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MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1929.

On the "Broadway of America"

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Movement is Launched to Pave Oak Street

MERKEL CHOSEN BY HERCULES CO.

Fort Worth Concern Opens Supply House Here With Harry

developing oil industry in this sec- preparing to run the 5-inch casing.

Announcement is made that the street, in the same block with the hole on the Joe Winters place. Maverick Motor Co.

HARRY COOKSTON MANAGER.

Particularly pleasing to the people of Merkel as well as to oil men operating in the field, is the announcement that Harry Cookston is to be in ston has divided his time between the Merkel and other fields as the representative for the company for sevnoted with extreme pleasure by his host of friends throughout this section. During his residence here he pletion during the coming week. worth while interest of the town, and FATHER MERKEL his popularity will no doubt rebound to the interest of the company he represents as it has to him personally.

Carpenters have been busy for several days remodeling the building, T. K. Garland Passes Away at erecting the shelving and getting ready for the opening of the new concern will be open for business Monday

REGISTER OVER 1,000 CARS HERE

L. R. Thompson, who has been representing the county tax collector's at Sylvester, attended by a large conoffice at Merkel in registering motor! 1,000 license plates have been sold at residence in this section since 1882. his office here.

collector's office is highly pleased with the showing of the Merkel office. judging from the many expressions, appreciate being enabled to register of residence.

known policy of boosting Merkel and of the Baptist church. accommodating the citizenship of this section, announces that he has in his office blank requisitions for poll tax receipts, enabling him to assist voters was known throughout this section as in procuring voting privileges without the "watermelon king," a distinction the necessity of having to go to that came to him by reason of the

MERKEL LIONS TO GREET CHIEF

Several members of the Merkel Lions club will visit Abilene January 24, at which time Ben R. Ruffin, Richmond, Va., president of the International Association of Lions clubs, will be the guest of clubs in the West Texas district.

and Amarilloton his tour of the state. ka, and Mrs. Ada Whitley of Brown- Mrs. Harkrider was almost completely, time of its suspension, was sentenced estimated that the cost borne by prop-About 75 clubs in this section of the state have been invited to send delegates to the gathering.

Mr. Ruffin, who was elected president of the Lions International at the twelth annual convention of the association held in Des Moines, Iowa, July 10-13, 1928 is actively engaged in general insurance business and takes Spirit of Christianity." part in other prominent business affairs. He is an eloquent speaker.

Minor Operation.

A. B. Patterson went to an Abilene minor operation and returned a few days later greatly improved.

WILDCAT TEST J. R. WALLING **MAKING GOOD** AS SUPPLY SITE OIL SHOWING

Much interest has been attracted Cookston as Local Manager. to the Hucony Gas Co., Mayberry Large Stock Oil Well Supplies. No. 1, wildcat test being drilled five miles north of the Hudspeth. From The Hercules Supply Co. is the an oil saturated lime topped at 2,965 pany, with headquarters at Fort 200 feet of oil and 150 feet of water Worth and branches in a number of in the hole, the last 200 feet of which other places, has selected Merkel as was open below the 6-inch casing the logical place to serve the fast landed at 2,764 feet. Drillers were

Phillips Petroleum Co., Mrs. J. W. Pomroy No. 2, in the Noodle Creek company will carry in the Merkel area, came in a producer Wednesday house a large stock of oil well sup- night for an estimated yield of from plies, tools, wire lines and everything 200 to 300 barrels. The new producer needed in a fast developing oil field. is an east offset to the Phillips-Wind-The Merkel store is located on Front ham, and is a north offset to the dry

> Other developments of the week included the bringing in of two wells by ty, he moved to West Texas in 1887. the other 200.

charge of the local store. Mr. Cook- greater in the oil fields near Merkel a farmer and in recent years has benat the present time than ever before efited greatly from oil development buried in Cisco Sunday with Masonic in the history of the field. The Huco- owning at the time of his death 320 honors. ny Gas Co. wildcat test, which has acres in the south half of the discovery eral months, and the fact that he is a good showing of oil, will extend the section of the Noodle Dome field. Six to be permanently in Merkel will be field. Numberless new locations are producing wells are on his property. being made, while a number of wells In the early days Mr. Walling was in proven territory are due for com- distinguished as an agriculturist and

Sylvester; Formerly Known as "Watermelon King."

years old. Burial was in the cemetery course of sorrowing friends who had

Mr. Garland lived for some time at was born in South Carolina, but immi- ed in his death. grated to Texas in 1869, first locatthis section of West Texas 47 years

WATERMELLON KING.

A number of years ago Mr. Garland fact that he produced and marketed the finest watermelons of this entire section. All the recommendation that a melon needed in those days was established the grower as "king of Friday night of last week. watermelon growers."

ters. The sons are Will of Burkbur- burying plot at that place. survived by five sons and four daugh | Mrs. R. Harkrider, sister-in-law of

quet program of the Presbyterian seriously injured. Men's club at Abilene Monday night. Mr. Thompson's subject was, "The

Infant Dead.

rack of Merkel officiating.

DIES AT EARLY HOUR THURSDAY

Was Long Prominent As Farmer and Well Known in Oil Circles; Funeral This Afternoon From Church of Christ.

J. R. Walling, 56, one of the best Governor W. P. Hobby, died Monday latest business addition attracted to feet, the oil came through 57 feet of known farmers and oil operators in at her home in Houston. Merkel by the oil field. This comdle Creek Thursday morning at 2 o'clock, following an illness of two weeks with influenza, which developed into pneumonia.

Funeral services will be held Friday aat 11 a. m. at the Church of local cemetery.

HIGHLY ESTEEMED.

was Mr. Walling. Born in Hill coun- building. dent of the Noodle Creek community, capitol. According to oil men, activity is where he prospered for many years as

> ranchman. The greater part of his life was devoted to these pursuits, and there were few men in this section better posted on livestock conditions. He enjoyed a wide acquaintimong the stockmen of West boy when a young man, and actually county courthouse. grew up on the ranches of this sec-

SORROW UNIVERSAL.

Expressions of sorrow were general in Merkel when it became known that Joe and John Garland have returned Mr. Walling had passed away. His admitted to membership in the Lone city council, when that body will ask for his immense wealth and influence from Sylvester, where they were called kindly disposition had endeared him Star Leaague by unanimous consent of for competitive bids on the basis of during the oil development period of by the serious illness and subsequent to a host of friends. Notwithstand- the other six clubs. death of their father, T. K. Garland, ing he had suffered greatly in recent who died at Sylvester Saturday morn- years, he always had a cheerful smile erintendent at Stamford has been he came in contact. According to Breckenridge schools. friends, he has undergone seven serious operations for different causes, vehicles, has announced that over known and loved deceased during his and the stamina shown on these occasions led physicians and friends to hope that he would be able to success-According to Mr. Thompson, the tax | Merkel a number of years ago. He fully combat the malady that result-

Survivors are his wife and one Citizens of this section of the county, ing in Central Texas and moving to son six years old; two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Beal of Whitney and Mrs. C. M. ago, where he has resided, building for Webb of Sylvester. Mrs. Beal is ill their cars at a point near their place himself the esteem of his fellowmen in and her husband has been in a critiall walks of life. Mr. Garland was a cal condition for several months, and course of putting out a small fire. Mr. Thompson, following his well Confederate Veteran and a member she will be unable to attend the fun-

SISTER MRS. ACE

Mrs. H. Neil, sister of Mrs. Ace Sheppard of Merkel, who was so badly hurt in an automobile accident near that it was a "Garland Melon," and Baird Sunday, January 6, succumbed the lusciousness of the fruit at once to her injuries in an Abilene hospital

The body was shipped to Grand Besides his wife, Mr. Garland is Saline and interred in the family

nett; Nat of Purcell, Okla.; Joe and Mrs. Sheppard, who was also serious-John of Merkel, and Tom of Sylvester. ly injured in the same accident, is The daughters are Mrs. Price Carroll improving slowly. She was removed A. & M. College. of Sweetwater; Mrs. R. T. Bertram from the hospital in Abilene to her Ruffin include Houston, San Antonio of Lubbock; Mrs. Ella Davis of Taho- home at Fort Worth Wednesday. First National Bank at Denton at the square yard. Under this plan, it is scalped by broken glass.

Merkel Man Abilene Speaker. whom had been attending the golden funds and false entries. Sentence L. R. Thompson of Merkel was the wedding celebration of Mr. and Mrs. was suspended. principal speaker at the monthly ban- D. T. Harkrider of Abilene, were not

Mrs. Warren at Home.

ly injured in an automobile accident near Mineral Wells about three weeks nied. The infant daughter of Mr. and ago, and who has been in a hospital hospital the first of the week for a services were held Thursday afternoon ily improving, a fact that will be notat Compere, with Rev. Ira L. Par- ed with pleasure by the many friends of the family in this section.

