



CONDENSED STATEMENT of CONDITION of  
**THE FARMERS STATE BANK**

Merkel, Texas, as called by Banking Commissioner June 30th, 1927

**RESOURCES**

Loans	\$471,170.41
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture, Fixtures and Vault Equipment	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	6,939.00
Due from Guaranty Fund	6,940.91
U. S. Bonds	\$ 50,150.00
Cash & Exchange	130,573.47
<b>AVAILABLE CASH</b>	<b>180,723.47</b>
Total	\$698,273.79

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Profits, Net	23,383.19
Dividend Unpaid	2,500.00
Bills Payable	NONE
Re-Discounts	NONE
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>622,390.60</b>
Total	\$698,273.79

The above statement is correct. W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier.

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**PLANTS ALSO HAVE DISEASE CARRIERS**

**Leaf Hopper Found to Spread Yellows Disease.**

New York.—Just as yellow fever is due to an invisibly small germ or virus carried from person to person by an insect so are some of the most serious and destructive illnesses of plants due to invisibly small germs carried from plant to plant by an insect.

In a report to the Engineering Foundation Dr. L. O. Kunkel, plant pathologist at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, Yonkers, tells how a little gray insect, the aster leaf hopper, spreads the yellows disease of asters by first biting sick plants and then, after the virus has had ten days to incubate in its interior, biting healthy ones and planting the infection in their tissues.

**Carries It to Fifty Others.**  
The same leaf hopper that transmits yellows to the China aster also carries it to more than fifty other species of wild and cultivated plants. Lettuce is one of the most important hosts of aster yellows. On this plant it has long been known in the Southwest as the Rio Grande disease and in New York and other eastern states as the white heart disease. In the winter yellows lives on perennial weed hosts. During the summer, when the carrier leaf hopper is very active, it spreads rapidly to susceptible annual plants, such as the China aster and lettuce.

Spread of aster yellows and its host range depend largely on the likes and dislikes of the aster leaf hopper. The African marigold is quite susceptible but seldom takes the disease even when grown adjacent to yellowed aster plants. The leaf hopper does not like the marigold and seldom feeds upon it when other plants are available. If confined in a cage containing only marigold plants hunger drives it to feed upon them and they readily take the disease. It is fortunate that although wheat and other cereal crops are favorite hosts of this leaf hopper they are immune to the yellows.

**Disease Known Only Here.**  
The aster leaf hopper is thought to have been accidentally introduced into the United States from Europe fifty or more years ago. Although it is prevalent in Europe and the Orient, where the China aster is extensively grown, the aster yellows disease is known only in America. Thus a disease which is apparently endemic in America has been rendered much more serious through the importation of a European leaf hopper, and of an oriental plant, the China aster. No satisfactory means is known of controlling the aster leaf hopper, but the yellows which it spreads can be held in check by digging out all infected perennial weed hosts in the vicinity of the field to be protected and by destroying all diseased annuals as soon as observed. A yellowed plant is a menace to nearby healthy plants just as a malaria patient is a menace to a healthy community in a region infested with the Anopheles mosquito.

**Dickens**  
Yes, he had many and grave faults. So had Sir Walter and the good Dunns; so, to be candid, did Shakespeare himself—Shakespeare, the king of poets. To myself he is always the man of his unrivaled and enchanting letters—is always an incarnation of generous and abounding gaiety, a type of beneficent earnestness, a great expression of intellectual vigor and emotional vivacity. I love . . . to reflect that even as he was the inspiration of my boyhood so is he the delight of my middle age. I love to think that while English literature endures he will be remembered as one who loved his fellow men, and did more to make them happy and amiable than any other writer of his time.—W. E. Henley, in Views and Reviews.

**Leisure and Laziness Matters Far Apart**

If the women's clubs are futile and the politics get nowhere, and if a disillusioned age has found that charity has a great many more attributes than are mentioned in the thirteenth chapter of Corinthians, if being a delightful person is the most a woman can do with her time, why not admit it frankly instead of camouflaging a pleasant and idle life with a pretense of vast activity, or hiding behind the children's rompers or the responsibility of table service or anything else?

