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COTTON PRICES DECLINE UPON COTTON REPORT

Federal Bureau Predicts Crop Will Amount to 11,425,000 Bales, Increase of 115,000,000 Over September Report.

Washington, Oct. 13.—Good cotton weather in four states during September brought a government estimate of an 11,425,000 bale crop, based upon October 1 reports. The cotton markets reacted with a decline of forty to forty-five points.

This figure showed an increase of 115,000 bales, or 1 per cent above the September 1 forecast, but still was 5,671,000 bales below the huge 1931 crop.

The crop reporting board said, in commenting on the report, that since October 1 light frosts have occurred in parts of the cotton belt of which no account was taken in the estimate. It was added that except for the Caprock section of Northwest Texas and limited areas along the northern edge of the belt, frost at this date would not necessarily result in materially lower yields.

Released simultaneously, a census bureau report showed 4,835,465 running bales of cotton ginned from the 1932 crop prior to October 1, compared with 5,409,657 for 1931 and 6,303,985 for 1930. This was favorably received as lower than expected and was credited with a partial recovery of prices in the day's late trading.

TEXAS CROP.

Production for Texas will be 4,063,000 bales for 1932, the federal state livestock and crop reporting service announced Monday.

Cotton crop condition in Texas on October 1 was reported at 59 per cent of normal as compared with 69 per cent last year and 52 per cent for the 10 year average.

The estimated total Texas crop of 4,063,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight is less than the average production for the past five years and more than a million bales less than the 1931 crop.

WORLD PRODUCTION.

World production of cotton this season will be around 21,700,000 bales, against 26,294,000 bales last season and the high record of 27,804,000 bales in the 1926-1927 season, it was estimated by the New York cotton exchange.

To Speak Here Oct. 28.

A revised itinerary of speaking dates for Orville Bullington, republican candidate for governor, includes a series of eight or ten engagements each day in South and West Texas for the week beginning October 24. He is scheduled to speak in Merkel at 6 p. m. on Friday, October 28.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, October 11, 1932.)

The first issue of the Merkel Herald was born unto Merkel and the Merkel country last week. The paper carries at its masthead the Herald Printing Co. and with L. B. and J. T. Bond as president and manager, respectively, both recently of Mingus, Texas. The plant of the new company consists of the Herald plant at Mingus and a large part of the Telegram plant, recently suspended.

G. M. Sharp was in Abilene on business Wednesday. On his return he came through the country on his new Indian motorcycle.

John E. Pike and sister, Mrs. M. Sanders of Handley, West Virginia, are visiting relatives in Bradshaw this week. Mr. Pike had not seen his sister in 45 years.

Frank Cordell, Tom Bankhead, John Eoff, Jim Buford, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Stevens and Mrs. Fannie Buford attended the Airhart-Bentley discussion at Roscoe Tuesday night.

J. W. Jones, the dairyman, has sold his business to H. N. Mashburn, who is now making the rounds with the wagon.

LOCAL VOCALISTS IN ATWATER KENT RADIO AUDITION

Miss Christine Colling and Miss Edith Baker left Thursday for Dallas to participate in the State Atwater Kent Radio audition from station WFAA on Friday. Alvise Yeats will leave on Friday to sing in competition with the boys on Saturday.

Elimination contests for the girls will take the greater part of Friday and will not be broadcast until 11 o'clock Friday evening when the 10 best voices will be broadcast. The same procedure will be carried out Saturday in selecting the winner for the boys.

We fully expect our local vocalists to be heard among the 10 best voices in the evenings.

Cotton Being Ginned Here at the Rate of 600 Bales Per Day

Ginnings for the six days, exclusive of Sunday, up to Wednesday night of this week averaged almost 600 bales per day, as tabulated by The Mail from reports from the six gins in Merkel and those at Stith, Noodle and Blair, the total for the six days running exactly 2,345 bales.

For the season to date, ginnings by the same plants have reached 3,805 bales.

For the past ten days ideal conditions have prevailed for gathering the cotton crop and many more days of clear and sunshiny weather are greatly to be desired.

Former Merkel Man Honored By Veterans

A former Merkel man, Ben F. Bird, was elected post commander at the regular meeting of Abilene camp No. 2012, Veterans of Foreign Wars, when officers for the current year were named. Ben, who is also a member of the executive committee of Parramore Post of the American Legion, succeeds W. K. Bateman.

Other new officers are Zene Fowers, vice commander; Charles Killian, junior vice commander; James H. Powers, chaplain; Tom Shone, officer of the day; Joe Crump, quartermaster; W. K. Bateman and Earl Chambers, trustees.

Representatives Home From Synod Meeting

Rev. R. A. Walker and James H. West, representatives from the Abilene presbytery, returned Monday from the five-day meeting of synod of the Presbyterian church at Dallas.

Denton was designated as the meeting place of synod for next year. Dr. F. H. Ford of New Orleans is the new moderator and Rev. A. G. Beck, pastor of the Altura Presbyterian church, was appointed vice moderator.

Reports on the closing day included a statement of the condition of the home at Amarillo and also of the Reynolds home at Dallas.

Why the Texas Centennial

A Pen Picture of Its Purposes and Benefits

By CULLEN F. THOMAS,
President, Texas Centennial Committee

The most splendid conception of this generation, in behalf of a greater Texas, is the Texas Centennial.

It will celebrate one hundred years of unexpected progress, from barren wilderness to modern commonwealth. It will foregather the marvelous products of Texas' brawn and brain in every field of human endeavor.

It will turn toward Texas the attention of the peoples of many tongues and lands beyond the seas.

It will make the tale of Texas table-talk in ten million homes, in the two Americas, from Baffin Bay to Cape Horn.

It will repay Texas for all outlay from her treasury, from out uncounted millions dropped within her borders by the unnumbered hosts who come by rail and road and plane to behold her resources and applaud her strides.

It will be an epochal event in which the nation will claim the right to share, since in succession 1836 was followed by 1845, San Jacinto by Chapultepec and American domain and destiny pushed westward from the Sabine river to the Pacific ocean.

It will be far more than a mammoth modern exposition, whose buildings are models of architecture, in brick and stone, housing triumphs of invention and miracles of science and the riches of Texas' soil and sun.

It will testify that Texans are not unworthy the incomparable heritage left to them by martyrs and patriots, dying and ready to die, that Texas

might become an Anglo-Saxon commonwealth.

It will commemorate the sacrifice of the plain pioneer men and women who first trekked the unpeopled wilds, with ax and plow and rifle and spelling book and Bible, to lay the mudsills of civilization.

It will Texanize Texas.

It will teach all the sons and daughters of Texas, native-born and adopted, to know Texas better, to love Texas more and to serve Texas with single-hearted zeal.

It will lift our eyes to the hilltops of our history, whence cometh our help, above bog and fog, for taller thinking and nobler living.

It will seal in tighter bonds of unity, through contact and understanding, Texas' citizenship of every type, from pines to plains, from the river to the Gulf.

It will rid our state of the specter of sectionalism, to the end that Texas may remain in territory, ideals and destiny forever undivided and indivisible.

It will rekindle the dying flame of patriotism, in decadent days, and as we renew our faith at Texas' sacred shrines, put to shame a leadership of noisy pretense and little deeds.

It will serve to bring to pass the poet's prayer:
"Bring me men to match my mountains,
Bring me men to match my plains,
Men with empires in their purpose,
And new eras in their brains."

PROSPERITY EDITION

The Merkel Mail will be published October 21 (the forthcoming paper) in special edition, an issue devoted to the "better times" prospects of Merkel and its trade area.

The demand for cotton, oil and other commodities is rising. The United States government is stepping in with millions to alleviate the unemployed. Optimism is supplanting pessimism. The Mail feels that an extra effort to mirror these improvements is timely and necessary.

