



Condensed Statement of Condition

# The Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas, Close Business Mar. 27, 1929

RESOURCES.

Loans	\$361,392.68
Overdrafts	1,496.87
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	11,355.40
Due from Guaranty Fund	4,105.88
Due from City of Merkel	4,055.44
U. S. Bonds	\$41,300.00
Bills of Ex. Cotton	16,120.80
Cash & Exchange	88,221.02
	145,641.82
	\$560,548.09

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Profits	13,172.49
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
Deposits	497,375.60
	\$560,548.09

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	HERBERT PATTERSON, Assistant Cashier
R. O. ANDERSON, V. Pres.	B. L. HAMILTON, Assistant Cashier
DAVID HENDRICKS, V. Pres.	
W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier.	

## BELOVED MERKEL RESIDENT BURIED

### Mrs. M. C. Church Dies at Age of 71 Following Two Weeks' Illness.

Mrs. Priscilla Simpson Church, 71, wife of M. C. Church and beloved resident of Merkel for the past twenty years, died at her home Thursday night of last week at 9 o'clock, following an illness of about two weeks. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. T. C. Willett, the pastor, assisted by Rev. L. H. Davis of Tye. Interment was in Merkel cemetery.

Mrs. Church was a native of Tennessee. She came with her husband from that state to Texas, first locating in Grayson county. Twenty years ago they moved to Merkel, where they have since resided. She had long been a member of the Methodist church, and she derived the greatest pleasure in advancing the cause of the Master and in making happy the family circle and all others with whom she came in contact. Her kindly ministrations to the afflicted and needy were a blessing to many in this community.

A few days before her death Mrs. Church was carried to an Abilene hospital in the hope that an operation would restore her to health but the operation was deemed inadvisable due to her weakened condition. She returned to her loved ones and friends only two days before her death.

Mrs. Church is survived by her husband, three boys and one daughter, C. P., Merkel; W. C. Stith; F. E. Sedalia, Mo., and Mrs. W. E. Davis, Ft. Worth. All of the children were present for the funeral services.

## Aged Confederate Vet Visits Merkel

Tom Darnell, resident of the Old Soldiers' home at Austin, is visiting his niece, Mrs. Joe Bolin, for a few days. Mr. Darnell is 85 years old, but doesn't look and act to be over 70. He is looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the coming Confederate reunion in June, to be held this year in South Carolina, and which he expects to attend. "I am visiting in West Texas before the reunion, believing that the atmosphere out here will give me a good appetite," Mr. Darnell said. He will visit relatives at Sweetwater before returning to the home at Austin.

### STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP.

Management, Circulation, Etc., Required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912.

Of The Merkel Mail, published weekly at Merkel, Texas, for April 1, 1929. State of Texas, County of Taylor, ss: Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared C. J. Glover, Jr., who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the manager of The Merkel Mail and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 411, Postal Laws and Regulations:

1. That the name and address of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business manager: J. J. Hutchison, editor, Merkel Texas.

2. That the owner is: J. J. Hutchison, George E. Caple and C. J. Glover, Jr., all of Merkel, Texas.

3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: Mergenthaler Linotype Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Maggie M. Jackson, Abilene, Texas.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of April, 1929. (Seal) N. D. Cobb, Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We want to thank the many friends for the kindness and sympathy shown us during the sickness and death of our dear wife and mother, also for the beautiful floral offerings. Especially do we thank the nurses and Drs. Grimes and Alexander for their untiring efforts. May each of you have such friends when sorrow comes and may God's richest blessings be with each and every one.

M. C. Church  
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Davis  
Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Church  
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church  
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church  
and friends.

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## Trent Trustees Did Not Ask Re-election

In the account of the school trustee election at Trent, printed in last week's paper, it was stated that four members of the board were defeated for re-election. Lee Rogers, member of the old board, informs us this was an error, as members of the old board were not candidates for re-election. The winning ticket, composed of G. H. West, W. H. Hale, W. F. Stedman and J. C. Hamner defeated another ticket composed of two men and two ladies, none of whom were members of the old board, Mr. Rogers stated.

## Four Persons Hurt in Texas Cyclone

Austin, April 18.—Striking swiftly without warning, a tornado demolished seven homes at Smithville, 45 miles southeast of here, and injured four members of a family whose residence was lifted from its foundation and hurled a twisted mass into a nearby street. The loss was estimated at \$60,000.

## Sweetwater Votes Bonds.

Sweetwater, April 18.—Sweetwater's \$750,000 bond issue for water and sewer extensions and more paving carried Friday by a vote of nearly 12 to 1. The water bonds proposition passed by a vote of 599 to 37, the \$100,000 sewer bonds by 585 to 49 and the \$50,000 paving bonds by 566 to 57.

Prompt, efficient prescription service. Phillips Drug Store.

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## CLOSING NOTICE

Beginning April 27, 1929, the undersigned firms will close at 12 o'clock noon each Saturday.

Merkel Lumber Co.  
Clay Lumber Co.  
Burton-Lingo Co.

### The Old Reliable

# Farmers & Merchants National Bank

Merkel, Texas

Close of Business March 27, 1929

### RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$293,656.04
Overdrafts	2,981.16
Furniture and Fixtures	6,750.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	2,250.00
Bankers Acceptances	\$ 51,266.28
Commercial Paper	30,000.00
Bills of Exchange (cotton)	6,690.78
U. S. Bonds (owned)	112,300.00
Cash & Sight Exchange	82,632.12

CASH AVAILABLE \$282,889.18

\$588,838.88

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	25,000.00
Undivided Profits	23,786.69
Circulation	6,250.00
Borrowed Money	NONE
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
DEPOSITS	\$483,802.19

\$588,838.88

Upon the merits of the above statement we respectfully solicit your business. Observe our cash resources. The bonds listed therein are owned by the bank. Backed by abundant available funds we are able and willing to meet the requirements of our customers.

# Farmers & Merchants National Bank

Merkel, Texas

### Directors

J. T. WARREN	G. F. WEST	SAM BUTMAN, SR.
GEO. L. PAXTON	BOOTH WARREN	

"Never missed a dividend—never assessed a shareholder"

"FOR THE PAST QUARTER CENTURY"

# Now is the time to fix up your MODEL T FORD

RIGHT now, after winter lay-ups and winter driving, is the time to go over your Model T and find out just what it needs in the way of replacement parts and adjustments. For a very small cost, you may be able to protect and maintain your investment in the car and get thousands of miles of additional service.

To help you get the fullest use from your car, the Ford Motor Company is still devoting a considerable section of its plants to the manufacture of Model T parts and will continue to do so as long as they are needed by Ford owners.

These parts are quickly available through Ford dealers in every section of the country. Note the low prices in the partial list given below:

Piston and pin	\$1.40
Connecting rod	1.60
Crankshaft	10.00
Cylinder head	6.00
Cylinder	20.00
Time gear	.75
Time gear cover	1.00
Crankcase	12.00
Magneto coil assembly	5.00
Fly wheel	13.00
Transmission gear shaft	1.65
Transmission cover	6.99
Clutch pedal	.65
Steering gear assembly (less wheel and bracket)	8.50
Starter drive	4.25
Generator	12.50
Battery	8.50
Carburetor	3.00
Vaporizer assembly (with fittings)	9.00
Rear axle shaft	1.75
Differential drive gear	3.00
Universal joint assembly	2.50
Drive shaft pinion	1.50
Front axle	9.00
Spindle connecting rod	1.75
Front radius rod	1.80
Rear spring	6.00
Radiator—less shell (1917-23)	15.00
Radiator—less shell (1923-27)	14.00
Hood (1917-1925)	6.50
Hood (1926-27) black	7.00
Gasoline tank	6.00
Front fenders (1917-1925) each	4.00
Front fenders (1926-1927) each	5.00
Rear fenders (1922-1925) each	3.75
Rear fenders (1926-1927) each	4.00
Running board	1.25
Horn (battery type)	1.50
Headlamp assembly (1915-26) pair	5.50
Touring car top (1915-25) complete	27.00
Touring car top (1926-27) complete, includes curtains and curtain rods	35.00

These prices are for parts only, but the charge for labor is equally low. It is billed at a flat rate so you may know in advance what the job will cost.

