

Condensed Statement of

THE FARMERS STATE BANK
Merkel, Texas

Close of Business September 28, 1925

RESOURCES

Table with 2 columns: Resource Name, Amount. Includes Loans and Discounts, Overdrafts, Banking House, Furniture & Fixtures, etc.

LIABILITIES

Table with 2 columns: Liability Name, Amount. Includes Capital Stock, Surplus and Profits, Rediscounts, DEPOSITS, etc.

FARMERS STATE BANK

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OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. S. Swann, President J. C. Mason, Vice-President R. O. Anderson, Active Vice-Pres, W. L. Diltz Jr., Cashier Herbert Patterson, Assistant-Cashier. David Hendricks

LOCAL TEAM WINS FROM ROBY HIGH

In a scheduled game held over from Friday on account of muddy field, the Merkel High School "Badgers" defeated the Roby High School "Yellowjackets" by a score of 17 to 0, last Saturday on an improvised gridiron made necessary because of the High School gridiron being too muddy to play on.

Merkel opened the game with all first string men except V. Chaney, who was out of the backfield on account of minor injuries. The first quarter was scoreless. In the second quarter Tittle carried the ball over for a touchdown after Acuff, Chaney, Adams and Rogers had all taken part in advancing the ball within a few yards of the goal line. Tittle kicked goal. Roby resorted to aerial methods early in the game when they were unable to make gains through the line, however only two passes were completed. The most sensational play of the game came just before the end of the first half when L. Chaney ran 45 yards and was downed within 3 yards of the goal line, the half ending before a touchdown could be pushed over. Tittle kicked a field goal in the third quarter from the 35-yd line, adding 3 points. Rogers scored a touchdown in the final quarter after Tittle, Daniels, Toombs Chaney, Adams and Polly helped to place the ball on the 2-yd line. Tittle kicked goal again.

Acuff was taken out at the end of the first half with a fractured rib and Rogers sustained a sprained ankle when he went over for a touchdown in the fourth period. Coach Jackson had nearly all second string men playing in the last quarter. The forward wall is due much credit for their brilliant defensive playing and opened holes for their fellow players to make good gains. Roby made only two first downs. The Roby center was easily the outstanding defensive man of the team. Roby's coach places the average of his team at 159 lbs. Merkel averages 156. Merkel remains undefeated by a Class B contender. Officials were: Camp, Sim-

mons, Referee; Stevens, A.C.C., Umpire; Lankford, Trinity, Head lineman.

LADIES NIGHT DRAWS A BIG CROWD TO LUNCHEON

(Continued from Page 1) account of the splendid achievements of the Club's work in the past, turned the meeting over to the President, Mr. L. R. Thompson, who called for reports of committees, etc. At this time Dr. M. Armstrong, a member of the Good Roads committee, gave a very brief but interesting report of the many miles of fine roads that have been put up through the efforts of the Club and this splendid road committee. Regarding the Dora road and especially the big Dora hill, Dr. Armstrong reported that the road committee had raised \$500 and that the county through our very able and progressive County Commissioner, Mr. Phillip A. Diltz, had put up another \$500 and they, together, employed Mr. Frazier to supervise the work on the Dora Hill and the road this side. Mr. Frazier has made a fine road up the hill and for two miles this side, spending only \$660.00 of the \$1,000. Yet many people said that it would take even thousands of dollars to put the hill in good passing condition, while for this amount a road was made that a good car can pull in high.

In closing the meeting President Thompson thanked the ladies for their presence and urged that a "Ladies Auxiliary" be organized in conjunction with the Luncheon Club. He also stated that he was proud of the support the membership had given the club in its effort to improve our town and community, and pledged his best efforts to carry on the good work.

In his desire to gain an expression of the character of improvements that should be taken up next, Toastmaster West had placed at the bottom of the printed programs three blank lines, upon which he asked all present to write their first, second and third desired improvement they wished to see the Club take up next, which were as follows:

27 voted paving, 17 voted for public auditorium, 6 for Ladies Rest Room, a park, better side-

Statement of Condition THE OLD RELIABLE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK Merkel, Texas

Close of business September 28, 1925

RESOURCES

Table with 2 columns: Resource Name, Amount. Includes Loans, Time and Demand, Bills of Exchange, Cotton, etc.