Leisure is good for women, and if they are of the temperament to enjoy it, let them have it. Hard work is good and necessary for some women, and there is still and will be for a long time plenty of interesting non-professional work for women to do, if they have the ability and temperament. But the air needs more clearing. No one should have to apologize for not flying into what is really voluntary work. No one should become absurd for going into it. But if one stays out it should be because one openly prefers leisure.

Leisure and laziness have nothing in common. Laziness breeds discontent and cripples energies. Leisure breeds humor, of which we need much, and beauty, of which we need more, and philosophy, of which we need most. The thirties, if they are wise—and on the whole they are both wise and clever—will come to the point of choosing between the two. Destroy their laziness and preserve their leisure, and the thirties will be the incomparable decade.—Margaret Calkin Banning in Harper's Magazine.

**Constancy That Gave World Great Lesson**

Behind him lay the gray Azores—behind, the gates of Hercules; before him not the ghosts of shores—before him only shoreless seas. His good mate said: "Now must we pray, for lo! the very stars are gone! Brave admiral, speak; what shall I say?" "Why, say 'Sail on! sail on! sail on!'" They sailed, and sailed, as winds might blow, until, at last, the blanched mate said: "Why, now, not even God would know, should I and all my men fall dead. These very winds forget their way, for God from these dread seas seem gone; now, speak, brave admiral; speak and say—" He said, "Sail on! sail on! sail on!"

Then, pale and worn, he kept his deck, and peered through darkness. Ah, that night of all dark nights! But, lo! a speck, a light!—a light! a light! a light! It grew!—A star-lit flag unfurled! It grew to be Time's burst of dawn! He gained a world; he gave that world its grandest lesson: "On! and on!"—"Columbus," by Joaquin Miller.

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the movement of our cotton crop will be in full blast—the condition of the crop in this territory may have deteriorated considerably in the past two weeks but in the meantime the price has been steadily advancing and we confidently anticipate a prosperous season.

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willing to assist in every way possible—whether you market your crop thru the Farm Bureau or whether you sell it to the local buyers. In either event we want your business and are better equipped than ever before to handle your account.

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Merkel, Texas

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Miss Ermalee Rea, of Lockney, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Rea, was a guest this week of Miss Opal Patterson, and friends.

Don't forget your Green Stamps when making a purchase at Brown Dry Goods, Grimes-Smith Drug, A. R. Booth Grocery or Magnolia Filling Station. 11

W. O. Boney can make you a loan from 5 years to 33 years at 6% interest.

Mr. Ed Turner and family returned first of the week from a week's vacation trip which carried them to Bomarton, Wichita Falls and other North Texas points. They report a very pleasant trip.

Mr. Sie Hamm of the Hamm Drug Company attended the West Texas Druggists Convention which met at Sweetwater first of the week. He reports a very fine meeting.

Miss Bertha Slusher, while enroute from California to her home in St. Louis, stopped off here this week for a visit with her aunt, Mrs. L. A. Watts and family.

Mrs. A. B. Wall, of Midland, was here this week the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Yates Brown.

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### Prophecy of 500 Years Ago Now Fulfilled

The following is clipped from the McKinney Examiner and is deserving of thought and consideration:

Some people seem to believe the prophetic age passed with the days of the Apostles. Here is a prophecy, written five hundred years ago by a woman. Read it and see if you can suggest, how she could have improved it this month.

But halt a moment, read it again, check up each, and see how it fits conditions of today. Do you hear the bell ringing?

Mother Shipton lived and wrote this poem five hundred years ago. But to be more exact with you, Mother Shipton was born in Norfolk, England and died in Clifton, Yorkshire, 1440 A. D. Thus you see she died fifty-three years before Columbus discovered America. Now read the prophecy.

*Mother Shipton's Prophecy.*  
A carriage without horses shall go,  
Disaster fill the world with woe;  
In London Primrose Hill shall be,  
Its center hold a Bishop's See.  
Around the world men's thought shall fly,

Quick as the twinkling of an eye.  
And waters shall great wonders do—  
How strange, and yet it shall come true.

Then upside down the world shall be;  
And gold found at the root of tree,  
Thro' towering hills proud man shall ride,

Nor horse nor ass move by his side.  
Beneath the water men shall walk,  
Shall ride, shall sleep and even talk.  
In white and black, as well as green,  
A great man then shall come and go—  
For prophecy declares it so.

