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AT LEAST TWO WELLS DUE IN NEXT WEEK

NOODLE CREEK PRODUCTION IS HOLDING GOOD

Phillips Company Planning Ex- tensive Operations On Winter Farm

Although there is no unusual excitement as to developments in the Noodle Creek oil field, there has been rapid and wonderful production since the discovery of oil on the Joe Winter farm.

Today there are six producing wells, all holding up and some actually increasing in production, and any minute the production is expected to be increased by two new wells, the Midwest Thornton No. 2, and the Marland's Mason No. 3 having reached a depth where the oil strata might be encountered any moment. Both these wells are expected to become producers very soon.

The six producing wells are said to be producing a total of around 2,600 barrels every 24-hour day.

As evidence of the fact that much real activity and development may be expected and in fact assured, the Phillips Company already has erected three offset rigs to the Atlantic's E. Howell well half mile south of the original well, and are erecting their Joe Winter No. 3, an east offset to the No. 1. As still further evidence that this company has but started real operations in the Noodle Creek field one may take into consideration work has already begun on the erection of a big tank on their holdings in the field with a capacity of 55,000 barrels, and the erection of two 10,000 barrel tanks on their loading rack location three miles south of the field, besides extending the length of the loading rack.

The Phillips Company does not stop with the above enumerated expensive and extensive investments and operations, they have already begun work on a "model camp" on their holdings in the field, where they can better care for and accommodate their growing force of workmen and operators. Already a large rooming house has been finished along with several residences, but these will be added to and a garage, warehouse, and other buildings are to go up at once.

It is also reported that the Marland and Midwest, the other two larger companies having production in the field, will soon start a drilling campaign of larger scope. The Midwest Company has recently erected a rig on the Mrs. J. F. Smith land five miles due east of Merkel, a strictly wildcat well.

Exceptional consistency for wells producing from a formation consisting in large part of lime is being shown by those on Noodle Dome.

The second completion of the field, Midwest's No. 1 Thornton, which swabbed not more than 20 barrels in a day during the first three weeks, now pumps more than 350 barrels each day, its daily average being above 400 barrels. The third completion, Phillips' No. 1, Tessie, which never swabbed more than 90 barrels, is a 200 barrel well on the pump. The fourth completion, No. 1, Mason of Marland company, which appeared to be worth not more than 50 barrels before it was given a small flow, and which even then did not respond for several days, now averages almost 200 barrels a day.

In addition to the rigs of the Phillips company, discoverer of the field, the Midwest Exploration Company is rigging up for its Thornton No. 3, one location south of No. 1, which is pumping an average of 400 barrels daily. The Phillips company was also digging the pit for its No. 3 Joe Winter, one location east of No. 2 Winter.

Midwest Exploration Company's No. 2 Ira Thornton, one location west of No. 1, drilling at 2,170 feet, hole full of water; motor trouble trouble caused a shut down from Saturday night to Wednesday afternoon.

Marland Oil Company's No. 2 J. C. Mason, underreaming at 2,702 feet.

Marland Oil Company's No. 3 J. C. Mason, bailing out total depth 2,470 feet preparing to drill in.

Phillips Petroleum Company's No. 1 Tessie, No. 1 R. M. Beasley and No. 1 Thornton, building rigs.

Phillips Petroleum Company's No. 3 Joe Winter, digging slush pit.

Midwest Exploration Company's Ira Thornton digging slush pit.

Exploration Company's

Hold-Up Men Get Nearly \$800 From Noodle Dome Hotel

It has been reported that early Tuesday morning of this week two men registered at the Noodle Dome Hotel, located in the Noodle Creek oil field, and later cleaned the place of about \$800.

From reports it seems the two bandits registered at the hotel earlier in the night, and shortly after midnight appeared in the lobby where they staged the hold-up, taking several hundred from the hotel safe and the same time relieving a number of guests of all the cash they possessed. Up to Thursday morning Jones County officers had failed to secure any clue as to the identity or whereabouts of the robbers.

MR. VERNON BUYS KING ARTHUR CAFE

Mr. Tom Vernon, for some time engaged in the Market business in this city with Mr. Jasper McCoy, has recently sold his interest in the market and last Saturday purchased the cafe in the Mellinger building formerly known as "King Arthur's Cafe".

Mr. Vernon came to Merkel some time ago from Farmersville, Texas, where he has had experience in the cafe business, and will no doubt enjoy his share of the business in this line, having one among the nicest places in the city. Read Mr. Vernon's advertisement in this paper.