CASH, SIGHT EXCHANGE AND U. S. BONDS

Total \$549,036.02

LIABILITIES

Table with 2 columns: Liability Name, Amount. Includes Capital Stock, Surplus and Undivided Profits, etc.

Total \$549,036.02

IN THE ABOVE STATEMENT ALL BONDS ARE OWNED BY THE BANK.

THE OLD RELIABLE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

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SEE T. & P. RAILWAY AGENT FOR INFORMATION Geo. D. Hunter, General Passenger Agent Dallas, Texas

NO. 7481 Report of the Condition of THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK AT MERKEL

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on Sept. 28, 1925

RESOURCES

Table with 2 columns: Resource Name, Amount. Includes Loans and Discounts, Customers' liability account, Total loans, etc.

LIABILITIES

Table with 2 columns: Liability Name, Amount. Includes Capital stock paid in, Surplus Fund, Undivided profits, etc.

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 10th day of Oct., 1925. Correct—Attest:—G. F. WEST, J. T. WARREN, SAM BUTMAN Directors.

walks. 11 for securing natural gas for our city. Removal of the stock pens from the center of town received several votes.

Mr. Max Mellinger left Wednesday for Dallas, where he went to make additional purchases of fall and winter goods for his store.

APPLE NOTICE

For the next two days, in order to make room for our new car of apples, we will sell these splendid Arkansas Apples at only \$1.50 per bushel. Remember, Friday and Saturday. Dean & Hughes. Itp Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

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Baptist Announcements

Sunday School 10 a.m. with places for all who will come. Attendance was gratifying last Sunday in spite of mud and threatening weather. Come find a place in Sunday school and fill it every Sunday morning.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Morning subject: "Revealing Jesus to the World." Evening subject: "The Faith of Caleb."

All B.Y.P.U.'s will meet at 6 p.m. with the newly elected director in charge. Let's greet him with a full attendance.

Counsel meeting and training class Monday 7 p.m.

Ladies meeting Tuesday 3 p.m. Prayermeeting Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The ladies of the T.E.L. Class are boosting for prayermeeting this month and are giving some special numbers in connection with each Wednesday night service. In spite of it being a busy month and in spite of inclement weather and counter attractions the attendance is doing remarkably well. A railroad man who chanced to be in town Wednesday night and came to the prayermeeting said it was the best attended prayermeeting he had found since he left home in San Antonio.

Choir practice following the prayermeeting.

We are starting on a new associational year. Let's make it the best year in the history of our church. Every one in their place round about the camp will do it. Ira L. Parrack, pastor

Dramatic Club Notes

The Dramatic Club held its first meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 1925. All knew that 13 was considered an unlucky date to start anything, but we are going to make this the luckiest year that the Dramatic Club has ever experienced.

The following officers were elected: President, Tommie Durham; Vice-president, Gladys Deutschman; Secretary, Flora Frances Anderson; Reporter; Stell Ledger.

We decided to meet every first Thursday of every month. After the business was discussed, "Jo-Boy" candy bars were served to the following: Miss Lucy Tracy, Berdelle Adcock, Gladys Watts, Deshazo Simpson, Elizabeth Harkrider, Tommie Durham, Irene Perry, Gladys Deutschman, Flora Frances Anderson and Stell Ledger.

Reporter.

Mr. E. F. Vantrees, one of the successful and hustling farmers of the Sand Burr community, was here last Saturday and reported his crops as being especially good. He said he had already picked and turned over to the Farm Bureau 19 bales of cotton. He stated also that he would make ample feed stuff to run him another year, with some to sell. He is an enthusiastic member of and believer in the success of the Farm Bureau Cotton Association.