## FORD MOTOR COMPANY



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On our show room floor Saturday we will display a

# MODEL "A" FORD TOWN CAR

This is our highest priced car, delivering for approximately \$1500

No expense has been spared in building into this car all refinements and qualities embodied in the highest priced cars.

# Merkel Motor Co.

**NOODLE NEWS**

The farmers of this community are busy planting.  
Miss Mildred Williams, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Abilene, is reported as getting along nicely.  
Misses Eunice and Mildred Bird, of Clyde, were visiting in our community this week.  
Miss Doris Sosbee of Anson, spent the week-end with home folks.  
Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Justice and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sloan visited the former's daughter, Mrs. F. C. Rodden, at Ballinger.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gilbreath spent the week-end with home folks at Dublin.  
Clyde Deavers of Stith visited our community Friday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Homes are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Williams.  
There will be preaching at the Christian church Sunday.  
The party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Eoff Saturday night was enjoyed by all present.  
Mrs. Otto Bicknell visited her sister, Mrs. Waldo Cox, Wednesday.  
Leona Jenkins entertained the young folks Sunday with a dinner. Those present were: Lena and Nina Bond, Doris Sosebee, Odelle Sloan, Mildred Bird, Wanna Spurgin, Brooksie Justice, Odessa Bicknell, Troy Sloan, Vessie Justice, Ernest Spurgin, Wilbert Byers and Hollis Irvin.  
There will be choir practice Friday night. Every one is invited to attend.

**Junior B. Y. P. U. Program**

Subject: "Following Jesus". 1. "Follow Me", by Margaret Miller. 2. "Before we can follow, we must accept Jesus as our Saviour", by Billy B. Gambill. 3. "We can follow Jesus in Baptism", by Nell Barnett. 4. "Following Jesus in Temptation", by Roger Derrick. 5. "Following Jesus in Work and Play", by Bertie Mae Leslie. 6. "Following Jesus in Prayer", by Ora Derrick. 7. "Following Jesus in Helping Others", by Lois Beasley.

**Carl Foster Given Five-Year Sentence**

Sweetwater, April 18.—Carl Foster, held at Sweetwater under three indictments for burglary, who gained state-wide notoriety several weeks ago when he was found hiding in a cupola of the First Christian church following his escape from the county jail, pleaded his own case before a Nolan county jury and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

**NOTICE.**

The Merkel Fruit and Vegetable Company is always open. Truck from the garden Wednesdays and Fridays. Bell Building opposite Ice House. S. K. Eckerd & Co.

**Blair Items**

Mr. Burks from the plains was the house guest of his son, Mr. and Mrs. Chat Burks, the past week.  
Mrs. Minnie Reeves, who spent the past two weeks with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reeves of Knox City, returned home Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doan of Rotan, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Doan, Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Denney of White Church visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Abbott, Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. W. Chappell visited relatives at Davidson, Okla., last week-end. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell as far as Wichita Falls, who visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Mae Horton.  
Glenn Abbott and Arthur Addison spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Morris of White Church community.

**White Church School to Give Play April 25**

"A Poor Married Man" is the title of a comedy drama in three acts, to be given at the White Church school the evening of April 25. Rehearsals have been going on for some time and those who attend are assured a creditable evening's entertainment. The public is cordially invited.

**CANYON NEWS**

Butman school P. T. A. met Friday night with a large crowd and considerable interest. Delegates of the P. T. A. convention made reports on their trip to Sweetwater. An interesting program based on "Better Homes" was greatly enjoyed and Bro. Marvin Williams made an inspirational talk on "Home."  
The entertainment at Dock Miltons Saturday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.  
Harlin and Tracy Lykins were here from the plains visiting friends Saturday and Sunday.  
Bro. Marvin Williams filled his regular appointment at Nubia, Sunday.  
Second sheets at Merkel Mail office.

**R. E. Yantis Dead.**  
Athens, April 18.—R. E. Yantis, editor of the Athens, Texas, Review, and former president of the Texas Press Association, died Saturday night after a short illness. Funeral services were held at Athens at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

**WATCH REPAIRING.**

Mainsprings from \$1.50 to \$2.00  
Cleaning \$1.50 to \$2.00  
Balance Staff \$2.00 to \$2.50

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"I had often read of Cardui, so I thought I would try it. I soon began to improve after I had taken Cardui for a while."  
"It was astonishing how much I picked up. I slept better, my appetite improved, and that awful dragging-down feeling left me."  
"I was so much better that I continued taking Cardui until I felt perfectly well."  
Cardui has been used by women for over 50 years.  
For sale by all druggists.

**CARDUI**  
Helps Women To Health

Take Theiford's Black-Draught for Constipation, Indigestion and Biliousness. E-140

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:**

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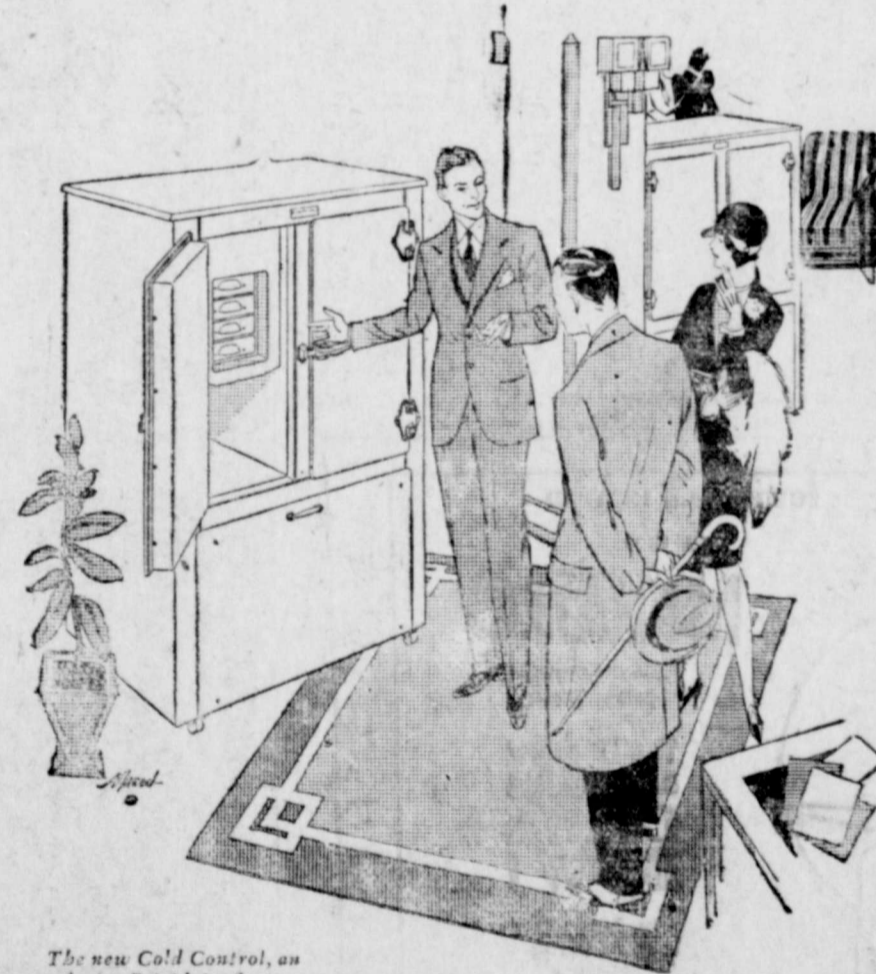
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The Wholesome  
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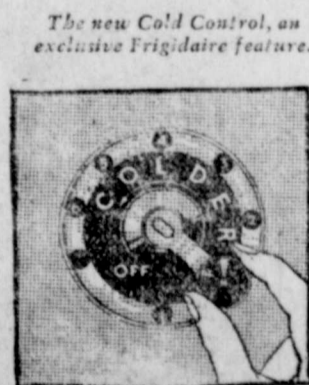


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THE MERKEL MAIL

Published Every Friday Morning J.J. HUTCHISON, Editor

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FORTY-ONE YEARS OLD.