MOVING CAFE FROM TRENT TO MERKEL

Owners Believe Merkel Holds Greater Prospects For The Future

Mr. A. H. Miller, who in December opened the "Grill", one of the finest and best equipped cafes in the city of Trent, in fact an establishment that would do credit to the larger cities, was in Merkel first of this week, and while here informed this paper that he had leased the Telford building on Front Street, formerly occupied by "Ed's Cafe," and would this week move his fine cafe fixtures to the building in this city. He expects to be prepared to open for business some time next week.

Mr. Miller states that he has had years of experience in the restaurant business, and expects to conduct one of the best and most up-to-date places in Merkel. He further stated that in his opinion Merkel was without doubt destined to become the real oil center in this section, and he wanted to get in on the ground floor. His place will be known as "The Grill".

No. 1 Ira Thornton pumped 387 1-2 barrels.

Phillips Petroleum Company's Nos. 1 and 2 Joe Winter pumped 774 barrels.

Marland Oil Company's No. 1 J. C. Mason, pumped 182 barrels.

Phillips Petroleum Company's No. 1 Tessie, pumped 171 barrels.

Atlantic Oil Producing Company and Landreth Production Company's No. 1 E. Howell, swabbed 99 barrels.

The Wheeler well located four miles northwest of the Noodle Creek field, in Fisher county, was reported to have reached a depth Wednesday night of 2,532 feet, being dry at this depth. However, it was stated that the log in this well showed the formations running considerably deeper, and thus the pay sand was still expected to be found.

The Johnson & Gibson Largent, three miles north of Merkel had reached a depth of 1,983 feet Thursday noon, and it was stated that this well was logging almost identical with that of the Winter discovery well, and in fact was considered the best wildcat proposition in the surrounding territory.

Hart & Cole's No. 1 Cranston north east, has been shut down since a reported showing of oil last week.

The Haynes well three miles west has been making slow progress for some time, having been shut down most of the time. It is drilling now at about 1,100 feet.

Th Hunter & Grisham's D. O. Huddleston, six miles southeast, was drilling at around 900 feet Thursday.

3,595 CLEMENCY ACTS GRANTED By FERGUSON

Governor Ferguson Ends Term With 304 Clemency Acts Made Tuesday

Austin, Texas, Jan. 19.—Proclamations filed in the secretary of state's office showed today that during the last four days she was governor, Miriam A. Ferguson granted approximately 34 clemency acts, boosting her total for two years to approximately 3,595.

For the past four days clerks were employed night and day in writing the proclamations. The full pardons will approximate 1,350.

Governor Ferguson announced Friday she would hear no more pardon applications, and she said Tuesday that with few exceptions she had abided by the announcement.

One exception was when she heard the plea of mother and father of Jack A. Merritt, who arrived here Monday after driving from their South Dakota home in an automobile. Merritt, two years from Bexar county for robbery by assault and theft over fifty dollars, was granted a full pardon and his parents left for the Huntsville penitentiary to take him home with them.

Mrs. Ferguson's clemency acts exceeds the number of prisoners who were in the penitentiary when she took office. In addition to approximately 1,350 full pardons she has granted more than 825 conditional pardons.

At least 300 sentenced for murder were granted clemency, while the death sentences were commuted to life terms.

160 ACRES LAND BRINGS \$12,800.00

Messrs. Boney & Grimes, local realty men, have this week closed the contract for the sale of 160 acres of land located in the Blair community, and belonging to Mr. J. H. Bayless, to Mr. R. E. Windham, at \$80.00 per acre, a total of \$12,800 for the tract.

This is a splendid farm and will no doubt prove a good investment to the new purchaser, who is among the many good farmers of this section to enjoy prosperity as the result of the discovery of oil in this community.

Womanless Wedding To Be Sponsored By Parent-Teachers Asn.

Announcement has been received of the engagement and approaching marriage of Winnie Winkle to Mike Mulligan, on Feb. 4, 1927, to take place in Merkel. Invitations have already been sent to a number of very prominent personages and replies received state several have definitely arranged to be present. It is expected that the retiring governor, "Ma" Ferguson, and her husband, will be in attendance, as well as Governor and Mrs. Dan Moody, Madam Shuman Heink, Jiggs and Maggie, Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford, and who knows but what old man Gandy may occupy a front seat.

To those who read daily the comic strip entitled Winnie Winkle in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, the above will seem very surprising, as Mike Mulligan and Winnie Winkle have not been on speaking terms for some time.