Senator Parr has introduced a bill which would make state and county taxes payable twice a year.

road conductor, was found dead in his room at Big Spring. Mrs. W. P. Hobby, wife of former

Funeral services were held at Anson for Jones county's oldest resident,

Mrs. Rebecca Jane Huie, 98. Houston W. Rogers, 48, was killed near Brownwood when his horse shied

after its rider had fired a shotgun. Thomas Benjamin Alridge Wednes-Christ in Merkel, with W. G. Cypert day was sentenced to death at Dallas officiating. Interment will be in the for assault on a 17-year-old girl Dec

Frank Borchtie, 75, was burned to No man in this section was better death at Ralls when an oil lamp beknown or more highly esteemed than side his bed was overturned, firing the

Dan Moody was inaugurated Tuesthe Marland company, on the Mason first settling in Fisher county, but for day for his second term as governor tract, one good for 300 barrels and a number of years he has been a resi- with simple ceremonies at the state ing with some of the business men,

> J. W. Shepard, pioneer resident of Eastland and Stephens counties, was

Funeral services were held at Abilene for Mrs. J. J. Robertson, 83, wife of J. J. Robertson, pioneer West Texas ranchman.

W. W. Hubbard, 63, merchant at Inola, Okla., died while on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. J. P. Wolfe, at

C. S. Oates of Abilene has been Texas, having seen service as a cow- struction of the new \$200,000 Winkler toward the paving of that thorough. D. Anderson, pastor of First Chris-

Dallas on Feb. 28.

W. S. Holland, for nine years sup- fer.

Dallas is attempting to raise by popular subscription a \$1,000 fund for officers who were wounded in a bat-

tle with thugs in that city. Missouri McReynolds Clack, 85, Confederate Veteran and a resident of West Texas since 1878, died Sun-

day at his home near Abilene. Silas Wood, fire chief of Memphis, received fatal injuries when his own fire "wagon" backed over him in the

E. W. Marland has been elected president of the Midcontinent Oil Association. Fort Worth was selected as the general headquarters.

A general dairy research program SHEPPARD DIES for the state of Texas was advocated by 150 dairymen and dairy leaders of the southwest at a convention held at

> ance D. Roderick of Lubbock have were fortunate enough to secure the purchased the El Paso Herald and the contract. He said that 2 1-2 inch El Paso Times. Roderick will be in

ly oppose the confirmation of F. M. the old gravel base, add new where Law of Houston, Byrd E. White of necessary, run the curb and gutter, Dallas and W. G. Lacy of Waco as make provision for drainage, premembers of the board of regents of pare base with 10-ton roller, lay brick

Other occupants of the car, all of tiary on charges of misapplication of front foot.

and rocks jammed into a switch.

APPROVAL GIVEN TO PROJECT BY NUMBER PROPERTY OWNERS

T. A. Butler, Texas and Pacific rail- Committee of Nine Named to Interview All Property Owners on Street to Ascertain Views and Type of Paving Preferred; Petitions Now Being Circulated and if Approved, Competitive Bids Will Be Asked For By the City Council.

> The movement to permanently pave Oak street took a long step forward when approximately twenty property owners on that street met with the Lions club Tuesday at noon as guests of different members of the club.

> Invitations being extended property owners on this street in order that they might hear an address by W. J. Ochiltree secretary-

treasurer of the T. & P. Oil company, | with the Thurber Brick company. DEATH SUMMONS Mr. Ochiltree was in Merkel several days ago on other business, at which time he discussed the subject of pavculminating in an invitation to him from the program committee of the Lions club to return Tuesday, at which time he would be given an opportunity to present the matter to as many interested property owners as could attend the meeting of the Lions.

PROJECT ENDORSED.

permanent paving of that street, re- paralysis. sulting in the appointment of a com-Oak street to ascertain their attitude in Greenwood Cemetery. bound for the inauguration of Presi- street, etc.. With this accomplished First Christian Church of Breckendent-elect Herbert Hoover, will leave if the majority of interested property ridge. owners approve the project, the peti- Walker was a native of Stephens Sherman and Ardmore have been tions will then be presented to the County, where he laid the foundations the type of paving the majority pre- 1919 and 1920. In recent years he

ing, lacking only 15 days of being 89 for his friends and others with whom elected to the same position in the the petition, which has already gone other connections. to work, is composed of Mrs. T. V. Touchstone, chairman; Dr. R. I. Grimes, John R. West, Mrs. C. B. Gardner, D. O. Huddleston, Dr. H. P. Hulsey, L. B. Scott, K. S. Beckett Jr. and J. T. Dennis. This committee expects to complete its duties and have the petitions ready for submission to the city council, at an early date.

PAVING A NECESSITY.

Discussion of the project was more or less informal, and every person paxton, Sam Butman Sr., Booth Wart present was asked to give expression ren. to their views on the proposal, and there was not one dissenting voice in the entire assembly. On the contrary, all agreed that the paving of Oak street was a necessity, and pledged their support of the movement.

While competitive bids will be asked for and the property owners will prefer, Mr. Ochiltree outlined briefly stockholders' meeting. Lindsay Nunn of Amarillo and Dor- the plans of his company in case they paving brick on a gravel base could charge of the combined newspapers. be laid at a cost of approximately Senator Charles S. Gainer of Bryan \$2.00 per square yard, including curb on half inch cushion and seal with as-H. F. Schweer, president of the phalt at the cost quoted, \$2.00 per

LONG TIME PAYMENTS.

Outlining his company's proposal The trial of Ben C. Richards Jr., further, in case they are the success indicted by a Dallas county grand ful bidders, Mr. Ochiltree said they jury on a charge of forgery, in con- would put the pavement down and in the Bob McDonald barber shop to nection with the fatal election bet give adequate maintenance bond, per- Mr. McDonald and has accept Mrs. J. T. Warren, who was serious- case, was continued until February 4. mitting property owners to make pay- position on the sales force of the M Motion for a change of venue was de- ment over a term of eleven years, in kel Motor Co., Ford dealers. ten equal payments, the first to be A negro is in jail at Greenville made one year after the work is com-Mrs. C. B. Lucas of Compere died at that place, was brought to her home charged with an attempt to wreck a pleted and accepted by the city. He eary Thursday morning. Funeral in Merkel last week-end and is stead- St. Louis and Southwestern passen- said that interest charges would be taled 17.43, according to the ger train. A cross tie was placed placed at 7 per cent, and that proper- of B. M. Black, voluntary weets across the rails and a piece of iron ty owners who wanted to pay cash server, a decrease of 2 inches (Continued on Page Eight)

FOR B. S. WALKER

Noted West Texas Oil Man Succumbs to Attack Paralysis, Followed by Pneumonia.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 17 .- Breckenridge Stephens Walker, 52, oil man, banker and ranchman, died Wednes-Following the talk by Mr. Ochiltree, day morning at 9:20 o'clock at his every Oak street property owner pres- residence, 1433 Pennsylvania Avenue, ent pledged aid to the movement for from pneumonia after a stroke of

Funeral services were held Thursmittee of nine to circulate petitions day afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the among all the property owners on First Christian Church. Burial was fare, together with their preference tian Church, officiated, assisted by The Texas good will special train as to the type of paving, width of Rev. S. J. Shuttleworth, pastor of the

established his residence in Fort The committee named to circulate Worth, where he had banking and

ELECT LEADERS

At the annual meeting of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, the following directors were elected:

J. T. Warren, G. F. West, Geo. L.

The directors elected the following officers: J. T. Warren, president; Geo. F. West, vice president; Booth Warren, cashier; Owen Ellis, assistant cashier; F. Y. Gaither, assistant cash-

FARMERS STATE ELECTS. The following directors were chosen determine the type of paving they by the Farmers State Bank at the

J. S. Swann, R. O. Anderson, David Hendricks, W. L. Diltz, r. and B. L.

Officers were elected as follows: J. S. Swann, president; R. O. Anderson, active vice-president; David has announced that he will vigorous- and gutter. He proposed to scarify Hendricks, vice-president; W. L. Diltz, Jr., cashier; B. L. Hamilton, assistant cashier; Herbert Patterson,

Cattle Deals This Week.

assistant cashier.

Cattle deals at Merkel during the week included the sale of a carload to four years in the Federal peniten- erty owners will not exceed \$10 per of cows by Patterson Bros. to Clyde Sears, and the sale by Baker & Collins of a car of mixed cattle to Joe Henshaw of Abilene.

Joins Ford Force.

A. E. Higgins has sold his interest

Annual Rainfall 17.43. the average 12 months' period.

Condensed Statement of Condition

The Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas, Close Business Dec. 31, 1928

RESOURCES.	
Loans	362,542.03
Overdrafts	121.32
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	5,010.84
Due from Guaranty Fund	4,105.88
Due from City of Merkel	8,130.74
U. S. Bonds\$ 41,300.00	
Bills of Ex. Cotton 72,762.67	
Cash and Ex132,769.55	
Total Available Cash	246,832.22
1	659,243.03

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock\$	50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	5,284.86
Bills Payable	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
Deposits	603,958.17
\$6	659.243.03

Upon the merits of the above statement we solicit your business. Our funds are loaned locally for the benefit of this community.

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

J. S. SWANN, President R. O. ANDERSON, V. Pres. DAVID HENDRICKS, V. Pres. W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier.

