

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	13,890.00
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	159,454.66
Total	\$498,631.64
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits	7,228.08
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscouants	NONE
Other Borrowed money	NONE
DEPOSITS	416,403.56
Total	\$498,631.64

The Above statement is correct

R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier

Mesdames Booth and Collins BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS
Hostesses to T. E. L. Class

At the home of Mrs. R. A. Booth, with Mrs. Twyman Collins, assistant hostess, the T. E. L. Class of the Baptist church were delightfully entertained. A short devotional, followed by a business hour, in which a number of important matters were disposed of, and then the meeting was turned over to the hostesses. They passed papers with the word Hancock written on it, and asked each one to make new years resolutions, using the letters in her name. All Ice contest was had in which Mrs. Meador proved to know more about Ices' than the rest, and was rewarded a favor of two tea towels. The guests were then invited to the dining room, where each guest was told to fish in a fishing pond, that she would catch something but unless it was numbered she could not fish again. Several of the ladies taking their turn before Mrs. Hancock, then came her time. And after a number of packages were drawn all of which were numbered, to her surprise she began to realize a bountiful shower of gifts. A delicious refreshment plate of Waldorf salad, flakes, stuffed dates, and hot coffee were served. Those enjoying Mesdames Booth and Collins hospitality, were, Mesdames, Brown, Bland, Dye, Bearden, Rose, Hathaway, Meador, Scott, Largent, Hancock, Huddleston, Lassiter, and Miss Dovey Teaff.

PREBYTERIAN CHURCH

Grace Presbyterian church hopes to make 1923 the most successful year in its history. We count on the continued help and cooperation of every friend and member. Many good things are in store for us, one of which will be "Presbyterian Field Day Feb. 6 for Abilene Presbytery. We feel fortunate in having this great meeting in Merkel Rev. Chas. L. Overstreet of St. Louis will be one of the speakers. A secretary of the womens board of missions from New York city will be present; also a Board Representative from Philadelphia will be on the program; beside our local Texas workers. A definite program will be given later. The Vesper services last Sunday at 4 o'clock was well attended. A special program each Sunday afternoon. Sermon subject each Sunday—Jesus in the Present Day problems. Sunday, January 14 the subject will be, "The Problem of Lawlessness". Sunday school promptly at 10 o'clock. The new officer will have charge of Sunday school next Sunday. Our Sunday school under the leadership of Jas. H. West has grown into one of the most efficient in Abilene Presbytery, and we look forward to ward a great and continued growth under the leadership of H. C. West, our new Superintendent. Fred S. Rogers, Pastor

Intermedate League Program

Leader—Sallie Brown
Subject—The League Radio Station.
Scripture lesson—Prov. iv 5, 7.
Song; Song Announcements
The League Radio Station, by Emma Toombs
Radio messages from other Leagues—Orpha Patterson.
Song
Radio messages from the central office—Dorris Pike.
Radio messages from the Bible—W. L. Harkrider.
Radio messages from other lands—Lois Dixon.
Piano Solo by Mary Ellen Smith.
Song; Benediction.

B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject, Bible study lesson
Leader—Eura Bland
Bible readers Quiz, Valerie Dye
1. The Theme of the Letter, Maud Hardy
2. Salvation and thanksgiving, Loyd Hardy
3. Present situation and feelings—Ethel Wilson
4. Jesus our example, by Ruth Newberry
5. A study in profit and Loss by Ruth Boden
6. The Optimist, Mrs. Earp

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of First State Bank, Trent, Texas

at close of business on the 29th day of Dec. 1922, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 12th day of Jan. 1923.

RESOURCES	
Loans and dis. personal or collateral	\$ 72,893.88
Loans, real estate	4,125.00
Overdrafts	242.83
Bonds and Stocks	8,120.00
Real Estate (banking house)	7,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	2,125.00
Due from other banks and bankers and cash on hand	21,748.00
Interest in Dep. Gty. Fund	2,998.00
Assessment Dep. Gty. Fund	5,796.76
Total	\$135,139.20
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 30,000.00
Surplus Fund	1,513.90
Individual Deposits Sub.to Check	102,937.27
Time certificates of Deposit	600.00
Cashier's Checks	85.12
Total	\$135,136.20

State of Texas, County of Taylori
We, E. Higgins as president, and Homer Basterwood as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
E. Higgins, President
Homer Basterwood, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of Jan., A. D., 1923.
R. O. Anderson
Notary Public Taylor County, Texas.
Correct—Attest:
R. R. McRae Jr., Director
W. E. Hammar, Director

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS

Our Shareholders met Tuesday and elected the same directors and declared the usual dividend.