One thousand extra copies of The Mail will be printed in order to insure a blanket distribution in this area. Every reader of a newspaper will be reached.

Besides the reportorial data and information, Merkel's merchants and professional men will have messages of interest to every potential buyer here this fall. It will be a feature edition, an entertaining, informative and important service.

Tye Farmer Injured Auto-Trailer Crash

M. R. Street, prominent farmer of the Tye community, was seriously injured early Friday morning of last week in an automobile-trailer crash on the Bankhead highway about three miles east of Tye, as he was en route to Merkel with a wagonload of cotton to be ginned. He was taken by a passing motorist to the West Texas Baptist sanitarium at Abilene.

When the trailer became disconnected from the wagon, Mr. Street stopped to hitch it on again, removing the lantern from the rear of the trailer to furnish light as he worked under the vehicle. When a big car, driven by H. E. Martin, Sweetwater independent oil operator, traveling in the same direction, crashed into the rear of the trailer, Mr. Street was struck in the face by a lower portion of the trailer and his left eye torn from the socket. He also received other severe injuries of the face and head.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Mrs. Sarah Bullington, 73, mother of Orville Bullington, republican candidate for governor, died Saturday at her home at Weatherford where she had lived the past twelve years.

Texas in 1931 produced one-fourth of all the gasoline in the United States. Of the total production of 16,957,806,559 gallons Texas was responsible for 4,077,175,334 gallons, valued at \$181,738,261.

Benjamin H. Wooten, former chief bank examiner of Texas, was named Monday by the federal home loan board to be manager of the Little Rock, Arkansas, regional bank of the home loan system.

At the closing session of the 40th state reunion of the United Confederate veterans held at Paris, Gen. Moses J. Bonner, Fort Worth, was reelected commander and Wichita Falls was selected as the 1933 meeting place.

Turner Hubby, Sr., 60, former Texas state game and fish commissioner and late chairman of the Waco Water commission, was accidentally shot and killed, when his own gun was discharged as he was crawling under a wire while hunting near China Springs, 20 miles north of Waco.

Orders effective October 15 reducing the daily production from Texas oil fields by 117,000 barrels under the average daily production for the week ending October 1 were issued Tuesday by the Texas railroad commission.

The defunct Texas National bank of Fort Worth has been loaned \$110,000 by the Reconstruction Finance corporation, the proceeds of which will be used to pay a 7 per cent \$300,000 dividend announced several weeks ago.

In a statement Sunday night Governor Ross S. Sterling announced he would bolt the state democratic ticket and refuse to vote for Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson for governor, at the same time reiterating his support of the Roosevelt and Garner national ticket.

The bill sponsored by Senator J. J. Loy of Sherman, passed by the special session of the legislature, empowering the state railroad commission to make a survey for evaluating gas properties in towns of less than 5,000 population for rate-making purposes, was vetoed Tuesday by Governor Sterling.

CITY GETS THREE PER CENT CREDIT INSURANCE RATE

As the result of the good work of Woodrow Wozencraft, of the Merkel Fire department, who attended a special school of instruction at A. & M. college the past summer, property owners in Merkel will profit from a three per cent credit on the city's key rate.

Local insurance agents have been advised by the state board of this credit, effective as of September 15.

Lights or Reflectors Required for Rear of Vehicles on Highway

Especially during the rush of bringing cotton to the gins it is urgent for farmers and those traveling the highways at night to take every precaution for their own safety as well as to avoid accidents.

City Marshal P. P. Dickinson has called particular attention to the state law providing that every vehicle traveling the public highways must have a rear light or reflector and this applies, he says, to wagons as well as motor vehicles.

University Church Is '33 Association Host

University Baptist church, Abilene, will be host to the Sweetwater Baptist association, in annual convention of 1933. Selection of the meeting place was made Friday in closing sessions of the yearly meeting here, where associational speakers were chosen and messengers to the state and Southern conventions also named.

Rev. W. C. Ashford, pastor of Abilene Southside Baptist church, was selected for the associational sermon of the 1933 convention, and Rev. Raymond Collier of Tuscola was chosen alternate. Rev. J. H. McLaughlin, pastor of Lamar Street Baptist church, Sweetwater, is to deliver the missionary sermon. His alternate is Rev. J. A. Lunsford, pastor of the First Baptist church mission, Abilene.

The 1933 convention will be held Thursday and Friday after the first Sunday in October. Rev. Lowell Ponder, Abilene, submitted the report recommending time, place and associational preachers for 1933.

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Hester Brown, Noodle, Tuesday, October 11, 1932.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Will Farmer, Tuesday, October 11, 1932.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Taylor, residing southeast of town, October 11, 1932.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Horton, residing seven miles northeast of town, Thursday, October 13, 1932.

BRUCE BARTON

...writes of "THE MASTER EXECUTIVE"
Supplying a week-to-week inspiration for the heavy-burdened who will find every human trial paralleled in the experiences of "The Man Nobody Knows."

THE OUTDOOR MAN.

The air was filthy with the smell of animals and human beings herded together. Men and women trampled one another, crying aloud their imprecations. At one side of the court were the pens of the cattle; the dove cages at the other. In the foreground, hard-faced priests and money-changers sat behind long tables exacting the utmost farthing from those who came to buy. One would never imagine that this was a place of worship. Yet it was the Temple—the center of the religious life of the nation. And to the crowds who jammed its courts, the spectacle seemed perfectly normal. That was the tragedy of it.

Standing a little apart from the rest, Jesus, the young man from Nazareth watched in amazement which deepened gradually into anger. It was no familiar sight to him. He had not been in the Temple since his twelfth year, when Joseph and Mary took him up to be legally enrolled as a son of the law.

His chief memory of that previous visit was of a long conversation with certain old men in a quiet room. He had not witnessed the turmoil in the outer courts, or, if he had, it made small impression on his youthful mind. But this day was different. For weeks he had looked forward to the visit to the Temple.

To be sure some of the older ones muttered about the extortions of the money-changers at the Temple. A woman told how the lamb which she had raised with so much devotion the previous year, had been scornfully rejected by the priests, who directed her to buy from the dealers. An old man related his experience.

Today Jesus faced the sordid reality, his cheeks flushed. A woman's shrill tones pierced his reverie like a knife: he turned to see a peasant mother protesting vainly against a ruthless exaction.

And suddenly, without a word of warning, he strode to the table where the fat money-changer sat, and hurled it violently across the court. The startled robber lurched forward, grasping at his gains, lost his balance and fell sprawling on the ground.

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MRS. FERGUSON'S NAME IS ORDERED ON THE BALLOT

Long Battle Ended; Judgment Declared Final, With No Motion for New Trial to be Filed Or Considered.

Austin, Oct. 13.—The name of Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson will appear on the ballot in the November election as the democratic nominee for governor of Texas.

The state supreme court Saturday held that the suit filed by Governor R. S. Sterling, contesting Mrs. Ferguson's right to the nomination, was moot and ordered Mrs. Jane Y. McCallum, secretary of state, to certify Mrs. Ferguson immediately to the county clerk, as the nominee.

The telegram sent by Mrs. McCallum and the supreme court decision that the governor's suit was impractical of trial before the November election definitely ended the bitter fight that has been waged by Governor Sterling and Mrs. Ferguson over the democratic nomination.

James E. Ferguson accompanied Mrs. McCallum to the telegraph office in the capitol and paid the telegraph tolls.

"We don't want a long-winded telegram," Ferguson had cautioned.

According, a 13-word message was sent saying:

"I certify Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson as democratic nominee for governor, general election.

"Jane Y. McCallum, Secretary of State."

