Celebrates Tenth Birthday

On last Wednesday evening little Miss Mary Elizabeth Grimes celebrated her tenth birthday with a theatre party. Promptly at 6 o'clock the little guests began to arrive and in a short time they were all very busily engaged in playing childrens' games. After being entertained in this manner for a time they were invited into the dining room. In the center of the dining table stood the lovely birthday cake with 10 brightly burning candles. Each child was given a chance at blowing the candles. After the candles were blown the guests were served sandwiches, potato chips, pickles, hot chocolate and ice cream and cake. After the refreshments, Mrs. Grimes and Miss Esther Rhoel, who is visiting in the

Grimes home, chaperoned the party to the Cozy Theatre so see the picture show. Those attending were: Willie Evelyn Boaz, Ida Mae Derstine, Dorothy Deutschman, Mattie Lou Largent, Mildred Richardson and Nell Durham.

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kel strictly and it's to my interest to do your work right, and in all cases I do my best to do just that. I appreciate all past work and will appreciate my part of the future work. I have a full line of 1926 wall paper samples and can secure paper for you in two days at a great saving to you. My residence is located 2 blocks northeast of post office. P. O. Box 536. Estimates and advice on jobs absolutely free and appreciated. A. L. Bryant & Sons. 1t

Miss Esther Roehl, of Killene, Texas, is a guest of Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes. Miss Roehl is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Hayes, former pastor of the Methodist church here, and has many friends in our city who rejoice to see her again.

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In Minneapolis a school is trying an experiment in rating pupils. Instead of sending the parents monthly reports based on arithmetic or other subjects, the school is rating the pupils on honesty, punctuality, industry and general deportment.

The idea is that mental and moral training go hand in hand, and that moral training has been sadly neglected in present and past systems.

Something to the idea, of course. No parents would choose to have an educated rascal for a son. They'd rather have a gentleman whose training in history, arithmetic and grammar might leave something to be desired, but who was a gentleman in spite of that shortcoming.

Schools and colleges have neglected moral principles and concentrated too much on mechanics of life and learning. It is more important to the home, the state and the nation to have good men and women than it is to have so-called "educated" men and women who are lacking in moral character.—Abilene Daily Reporter.

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SHOP EARLY AND IN MERKEL

It is perhaps a little too early to adopt resolutions governing personal conduct for 1926, but it is most timely to resolve to do your Christmas shopping early and to do it in Merkel. There is no better time to get into the habit of buying at home than during the Christmas shopping season for in no other season of the year are the stores more attractive, so well and completely stocked with new merchandise and so humanly interesting. This time of the year the men folks don't wait outside while the wife is inside doing the buying.

It has never been proved that the mail order houses and out-of-town stores have more merchandise and lower prices to offer than the home-town stores, and there is reason to believe that now as the Christmas shopping period begins the home-town stores are equipped with everything desirable and obtainable for gifts.

There is one privilege and convenience offered to the public by the earlier Christmas shopping season which has been overlooked. With the Christmas stocks on display six weeks before Christmas home-town buyers are afforded the opportunity of supplying their wants from the home-town stores as early as they would make their selections from the mail-order catalog. The public is now buying at home for Christmas, resorting to the mail order houses and out of town stores only in the emergency.

Buy at home this Christmas and avoid the worry of delayed shipments and the disappointment which comes from paying for things unseen.

Miss Mary Cleo Booth had as her guest this week-end, Miss Lois Norton of Haskell, Mr. Doyle Dillingham and Mr. Franklin Haynes of Abilene.

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In Memory of Mrs. P. W. Lawlis

Last Tuesday morning, Nov. 10 at 9:45 a.m. the death angel entered the home of Mr. P. W. Lawlis and took the beloved wife and mother from their midst.

"Aunt Bettie," as she was known to her friends and loved ones, did not suffer long, the Savior whom she so adored did not desert her in her last hours. Her death was caused from blood poisoning and she took her bed only a few short days before the Savior called her home. Mrs. Lawlis was born in Illinois, coming to Texas in her girlhood days, she was 45 years of age at her death. She was married in 1898 to one George McMillan who preceded her in death some 24 years ago. One child was born to this union, a daughter, Mrs. Vernon Bradley, who with her husband and two small children were present during her mothers last days. She was married in 1903 to P. W. Lawlis. Six children were born to this union, 4 sons and 2 daughters, all of whom were present. She leaves besides these children a large family of stepchildren and grandchildren whose hearts are saddened by the loss of one who for so many years has been a mother to them.