HERBERT PATTERSON. Assistant Cashier B. L. HAMILTON. Assistant Cashier

Clears \$10 Daily

H. Stamps, a farmer living eighteen balance he grinds and mixes. miles west of Big Spring, sold to the Snowhite Creameries here during fifteen days in December 1.050 gallons of milk, netting him \$336.33. Mr.

Stamps is milking twenty-nine cows

Wanted-To buy maize heads. \$18.00 per ton. Sam Swann

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TEXAS RECORD

Total Insurance in Force in Texas \$87,500,000.00 Policyholders in Texas 38,500

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\$11,000,000.00 There are only 10 cities in Texas whose population exceeds the number of Kansas City life policyholders in the State.

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Kansas City Life believes in Texas, as evidenced by the amount of money loaned in the State; investments in Texas securities far exceeding the amount required by law.

COMPANY RECORD

Total Insurance in Force \$390,000,000.00 Total Company Assets, \$55,000,000.00

The Kansas City Life Insurance Company is a strong and progressive legal reserve, old line life insurance company writing attractive policies at low net

The Company Announces-

The appointment of O. Sam Cummings, former partner in the Texas Agency and recently a member of the Home Office staff, as State Manager for Texas succeeding the late Orville Thorp.

THE O. SAM CUMMINGS AGENCY Successors to the Orville Thorp Agency

STATE MANAGERS FOR TEXAS Magnolia Building, Dallas

Our Representative in Your Neighborhood R. O. ANDERSON

CHISHOLM TRAIL **SCOUTS ACTIVE**

L. R. Thompson and Herbert Patterson of Merkel Chosen Officials of Organization.

Looking forward to the greatest Boy Scout year in the history of the Chisholm Trail council under the leadership of Judge James P. Stinson Scouting in West Texas is under full

president of the Abilene Rotary club, was elected president of the Chisholm Trail council during the annual meeting of the representatives of the council and will be assisted by the following officials.

Col. R. L. Penick, Stamford, vice president; L. R. Thompson, Merkel, vice president; Sim O'Neal, Coleman, vice president; G. E. Nicholson, Winters, vice president; Emory Menefee, Haskell, vice president; Geo. L. Pavton, Jr., Abilene, treasurer Abilene council; Dr. R. A. Maddox, Abilene, commissioner; Herbert Patterson, Merkel, deputy commissioner; Tom Strickland, Coleman, deputy commissioner; J. E. Pirie, Albany, deputy commissioner; A. O. Strother, Winters, deputy commissioner; J. O. Shelton, council treasurer; Ed. S. Stewart, Abilene, camping chairman; Rev. E. B. Surface, Abilene, court of honor chairman.

Ed Shumway was highly complimented on the progress of the work under his leadership and employed for the third year as the executive for the Chisholm Trail council.

Special committees were appointed to perfect plans for a Boy Scout owned permanent camp; to advise ways and means for the attendance of Chisholm Trail council scouts at the world jamboree to be held in England, August, 1929.

Plans for 1929 call for the organization of new troops and then more

George Minter of Abilene, one of the founders of scouting in Abilene and who designated the territory of seven counties now known as the Chisholm Trail Council, states that he believes that this Scout Council will be one of the most progressive in Texas and that he and all officials are greatly pleased at the renewed interest and advancement made throughout the seven counties under the leadership of

The executive board of the council will do everything possible to make From Sale of Cream and feeding forty, paying two men Camp Tonkawa 1929 the best Boy and clearing \$10 a day from his herd. Scout Camp in Texas. All their ef-Big Spring, Texas, Jan. 17 .- Sam He feeds one-half balance ration. The forts will be devoted to making the summer program outstanding. All scout trips and tours that may retaind attendance at the summer camp will be discouraged by the officials and the gas connection was inserted in the no permits issued for any such trips basket. unless based upon scouting advancement under scout leadership.

> Governor Moody had the bill on his desk only five minutes, just time Legislature. With Moody when he signed the bill were Hornsby, Senator Joe Moore of Greenville and R. L. In order to get the Governor's signaway conference that was taking place

This bill not only orders that all advertised land be withdrawn from the market but directs J. T. Robison, land commissioner, to return all applications for every tract, together with bonus and rental remittances Robison had opposed withdrawal of 50,000 acres scheduled for sale Jan. 2, declaring under the law sales could not be stopped.

BLACKSMITH WORK.

I have bought the Polly Blacksmith Shop and am prepared to do all kinds of Blacksmithing, Horseshoeing, Wood work and Acetelyne Welding, with complete equipment. I am now installing a disc roller. I am propared to give the very best of service and guarantee my work. I respectfully solicit the patronage of those in need of anything in my line.

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Judge James P. Stinson, former

NEW LAW BLOCKS LEASING OIL LAND

Austin, Jan. 17-The Hornsby bill withdrawing from the market all of the 1,500,000 acres of University oil land, advertised for lease during January, became a law shortly after the House had passed it without one vote in opposition. The Senate Thursday adopted the measure by un-

enough to glance through it, when he signed the measure and turned his fountain pen over to Senator John W. Hornsby of Austin, who introduced the bill the first day of the Forty-first Holliday of El Paso, university regent ture affixed at once it was necessary for the three men to "invade" a highin the Governor's office.

Statement of Condition

Close of Business Dec. 31st 1928.

THE OLD RELIABLE Farmers & Merchants National Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES	
Loans, Time and Demand \$232,046.75 Overdrafts 1,486.45 Furniture and Fixtures 6,750.00 5% Redemption Fund 312.50 Stock in Federal Reserve Bank 2,250.00 Bankers Acceptances \$64,127.19 Commercial Paper 77,500.00 Bills of Exchange (cotton) 39,923.32 U. S. Bonds (owned) 111,300.00 Cash & Sight Exchange 160,451.58	Capital Stock \$ 50,000.00 Surplus 25,000.00 Undivided Profits 14,344.10 Circulation 6,050.00 Borrowed Money NONE Bills Payable NONE Rediscounts NONE	
CASH AVAILABLE\$453,302.09	DEPOSITS \$600,753.69	
\$696.147.79	\$696,147.79	

We solicit YOUR business in 1929 upon the STRENGTH and LIQUIDITY of the above statement and upon our ABILITY to meet your requirements.

J. T. Warren

Booth Warren

G. F. West

Sam Butman Sr. F. Y. Gaither

Geo. L. Paxton

Owen Ellis

Head in Wastebasket.

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 17.-The Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 17.—The body of Pauline Russell, 21, was found here Sunday with the head in a waste basket and the receptacle made almost airtight by a pillow stuffed about her neck. A tube leading to the gas connection was inserted in the basket.

Urges Claims of Texan.

Amarillo, Texas, Jan. 17 .- The Republican organization of Texas, in a meeting at Houston Thursday, indorsed W. H. Holmes of Amarillo for appointment as governor of Alaska, Hugh Exum, executive committeeman from Amarillo, announced.

Mr. Holmes was Republican candidate for Governor in the last elec-

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I have a feed mill installed at my gin and can grind any kind of feed you have.

I ask you to come by and see it work. Will be glad to demonstrate it at any time.

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ROSE BUSHES

We are beginning the season by having a sale of fine two year old varieties at the low price of 35c each. Drive over to see us and select Rose Bushes. We are offering 2000 of these fine plants all your varieties. We will hold them until you are ready

We also have two car loads of the most beautiful Evergreens ever brought to Abilene, at a price you can afford to pay. Also Shade Trees, Flowering Shrubs, Hedge Plants, Fruit

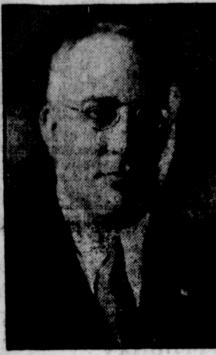
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money. Drive out today.

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MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS BRING RESULTS

Sam Cummings New State Manager of Kansas City Life



Cummings, president of Internation- stop. al Kiwanis, has been appointed state manager for Texas for the Kansas will be the principal speaker. He is City Life Insurance company, accord- pastor of the First Methodist Church ing to an announcement made by J. B. there. Reynolds, president of the company. Mr. Cummings succeeds the late Or- ritory will be present. ville Thorp, who established the Texas Agency for the Kansas City Life twenty-three years ago. Mr. Thorp, the only man in the history of the life insurance business to build a ninety and Vaughn Market. million dollar agency in a quarter of a century.

The new state manager is well known in Texas life insurance circles, having been a partner of Mr. Thorp for four years, and having been in charge of the Texas agency since Mr. Thorp's death last June. He resigns as one of the agency officials of the home company to accept his new position. Mr. Cummings has served as a member of the executive committee of the National Association of Life Underwriters; has established two life insurance schools; and has written a text book on life insurance.

The Texas Agency of the Kansas City Life is the largest life insurance general agency in the entire south, according to Mr. Reynolds, president of the company. Approximately 40,000 Texas citizens carry nearly \$90,000,-400.00 of life insurance through this agency. Only ten Texas cities have

populations exceeding the number of Kansas City Lift policyholders in

Norris' Church at Fort Worth Burns

Fort, Worth, Texas, Jan. 17 .- The First Baptist church, largest structure in Fort Worth given over to religious worship, as well as the fourstory Sunday school building, was wrecked by flames which were first discovered at 6 o'clock Saturday morning. Loss of buildings and furnishings is estimated at \$300,000 partly covered by insurance.