The mandate of the supreme court made it incumbent on "county clerks to post said name as such nominee as provided for by law," and made it the duty of "all other election officers to follow and observe the statutes just as though such name as such nominee had been certified by the secretary of state in the first instance."

Sam Swann Injured When His Horse Falls

Although on bones were broken, Sam Swann received painful injuries last Friday morning, which have confined him to his room, when the horse he was riding on his ranch stumbled and fell and the cantle of the saddle struck his hip.

He was sitting up Thursday morning and will be able to be about his duties in a short while, it is thought.

Drilling Proceeds Rapidly.

Drilling on the Julian Receiver No. 1 on the W. D. Swann place is proceeding rapidly, reports showing that it had reached a depth of 400 feet Saturday night.

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BRUCE BARTON

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Another step and a second table was over-turned, and another, and another. The crowd which had melted back at the start began to catch a glimmering of what was up, and surged forward around the young man. He strode on, looking neither to right nor left. He reached the counters where the dove cages stood; with quick sure movements the cages were opened and the occupants released. Brushing aside the group of dealers who had taken their stand in front of the cattle pens, he threw down the bars and drove the bellowing animals out through the crowd and into the streets.

The whole thing happened so quickly that the priests were swept off their feet. Now, however, they collected themselves and bore down upon him in a body. Who was he that dared this act of defiance? Where had he come from? By what authority did he presume to interrupt their business? "This is my authority," he cried. "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations,' but ye have made it a den of robbers."

Next Week: A Strong Right Arm.

New low prices on Sherwin-Williams Paints. Barrow Furniture Company.

TO COAL USERS.

See me before you buy your winter's supply. I will have a car of choice McAlester in the near future, also car of coke. See me for prices and leave your order for what you want of each or both. Leave orders with the boys at Merkel Ice Co. or with me at Sam Swann's gin.

L. L. Murray.

BOTH PAPERS FOR \$4.50.

Bargain days are here again. The Mail can now offer special clubbing proposition of \$4.50 for the Abilene Morning News and the Merkel Mail for one year. Renew through this office and save money.

Paramount ABILENE

Sunday ONLY

Dramatic romance of a great football star!



THAT'S MY BOY

with RICHARD CROMWELL and DOROTHY JORDAN
Mae Marsh
30 Grid Stars and the University Southern California Football Team!
Directed by Roy William Neill

Monday - Tuesday
The Divorcee Star in her latest picture.

Shearer



The Supreme Love Story

with FREDRIC MARCH and Leslie Howard

Don't Miss It!

PERSONALS

Brown Hamblet has returned from an extended visit to relatives in Water Valley, Miss., and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney have returned from a visit of several weeks at Hot Springs, N. M.

Miss Maurine Harris of Abilene was last week's guest of Miss Ola Ellen Smith.

Mrs. Algie Daniel and little daughter, Patsy Ruth, of Abilene spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Daniel.

Miss Doris Isenhower of Putnam was the guest of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Renfro, over the week-end.

Mrs. M. E. Hubbard of Willow, Okla., mother of Mrs. W. H. Laney, is spending the winter with her daughter here.

Mrs. C. S. Knox and two sons and Nora and Dennis Burns of Santa Anna were week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Daniel.

After a pleasant visit in the W. H. Laney home, Mrs. Charlie Hubby and daughter, Miss Clovis, have returned to their home in Brownfield.

Mrs. J. E. Boaz, accompanied by Miss Fannie Belle and Harry Boaz, spent the week-end with the Rev. and Mrs. J. T. King at Rising Star.

After a visit of several weeks here, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Dye, Jr., and little daughter, Peggy, left Wednesday for their home in Brawley, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Alston of Hereford are spending several days here, the guests of Mrs. Alston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

Mrs. J. C. Buford and daughter, Miss Marie, of Fort Worth are spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buford and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Buford.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elliott returned Saturday to their home in Dallas after a pleasant visit in the home of Mr. Elliott's parents, Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott, here.

Mrs. Buford Smith and little son, Jerry, of Lubbock accompanied her mother, Mrs. R. W. Conder, home for

NO SLEEP, NO REST, STOMACH GAS IS CAUSE

Mrs. A. Cloud says: "For years I had a bad stomach and gas. Was nervous and could not sleep. Adlerika rid me of all stomach trouble and now I sleep fine. Merkel Drug Company."

a week's visit, Buford coming down for the week-end to take Mrs. Smith home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Barron, Sr., of Gorman, Texas, and daughter Mrs. Georgia Nugent, of Oklahoma City, Okla., who were week-end guests of their sons, Messrs. Joe and Will Barron, returned to Gorman Monday.

On their return from Comanche, where they had gone to attend the funeral of her father, Mrs. M. E. Winters and son, Winston, of Lubbock stopped over to visit a few days with old friends, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Grayson.

Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott, accompanied by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elliott of Dallas, visited last Friday with Mr. Elliott's mother, Mrs. M. E. Elliott, at Stamford. They also had the pleasure of being with Mr. Elliott's sister, Mrs. Phillip Kemp, of New York City, who was visiting her mother.

Close Outs on all old stock Wall Paper—one-half price. Barrow Furniture Company.

Eighty-Seven Members Congress Are Replaced

Washington Oct. 13.—A sixth of the present members of congress don't have to worry about November elections because they already have been eliminated as contestants.

Nominating primaries and conventions, and retirements due largely to reapportionment of house representation, have resulted in the unusual pre-election shift of seats. Altogether, defeats, deaths, resignations and retirements indicate a turnover to date of 87 seats in both branches of congress.

Williams of Texas was one of those who retired.

New Wall Paper at new low prices. Barrow Furniture Company.

Camels are guided by their drivers with a rope pulled through the nose.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

THE CHILD'S HAND WAS SAVED

Little Anne Fletcher, two years old, climbed to a chair beside her mother. Mrs. Fletcher, busy stirring hot taffy, didn't notice the child.

Anne had eaten taffy before. Innocently she plunged a tiny hand into the sizzling mass. Screaming, she withdrew little fingers. Boiling molasses dripped to the floor.

Almost frantic, Mrs. Fletcher ran to the telephone. A neighbor sped the child to the nearest physician. For eighteen days, treatment was given. And the child's hand was saved.*

Such an accident may not befall you. We hope it never will. But the telephone is ready day or night for emergencies... for business... for pleasure. You can buy few things which cost so little and are worth so much.

*A true story. Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.



You'll Appreciate the Finer Flavor of Electrically-Cooked Foods

Years ago traditional "Dutch Oven" meals provided wholesome, appetizing and attractive foods cooked in their own juices... with all the delicious flavors, healthful vitamins and vital food elements sealed-in. Memories of these wonderful meals have been handed down in poem, song and prose.

But the "Dutch Oven" method of cookery, marvelous from the standpoint of results, was too burdensome to fit modern living conditions... So Electric Cookery, offering the same delicious and healthful meals with a minimum of work on your part, has skyrocketed to popularity. Deservedly!

With Electric Cookery, scientifically accurate cooking controls do all the cooking. Literally, you do nothing but put the foods in the oven, set the controls, and take out a delicious and piping hot meal when you are ready to serve!

To save work, money and health... to enjoy a clean, cool kitchen... and to serve better and more healthful meals, install an Electric Range TODAY. Ask a salesman for information regarding special prices and terms NOW available.

Call us for an individual investigation of your use of electric service, to determine the cost of cooking by electricity in your home. You may be surprised to know that there are many cases where electric cookery actually decreases the total of electric and gas bills.

West Texas Utilities Company

Condensed Statement of Condition

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank

Close of Business September 30, 1932.

