

## SHERIFF RAIDS COUNTERFEIT MONEY MAKERS

Armed with a warrant, ostensibly for the purpose of searching for bootleg booze, Sheriff H. T. O'Bar and Deputy M. Meek raided a counterfeiter's den in a house east of Simmons University Wednesday morning. They obtained an elaborate array of photographic apparatus with more than a score of copy negatives of twenty dollar Federal reserve notes—and confiscated 18 gallons of whiskey for good measure.

One man who is named in a complaint charging illegal possession of liquor is being held for Federal authorities. The sheriff's department notified the United States secret service department.

Sheriff O'Bar took two 20-dollar bills from the man. They had many pin-holes along the edges, where pins had been used to hold the bills to a wooden block while they were photographed with a high-priced camera that was also taken. The place also contained many packages of plates, developing powder, paper used to print the bills, glue and other material.

The man arrested made a statement to the sheriff, in which he said that "there is plenty behind me besides this." Officers believe they know the man's record as a counterfeiter.

Sheriff O'Bar said that he had obtained a clue to location of a counterfeiter's den here and that the place had apparently been in operation about 20 days. No counterfeit bills were confiscated.

Taylor county and Abilene city officers participated in a booze raid early Wednesday morning, when 34 barrels of mash were found at a still in a pasture in the northeastern corner of Coleman county. Officers of Callahan and other counties were also in the party.—Abilene Daily Reporter.

## MISS LOLA DENNIS DIRECTING PLAY BY SIMMONS CLUB

From "The Brand," student paper at Simmons University, Abilene, we clip the following about Miss Lola Dennis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis, of this city, who is a Junior this year.

Students in the Simmons Dramatic Club are working on the one-act play, "Her Country," with the intention of carrying it to Dallas for the Little Theatre Tournament. This is merely an experiment, however, and nothing definite has been arranged.

Lola Dennis of Merkel, is directing the play. She is a Junior in speech arts this year, having been presented in her sophomore recital last year by Miss Olivia Hobgood, who is now working toward a doctor's degree at Columbia University. Miss Dennis played the part of Mrs. Christol Pole in "Happiness," which was recently taken on a tour. She was admitted into the club during her freshman year.

Note:—Since writing the foregoing the play directed by Miss Dennis won first place in a contest at Abilene, and will be taken to Dallas to enter the Little Theatre Tournament. Miss Dennis is to be heartily congratulated on this signal success.

## MODERN DRY CLEANERS STYLE SHOW FOR MEN

On Friday and Saturday, March 23rd and 24th, the Modern Dry Cleaners of this city will carry on a style show for men and boys of this community, and will have with them for the occasion, Mr. Giles, of Chicago, who is an expert in taking measurements for giving their customers a "sure fit" when ordering new spring suits through them.

We call your attention to their advertisement in this paper concerning this event.

## NEW TIN SHOP BUILDING

Mr. Arch Rose, we learn, is having erected a new business house which when completed will be occupied by his tin shop and sheet metal works. It is located on the lots just west of Woodrum Filling Station.

DR. I regret to learn that Mrs. Sam been very sick for the past few days, and reported but at this time. Relatives have been in attendance, among them Mr. Vinter of Hamlin.

## WORK TO START SOON ON NEW ICE PLANT HERE

Messrs. H. M. Coleman, of Mineral Wells, and C. A. Watts, of Stratford, Oklahoma, were here this week and report to this paper that they have closed a deal for the purchase of a business lot 40x130 feet, located in the block just west of the Woodrum Filling Station and on the opposite corner east from the Tabernacle, on which they also state they expect to begin at once the erection of a tile and stucco building 40x100 feet for the purpose of operating a 25-ton per day capacity ice plant for this city.

The plant will be equipped, they state, with the very latest and best machinery to be had, and it is their aim to have same ready for operation about May 1st, 1928.

We are informed these gentlemen are experienced men in the manufacture of ice and that they expect to give the people of Merkel first class ice at a fair price.

Mr. Watts, who is to be the local manager, will move his family here after the close of school, and become identified with our city as a permanent citizen. He will remain here now and superintend the construction of the new building for the plant.

That our citizens may know about Mr. Watts we reproduce the following concerning him from his home town paper, the Stratford (Okla.) Star:

C. A. Watts left Wednesday for Merkel, Texas, where he will superintend the construction of an ice plant. He will also manage it after it is completed. The people of Merkel are to be congratulated that Arthur is superintending the construction of their ice plant, as he is a hustler and will be manufacturing this frozen necessity before the people hardly realize that they are to have an ice factory. The Star will visit him each week and keep him posted on events back here at home.—Stratford Star.

## Presbyterian Men Organize

Last Tuesday evening the men of Grace Presbyterian Church met for the purpose of perfecting a men's organization. Following a fellowship supper, prepared and served by a committee of the men, Rev. R. A. Walker, local pastor, led in an inspirational program of talks and music.

Among those taking part in the program was Rev. S. P. Collins of Cross Plains, whose work among laymen has won for him a wide reputation. He was followed by Rev. E. B. Surface and Mr. R. L. Bland, both of Abilene. Short talks were then made by Mayor H. C. West and other local men. Music for the evening was furnished by a local quartette, and brought forth repeated encore.

Following the program the matter of organization was taken up. The following officers were elected: Jas. H. West, president; Jim Sears, vice-president; R. O. Anderson, secretary-treasurer; and L. L. Murray and Dr. S. W. Johnson were elected to serve on the executive committee.

It is the purpose of this organization to work something on the line of the luncheon club, centering its interests about the church. It will have as its object, through fellowship among the men, the increasing of church membership; the boosting of church and Sunday School attendance; and the accomplishment of such good as it may do both in the church and the community.

## THE QUALITY BAKERY ADDS NEW EQUIPMENT

The Quality Bakery has just installed one of the most up-to-date bread mixers that can be bought, making their already fine plant second to none in this part of the country. It makes a larger and whiter loaf, and makes our home bakery as good as the best in turning out first class bread and pastry, and our entire citizenship should give this home institution their whole-hearted support.

On next Tuesday and Wednesday they are going to give every household an opportunity to see how bread is made. Don't forget ladies, and go down to see them make bread. Let's give them our support. Read their ad in this paper.



T. P. PERKINS of Mineral Wells, Candidate for Congress

## T. P. PERKINS CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

T. P. Perkins of Mineral Wells, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Seventeenth District of Texas. Mr. Perkins was born on a farm in Titus County, Texas, in 1883, and received his education in the public schools at Mount Pleasant, at Austin College, Sherman, Texas, and at the State University at Austin. For three years, 1905 to 1908, he taught in the public schools of this state, 1905 to 1907 at Ferris, Texas, and the term of 1907-1908 at Grapeland, Houston County, earning a sufficient amount therefrom to complete his education in the Law Department of Texas University, where he graduated receiving his L. L. B. Degree in 1910.

After having been admitted to the bar in 1910, Mr. Perkins commenced his career as a lawyer that year at Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, and continued his practice there until 1915, when he moved to Palo Pinto County. Since 1915 he has resided in Palo Pinto County and continuously followed his chosen profession in that County, enjoying a splendid practice. Mr. Perkins is an outstanding lawyer of his section of the state and has for many years taken a prominent part in civic and political affairs.

In 1912, Mr. Perkins married Miss Grace Cunningham, a daughter of the late J. L. Cunningham of Palo Pinto. He is a member of the Christian Church and is a teacher of a Bible Class in the Central Christian Church of Mineral Wells.