But it's true. Mike and Winnie are going to be married right here in Merkel. The Parent-Teachers Association of the Merkel Public Schools are going to stage a "womanless wedding" on Feb. 4th, 1927, at eight o'clock, the place to be announced later. The characters playing the parts of bride and groom will assume the names Winnie Winkle and Mike Mulligan, respectively. Local talent will be used entirely for all the parts. At least one character has been selected from almost every business place in town, according to those in charge of arrangements. A complete marriage ceremony with all the attendants and accessories of a fashionable wedding will be used, and it's going to be a laugh from start to finish. You'll miss it if you miss it.

56th. Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hampton of this city celebrated on the 12th their 56th wedding anniversary. They were married in Williamson county, Texas, and as Mr. Hampton put it, "have stayed put all these 56 years".

C. OF C. PLANNING NEW ROAD TO THE OIL FIELD

Attention is Also Called To Other Improvements In The City

Dr. Armstrong, Henry Frazier and Phillip Diltz were out Wednesday viewing the proposed road leading from the old rock house west between the Howell and Tessie wells and concluded that the road was practicable and could be built with reasonable expense. It will be necessary to tear down a hill on the walling place and also one farther on the Walling place west. This will afford us a good direct road to the location of the Phillips Company's hotel, school house and other settlement houses required for their workers, and will connect the oil field direct with Merkel, shortening the distance about two miles. This work will be in charge of Henry Frazier, who has a reputation for building good roads at reasonable prices. At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last Thursday night, it was decided to appropriate \$350 for the building and maintenance of these roads to the field that we may show convincing evidence to the oil companies that we expect to keep our promises to them to the letter.

We fear that too many of our citizens under appreciate the work being done by the organization, and fail to realize that nothing is being left undone by the organization to increase Merkel's trade territory and to permanently build the town.

It has been the history of every oil field in the country that there is always a big boom—which takes care of itself when the land is mostly not leased—but it takes organization and united effort to build a town stably.

Since the 20th of last September we have had 56 business changes which includes new firms coming here and we have builded 36 new residences and business houses. Practically all of these are substantial and permanent. The business houses are all of brick and represent the investment of thousands of dollars in capital, which in turn represents the faith of the builders in Merkel. All of the residences except perhaps a half dozen were builded at a cost of from \$2,000 to \$5,000 dollars.

In addition to the above we are having "The Southlands", one of the best located residential additions possible, streets laid out, curbed, and sidewalks down, ready for sale. This will be a partly restricted addition and is owned by Messrs. J. T. and Booth Warren and K. S. Beckett, Jr. John S. Hughes is also placing on sale lots in a new addition in the southwest part of town that will be very attractive in location and price.

This is what we believe to be good work. We never have been interested in building the town with shacks or very cheap residences and the only ones so builded here were built because there was an immediate demand for them and for the reason that the owners were anxious to supply the demand; and all houses so builded are intended to be moved back on the lots as servant's houses or garages, to be used in connection with modern homes.

Nazerine Revival To Begin Here Saturday Night

On next Saturday evening Rev. Casey Grimes will begin a revival meeting at the church of the Nazerine, and every one is extended a cordial welcome to attend any and all services.

All Christians are urged to come and participate in this revival to the end that same may extend community wide and bear fruit that will rebound to the good of every home in the community. Every church member is expected to be present and lend his or her cooperation in the meeting.

C. C. Montandon, Pastor.

Mr. A. B. Cranston orders his Mail sent to 1618 Sayles Boulevard, Abilene, Texas, from route one, Merkel, Texas.

Mr. S. A. Coats, most excellent gentleman of this city spent several days this week serving as a petit juror in District Court at Abilene.

Mrs. Pearl Hollingsworth is among the many new subscribers to whom we are grateful to this week.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY C. OF C.

March the 20th, the period of my contract expires of secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. Within that time I have tried to work impartially, enthusiastically and conscientiously for the best interests of Merkel. At the beginning of the period the town was in a hubbub of excitement over leases and it was next to impossible to get the cooperation of those who were, or were not members of the organization.

Realty and other prices soared and there was local buying and selling. Everybody expected the "boom" to grow bigger and bigger with all of us justly standing by watching her grow.

Individuals and the big oil companies were purchasing leases and royalties, bank deposits increased, rents raised, and everybody was sitting on top of the world.

The excitement is over, but there has been more genuine accomplishment since then and we have become used to it. Then there was one producer, now there are six with over 2500 barrels daily production.