The Rev. J. Frank Norris, pastor of the church, was in Austin when the fire broke out. He started for Fort Worth in an automobile borrowed from a friend there immediately when his wife telephoned him shortly after the fire was detected. He arrived here at 1:20 p. m.

Bible Marathon at Ranger.

Ranger, Texas, Jan. 17.-A Bible marathon will be held at the First Methodist Church of Ranger. The Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 17 .- O. Sam Bible will be read through without a

Dr. A. D. Porter of Mineral Wells

or small, and endeavor to merit your so that you can eat and sleep well. who died last year, is reputed to be patronage by always giving courteous Acts on BOTH upper and lower service and quality meats. Wheeler bowels and removes old waste matter

Airplane Loses in Battle to Save Life

Temple, an. 17 .- A spectacular effort to save the life of Preston A. Childress Jr., grandson of Dr. A. C. Scott of Temple, by rushing an oxygen inhalation tent here from New York by airplane, proved of no avail when the lad died early Sunday.

The elements defeated Dr. Scott. a noted surgeon. Airplanes transporting the life-saving apparatus were forced down by snow storms in Ohio and Missouri, making it necessary to transfer the inhalation tent to a train Had the appaaratus arrived yesterday as scheduled by air, Dr. Scott believed he could have saved the child.

Swelling of the glands, resulting from influenza, caused the boy's death after a week's illness. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at Cotulla, Texas, home of the parents.

I am in the market for some good butcher hogs, and cattle. O. F. Weidenbach at Quality Market.

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TELEPHONE No. 61

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PAVE OAK STREET.

That's big news on the first page of this week's paper.

We refer to the movement to pave practically fourteen blocks on Oak

Property owners, the persons most vitally affected, have taken the lead in the matter and have organized for portance of paving is properly presented to every property owner on city council, when competitive bids will be asked on the different types of paving.

Cities and towns all over the United States are fast realizing the advantages to come from permanent paved judged by the type of its streets. Aside from the beauty and convenience paved streets give to a town, by abolitionists of the north, caused

set the cost. Oak street is the main thoroughfare an the residential section. Many of send to the United States congress the Merkel's most attractive homes are most violent partisan in the state. Tocated on this street. It is used Wigfall, then serving in the state senlargely by the congregations to reach Three of the town's most popular for the occasion. He was not personchurches. To pave Oak street would ally popular generally, and the Hous amdoubtedly mean the building of ton party in the legislature sought to more fine homes in the southern part defeat him. However, his election of the town, where all the schools are

long step forward for Merkel. The legislature. It was well known that mevement is worthy the serious and if the democrats who objected to Wigfavorable consideration of every prop- fall had not been bound by party cauerty owner. The news columns re- cus, necessitating their prearranged weal how it can be done at exception- absence from the joint session of the ally low cost and the payment extend- legislature, that their votes with ed over a period of eleven years.

Changes Merkel Date.

bell, field representative of the West 1860. He immediately assumed a pos was to make a return visit on the the extra session of the Thirty- sev Campbell will not be able to be here United States on the 22nd, but will make his intend- opted on July 11, 1861. ed visit on the following Tuesday, Senator Wigfall had in the meanwhich will be the 29th.

To Straighten Highway.

Cisco, Jan. 17 .- The widening of the Bankhead highway through Eastland county will include straightening the highway west of Cisco, at the Harrel farm, for a distance of about three miles of entirely new roadbed. The program also includes the elimination of the dangerous curve over the Texas & Pacific road, and the construction of an overpass over the railroad.

Baby Girl Born Wednesday. It is "Papa" Cornelius now. Mr Cornelius, who is the jeweler at Hamm Drug Co., confided to his friends Thursday the arrival of a daughter at his home at Abilene Wednesday afternoon, weighing 7 3-4 pounds. Mother and babe are doing

Get a roast or steak from our choice Home Fed Baby Beef. Chickens and Turkeys dressed to order. Fresh Oysters and Cat Fish. Quality Market. Phone No. 2.

Wanted-To buy maize heads. \$18.00 per ton. Sam Swann



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Chestnut Street Abilene Phone 5227

TEXAS SENATORS IN U. S. CONGRESS

(Copyright, 1928, by Alva O. Hearne) LOUIS TREZEVANT WIGFALL. (1860-1861)

Louis Trezevant Wigfall was born in the Edgefield district, South Carolina, on April 21, 1816. He attended the College of South Carolina, where he pursued the regular course until the outbreak of the Seminole war, troops to defend the secession movetenant of volunteers. Upon his return home he took up the study of law in the University of Virginia. When ber 21, 1861, he was commissioned street, Merkel's principal residence Marshall, Harrison county, Texas, army of the Confederate states, his his profession.

house of representatives and served the army of northern Virginia. the purpose of seeing that the im- in 1849-50; was a delegate to the state convention in 1857, and served in the state senate in 1857-58 and 20, 1862, when he resigned his com-Oak street. Petitions are being cir- 1859-60. He was an able debater and mission to take his seat in the Conculated, and if the majority favor the throughly versed in the principles of federate congress to which he had project, the petitions then go to the states' rights and had been prominent been previously elected as a senator Sunday and next week. Sunday in their advocacy ever since he oved from Texas. He had already served

angry feeling of resentment throughout Texas, and the regular democrats in the state legislature determined to those of the Houston forces would have elected some other candidate.

Following his election by the legis-A telegram was received Thursday lature, Wigfall took his seat in the by L. R. Thompson from L. B. Camp- United States senate on January 4, Texas Chamber of Commerce, who ition as an uncompromising defender was here a few weeks ago, and who of the right of secession, and when 22nd of January to address the Lions' enth congress was called July 4, 1861, club in behalf of the West Texas he was not present in his seat, and for Chamber of Commerce, that Mr. that reason was expelled from the

time transferred his field of operations to the seat of war at or near Charleston, S. C. As a member of General Beauregard's staff, and with the consent of General Simons, who commanded the forces on Morris Is-

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Overcoat?

An overcoat doth oft denote

But you can wear your coat,

And be at ease beside!

Your overcoat, how ever

old, will shield you from the

frost and cold. And tho it

be a bit passe, O, do not

throw the thing away. No

doubt, 'twill last for quite

a spell if we repair and

clean it well. Or, have it dyed a different hue,

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land, Wigfall crossed the bay during Merkel Girl Secures a lull in the bombardment of Fort Sumter, gained ingress to the fort through an open porthole, and de-

manded from Gen. Robert Anderson the unconditional surrender of that fort. The fort being no longer tenable, General Anderson, feeling that further resistance would be folly, con- kel, has secured an important stenosented that Wigfall should hoist a grahic position with committees from here Thursday and Friday. white flag, and the surrender was ac- the house of representatives at Auscomplished.

In the formation of the volunteer when he was commissioned as a lieu- ment, Wigfall was commissioned colment on August 28, 1861. On Octo- a short time ago. admitted to the bar he removed to brigadier-general of the provisional where he commenced the practice of brigade being composed of the 1st, 4th and 5th Texas and the 1st Geor-Wigfall was elected to the Texas giz infantry regiments, assigned to

Wigfall's service in the Confederate States army ended on February in the house as a representative from The death of Senator J. Pinckney Texas from February, 1861, to Feb-Henderson in 1858 made necessary the ruary, 1862. He remained a member day with Roy Largent as the superinelection by the state legislature of his of the Confederate senate until the successor in the United States senate. close of the war, when he took up resi-John Brown's raid into Virginia to dence in London, England. He re- extension departments. Get into one produce an insurrection of negroes, mained in England for several years, believed to have been instigated returned to the United States in 1873, and settled in Baltimore, Maryland. Soon thereafter he began a lecture our throughout the southern States. ruary 18, 1874, while on a lecture tour.

aate, was selected as the statesman with oil companies, oil brokers and in- next Tuesday evening. You will see vestors in real estate. It will pay announcement of that elsewhere. you to list your holdings with us. Thompson and Boswell

Merkel friends will be glad to learn that Miss Delphine Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore of Mer-

Legislature Position

Miss Moore was born and reared in Merkel and numbers her friends by and Gladys Lanier and Prof. Dunagan the hundreds. She completed her attended the Teachers' Institute at onel of the 2nd Texas Infantry regi- stenographic studies at Abilene only Roscoe Saturday.

Pierce-Sapp.