Everything that medical skill and loving hands could do was done but God needed a mother up there so he called "Aunt Bettie."

She surrendered her heart to Jesus early in life and was a very devout Christian. Funeral services were held at the Golan church house where she so loved to worship, by Rev. Hanks of Loraine and Rev. Virgil Tooley of Sylvester. The floral offerings were very beautiful, but thank God we can meet her up yonder where the flowers never fade.

Miss Fannie's Angel Food and Devil Food Cakes, 50c and \$1.00 at W. H. Dunning's Drug Store every Saturday. Leave orders for Thanksgiving cakes. 20t2p

The Transportation of Stomachs

By CHARLES E. MIXER

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MY DEAR ELLIOTT:
Since your departure for elsewhere with your bonny bride, some two years ago, our correspondence has been of the chills-and-fever sort, I furnishing the chills and you the fever, intermittently at that.

It was about this same time a year ago that that arch-enemy of man's comfort, dyspepsia, laid his grip on me and, may the plague take him, continued to tighten it. I resorted, of course, to our friends the doctors—of whom I had many, and many of whom you know—too many, no doubt, and too often, and the help I got was nil.

Well, one evening I sat warming my shins before my open fire, dreaming of what might have happened had I married Ethel, as you urged. As I mused my great idea grew and flourished in my mind. As you have destined yourself for the noble profession of medicine, I at once made you godfather to this creation of my brain, and now you will, no doubt, be interested to learn the details of its results if you have not already heard of them. My idea was no less than the transposition or exchange of stomachs, in which I saw a hope for a new and healthy existence in my old role of gourmet. To carry out my thought I needed the help of one we both know, the distinguished surgeon, Doctor Dickson, and of another person, whom we did not know. You well know of the doctor's wonderful operations, and I knew him to be the very man for this one, if such existed. I found him, and with considerable diffidence communicated my scheme. Before I had fairly finished he jumped to his feet and exclaimed: "By Jove! I believe it possible; but how can you find the other man?" I admitted that this might be difficult, but thought I knew a suitable subject. "See him," he said, "see him, and if he will consent, I will."

You know that before I retired from business, with enough to last several lifetimes, I was president of the Island Sound Steamship company. Among the longshoremen I knew one Jerry Kelly, a strapping, robust, rosy-cheeked fellow. I knew him quite well, as I had often given him odd jobs when the boats were not in. I sent for him, "as I had something for him to do." I had him shown into the dining room, where the sideboard displayed a fine joint of beef, some cold cabbage, and a few other things.

"Have you had supper, Jerry?"
"I believe I have, sor," he said.
"You believe you have? Well, suppose you tackle this, and then say you know you have."
"With great pleasure, sor."
The way he closed with that beef would have made a reputation for a tackle on a college eleven and I, looking on, green with envy, said:

"Have you a big appetite, Jerry?"
"So big, sor, that I never saw the end of it."

"Is it always with you, Jerry?"
"I never yet lost sight of it," he mumbled, with his great mouth full of beef.

"Just one more question, Jerry. Do you ever have a feeling of distress after your meals?"

"Yis, sor, I do that, for it's the big meals I like, and it's the small ones I do be gettin' some days; it's after them that I have that same feeling of distress that there wasn't more of it."

"I reckon you are sound, Jerry, in stomach and wit. Don't spare the beef, for I have a big job for you to consider, and no mistake."

"What is it, sor?" he asked.
"Well, Jerry, you have a fine stomach, and I haven't. I have plenty of money, and you haven't. I propose to exchange."

"Aw, don't be joshin' me, sor!" said he.

And then I told him of the wonderful things Doctor Dickson had done. Would you believe it? He seemed to fall in with my idea.

"It's a risky job when all's said, and what is it worth, sor?"

"Twenty-five thousand," said I.

"Whew!" said he, "and how about Nora and the children, if—"

"Jerry," said I, "here it is; before we start with the doctor I make my will, in which I leave you twenty-five thousand dollars in case I go; if I live, I pay it to you; if you go, I pay it to Nora; do you see?"