In water, iron then shall float  
As easy as a wooden boat.  
God shall be found in stream or stone,  
In land that is yet unknown.

Water and fire shall wonders do,  
And England shall admit a Jew.  
The Jew that once was held in scorn,  
Shall of a Christian then be born.

A house of glass shall come to pass  
In England—but alas! alas!  
A war will follow with the work  
Where dwells the pagan and the Turk.

The States will lock in fiercest strife  
And seek to take each other's life;  
When North shall thus divide the South  
The eagle builds in lion's mouth.

Then tax and flood and cruel war  
Shall come to every humble door,  
Three times shall sunny, lovely France,  
Be led to play a bloody dance;

Before the people shall be free,  
Three tyrant rulers shall she see:  
Three rulers, in succession, be—  
Each spring from different dynasty—  
Then, when the fiercest fight is done,  
England and France shall be as one.

The British olive next shall twine  
In marriage with the German vine.  
Men walk beneath and over streams,  
Fulfilled shall be our strangest dream.

All England's sons that plow the land  
Shall oft be seen with book in hand,  
The poor shall now most wisdom know,  
And water wind where corn doth

Great houses stand in far-flung vale,  
All covered o'er with snow and hail.  
And now a work in uncount rhyme,  
Of what shall be in future time;  
For in those wondrous, far-off days,  
The women shall adopt the craze,  
To dress like men and trousers wear,  
And cut off their locks of hair.

They'll ride astride with brazen brow  
As witches do on broomsticks now.  
Then love shall die and marriage cease,  
And nation's wane as babies decrease

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The more you put into your cotton crop in seed cost, cultivation cost, pest fighting cost and picking cost, the more vital the need for getting more money in return.

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Fred Guitar, Manager

### Persons Who Are Our Best Citizens Are Church-Goers

Why do they go? Read these nine concrete reasons.

1. A non-church going community where men have abandoned and scoffed at, or ignored their religious needs, is a community on the rapid downgrade.

2. There are enough holidays for most of us. Sundays differ from other holidays, since there are fifty-two of them every year. Therefore all should go to church on Sundays.

3. Church work and church attendance mean the cultivation of the habit of feeling some responsibility for others.

4. Yes, we all know all the excuses. Some claim that a man can worship

the Master in a grove of trees, or by a running brook, or in a man's own house, just as well as in the church. We also know, as a matter of cold fact, that the average man does not so worship.

5. He may not hear the best sermon at the church. It's a conceded fact, he will hear a sermon from a good man who, with his good wife, is engaged all the week in making hard lives a little easier; and to make this a desirable place in which to live.

6. If you attend church, you will listen to and take part in reading some beautiful passage in the Bible.

7. You will take part in the prayers and raise yourself nearer and nearer to Him who says, "Come unto Me and I will give you rest." You will or may take part in singing those soul-stirring hymns designated to praise Him.

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**My price for ginning this season will be**

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**35c for snapped or bolly cotton**

# F. P. Hamm Gin

**The Gin where you get Service, Sample and Turn Out**

Mrs. Vernon Simpson and baby were down this week from Sweetwater for a visit with her father, Mr. J. S. Thomas and family.

Mr. Bones of Petty, Texas, an experienced ginner, has arrived here, and will be with the South Side Gin this fall.

Even those who express themselves as being opposed to a bond issue frankly admit that if the issue is defeated a way will be found to build the roads. Either script will be issued or valuations will be raised. The question for the voter to consider is whether it would not be better to vote a special tax whereby all the money voted would be used in this county or raised valuations whereby the state would get 35 to 65 cents on the dollar. Valuations once raised are rarely ever lowered, and, in our opinion, it will be far cheaper to the property owner to vote for the bond issue.

Dr. Albert Venting and Dr. and Mrs. Knight, of the Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth were guests of Mrs. E. N. Brown and other friends here this week.

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#### TELEPHONE No. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Merkel, Texas as second class mail.