Then all the activity was on Noodle Dome; now we have the Wheeler well down to sand busy setting the six inch pipe. The Mid-West No. 2 Thornton is nearly to the sand and the Marland No. 3 Mason will be drilled in today or tomorrow. The California people are drilling and the Phillips people have three offsets to the Howell location with rigs going up and will soon have Winter's No. 3 located and drilling. The Smith well, wildcat, seven miles east of town will soon be spudded in. The Haynes well on the S. E. quarter of sec. 38, is more than a thousand feet down. The Largent well four and one-half miles north is down more than nineteen hundred feet showing good log. The World Oil Company well on the east half of S. E. fourth of section 15, T. & P. land, Jones county, is past 1700 feet. The Smith well on section 51, Jones county is drilling. The D. O. Huddleston well on section 29, Grimes county school land, Taylor county, is more than 100 feet down and drilling with everything indicating production. The Butman well 12 miles southwest is drilling as is also the Henslee well 12 miles south with other locations being made weekly.

The Chamber of Commerce, of course, has no part in this except to lend its assistance in securing drilling blocks when its assistance was requested, and to keep supply houses informed of the locations.

It has had much to do with taking care of the housing of those engaged in the industry and believes that it would not be unimposed to say that it has had much to do towards creating a good feeling for the town, and in interesting those who have been able to give Merkel some fine publicity.

It is in close touch with the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and has received some fine support from the management of that organization and proposes to work with it and for it in furthering local interests and the interests of the territory which the larger organization so ably serves.

The Lancaster Rig & Lumber Company was located here solely through the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce as was also the Parkersburg Rig & Reel Company, which will soon build a warehouse, and is the largest firm of its kind in the United States. The Marion Foundry and Supply Company has material here and we trust that they will conclude to build a warehouse and establish pipe yards. Word has been received from Mr. Burke, Land & Industrial Commissioner that the following firms have leased space on the T. & P. right-of-way: Oil Supply Company, Continental Supply Co., Wagner Supply Co., Atlas Supply Co., Longhart Supply Co., and the Hardin Lumber Company.

Booms take care of themselves, but it requires thorough organization to bring outside capital to a community that will remain within it. That is what the organization is attempting.

If Merkel ever needed the organized cooperative effort of her citizens it is at the present time. I am writing in an impersonal way. That is I am not thinking of myself but of the community of which I am a part. If I have not been and am not now doing what should be done and what can be better done, the work should not be allowed to be discontinued, but should be carried on by some one else.

I frankly admit that the first six months the burden of carrying on the

work has been unequally distributed. Many have been more liberal than they could afford because of their fine public spirit. Immediate steps should be taken to unify the spirit of those most interested in Merkel and to perpetuate the organization through which they can hope to carry on the work. Oil development will continue here for several years, and, in the opinion of the writer, business will gradually grow better, prices of town property will gradually increase, new industries will come and there will be an era of prosperity greater than we had in 1919.

There will be builded on the plains this year more than two hundred miles of road by the Denver which was brought about by the united effort of the Chambers of Commerce of the smaller towns in that territory.

We have received several letters from different auto clubs in the east complaining of the fact that the roads from Abilene to Big Spring was the worst road on the southern route from the east to California. We have answered all of those letters and assured them that we would try to cooperate with the Chambers of Commerce in the towns affected and do all we could to correct the things complained of.

We have tried to be of service to the farmers, and regard that as one of the best services we can offer as agriculture is our basic industry. This has been done not by offering unsolicited suggestions, but by affording him a clearing house for his own opinions so that they would reach others who might profit by them. We trust that a Retail Merchants Association may be formed in connection with this office.

In conclusion, we desire to be judged altogether by the service we render, and frankly admit that we can render none except through the united effort of all who will profit by that service.

L. R. THOMPSON, Secretary.

BAPTIST REVIVAL CONTINUES GOOD

The attendance at the meeting now in progress at the Baptist church is very gratifying. In the morning service Wednesday morning there were 20 men besides the women and children. The pastor is doing the preaching and the local people are taking care of the music. A good orchestra is helping materially with the music. The orchestra begins playing at 6:55 each evening and plays while the people come in from the prayer meetings.

It is planned to carry the meeting on through the coming week as interest is growing and new people are attending. Each day there are two services at the church, 10 to 11 in the morning and 7 in the evening. The evening service is preceded by prayer meetings in various rooms of the church.

Some subjects for the future services: Friday evening, "How We Can Know a Christian." Saturday evening, "The Weakness of the World's Strongest Man." Sunday, "Workers and Shirkers," and "The Faith of Noah."

Every Christian in the community is urged to come and help win a victory for the Lord. There is a warm welcome in every service for all strangers and visitors.