"Faith I do, sor, and for the sake of Nora and the kids, and your faith in your big doctor, begorra I'll try it, so I will."

Well, when the doctor heard all this he was game, and carried out his part at the Park hospital before a select few of the profession. As to the result—well, I am writing this and shall soon resume my role as gourmet.

Jerry is also all right all round, though he says he has no appetite, poor chap, and is cheerful as a sparrow. No wonder, from his standpoint, for, attend to this! Directly he got about he went to a friend of his, even tougher than he was, and succeeded in driving the same identical bargain with him for five thousand! So, if all goes well, Jerry will have a better stomach than he ever had, and twenty thousand dollars in the bank. What will eventually become of my old stomach, I can't at present tell; perhaps I may be able to inform you later.



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RED GRANGE, BEWARE!

Red Grange will have to look to his gridiron laurels this fall, for there is another football star about to shoot across the horizon. You never would guess it, perhaps, but it is Harold Lloyd, glasses and all, for in his newest contribution to the screen, "The Freshman," which comes to the Cozy Theatre Monday and Tuesday, the king of mirth jumps from scapegoat to hero in probably the most unusual football contest ever seen on the screen.

There is one strange fact about the gridiron episode—one which clearly establishes the fact that Lloyd's horned rims have become as much a part of him as his name. During Lloyd's presence in the game not once does he remove his glasses.

Football coaches should be able to get some "tips" from "The Freshman." Lloyd executes some new shifts that might prove of value to such college teams as Notre Dame, Princeton, Yale or Harvard. But there is one thing certain—"The Freshman" gives to the public the funniest ninety-five yard run, if not the most spectacular, any football fan ever witnessed.

Football, however, is only a contributing factor to the hilarity the story of a college youth who learns, after many bitter experiences that "being yourself," is the best way to popularity.

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Getting up on a frosty morning now-a-days and carrying a pail of water for the before-breakfast ablutions is just a sample of the ice-breaking, pump-thawing, temper-trying experiences that are close upon the families who has put off installing running water in the home. We will be glad to tell you how you can have running water in the home in all kinds of weather.

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says



Politicians should remember that a wet plank is bound to be slippery. We have just discovered why Cal always looks so solemn. Imagine being a politician with a New England conscience!

A New York alderman thinks there is more crime when the moon is full. We think there is more crime when the man is full.

All nature is wonderful—except a natural musician and a natural comedian.

The radio is as bad as the toothache for keeping folks up late. But there is a cure for toothache.

As private citizens, isn't there anything we can do without passing a law about it?

Germany is said to be arming in secret. It will be all right, if she never let's anyone know about it.

In spite of the fact that the cost of living continues to go up, people will have it.

Goats will eat anything, but don't make one of your hubby.

Our favorite filling station is a good restaurant.

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Let's see—there are about five weeks left in which to pay no attention to early Christmas shopping pleas.

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SENIOR NOTES
By Sallie Brown

The Seniors have been expecting their rings every day. We may get them before Christmas; we all hope so.

On last Friday morning the Senior Class gave a merchants Carnival for chapel exercises, in which we represented almost every local firm in town. Every one seemed to enjoy it. We had a few visitors from town to see it. Hope they enjoyed seeing it as much as we enjoyed putting it on.

On Thursday morning, November 19, the High School went to chapel at 8:40 to nominate the most popular girl in High School, which will go in the annual. The following were nominated: Gladys Deutschman, Opal Patterson, Eva Mae Johnson, Inice Brown and Tommie Durham. They will receive their votes as each student pays for his annual. Each dollar counts 100 votes. There are also to be ballot boxes in town so the people of the town may have part in this nomination. The prettiest girl, the best all around boy and the most handsome boy will be nominated later on in the year.

—M.H.S.—
Let's hope so! On safe ground —"Friday generally fair, probably followed by Saturday."

—M.H.S.—
The human mind should be like a hotel—open the year around.

—M.H.S.—
Juanita Beene: "Buster's got a new siren for his car."

Lola: "Really, what became of the blonde one?"