The Merkel Mail started on its forty-first year with last week's issue, which means that the paper has been chronicling the news of Merkel and this section over a period of forty years.

How well that duty has been and is being performed is a matter of history and present knowledge. During its life the paper has been under a number of different managements, which fact would indicate that the "unbounded prosperity" which we hear echoed throughout the nation every four years has not always extended to the publishing of a newspaper in Merkel.

A newspaper has often been described as a mirror of the town where it is published. Each week the paper goes into different states and often falls into the hands of people who know nothing of the town where it is published. They get their first and lasting impression of the town from its paper.

It is the ambition of every publisher to give his home town the best paper his ability and patronage will permit. In former years patronage was accorded the small town paper on the basis of civic duty and perhaps "to help the editor along." Today it is different, and rightly so. Advertising space is sold now on the basis of merit. Subscribers are likewise obtained and kept on the list by reason of reader interest.

The present management is making every effort to make the Mail reflect the spirit of Merkel. The town is prospering, with many new citizens attracted here in the past twelve months. New enterprises are in prospect and there is a general feeling of optimism as to Merkel's future. The Merkel Mail will make every effort to keep pace with the town. A good newspaper is a town's foremost asset, and to that end we pledge our best efforts towards making Merkel's paper compare favorably with that of any town in the state of like size.

These bank robbers are becoming quite exacting. A young girl armed with a pistol shoved a note to a teller of a California bank which read, "Give me the money in big bills." She was reported to have accepted \$2,000 with a smile and walked out. At least it is an innovation for the bank robbers to put their demands in writing.

JOE BAILEY.

Texas lost one of its greatest men in the passing of Joe Bailey, who died Saturday afternoon while in the trial of a case at Sherman.

It was a dramatic ending to a dramatic career. Bailey, both as congressman and United States senator, stood in the front of American statesmen. He reflected credit on Texas and the nation as a lawmaker.

It has often been said, and perhaps truthfully, that Bailey had the most ardent friends and the bitterest enemies of any man in the public life of the Lone Star state. He made and held his friends by being friendly. He made enemies by opposing vigorously men and measures he thought were wrong and in conflict with constitutional government.

Bailey, while most of his life was spent in politics, could not be classed as a politician in the general acceptance of that term. On many occasions he fought for and against measures that he knew were unpopular. The whims of the hour had no sympathy from Bailey. He conceived his mission to be one of educating the people on governmental problems and never did he waver in his adherence to democratic problems as he construed them.

Bailey for several years before his death was out of line with the democratic leaders of his state. He and friend alike admit his great ability. He always fought in the open, daring to oppose the wrong as he saw it.

Truly, Texas and the nation have lost one of its greatest statesmen.

Babe Ruth, who has been sharing publicity honors with Col. Chas. A. Lindbergh since the latter's famous flight to Paris, was not to be outdone by the announcement from Mexico City that the flying ace was to be married. The "sultan of swat" comes through with the news that he is to marry a former New York actress.

Plans are under way for expansion of the West Texas Fair at Abilene, in which all West Texas is interested.

SCHOOL BOND ISSUE.

"Hamlin votes \$125,000 for new school house," screams a headline, which brings to mind the fact that Merkel voters are being asked to endorse a \$16,000 bond issue for badly needed repairs to the Grammar school building.

According to members of the board and others who are familiar with conditions at the Grammar school, the repairs are urgent at this time or a practically new building will have to be erected in a short time. The roof is leaky, which condition is causing the building to deteriorate rapidly.

The famous phrase, "A stitch in time saves nine," is applicable to the Grammar school building. If the bond issue is approved by the voters of Merkel independent school district it will mean a modern building at a cost of only \$16,000. There is a lot of difference between \$16,000 and \$125,000.

Ford Town Car is Chauffeur Driven; In Merkel Saturday

In discussing the new body types that have been added this year to the Ford Model "A" line, L. B. Scott, local Ford dealer, stated that the new Town Car has proved very popular with business men, bankers and others who have used it in the cities.

"The Ford Town Car has been an attraction wherever it has been on exhibit," Mr. Scott added, "because it embodies something entirely new in automobiles for this country. It is the first chauffeur-driven car ever offered by an American manufacturer in either the medium or low price fields. Formal in type, it has the nobility of the Model "A" Ford, which makes it an ideal shopping car under present day traffic conditions.

"The body of this car is mounted on the dependable Model "A" Ford chassis. Both in design and interior appointments the body is similar to the smart chauffeur driven cars seen on the boulevards of continental Europe.

"Triplex, shatterproof glass forms the partition between the driver's seat and the interior compartment. The finest imported whipcord is used for the interior upholstery, while on either side of the cushioned seat is a covered arm rest. The Town Car is finished in a variety of rich color schemes, with full nickel trimmings. It is the most luxurious body type ever offered by the Ford Motor Company."

Walton-Goode.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton have received news of the marriage of their son, Gilbert, to Miss Pearl Goode, the ceremony being performed at Hobart Mills, Calif., April 2.

Merkel is the boyhood home of the groom. He lived here until about two years ago, when he went to California and has since been engaged in operating a bakery at Hobart Mills. His many friends in Merkel will wish him and his bride a happy wedded life. They will reside at Hobart Mills.

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Guaranteed to rid your poultry of all insects, a preventative of sore head, roup and white diarrhoea; also a cure for running fits in dogs. Sold by Phillips Drug Co., Merkel, Texas.

Trent News and Personal Notes

The Trent schools closed Friday night with an interesting program, witnessed by a large crowd. Each senior gave a five minute talk, following which Superintendent Blankenship presented diplomas to Edwin Rogers, Viola Smith, Roena Perkins, Reta Mae Winn and Velma Rogers.

The seventh grade graduation exercises were held Thursday night of last week, and a large crowd heard an interesting address by Sidney Pass, Principal Cunningham presented diplomas to Bob Howell, Leonard Strubling, Asha McLeod, Marjory Adrian, Florence Boyd, Jack Bowers, Ima Faye Boyd, Naona Rogers, Jack Perkins, Louise Watson and Sarah Julia Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Harris and little Miss Billy Sue of Seminole spent Sunday and Monday with Mrs. J. K. P. Winn. They were en route to Hazelhurst, Miss., for a month's visit.

Hubert Beckham returned to his home in Lamesa after several days' visit with his parents here.

A. C. Terry and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Terry were called to Meadow Sunday on account of the illness of their father. They found him somewhat improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bright visited relatives and friends in Lamesa last week.

Mrs. W. A. Abbott is at home after several days' visit with Mrs. Southworth of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Bill Scranon of Merkel visited in Trent last week.

Mrs. Bessie Rutherford of Tuxado attended the graduation exercises and visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith.

Mrs. J. G. Waters of Stephenville was a week-end visitor with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Regan of Roby visited Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Sipe Sunday and Monday.

Estelle Perry spent the week-end with home folks.

Melvin Reed and Leonard McGowen of Lamesa spent several days visiting in Trent this week.

E. Howell purchased the City Drug Store this week and is now in charge of the business.

Methodist Sunday School.

Our Sunday school services were quite enjoyable last Sunday in spite of the fact that our pastor, Rev. Willett was called to Slaton to conduct a funeral service and was unable to be with us.

Miss Lola Hayes, from Denton, was a visitor in our school last Sunday. Miss Hayes plans to spend the week with her parents before returning to Denton.

The leagues of our church have been selected to play the part of hosts to a group of leaguers from the Abilene district, during the coming week-end. The visiting leaguers will be entertained by an excellent program to be given by our Junior and Senior leagues Saturday night and a watch service at 7:00 o'clock Sunday morning followed by another program Sunday afternoon.

-Reporter.