The statement of Mr. Perkins relative to the principal planks in his platform is as follows:

"In announcing my candidacy for Congress from the Seventeenth District of Texas, I hereby submit to the Democratic voters of such district the following issues for their consideration, which issues I deem to be important at this time.

**Federal Reserve Bank.**  
At the two different hearings held in the Federal Reserve Bank at Dallas, for the purpose of investigating complaints against the present management of the bank, at which hearing I was present and it was my pleasure to represent the complaining bankers as a patriotic duty, it was shown that the management was unsympathetic toward the banks located in the smaller towns of the Eleventh Federal Reserve District, which includes all of Texas, and that they had taken the position that banks should not lend money to farmers to assist them in the making of their crops, but such banks should invest their deposits in government securities and commercial paper. It was further shown that on June 29, 1927, when the local loans of banks was at its peak, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas had approximately ten times as much money invested in government securities and paper purchased in the open market, commercial paper, the majority of which had its origin outside this district, than it

had in rediscounts to member banks, \$36,847,000.00 representing the first class and \$3,802,000.00 representing the latter. It is my contention that a continuation of such policies will seriously cripple the agricultural and livestock interests of this section and will greatly retard the development of this, the western section of Texas. This is a question of vital importance to you.

By the re-election of the governor and other officers over such evidence and in the face thereof, by a six to three vote, the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank have approved these actions and policies of the governor and have made his policies their policies.

The resolution now pending in the House of Representatives should be passed in order that Congress may be advised of the present conditions in the Federal Reserve Bank at Dallas to the end that legislation shall be passed remedying the present situation and preventing a recurrence of such conditions.

I further approve the principle of the bill now pending before Congress placing a limitation on the salaries of Federal Reserve Bank employees, the governor of which banks now receive as high as \$40,000.00 per annum, and here state that in my opinion such salaries should be cut not less than fifty per cent.

**State Rights**  
I am a firm believer in the Jeffersonian doctrine of state rights. If a halt is not made in the encroachment of the Federal Government upon the powers reserved by the States under the terms of the Federal Constitution, the time is not far distant when the sovereignty of the several states will be destroyed, and this government will be one of the centralized powers. The sovereign rights of the states must be restored and respected.

**Tariff Revision.**  
I am a firm believer in the Democratic doctrine of tariff for revenue only as a general proposition, but if a protective tariff is placed on manufactured products, which are the articles of purchase in this section, then justice and right require that the raw products should be protected in a like manner. Our people of this section should not be required to purchase on a market competing with the cheap markets of the world.

**National Defense.**  
This country will never wage a war of aggression or a war for the purpose of territorial expansion. However, that does not mean that we will never be drawn into a war with some other nation. In order that we might be prepared to meet any nation or nations that may look upon this country as a prey and to defend ourselves from invasions of nations inclined to war, I hold that we should maintain a small army, build sufficient aircraft to provide for the adequate defense of the nation and to maintain sufficient navy to protect our shores and commensurate with the standing of this nation as a world power.

I am not in sympathy with and have no patience with the present invasion of Nicaragua and believe that we should in no wise interfere with the internal affairs of other nations, however small they be. The principle is wrong and I am against

## DEATH PENALTY MUST BE PAID BY BILL SMITH

AUSTIN, Texas, March 15.—The death sentence given Bill Smith, alias Roy Miller, alias Joyce Sheppard, for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Jake Owens of Fisher county on August 27, 1927, was affirmed on Wednesday by the Court of Criminal Appeals. The trial was held in Jones County on a change of venue.

Sheriff Bob Smith of Fisher County was slain at the same time Owens was killed. They had arrested Bill Smith at the latter's home and started in an automobile with him to Rotan, Lloyd Conaster, who was at the time of the arrest, accompanied the party. Sheriff Smith was shot in the back and instantly killed and Owens also died from a shot in the back.

Bill Smith fled to Kentucky, where he was arrested and returned to Texas. His defense was that he shot because he believed that his life was in danger.

Mesdames W. C. Calvert and C. K. Russell, accompanied by Miss Julia Martin, returned first of the week from a trip to Dallas, where they had been called by the death of little John T. Morgan, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Morgan of that city. This paper joins many friends here in extending to Mr. and Mrs. Morgan deepest sympathy in the loss of their little son.

it in every way.

**Cancellation of Foreign Debts**  
This government has already made offers of cancellation of a large portion of the debts owed by foreign nations, in some instances as much as fifty per cent, and to the extent that the remainder of the debts not offered to be cancelled represent only the funds loaned to such foreign countries since the war for rehabilitation and not for the conduct of the war. I am not in favor of a further reduction of such debts, for honesty and justice demand that such debts be paid.

**Eighteenth Amendment.**  
I am a life-long prohibitionist. I know that prohibition is the best thing for this country and its citizenship. Therefore, I stand foursquare for the Eighteenth Amendment and all laws enacted placing it in force. I also believe in a rigid enforcement of prohibition laws, whether state or national, to the end that the illegal sale of intoxicants may be absolutely prohibited within the confines of this nation. I regret the effort that is being made to nullify the Eighteenth Amendment to our Constitution and have no sympathy with such movement and as your Representative in Congress, I shall do everything in my power to uphold the letter and spirit of this great law.

**Womens Rights.**  
Of equal importance to the Eighteenth Amendment with regard to the welfare of this nation is the Nineteenth Amendment which conferred on the womanhood of this nation the right of suffrage. I have always believed in the political equality of the manhood and womanhood of this nation and believe that as the women of this country come more and more to the exercising of the right of suffrage just in such proportion will the affairs of government be run with honesty and intelligence. It is also my firm conviction that women engaged in the same character of employment as men should receive the same amount of compensation. I see no reason for it to be otherwise.

**Adjusted Compensation.**  
I stand for an extension of the time for adjusted compensation claims to be made and filed by World War veterans. I further believe that this government, rich as it is, should adequately care for and provide for all disabled and crippled veterans.

In conclusion I desire to state that I am a democrat and stand for a government of, for and by the people. I further adhere to the rule of the majority as expressed at the ballot box and in favor of party government. If the democracy of this Congressional District sees fit to place me as its representative in the National house of Representatives I shall always strive to carry out the expressed wishes of my constituency and to do that which is for the best interest of the district I represent.

Very respectfully,  
T. P. PERKINS.

## New Arcade Station Open For Business

In this paper will be found the announcement of the opening of Merkel's newest automobile service station, the Motorist Arcade Service, with Mr. E. E. Leslie as owner and manager. This is one of the nicest and most up-to-date in the city, and is located on Front Street, just east of the Hamm Gin. Mr. Leslie is well known and will no doubt enjoy his share of the trade in this line.

**Garage and Battery Shop**  
In the new stucco building just next to and east of this new Arcade station will be seen the new Motorist Garage and battery shop, with Messrs. O. L. (Slim) Burgin in charge of the Garage and G. F. Snodgrass in charge of the Battery station. These men are experienced in their lines and they too will be sure to have a fair share of patronage from the general public. Read their advertisements in this paper.

## Opens Plumbing And Tin Shop

Mr. Earl Teague, an expert tinner and plumber, lately of Clyde, has moved to this city and has recently opened a new plumbing and tin shop in the Daniels block on Front street.

Mr. Teague is said to be a first class workman in his line and has also installed the very latest in equipment, which enables him to do first class work in every particular. We invite you to read his advertisement in this paper.