Ira L. Paivack, pastor.

MR. F. P. HAMM BUYS 160 ACRE FARM

Mr. F. P. Hamm, one of our local ginners, purchased last week from Mr. A. M. Giles the latter's farm of 160 acres a few miles southeast of the city, at \$60 per acre. This is a good farm and no doubt will prove a good investment for Mr. Hamm.

Celebrate Wedding Anniversary

Mr. J. L. Barker of the Salt Branch community, was in the city yesterday on business and while here stated to this paper that he and his good wife on last Sunday celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. A number of their sons and daughters and grandchildren came in bringing with them many good things to eat. This paper trusts that these good folks may in the future enjoy many more happy wedding anniversaries, for it seems that the day is at hand when to find a couple who have remained wedded for such a period of time is becoming novel and unusual.

Statement of the Condition of the FARMERS STATE BANK

At the close of business Dec. 31, 1926

RESOURCES

Loans.....	\$418,943.19
Overdrafts.....	5,985.91
Banking House.....	13,600.00
Furniture & Fixtures.....	5,430.00
Other Real Estate.....	6,256.50
Due from Guaranty Fund.....	13,257.69
U. S. Bonds.....	\$80,150.00
Bills Ex. Cotton 28,097.54	} 338,350.16
Cash & Ex.....	
Total.....	\$801,823.45

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits Net.....	23,500.00
Dividends Unpaid.....	2,500.00
Rediscouts.....	NONE
Bills Payable.....	NONE
Other Borrowed Money.....	NONE
Deposits.....	725,823.45
Total.....	\$801,823.45

FARMERS STATE BANK

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Pathos in Display of Oldtime Photos

A table near the door of a second-hand bookshop speaks pathetically of ambitions, vanities and sentiments of the past. It displays a pile of once proud, now humbled and discarded photographs. If one burrows through the mass, fair women come to view in sleeves as wide as their shoulders, in ruffles and furbelows and frills; hips in spangles and limbs in tights. The men are in whiskers and high hats. Many of them are boldly inscribed with names once well known.

Costumes call to mind popular theatrical roles of long ago. A pompous beauty with a rose behind her ear once acted with the "Innocent Maids" company at the Trocadero, and a girl in a tight ermine jacket once played at Paradise gardens. A saucy miss from some forgotten musical show naughtily lifts her skirts to her knee. Many of these photographs did publicity duty in their day. A stately form in black carries the dashing line: "Allow me to present Elizabeth Barry, Mr. Ebert."

Even among those obviously of the theater, however, the behind-the-scenes flavor is as strong as the publicity tanz. A wistful face in a decorative sunbonnet wishes "true success in all things in life" from Duluth, Easter, 1807.

And where do they go? There are always people who are collecting old photographs and some of the stars that have set are remembered still. There are other buyers in search of photographic illustrations of leg-of-mutton sleeves and bustles, of pompadours and picture hats.—New York Times.

Highest Tributes to Value of Friendship

Seneca, a famous Roman, born in 6 B. C., crowned friendship very tenderly:

"Of all felicities the most charming is that of a firm and gentle friendship. It sweetens all our cares, dispels our sorrows and counsels us in all extremities. Nay, if there were no other comfort in it than the bare exercise in so generous a virtue, even for that single reason a man would not be without it; it is a sovereign antidote against all calamities—even against the fear of death itself."

Five centuries later, Euripides, the Greek dramatist, "a master in the handling of the tender and the pathetic," laid down what friendship meant to him. "It is a good thing to be rich," he said, "and a good thing to be strong, but it is a better thing to be beloved of many friends."

"Nagging"

From the days of Socrates and Xantippe, men and women have known what is meant by nagging, although philology cannot define it or legal chemistry resolve it into its elements. Humor cannot soften or wit divert it. Prayers avail nothing and threats are idle. Soft words will increase its velocity, and harsh ones its violence. Darkness has for it no terrors, and the long hours of the night draw no drapery of the couch around it. The chamber where love and peace should dwell becomes an inferno, driving the poor man to the saloon, the rich one to the club, and both to the arms of the harlot. It takes the sparkle out of the wine of life, and turns at night into ashes the fruits of the labor of the day.—Justice Hill, in West's Docket.

Tommy's Manners

The substantial part of the meal was finished, and the dainties were on the table. Tommy's eyes brightened—it was an interesting moment for him. "Will you take tart or pudding?" asked his father.