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$223,241.44
Overdrafts	107.27
Real Estate on Hand	13,586.29
Furniture and Fixtures	6,250.00
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	2,250.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation	6,250.00
Other U. S. Bonds	\$15,750.00
Bills of Exc. (cotton)	1,410.17
Cash & Due from Banks	61,438.78—78,598.95
Total	\$330,596.45
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Undivided Profits	15,892.79
Circulation Account	6,250.00
Rediscounts, Fed. Res. Bank	32,992.60
Bills Payable	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
Deposits	225,461.06
Total	\$330,596.45

The above statement is correct.
Booth Warren, Cashier.

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
MERKEL, TEXAS

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

THE RED & WHITE STORES

SPECIALS

FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

OCTOBER 14 AND 15

SPUDS	Colorado brown beauties, 10 lbs	14c
CELERY, fancy, bunch		10c
CABBAGE, fresh, green, lb.		2 1-2c
GRAPES Tokays	per pound	5c
APPLES, large fancy delicious, dozen		30c
ORANGES, dozen		25c
SUGAR pure cane, cloth bag, 10 lbs.		47c
BEANS, Pinto, 5 pounds for		19c
MILK R & W	6 small, 3 tall	17c
PRESERVES, 2 lb. jar		25c
TOMATOES, B & W, No. 2 can, 3 for		25c
CORN R & W No. 2	can, 2 for	25c
SALMON, Nile Brand, 2 for		19c
GALLON FRUITS, per can		49c
DRIED FRUIT new crop	2 pounds	21c
PEACHES OR APRICOTS		
OATS, B & W, glassware, pkg.		21c
MAYONNAISE	8 oz. R & W 16 oz. R & W	13c 25c
COFFEE, Sun Up, pound		22c
COFFEE, R & W, pound		37c
Compound	8 lbs.	55c
BACON	dry salt pound	10c
BACON, Dexter sliced, pound		19c
Bologna Sausage	Lb.	10c

FIRST LOVIES

by FELIX RIESENBERG

FOURTEENTH INSTALLMENT.

SYNOPSIS: . . . Johnny Breen, 16 years old, who had spent all of his life aboard a tugboat, plying around New York City, was made motherless when an explosion sank the boat on which he, his mother and the man he called father, were living. He is the only survivor, struggling through the darkness to shore. . . . At dawn, amid surroundings entirely unknown, his life in New York begins. Unable to read, knowing nothing of life, he is taken in by a Jewish family, living and doing a second-hand clothing business on the Bowery. . . . From the hour he set foot in the city he had to fight his way through against bullies and toughs. . . . and soon became so proficient that he attracted the attention of a would-be manager of fighters who enters him in many boxing tournaments. . . . It was here that Pug Malone came into young Breen's life—an old fighter who was square and honest. . . . He took Breen under his wing—sent him to night school and eventually took him to a health farm he had acquired. . . . The scene shifts and the family of Van Horns on Fifth avenue is introduced. . . . Gilbert Van Horn, last of the old family, is a man about-town, who meets Malone and Breen at one of the boxing shows. . . . Van Horn has a hidden chapter in his life . . . which had to do with his mother's maid, years ago, who left the family when about to become a mother. It was reported that she married an old captain of a river craft. . . . Van Horn has a ward, Josephine, about Breen's age. . . . Van Horn, now interested in John . . . prevails upon him to let him finance a course of Civil Engineering at Columbia University. . . . John and Josephine meet—become attached to each other, love grows and they became engaged shortly after Breen graduates from college. . . . Josephine has another suitor, a man of the world named Rantoul. . . . Josephine became restless as John gives full attention to his job and sails for Paris to select her trousseau. . . . The last moment Rantoul sails on the same boat. . . . At sea the great ocean liner crashes into an iceberg and sinks—all passengers taking to the lifeboats.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

Boats were swinging, chocks were being dropped, hard drumming manila falls were dropping on the deck. Many seamen were calling far away and near, "Steady there! Easy! 'Ere, sir! Right 'ere! Handsomely, men! All right. Swing aft, swing forward!" Their voices rose amid the clamor of the steam. Boats were turning outward over the side. The ice wall had disappeared. It was merely a precaution.

Had the great Titanic struck the ice? Was she sinking? But there had been no shock, he kept thinking, no shock. Perhaps—but the thought was untenable, impossible. Perhaps there had been a shock when—when he was unaware of anything but Josephine. The thought froze his mind. He must do something. Why in hell did that woman keep clinging to him? The escaping steam was deafening, it began to moderate, thank heaven. He must rouse himself; her.

"Josephine, dear! Josephine," he called, close to her ear.

"All clear, boats?" A loud rough voice of authority was shouting above the deck, calling through a megaphone.

"Stand by to lower!" "Aye, aye, sir!" A sailor was answering. He stood near Josephine and Rantoul! "A woman, sir!" he called. The boat had swung outward and was at the level of the deck on which they stood.

"Steady, Now! Steady!"

"Better lift her in, sir." The words were addressed to Rantoul. "Quick, before we lower. Yes, we're sinking." Rantoul staggered to his feet. Josephine had swooned. He held her limp and heavy; half dragging her, he staggered across the mess of ropes on deck. "This way," the seaman pushed him. His knees trembled, he bent over, passed Josephine into the boat. "Lower way—lower!" The boat began to fall, Gerrit Rantoul, his head swimming, itched forward into the boat, lying the dark. Josephine, dropped unremotely, sat up beside him on the bottom boards. "Where are we, where are we?" she demanded.

"Id all!" the boat was at the level of the promenade; a crowd of passengers surged to the rail, mostly in negligee; men wild-eyed, desperate; women crying. After an interval of false quiet, they suddenly began to realize that the great liner was actually sinking. The horror of it! The great floating palace sinking into the waves—it was incredible!—terrible!

"Who's in that boat?" An officer in charge of the deck had jumped on the rail; a pistol gleamed in his hand.

"A woman, sir!" The sailor failed to see Rantoul, who lay stunned in the bottom. Rantoul, coming to his senses, tried to struggle to his feet. People were crowding in on top of him. "Women and children!" The call was clear and loud. One man on the rail was pulled back. Others stepped back. Women and children first! The rule of the sea!

The boat began to fill, women were tumbled in, pell-mell. "Hold on, do you want to swamp that boat?" The rope falls began to creak as they stretched under the weight. Rantoul, pushing up through half-clad hysterical women, tried to frame the words, "A man here!" He almost said this. Josephine, ruffled, agitated, indignant, pulled him down.

"Sit down, you fool!" She jerked him with a spasmodic pull that dropped him flat beside her. The boat was lowering, lowering, a black wall of the ship's side lifting before them. They stopped with a sudden splash in the sea. The water was agitated, all about them boats were dropping into the water. Far up a band of light marked the promenade, and yellow dots spotted the rows of lighted ports. Boats capsize, men called and women cried. Then several women got out oars, Josephine among them, and they pulled awkwardly away from the dread shadow of the stricken hull.

"Get an offing before the under suction gets you." A cheerful man, high on the ship in brass buttons, shouted through a trumpet. Everything seemed unreal, something that could never happen; the things that often happen.

A band, high up on the deck, was playing, unreal music, a tune no one remembered. Hundreds of heads bobbed about on the black sea. "For God's sake, give me a hand!" Boats were so laden they struggled out of the human maelstrom of desperate clutching fingers and grabbing hands. The sound of the band wafted over the cries. The black hull, suddenly looming in lofty proportions against a sky of stars, stood brilliantly alight. The graceful stern lifted from the sea. Forward compartments were filling. The sharp proud stem of steel was dipping slowly, out of sight.

The Master, captain of tragedy after many, many years, stood high on the tilting bridge alone. The sea of ruin was slowly coming up to claim him. He made no effort to gain a life boat or strike out for a raft or boat.