Rev. T. C. Willett Called to Slaton For Funeral of Friend

Rev. T. C. Willett, pastor of the Methodist church, was called to Slaton last Sunday, where he assisted the Methodist pastor at Slaton in conducting funeral services for L. A. H. Smith, 87, who died last Friday in the Confederate Home at Austin.

Rev. Willett was pastor of the Slaton church for four years, and was a close friend of deceased, who was a pioneer in the Slaton community, having lived in that section since 1910. He served the entire four years of the civil war as a member of Co. F, Fifth Alabama infantry. After his discharge he taught school for a number of years.

Mr. Smith is survived by nine children, seven boys and two girls. He had been a resident of the Confederate Home for three years prior to his death.

BANK HOLIDAY.

On account of San Jacinto day the undersigned banks will be closed all day Monday, April 22, 1929. Patrons will please take notice and make their arrangements in accordance.

F. & M. NATIONAL BANK. FARMERS STATE BANK.

METHODIST CHURCH.

The Abilene Epworth League will meet with us next Saturday and Sunday and will have charge of the program for Sunday. The presiding Elder, Rev. E. E. White is on the program for the 11 o'clock hour. You will want to hear him. The Leaguers will close their program in the afternoon and the pastor will be in the pulpit at the evening hour.

The district conference will meet at Putnam next Tuesday Morning at 9 o'clock. We are hoping to have a full delegation from this church present.

We want to give the Epworth Leaguers royal entertainment while they are here. To do this every member of the church must co-operate. A hundred or more will spend the night with us. If you have a bed or two to spare, call Miss Rosa Laney or Miss Cora Lee Hulseley and tell them what you have. You will be expected to give them supper and breakfast only. T. C. Willett, Pastor

You will like our fountain service. Phillips Drug Store.

Birthday Party at Trent.

Baby Elnor Lee Wheeler entertained a few of her little friends at her home April 15, celebrating her first birthday. She received many lovely little gifts. At 4 o'clock a lovely cake with a tiny pink candle in its center, was cut, each little guest receiving a token in his or her piece. Ice cream and cake were served to the following: Misses

Cloie McRee and Martha Jean Howard; Masters Buddy Harold and George Dickey of Woodson, Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Howard of Roscoe, Mrs. Hal McRee, Mrs. Elma Donley, Mrs. Bruce Hughes and Mrs. Ben Winters. Typewriting paper at Merkel Mail office.

QUEEN SHOWING THE PICK OF PICTURES FRIDAY TIM McCOY -IN- "THE BUSHRANGER" You'll thrill—you'll marvel at this classic in excitement. Also "Tarzan the Mighty" and Comedy "Campus Vamp" SATURDAY BUZZ BARTON -IN- "ROUGH RIDIN' RED" See the freckled-faced daredevil in the Speediest of his action shows! Also the Greatest Jungle Serial ever made "Tarzan the Mighty" and good two Reel Comedy "Smart Steppers" MONDAY AND TUESDAY LILLIAN GISH -IN- "THE WHITE SISTER" A picture of Reckless Daring, Sacrifice and Love Also Two Reel Comedy "Election Day" and News Reel WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY GLORIA SWANSON -IN- "SADIE THOMPSON" A picture of The South Seas, Mystery and Romance with the Marines Also Comedy "Dumb and How" and Kinogram News Free Chinaware to each lady present

GENERAL MOTORS SPRING SHOWING See the NEW CHEVROLET SIX -a Six in the price range of the four! You are cordially invited to visit our special display of the new Chevrolet Six—arranged in conjunction with the nationwide Spring Showing of General Motors cars. Here, in a price class that has hitherto been occupied exclusively by four-cylinder automobiles, you will see displayed a line of beautiful models that bring you every advantage of six-cylinder performance. Yet, due to the greatest array of mechanical advancements that Chevrolet has ever announced, the new Chevrolet Six delivers better than twenty miles to the gallon of gasoline with extremely low oil consumption. And this amazing six-cylinder performance is matched in impressiveness by the beautiful new Fisher bodies. Come in. See for yourself that no other car in the world can give you so much at prices within the reach of all. For Economical Transportation CHEVROLET The COACH \$595 The Roadster \$525 The Phaeton \$525 The Coupe \$595 The Sedan \$675 The Sport Cabriolet \$695 The Convertible \$725 The Sedan Delivery \$595 Light Delivery \$400 Chassis \$400 1 1/2 Ton Chassis \$545 With Cab \$650 All prices, c. b. factory Flint, Michigan COMPARE the delivered price as well as the list price in considering automobile values. Chevrolet's delivered prices include only reasonable charges for delivery and financing. You are Cordially Invited to See Our Special Exhibit of the New Chevrolet Six Brackeen-Hughes Chevrolet Co. Merkel, Texas QUALITY AT LOW COST

YOU'RE ALL INVITED— to the A DENT MAJESTIC THEATRE -ABILENE- Next Week You'll SEE and HEAR CLARA BOW! in her first All-Talking Picture THE WILD PARTY Clara and her gang stage the gayest party on record. You can't imagine the fun you'll have! -Also- Stan Laurel-Oliver Hardy in "Liberty" A Metro Sound comedy and Fox Movietone News Entire next week April 22-27 A DENT MAJESTIC THEATRE For the most fun attend the "Wild Party" midnight matinee Sunday, April 21st. Doors open at 11 p. m. Show at 12:01.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—4 room house and lot, south side, 4 blocks from T. P. station. Herbert Patterson.

FOR SALE—Baby chicks from the M. Johnson strain of Leghorns; hatched in May for \$11.00 per hundred. J. S. Touchstone, Hawley, Texas. Phone 9036 F 13 Anson.

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#### CHEVROLETS

1926 Chevrolet Coupe, motor A 1, new rubber new Duco paint, good car \$245.00  
 1927 Chevrolet Sedan, a good serviceable car, motor thoroughly reconditioned, original paint \$395.00  
 1927 Chevrolet Roadster, new paint, new rubber, a bargain \$275.00

#### FORDS

Dandy good Ford Coupe, 25 model \$150.00  
 1928 Ford Truck, good condition \$385.00  
 1927 Ford Roadster, good rubber new paint, good condition \$150.00  
 Ford Tourings \$35.00 Up.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Studebaker Sedan, a bargain, new rubber, reconditioned \$390.00  
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#### BRACKEN-HUGHES CHEVROLET CO.

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A BARGAIN—4 room bungalow on corner lot, with gas, lights, east front; close in; for \$1275 cash; also a good lot, east front, 50x180 for \$175 cash, or some terms. See George Boyce at once.

FOR SALE—Choice tomato plants; Texas Sure Cropper. Sid Criswell.

MULES FOR SALE OR TRADE—Two large mare mules for sale or trade for truck. Comper store, 10 miles Northeast of Merkel.

FOR SALE—Bundle and headed feed; double row cultivator and planter; part time or will trade for cow. T. W. Collins, near Stith.

### FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Four room house, lights, gas and garage; close in. Apply at City Furniture or call Joe Garland. Phone 272.

FOR RENT—5 room house, lights, gas and sewerage; solid board fence. Sid Criswell.

THREE ROOM furnished apartment; four room house with gas; also bedroom. S. F. Haynes.

NEW TWO ROOM apartment; nicely furnished; modern; also bedroom adjoining bath. Mrs. C. L. Boswell. Phone 171W.

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping; gas. Rose Street. Mrs. J. C. Walton.

TWO FURNISHED rooms for rent. Mrs. Fred Deutschman. Phone 241J.

FOR RENT—Two room apartment, modern, private front entrance, garage. Mrs. Geo. Brown.

FOR RENT—Four room house on South side; gas and water. E. W. Moore.

### WANTED

MAKE YOUR old furniture look new. G. L. Bishop Paint Shop at Burton-Lingo.

WASHING AND GREASING—Modern grease rack. Cars washed and greased the right way. Highway Service Station. J. C. White, Manager.