—M.H.S.—
Dorris, held up to hear her father's voice on the telephone, burst into tears. "What are you crying for, Doris?" asked Mrs. Jackson.

Doris: "Oh mama," she sob-

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ben, "however can we get daddy out of that little hole?"

—M.H.S.—
Mr. Summerhill: "Does the question embarrass you?"

Delbert: "Not at all, sir, not at all. It is quite clear. It is the answer that bothers me."

—M.H.S.—
Miss Durham: "Why aren't you a successful business man?"

Ira: "You see, lady, I wasted my time in school instead of selling papers."

—M.H.S.—
Miss Gilbreath: "I went to a stag party last night."

Miss Durham: "Yes, I heard you staggered as you came in."

—M.H.S.—
Mr. Summerhill: "You're 34 of an hour late. What do you mean keeping me standing round like a fool?"

Mrs. Summerhill: "I can't help the way you stand."

—M.H.S.—
Officer (to Cleo and Gladys in parked car): "Don't you see that sign, 'Fine for Parking?'"

Cleo: "Yes, officer, I see it, and heartily agree with it."

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FOR SALE—9-room residence with bath and 6 lots, windmill, barn, garage, on Oak street. Price \$3250.00 for next 30 days. Some terms. Apply to J. F. Abernathy, Merkel, Texas. 6t4p

MAIZE for sale—Good, sound and dry, \$27.50 off car. See Taylor F. Davis. tf

FOR SALE—Practically new Deering one row Binder, with tongue trucks, bargain. Geo. A. Smith, Route 5, Merkel. tf

FOR SALE—One good 80 acre farm 7 miles south of Merkel. Also one 160 acre farm 8 miles northwest and 316 acres 9 miles northwest of Merkel. Can give good terms on either. I have two good houses and lots in Merkel for sale at a bargain. J. C. Mason. 1tp

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FOR SALE—A good milk cow. See Mrs. E. H. Thompson, Merkel, route four. 20t2

FOR SALE—Stock, tools, feed, bees and honey. Small farm to rent, 40 or 50 acres grubbing to let. Would sell farm, good terms. J. S. Hutson, Merkel, Texas. 1tp

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Editor and General Manager
WILL ROGERS



Another "Bull" Durham advertisement by Will Rogers, Ziegfeld Follies and screen star, and leading American humorist. More coming. Watch for them.

I see where some of the Foreign Nations say they are going to FUND their debt to America, and all the Papers are all excited about it. But the BULL'S EYE is a Paper that never misleads our readers (either one of them). FUNDING a debt means about the same thing as having a fellow that has owed you for years, come to you and say "I am going to make arrangements to take up that loan I owe you just as soon as I can collect it from some fellows who owe me." So don't by any means get FUNDING mixed up with PAYING. The two have nothing in common. These Nations are just stalling until another War comes along and the first thing you know our debt will be four Wars behind. We have enough saved up to fight again, but they are using it now to enforce Prohibition.

Oh, yes, "BULL" DURHAM. I like to forget to mention that. Well, that is what the Foreign Nations are paying us in. "BULL" DURHAM without the DURHAM.

Will Rogers
P. S. There is going to be another piece in this paper soon. Look for it.



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SALT BRANCH ITEMS
By Wynona Patton

Singing Sunday afternoon was a great success.

There will be a box supper at the Salt Branch School house on Friday night.

Mr. S. W. Jones of Abilene was at Salt Branch Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wood of Abilene were visitors at Salt Branch Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Ira Stanley of Stith community was a visitor at Salt Branch Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford of the Stith community were visitors at Salt Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wood were visitors at Salt Branch Sunday afternoon.

Misses Ruth and Pauline Pinkley of A. C. C. spent the weekend with home folks and friends.

Mr. Austin Robertson and family were in Abilene Sunday.

Mr. Ollie Higgins and family were visitors in Abilene Sunday.

The Salt Branch School is progressing nicely. Don't forget the box supper. Everybody come.

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MISS GENEVE TIPTON

On the last day of October, 1925, Miss Geneve Tipton answered the call to go on into the great beyond. For 23 short years she had been the light and life of the home where sorrow had come once before. Just four years ago her father had been killed accidentally as he worked in the railroad yards in Wichita Falls. Since then she had meant more to her mother and her younger sister and brother.