We have always been conservative and grow stronger with the years.

We wish to thank every patron of the bank for your fine loyalty and to solicit the accounts of those who wish to establish banking connections with a bank that has successfully rode every storm and is abundantly able to take care of your needs. Mail your money or checks and we will forward you a duplicate deposit slip by return mail.

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J. T. WARREN, Pres. L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier

DIRECTORS
J. T. Warren G. F. West Sam Butman, Sr.

Mr. John Elliott, formerly a citizen of Merkel, but now residing with his family in San Antonio, writes his old friend H. M. Rose, an interesting and long letter about New Years, and with the letter to his old friend, he incloses the price of the Merkel Mail, which Mr. Rose has turned over to us, and for which we are thankful.

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

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of extending thanks to all who helped in any manner to make the Banquet which the undersigned served to the Commercial and Agricultural Club on last Tuesday evening, a success. We thank all who attended same, and we also thank Mr. B. C. Gaither for the use of the building and Mr. C. K. Russell for his kindness in donating some hauling. We are very grateful to Mr. A. A. McGhee for donating the fine bread. The Primary Department of the Methodist Church.

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Foreign Advertising Representative THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

Is Merkel as a town going forward or backward? That is a question that should interest every business man and every property owner within her borders. Other towns of like size are forging ahead. They are building new homes, new business houses, and making many valuable and needed civic improvements. What is Merkel doing along this line?

It seems to be no secret that the business interests of Merkel did not get all the trade they were entitled to. Here is a reason. The business interests of Merkel should make an effort to stop every trade leak. Then the people of Merkel and surrounding country should cooperate with them in stopping these leaks. Let's have a better cooperation, a better understanding, and then all will be better off. Every dollar sent out of town for goods that can be bought here, means that such money will never return. It will never help build up Merkel. And every one knows that the better town Merkel is the better market will we have in which to sell what is raised in this community.

It is being said that each year the American people are becoming more selfish; that they live more and more for self. May this not be the case with the people of Merkel and vicinity during the New Year, 1923, just now beginning.

In 1920 the town of Slaton, according to government census had a population of 1564. Today, three years later a recent count shows a population of 3700. Last year 200 homes were built, \$85,000 was spent for water and sewer, \$60,000 for high school building, a new city hall, costing, \$25,000.

Friendship Club Notes

The Friendship Club met on Friday evening with Mrs. Mac Busbee. A business meeting was not called as every one was enjoying the social hour too much to think of business.

A portion of the evening was spent playing "42", then several contests were brought forth. Mrs. B. T. Sublett being the wisest and won the prize.

Members will be notified later where the club will hold its next meeting.

Piemento and cheese sandwiches were served with hot chocolate and cake. Plates were passed by Mrs. Busbee, hostess with Miss Ruby Fae Goladay, assisting.

Those present were: Mesdames, Earl Stanford, Golladay, B. T. Sublett, V. B. Sublett, Renfro, Miss Renna Burns. Visitors were Miss Bobbie Jones, Mrs. Earl Busbee.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

The Epworth League will give an interesting program on Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The 14th of January is known as "Epworth Era Day" and the Epworth Era Agent, Sie Hamm will be in charge. All visitors are invited and are welcome.

1. Leader—Sie Hamm.
2. Hymn—M. E. Hymnal no. 25.
3. Hymn—M. E. Hymnal No. 207.
4. Prayer by president, Miss Marie Williamson.
5. Scripture lesson, 2 Corinthians 3 1-4 by President.
6. Special, by Misses Collins and Bragg.
7. Talk by Era Agent.
8. Talk by assistant—Joe Rid enbauch.
9. 3 Minutes talk on "Why I read the Epworth Era"—
 - a. by President
 - b. by Supt. of 1st. Dept.
 - c. by Supt. of 3rd Dept.
 - d. by Treasurer
- 10 "Every Laguer a Living Letter"—Pastor M. C. Hays.
- 11 Taking subscriptions
12. Announcements; Benedict ion.

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FOR SALE—Remington Typewriter, in good condition. Model no. 7. Call at Merkel Mail office. 1t.

FOR SALE—Some good Maize at \$30.00 per ton. See H. R. Horton, seven miles north of Merkel. 1tp

FOR SALE—A wicker baby buggy and bassinet. Mrs. C. S. Higgins. 12t2pd.

WANTED

WANTED—10 to 100 bushels wheat. See C. M. Largent at once. 1t

LOST

LOST—Between Merkel and Goodman school house, disks of Oliver godevil. Finder please notify W. O. Dial, Rotan, Texas. 1t

See us for Coal and Feed. South Side. Phone 203. 1t.