## Mrs. R. Conner Is Laid To Rest Here

Mrs. R. Conner, before her marriage in 1873 to Mr. Dan Landon and after his death to Mr. R. Conner in 1883, was Miss Phenie Story. She was born January 10th, 1853, in Fate County, Georgia, moving to Texas when a child. Death came to her at Florence, Kansas, March 8, 1928, at the home of her son, A. M. Conner, her remains being shipped to Merkel for burial. Funeral services were held last Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church, with burial immediately afterward in Rose Hill Cemetery.

The deceased was well known in Merkel, and was a charter member of the Methodist Church, remaining true and faithful to the cause of Christ ever after her conversion. She was not only a faithful church worker, but a true and loving wife and mother, and useful citizen in the community in which she resided.

Her remains were accompanied here by her son, Mr. A. M. Conner, and she is survived by three sisters and one brother also, as follows: Mrs. C. E. Conner, Merkel; Mrs. S. A. Reid, Clyde; Mrs. M. J. Marlan, Brandon, Texas; and Mr. T. E. Story, Merkel.

This paper joins a host of sorrowing friends in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved loved ones.

## NEW HOMES BEING ERECTED

Mrs. Richie is just completing the erection of two nice bungalow homes on the south side which she has already rented for a lengthy period. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Price are occupying one of these homes and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith will occupy the other when completed, we understand.

Mr. Sam Foster is having erected a nice four-room and bath residence on the south side which he will also rent.

Mrs. Duncan Briggs is having built on the lots adjacent to her home a nice four-room bungalow with bath, which when completed will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baze.

Mr. R. A. Burgess, now superintendent of the Childress public school system, but formerly superintendent of schools here, was a pleasant visitor in Merkel this week. He has been offered the superintendency of the schools here again by the Board of Education, but at last reports had not made his decision to accept the place. He is without doubt one of the best and most progressive school men in the state and should be accepted, the people of this city and community will be made happy and the schools under his able management will grow and advance in a pleasing manner.

# TRENT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bray and little daughter left Monday to make their home in Arizona for the time being. We are sorry to give them up even for a short time.

Mr. W. M. Redding and two sons, Elmer and Bill, have returned from Silver Valley, New Mexico, where they have been for some time located on a ranch there. Glad to have them in our community as citizens again.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howell attended business in Abilene Thursday of last week.

Mr. J. W. Dowdy of Abilene was in our city shaking hands with old friends Friday. We are always glad to see Mr. Dowdy.

Mr. Harvey Jones and family visited Mr. Frank Smith and family of Lubbock a few days last week. They were accompanied by Henry Ogletree and family.

Mr. H. W. Stutts attended business in Merkel Monday.

Mr. Taylor, editor of the Trent Texan, accompanied by Mr. Ira Walden, was in Abilene Monday.

Joe Reneau who has been for some time connected with the Westbrook Highway at Westbrook has returned home. He is at present with the Austin bridge company here.

Mrs. J. T. Archer is visiting her sister in Brownwood for a while.

Mr. R. H. Reeves and family of Blackwell spent a pleasant day with Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beckham this week.

Mr. Pass of Abilene, a former school teacher here, visited our city this week.

Mrs. W. E. Hamner returned from Temple Saturday of last week.

Mrs. Robt. D. Martin of Lorraine spent several days with her mother, Mrs. M. G. Scott this week.

Sinclair Phillips and little son, Billie, of Big Lake, spent Sunday night with his grandmother, Mrs. Phillips, who is sick at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Duncan and baby of Coleman spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Duncan this week. On their return Miss Ola Duncan accompanied them home, where she will spend some two or three weeks.

Mr. W. L. Boyd's chief concern seems to be down toward Abilene since he is the happy grandfather of a baby girl down there. Why should he worry if we all have our telephone taken out or if cotton should go down?

Mrs. W. L. Boyd returned from Abilene Tuesday night after spending a few days with her daughter Mrs. Wesley Johnson, who has a new baby daughter.

Mr. Tom Vessel is here this week looking after business matters.

Friends will be sorry to learn of the illness of Mother Dingle, who is in her daughter's home at Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reed attended her bedside this week and on their return reported that she was not improving any.

Mr. Earl Nally of Dallas who has for the past two years been with a Taxi Company there, is spending a while with his two sisters here, Mrs. Floyd Martin and Theima Nally.

Mr. Durham, editor of The Merkel Mail, visited our city Monday. Glad to have you come to see us, Mr. Durham.

Mr. Bob Weaver is employed as chief cook for the Fair at Fort Worth this week.

Harvey Jones had a mule to stab himself in some way last Saturday night. A veterinarian from Abilene was called and immediately attention was given. Mr. Jones thinks the mule will recover, but may lose the use of his limb.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lowroy of Wastella visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Butler Saturday and Sunday.

Friday morning a freight train going west wrecked just east of town, cars were thrown off the track, 3 of a broken beam being the cause. Five men turned completely over. Very fortunately no one was hurt.

Wedding bells seem to be ringing this week. Mr. Marion Spradling on route two took unto himself a wife on last Wednesday. The bride was Miss Hazel Carter of Stith. Brother Hendrix performed the ceremony. The young couple will reside here on Mr. Butler's farm. We wish them with the groom's mother, who lives a happy married life.

Mr. Hollis Conner is at home for the time being. He has been away quite a while working with a bridge gang on the T. & P. railroad.

Mr. Kenneth Sharp has accepted a position with Qualline Lumber Co.

Mr. Hardy Hightower and Mr. H. D. Matthews returned Tuesday from Pyote, where they had been attending business matters a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jody Bright visited Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bright of Sweetwater Saturday and Sunday.

Grandmother Copeland is here with

her daughter, Mrs. L. E. Adrian, this week.

Mrs. A. B. Driggers is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Jody Bright.

Mesdames Ford and Lacy attended business in Abilene one day last week.

Mr. W. H. Hale and family left Thursday enroute to Roxton, where they will visit relatives and friends a week or so. Oscar Jones accompanied them.

Bill Seranton, who is with the Phillips Company at Cisco, spent Friday at home.

Mr. O. H. Venerable and family returned to their home in Bardwell, after visiting here with R. A. Venerable and H. M. Goodwin.

The Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. social given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Terry last Tuesday night was well attended and all reported a jolly good time.

Mr. M. G. Eavens and family of Snyder spent Sunday with Mrs. J. A. McLuchlin. Mr. Evans is a grandson of Mrs. McLuchlin and is connected with the Chamber of Commerce at Snyder.

Mrs. Gosnell attended the funeral of a friend's child at Lamesa the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Terry made a trip to Capps Wednesday.

Uncle Jim and Aunt Caroline Bright started on their annual trip last Thursday morning. They will visit parts of East Texas and Oklahoma before they return. Mr. Hollis Conner is making the trip with them as chauffeur.

## TRENT CHURCH OF CHRIST

We are all happy in our labor of Christian love. Large crowds are attending all of our services for which we are truly thankful to God and to them. Our young people's service especially shows very great interest and thoughtful study. We are looking forward to a great day next Sunday with large crowds at all services. We will be very glad if we are permitted to see your face among the others.

Bible study 10 a.m. Sermon 11 a.m. subject, "The Uplifted Christ." Communion 12 M.

Song Service 3 p.m. Children's Class 7 p.m. Young People's Service 7 p.m.

Sermon 8 p.m. Subject "Baptism of Five Kinds."