The long rows of lights flickered, flared up for an instant as the dynamos took an unusual list, and then, suddenly, the band had tumbled below, the moans continued less loud, cries were lost, the lights went out. The whole scene, for a moment, was in impenetrable black. As if shaking itself, dripping off cascades of dull greenish water, the giant hull rose upright on its stem, men and fittings, like a sudden squall of rain, falling from the decks.

All atremble the tremendous hull, stern high in the air, a towering black monolith, a grave stone, poised for an instant. People in the boats, Josephine and Rantoul, eyes wide with horror, heard a deafening roar, a rending of heavy steel. The boilers and machinery had torn loose of their own weight and dashed downward through the resounding coffin of the hull. Frightful reverberations rumbled over the loaded boats and the people still struggling in the ice-cold water. It was a last loud protest of the dying Titanic, a horror heard for miles over the calm indifferent sea.

A pool of greenish white, throwing back wave rings, marked the spot where the high stern plunged out of sight. A huge hand, appar-

ently, had taken it by the nose and yanked it down.

Only faint cries and a disorderly cluster of overlaid boats remained. Much of confusion and very much of nobility and assorted and diverse stories, legends and myths, came to shore with the survivors, picked up by a rescuing liner, called to the diaster by the radio.

Gilbert Van Horn, last of the Van Horns, as the papers all had it, stood forth in stories of the survivors, a figure heroic and worthy. At the very last he died a gentleman, a brave gentleman, calm and unafraid. Van Horn had placed Mrs. Wentworth in a boat, so Aunt Wen was saved. He had called along the deck for Josephine. Some one assured him she had been taken aboard a boat. Then he calmly helped lift children and old people into boats at the rail. He stripped off his own coat and waistcoat and took the outer garments of men standing near, wrapping youngsters, helping crying mothers, up from the steerage, huddling along the unaccustomed deck, white with terror.

The stories of the last moments of Gilbert Van Horn marked him a man utterly unselfish and brave!

Hundreds of others rose to the sublime in their last hour, and others were blackened, and cursed and looked upon with suspicion because of their rescue. Gerrit Rantoul, among the survivors, had difficulty in explaining the cause of his being in a boat. Some very ugly stories were about. Men had been shot, trying to crowd into boats.

The story of the rescue preceded the return of the survivors.

News of the loss of Van Horn had come by radio. John Breen was at the pier when the rescuing ship came in. Great confusion prevailed. "Miss Lambert left a few minutes ago, in a taxi, with a lady and a gentleman." The steward described her and Rantoul. Come to think of it Gerrit Rantoul's name was not among those listed as saved. But it could have been no one else. John, going on board with a pass, had expected her to wait for him, at least. He felt bitterly disappointed. He telephoned the Van Horn home. "Miss Lambert is in bed. No, not seriously sick, sir, just shocked, and worn out. She left no message."

Two days later, with no news of Josephine, his heart bursting with the enormity of the loss of Van Horn, John received a visit from Judge Kelly. Pug Malone and Harbord had just left. He was looking out of his sitting room window over the shaft. John then had quarters alone, Malling and Barrow having been transferred to another section of the work.

"Come in, Judge." He was glad

to see the old gentleman.

"Whew, John. I'm in need of something, a few dozen years taken off, I suppose. Walk-up houses, I think that's what they call 'em, keep the populace in good condition. Well—" He looked about, puffing and wiping his forehead.

John took his hat and stick, and the old friend was seated. "No; thanks, John. I'm going easy on the weed."

"Have you heard anything from Josephine?" John asked anxiously. "Is she all right?"

"I came from there, John. She's all right. I saw her for a moment, privilege of an old family friend. She has been through a hell of an experience, John—she looks it. She said she wanted to get straightened out, before seeing you. It has been a terrible shock to her, to all of us. Poor Gilbert." The Judge looked about the room, at the pictures of Van Horn, Harbord, Malone, and

Josephine, on the narrow mantel shelf.

"John I came up here to speak to you plainly." The Judge settled himself. John lit a pipe and looked past her, out of the window. "Gilbert Van Horn was your father." Judge Kelly spoke plainly.

"Yes." John kept looking away. His eyes were suspiciously bright.

(Continued Next Week.)

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At close of Business September 30, 1932.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$112,194.75
Overdrafts	231.18
Banking House	15,000.00
Other Real Estate and Resources	9,700.23
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
U. S. Bonds and Warrants	
Owned	\$11,250.00
Cash and Bills of Exchange	18,704.30
Total Available Cash	29,954.30
Total	\$174,580.46

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 40,000.00
Surplus and Profits	10,567.71
Bills Payable	37,927.19
Rediscouts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
Deposits	86,085.56
Total	\$174,580.46

IN MERKEL FARMERS STATE BANK

Capital \$40,000.00
Paid-in Surplus \$10,000.00

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 Joke Editor—Van Roberts.

Dedication

to

Roger A. Burgess

To our Superintendent, who has in all things been loyal to our school, who has given long years of untiring service in her behalf, who has by his noble character won the love and respect of every high school student, we, the Staff of 1932, affectionately dedicate this edition of the Badger Weekly.

SENIOR CLASS.

On Wednesday, September 28, the Senior class of Merkel High School met and elected Terrell Mashburn president. On Thursday, September 29, they elected Albert Cade vice president, Lucille Campbell, secretary-treasurer and Imogene Middleton, reporter. The president appointed Joyce Wheeler, Gerald Derrick and Mardell Shouse to select a motto. He also appointed Mildred Richardson, Frances Marie Church and Lowell Vickers to choose a class flower and class colors. The rose was chosen class flower and pink and green, class colors. We have a capable, popular president, so there is no reason why the Senior class should not be the leading class in school. It has been leading for several years, and we certainly don't want to lower the standard any. By pushing hard and following the president, we plan to go over with flying colors.

JUNIORS.

Wednesday morning, October 5, the Juniors met and organized. The meeting was called to order by the Sophomore president of last year, Caribel Mansfield, and officers for this term were elected. The class elected as president David Gamble and as secretary-treasurer, Julia Proctor. Reporter has not yet been elected. We announce ourselves as staunch democrats, and if any of our Sophomore tenants feel strongly republican, we hope they will kindly take this hint and move back downstairs.

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

The Sophomores have not organized yet, but we intend to sometime in the near future. There are some Sophomores on the football team and some of them are outstanding. Just watch them play in the game with Blackwell.

FRESHMAN CLASS.

The Freshmen may have been pretty green when school started, but we feel that we are a full shade lighter now. We haven't even got in the wrong classroom since the first day. We are proud of our large class of fifty or more. We take over half of the study hall and even crowded some of the Sophomores out and forced them to sit with the Juniors. We hope they don't mind? ? ?

We haven't organized yet, but you will hear from us when we do.

BADGER WEEKLY STAFF ELECTED.

On Wednesday, October 5, the Senior class had a meeting to organize the "Badger Weekly." Mildred Richardson was elected editor-in-chief, Florene Rider, assistant editor, Opal Huskey, society editor, Van Roberts, joke editor, and Howard Stanley, sport editor. If the "Badger Weekly" can be put over by having good officers, then watch our "Badger Weekly" go over big! We have the officers and all we need is the cooperation of class reporters to make our school paper worth reading.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

Physical education! Oh boy, but don't we enjoy it! Although we may not do the exercises as correctly as Miss Patterson would like for us to, we realize we are getting some good out of physical education.

BADGER DOPE.

It seems that the thumbs of Fate have been turned downward for the Badgers in the two games they have played. But not content with the loss of the two games, the Gods of Fate and Luck began working together and dealt out four casualties to the Badgers.