At the age of 14 she had made a profession of faith in Jesus as her Saviour and joined the Clyde Baptist church, where her membership remained until she was called home. Though she had been quite sick and had submitted to an operation some two months earlier, she was thought to be improving and the attending physician had encouraged the family to expect a speedy recovery. But only a little before the end it developed that pneumonia had set up and the soul left the body behind and went on to be with Jesus.

The body was brought back to Merkel and from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. West, her uncle and aunt, the body was carried to the local cemetery where after an impressive service the mortal remains of the dear girl were tenderly laid to rest near the grave of her father.

Many sorrowing friends and relatives mingled their tears with the tears of the family and offered words of consolation to the brave little mother that found it so hard to be reconciled to this strange providence.

May the bereaved mother and the little brother and the lonely sister all have the consolation that Geneve has gone where sin and sorrow never can mar or hurt and where the good Lord tenderly watches over His redeemed till He brings them back on the resurrection morning to gather all His in one great company that shall never more be parted.
Ira L. Parrack.

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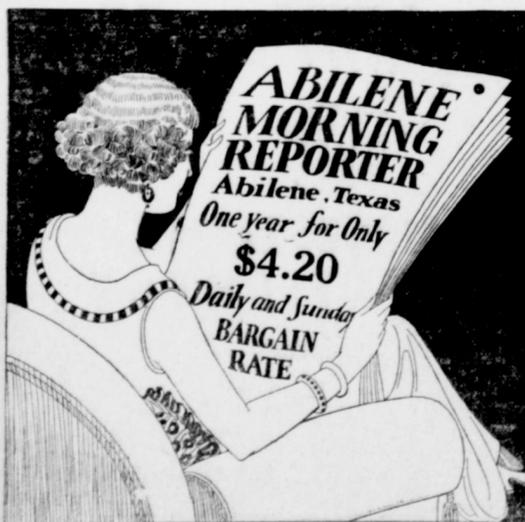
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WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY

COMPERE ITEMS
By Alma Stout

Singing was well attended at the Presbyterian church Sunday night and also a large crowd attended the Baptist church.

Health of the community is good at present.

Mr. Edd Spurgin is on the plains this week, helping to build a house.

Mrs. Weatherly and family from Clyde spent Saturday night with Mrs. Stout.

Some from here attended the carnival in Merkel last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Foster were in Merkel Wednesday night. Mrs. Foster received the news of the death of her eldest brother, who lived at Thornton, Texas, but was not able to attend the funeral.

Miss Lorene Stout spent Saturday night with Ollie Hobbs at Warren.

A few from here spent Sunday afternoon pecan hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Howard spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Tarvin.

Mr. Jack Lanier left Monday night for Dallas where he has accepted a position with the American Express Co.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Breeden died on last Monday. Burial took place in the Compere cemetery.

Some of the folks from here attended the carnival in Anson last Saturday.

Mrs. L. V. Spurgin had as her guest for a few days her cousin and his wife who passed by on their honeymoon and spent several days with Mrs. Spurgin.

Next Sunday is Bro. Bryant's day to preach at the Presbyterian church. Every one is cordially invited to come and hear him.

Baptist Sunday School Notes

ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?
Then renew that vow you made to God and your church—be in Sunday School Sunday morning. If you are unsaved we invite you to meet with us. The aim of the Sunday School is to help build strong Christians and to lead the lost to Christ. You are in one of the two classes. Today is your opportunity and mine. Let us not let indifference or petty things keep us away from the house of God, thereby robbing us of the many blessings that should be ours.

Our school is graded, our officers and teachers are consecrated Christians who desire to help you know God better thru the study of His word. We invite you to meet with us. Sunday School starts promptly at ten o'clock. We have arranged

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Reports Eskimos Dying Out
Dr. D. E. Scot, who recently returned from Edmonton, Alberta, after one year at Aklavik, in the delta of the Mackenzie river, predicted that not many years would elapse before the Eskimos would be exterminated by disease through adopting white men's ways of living. Eskimos and Indians of the delta are suffering from intestinal parasitic attacks, due to eating raw fish, rabbits and other meats, said the doctor, but these are not so serious a problem as cancer and appendicitis, which are becoming prevalent. Since the Eskimos have been living in cabins and shacks instead of snow houses, as in the old days, tuberculosis has ravaged them. Ninety per cent of the delta people had symptoms of tuberculosis, he asserted.