Wednesday Bible Study 8 p.m. Friday song practice 8 p.m. Carl A. Collins, Minister.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt returned yesterday from Abilene, where they had been for a few days visit with relatives. We are glad to report Mrs. Rainbolt, who has been quite sick for several days, as getting along nicely now.

# STATEMENT of CONDITION The Farmers & Merchants Nat'l Bank Merkel, Texas

Close of Business February 28th, 1928

## RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$265,989.56
Overdrafts	772.85
Furniture & Fixtures	6,750.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Banker's Acceptances	\$ 73,524.08
Commercial Paper	91,500.00
U. S. Bonds (Owned)	116,300.00
Bills of Ex., Cotton	30,735.56
Cash & Sight Exchange	123,621.07
<b>CASH AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$435,630.71</b>
Total	\$711,455.62

## LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	37,979.39
Circulation	6,250.00
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$617,226.23</b>
Total	\$711,455.62

## STATE OF TEXAS County of Taylor

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

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier.

## Directors

J. T. Warren                      G. F. West                      Sam Butman, Sr.  
Geo. L. Paxton                      Booth Warren

Joe Meade, for the past year one of the clever and able salesmen for the Maverick Motor Company, recently resigned his position with this firm and with his family departed last week for Midland, where he will be connected with the Chrysler dealers in that city. Mr. Meade is a fine young man and made many close friends while connected with this popular motor company in this city.

Messrs. Bill Brown and H. M. Stewart, well known mechanics for several years connected with different automobile concerns in this city, left last week for Big Spring, where they went to engage in similar work. They have many friends here who regret very much their departure.

Out of Gas? Got a Flat? Call No. 19. We hurry!

# CONDENSED STATEMENT of CONDITION THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas, Close of Business Feb. 23, 1928.

## RESOURCES

Loans	\$362,510.74
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	13,259.25
Stocks and Bonds	1,400.00
Due From Guaranty Fund	4,105.88
Other Assets	23,043.38
U. S. Bonds	\$ 47,650.00
Commercial and short time loans	40,977.55
Cash & Exchange	111,991.41

**QUICK ASSETS \$200,618.96**

Total \$637,438.21

## LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Profits	27,983.13
Bills Payable	50,000.00
Rediscouts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE

**DEPOSITS \$509,455.08**

Total \$637,438.21

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

## OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. S. Swann, President                      Herbert Patterson,  
R. O. Anderson, V. Pres.                      Assistant Cashier  
J. C. Mason, V. Pres.  
W. L. Diltz, Cashier                      Dallas Scarbrough  
David Hendricks

Give us a chance to prove to you the superior quality of our meats and we believe you will become one of our regular customers. Baker & Wheeler Market.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know they appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offers.

## HEBRON NEWS

A few from Hebron were at the singing at Comere Sunday afternoon.

Miss Winnie Bayless visited Bessie-lou Pannell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Huston Clark visited Mr. William Carey and wife Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Carey is very sick at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pannell visited Mr. Jack Pannell and family Sunday.

Mr. James Harris of Ovalo visited his parents Saturday night and Sunday.

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Let us show you our  
**Wall Paper**

We carry a complete line right at your door, at just as cheap a price as you can find any where.

We are located in Merkel  
**Mr. Citizen of Merkel**

Why should you send your money to some other town? What would you think of the city of Merkel if there was not a stock of wall paper in town? You would say there ought to be one. Then why not patronize the one that is here. Stop and think.

# Barrow Furniture Company

ay, March 14, 1928.

# The Cream of the Tobacco Crop



"I Appreciate Lucky Strike" Says George M. Cohan

America's Stage Favorite

"Good old Luckies! We've been pals for years. And like an old friend they treat me well. No irritation to my throat and no coughing. And I appreciate Lucky Strike—the full body tobacco with the toasted flavor that's been the same since that day we met."



## "It's toasted"

No Throat Irritation - No Cough.

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### Blair Items

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hester and family of Knox City visited Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Barnes and other relatives the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Meeks and son, Jack, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton, left Thursday for Southland, Texas, to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Horton, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Horton, of Salt Branch spent the day Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Logan returned from an extended visit to the Plains recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley of the Salt Branch community visited their daughter, Miss Ruth, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan and family of Trent visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Doan, the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore dined with Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Owens and daughter, Miss Vernice Sunday.

Miss Norma Neighbors is on the sick list.

Uncle Billie Clark and daughter, Miss Jessie, Mrs. Arthur Bland, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, dined with Mr. and Mrs. Ora Mayfield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Addison dined with Mr. and Mrs. Whitt Farmer Sunday.

### Stith News

The members of the Stith Epworth League are planning to attend the Abilene District Rally which is to be held at Anson this week-end. This rally is sponsored by the central League Union of which Miss Annie Price is president.

Mrs. W. C. Church has returned from Cisco where she has been in the sanitarium for the past two weeks. Her health is very much improved.

Mrs. J. D. Bradley, who has been ill for several months, underwent an operation Saturday.

The Stith School is proud of her low fourth grade. In this class there

are seven pupils all of whom are A-plus students. The members of this unusual group are Anna Lou Church, Mary Helen Mashburn, Una and Nona Canon, Veda Helen Bradley, Aundra Lee Patton, and J. D. Bradley.

Mrs. S. E. Millard, the mother of the primary teacher in Stith school, fell and fractured her hip last week. She is now in the Abilene Baptist Sanitarium.

The Methodists of Stith community are anxiously awaiting the completion of their new church! It is hoped that they will be able to have their first service in the new building on March 24th.

Mrs. A. C. Hudson is in the sanitarium at Cisco. She is planning to return home Sunday.

Mrs. W. C. Church, secretary of the board of trustees of Stith school, left Wednesday for Sedalia, Mo., on business.

The following members of Stith Epworth League attended League Union at Abilene First Church last Friday: Misses Bertie Lee Redding, Willie Mae Redding, Nella Hudson, Ruth Millard, Annie Price, Oneita Tooley; Messrs. Delmon Mashburn, Vernon and Jesse Hudson, Howard Baird and Cecil Williams. All declared they had the time of their life.

### B. Y. P. U.

The Senior B.Y.P.U. has been making excellent progress during the winter months. As the spring approaches we do not wish to fall back with our good programs.

The program for Sunday night is as follows:

Song, "Jesus Calls Us,"  
Prayer, Mary Kate Lightsey.  
Scripture: Romans 3:8-10, Emma Mae Bridges.

Introduction: F. J. McDonald.  
What Sherman said, Irmaree Dwiggins.

Some Answers, Wise and Otherwise, Lois Dishman.

Baffling questions and the Bible, Truett Jones.

What can we do? Willie Lightsey.

Cherish the Fundamentals, Sudie Lightley.

The infant daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Bill Dunagin has been critically ill with pneumonia, but she is improving the last few days.

### HI-LEAGUE PROGRAM

Subject: Two Masters.

Leader, Thelma Leach.

Song: Prayer.

Scripture Reading: Luke 16:13.

Talks on Subject by Margaret Turner and Nadine Tippett.