Gamble was knocked cold when he got hit on his head. Mashburn was taken from the game because of external injuries. Toombs mangled himself up when he went rampaging across the country trying for a pass, ran into the

fence, and tried to tear up the Hamlin stadium.

Boaz, line smasher, was injured while trying to cover a fumble. He was crushed beneath the mass of a whole herd of the Pied Pipers' band.

Derrick, two year letter man, and Moore, first string center, were out of the game because of injuries received in practice and preceding games.

All of these will be back in shape for the game Friday with the possible exception of Moore.

Coach seems to have made a "find" when he extracted Jim Patterson from the Pep Squad and placed him on tackle.

Friday's game with Blackwell, declares the Badgers as a whole, is going to break the jinx that we seem to be holding.

PEP SQUAD NEWS.

The Pep Squad girls are getting a little fight in them now and are planning a good formation for the game this Friday.

They meet each Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for practice. Last Tuesday Imogene Middleton was elected main leader. Caribel Mansfield and Billie Bernice Gambill are assistant leaders. Frances Marie Church is secretary. With these capable leaders the Pep Squad is going to be a good one.

Although we haven't won any games yet, the Pep Squad hasn't lost any faith in the Badgers. They will be fighting and yelling for them until the last whistle is blown for the last game.

CHORAL CLUB.

The Choral club met last week for the first class of regular work. A new song, "Neopolitan Nights," a duet of two part chorus by Kerr and Zamecnik, was introduced. The club is endeavoring to work with this song so that it may be presented to the public in the near future.

BOYS' GLEE CLUB.

Under the direction of Mrs. Haynes, the Boys' Glee club is going forward. Our membership is a great deal larger than last year. The new music has not come yet; however, we have learned several short selections. Keep your eyes on us and we'll show you real development.

CHAPELS.

Several times since school opened the student body has assembled to enjoy chapel programs. On one occasion the full time was spent in singing led by Mrs. Haynes. The second program was given by the Pep Squad in the form of a rally preparatory to the football game between Merkel and Putnam. The third was a lecture by Dr. Preston. The subject for Dr. Preston's lecture was "Character as Gold."

On Thursday afternoon, October 6, the High school pupils went to the Baptist church where Dr. Truett was speaking at the Baptist convention. Dr. Truett's speech was concerned with "Our Missions As Christians."

TOMFOOLERY.

Lucille (during discussion of submarine in physics class): "I've been under the sea a lot."
 Mildred: "Yeah, like a fish."

Mr. Burgess (to visiting coach): "Well, what do you think of Merkel?"
 Coach: "It's the first cemetery I ever saw with lights."

Kenneth: "I've been driving this car four years and I haven't had a wreck."
 Kennedy: "You mean you've been driving this wreck four years and you haven't had a car."

Faye: "Between you and I, it's bad business."
 Nell: "Between you and I—it's bad English."

Coach: "Bussie, just what hour was

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. King and her father of Seymour visited Mr. Dekle a few hours Sunday. They were entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson where Mr. Dekle is a guest.

Mrs. Arena Travathen and daughters, Mrs. John Bland and Mrs. Lester Tittle of Wichita Falls, are in the Beckham home for a few days visit. Mrs. Travathen is a sister of Mr. Beckham's.

Our school opened last Monday with all of the faculty at their posts of duty and all seemed anxious to get down to business. A few of the patrons were present at the opening which was started by the song, "America," being led by Mr. Franks, Mrs. McLeod accompanying at the piano. A short talk was given by the superintendent, after having introduced 3 new teachers, who had been added to the faculty since last year. Mr. Burgess, superintendent of the Merkel schools made us a fine talk on cooperation which was appreciated very much. We are expecting big things from our school this year.

Mrs. Lucy Galloway of Barnhart is here for a visit with relatives. Mrs. Bob Johnson is attending the bedside of her mother at Rotan, who is quite ill at this writing.

Miss Florence Sherman motored to Merkel Saturday afternoon.

Mr. O. E. Collier and wife, his mother, Mrs. Minnie Collier, and Miss Opal Cantrell of Paragould, Ark., have been visiting Mrs. Rose Edwards and children a few days this past week. They are on their way to Arizona to spend the winter. O. E. Collier has been pitching for Beaumont in the Texas league the past season.

Mrs. B. C. Hamner and children of Wink spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Joe Brown. They were in company with Mr. and Mrs. Tarvin, formerly of this place, who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Volley Vessel Friday night and also visited other friends while here.

Alton Boone, who received minor injuries at the Planters gin last week, is rapidly recovering.

Mrs. L. M. Stribling in company with Mrs. Kate Williamson of Big Spring visited friends in Eastland last week.

Mrs. E. M. Sherman is at Blair this week for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Cynthia Hall.

Mrs. Sid Arnold and her daughter, Mrs. Culhrell, together with Mrs. Loon, all of Abilene, spent the day with Mrs. Fred Hale last Tuesday. Mrs. Arnold, a cousin of Mr. Hale, remained over for a two weeks visit with Mrs. Hale.

The sad news comes to us that Walter Brutsche, formerly of this place but now of Mission, died Tuesday morning of appendicitis. He was only sick a short while. Mr. Brutsche is a brother-in-law of Mr. Joe Nally's. He and Mrs. Nally left immediately to attend the funeral services. He is survived by three children, a mother and father, who also live at Mission. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved.

Mr. and Mrs. Swafford of Blair were Sunday afternoon guests in the Sherman home last Sunday.

Rev. Lowrie of Abilene, efficiently filled the Baptist pulpit last Sunday and visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers. Rev. Meadows of

it when you got to bed last night?"
 Bussie: "It was either during the Pepsodent or Lucky Strike hour. I forget which."

Mrs. Haynes: "What is the most common hinderance in the speech of American people?"
 Lowell: "Chewing gum."

Abraham was passing away, and around him the members of the family were grouped, weeping and praying. His lips were seen to move, and Rachel, his dutiful wife, bent forward to catch his words.

"Wife," he whispered, "is everybody present?"
 "Yes, dear," sobbed Rachel. "We are all here."

"Are you quite sure, wife? Is Moses here? and Reuben? and Rebecca? and little Ike?"

"Yes, father," sobbed Rachel, "we are all here, all listening."
 "Just as I thought," moaned the old Hebrew as he turned his face to the wall. "I am not dead yet, and already they have begun to neglect the store."

Bill Hamm's highest ambition is to sell rings so he can play hands with the girls.

James Hogg West is glad the ring salesman didn't ask him his middle name.

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Abilene will preach here Sunday, Oct. 24.

Miss Velma Rogers, one of our accomplished young ladies, was married recently to a Mr. Ansel O'Neill of Lubbock. The young couple left immediately for Clovis, N. M., where they will spend a short while, then will return to Lubbock where they will make their home. We wish them well.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE HOME STATE BANK

at Trent, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of September, 1932, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 14th day of October, 1932.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$ 81,779.96
Loans secured by real estate	23,856.25
Overdrafts	527.18
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	8,846.47
Banking House	3,600.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,400.00
Cash in bank	3,515.71
Due from approved reserve agents	42,417.47
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	4,276.19
Other Resources: Cotton Bills Exchange	1,222.59
Total	\$171,441.82

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	5,331.29
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	113,943.28
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	2,167.25
Total	\$171,441.82

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:

We, J. T. Warren, as President, and L. E. Adrian, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. T. WARREN, President.
 L. E. ADRIAN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of October, A. D. 1932.