Max Mellinger one of our local dry goods men returned on Wednesday from a business trip to Dallas.

FREE TUTION

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See us for Chicken Feed, South Side. Phone 203. 1t.

H. M. Rainbolt of this city is serving his country this week as foreman of the Taylor county grand jury. Mr. Rainbolt has served on many grand juries, and being a strict believer in enforcing the laws of the land makes a genuine good one.

Alathean Class Entertains

Mrs. Frank Hamm was hostess to the Alathean class of the Baptist church on Friday, Jan. 5, at her home on Oak street.

After a short business session, the class members spent a pleasant social hour together. Mrs. E. N. Brown was rewarded for her musical ability and Mrs. O. R. Bird proved herself to be the most skilled in "gum modeling."

Miss Ruby Hamm, assisted by Mrs. Frank McFarland, passed refreshment plates of fruit salad, wafers, olives, hot coffee and Eskimo pie. The guests then departed, assuring their hostess that they had never spent a more pleasant hour.

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.

J. G. Hale, local cotton buyer who for some time has been buying cotton at Tohoka, returned first of the week.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

Song; Prayer; Song
 1. Business and records
 2. Group in charge No 2
 Subject—John G Palom, Missionary to the new Hebrides.

1. Paton's boyhood—Winfred Hay.
2. School days—Gladys Hardy
3. Ten years of training, Nell Brown
4. Becoming a foreign missionary, Hellen Booth
5. The Island of Gama by Roy Giles
6. The natives—Durwood Owens.
7. The natives homes, Helen Booth
8. Digging the Well—Winfred Hay
9. An open revival discussion
- 10 Leaders 10 minutes
- 11 Song

Mrs. R. O. Anderson was called to Haskell one day last week by a message stating that her sister, Mrs. Hunt, of that city had sustained severe burns, which we understand were very painful and serious. Mrs. Anderson returned to her home here first of the week.

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We refrain from statements which, through ambiguity or incompleteness, we are liable to mislead the public.

We use every possible means, not only in our own individual advertising, but by the association and co-operation, to increase the public's confidence in advertised statements.

We are pledged, positively and unequivocally to

Truth in Advertising

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES GO.

Texas & Pacific Railway Establishes Record for Prompt Payment of Claims

The Management of the Texas & Pacific Railway is constantly striving to bring every Department of the service to a higher state of efficiency—and in no branch has greater improvement been shown than in the proper handling of freight and the prompt payment of claims; improved service and closer co-operation between the shipping public and the railway, having during these past two years reduced loss and damage to freight handled by the Texas & Pacific MORE THAN SIXTY-FIVE PER CENT!

Such condition is beneficial both to the railway and the shipper. Money, even when the full amount of claim is paid, doesn't compensate the claimant. The overwhelming majority of business men want service, not claims; they are as anxious to avoid claims as is the railroad.

The way to avoid claims is to prepare freight properly for shipment, then handle it properly and promptly. That this fact has been recognized, and an earnest effort made by both shippers and railway officials and employees to meet the situation is evidenced by figures submitted below.

In the Texas & Pacific organization, the study of claim causes, and the application of preventive measures, has been entrusted to the Service Department, working in close co-operation with the Claim Department. This Department has received most effective support from the shipping public, who have responded whole-heartedly to its appeal that greater care be exercised in the preparation of shipments for transportation. That the united efforts of the railway and the shippers are bearing fruit is evidenced in a most striking way by the following table, covering the years 1920, 1921 and 1922:

Year	Number of Claims	Amount Involved
1920	47,456	\$1,147,929.98
1921	36,540	930,786.42
1922	19,997	384,475.41

During the year 1922 approximately 93 per cent of the loss and damage claims presented were disposed of within 90 days from filing, 79 per cent of them being disposed of within less than thirty days.

The Service and Claim Departments of this railway are well organized to handle individual complaints promptly, and constructive criticism, with suggestions looking to an improvement in our service, will be appreciated.

J. L. LANCASTER and C. L. WALLACE,
 Receivers, Texas & Pacific Railway.



WEARING 'EM ALL WINTER?

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MERKEL, TEXAS
"THE PLACE MOST PEOPLE TRADE"

Mr. Ferrier, while at work on a cistern on the J. C. Mason farm south of Merkel, sustained a broken rib and other bruises when he fell on some rocks in the cistern. However it is thought that his injury is only temporary.