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MISS BELLE WELLBORN

FOR County Clerk:

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J. H. BRATTON

W. P. BOUNDS

FOR Sheriff:

H. T. O'BAR

FOR Tax Collector:

EARL HUGHES

FOR Tax Assessor:

J. T. HOWARD

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AUSTIN FITTS

FOR County Attorney:

FRANK E. SMITH

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FOR County Judge:

TOM K. EPLEN

FOR County School Supt:

M. A. WILLIAMS

#### Precinct Announcements

FOR Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

PHILLIP A. DILTZ

JOHN J. TOOMBS

C. R. (Rufe) TITTLE

FOR Public Weigher:

THOS. A. BEARDEN

### JONES COUNTY OFFICES

For Commissioner (Precinct No. 4):

W. C. BAKER

W. T. RAINWATER (re-election)

### Baptist Church

All regular services Sunday and during the week.

We were gratified at the increase in attendance at Sunday School; with this increase repeated each of the remaining Sundays in March we will reach our goal. It is hoped that the work will go right on in every department. If your department was one of the departments to gain its ten new names in attendance last Sunday, help get ten more for next Sunday and we will surely get our number.

The pastor will speak at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.

All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 6:45. Come in time for the unions and stay for the preaching service.

A cordial invitation is extended to any stranger in Merkel or in the community round about to come and worship with us.

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### Methodist Church

Last Sunday was a great day at Merkel Methodist Church. There were 15 additions to the church on profession of faith and 10 by certificate. Others will be received next Sunday morning. Plans for the organization of a Senior Epworth League were formed. At the evening hour a very interesting program was presented by a company of young people from Abilene. By actual count 35 were present at prayermeeting Wednesday evening. Tonight (Thursday) the men of Merkel are to organize a men's prayermeeting. All are invited to attend and participate.

We are looking forward to next Sunday morning for an increased attendance at Sunday School. We are expecting YOU. At the close of the 11 o'clock service members will be received into the church. If you are a child of God, and the Methodist Church is the church of your choice, we invite you to join at that time. At 6:45 p.m. a complete organization of the Senior League will be effected. At the same time the Hi and Junior Leagues will meet.

Preaching at 7:30 by the pastor. W. J. Mayhew, pastor.

### A GREAT SINGING AT TRENT SUNDAY

There will be a great singing at the Trent Church of Christ next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Singers from most all communities for twenty miles around are expected to attend. Abilene singers will render special numbers and the Merkel class under the efficient leadership of Mr. Nathan Wood will lend much to the enjoyment and success of the hour.

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Subject: "The One Book."

1. "The Bible is the Word of God," by J. E. Lassiter.
2. The Bible tells us how to be saved, by Margaret Miller.
3. The Bible is Food for the Christian, by Thelma Matthews.
4. The Bible is our Lamp, by Kathleen Harmon.
5. The Bible is an interesting book, by Ora Derrick.
6. God wants us to study his word, by Vivian Davis.
7. Juniors Should Read the Bible, by Cullen Tittle.

### Church of Christ

W. G. Cypert will preach at the North Side Church of Christ next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, and in the evening at 7:30. Come and be with us at 10 o'clock for the Sunday school and singing.

### Golan News

We have been having some pretty warm weather this past week.

Mrs. Millard Thompson spent the week-end with Mr. D. R. Thompson and family.

Miss Beryl Brown spent Sunday with Miss Ruby Skidmore.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lane Sunday.

Mrs. B. W. Lane and children of Lubbock are with her father, Mr. D. R. Thompson, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Fox spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hudspeth.

Mr. Darwin and Miss Elsie Hill, who are attending school at Hermleigh, were at home for the week-end.

Mrs. John McClung and son Harrel of Abilene spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. S. L. Hooper went to Snyder Friday and came back Sunday.

Mr. Bernard and Miss Bernice Clark and Charlie Blackwell of Kale were the guests of Mrs. Ollie Skidmore Sunday.

Mr. Charlie and Miss Lena Jones of Stith were here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Douglas and Miss Jewel Skidmore are attending the Fat Stock show at Fort Worth this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Byrom spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Jeffrey.

Miss Nina Skidmore spent Sunday with Miss Johnnie Lane.

Miss Mary Lou Brown, who is attending school at Merkel, was at home for the week end.

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### JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

Subject: "Winning Friends by Being Friends." Leader, Alice Church. Scripture: John 15:12, 13, by the leader.

Talk No. 1, "What is a Friend?" by Mildred Richardson.

Talk No. 2, "Choosing Friends," by Duncan Briggs.

Talk No. 3, "Being Friends," by Nell Hughes.

Talk No. 4, "The Greatest Friend," by Mary Grace Dunn.

Poem, "The House by The Side of The Road," read by Imogene Middleton.

Prayer by superintendent. Song 247. Song 213. Benediction. League starts at 6:45.

### COMPERE ITEMS

We are having some pretty weather now which everybody is proud to see, although all would like to see a good, big rain.

Mrs. Wilburn and children visited Mrs. Bertha Lucas Sunday.

Mrs. Bond and children visited Mrs. L. A. Blunt of the I.X.L. community Sunday.

Mrs. Tarvin visited Mrs. Alma Tarvin Tuesday afternoon.

Little Jerry Fern Howard, baby of Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Howard, is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Beulah Cunningham visited Mrs. Lorene Allred Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stout and baby spent Friday night and Saturday night in the Canyon community.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Bond visited Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bond last Wednesday.

Munity visited in this community Mr. Roy Keener from Hawley community.

Mr. Everette and Hermon and sisters, Ruby and Bessie Stout, of the Hawley community visited at Mrs. Stout's Sunday.

Mrs. Bond spent last Tuesday night Misses Lenora Wilburn and Laith Mrs. Ruth Bond of the White Church community.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stout and baby spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Blount of the I. X. L. community.

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### Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 10 a.m.  
The attendance gained several last Sunday. Let's make the number present next Sunday greater than last Sunday.

At the 11 o'clock hour Mr. J. H. Read, field man for the Reynolds Presbyterian Orphanage, will speak in the interest of the home. He will not take an offering. Let every Presbyterian be present to hear from the children.

At the evening hour the Missionary Society will have an open meeting. Every member of the church is expected to be present at this service if possible. Visitors are always welcome to worship with us.  
W. M. Elliott, Supt. S. S.  
R. A. Walker, pastor.

Messrs. Fred Baker, John and Twyman Collins and B. P. Middleton, Jr., returned first of the week from a visit to the Stock Show at Fort Worth.

Dewey A. Mayhew, Abilene High School coach, and his wife, visited their parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Mayhew, last week-end.

Mr. L. L. Huddleston, accompanied by his family, made a trip to the Plains this week. Mr. Huddleston has a farm of 1100 acres in cultivation near O'Donnell, in Lynn county. He stated that most all farm land in that section was ready for planting.

Judge Frank Morris, of Dallas, begins a revival meeting at Trent next Sunday. Judge Morris is a very successful evangelist, and the people of Merkel will do well to hear him during this meeting.

Mr. J. S. Swann was among those attending the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth this week.

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RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security	\$391,485.84
Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon	9,547.95
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	2,454.50
Bonds, stocks and other securities	1,400.00
Customers' Bonds held for safekeeping	47,650.00
Real Estate (Banking House)	25,000.00
Other Real Estate	13,259.25
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Cash on Hand	21,928.79
Due from approved reserve agents	38,851.99
Interest on Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,105.88
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,000.00
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange, undoubtedly good	51,210.63
Other Resources	23,043.38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$637,438.21</b>

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Certified Surplus Fund	20,000.00
Other Surplus Fund	2,000.00
Undivided profits, net	5,983.13
Individual Deposits subject to check	418,803.60
Time Certificates of Deposit	15,832.37
Public Funds on Deposit (City \$19,778.41) Total	19,778.41
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	7,390.70
Bills Payable \$50,000.00; Rediscounts none; Total	50,000.00
Customers' Bonds deposited for safekeeping	47,650.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$637,438.21</b>

STATE OF TEXAS )  
County of Taylor ) We, J. S. Swann, as President, and Herbert Patterson, as Assistant 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. S. SWANN, President.  
HERBERT PATTERSON, Asst. Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of March, A. D. 1928.  
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Wade Darsey, valuable employe in the local Post Office, spent Sunday and Monday attending the Stock Show and visiting relatives in Fort Worth.