Sammy Pierce and Miss Lorene Sapp, popular resents of the Noodle community, were married Monday night at the residence of Rev. Ira L. Parrack, Baptist pastor, who officia-

METHODIST CHURCH

We will have all of the regular services at the Methodist church next school meets promptiv at 9:45. We organized the young people's department in the Sunday school last Suntendent. This makes six departments in the regular Sunday school and two of these departments and help to make it go. The superintendent is very anxious to meet all the requirements of a "B" type Sunday school and de-He died at Galveston, Texas, on Feb- the church. The prayer meeting, Epworth Leagues and Woman's Missionary society are going fine. The Bargains: We have connections Brotherhood is to have a big rally

T. C. Willett, Pastor.

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SATURDAY, JAN. 19

Ken Maynard in "The Overland Stage"

A picture as big as the West itself. Also comedy, Buster Keaton, and News

MONDAY AND TUESDAY "THE NOOSE"

With Richard Barthelmess and a great cast. Bigger and better than "The Patent Leather Kid." See it. Also Comedy and News

> WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY Warner Bros. pesent

Al Jolson in "THE JAZZ SINGER"

With May McAvoy Hear Jolson sing "Mammy" and three other songs. This is a great picture. Be sure to see it. Also Comedy and News

Dora Doings

J. M. Bryson, one of our pioneer citizens, is very sick at his home south

Mrs. John Carlisle and daughter of Carl being on the sick list. Mullen, Texas, were visiting friends

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hardy were Abilene visitors Sunday.

Misses Daisy Oliver, Lola Brinkley

Mrs. Monroe Ussery of Sweetwater is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slater.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Perry were a nice ring tail cat.

calling in the Elm Grove community last Sunday.

Sy Dennis has been staying in wit

a bad case of the flu this week. G. W. Whitaker and family visited Carl Whitaker at Blackwell Sunday,

J. R. McCoy has returned to his work in Sweetwater after a week with

J. M. Shelton is erecting a new dwelling in South Dora. Messrs. H. S. Wright and Sam

Hanks made a business trip to Sweetwater Saturday. C. P. Perry made an unusual catch

with his traps Saturday, bringing in

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SHOWING THE PICK OF PICTURES

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

HOOT GIBSON And His 50 Wild Riding Cowboys in

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When you've lived through this inspiring romance with Norma-when you've known how it feels to be the idol of a man's heart one day and be cast aside the next-when you've heard the call of country and sacrificed your love and name that others might live-when you've found a passion great enough to even smile at death-spellbound your eyes will see, your heart cherish, your mind remember, this powerful Romance! Hear the theme song now at theatre. Also Comedy "Should Husbands Go Home" and

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY LEW COAD AND AILEEN PRINGLE IN

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ALL WEEK



Beginning Mon., Jan. 23

NOODLE NEWS

Some few have been sick with the

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas are

Mrs. S. T. McNay of Fort Worth is

Mr. and Mrs. Huston Scott of Abi-

Christian church Sunday and every

There will be preaching at the M.

E. Church every first Sunday after-

noon at 3 o'clock. Every one is in-

enjoyed by a large number, there be-

ing some especially good singers

among them. Those present were

Gene Spurgin and Ray Hasten of An-

son, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sason of

Truby, Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Garner of

Tate-Lax

The choir practice Friday night was

vited to come and be with us.

visiting her sister, Mrs. T. C. Jinkens,

visiting Mrs. Thomas' parents, Mr.

are able to be up again.

and Mrs. Thos. Beene.

and other relatives.

one is invited.

Bicknell Sunday.



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OR SALE-Old papers, 15 cents per undle of 100. Apply Merkel Mail.

FOR SALE-Jersey heifers, heavy springers, the good kind. At my place at Noodle. T. C. Jinkens.

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WHITE Leghorn chickens for sale, or will trade for good team. Homer

RED TOP Sorghum for sale; 4 cents at the rick. G. F. Turner, Merkel,

FOR SALE-A number of young branze tom turkeys. Choice \$5.00 each. Mrs. Angus Garvin on Warren ranch, three miles east of Merkel.

FOR SALE-A few more nice Nagansett Turkey Goblers at \$6.00 Mrs. W. E. Petty, Route 4.

FOR SALE-Dark Cornish Game cockrels and pullets. See Robert

WANTED

BOYS, bring your skunks and o'pos sum furs to McDonald Grocery Co. Watts.

WANTED-To buy a good milk cow; must be a good one; good horse for its feed; 50 brown leghorn hens and 5 roosters. J. O. Hallmark. Merkel, Texas. Route 5.

WANT Representative. Southland Life Insurance Co. would like to get in touch with ambitious man or woman to learn the Life Insurance business. We teach you the business, earn while you learn. All or part time. Rex Shanks, Field Supervisor, Abilene,

LOST AND FOUND

LOST-Scotch Collie pup three months old. Reward for return to Herbert Patterson.

LOST-Pair double vision glasses in Merkel. F. M. Reddin. Finder please leave at Merkel Mail office.



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ARM FOR RENT-80 acres close to town and school, 55 acres in cultivation. Apply Booth Warren at F. & flu the past week but most of them M. National Bank.

FOR RENT-Three upstairs rooms with all modern conveniences; near school and churches. Mrs. S. F.

TWO ROOMS to rent; water in house, lights, gas, phone, bath. B. M.

FOR RENT-Six room house furnished or unfurnished in Southland addition. See Mrs. Helman.

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FOR RENT-Light housekeeping rooms, modern conveniences, close in, For information, see J. F. Holloway, White House Cafe.

FOR RENT-Large unfurnished house, south of Grammar school. H. H. Toombs.

PROGRAM FOR JAN. 20.

Prayer.

Roll Call.

Scripture, Acts 20; 24, 28, by leader, Eloise Manscill.

The Church is to Serve, by Billie Bernice Gamble.

My Responsibility to the Church by Lois Whiteley.

Church Loyalty, by Opal Huskey. Discussion: My Idea of the Church; My Church Vows, by Imogene Middle- For Rheumatism, Neuralgia,

Bible Story, by Nell Hughes. League benediction.

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RESOURCES	
1. Loans and discounts	\$413,597.2
2. Overdrafts	1,486.4
3. United States Government securities owned	111,300.0
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	2,250.0
6. Furniture and Fixtures	
8. Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	36,261.8
9. Cash and due from banks	124,189.6
11. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from	
U. S. Treasurer	312.5
Total	\$696.147.7
LIABILITIES	
15. Capital stock paid in	\$ 50.000.0
16. Surplus	25,000.0
17. Undivided profits—net	14.344.1
20. Circulating notes outstanding	
21. Due to banks, including certified and cashiers' checks	
outstanding	33,152.3
22. Demand deposits	480,818.2
23. Time deposits	86,783.1
Total	\$696.147.7

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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of January,1929.

Notary Public.

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Directors.

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Farm Implements, Cattle, Hogs, Tools, Chickens, Three Horses, Eight Mules, Feed and Miscellaneous Items.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23, 1 P. M.

Three Miles Southwest of Merkel, on Thornton Place.

S.R. Fleming

Merkel and Huston Robertson of Salt Branch.

Former Resident Buffalo Gap Dead

Mildred Bird is sick with the flu and Mrs. J. T. Sowell, former resident of Buffalo Gap, died Monday at the Mr. and Mrs. Elvis E. Gilbreath home of her daughter, Mrs. Ada were called to Dublin on account of Black, at Hallsville. Mrs. Sowell and the serious illness of Mrs. Gilbreath's her husband, who died several years ago at Amarillo, were among the earliest settlers in the Buffalo Gap community, and lived there until about 25 years ago, when they moved to

Preaching at Noodle.

E. B. Wallace of Abilene Christian lene visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sloan college will fill his regular appointment Sunday with the Noodle Church of Christ. Large crowds have been There will be preaching at the attending these services and all are invited back for the Bible studies and M. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell and the song services. "Go to church family visited Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sunday, you need the church and the church needs you."

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the few other cars in the lowestpriced field, you will need no salesman to point out Plymouth's many superiorities.

Plymouth is winning on the score of greater dollar value - and you can prove that fact to yourself in far less time than it takes to tell you.

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Chrysler-Plymouth Sales and Service

WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

Hutchinson avenue in Ballinger was improved practices in poultry alone. year term.. paid recently by G. A. Ladig. Mr. Ladig intends to make big improve-

Southern, the Orient and the M. K. feed will be handled. & T. railroads. The sand and gravel area is about three miles square and years can be shipped from it.

larged. Each time one hundred and into the town. fifty boxes were added. Albany citizens consider this a good sign of progress. The total number of boxes is now 1366.

building in Coleman of a 50x120 foot about six hundred thousand pounds brick building to house the Whippet- a large quantities are being received Willys-Knight agency under the dir- daily. ection of W. A. Forgey. A fifty foot space next to this building will be used by Mr. Forgey also.

modeled this week to handle the vast- extensions being installed. Work is By increased land and lease sales in under way on the new city hall and Midland and the Midland oil field Masonic temple, to cost some \$20,000. area. Two new abstract offices and chambers for J. M. Gilmore, corporation judge, were created.

dent section in the south part of Big don't make folks like you any better. Spring are launching a movement to Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy heals worst bring about a sidewalk building program so that free delivery of mail a mouth wash or paste, and is sold may be extended to that portion of on a money back guarantee. Hamm the rity. The service will be extend- Drug Company. ed as soon as the property owners meet requirements.