WANTED—To buy good heavy maize. Will pay \$15 per ton at the crib. Call 902-5F3, or see E. M. West or W. I. Burton, Merkel, Route 4.

CHARGES BATTERIES while you wait; fine profits; you don't need but a few cents cash to start; experience not necessary; want dealer in Merkel. Ad. Edwin Smith, Abilene, Texas.

LAUNDRY WORK will be appreciated; north of Guitar Gin. Mrs. Fred Deutschman. Phone 241J.

Our prescription service is the best. Phillips Drug Store.

### LOST AND FOUND

LOST OR STRAYED—Gray horse, mane roached; also iron gray mare, mane roached, with halter on. R. L. Wairup, Abilene, Texas, Route 4.

LOST—On Bankhead highway one black suit case containing lady's wearing apparel. Notify Dr. W. A. Buckner, Merkel, Texas and get reward.

### LODGE NOTICES

Merkel Chapter Royal Arch Masons meets on first Thursday night of each month. Visitors cordially invited.

J. A. Patterson, H. P.  
 O. R. Dye, Secretary.

### LEGAL NOTICE.

#### H. J. R. NO. 6 A JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing for a Supreme Court of nine members, and for continuous session of that Court.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Sections 2 and 3 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended as to hereafter read as follows:

"Article 5 Section 2. The Supreme Court shall consist of a Chief Justice and eight Associate Justices, any five of whom shall constitute a quorum, and the occurrence of five shall be necessary to a decision of a case; in other matters, until otherwise provided by Law, the jurisdiction of the Court shall be exercised under such regulations and orders as the Court by a majority vote may prescribe. No person shall be eligible to the office of Chief Justice or Associate Justice of the Supreme Court unless he be, at the time of his election, a citizen of the United States and of this State and unless he shall have attained the age of thirty years, and shall have been a practicing lawyer or a judge of a court, or such lawyer and judge together at least seven years. Said Chief Justice and Associate Justices shall be elected by the qualified voters of the State at a general election, shall hold their offices six years, or until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall receive such compensation as may be provided by law. In case of a vacancy in the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Governor shall fill the vacancy until the next general election for State officers, and at such general election the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled by election by the qualified voters of the State. The Judges of the Supreme Court who may be in office at the time this amendment takes effect shall continue in office until the expiration of their term of office under the present Constitution, and until their successors are elected and qualified. When this amendment takes effect, the Governor shall immediately appoint six additional Associate Justices of the Supreme Court for terms of office so that the terms of two of such appointed Associate Justices shall expire with the term of office of each of the present members of the Supreme Court, and, upon the qualification of such new Justices, the Commission of Appeals of the State of Texas shall terminate."

"Article 5. Section 3. The Supreme Court shall have appellate jurisdiction only except as herein specified, which shall be co-extensive with the limits of the State. Its appellate jurisdiction shall extend to questions of law arising in cases of which the Courts of Civil Appeals have appellate jurisdiction under such restrictions and regulations as the Legislature may prescribe. Until otherwise provided by law, the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court shall extend to questions of law arising in the cases in the Courts of Civil Appeals in which the Judges of any Court of Civil Appeals may disagree or where the several Courts of Civil Appeals may hold differently on the same question of law, or where a Statute of the State is held void, and shall extend to such other questions as may be within the Court's Appellate Jurisdiction under the Statutes of the State in force when this amendment takes effect. The Supreme Court and the Justices thereof shall have power to issue writs of habeas corpus, as may be prescribed by Law, and under such regulations as may be prescribed by

Law, the said Court and the Justices thereof may issue the writs of mandamus, procedendo, certiorari and such other writs, as may be necessary to enforce its jurisdiction. The Legislature may confer original jurisdiction on the Supreme Court to issue writs of quo warranto and mandamus in such cases as may be specified, except as against the Governor of the State. The Supreme Court shall have power, upon affidavit or otherwise as by the Court may be determined, to ascertain such matters of fact as may be necessary to the proper exercise of its jurisdiction. The Supreme Court shall be open at all times and shall sit at the State Capitol for the transaction of business at such times as may be designated by the Court. The Supreme Court shall appoint a clerk, who shall give bond in such manner as is now or may hereafter, be required by law, and he may hold his office for four years and shall be subject to removal by said Court, for good cause entered of record on the Minutes of said Court who shall receive such compensation as the Legislature may provide."

Sec. 2. Said proposed Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at a special election to be held throughout the State on Tuesday, July 16, 1929, at which election each voter opposing said proposed amendment shall scratch off of the ballot with a pen or pencil the following words printed on said ballot: "For the amendment to the State Constitution providing for a Supreme Court of nine members, and for continuous session of that Court", and each voter favoring said proposed amendment shall scratch off the ballot in the same manner the following words printed on said ballot: "Against the amendment to the State Constitution providing for a Supreme Court of nine members, and for continuous session of that Court." If it appears from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of said amendment, the same shall become a part of the State Constitution.

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published and said election held as provided by the Constitution and Laws of this State.

Sec. 4. The sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of the State Treasury to pay for the expenses of said publication and election.

Approved February 19, 1929.  
 (A Correct Copy)  
 JANE Y. McCALLUM,  
 Secretary of State.

#### BANK HOLIDAY.

On account of San Jacinto day the undersigned banks will be closed all day Monday, April 22, 1929. Patrons will please take notice and make their arrangements in accordance.

F. & M. NATIONAL BANK.  
 FARMERS STATE BANK.

Where cold drinks are colder. Phillips Drug Store.

## R & R PALACE SWEETWATER

TALKING—PICTURES  
 19—APRIL—20

"Close Harmony"  
 100% Talking—Singing  
 Dancing  
 If you liked "Broadway  
 Melody"  
 Last week you are sure to like  
 "Close Harmony"  
 It's as good or Better

LOOK! LOOK!  
 APRIL  
 24—25—26

Al Jolson  
 In

"The Singing Fool"  
 You'll Never Forgive Yourself if You Miss

"The Singing Fool"  
 (Note)

Please Keep in Line and Avoid Being Crushed in the Crowd that Will be Here to See This Picture.

We Mend Your Silk Hose.  
 Try Us.  
**The Mend-A-Run Shop**  
 Work Guaranteed  
 222 Citizens Bank Building,  
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# Dry Cleaning Service!

Our careful dry cleaning service is 100 per cent efficient and leaves the fabrics unharmed. A telephone call will bring our dust-proof motor car to your home.

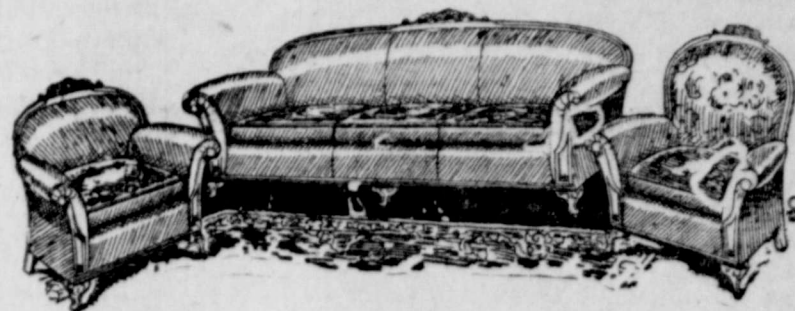
## CITY DRY CLEANERS

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# OVERSTUFFED LIVING ROOM SUITE SPECIAL



Three piece suite, upholstered in good grade Jacquard Velour; Lounge and Two Chairs for only