(SEAL) ROSIE LANEY, Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

CORRECT—ATTEST:

G. F. WEST,
 T. L. STEVENS,
 A. WILLIAMSON,
 Directors.

ORDER APPROVING THE COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT

On this 10th day of Oct., 1932, the Commissioners' Court of Taylor County, Texas, in regular session, compared and examined the quarterly report of Austin Fitts, Treasurer, for the quarter ending Sept. 30th, 1932, and find the same to be correct and the respective amounts have been received and paid out since the preceding report:

	Received	Paid Out
Jury Fund	\$ 393.25	\$ 2,659.30
Precinct No. 1	39,005.91	59,279.34
Precinct No. 2	34,353.74	44,801.39
Precinct No. 3	34,093.52	36,243.72
Precinct No. 4	35,934.55	39,490.47
Third Class General	1,512.30	6,709.18
Fifth Class Pauper	682.12	3,801.43
Court House Sinking	38.88	
Road District No. 1 Sinking	98.63	
Road District No. 2 Sinking	68.42	
Road District No. 3 Sinking	5.47	
Road District No. 4 Sinking	6.54	
Road District No. 5 Sinking	9.34	
Road District No. 6 Sinking	38.11	
Road Warrant 6th Fund	13,008.49	1,473.67
Precinct No. 2 Bond	50.36	7,397.54
Precinct No. 3 Bond	62.97	15,189.57
Highway 1 and 30 Sinking	2,849.33	
Highway 600 M Account	645.34	130,368.19
Highway 275 Sinking	526.05	6,566.37
Highway 600 M Sinking	6,736.82	12,586.39
Permanent Improvement Fund	82.71	191.44
Jail Building Sinking Fund	113.24	2,210.51
Special County Road & Bridge Fund	100,000.00	
Light Testing Station	30.00	
Totals	\$270,346.09	\$368,968.51
Balance on Hand July 1, 1932	323,317.25	
Balance on Hand Sept. 30, 1932		224,694.83
Totals	\$593,663.34	\$593,663.34

SECURITIES OWNED BY SINKING FUNDS

Court House Sinking	\$ 600.00
Road District No. 1	18,500.00
Highway 1 and 30 Sinking	1,000.00
Total	\$20,100.00

BOND AND WARRANT INDEBTEDNESS

Road Warrants 54 M Issue	\$ 48,000.00
Road Warrants 158 M Issue	52,000.00
Road District No. 1	73,000.00
Road District No. 2	15,200.00
Road District No. 3	6,500.00
Road District No. 4	8,500.00
Road District No. 5	12,000.00
Road District No. 6	12,000.00
Court House Bonds	52,000.00
Highway Bonds 350 M Issue	309,000.00
Road Bonds 600 M Issue	558,000.00
Road Bonds 275 M Issue	262,000.00
Jail Building Bonds	98,000.00
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$1,506,200.00

The requirements of article 401 P. C. have in all respects been complied with, and tabular statements have been filed as required.

TOM K. EPLEN, County Judge.
 G. B. TITTLE, Com. Prec. No. 1.
 P. A. DILTZ, Com. Prec. No. 2.
 J. R. TRAMMELL, Com. Prec. No. 3.
 S. H. McADAMS, Com. Prec. No. 4.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 10th day of October 1932.

(Seal) W. P. BOUNDS, County Clerk, Taylor Co., Texas

CLASSIFIED ADS

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TWELVE TWO YEAR old monthly roses, best grown in Texas, \$1.80; cash with order; money back if not satisfied. Benges Nursery, Arlington, Texas, "where you get what you buy."

FIRST CLASS SINCLAIR Kerosene, 7 cents delivered. J. D. Porter, Agent, Sinclair Refining Co. Phone 288.

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FOR SALE or will trade for farm, if not encumbered, filling station and 6-room house between high school and grammar school at Dimmitt, Texas. J. H. Grayson, Trent, Texas, Route 2.

FOR SALE—My home on Oak street; I will be leaving Merkel soon. Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—South half of two story brick building on Kent street, also two furnished rooms at my residence. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

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MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE for elderly people, ages up to 85; maximum \$2,500. Write Postoffice box 764, Abilene, Texas.

CITY FURNITURE COMPANY has tents and wagon covers; all kinds of stoves for less; also 4-room house for rent; would furnish to right party. Joe Garland.

LET ME GIVE YOU PRICES on Asphalt and Composition roofing. W. R. Campbell.

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LOST—White Poland China shawl, with black spots. Notify Mrs. F. A. Kelley.

LOST—Poland China sow. Phone 2026F2 or see W. L. Blair, Merkel, Texas, Route 3.

LEGAL NOTICE.

AN ORDINANCE Entitled an Ordinance, Defining Depositing Cotton Burrs Inside the City Corporation, A Nuisance and Prescribing a Penalty Therefor.

Be it ordained by the city council of the City of Merkel:

Hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm or gin plant to deposit or burn cotton burrs on any street, alley, sidewalk, pavement or in any gutter, ditch or border of any sidewalk, or upon any lots or premises owned, occupied or controlled by him or her, or upon any vacant lot or other lots, except the dumping or scavenger grounds; but shall be removed outside the city limits at their own expense. Any person or persons, firm or gin plant violating these provisions shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than \$5.00 and not more than \$100.00. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication.

Passed: October 11, A. D. 1932.
W. M. Elliott, Mayor.
Attest: Mrs. Junita Dowell, City Secretary.

Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions, and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.
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Complete line of office supplies at 1 office.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

R. J. Kleberg Dies On Big King Ranch

Corpus Christi, Oct. 13.—Robert J. Kleberg, 79, commonwealth builder and stock breeder who guided the destinies of hundreds of persons, died Monday on the vast South Texas ranch near Kingsville on which he had exercised control many years.

Until forced by ill health five years ago to give up active management, Kleberg had developed the famous King ranch until it became known as one of the largest cattle ranches in the country. It embraced more than a million acres of land, including an entire Texas county and parts of six others, and covered 1,500 square miles.

Robert J. Kleberg, Jr., assumed control of the land when his father became ill. Another son, Richard M. Kleberg, is a United States congressman.

New Furniture arriving daily. Barrow Furniture Company.

Day of Miracles Is Not Over Yet

Every now and then something happens to make one think that the day of miracles is not over. Only once in a great while does there come out of Hollywood a picture so great, so thrilling and so full of life that it stirs your very soul. Such a picture is "The Miracle Man," a Paramount picture with a cast including Chester Morris, Sylvia Sydney, Hobart Bosworth, Robert Coogan and John Wray, which will show at the Queen theatre Monday and Tuesday.

"The Miracle Man" was made many years ago as a silent picture, and was said to be one of the best silent dramas. But as a talking picture, it is even better. The story tells of a gang of crooks whose leader meets up with a divine healer and plots to use this old man for a money-making scheme. In the meantime all the crooks, except the leader are reformed by the patriarch. Here develops one of the picture dramas of the year.

You can't afford to miss it. For fun there will also be a good comedy, "Sink or Swim."

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Use The Mail Want Ads.

Office supplies—Mail office.

Paramount Offers One Of Season's Greatest Programs Next Week

One of the season's greatest programs will be offered by the Paramount theatre in Abilene next week. "That's My Boy," the story of a national football idol's trial and tribulations when collegiate commercialism threatens to bring him disgrace, opens the week on Sunday. The cast is headed by Richard Cromwell and Dorothy Jordan and includes the entire University of Southern California Championship Football team of 1931. "That's My Boy" will be shown one day only, Sunday.

Norma Shearer, the first lady of the screen, in her latest picture, "Smiling Through," with Fredric March and Leslie Howard, will be the attraction extraordinary on Monday and Tuesday. "Smiling Through" is regarded as being the most beautiful love story ever brought to the screen. The beautiful Norma follows in the footsteps of Jane Cowl who achieved one of her greatest successes in the stage play from which it was adapted. Preview critics hail "Smiling Through" as one of the greatest achievements of Miss Shearer and say that Fredric March was never better in the role of the lover.