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Farm demonstration week in Wheeler county during 1928 resulted

100 cars of sand a day for several improvement was carried at Graham ministrative district. recently. Work is expected to start on the streets as soon as the bonds are For the second time in one year the sold and will include paving, and the office. postoffice at Albany has had to be en- hard surfacing of highways leading

Twenty carloads of Kimble county pecans have been shipped by the Schriner-Hodges company from Junction lately. The last two cars had 33,000 A contract has been let for the pounds each. The firm has shipped

Archer City is experiencing an improvement boom. A new Baptist church costing \$25,000 is being built, The Midland courthouse was re- and \$80,000 worth of water and sewer

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ward of Coleman, who retired Jan. 1 ganization. A bond issue of \$150,000 for street as presiding judge of the seventh ad-

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Merchants Loan Bank Breckenridge Plan

Breckenridge, Tex., Jan. 17 .- De-Governor Dan Moody has appoint- finite steps toward the organization in a profit or saving of \$10,320.90 on ed Judge W. R. Ely of Abilene to a of a Merchants Loan Bank were taken A deal whereby \$14,400 was the dairy cattle, swine and poultry, ac- new term of six years as a member of when 25 business and professional Appointment of Judge Walter R. rooms of the Commercial, State Bank. Attorney Temple Yarbough.

An up-to-date hatchery for O'Don- Chapman, Abilene, of the 104th judi- A committee consisting of O. C. According to Yarbough, Gooch, in The measure is similar to one in ef-A recently discovered area of pure stall a 18,000 egg capacity Peterman in charge of transfers of judges to and W. W. Paschall of the S. & H. search warrent. A short time after- for violation. sand and gravel near Hamlin will be Eleectric incubator by the 20th of the expediate court business, has also Store, was appointed to canvas the ward his body was found, death havthe incentive for the building of ten month. Custom hatching will be been sent to the senate for con- merchants who were not present and ing been caused by a bullet wound mile lines to it from the Abilene & done, and a complete line of chicken firmation. Judge Chapman will get an estimate of the amount of in the neck. succeed Judge W. O. Wood- stock they would take in the new or-

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Nocona City Marshal Killed Raiding Home

Nocona, Jan. 17 .- Albert R. Gooch, 45, city marshal here was shot and inprice for a five year lease on the build- cording to T. R. Broun, county agent. the state highway commission. Judge men of Ranger, representing practi- the home of Carl Goodspeed, 38. order of animal," has been introduced ing at the corner of Eighth street and He reports thaat 518 farms adopted Ely has just finished serving a two- cally every kind of business and profession in town, met in the directors' der in a complaint filed by District tatives J. W. Harper, Mt. Pleasa

Wanted-To buy maize heads. \$18.00 per ton. Sam Swann

Anti "Monkey Bill" Before Legislatur

Austin, Jan. 17 .- A so-called "ant evolution" bill, forbidding instructor in state-supported schools to teach stantly killed when he went to raid that "mankind evolved from a lower and W. T. Graves, Stephenville.

ments in the inside of the building. nell is practically assured, according cial district, to be presiding officer of Peevy of the Sivalls Motor company, with another officer, went fect in Tennessee. It proposes a misto H. H. Williams, who intends to in- the seventh administrative district H. Burgower of the Hassen company, to the Goodspeed home, armed with a demeanor fine of not exceeding \$500

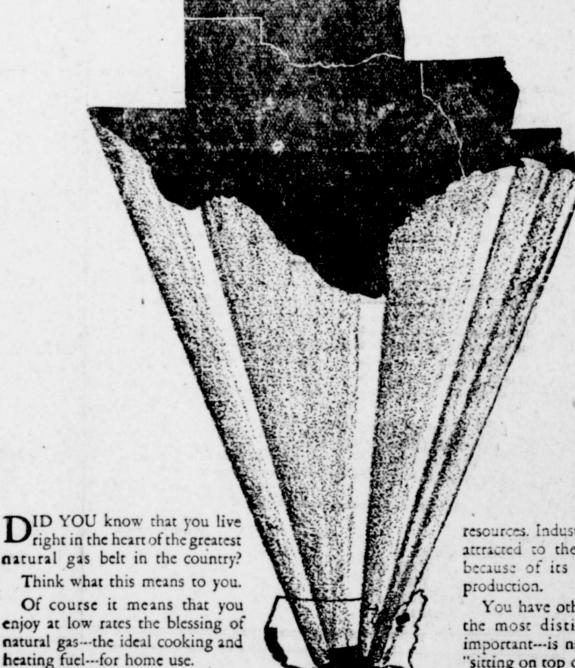
> Abilene Woman Dead. Mrs. J. J. Robertson, 83, died at her An inquest was held by Justice of home at Abilene last week. She had the peace D. M. Painter, who ren- been a resident of Abilene for ten dered a verdict to the effect that years, having formerly lived at Get a roast or steak from our Gooch had died from a gunshot wound Breckenridge. She is survived by her husband, two daughters and two

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Editor-in-Chief-J. T. Darsey Jr. Miss. Editor-Frances Frederick-

Junior Reporter-J. T. Darsey Jr. Sophomore Reporter-Louise Booth Willie Evelyn Boaz, Freshman Reporter.

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is generally believed that if you are pitch. in learning to do by doing.

It is after due consideration of the ed to play them. the annual. Inasmuch as those who Murry. put out the annual one year leave nothing for their posterity to make use haps, the class now publishing the an- 1 free shot. nual doesn't feel this way about it, but we believe that the principal edi- WACH OUR BASKETBALL tors should be Seniors, while their TEAM. assistants could be Juniors. Then, of dear ol' M. H. S.

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

Exams are not worrying us. Why? leading class of 1929.

Although exams won't make us who our class beauty is?

SENIOR BOYS ORGANIZE.

ganize a club. The following officers were elected: Lester Patterson, president; Lester Beene, secretary-treas- CHAPEL PROGRAM MONDAY. urer. There were fifteen boys present. The club will meet after examinations to select a name.

BADGERS VS. SECOND-STRING McMURRY.

On last Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock the Merkel Badgers opened the basketball season for old Merkel

The Badgers made an excellent record in the game, considering the opposing team, which was none other than "little old McMurry." We the students of Merkel high school, are proud of our masketball boys, as is

the town of Merkel. The starting lineup was Williams and Cade, forwards; Beene, center;

Tittle and Sloan, guards. The first half was very lively, be-

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cause of the "hounding" and lively pers and went to the show after the Coates, Lela Patterson, Alvin Parrack, It is a well known fact that most stepping of the Merkel Badgers, show they went sernading. people had rather read something that They only allowed one field goal to The club will meet every two weeks Richie. some one else has written than to do be made against them, and managed on Friday evening. the writing themselves. Even so, it to put two field goals and one free

the one to write, you are more great- When the second half opened, Mcly benefited than the 'person who Murry sent in two of her first string- met and organized the Senior girls reads it. However, a person must ers and in five minutes the score was club. K. I. D. was chosen as the name have a small amount of experience to 9-10 in favor of Merkel, showing that of the club. Officers were also electdo anything well, and yet we believe we were no match for McMurry's ed. They are: first string men, nor were we suspos-

above facts and of the existing con- The Badgers in the last quarter ditions that we say that we believe weakened, due to the lack of wind. Young, sponsor. nual should be partly composed of and the final score looked like it Juniors as well as Seniors. Yes, this would be 9 to 28 in favor of McMurry, is against our school traditions, but but Cade got hot and terrorized the we believe that by so doing, it is pos- other team by slapping in three field Lola Shelton, Helen McCormick, Bersible to put out better annuals with goals in about a minute, thus the less nerve strain on those publishing score ended 14-28 in favor of Mc-

Points were made as follows: Sloan-3 free goals; Cade-4 field of in publishing their annual. Per- | goals; Beene -1 field goal and Tittle

If a certain number of boys in dear when the Juniors finally attained that old M. H. S. have interest enough to glory of their Senior year they would come out and make a basketball team know the essentials of publishing the and a coach has time enough to coach school's year book and at the same it, why haven't you time enough to dent? time be showing the Juniors the work come and see our team in action or and ideals necessary to produce an read the Merkel Mail columns on excellent annual. Anyway, folks, its basketball. Watch the boys and their not for class glory, but for the glory points in the Badger Weekly. A complete record of points will be post--Editor. ed every week in the Badger Weekly.

L. O. V. E. CLUB ORGANIZES.

On last Thursday the Junior girls We have the lowest per cent of fail- met and organized the L.O.V.E. club. ures. Why? Because we are the Nadine Tippett was elected president; Maurine Davis, vice-president, Fannie Bell Boaz, secretary and treasurer, serious, we sure would like to know Elanor Mae Hamilton reporter and Miss Baker, sponsor. They chose as their motto: "Love 'em and leave 'em," and their colors blue and white. They On last Wednesday evening the have already planned to show the EXEMPTION LIST FOR MIDthe Senior class met to or- school what a peppy bunch they are, and, believe me, they will show it!

of the pupils, which were very low be- Beryl Hunter. cause of the cloud of pending examinations the whole school sang a few McCormick, Addie Fae Patterson. appropriate songs at the chapel Mon- English III-Frances Frederickson, day morning. These songs were fol. Beryl Hunter, Odell Hunter, Nina lowed by a very interesting talk by Vantreese, J. T. Darsey, Thad Doty, Rev. Willet. Mr. Burgess then made Carlos Montandon. a few important announcements con-

S. P. CLUB ORGANIZED.

cerning the mid-term examinations.

tary-treasurer; Fannie Bell Boaz, re- gret Cannon. porter; Miss Melba West, sponsor.