Noble Koreans Paupers
The Korean nobility, with the exception of a few propertied peers, is reported to be suffering from extreme poverty. Several of the nobles, who were once wealthy, are now working as cart pullers and performing other menial tasks as the only means of escaping starvation. At the time of the annexation of Korea to Japan, about sixty of the leading Koreans were created peers and received property from the Japanese government. Most of them ran through their property rapidly. Recently 30 of the impoverished Korean nobles sent a petition to the Japanese government asking for financial assistance.

Acquitted
Bill Austin, star clarinetist with the Eiks' orchestra at the Catalina (Cal.) convention, decided he'd take up the saxophone. He thought he was doing fine until some of the neighbors came in and protested.

"For heaven's sake stick to your clarinet; that sax is no good. They must have sold you a lemon!"

"That must be it!" exclaimed Bill.

"I thought it was my fault, but if the sax is a lemon, no wonder the notes are sour."

May "Fingerprint" Babies
An increase in the number of deserted babies in Ireland prompted the union commissioners to order that finger prints be taken of babies under three months of age who are discharged from the maternity hospital of Pelletstown. The action was inspired by a letter from Miss Duggan, a woman barrister, who pointed out that such a scheme would aid the police in discovering the mother or foster mother of a deserted child.

Greater Church Comfort
Some of the Lutheran churches of the country, in an effort to increase the summer attendance at church and Sabbath schools, are urging the adoption and installation of ice-cooled ventilation systems to compete with theaters which have adopted that modern comfort as a means of drawing the crowds.

WRITER NO FRIEND OF HOUSEHOLD PET

One Might Almost Think He Doesn't Like Cats.

Of all the impostors who sponge upon the kindness and forbearance of humanity, the cat is the only one that has no single redeeming feature, writes Nell Bell in the London Mail.

How long ago the cat came in from the wild to man's fireside no man may now even hazard a guess; but the only sure thing about that invasion is that the cat slunk in to serve its own selfish ends.

In the makeup of this sponging and hypocritical egoist is no particle of gratitude, of affection, of faithfulness, of pluck, or of honesty.

You may lavish love on one of these beasts, give it the best of fare, the easiest chair, the warmest corner of the hearth, put up with its contemptuous stare, its mincing gait and its evil temper for ten years; and then if you fall on hard times, this creature of mere appetite will leave you for the hand of any stranger that offers it food. Rats will indeed leave a sinking ship. The cat quits it at first sign of a leak.

The loving hand that has fed and cared for one of these cringing gluttons for a dozen years is no more sacred to it than the muzzle of a curious pup. It will turn and rend either with an equal abandon and zest at the slightest threat to its comfort.

The fact that cats were once worshipped in Egypt seems somehow to have become a racial memory with these animals. The haughty and insolent stare of a cat in possession of the best chair would provoke an angel to slaughter. A cat would not give up its seat to dying man; it would rob a sick child of its milk.

History is full of the noble deeds of dogs, of horses, of lions, of elephants—in fact, of most of the animals of the world. You may search the pages of history in vain for one instance of nobility, of faithfulness, or even affection to put to the credit of the cat.

George Wither, the Elizabethan poet, wrote "Hang sorrow; care will kill a cat." But, of course, the point is, as the genial Wither very well knew, cats don't care.

The really curious thing about the whole business is that people in their hearts are only too conscious of the cat's unloveableness; the most opprobrious thing one can say about another person, is, "What a cat!"

He Found the Other One

By ANNA S. WARNER

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I WASN'T pretty even as a child. But that was only one of my troubles. I had no mother and my father was desperately poor. He could have made more money but he was always working at his inventions.

I went to school in clothes that made me a laughing stock among my better cared-for playmates. Their jeers whipped any confidence I might have developed out of me. As I was passing through a door, my dress, forlorn enough at best, caught on a loose hinge and ripped widely apart. I shrank back against the wall, my eyes cast down, seeking to avoid the mocking faces.

Then suddenly I felt a warm arm thrown about my puny shoulders. "Margaret," said a sweet voice. "Let's leave this silly crowd and go over and get an ice cream cone."