No one is likely to request the assessor to increase the valuation of his property or to increase the rate of taxation; but too many persons keep their minds fixed upon the tax rate without ever giving a thought to the protection afforded, or the conveniences enjoyed that could come in no other way than from taxes. The relatively poor man pays a far greater proportion of all taxes than does the man of much larger means. He has a so little that he can cover up nothing. Frequently his more prosperous brother decries the fact that the lesser tax payer has a right to express himself at the polls as being in favor of a bond issue for any purpose. About the only thing the relatively poor man gets from his government is free schools in which to educate his children and good roads on which he may transport the products of his toil, or take pleasure trips in his car. To restrict him in the enjoyment of these two privileges that he receives from the government is but to engender hatreds that are forerunners of Anarchy. The man who foments Anarchy and makes property insecure is the man who does not know, or is unwilling to see that there are other rights than property rights.  
A few days ago it was noted in the press reports that our governor was appalled that the amount of cash on

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hand given in to the assessors was so unequally at variance with the total bank deposits. If taxes had been paid on property withheld from taxation, we would need no bond issues to make any contemplated improvements in the State of Texas.

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If we ever expect to have hard surfaced roads at a minimum cost now is the opportune time. We have a friendly governor and an able and highly influential member of the Highway Commission resides in this county.

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## Sam Swann GIN

### Y. M. F. CLUB

On last Thursday afternoon the ladies of the Y. M. F. Club were entertained in the home of Mrs. A. V. Dye by Mrs. Claud Dye and Mrs. Tom Allday. The rooms were pretty with pink and white rosebuds making a lovely setting for 42. In the games high score went to Mrs. Billie Cobb.

The hostesses passed a refreshment plate of honeymoon ice cream, angel food cake and fruit punch to the following guests: Missie Dye, Cora Lee Hulsey and Mrs. Alpha Sharp of Trent; Mesdames George T. Moore, Jerome Hutcheson, Harry L. McCandless, W. L. Johnson, Jr., Gilbert Boswell, Billie Cobb and Rolfe Wagner.

### Methodist Missionary Society

The members of the Womans Missionary Society enjoyed a very interesting meeting last Monday afternoon. Mrs. McCarter taught a very interesting lesson from the study book using the fourth and fifth chapters for discussion. Next Monday she will use the last chapter for a lesson. This will finish the book "Studies in Prophecy," and another study course will be selected. Another interesting feature of the meeting was the large attendance. A number of members who had been absent for some time, were present, and two new members were added to our roll. Plans are being made for a meeting soon with the newly organized auxiliary at Blair. There were 16 present last Monday and we are looking forward to a good meeting and large attendance for next Monday. The meetings are at four o'clock.

### Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

What the Bible teaches about the Act of Baptism.

1. Scripture Reading, Matthew 3:13-17, by Clara Pilcher.
2. Introduction, Himalaya Swafford.
3. Conversion must take place before Baptism, by Harold Leeton.
4. Baptism is an act of obedience, by Irene Rister.
5. Baptism pleases our Heavenly Father, by Harold Boney.
6. Immersion is the only mode of Baptism, by Bennie Sheppard.
7. Sayings from Scholars of other Denominations, by Maurine Coomer.
8. The meaning of the word Baptize by Juanita Harmon.
9. All converts should be baptized by Paul Causseaux.
10. Memory verse, all members of Union.

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Messrs. W. H. Laney, deputy sheriff, and N. A. Dowell, Constable, returned Wednesday from Lamesa, where they had been to attend the West Texas Sheriff's Convention. They reported a very interesting and fine meeting. However, Dowell says that his friend Laney seemed more interested in a flock of "full-blood White Leghorn chickens" belonging to a friend whose home they visited in while attending the meeting. And Laney says he has a good one on Dowell, but refuses to give it out for publication. Ask him about it.

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The eleventh modern commandment is "see Ten Modern Commandments" at the Palace Friday and Saturday. It

### "Dog Days" Again

The arrival of August each year leads thousands of editors and writers to issue warnings against the season long known as "Dog Days." It is the season when vegetation begins to wither and dry from the effects of scorching July and August suns, when the air is filled with dust and unseen particles of plant life, and when a green, sickly looking skin forms on "the old swimming hole."