NOTICE FARMERS

By November 1, we expect to have installed one of the best Disc Plow Sharpeners in the world. Bring us your Disc Plows and have them sharpened and ready for use. Stephens & King. 913

* UNION RIDGE ITEMS *

Health of this community is very good at present.

Mr. Clifford Garner, who has been ill of Typhoid fever, is able to sit up.

Bro. Williams preached at this place Sunday morning.

The young people of this community enjoyed a party at the home of Miss Mary Doan Saturday night.

Miss Thelma McAninch visited Miss Ruby Skidmore Sunday. Miss Eva Horton also visited Misses Pearl and Jewel Skidmore Sunday.

Mr. Leonard Morrison and family, Miss Gilbreath of Merkel, were visitors in the Garner home Sunday.

Mr. Charlie West and wife of Merkel visited Mr. J. H. Clark and family Sunday evening.

Mr. O. R. Douglass and wife spent Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives of Baird.

Mr. Harry Barnett and family of Merkel, Mr. Joe Suggs, wife and baby of Abilene, spent Sunday with Mrs. H. C. Barnett and children.

Miss Gypsy Eason spent Sunday with Miss Moneta Adcock of Merkel.

Stith B. Y. P. U. Program

Program for the Intermediate B.Y.P.U. of Stith, Oct. 18, 1925. Group II in charge.

Subject: "Where you want me to Go."

Leader, Leon McDonald.

1. The Big Question, Marjorie Bradley.

2. A Loud Call, Bernice Williams

3. A call to a Hard Field, Charlie Munley.

4. A call to many forms of service, Erma Mae Bridges.

5. Let service be the motive, Forest Bridges.

6. Are we willing? Leon McDonald.

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Junior League Program

Bible Marys and Marys of later times.

Leader, Thelma Leach.

Song: Lord's Prayer in concert

Scripture: Luke 9:13-15, Billie Lloyd Smith.

Luke 15:11-15, Jim Chaney. Song.

Mary, the Mther of Jesus, Imogene Middleton.

Mary of Bethany, Florene Rider.

Mary Magdolene, Duncan Briggs. Mary Slessor, Christine Rister.

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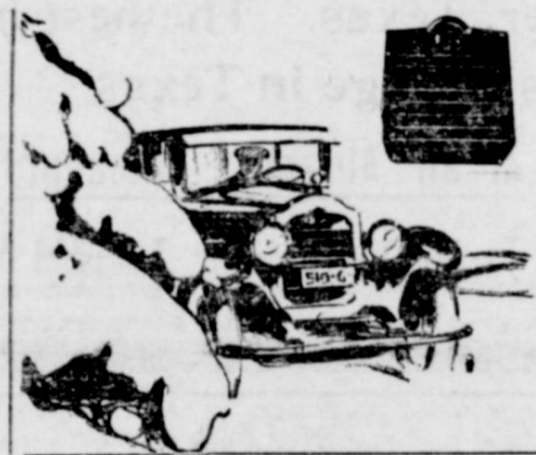
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We are expecting a shortage of twine again this year. We are booking twine now that we are expecting this week. If you need any we will be glad to book you for the amount you need.

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The long tongue "tattler" is a hideous and vulgar monster in any community, and should be shunned by all good citizens as if a poisonous viper.

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A CLEAN SHOW

The Ray Howell Players, under canvas, are playing a week's engagement here, coming under the auspices of the Merkel Fire Boys.

They are enjoying a capacity house almost every night, and in turn are giving their patrons a clean, high class performance. The management as well as the entire company are very courteous and genteel, making friends wherever they go. It is undoubtedly the best tent show that ever appeared in Merkel.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

Our good friend and most excellent citizen, Mr. T. H. Spears, of the Blair community, was in the city Wednesday and while here dropped in to this office. He reports having gathered 7 or 8 bales and expects to get about that many more, several more than he expected at the beginning of the season. He also believes he will make ample feed for his use next year. Mr. Spears has our thanks for the renewal of a subscription to the Mail which he is sending to his brother-in-law, Mr. W. Z. Littleton, in Alabama. He says he would like to see his brother-in-law move to this country, and after a visit here last summer Mr. Littleton stated that he would like to come here, but would possibly suffer too great a sacrifice in disposing of the large amount of property he has there. However, we told Mr. Spears that if he would keep his brother-in-law reading the Mail he would eventually decide to come to this country.