"Tart," said Tommy, promptly. The parent sighed as he recalled the many lessons in good manners and decent behavior which he had endeavored to instill into his son. "Tart, what?" he queried gently. But Tommy's eyes were glued upon the pastry. "Tart, what?" again asked the father sharply.

Tommy hesitated for a moment. He looked from his father to the delicacy, as if for inspiration, then: "Tart, first," he said, triumphantly.

Farming Habits

Thoughts and habits travel by certain nerve-routes, and the same thoughts and habits always by the same routes. These get in time actually well trodden, like a footpath, and a nerve-current will flow more readily along them than through an unaccustomed channel. To prove it, try and write, or use a knife or spoon, with the left hand. A physiological reason why habits are so easy to check at first, so difficult afterwards, is thus shown. Never, then, let a child acquire bad habits, however trivial. An immense amount of life-education may be done between two and six years of age with far less difficulty than afterwards.

Socrates' Eloquence

When we hear any other speaker, even a very good one, he produces absolutely no effect upon us, or not much, whereas the mere fragments of you and your words, even at second hand, and however imperfectly repeated, amaze and possess the souls of every man, woman and child who comes within hearing of them. My heart leaps within me, and my eyes rain tears when I hear them. And I observe that many others are affected in the same manner.—Alcibiades, in "The Symposium." (Jowett's Translation).

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should be your first consideration when you look about for a BANK in which to deposit your surplus funds.

We solicit your account on the

Strength and Liquidity

of our financial statement.

We do not encourage

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We have no money loaned to our officers or employees.

We will appreciate

Your Business

and serve you to the best of our ability.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

The Old Reliable

Farmers & Merchants National Bank

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business December 31, 1926

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand.....	\$159,232.60
Bills of Exchange (cotton).....	20,321.65
Overdrafts.....	316.75
Warrants (Merkel Ind. School).....	2,845.36
Furniture and Fixtures.....	7,500.00
5 Per Cent Redemption Fund.....	312.50
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank.....	1,950.00

Bankers Acceptances.....	55,000.00
Commercial Paper.....	180,000.00
U. S. Bonds (owned).....	116,750.00
Cash and Sight Exchange.....	166,432.81

Total.....\$710,661.67

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus.....	15,000.00
Undivided Profits.....	12,593.80
Circulation.....	6,250.00
Borrowed Money.....	NONE
Rediscouts.....	NONE
Other Liabilities.....	NONE

Deposits.....626,817.87

Total.....\$710,661.67

I, Booth Warren, Cashier, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier.

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Giving Thanks

Let not your thanksgiving proceed from your lips only, but let it come from the depths of your heart whether lips express it or not; for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth best speaketh in rendering thanks.—Grit.

If it is a house you want built, see a carpenter, but if it is Meats, see Baker & Wheeler Market.

..Announcement..

I now have the management and control of the mechanical department and repair shop of the Corner Garage and will personally look after your automobile repair work. I am doing some repair work personally and will absolutely guarantee all work done in my shop.

I also maintain and continue the operation of the front end, and promise my patrons and the public the very best service in this department.

Drive around and let us repair your car. If you need gas and oil we will be pleased to serve you.

Corner Garage

F. C. McFarland, Prop.

Doctor Gave Old Man

Bit the Best of It

There were no less than eight patients that morning at the country doctor's office before he could finish his breakfast. One was a pitiful old man, dreadfully poor and nearly blind. The trouble was in his ear—which ear he did not indicate at first. He seemed apprehensive about taking the doctor into his confidence until a certain doubt had been cleared up.

"Will your charge for an office visit?" he inquired, with a kind of stealthy approach to the subject on his mind, "pay for the examination of two ears?"

"Oh, yes," was the doctor's prompt answer. He was a little impatient with the old man's hesitancy and wanted him to come to the point without loss of time. "Oh, yes! The fee will pay for both ears."

"Well, in that case," the patient continued, "one ear will be only half price, won't it?"

That was a clever piece of bargaining the doctor had to recognize, when he recovered from his surprise. The old fellow had put up a case for half-price treatment that was difficult to overcome. So the doctor said half price for one ear would do.

The afflicted ear was examined and properly treated. The patient offered the half price, but that was where the country doctor scored.

"No, keep your money. Half price is no price this morning."

The old man tottered feebly out of the door and the doctor, while pitying him, laughed softly.—Springfield Republican.