"Dog Days" are possibly not as dangerous as the McCamey mother declares they are when she is trying to get her bay to spend more of his time on the land than he spends in the water. And yet it is a season when the utmost precaution must be taken to avoid disease. It is the season when hay-fever victims suffer untold agonies; it is the season when typhoid fever germs are more plentiful and more virulent than at any other time. It is also the season when blood is running thinnest, and when the aged should seek the shade, always avoiding the scorching rays of the sun.

No matter how healthy you may be, or how well you may be feeling, it's a good idea to believe in "Dog Days" just enough to be careful. Don't overeat, don't over work, don't drink too much ice water—and don't do any more worrying than is absolutely necessary. Fretting and losing your temper is bad enough at any time—during "Dog Days" it is absolutely dangerous.—McCamey Record.

### Philathea Class Entertained

On Tuesday evening the members of the Philathea Class of the First Baptist Church met at the home of Miss Floy Ash, the guests of Misses Ash and Mrs. Boots Smith in a business and social meeting. The guests were received on the beautiful lawn, which was brilliantly lighted. Following a brief but important business meeting, a contest was held in which Miss Euna Lee Gilmore won the prize which was a requirement that she attend Sunday School for four consecutive Sundays, and be perfect each time. After several games were played and Victrola music enjoyed, the hostesses served a delicious refreshment plate of sandwiches, potato chips, iced tea and cakes to the following: Misses Azilee Gilbert, Edith Baker, Euna Lee Gilmore, Aileen Childress, Mildred Hamm and the teacher, Miss Maxie Banner; Mesdames Bob Hobbs and Billie Cobb.



Dusty roads in summer mean dusty air; dusty air means a sluggish mixture—But not so if your car is fueled with the extra high grade gasoline handled by us. You always get the best here. Want us to prove it? Well, just drive up to our station any day.

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Miss Esther Cooper returned to her home in Lubbock after a visit with her sister, Mrs. Parkhill.

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**Salt Branch News**

Farmers of the community are all busy heading maize. Their cotton is not suffering, it is already dead. Health of this community is very good at present.

Mrs. Garner, who has been ill for the past few weeks with the fever is able to be up again.

Joe Jaynes and family returned Monday from a trip to Comanche, where they have been visiting friends and relatives.

Misses Ruth and Pauline Pinckley who are attending Abilene Christian College were week-end guests at home last week.

Mrs. Jim Jaynes and Mrs. Floyd Jaynes visited Mrs. Charlie Foster Monday afternoon.

Miss Johnnie Hinds of Tye and Mr. Otis Jaynes visited Mr. and Mrs. Herman Abernathy Sunday afternoon.

Brother Willis Taylor and family of Abilene were visitors at Salt Branch Tuesday. Brother Taylor will preach here Sunday everybody is invited to be present and on time Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

A large crowd enjoyed the party at Herman Abernathy's last Saturday night.

We are very glad that Mr. Truman Jaynes is still improving.

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**Adult B. Y. P. U. Program**

Group No. 1, T. R. Lassiter, group Captain.

Leader, Mrs. Earl Lassiter. Introduction by leader.

Bible Background, Mrs. John Rister. What is Sunday for, Mr. R. H. Matthews. A day of spiritual strengthening, Mrs. E. N. Brown. Story of Jesus and the Sabbath, Mrs. R. L. Griffin. Opportunities offered on the Lord's day, Mrs. A. J. Hartley.

Miss Faye Marie Fronbarger of Weatherford is here for a visit with her cousin, Miss Altha Boden.

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Mr. Herbert Dennis and Mr. Wade Darsey left Thursday for the Carlsbad Cavern and other points in New Mexico.

Miss Loyce Dry is here for a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Dry, and many friends. Miss Dry is on her vacation from her duties as linotype operator for the Clarksville Times.

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**Peter Pan Bridge Club**

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**Presbyterian Church**

Sunday School at 10 a.m. Will you held to make the attendance the largest of any we have had. Wm. Elliott, Superintendent.  
 Preaching at 11 o'clock by the pastor. C. E. Meeting 7:30.  
 Union service at 8:30.  
 R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**Baptist Church**

All regular services Sunday.  
 Sunday school at 10 a.m. with all departments in their own opening services in their own assembly rooms.  
 At the morning preaching hour Bro. S. G. Baucom, Dr. and Mrs. Sanders, the head nurse and other nurses from the Baptist Sanitarium, Abilene, will be with us. They are consecrated, Christian workers and will have charge of the morning service.  
 All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 7:15.  
 The evening preaching service will be one of the joint services for August. This service will be at the Methodist Church with the Presbyterian pastor, Bro. Walker, preaching.  
 Visitors and strangers especially welcomed to all services.  
 Holland Teaff, Clerk.