**WHAT MY NEIGHBOR SAYS
Is of Interest to Merkel Folks**

When one has had the misfortune to suffer from backache, headaches, dizziness, urinary disorders, and other kidney ills—and has found relief from all this sickness and suffering, that person's advice is of untold value to friends and neighbors. The following case is only one of many thousands, but it is that of a Merkel resident. Who could ask for a better example?

Mrs. E. E. Leslie says: "I had dull pains through my kidneys. Terrible headaches made me nervous, too. If I bent over, I got so dizzy, everything turned black. My kidneys acted too freely. I used Doan's Pills from Sanders' Drug Store and three boxes cured me." (Statement given May 5, 1919.

On May 6, 1925, Mrs. Leslie said: "Doan's Pills made a lasting cure."

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At The Methodist Church

We had a good day last Sunday. We are expecting a better day next Sunday. Why not emulate Christ's example and go to church, not only next Sunday, but every Sunday. Bring your children and place them in Sunday School. Learn what the Bible teaches about your relation to others. It will mean a happier household and a pleasanter life.

The people of the community who make the greatest contribution to the culture of the community go to church.

Sunday school at 9:45 and preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. You will find a welcome.

T. J. Rea, Pastor.

**Spanish-American War "Vets"
Have Day at Dallas Fair**

The Mail is informed that on next Sunday, October 18, the Spanish-American War Veterans will have the Day at the Dallas Fair, and that many Veterans of this community plan to leave Merkel Saturday to attend the Fair on that day, where they hope and expect to meet many of their old friends and comrades.

Announcement

The ladies of the First Baptist church are having an all-day sewing for Buckner Orphans Home Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the church. All ladies of the church are urged to be present and bring your material. Also all other ladies who wish to come, are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither and baby, of San Angelo, were over last Sunday and Monday mixing with old friends and visiting the former's father, Mr. B. C. Gaither.

Mayor and Mrs. N. D. Cobb are in Dallas this week visiting their daughter, Mrs. Coker, and attending the State Fair.

**DAILY TIME-CARD FOR
STATE FAIR AT DALLAS**

Schedule for Various Attractions is
Announced for Thirty-Ninth
Annual Fair.

Announcement of the time at which various attractions at the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25, will be offered, has been made in the following form by the State Fair management:

New Auditorium—every night, 8 o'clock, with matinees at 2:30 p. m., Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. "The Student Prince," magnificent Shubert Broadway musical success with the original company of more than 100.

Clarence Eddy, dean of American organists, in daily organ recitals, 11 to 12 noon, on the magnificent new \$50,000 auditorium organ—dedication recital 2 p. m., Saturday, Oct. 10.

Grandstand—Saturday, Oct. 10, to Saturday, Oct. 17: Five running races daily, with three big stake events, beginning at 2 p. m. Twenty sensational circus and hippodrome acts offered between the races.

Every evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, the magnificent fireworks spectacle, "Rome Under Nero," preceded by the circus and hippodrome acts.

Sunday, Oct. 18, to Sunday, Oct. 25, inclusive: State Fair "Old West Rodeo," beginning at 2 p. m.; famous stars of the arena—cowboys and cowgirls—in sports of the range and rancho.

Athletic stadium, football schedule: Saturday, Oct. 10, A. & M. vs. Sewanee.

Tuesday, Oct. 13, Baylor vs. T. C. U.

Friday, Oct. 16, North Dallas High vs. Highland Park High.

Saturday, Oct. 17, University of Texas vs. Auburn (afternoon); All-College contest by electric light at night.

Tuesday, Oct. 19, Wylie vs. Coyle, Okla. (negro collegiate teams in conference contest).