W. L. Diltz, accommodating cashier of the Farmers State Bank, accompanied by his family, visited the Fat Stock Show this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Wheeler attended the Stock Show in Fort Worth first of this week.

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## St. Patrick Parties Feature Week's Social Activities

### THURSDAY CLUB

The lovely home of Mrs. W. L. Diltz, Jr., was the scene of a lovely party on the club day of Thursday Club members last week. St. Patrick's was the motif predominant; gorgeous hand tinted green and white carnations were placed in the entertaining rooms, stressing the colors favored in the table appointments for games of progressive 42. At the tea hour the hostess passed a most delectable salad plate, bearing St. Patrick plate favors as a final tribute to the day. The guest list included Miss Mary Comegys, Mesdames Henry West, Byers Petty, C. B. Gardner, Booth Warren, Jim West, L. E. Scott, John West, Tom Largent, Charlie Jones, W. J. Largent, Dee Grimes, F. Y. Gaither, T. L. Grimes, S. D. Gamble, Ross Ferrier, T. E. Collins and the hostess.

### GLEANERS ENTERTAINED

Mrs. Herbert Patterson, graciously entertained members of her Sunday School class with a St. Patrick party on last Tuesday afternoon. The social hour was devoted to sewing for an orphan child the class is supporting, and at the tea hour Mrs. Patterson served a beautiful refreshment of ice cream moulded into shamrocks with angel food squares, to Mesdames A. H. Brackeen, Seth Hamilton, Bishop Hunter, J. E. Richardson, Eli Case, D. H. Vaughn, M. R. Hale, Denzil Cox, Roy Harrel, Will Dunn, Johnnie Dunn and hostess.

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My thoroughbred Jersey Male will make the season at my barn in southwest Merkel. Terms, \$2.00 cash when bred. John S. Hughes. 16t2p

We have some Pure Red Top Cane Seed for planting, grown by John Lawler; no Johnson grass. DUNN BROTHERS. It

Loring Hamblet, and sister, Mrs. Willie Addington, of Breckenridge, were up last Sunday for a visit with their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hamblet.

### IDLEWISE CLUB

Miss Mary Cleo Booth, most charmingly entertained members of the Idlewise Club on Wednesday of last week, using the St. Patrick season as inspiration for a green and white color scheme in all party appointments. The tables arranged for games of Auction Bridge, were gay with green and white mints, miniature St. Patrick's as tallies and score pads. At the culmination of the games Miss Booth passed a lovely salad plate and mint drink with dainty shamrocks as plate favors to Misses Truett, Martha Bird, Melba West, Roberta Sloan, Mary Eula Sears, Lucy Tracy, Mesdames Claud Young, Johnnie Camp, Bill Brown, Emmet Grimes, Harry Cookston, Roy Largent, and George White.

### Methodist Missionary Society

The Womans Missionary Society members will begin the study of a new book next Monday afternoon. The name of the study is "A Straight Way Toward Tomorrow;" and the aim of the book is to show that the world through Christian forces should be made safe for the children. Follow-Monday:

Bible lesson, Isaiah 54:11-14, Mrs. C. B. Smith.

Destructive Forces, Mrs. Hamilton. Constructive forces, Mrs. Mayhew. Declaration at Geneva, Mrs. Hutcheson.

Declaration of Jesus, Mrs. Richards. The meeting begins promptly at 2 o'clock. Every woman of the church is invited to come and enjoy the study of this interesting book.

All room lots of wall paper at exactly one-half price Friday and Saturday. Barrow Furniture Co. It

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Buford were among those attending the Fat Stock show at Fort Worth this week.

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### COMB MOUNTAINS FOR BURIED GOLD

Seek Treasure Hidden a Century Ago.

Alamosa, Colo.—Two faded and crumbled parchments with indistinct lines and markings of trails have led searching parties into the Conejos mountains in quest of gold dust and ingots, believed buried more than a century ago.

The searching parties combed many sections of the mountains during the summer, but early winter snows have forced abandonment of the projects until next spring.

One of the bands of delvers after hidden treasure is known as the "Treasure company," with headquarters at Capulin, a Spanish settlement 20 miles south of here. The other is a partnership between Charles P. Graesser, rancher, and Jesse Reynolds, Denver prospector. The latter has spent the summer digging along Rock creek for chests of gold dust and ingots thought to have been buried in the '70s of the last century. Reynolds also is seeking an old Spanish mine, which he claims to have located on the west flank of the San Juan mountains.

Early day history, romance and tragedy mark the trails that lead to the reputed treasure sites. Legend says the treasure was concealed by French and Spanish mining expeditions while under attack by Indian tribes.

The tale of the Rock creek cache carries with it a story of vengeance wrought by Indians against an expeditionary force of Frenchmen. The leaders of the explorers, according to the account, kidnaped the daughter of an Indian chieftain and later deserted her. The white men previously had discovered a great deposit of almost virgin gold and were transporting it on burros to the gulf coast. The outraged Indians ambushed and massacred all of the party but one man, who buried the gold, the story runs.

### Next War to Be Jolly; Guns Will Not Rust

Washington. — Some millions of Americans with vivid recollections of wartime troubles in keeping rust off their rifles, machine guns and "75's" will be interested to learn that future American armies probably won't have the same kind of chores to do.

In his annual report, made public recently, Maj. Gen. Clarence C. Williams, chief of army ordnance, states that efforts are being made to substitute rust-proof steel for the present metal parts in army fighting equipment.

"Extensive investigation of commercial stainless steel for use in rifles, machine gun barrels and other components is being carried on with the object of eventually making as many components of this type of material as practicable," says General Williams. "Such use, if perfected, would result in far-reaching economies."

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In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on Feb. 28, 1928

**RESOURCES**

Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts	\$461,749.20
Total loans	\$461,749.20
Overdrafts, secured, None, Unsecured	\$772.85
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value)	\$6,250.00
All other United States Government Securities	\$110,050.00
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc., owned	1,950.00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,750.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	NONE
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	37,444.57
Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	85,891.32
Amount due from State banks, bankers and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, and 10)	60.00
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	189.56
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13	\$86,131.88
Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank) located out side of city or town of reporting bank	NONE
Miscellaneous cash items	44.62
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$711,455.62</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits	\$16,809.03
Reserved for	NONE
Less current expenses, paid	3,829.64
Circulating notes outstanding	12,997.39
Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the U. S.	6,250.00
Cashiers checks outstanding	23,008.55
Dividend checks outstanding	2,371.72
Total of items 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29	NONE
Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:	\$ 25,375.27
Individual deposits subject to check	475,315.73
Certificates of deposits due in less than 90 days	9,350.00
Other Demand Deposits	16,626.70
Total of demand deposit (other than bank deposits)	
Reserve, Items 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34	\$501,292.43
Savings Deposits	90,558.53
State, County or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank or surety bond	NONE
Other time Deposits	NONE
Total of time deposits subject to reserve, Items 35, 36, 37, and 38	\$90,558.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$711,455.62</b>

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:  
 I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
 BOOTH WARREN, Cashier  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of March, 1928.  
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**Horn News**

We are proud of the pretty weather we are having this week.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Charlie Davis is able to be up some this week after a short illness.