**Methodist Church**

Had a good day last Sunday at the Methodist church with a fine increase in the attendance. We hope that the increase may be greater on next Sunday. Since many have returned from vacation all the services should be better attended.  
 Church school at 9:45 with places and classes for all of every ago.  
 Worship at 11 a.m.  
 League service at 5 p.m.  
 Union service at 8:30 p.m.  
 W. R. McCarter.

Miss Rosa Laney, valuable member of the clerical force at the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, after spending two weeks vacation with friends in Fort Worth and other points east, is now back at her post of duty with the above institution.

**IDLEWISE CLUB**

Miss Lucy Tracy entertained the members of the Idlewise Club and a few friends with a bridge party at her home on Oak street Tuesday afternoon. Lovely cut flowers decorated the veranda where tables were arranged for bridge and forty-two.

A program of music and readings was enjoyed during the afternoon. Those taking part on the program were Misses Boog Sears, Mona Margaret Jones and little Miss Betty Lou Grimes, all dressed in Colonial costumes.

Tallies were colonial hand-painted fans.  
 Misses Boog Sears, Mona Margaret Jones and Mrs. Tom Price assisted the hostess in serving refreshments to the following club members: Misses Mary Eula Sears, Ruby Hamm, Evelyn Hamm, Mesdames Sie Hamm, Bill Haynes, Earl Baze, Jack Durham, Guests were Misses Lorena Dry, Loyce Dry, Mona Margaret Jones, Boog Sears, Lola Dennis, Miss Addie Holler, Betty Lou Grimes, Mesdames R. I. Grimes, Chas. Jones, Harbor, Kirby Beckett, Amy Sears, Holland Teaff, Tom Price, and E. M. McDonald.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

Mrs. Len Sublett entertained the members of the Friendship Club at her home on Oak Street last Wednesday afternoon. A very enjoyable afternoon was passed playing progressive forty-two. An interesting feature of the evening was a mind reading stunt by Mrs. Sublett and Mrs. Harry McCandless, which mystified every one present. When any one present decided they knew how it was done they were invited to try to read the mind but all failed. Then every one was told the secret.

A refreshment plate of angel food squares and punch was served to the following guests: Mesdames Luke Huddleston, Arthur Clark, Frank Golladay, Ellis Beene, Earl Thornton, Oscar Buford, Harry McCandless, Henry Walker, Elmer Love, I. L. Jackson, R. I. Grimes, Herbert

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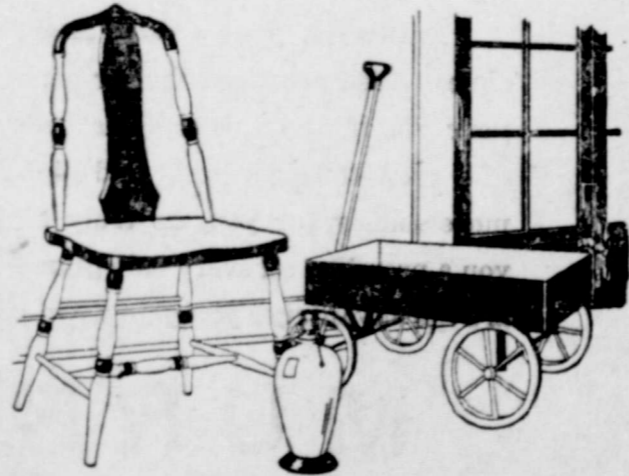
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 a. Because we love Him, Billie Bernice Gambill.  
 b. Because it is best for us, Thelma Patterson.  
 c. Because it is best for others, Iris Copeland.  
 4. Some orders we must obey:  
 a. Wear th uniform, Margaret Canon.  
 b. Train for service, D. O. Huddleston.  
 c. Go into Battle, Harry Boaz.

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