Rebia McLeod, Mattie Lou Largent, Elvis D. Richardson, Ola Smith. Ida Mae Derstine, Margaret Cannon, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Dorice Brown, McAnich, Benj. Sheppard, Margret A Suffocating thing and Lola Shelton.

After refreshments were served, the Elvis Richardson. girls dressed as young beaus and flap-

K. I. D. CLUB ORGANIZED.

Monday afternoon the Senior girls

Ima Gene Mangum, president; Unalea Gilmore, secretary-treasurer; Addie Fae Patterson, reporter; Mrs.

Other members of the club are: Lois Suber, Vivian Berger, Arline Willett, Norma Shannon, Elsie Richie, nice Lasater, Ruby Patton, Selma Lee Russell, Wanna Spurgin, Vernie Derrick and Helen Compton.

SAY, DIDJA' KNOW-

-That we have met the enemy and they are ours. At least we hope the enemy (mid-term exams) are ours?

-That several of the students are out of school on account of the "flu?" -That the whole school joins the Freshman class in welcoming their classmate, Alton Davis, back, after a rapid recovery from a serious acci-

-That even if the McMurry Indians did defeat the Badgers 28 to 14, it took a string of college lettermen

-That preparations might as well be started for a place to put the district championship cup in Merkel's trophy case, because that's where it will land?

-That the Freshmen are dumb, the Sophs silly, the Juniors proud, but the Seniors are just plain conceited over the fact that they were sly enough to fool the teachers so badly that they were able to reach the eleventh grade?

TERM EXAMS HIGH SCHOOL.

Business arithmetic-R. E. Cole, Vernie Derrick, Addie Fae Patterson. Civics-R. E. Cole, J. T. Darsey Jr., In an effort to help raise the spirits Thad Doty, Frances Frederickson,

English IV-Vernie Derrick, Helen

Plane geometry-Maurine Davis, Frances Frederickson, Beryl Hunter, Vernie Derrick, Thad Doty, Lois Suber, Odell Hunter.

On Friday evening at the home of Algebra I-Ross Ferrier, Kathleen

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE

FARMERS STATE BANK

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1928, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 18th day of January, 1929.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on	
personal or collateral security	\$336,876.41
Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the	
amount loaned thereon	25,665,62
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	121.32
Customers' Bonds held for safekeeping	121.32
Real Estate (Banking House)	41,300.00
Other Real Estate	
Promitting and Distance	
Cash on hand Due from approved reserve agents	16,220.36
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	116,549.19
Assessment Depositors' Currents Final	2,105.88
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,000.00
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange, undoubtedly good	72,762.67
Other Resources, Due from the City of Merkel	8,130.74
GRAND TOTAL	\$659,243 03

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GRAND TOTAL	\$659,243 03
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Other Surplus Fund	F 000 00
Undivided profits, net	284 86
Individual Deposits subject to check	521,956.03
Time Certificates of Deposit	23,755.02
Public Funds on Deposit, City	9 745 86
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	7,201.26
Customers' Bonds deposited for safekeeping	41,300.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$659,243.03

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

J. S. Swann, President. Herbert Patterson, Asst. Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of January, A. D. 1929. Willie Toon bs. (Seal) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

CORRECT-Attest: R. O. ANDERSON, B. L. HAMILTON, DAVID HENDRICKS. Directors.

Miss Louise Booth, a group of girls Mashburn, Isadore Mellinger, Lela history class' Christmas present) met and organized the S. P. Club. A Patterson, Himalaya Swafford, Wood- "This could be worse than death." election of officers, they are: Missie Willie Eveyln Boaz, Alice Church, you going to be married?" Dye, president; Louise Booth, secre- Nell Durham, Pauline Salter, Mar-

Algreba II-Louise Booth, Andry talk in your sleep?" Other members of the club are Miss- Ferris, Elsie Lasiter, Alvin Parrack, Melvin: "Because that's the only es Nell Durham, Verna Lee Beasley, Vera Richie, Benjamin Sheppard, chance you give me." History II-Audrey Ferris, Thelma

> Turner, Louise Booth, Harold Leeton, Spanish I-Lee Darden, Wildon Cry: to laugh! to scream!

Spanish II-Elvis Richardson, R. And aged and tender.

Spanish III-Odell Hunter, Beryl Hunter, Nina Vantreese, Frances Frederickson, Addie Fae Patterson.

Derstine, Ross Ferrier, Himalaya (As from a distant star) Swafford, Pauline Patterson, Oleta That this malady of Venus

History VIII-Pauline Salter, Nell But to me it was a living fire, Durham, Ida Mae Derstine, Margaret A fire unquenchable! Cannon, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Lela Patterson, Oleta Moore, Ross Ferrier. English IX-Fred Baker, Opal Fos-

ter Jess Higgins, Velma Lee Holden,

Thelma McAnich, Truett Meeks, Alvin Parrack, Benjamen Sheppard, Margaret Turner. SENSE AND NONSENSE. Miss Sloan: "Who has the report

about Garibaldi?"

Eris: "I'm guilty."

Miss Sloan (upon discussing the

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TOMORROW

more Dealers to take care of the increased business.

short business session was held for the row Wilson, Woodrow Wozencraft, Margarette: "Oh, Miss Sloan, are

Mrs. Davis: "Melvin, why do you

THE LOVE OF A LOVER. Enveloped me And made me want to A thing that gave Harold Leeton, Audry Farris, Vera A poignant paina pain that was bitten sweet E. Cole, Thelma McAnich, Roy Kel- It brought a mellow fragrance As of faded honeysuckles, And a hint of tenderness and youth And visions of deities And all heven in worship of it For it was a living thing! English VIII-Nell Durham, Ida From afar there came a whisper Was called Love;

-Beryl Hunter



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UNCLE 'BILLIE' GILLILAND DEAD

Funeral Services at Baird Tuesday For Pioneer West Texas Editor and Citizen.

Baird, Tex. Jan. 17 .- Funeral services were held here Tuesday for W. E. Gilliland, 80, widely known West Texas editor, who has been publishing the Baird Star for the past 41 years. He died early Monday morn-

The funeral cortege was one of the longest ever seen in Baird, while the floral offerings were numerous and exquisite in design, coming from every section of the state. Services were conducted by Rev. C. C. Wright, pastor of the Baird Methodist church, assisted by the other local pastors. Masons were in charge at the grave, with a Knight Templar escort.

He was born in Washington County, mother died in 1861.

back to Washington County, where Simmons University. his grandfather had taken him, another brother and two sisters, to raise, his father having died in the Confederate Hospital at Camp Nelson, Arkansas.

Returning to Brown County nine years later, he made his home there until 1882, when he moved to Callahan County. Upon moving to this county Gilliland was appointed deputy sheriff under Sheriff J. W. Jones. The county seat was then located at Belle Plain.

ESTABLISHES BAIRD STAR.

In 1884 the county seat was moved to Baird and Gilliland personally supervised the moving of the county records to this town. He bought the Callahan County Clarendon on his thirty-eighth birthday, Nov. 28, 1887, and established the Baird Star.

The first issue of the Star was run Dec. 8, 1887, and has been in continuous operation without intermission since that time. Gilliland, different from most editors, has worked in every department of his paper, from setting type to the operation of the machinery. He was always active in overseeing the operation of the plant.

Masonic work during the younger days appointment was served at the noon Swann enjoyed Mrs. Warren's party and belonged to all bodies of the or- hour. Games interspersed with radio for Mrs. Murphy. ganization up to and including the music, at which dainty candied rethirty-second degree, and was a mem- freshments were passed, completed a ber of the Hella Temple Shrine at day's entertainment for Mrs. Mur- Tommie Russom and Miss Mary Dallas .. He was a member of the phy, Miss Katherine Saffle of Plain- Butman, popular residents of the Twenty-fourth Legislature, an hon- view, Mesdames Booth Warren, For- Buffalo Gap community, were married orary member of Albert Sidney John- rest Gaither, Sam Swann, Kirby Sunday afternoon, Rev. Cagle officiaston Camp, W. C. V., and a member Beckett, W. L. Diltz, Jr., John West, ting. of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. W. J. Largent and the hostess.

Movement Launched To Pave Oak Street

(Continued On Page Ten.)

with the completion of the job would tion for pretty house decorations, table be granted a 5 per cent discount.

Mr. Ochiltree invited the property club game of 42 furnished happy diowners and other interested citizens version for the afternoon and at the to ask questions, which he answered tea hour a lovely two course confection freely. His company, he said, would with hot chocolate was passed to Mrs. enter the competition for the contract Murphy of El Paso, Misses Katherin case the majority of the property ine Saffle, of Plainview, Mona Marowners petitioned for the work to be garet Jones, Mary Cleo Booth, Boag done, about which there was no doubt | Sears, Johnnie Sears, Mary Eula | in his mind judging from the expres- Sears, Mesdames Ross Ferrier, T. E. sions and enthusiasm manifested by Collins, R. I. Grimes, Charlie Jones, those present which, he understood, Earl Lassiter, Tom Largent, L. B. represented a majority of the proper- Scott, Roy Largent, Amy Sears, John ty owners affected by the proposed West, Ed McCrary and the hostess. paving program.