Friday, Oct. 23, R. O. T. C. competitive drills.

Saturday, Oct. 24, S. M. U. vs. Oklahoma University.

Live Stock Arena—Oct. 20-21, Annual State Fair Horse Show, with two polo games in race track infield.

Poultry Building—Oct. 10-19, Annual State Fair Poultry Show; hundreds of registered fowls on exhibition and in competition.

Oct. 23, 24, 25, State Fair Kennel Show, under direction of Texas Kennel Club—"five point" competition with dogs of highest degree and most varied breeds on display and in competition.

Exhibits.—Texas State Manufacturers' Association "Action Displays" and State Fair Automobile Show in Automobile and Manufacturers' Building; Magnificent Agricultural Show in Agricultural Building, with competition between more than fifty counties in county displays; "Spanish Village," main exhibit hall; Fine Arts show and exposition of women's handwork in Art Building; Implement Displays on Implement Row; varied exhibits on Grandstand drive—all open daily, 8 a. m. to 9 p. m.

**MANY SPECIAL DAYS AT
STATE FAIR THIS YEAR**

At the State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Oct. 10-25, there will be, apparently, a special day for almost every known interest, and the expectation is that each will show a large gathering. The list of such special days, as announced by the Fair Association, shows the following:

Saturday, Oct. 10.—A. & M. Day; Sewanee Day; Auditorium Day.

Sunday, Oct. 11.—International Day.

Monday, Oct. 12.—Press Day; Georgia Day; Texas Manufacturers' and Wholesale Merchants' Day.

Tuesday, Oct. 13.—Harrison County Day; Elks Day; Baylor and T. C. U. Day; Dallas and Dallas County Day.

Wednesday, Oct. 14.—Farm Bureau Day; Swine Breeders' Day; Mozart Club Day.

Thursday, Oct. 15.—Poultrymen's Day; Texas Jersey Cattle Club Day; Collin County Pure Bred Live Stock Day.

Friday, Oct. 16.—Franklin County Day; Texas Welfare Association Day; Texas League of American Pen Women's Day; Children's Day; Kidd-Key Day.

Saturday, Oct. 17.—Traveling Men's Day; Texas Commercial Executives' Day; "S.Y." Club Day; University of Texas and Auburn Day; All-College Day.

Sunday, Oct. 18.—Tyler Day; Spanish War Veterans Day.

Monday, Oct. 19.—G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps Day; Texas Ginners Day; Texas Congress of Mothers Day.

Tuesday, Oct. 20.—Gregg County Day; Confederate Day; Holstein Breeders' Day.

Wednesday, Oct. 21.—Texas League of Municipalities Day.

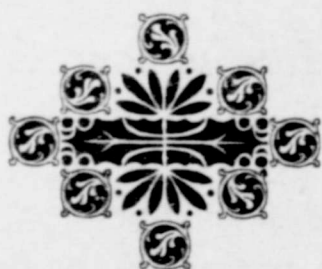
Thursday, Oct. 22.—Parker County Day; Clarendon Day.

Friday, Oct. 23.—R. O. T. C. Day; Indiana Day; Lions Day; Life Insurance Day.

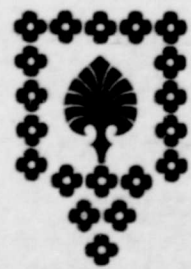
Saturday, Oct. 24.—S. M. U. Day; Oklahoma Day.

Sunday, Oct. 25.—Closing Day.

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HOME STATE BANK, at TRENT, TEXAS,

at the close of business on the 28th day of September, 1925, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 16th day of October, 1925.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security	\$127,711.83
Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon	611.00
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	155.12
Bonds, stocks and other securities	125.00
Real Estate (Banking House)	4,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,600.00
Cash on hand	4,942.76
Due from approved reserve agents	39,014.63
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	3,932.36
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,156.16
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange, undoubtedly good	26,931.92
TOTAL	\$211,680.78

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Other Surplus Fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, net	10,030.11
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check	434.53
Individual deposits subject to check on which no interest is paid	162,950.54
Individual deposits on which interest is paid or contracted to be paid	8,009.60
Public Funds on Deposit (School \$256.00) total	256.00
TOTAL	\$211,680.78

STATE OF TEXAS)
County of Taylor) We, J. T. Warren, as President,
and L. E. Adrian, 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.
J. T. Warren, President.
L. E. Adrian, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of October, A.D. 1925. (Seal) L. R. Thompson.

Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.
CORRECT—ATTEST: T. L. Stevens, A. Williamson, H. W. Beckham, Directors.

COZY THEATRE

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, Oct. 16-17

William Fox Presents
TOM MIX and TONY The Wonder Horse

—in—
"RIDERS OF THE PURPLE SAGE"

Based on ZANE GREY'S Greatest Novel

—With—

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Starring Lige Conley

MONDAY and TUESDAY, Oct. 19 and 20

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Present

"THOMAS MEIGHAN"

—in—

"THE MAN WHO FOUND HIMSELF"

A Paramount Picture

Universal Comedy—"NEARLY RICH"

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Also Paramount Comedy—"HOT SHEIKS"

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, Oct. 21-22

William Fox Presents

Lincoln J. Carter's 1925 High Speed Melodrama

"THE CYCLONE RIDER"

A Thomas Buckingham Production

—Also—

E. W. Hammons Presents

"EARTH'S ODDITIES"

Lyman H. Howe's Hodge Podge

WATCH FOR "THE TEN COMMANDMENTS"

The Best Motion Picture Production of the Year Will
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"BADGERS" MEET THE ABILENE EAGLES

(Continued From Page 1)

to learn something about the game and to make a little money and you will not come out to see us lose. We play easy teams for practice and you refuse to pay admission. What do you expect of a team? What do you want for a quarter? What I have to say that might be of myself I hope you will pardon; it is only that I want you to see the team is depending on you for its life and existence.

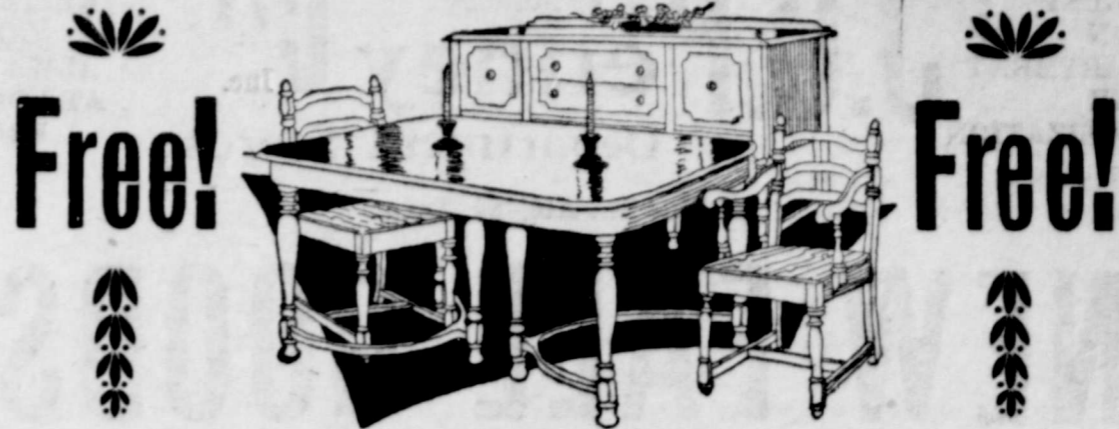
I am pleased with the local support of our few loyal fans. They stay behind us. We only wish we had more.