Mr. John Carr entertained the young folks of this community with a party Monday night. A nice time was enjoyed by all who were present.

Miss Nellie Peterson and Arna Mae Mize visited Miss Pearl Davis Sunday.

Miss Cordie Ellington visited at Mrs. Penningfield's Sunday.

We are glad to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Davis from Merkel have moved to this community.

Bro. O. B. Tatum took dinner with Mr. Charlie Davis and family Sunday.

Miss Rose Ellington and Mr. Theodore Douglas were happily united in matrimony last Sunday. We sincerely wish them a long and happy married life.

Mr. Claud Ellington was operated on in the Abilene sanitarium for appendicitis. He is getting along very well at present.

**Noodle News**

A number of young people of this community attended a party Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jenkins. A delightful time was had by all.

The Needle Club met Monday with Mrs. John Williams as hostess. About ten members were present. It will meet at the home of Mrs. Chas. Bristo next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sloan entertained a number of young people Sunday with a dinner. Those present were Misses Wanna Spurgin, Leona Jinkens, Odessa Bicknell, Vera Walker, and Vera Justice of Abilene; Messrs. Ernest Spurgin, Ray Spurgin, Vessie Justice, Oscar McGinnis, Finus Cade, Carlton Vick and Clifford Rhoden of Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jenkins and daughter, Leona left Monday for Ft. Worth to visit relatives and attend the Fat Stock Show.

Miss Lila Mae Bird is visiting relatives on the plains.

Mrs. Fred Runkle and children of Moran visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Reece, the past week-end.

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The children of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Henderson have been very sick for the past few days, but are now improving.

Miss Vera Justice, who is attending Abilene Christian College, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice.

**COMPERE ITEMS**  
 Baptist Notes.

Sunday School at 10 a.m. We had a good attendance last Sunday. A great interest is being taken in our school as we are trying to make it a Standard School.

We are glad our school is slowly but surely making the up-hill grade. New members nearly every Sunday. An invitation is extended to all who care to worship with us. We are trying to make our school one among the very best in this community.

The farmers are just about through breaking land, and are wondering and waiting for a good rain.

Uncle Jake Foster has been sick, but we are glad to know he is able to be around again. Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Chaney's baby is sick this week.

Boyd Tarpley returned from Ida Bell, Oklahoma, last week, accompanied by his father and mother.

Mrs. Walter Clemmer entertained the sewing club at her home last Wednesday evening, Mar 7th. Ice cream was served to Mesdames S. S. Sherrell, Odis Hudson, Lucas, Outlaw, Marshall, Ashby, Harris, Chester Lucas, Wylie Outlaw, Foster, Spurgeon, Misses Obera Outlaw, Sapp

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Sherrell visited in the home of Mrs. Chester Lucas Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Spurgin and children and Mr. and Mrs. Powell of Anson, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Ashby Sunday.

Mrs. Emily Wilburn and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lucas.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Foster of Noodle spent Monday evening with home folks.

Mr. Jim Wade's parents from the Plains are spending this week with him.

We are having a fine school this year, the teachers taking a great interest in the school, and the children are doing fine work.

Tuesday, March 20, there will be a rabbit drive with plenty of dinner at the noon hour. Get your guns boys and come. Let's kill the rabbits. Be at Comper at nine o'clock.

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**Shiloh Happenings**

Health in the community is very good at this writing.

Miss Edna Tiner visited Miss Gustie Eckard Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Grayson, Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Rutledge and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rutledge visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. James Sunday evening.

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

Those visiting in the home of Mrs. L. E. Cade Sunday were Rev. R. B. McGinnis, Mr. C. T. Beckham, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Wheatley, and Mesdames J.H. Grayson, J. W. Tiner and C. W. Seago.

Mr. and Mrs. Rapp Greene spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Greene.

Mrs. Phoebe Greene and Mr. Homer Greene visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pomroy Sunday.

Mr. Charlie Williams and daughter and Mr. Smith of Hamlin visited Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Grayson Sunday.

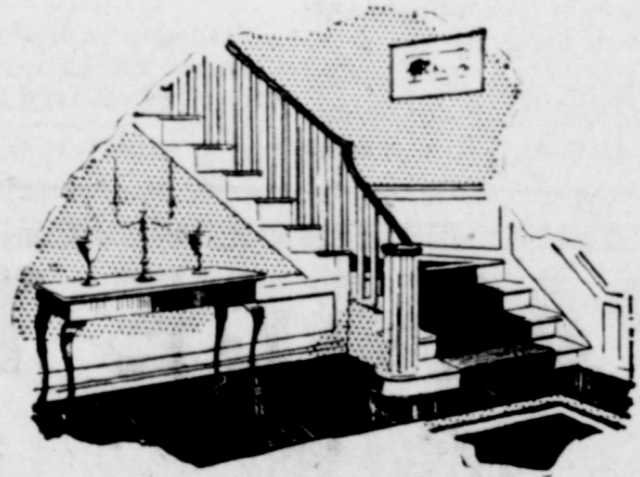
Miss Bessie James and Mrs. Mansion James spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. Chester Cox.

Mrs. Tom Greene and baby visited Mesdames Burk and Haven at Sweetwater Wednesday.

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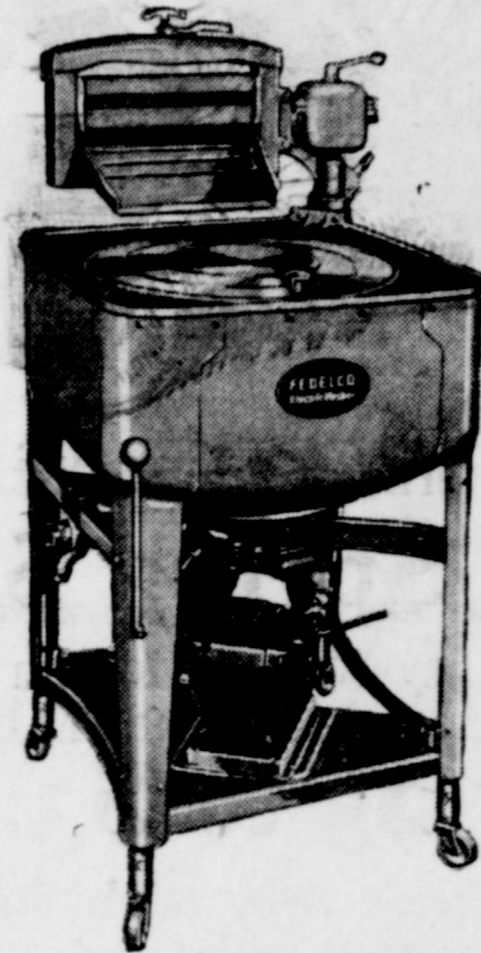