# \$99.00

\$24.75 down payment

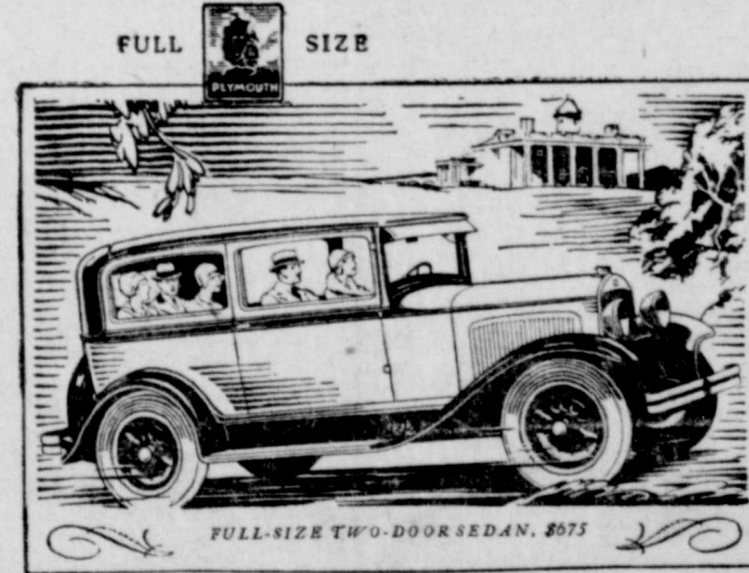
\$12.40 monthly payment

# Barrow Furniture Company

Funeral Directors and Embalmers  
 Merkel, Texas

### CHRYSLER MOTORS PRODUCT

Plymouth has the stamp of Chrysler Quality — not the look of Low Price



PLYMOUTH has been so named because its endurance and strength, ruggedness and freedom from limitations typify that Pilgrim band who were among the first American Colonists.

four-wheel hydraulic brakes — the safest ever devised.

Plymouth is today's finest investment in the lowest-priced field—the one car of that field that reflects fine quality without even the suggestion of low price.

YOU can be proud to own a new Plymouth, the Chrysler Motors car in the lowest-priced field: \$655 and upwards f.o.b. factory

—proud, because Plymouth is so typically Chrysler in performance — so swift in traffic, so eager on hills, so competent.

—proud, because Plymouth is a full-size car, not a miniature—a comfortable car in which you and your family and friends can relax to the fullest, instead of feeling crowded and cramped;

In addition to its full-size body, its full-size chassis, its full-size modern engine, its full-size axles—Plymouth gives you the easy control of Chrysler full-size weatherproof internal-expanding

PLYMOUTH AMERICA'S LOWEST-PRICED FULL-SIZE CAR

# MAVERICK MOTOR COMPANY

Chrysler-Plymouth Sales and Service

# THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Junior Class of '29—Vera Baker sponsor.

### The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—J. T. Darsey Jr. Miss. Editor—Frances Frederickson.  
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### DEAN COX AT CHAPEL.

On Monday morning the high school was privileged to hear an enjoyable and beneficial talk by Dean Cox of Abilene Christian College. At the beginning of his address Dean Cox spoke as follows: "I am greatly indebted to the state of Texas for what I am today. I received my primary education in a small rural school. I was never a high school student, nor was I ever promoted, but I was enabled to study in the University of Texas, one of the greatest universities in the world.

"Young people", he said, "there are undreamed of opportunities before you, but to make the most of these you must seek wisdom and guidance from those above you; from your parents, your instructors, and above all, from the God in Heaven. Do as Solomon did; ask for wisdom. Do not fail to borrow good from the past. Remember to be humble and not a 'smart aleck'. Do not be too self-sufficient, but rather seek guidance from your superiors.

"Also", he added, "be clean in body and mind so as to be good citizens. Allow God in Heaven to guide you. It is wonderful what the human body can do, what the human mind can do, and what the human soul can do.

"The world cannot be conquered by warlike spirit," said Dean Cox, "but only by humble christian citizens, who have the Christ-like spirit."

This poem was originated by Ross Ferrier, Jr. describing his girl to the class:

I've got a girl,  
Her name is Bess,  
Not good looking  
I'll confess.

Arm like a blacksmith,  
Foot like a ham,  
Dumb as a mule  
From Alabam.

Hump on her back,  
Has one cork leg,  
Warts on her neck  
Big as an egg.

One eye is green,  
The other is blue,  
Her hair is false,  
Her teeth are, too.

Underslung jaw,  
Her mouth is numb,  
All out of whack  
From chewing gum.

A turned-up nose,  
An Andy Gump chin,  
But a darn good girl  
For the shape she is in.

—Reporter.

Margaret: "I've got half a mind to get married."  
Nell: "Well, that's all you need."

### SAY, DIDJA KNOW—

—That the big event of our high school year is due to occur tonight (Friday) at 8:00, when the Juniors honor the Seniors with a banquet?

—That this annual banquet is one of the few times that the Juniors and Seniors are really as one, and there is no class rivalry of any sort?

—That the Juniors this year seem to intend to try for a record in getting up a real banquet as Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Simmons University will be the principal speaker?

—That J. F. Cox, dean at A. C. C., delivered one of the best addresses of the year last Monday morning in chapel?

—That it seems as if M. H. S. (even though she doesn't have a large library in number of volumes) has a real selection of books and also one of the best systems for student use seen in "this neck of the woods"?

—That Abilene (so it seems to ye

editor) is setting the pace for real progressiveness in Texas by building a real municipal airport which will probably receive an A I A rating from the U. S. Department of Commerce?

—That while there is no need in Merkel voting \$100,000 in bonds to build an airport, the citizens should show Texas and the rest of the world that they are live wires by obtaining some kind of airport for this city, a thing which may be easily done by leasing some field near the city (and there are several good ones), and providing some sort of markings on it?

—That the high school building takes on an altogether different aspect with the appearance of spring, when the leaves appear on the trees and the grass takes on the softness of a Persian rug?

### JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET.

This year's Junior class, following

the usual custom, will honor the Senior of '29 with a banquet Friday evening at 8:00, at the Lions club banquet hall. Besides the members of the Junior and Senior class, the high school faculty and the board of trustees are expected to attend.

This year's banquet promises to be the greatest event of the year. The principal speaker of the evening will be Dr. J. D. Sandefer, president of Simmons University.

### BALL NEWS.

In a meeting Wednesday the high school girls decided to meet the Stith girls Monday, April 15.

Accordingly, they went to Stith and defeated the opposing team in a score of 12 to 11.

Stith is to return the game soon.

### TRENT CHORAL CLUB AT CHAPEL.

Last Thursday during the chapel

period we were favored by the song, "Dawn of Spring," a cantata by a modern composer, Kountz, that was sung by the Trent Choral club under the supervision of Miss Christine Collins. Miss Helen Blasec was the accompanist.