Let me say just a thing or two more, and I mean no slam at any one or any bunch of men. We have needed some work done on our school grounds. We need a street or two permanently closed, not only for athletics, but for the safety of the small children at school. We need a good playing field, walled in. We need the cooperation of the Luncheon Club and other organizations in town. Have we been the recipients of anything done by them? Has the city taken any steps to close any streets for our benefit? Have we had a chance to bring these things before the one forward marching organization in our town. No! I have asked Toastmasters to let me bring these things up; I've had others promise to bring these things up, but who has been left waiting? I am blind I suppose, to the things I've seen put over on me. And the reason: I think of it as I do is that I've put myself in the place of the boys on the team. Things I have told them the people promised to do we have seen neglected and the "joke"—if you look at it that way—has been on me. If I were not in love with boys and the job of trying to make good citizens of them, do you suppose I would be here. Again I say, don't think it is for Jackson; he only wants it for your boys and girls. Think it over.

We have six games at home yet. One next Tuesday with our rival Clyde. We should close up and go out to the game and see that every one else goes and BUYS A TICKET. We don't want any donations; we don't ask for that. Legitimate ticket sales is all we want. We are to pay them \$50.00 to come here which is to cover their expenses. Then we pay the officials, which will make our expenses around \$75.00 in all, counting incidentals. We should take in over \$200 to come out with our ratio on what we owe. The next Friday Oct. 23, we play Ballinger here, and should do even better on that game. But if we don't come out better on these games than we did on Roby in a financial way, our at home games will be CANCELLED, and we will be forced to play other teams away from home, which will mean we will be thrown out of the League running. But League or no League, we have to raise the money to pay our debts.

I know Merkel is different from any other town in the world. She is too busy for things like that—we have so many eagles to squeeze that an hour or two would simply ruin us if we left our places of business to go see a game—but other towns in this cotton country can do it. Some towns can close up during a fair to see their High School team play when they are even losing games, but we can't. Colorado closes up every Friday they have a game at home. Yet the business men don't all go "broke." The "trade" stays in town and is carried on before or after the game. Anson does the same, and others. They are proud of their boys and rightly so.

This one and I'm through. How many of Merkel's folks go to the tent show each night? Where does the money go? Which is the better for your boys to see? Which will build better moral, physical and mental men—and girls? Which is real and which artificial living?



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I'm not knocking the show that is in town; I'm just calling your attention to the fact that people will go there and spend three times as much as they will to see a football game, and be tickled silly to do it.

I guess I've bored you with enough of my grouch, so I'll leave it up to you to think over. I like Merkel and I want you to like me, so let's be friends.

I. L. JACKSON, Coach.

WARREN NOTES
By Miss Vera Jones

The farmers are getting out lots of cotton now, but the rain stopped them.

Miss McDonal has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Gressett, the past month.

Mrs. Chancey visited her son, Mr. Willie Chancey, Sunday.

Mr. Calaway Chancey visited Mr. Will Sumpter Sunday.

Miss Artie McCormick visited Miss Lottie Gressett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick visited his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. McCormick of the Stith community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris Sunday.

Mr. Herbert and Stella Kelsie are spending the week with Mr. C. T. McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris spent the day Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jaynes.

Miss Willie Ellington spent the week-end with home folks and friends.

Miss Willie Newman spent Saturday afternoon with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson.

Little Delma Harris has been seriously ill from the effect of kerosene which he swallowed, but he is improving nicely.

Salt Branch B. Y. P. U.

Subject: "The Church; God's Witness."

Leader: Mr. J. C. Petty.

Introduction by Leader.

Part 1, Mrs. Mae Robertson.

Part 2, Mr. Burl Wheeler.

Part 3, Miss Obara Outlaw.

Part 4, Mrs. Wilma Robertson.

Part 5, Miss Bertha Price.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Winter and children are here this week for a visit with home folks and friends from O'Donnell.

Mr. H. L. Propst of the Merkel Garage returned Wednesday from a business trip to Menard, Texas.

Box Supper at Blair

The Mail is requested to announce that on October 24th, Saturday night, there will be a box supper at Blair for the purpose of raising funds for the Methodist church of that place, which will be used to take the place of the money raised some time ago to help build the new church, but was stolen when thieves blew open a safe in a store there, in which the church money had been placed. This is a worthy cause and will no doubt meet with a liberal response from the citizenship of the community.