PROPERTY OWNERS PRESENT. Oak street property owners, not members of the club, who attended ed guests at dinner on Tuesday eventhe meeting, were: J. T. Dennis, ing of this week. Dainty tallies and John West, Jas. H. West, D. O. Huddleston, W. W. Haynes, Len Sublett, Fred Hughes, J. W. Wheeler, S. M. Hunter, O. B. Boden, Frank Golliday, Tom Swafford, V. B. Sublett.

Two vocal numbers by Miss Margaret Jones, accompanied by Mrs. E. Yates Brown at the piano, were enthusiastically received by the huge crowd present, declared to have been among the most largely attended and enthusiastic meetings in the history of the Lions club. R. O. Anderson presided during presentation of the entertainment features, after which he called on Booth Warren to preside, the latter introducing Mr. Ochiltree and John L. Faver, district supervisor of the T. & P. Coal Co.., who accompanied Mr. Ochiltree to Merkel.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method to thank our any friends who so kindly assisted the time of the loss of our home. wish each one to know it was cerly appreciated and we shall never your kindness.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farme:

Simmons Quartette at Merkel Baptist Church Sunday



Left to right: Boyd Caffey, first tenor; A. D. Whismont, second tenor; Polk Wells, baritone; Sigmond Morgan, Mrs. W. J. Largent.

rare treat. This quartette is made song brought by these visitors. After his mother's death he moved up of the best vocal talent found in

IDLEWISE.

Heizer, passed a delectable sandwich

plate with sherbert and chocolate to

Misses Iva Bragg, Vernnie Heizer,

Warren Smith and Roy Largent.

• THURSDAY CLUB.

sister, Mrs. Byrd Murphy of El Paso.

DINNER BRIDGE.

mid-winter scheme for decorations.

Bridge games followed dinner as a

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the public in general to come to this Come worship with us."

The male quartette of Simmons | "Not only talent, but sterling chris- | service. There will be no admission University will be heard at the morn- tian character backs up every mem- charge but a free will offering will "Uncle Billie," as the old timers af- ing hour at the Baptist church, Pas- ber of this group of young men. We be taken for these visitors, as they are fectionately called him, was a native tor Ira L. Parrack has announced, hope that every member of the church service. While they do it to help The quartette will have the entire and Sunday school will avail them others, we feel that those helped by Nov. 28, 1848. In 1860 his family morning hour, and will bring a pro- selves of this opportunity to be lifted them will be glad to help pay their exmoved to Brown County, where his gram of music that promises to be a up and inspired by the messages in penses and thus make it possible for them to continue their good work.

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and the host and hostess.

DINNER GUESTS.

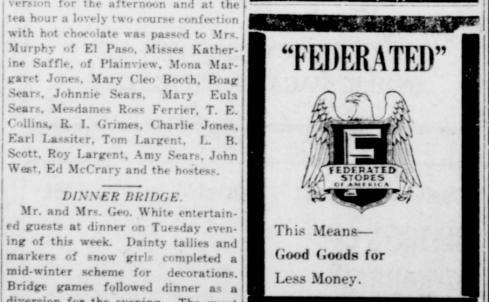
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones extend-Miss Lucy Tracey paid her obliga- ed dinner invitations on Friday evention to members of the Idlewise club ing of last week. A perfectly servic- piness for the popular couple. with a pretty Ney Year's party on ed dinner table with lighted tapers Tuesday afternoon. Home decora- made a lovely setting for a four course tions were snow scenes, winter blos- bird menu. Following dinner games soms and snow birds in keeping with of 42 were enjoyed interspersed with tallies of snow girls and favors of musical numbers by Miss Mona Mar garet Jones. Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Games of auction bridge progres- Jones were Messrs. and Mesdames sed until the refreshment hour when Dee Grimes, Booth Warren and John Miss Tracey, assisted by Miss Vennie West.

MRS. MURPHY COMPLIMENTED. Mrs. Byrd Murphy of El Paso was Mary Cleo Booth, Boag Sears, Chris- complimented with a lovely all-day aftine Collins, Mary Eula Sears, Lucy fair in the home of Mrs. Booth War-Tracey; Mesdames Jim Sears, W. S. ren on Tuesday, A delectable turkey J. Brown, Harry Cookston, Geo. White dinner was served at the noon hour. The guest list included only special friends of Mrs. Murphy, who is a former resident of Merkel and the af- Mail office. Mrs. Dee Grimes complimented ternoon's entertainment consisted of Mrs. Byrd Murphy of El Paso with a games, music and reminiscences. buffet luncheon on Friday of last Miss Katherine Saffle, Mesdames Dee the Methodist Church and a Mason week. A turkey menu, with acces- Grimes, Earl Lassiter, W. J. Largent, for 53 years. He was very active in sories, complete in every service of John West, Kirby Beckett and Sam

RUSSOM-BUTMAN.

Miss Butman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman Sr. and was born and reared in the Buffalo Gap Mrs. W. J. Largent entertained community, where she is quite popular members of the Thursday club and with all who know her. As a comat the same time complimented her munity worker and teacher she has endeared herself to young and old A Japanese motif furnished inspiraalike. At Spur, where she taught school, she made many friends. covers and game accessories. The

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Mrs. B. H. Lancaster returned this Dublin

of her sister, Mrs. Dale Dillingham

of San Angelo, this week. Mrs. H. C. Williams of Knox City,

Miss Dota Garoutte came in Tuesday afternoon from Abilene where she had been to attend the funeral of M

M. Clack. Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Huddleston, spent the past weekend at Seymour as the His Amusements." guests in the home of their sister, Mrs.

Miss Katherine Saffle of Plain- | nie Derrick. view has returned to her home after

The many friends of Mrs. A. R. day? By Harold Carson. Booth will be grieved to learn of the death of her mother, Mrs. W. N. Girls Know What Things They May

strong, mother of Dr. M. Armstrong, Warren Smith, Harry Cookston, Miss will live in that section. He has re- is also recovering from the flu. Dr. Hale Derstine. Mary Cleo Booth, Dr. W. S. Sadler, sided in the Canyon community for W. F. Armstrong of Fort Worth, son about nine years and has prospered and grandson, respectively, was a visi- nett. tor during their illness.

> reside, but throughout the county, V. Johnson of Fort Worth were the guests for dinner on Tuesday of Dr. on professional duty but stopped over here en route and in returning.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. ledger from the office of the Farm ning with Sunday school at 10 a. m. Bureau Gin will return same at once, The attendence has been good so far Services at 7 p. m. All are cordially nothing more will be said. Apply in January, considering the amount invited to these services. of sickness throughout the country. If not prevented be on time. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. A number of young bronze tom tur- Prayer meeting Wednesday evening four blocks north of Sam Swann's

Wm. Elliott, Supt

list included Messrs. and Mesdames berry Canyon community and they and acquired many friends.

> Not only in the section where they friends will join in wishing much hap-

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Personal Mention

week from a visit with relatives in

Mrs. Matt Dillingham is the guest Abilene, will speak to the Wesley

friends here this week.

Otis Willborn.

Stewart of Conway, Ark. Mrs. Booth or May Not Do? returned to her home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnson of home of Mrs. R. L. Bradshaw the By Doyle Morrison. past week. Mrs. Johnson will remain for a while on account of the illness cide. By Himalaya Swafford. of her mother.

Mrs. M. Armstrong, wife of Dr. Armstrong, is about well from an attack of the flu, while Mrs. N. J. Arm-

Drs W. F. Armstrong and Harold Derrick. Armstrong's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Jones. M. Armstrong. The Fort Worth physicians had been to Sweetwater terson.

All regular services Sunday, begin-

Wesley Brotherhood to Hear McMurry Dean Next Tuesday Night

Boyd McKeown, conference lay leader and dean of McMurry college at Brotherhood at the Methodist church Tuesday night, beginning at 7:30.

Dean McKeown is an able speaker, formerly of Merkel, has been visiting and will bring an interesting message. A cordial invitation is extended the general public to hear him.

> INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject: "The Young Christian and

1. Does Jesus Approve of a Young Christian "Enjoying Life?" By Ver-

2. May a Young Christian, Without a very pleasent visit with her sister, Divine Approval, Take Part in all Forms of Amusements Offered To-

> 3. How Many Christian Boys and By Benjamin Sheppard.

4. How May Young Christians Ser-Greenville, Texas, were visitors in the ve Their Master in Their Fun-Life?

5. Stories That May Help Us De-

JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM. Subject: "When the Temple Was Dedicated."

1. Planning for the Dedication, by

2. The Line of March, by Nell Bar-

3. God Accepts His House, by Ora 4. King Solomon Speaks, by Mary 5. King Solomon Prays, by John

6. The Sacrifices, by Thelma Pat-

Church of Christ.

W. G. Cypert will preach at the North Side Church of Christ Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour. Subject, "The Soul of Man Will Never Die."

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