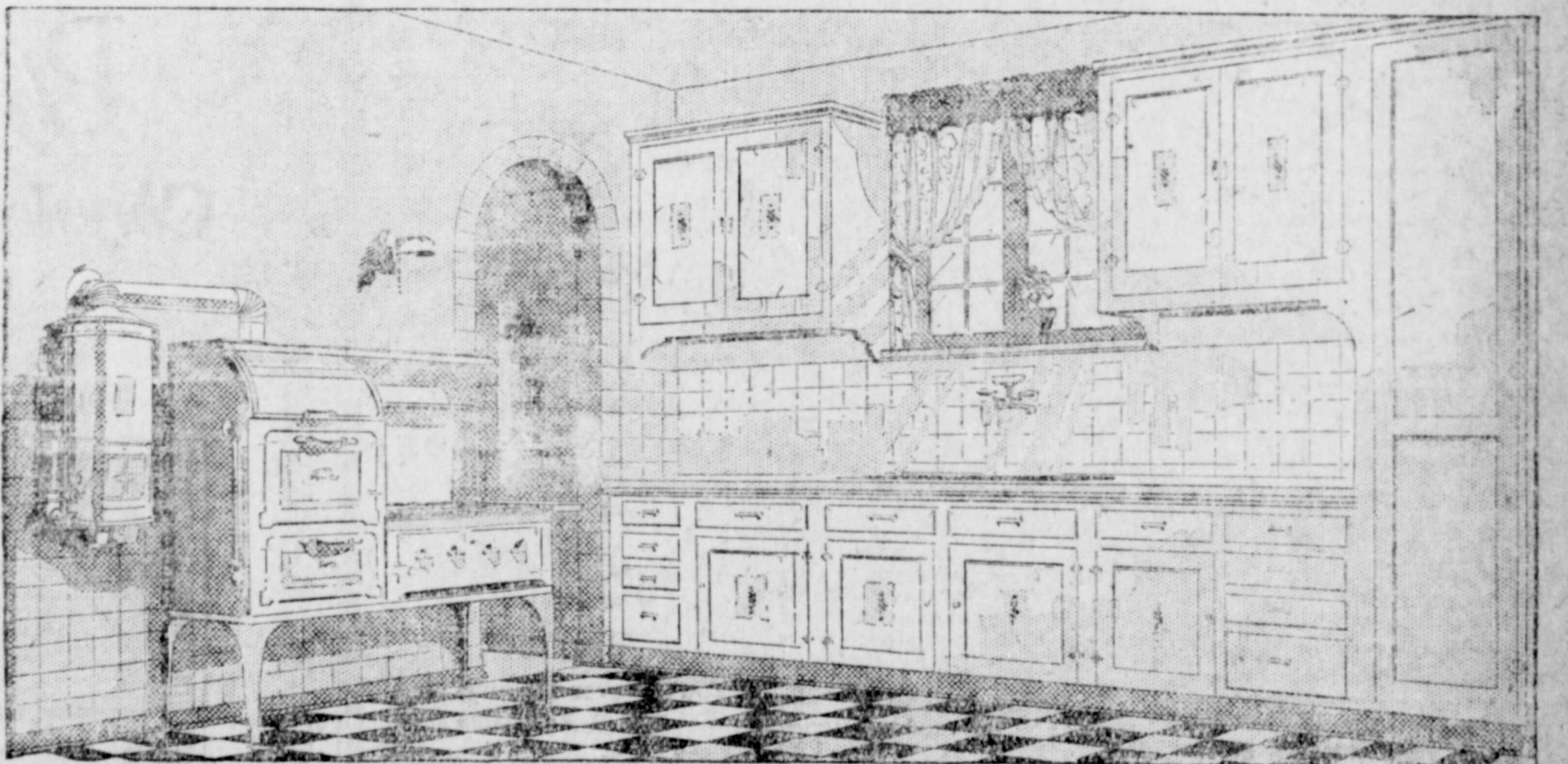
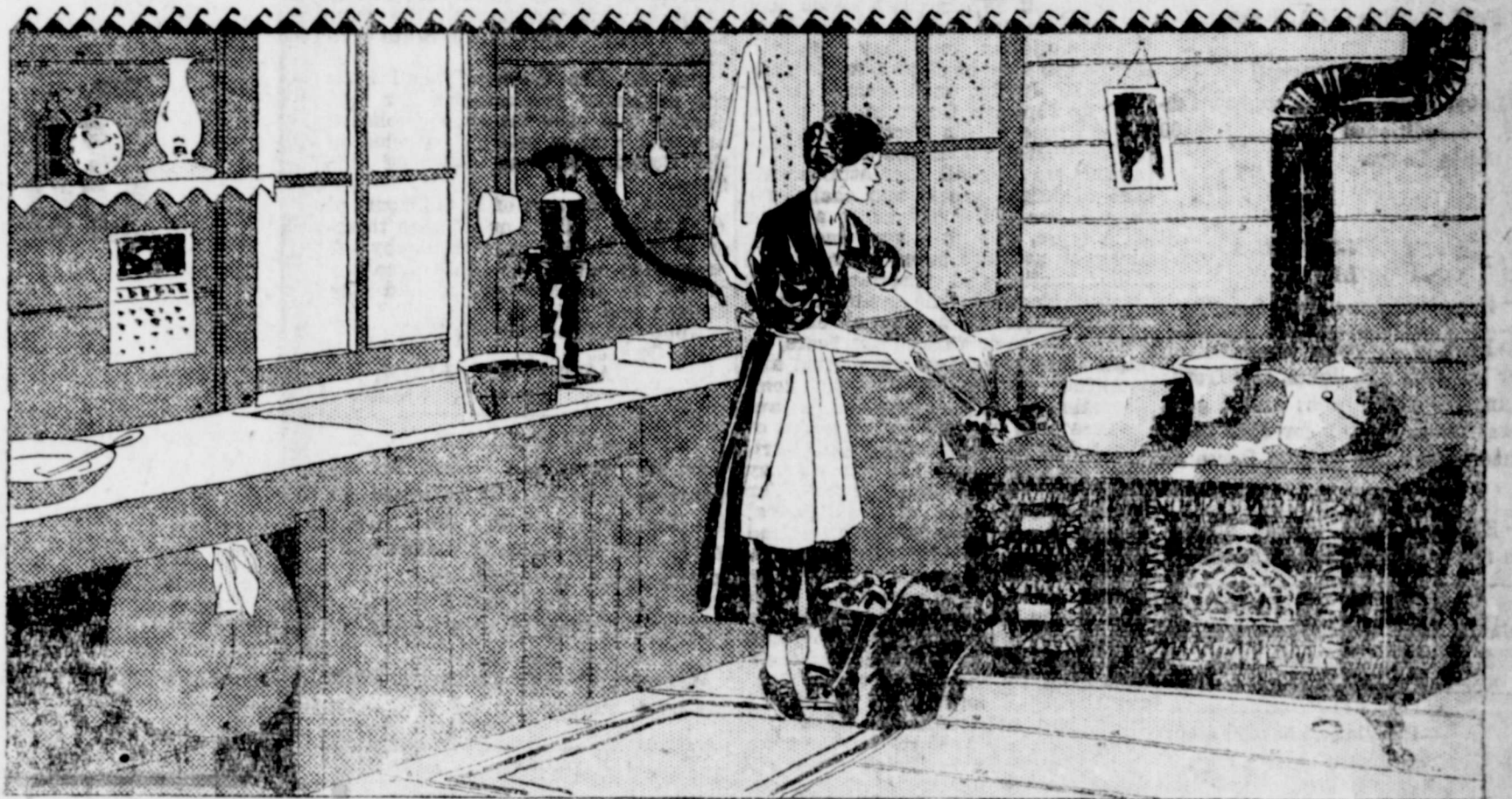
### FRESHMAN NEWS:

It won't be long now! Just six more weeks of school and then, ahem! "Exams." It is hard to realize that the time is almost here, but it surely is coming, so we will all have to watch our step so we all will make our grades.

Miss Julia Martin, (the freshmen sponsor) has been ill for a few days, but is back at school now, filling her place.

The Freshman class was very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. M. S. Church, the grandmother of Miss Alice Church of the freshman class.

# Kitchen "Styles" have changed too!



THIS advertisement might easily be "A Story Without Words," as the pictures really tell the story—and what a story! The modern woman simply would not "fit" the old-fashioned kitchen, any more than the old style kitchen with its many IN-conveniences would fit the modern woman! Kitchen styles have indeed changed. And greatest of these changes has been the change to GAS instead of wood and coal—gas for cooking in cool, clean, comfort—gas for heating water automatically for a dozen needs! Other modern utilities and conveniences have helped free the modern woman for an easier, healthier, happier, fuller life—but leave out GAS and woman would still be in the dark ages of kitchen slavery! It is the privilege of Lone Star Gas Company to aid the modern woman by furnishing natural gas—the modern fuel—to more than 200,000 homes in over 200 communities.

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GAS



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Pretty new Underwear for Men, Women and Children

Printed Silk Crepes, per yd., only 99c

Fast Colored Batiste and Pique, 36 inch wide, pretty printed patterns, only 49c

A nice line of little Boys' Wash Suits and little Misses' Dresses

Come and See Us

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Trent, Texas



### For Mother's Day

Send her your photograph. Your photograph means even more to Mother than her photograph means to you, so send her the gift that will make her happy.