Not an Easy Matter

to Tell Deer's Age

It is impossible, says the United States biological survey, to tell the age of the deer tribe by the number of points on the antlers. There is a popular notion that every time a deer sheds its horns—which is once a year—the horn grows out with an extra point. In a general way this is true. But the growth of the antlers is dependent on a number of circumstances, notably the general physical condition of the animal and its virility. As a rule the horns begin as single points and increase in size and number of points up to whatever may be the maximum, but the increase in size in several years may not be strictly progressive. As the animal becomes old there is a tendency for the horns to be smaller with fewer points. A point is an individual tine or snag of the antlers. A deer with one point on each side is called a two-point deer; one with two points on each side, a four-point deer, and so on. The reindeer differs from all other deer in that the females of this species also have

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Finished in St. James gray Duco and fashionably striped in Pistache green, the milestone car flashed off the production line with scarcely more formality than attended the debut of number 3,000,001, which followed nine seconds later.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon James Thorn, whose residence is unknown, and the unknown heirs of James Thorn, whose residence is unknown, and the unknown parties, owning or having or claiming any interest in the lot hereinafter described, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Taylor County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Abilene, Texas, on the 2nd Monday in April A. D. 1927, the same being the 11th day of April A. D. 1927, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 17th day of November A. D. 1926, in suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No 6307, wherein C. Hall, Plaintiff, and James Thorn, whose residence is unknown, and the unknown heirs of James Thorn, whose residences are unknown, Abe Berash, and all other parties, owning or having or claiming any interest in the lot hereinafter described, are defendants, and said petition alleging:

On or about the 15th day of November, A. D. 1926, he was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described land and premises, situated in Taylor County, Texas, holding and

claiming the same in fee simple, to-wit: Lot No. Twelve, Block One Hundred Thirty Seven, in Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

That on the day and year last aforesaid, defendants unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withholds from him the possession thereof, to his damage of \$900.00.

Plaintiff would show to the Court that he, and those under whom he claims title, have had peaceful and adverse possession of the above described tract of land, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for a period of more than ten years before the filing of this suit, and this he is ready to verify.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays judgment of the Court, that defendants and each of them, be cited to appear and answer this petition, and that plaintiff have judgement for the title and possession of the above described land and premises, and that writ of restitution issue, damages, costs of suit, etc.

HEREIN Fail Not, and have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 27th day of December A. D. 1926.

J. K. FULLER, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County.
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Few of World's Great Cut Hours of Sleep

It is often said of great men that they needed and took but few hours of sleep. It is true that in their desire to accomplish as much work as possible they have spent no more hours in bed than was necessary, but those who found that less than six or eight hours would suffice them were very few. Alexander von Humboldt, Linnaeus, Cuvier, Dumas, Bismarck and the composer, Dvorak, are all the four-hour sleepers I have come upon in a long list of distinguished men. Napoleon, who is sometimes mentioned in this class, took from six to eight hours and did not hesitate to nap in the daytime and even in the midst of conversation. He could go for long periods without sleep, but he always condemned himself to correspondingly long periods of rest afterward, sleeping on one occasion for 35 hours at a stretch.

Goethe was a very sound sleeper, and Descartes, who is said to have done more original work than any man of his century, slept a great deal. Brahms could sleep at will and under any conditions, and Dumas, "after writing for some hours at a stretch, would suddenly fling himself on his bed, and in a few seconds be sound asleep; 15 or 20 minutes later he would wake up again with equal abruptness and return to work—a giant refreshed."—Scientific Monthly.

Hall of Fame Project Delayed by Quarrel

The first bronze tablets in New York's hall of fame were unveiled as recently as 1901, yet 100 years ago a New Yorker began the movement for just such a commemoration of the nation's great. He even offered to make the busts himself and, indeed, did so in a number of cases, only to have his plan rejected, to lie in the discard 75 years. He was John I. Browere, who in the early part of the Nineteenth century was recognized as one of New York's best sculptors. There were many who took to his idea of a hall of fame from the start and urged its adoption. It even reached congress, with high hope of an appropriation to carry out the plan. However, one little incident ruined its prospects. Congress decided to look up Browere. William Dunlap, then considered an authority on art, had written its history. Browere had incurred the displeasure of Dunlap and was not mentioned in his book. So congress thought he couldn't amount to anything. —Philadelphia Public Ledger.