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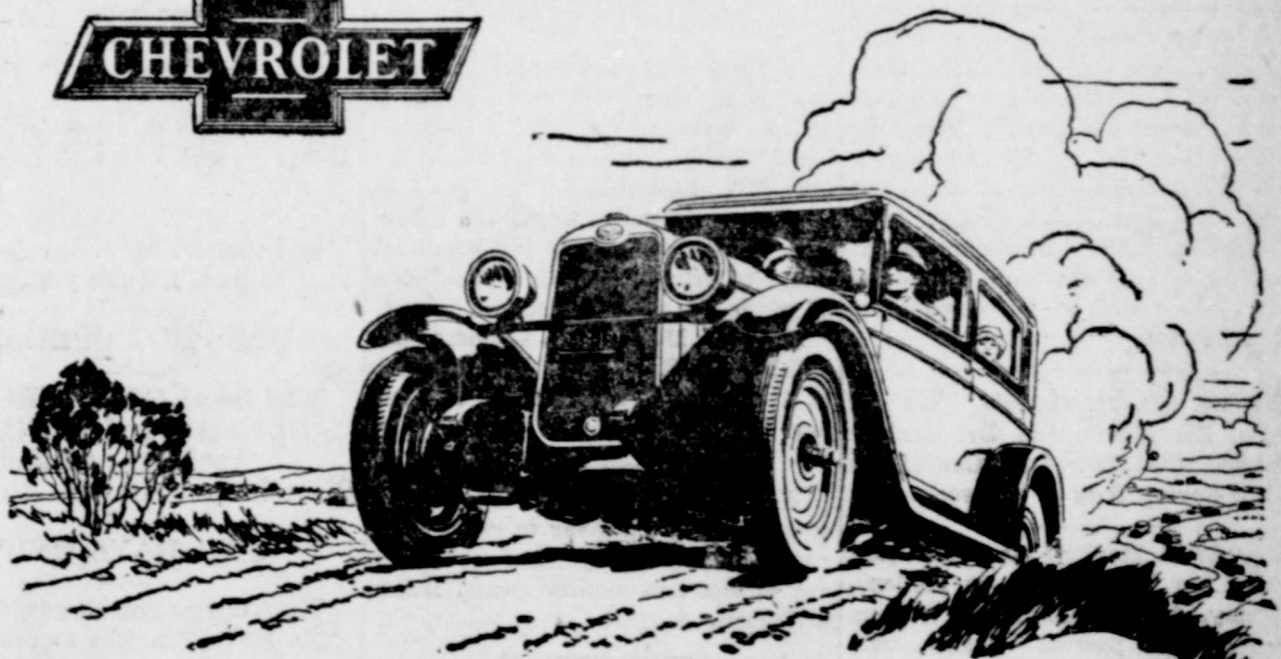
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Rev. Daugherty of Lamar Street Baptist Church of Sweetwater preached at Dora Sunday.  
 Grandpa McCray is very ill at this time. We trust that he shall soon regain his good health.  
 A few young folks enjoyed a party at Mr. Rotan's Saturday night.  
 Miss Conavo Stephens and Daisy McCoy spent Saturday night with Ima Joy Wright.  
 Bro. Hardy bought a new Chevrolet truck with a three in one body.  
 The Dora home demonstration Club helped to serve the Sweetwater business men's luncheon club last Thursday.  
 Chapel Hardy of McMurry will preach at Slater's chapel next Sunday.  
 Mrs. Mae Hamilton is on the sick list this week.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rape made a business trip to Merkel Tuesday.  
 The Clayton brothers received a telephone message from Cooper, Texas, Monday night stating their mother was very low. They left on the next train to be with her.  
 Little Louise Whisenhunt is on the sick list at this writing.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Harvey West of White Church spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Perry.  
 Mr. Eargle and George Ensminger made a business trip to Sweetwater Monday. Nance.

**Great Film '7th Heaven' To Have Local Showing**

The management of the Palace Theatre have secured the first run in Merkel of "7th Heaven," Fox Films epic picture version of the play by Austin Strong. This picture has been creating a sensation and playing to capacity houses all over the country and is considered one of the finest productions of the year. Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell are featured at the head of an all-star cast which includes Gladys Brockwell, Albert Gran, David Butler, George Stone, Emile Chautard, Marie Mosquini, Ben Bard and Brandon Hurst.  
 "7th Heaven" plays at the Palace three days, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 21, 22 and 23.  
 "THE BANDIT'S SON" IS REAL WESTERN THRILL  
 In "The Bandit's Son," an FBO attraction which opens Saturday night at the Palace theatre, Bob Steele, the newly created western star, clinches the success which attended his first picture, "The Mojave Kid."

Upon the release of his first picture, Bob was immediately placed in the ranks of the leading western stars, and in "The Bandit's Son" he gives an even better performance than in his initial starring vehicle.  
 The story of "The Bandit's Son," by Frank Howard Clark, deals with a young westerner whose father once was considered a bandit, but the old man has for many years led a straight life for the boy's sake. Bob, as the boy, is in love with the parson's daughter, played by Ann Sheridan, who also gives a fine performance. How Bob clears his father's name and wins the girl in a series

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**SURPRISE BIRTHDAY DINNER**

Last Sunday, March 4th, relatives of Mr. Jim Perry, of the Golan community, began arriving about 10:30 with presents and eats, to Mr. Perry's great surprise.  
 At the noon hour a bountiful feast was served. The cake was covered with tiny pink candles, it was whisped 45, but Mr. Perry wouldn't say, and when he blew the candles out, he was told he would live to be 96 years of age. To be sure we hope so.  
 Lunch was served to Mr. Roland Toombs and family, Mr. Hurley Toombs and family, Bud Perry and family, Joe Seymore and wife, grandmother Perry and L. C. Williams and wife of Golan and John Hill of Abilene. A Guest.

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**UNUSUAL ROLE FOR BEN LYON**

Ben Lyon, who in his last pictures has run the gamut from a Roman gladiator to a modern caveman, has a new and striking type of role in "For the Love of Mike," the new Robert Kane comedy-drama showing at the Queen Wednesday and Thursday.

In this latest piece, in which he is co-featured with Ford Sterling, George Sidney, Hugh Cameron and Claddette Colbert, Lyon plays a tough East Side kid, who is brought up by three foster fathers, who eventually send him to college.

The transition of the gutter kid to the polished captain of the Y crew, and the conflict of his affections between his childhood sweetheart, a little Italian girl of the neighborhood, and the ritzy blonde he meets on Fifth avenue, forms the plot of this most unusual film.

Frank Capra directed for Kane, Leland Hayward was production manager, and William Schurr and Ernest Haller headed the camera crew.

Marvin Mayfield, who for the past year has been one of the valuable and accommodating employes of the West Texas Utilities Company in this city, left this week for Tuscola, where he is to be manager for the company in that city. Marvin is one of our finest young men and is making good with this great public utilities company. Yes, he is just the kind of young men to be found in the employe of this company.

Messrs. S. D. Gamble, Warren Smith, Sie Hamm and Dr. Saddler attended the Druggist's Convention in Big Spring first of the week.

Rev. W. J. Mayhew attended a conference on Evangelism, at Abilene, Tuesday. All the pastors of Abilene District were present except two. The presiding Elder, Dr. Lyon, presided. The meeting was with Oak Street Methodist Church, the ladies of that church serving the luncheon.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We take this opportunity to thank our many friends for their sympathy and kindness in our recent bereavement, due to the death of our loved one, Mrs. R. Conner. You were so kind to us in many ways, and especially do we appreciate the beautiful floral offerings. May God bless each of you in your sincere wish and prayer.  
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**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to take this method of thanking our many kind friends who so willingly helped us in any way during the sickness and death of our dear baby, Fred Wade, and for the beautiful floral offerings. May they have just such kind friends in their darkest hours is our prayer.

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