In abashed wonder I looked up at my rescuer. She was Ainsley Struthers, the wealthiest girl in town.

School from that on became a different matter. My status as outcast remained unchanged but now I had a princess to adore. Later she left town to go away to a famous school but the glory of her lingered to brighten my days.

When I was eighteen a great change came into my life. One of my father's inventions became an enormous success. From the town's outcast I became its heiress. I traveled abroad for a year.

Then Ned came into my life. I know now—I even sensed it at one time but I blinded my eyes to the fact—that he wanted help from my father and found me the best approach. Inevitably I grew to love him.

I hardly know why he married me—even with my wealth.

However, our first years passed not unhappily. He was very good to me. And we had money to go everywhere and gratify all our whims. Of course this took us places where there were many women around us, soft in alluring charms. Sometimes a fear would stab me that he might be drawing comparisons. But I would banish it; change my dressmaker, and buy new furbelows.

The fourth winter began in the same groove. Then one afternoon Ned came home greatly upset. I needed no one to tell that something vital had happened. At first he evaded my questions then abruptly he broke out:

"Maids," calling me by the name that was his alone, "I believe you're big enough to let me tell you the truth. I want my freedom. I wouldn't ask it for myself alone but for her."

I stared stupidly at him. "Her?" I stammered.

"Yes, Maids. I had thought never to see her again. We met by chance today. She is poor—poverty poor. She needs me. She loves me. I never know that before. But it seems our love is too great for anything to come between, even you."

Blind fury was rising in my soul at this other one who dared try to snatch Ned from me. The husky! Poor was she? And wanting some of my money probably—and going after Ned now she thought he had it.

"Maids, if you could see her at that wretched lodging house on Elm and Tenth, she, the dainty one, your heart would bleed, too. She came into town only yesterday. She said she thought that perhaps, here, she might find someone who would give her work to earn a decent living. But I want to believe she hoped I was still living here. She didn't know I was married."

Oh, didn't she? I clenched my hands. How she deluded him! But he had played into my hands now. I knew where to find her. Once let me get her out of town—no matter what bribe she demanded—then I could find some new distraction for Ned. If I lacked money for all that, I could sell some shares. I'd help him, some way.

I contrived to evade answering him; I pleaded for time. And as soon as I could, without arousing his suspicions, I was on my way to find her. Of course, I did not know her name but I could track down all young ladies arriving yesterday at lodgings on that corner. There proved to be only one lodging and only one arrival. They said she was up in her room and gave me the number.

The door was not latched and swung inward at my rap. I saw, the other woman in Ned's life, beautiful for all her shabby dress, young for all her blue pinched face. But it was not until she looked up at me with her clear gray eyes, fringed with those great dark lashes, that I recognized Ainsley Struthers, the princess of my girlhood. With a choking cry I sank down beside her and flung my arms about her.

But even as I clasped her, realization came to me. Ainsley was the girl taking Ned from me. My arms loosened. I started to push her away. But I seemed to feel again a warm girlish arm encircling me and a sweet voice suggesting ice cream. Deep down in me I knew now that Ned's story was true. There could be no guide in her love for him. And she, yes, my princess of old was Ned's true mate. And so it must be. My arms again held her closely.

I travel now mostly. Changing scenes help to make time pass quickly. Lonely? No, I'm not lonely. They send me snapshots of the little one, my namesake, and the last had caught Ainsley's gay face, too. I have the knowledge to hug to my heart that my princess is happy. No, I'm not lonely.

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Mighty Minds Conceive

By JACK WOODFORD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Hot day," offered that official.

"Sure is!" agreed Mason.

"Not much doing," argued Waterbury desperately.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Methodist Womans Missionary Society Notes

We were agreeably surprised at the meeting on last Monday afternoon, to have as visitors Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Potts of Abilene. Mrs. Baker is our district secretary and Mrs. Potts is the conference director for the Belle Bennett Memorial Fund. We enjoyed very much the visit of these ladies. Visitors from other auxiliaries are always an encouragement to us to press on in the work. While Mrs. Baker was here she told us something of the District Meeting to be held in Abilene at First Church on December 8 and 9.