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Cash on hand	36,014.94
Due from approved reserve agents	191,362.13
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Interest on Depositors' Guaranty Fund	8,422.66
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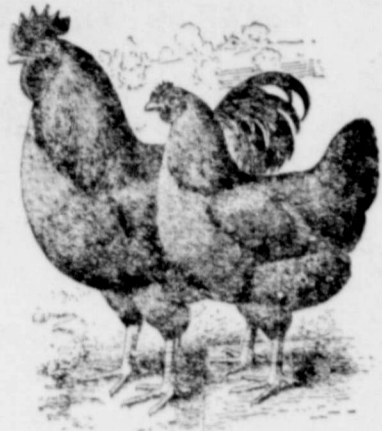
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Time Certificates of Deposit	20,077.57
Public Funds on Deposit (City)	5,244.02
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	7,412.92
Customers' Bonds deposited for safekeeping	53,650.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$801,823.45

STATE OF TEXAS)
County of Taylor) We, R. O. Anderson, as Vice-President, and Herbert Patterson, as Asst. Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
R. O. Anderson, Vice President.
Herbert Patterson, Asst. Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, A. D. 1927.
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Sunday School at 9:45.
Worship at 11 a.m.
Intermediate League at 5:00 p.m.
No services at the evening hour on account of the revival meeting at the Baptist Church. W. R. McCarter

Womans Missionary Society

At the meeting last Monday the Womans Missionary Society began the study of a new book with Mrs. McCarter teaching. The attendance was unusually good, several members, who had been absent for a long time, were present. The program committee has arranged the following program for the meeting next Monday afternoon. A short business period will follow the program.
1. Song. Prayer.
2. Bible lesson, The God of Social Justice, Amos 5:24, Mrs. C. B. Smith.
3. Stewardship, sharing all, Mrs. Touchstone.
4. Taking stock of our assets and liabilities, Mrs. Armstrong.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a.m.
Preaching at 11 a.m.
Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:00 p.m.
There will be no evening service on account of the Baptist revival. A cordial invitation is given the public to worship with us at all services. Chas. H. Little.

Celebrates Fifth Birthday

Little Miss Mary Joe Russell celebrated her fifth birthday on last Thursday afternoon. She was the happy recipient of many dainty little gifts as each invited guest made their appearance. Mrs. Russell was assisted in arranging indoor games by Mrs. Fred Latham, after which the birthday cak topped by its five little candles, was cut and served with custard to the little friends. Those fortunate enough to enjoy Mary Joe's party with her were Geneva Huddleston, Mary Joe Bicknell, Vernelle Sublett, Bonnie Lucille Church, Gerie Lou Pee, Billie George Gant, James and Ralph Russell, Marvin Hunter, Billie Woods, Clyde Deavers, Jr., Robert Grimes, Jr.

IDLEWISE CLUB NOTES

The members of the Idlewise Club were very pleasantly entertained in the home of Miss Mary Cleo Booth this week. Japanese was the Motif predominant, suggested in many artistic ways throughout the entire party. Club members were so very glad to have as their bridge partners Mrs. David Wright, E. Yates Brown, R. I. Grimes, Misses Sterling and McMurry. At the tea hour Miss Booth was assisted by Mrs. David Wright in serving a most dainty and appetizing salad to the above mentioned guests and club members as follows: Misses Evelyn and Ruby Hamm, Christine Collins, Lucy Tracy, Helen and Louise Booth, Mrs. Roy Largent Emmett Grimes, Earl Baze, W. S. J. Brown and the hostesses.

Little Miss Rosemary Lassiter spent the week with her aunt, Mrs. C. F. Long, in Abilene.

Miss Bettie Campbell and sister, Laurie, of Chicago, were here for a visit during the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Campbell, and left this week for California.

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Methodist S. S. Notes

The Methodist Sunday School is looking forward to a great year's work.
But, in order to do this we must have the cooperation of parents as well as the children. So we are asking that our Methodist parents take this into consideration and urge your children to be present in the Sunday School each Sunday morning, so that they may have the religious training of their young lives.
Next Sunday is Missionary Sunday and let every one be present and hear our special program, the theme of which is "Our possibilities". We are members of the human family. Not only is this foreign missionary day but home missionary day as well. The program to be rendered as follows:
Hymn, "Blest be the Tie that Binds."
Scripture reading, Inice Brown.
Hymn, "We've a Story to Tell".
Talk, "Our Responsibilities for the lives of others," Tommie Durham.
Closing Prayer.
L. W. Cox, Superintendent

Will Preach Here Sunday

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Introduction, Mr. Yates Brown.
1st part, An unanswerable argument for Christianity, by Mildred Hamm.
2nd part, Strongly Attested by history, by Edith Baker.
3rd part, Prediction prove true, by

Eleanor Harrison.
4th part, Assurance of future life, by Mary Ellen Ashby.
5th part, Effect of Resurrection upon Jesus, by Helen Booth.
6th part, Both a Comfort and a Confidence, by Margery Garbor.
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