E. C. Spurgin reports that he recently finished building a nice, modern new home for Mr. A. B. Cranston north of Stith, and two splendid tenant houses for Mr. W. R. Cranston in the same community.

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75 ATTEND BIG BANQUET HERE LAST TUESDAY

Mr. Thompson, Merkel would make other West Texas towns sit up and take notice. "No matter how heavy the tax might be I'm for everything that will make Merkel a better town. During this new year I want to urge every business man in Merkel to become a member of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. Before this year passes I want to see the stock pens here in the heart of the city removed and in its place a beautiful T. & P. Park established.

"I want to state to you people that C. M. Largent, with his herd of Hereford Cattle has done more to put Merkel and West Texas on the map than any man in West Texas."

Porter A. Whaley Speaks
The feature address of the evening was delivered by Porter A. Whaley of Stamford, General manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. Declaring that he was always glad to meet with a group of forward looking people, Mr. Whaley expressed his appreciation of being connected with an organization which has watched with interest the growing spirit and optimism, enthusiasm and a desire to serve which spirit is manifest through out West Texas today.

Mr. Whaley spoke on the value of a Chamber of Commerce to a town, emphasizing the fact that such an organization makes a town want things worthwhile. "The Chamber of Commerce ought to have the machinery, the confidence and the finances to secure the things that the people want for their town. The Chamber of Commerce is a kind of an emergency organization to step in and put big things over for the betterment of a town.

"Some people get the idea that they don't owe anything to the community in which they live, and yet they go right ahead using your schools, church

es, streets and enjoy reading the local paper and sit back and won't even sign any kind of a subscription list because they think it is below their dignity. I want to tell you that the town that never has a subscription list is a dead town. The man who won't sign a subscription list will not make good as a church member. He will not make good as a lodge member and he is no good as a neighbor and no good to his town.

Progressive Towns
"I want to tell you people that it is awful hard to find a town in West Texas of a thousand people that has not paved its main streets, that has not a sewer system and that has not at least the beginnings of a great white way. Every town ought to have a community play ground and the ministers of the city ought to do more to direct the playful activities of the children."

Mr. Whaley emphasized the importance of a luncheon club and the part that such organizations are playing in the betterment of West Texas towns. Speaking on the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Whaley stated that there were 281 towns affiliated with the organization and that in these towns there were more than 6000 members, which makes the West Texas Chamber of Commerce the second largest organization of its kind in the United States from the standpoint of members. Last year the West Texas Chamber of Commerce received from its members \$65,000 to spend for the betterment of West Texas.

In referring to the publicity department of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Whaley stated that some people don't believe in publicity. "Why write yourself down as such an ignoramus? queried the speaker. "How far would we have gotten with out publicity during the war in selling Liberty Bonds and carrying out other tasks? The best asset to any town ought to be a good

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Thanks To Our Patrons

We wish to again thank our customers and friends for the very liberal patronage extended us during the last year. We appreciate it all. Yes and we appreciate the way you are yet standing by us. And let us say further, that we shall be glad to do all in our power during the fine new year, just now beginning, to give you even better service during same. That shall be our constant aim and thought.

We do not belong to any Big Corporation, and we do not care to sell out to any one, or even take in a partner.

Again, all our Gasoline is bought right here in Merkel, through the local dealers and which are known as that Good Gulf and Magnolia Gasoline" none better. And, yes all our work is guaranteed to be satisfactory. We make every transaction with us satisfactory to our customer. Again we thank you for all past favors and business extended us.

Woodrum & McFarland Garage

newspaper. If your newspaper is not as good as you think it should be—advertising in it more and it will help you and also help make a better paper."

In referring to the legislative action that the West Texas Chamber of Commerce is taking in seeking to create a bill for the establishment of a West Texas State College, Mr. Whaley said, "This year we hope to see this bill passed and we are asking that an initial appropriation of \$1,000,000 be granted. And if it was not for fear of being skinned alive by the Abilene Reporter correspondent who is taking down my speech I would state that after being in Merkel a while that Merkel is the logical place for the West Texas State College. Get into the fight and whether you win or not it will do you good."

B. F. Bennett, of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, also spoke at the banquet and reviewed the scope of his work stating that West Texas is today thinking bigger thoughts and doing bigger things than ever before.

We understand that Owen Ellis, who for the past year has been connected with the Citizens National Bank of Abilene, will soon return to Merkel where he has accepted a position with the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of this city as Teller. He is a fine young man and a capable young banker.

Mrs. C. F. Long of Abilene spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Smith of Haskell, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Buford first of this week.

Car of Choice Brookston Hay, just arrived at G. M. Sharp's Grocery. 12t2

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