Miss Velma Holloway, who is attending A. C. C. at Abilene, visited home folks and friends here the past week-end.

Christian Endeavor Program

Leader: Dorris Russell.
Topic: "What is Expected of a Christian citizen?"
Scripture readings: Micah 6: 8; Titus 3:1-8.

Perform duty, Nina Belle Russell.

Worthy of trust, Helen Comp-ton. Song.

Christian Preacher, Christine Russell.

A talk, Rev. Little. Song.

A list of the many laws people violate week after week.

Song; Mispah.

Mr. Max Mellinger left Wednesday for Dallas, where he went to make additional purchases of fall and winter goods for his store.



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FOR SALE—Lakeside Player Piano, practically new, at a bargain if taken at once. Terms if desired. See G. L. Shuff, Merkel Rt. 5 1tp

FOR SALE—A second hand Mower and Rake, a bargain. See Earl Lassiter. 1t

FOR SALE—200 fine White Leghorn hens at \$10.00 per dozen. Higgins Hatchery. tf

FOR SALE—Nice bed room suit nice dining room suit, 5-burner New Perfection Oil Stove, small Dresser, beadstead and springs, kitchen cabinet. T. L. Grimes. 1t

Good used cars for sale, Fords, Dodges, Studebakers. See W. E. LOWE. 16t3

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HELP WANTED—A young man between age 21 and 40 to work. Call at Barnes Variety Store. 1tp

40c for cream at W. F. Hamblet's. 1t

WANTED—Place on halves or job by month on farm. Write Robert Gibbs, Munday, Tex. 2t3

WANTED—Man to do farm and ranch work by the month. Sam Butman, Sr. 9t3

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—101 acres of old land. Good well of water, good barn, 3-room house and some grubbing to go with the place. Mrs. R. B. Rains, Merkel, Texas, Route 1, Box 79. 16t4p

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I am also offering for sale my home and that of Mrs. G. J. Jones in Merkel. You will do well to investigate. If you want to buy see me; if you want to sell see me. T. L. GRIMES. tf

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES
By Ermalee Rea

"Pull the Eagles' Feathers," is the slogan of the students for this week.

The High School Choral Club has been organized and the following officers elected: Director, Miss Madge Yoakum; Pianist, Aileen Childress; President, Eva Mae Johnson; Secretary and Treasurer, Intha Bird; Reporter, Edith Baker; Social committee, Ermalee Rea chairman, Opal Patterson, Stell Ledger. The members of the choral club are: Soprano, Edith Baker, Gladys Miliken, Juanita Beene, Venice Bell, Helen Booth, Marie Brown. Second soprano, Stell Ledger, Eva Mae Johnson, Intha Bird, Tommie Durham, Inice Brown, Anna Lou Russell. Alto, Opal Patterson, Ermalee Rea, Monetta Adcock, Iris Garrett

Stell: "Why so sad?"
Cleo: "I thought I was getting out of class early but the bell rang when I passed out the door."

Miracles that never happen: Reading a novel in class with the teacher seeing it. Audrey has tried it.

LOST—An idea. Finder return to Tittle.

A good Senior Recipe
Run ignorance through the sieve till very fine,
Remembering to get both seed and shine.

Add freshie greenness just enough to taste,
Mixed up with quite a little bit of haste.

Next beat in very fine one large Sophomore.

Sift in a little Junior romance, too,

But first be sure you have removed the core,

'Twill make the mixture seem more than true.

You might next add the last year's class advice

And things the teachers said

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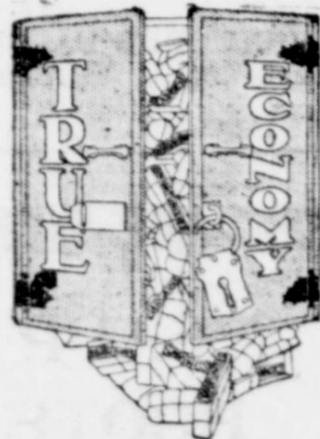
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