Make an appointment today

Mother's Day—May 12

## RODDEN STUDIO

### DENTISTRY

Special reduction for two weeks only  
Crown and Bridge Work

Regular Price Elsewhere	Our Regular Price	Special Two Weeks Only
\$15.00 Grade	\$10.00	Now \$7.50
\$10.00 Grade	\$ 7.50	Now \$6.00
\$ 7.50 Grade	\$ 6.00	Now \$5.00

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**IDLEWISE.**

Members of the Idlewise club kept open house Tuesday evening entertaining their husbands and gentlemen friends in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cookston with Mesdames Jim Sears, Warren Smith, Matt Dillingham, Harry Cookston, Misses Christine Collins and Iva Bragg named as hostesses.

Cut flowers made the entertaining rooms most attractive for tables appointed for bridge games.

A delectable chicken menu in two courses was served at the dinner hour to Messrs. and Mesdames Jim Sears, George White, W. T. Sadler, Roy Largent, Harry Cookston, Mrs. W. S. J. Brown, Misses Virginia Potts, Iva Bragg, Lucy Tracey, Boog Sears, Christine Collins, Mary Eula Sears, Mr. W. S. Cunningham.

**THURSDAY NIGHT BRIDGE CLUB**

Miss Roberta Sloan entertained members of the Thursday Night Bridge club in the home of Mrs. J. E. Boaz on Monday evening. Games of bridge progressed until the refreshment hour when the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Claude Young served strawberries, cream and cake to Mesdames W. T. Sadler, Jack Anderson, Claude Young, Misses Mona Margaret Jones, Melba West, Iva Bragg, Christine Collins, Vera Baker, Roberta Sloan.

**THURSDAY CLUB.**

The lovely suburban home of Mrs. Tom Largent was the scene of a beautiful party last Thursday complimenting Thursday club members.

The house was decorated with massed pink carnations, augmenting a color scheme of pink throughout the party accessories.

The club game of 42 was employed as the afternoon's diversion interspersed with musical numbers by Misses Boog Sears and Mona Margaret Jones with Mrs. C. B. Gardner at the piano.

At the refreshment hour a dainty salad was served in colorful Rose-mare services interlaid with pink doilies completing a most effective color scheme.

The guest list included Mesdames Simms, Marvin, Gene Harvey, George White, John West, C. M. Largent, Roy Largent, W. J. Largent, Sam Cummings, Amy Sears, C. B. Gardner, S. D. Gamble, F. C. McFarland, R. O. Anderson, L. B. Scott, C. H. Jones, R. I. Grimes, Booth Warren, Dee Grimes, Misses Mona Margaret Jones and Boog Sears. Tea hour guests were Mesdames Jack Anderson, Claude Young, W. S. J. Brown, Harry Cookston, W. T. Sadler, Misses Roberta Sloan and Eunice Russell.

**FISH FRY**

The season for "out-door-affairs" was inaugurated last Thursday evening when the Philathea class of the Methodist church entertained the Bracacs with a fish fry. Approximately sixty guests assembled in Laney's pasture for an evening of outdoor games, contests and an abundance of fish. Chaperones for this occasion were Mrs. V. P. Touchstone, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson.

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**Personal Mention**

Mrs. Annie Fugat of Dallas is visiting in the home of her son, W. L. Fugat.

Mrs. Warren Smith is spending the week-end with Mrs. W. S. Miles in San Angelo.

Mrs. F. Y. Gaither and children and Miss Ethel Martin were Sweetwater visitors Monday.

Miss Virginia Potts of Hillsboro is the guest of Misses Christine Collins and Iva Bragg this week.

Mesdames E. N. Brown and E. Yates Brown are the guests of Mrs. V. P. Tippett in San Angelo this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Price of Oklahoma City have been recent guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Nesmith visited Sunday and Monday at Jayton in the home of Mr. Nesmith's sister Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lang.

Mesdames Tom Largent, L. B. Scott and Charlie Jones attended a bridge luncheon in the home of Mrs. Grace in Anson Wednesday.

F. E. Church, wife and family of Sedalia, Mo., who were called to Merkel on account of the death of Mr. Church's mother, returned to their home Tuesday of this week.

R. O. Anderson, C. K. Russell, Owen Ellis and F. C. Hughes, all of Merkel, are doing grand jury service in Abilene this week. Mr. Anderson was named foreman of the inquisitorial body.

Mrs. F. A. Polley has returned from the state convention of the Woodmen Circle, which was held at Mineral Wells April 9, 10 and 11. She visited relatives at Fort Worth after the close of the convention.

**BANK HOLIDAY.**

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F. & M. NATIONAL BANK.  
FARMERS STATE BANK.

**VISITORS SPEAK TO LIONS CLUB**

Several visitors were heard at the regular meeting of the Lions club Tuesday at noon, among them George McDaniel of the circulation department of the Abilene Reporter-News, who spoke of the many improvements made in Merkel since he first began visiting this community. He cited a number of instances of the growth of West Texas that could be observed in traveling the Bankhead highway.

C. M. Heald, county agent, was a club visitor and told of the work of his department in poultry demonstration at various points in the county. He also described the benefits to accrue from proper terracing.

J. E. Stowe and Mr. Brooks, both with the Humble Oil Co., stationed at Abilene, were club visitors and spoke briefly.

Miss Mona Margaret Jones delighted the club with two excellent solo numbers, the first entitled, "A Dream" and the second, "Weary River." Miss Melba West was the accompanist.

Ruskin Smith of the public speaking class of Merkel High school delivered Horace Porter's famous after dinner speech entitled "Woman," while Miss Euna Lee Gilmore gave an original oration on "Man."

**District Epworth League Meets Here**

The following is the program for the Fourth District Epworth League meeting at the Merkel Methodist church, April 20 and 21.

Saturday, April 20—4 to 6 p. m., registration; 7:30 p. m., devotional; 7:45 p. m., pageant, Merkel Junior League; 8:15 p. m., program by High Leagues of District; 8:45 p. m., recreational program, Dan Davidson, leader.

Sunday, April 21—7 a. m., morning watch, Mrs. Baker, leader; 8 a. m., business; 9 a. m., Sing Song, discussion summer assembly; 10 to 10:45 a. m., Sunday School; 11 a. m. sermon, Rev. E. E. White; 12 m., lunch at the church for all visitors; 1:30 p. m., business; 2:15 p. m., reading, Mrs. E. E. White; 2:30 p. m., consecration service, Mrs. N. C. Rollins; benediction.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

**"Close Harmony" is Sweetwater Palace Theatre Attraction**

The management of the R. & R. Palace theatre at Sweetwater announces "Close Harmony" as the attraction for today and Saturday. "Close Harmony" is talking, singing and dancing, and it is said to be fully as good as "Broadway Melody," one of the biggest hits of the talkies.

For three days beginning April 24, the Palace theatre will offer Al Jolson in "The Singing Fool" and it is expected that records for attendance will be broken by this feature.

In the advertisement of the R. & R. Palace in last week's issue, by inadvertence the line "All talking" was placed in the description of "Abie's Irish Rose," which error was caused by the omission of the line, "Home Towners," the picture that was "all talkie." The correction is gladly made, as Manager Rogers believes in truth in advertising and it was not his desire to advertise a picture as all talkie when it was only part talkie.

**Concert at Stith Saturday Night**

An attractive program has been arranged for the concert to be given at the Baptist church at Stith Saturday evening, April 20. Admission will be free.

According to those sponsoring the entertainment, the entire program has been arranged with the purpose of an evening of wholesome fun. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday school 10 a. m. Attendance last Sunday best in good many months. Lets make it as good or little better next Sunday. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Come worship with us.

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**Indictments For Desertion.**  
The grand jury in 42nd district court, at Abilene, Tuesday returned two indictments charging wife and child desertion, said to be the first in-

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Galvanized steel, top removable for easy cleaning, exceptional value at

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WHY NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SAVING AND BUY FROM

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THURSDAY-FRIDAY  
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It seemed like a beautiful road—such a wonderful road—but it was only the ROAD TO RUIN.



What is the shame of America? See Helen Foster in "THE ROAD TO RUIN" and decide for yourself. The vibrant life story of a delinquent girl. Come and see the awful penalty of parental negligence and youthful indiscretion.

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