Mrs. Potts spoke to us in the interest of Belle Bennett memorial Fund. Our auxiliary has pledged our quota to this fund but as yet has raised very little of the money. But the Merkel Auxiliary never falls down on any of her pledges so we feel sure the money will be raised. On next Monday afternoon there will be a program from the mission voice. Let's have a good attendance.

Supt. Publicity. Program For Nov. 23rd.

1. Song: "True Hearted, Whole Hearted."

2. Bible Lesson: Luke 8:40-42

3. Prayer.

4. Missionary Motherhood, Mrs. Butman.

5. The world sisterhood of America, Mrs. Vaughn.

6. A message from a new America, Mrs. V. N. Ellis.

7. News from the Missionary Bulletin. Benediction.

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In speaking of the occasion, Mr. Johnson said: "I had no business in Merkel other than to visit my friends and to be here and congratulate the officers, shareholders and patrons of the bank which I helped Mr. J. T. Warren, Mr. G. F. West, Mr. Henry James, Mr. Ed S. Hughes and Mr. C. P. Warren to establish twenty-one years ago. It is one of the best equipped and strongest institutions in the country and I am glad to say that the good old policies of safe and sensible banking are being adhered to by Mr. L. R. Thompson, its executive officer and his associate officers.

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METHODIST BOARD DECLARES EFFORT MADE FOR SMITH

Washington, Nov. 16.—Construing the southern trip of Mayor elect Walker of New York as a move to obtain the support of that section for Governor Al Smith as a "proposed presidential candidate," the board of temperance, prohibition and public morals of the Methodist Episcopal church, views it as "astounding affront," and advises the south to "be on its guard."

Assailing Governor Smith and Tammany Hall in general, the board declared in a statement published today that "it was exceedingly doubtful if the democrats could carry a single southern state" under the Smith banner and it is not certain, it added, "if he could carry any state at all."

Attacking Mr. Walker's political record at all, the board declared the south would be interested to know of his "connection with New York odorous prize fighting game and with those elements in New York which are doing their best to murder American standards of morality."

The mayor elect, the board said, "need not be misled by a courteous hospitality not given Mr. McAdoo's southern delegates in New York," into believing that the south "will support the country's foremost political champion of the liquor interests."

"Let the south remember," it said, "the defiance of Tammany of the democratic decision rendered by the south, west and a large portion of the east that the liquor traffic should not be legalized and protected," and that "Gov. Al Smith and his friends were the first political group in America to introduce a religious issue into a convention of a political party."

"The effort to make it appear that Gov. Al Smith's opponents are prejudiced against his religion is as false now as it was then," the board said. "To a man they have more respect for a good Catholic than for a bad Protestant. But they will never accept as a president a man whose conduct of his office as governor promoted the effort to stabilize a condition of nullification in America's greatest state and incited ignorant and criminal people throughout the country to violation of the law."

WILL PREACH AT NORTH SIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

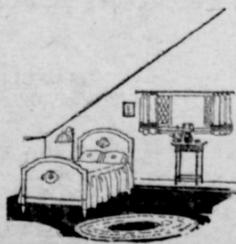
Eld. W. G. Cypert announces that he will preach at the North Side Church of Christ on next Sunday morning and evening. He cordially invites all who will to hear him at either or both of these services.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Leach visited the latter's parents at Roby last week.

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Christian Endeavor Program Thanksgiving meeting. Leader, Mildred Smith. Topic: "God's Bounties; how can we share them with others." Scripture Reading: Deut. 28:1-9; Matt. 25:34-40. Talk by leader. Song; Clippings; Questions. Song; Mispah.

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Farewell Party For Miss Ermalee Rea

On last Tuesday evening a number of girl friends gave a farewell party and handkerchief shower for Miss Ermalee Rea, who left Wednesday for her new home at Lockney, Texas. The party was given at the home of Miss Fannie Belle Boaz. The chief entertainment of the evening was candy making and writing about remembrances in Miss Rea's memory book. At the close of the party the guests together with the hostess went serenading. The following were in attendance. Ermalee Rea, honoree, Mrs. Boots Smith, Intha Bird, Margaret Eckerd, Gladys Acuff, Helen Booth, Fannie Belle Boaz, and Opal Patterson.

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