Wednesday and Thursday will bring joy to all who attend the Paramount as it marks the showing of "The Phantom President," Paramount's much discussed comedy drama which features George M. Cohan, Jimmy Durante, Claudette Colbert and George Barbier. "The Phantom President" is widely discussed for two major reasons; first is that the story concerns a presidential campaign and second because Cohan makes his talking picture debut after a quarter of a century on the stage. The Paramount management is guaranteeing all patrons plenty of laughs when they see famous composer of "Over There" and incomparable "Schnozzle" Durante in this one.

Concluding the week's program is a five star picture, "The Night of June 13," featuring Clive Brook, Charlie Ruggles, Lila Lee, Francis Dee and Gene Raymond. It will be shown on Friday and Saturday. "The Night of June 13" is a murder mystery that is said to go the limit for thrills. The usual high grade of Paramount featurettes completes each of the above programs.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

Nancy Sue Darsey Arrives. Nancy Sue Darsey, weighing seven pounds and 9 1-2 ounces, arrived Monday to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Darsey at San Angelo. Dr. H. P. Hulsey, grandfather for the first time, conveyed the happy news to The Mail office.

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Community Natural Gas Co. 10c-QUEEN-25c. Friday and Saturday HOOT GIBSON in "CLEARING THE RANGE" Also "Shindig"-Cartoon Chap. 4 "Airmail Mystery" Monday and Tuesday "THE MIRACLE MAN" Chester Morris Sylvia Sydney Cartoon "Sink or Swim" Don't Miss It

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Will give free tickets to the Queen Theatre, showing the latest and best talkies, on the following basis:

With each subscription for one year or more to the Merkel Mail, or in club with the Semi-Weekly Farm News: one free ticket to the Queen Theatre, good any time.

With each subscription on club basis, including the Merkel Mail and either the Abilene Morning News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram or Dallas News: two free tickets to the Queen Theatre, good any time.

If you are not a subscriber to The Mail, this is a good time to "obey that impulse." Clubbing rates on application.

The Merkel Mail

Your Home Town Newspaper

Charter No. 7481 Reserve District No. 11
REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE
FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
of Merkel in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Sept. 30, 1932

RESOURCES	
1. Loans and discounts	\$223,241.44
2. Overdrafts	107.27
3. United States Government securities owned	22,000.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	10,602.48
5. Furniture and fixtures	6,250.00
6. Real estate owned other than banking house	13,586.29
7. Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	21,123.62
8. Cash and due from banks	30,241.18
9. Outside checks and other cash items	1,721.50
10. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
11. Other assets: Bills of Exchange "Cotton"	1,410.17
Total	\$330,596.45

LIABILITIES	
15. Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
16. Surplus	10,000.00
17. Undivided profits—net	5,822.79
18. Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
19. Due to banks, including certified and cashier's checks outstanding	4,679.12
20. Demand deposits	148,679.66
21. Time deposits	72,102.28
22. Bills payable and rediscounts	32,992.60
Total	\$330,596.45

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:
I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
BOOTH WARREN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of October, 1932.
CORRECT—Attest:
J. T. WARREN,
SAM BUTMAN, SR.,
G. F. WEST,
Directors.
ROSIE LANEY,
Notary Public



ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY.

The approaching marriage of Miss Christine Boyd to Gaines Short was announced with a pretty party Wednesday afternoon in the home of Miss Fannie Bell Boaz with Mrs. Bill Fugat and Miss Mary Collins co-hostesses with Miss Boaz.

The house was beautifully decorated with gorgeous roses forming a lovely background for game tables. At the culmination of the games a show of beautiful and useful gifts to the honoree announced the engagement.

A delectable salad course was served to Miss Boyd, Mesdames L. D. Boyd, A. J. Canon, J. M. Collins, Etsel Church, Eli Case, Milton Case, Briggs Irvin, T. D. Riddle, Roy Harrell, M. E. Campbell, Earl Teague, J. E. Richardson, W. D. Hutcheson, Duncan Briggs, E. L. Yeats, Warren Smith, J. E. Boaz, Sr., J. E. Boaz, Jr., Orion Tittle, Bill Fugat, Misses Inice Brown, Lola Shelton, Ida Mae Derstine, Willie Evelyn Boaz, Mary Hutcheson, Mary Eula Sears, Mary Collins, Margaret Canon and Fannie Bell Boaz.

KITCHEN SHOWER.

An enjoyable affair was given by Mrs. Orion Tittle on last Friday complimenting Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr., nee Miss Louise Booth.

The house was decorated with lovely fall flowers. Games of auction bridge proved happy diversion and at their culmination a lovely kitchen shower was presented to the honoree.

Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig, who was rewarded with a lovely set of mixing bowls, as high score, most graciously added these to the gifts for Mrs. Boaz. A delicious sandwich course was passed to Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Jr., Mesdames Milton Case, Edward McCrary, L. C. Zehnpfennig, Misses Nell Durham, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Lola Shelton, Fannie Bell Boaz, Mary Collins, Dori, Durham, Mrs. Ernest Higgins, Charlie Largent and the hostess.

C. E. SOCIAL.

Last Saturday evening the members of the Merkel Christian Endeavor society met in the basement of Grace Presbyterian church for a really snappy social hour.

Miss Wanda Hunter was mistress of ceremonies and everyone enjoyed the games that she directed. After everyone had taken part in the games until they were almost exhausted, refreshments consisting of delicious sandwiches, hot cocoa and cookies were served. The meeting was closed by everyone joining hands and singing "Blest Be the Tide" and then repeating the Christian Endeavor benediction.

Those present were: Misses Mary Helen Lancaster, Julia Proctor, Wanda Hunter, Lucille Campbell, Caribel Mansfield, Duncan Briggs, Mildred Richardson and Billy Gardner, Messrs. C. H. Jones, sponsor, Jim Patterson, Kenneth Cribley, Jack Patterson, Neal Durham, Waymon Richards, Milton Shannon, Jack Lowe, Van Roberts and Cephas Wozencraft.

BRIDGE GAMES.

The home of Miss Maurine Tipton was the scene of a colorful party on Thursday evening of last week when she entertained with a Halloween bridge. House decorations and game accessories were of Halloween design at tables appointed for auction bridge.

At the refreshment hour delicious pumpkin pie and black coffee with Halloween plate favors was passed to Misses Opal Sloan, Helen Patterson, Johnnie Sears, Maurine Tipton, Doris Durham, Virgilia Welch, Evelyn Curb, Messrs. and Mesdames John Olan Lusby, Briggs Irvin, Edward McCrary, Messrs. Wren Durham, Ralph Duke, Paul Urban of Abilene, Sterling Sheppard, Ed Lancaster, Raymond Neal, Herbert Dennis and the hostess.

Notice

Until further notice, the undersigned ice houses will close at 9 o'clock each Sunday morning, remaining closed the rest of the day.

E. M. Cox Ice Station.
Nichols Ice Company.
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CHURCHES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Are we grateful for the good crops of this year and all other blessings? One way to express it is to attend Sunday School and other church services. Strangers are especially invited to attend our services.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

W. M. Elliott, Supt.
K. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Leader, Jack Patterson. Scripture reading, Matthew 18:4-6, leader.

"What does alcohol do to individuals?" by Lucille Campbell.

"What does alcohol do to society?" by Billy Gardner.

"Liquor before the 18th amendment," Mildred Richardson.

"Alcohol causes accidents," Duncan Briggs.

Christian Endeavor benediction.

We want to urge every young person in town to attend our service. It begins at 5:30 p. m.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. W. R. Derr will preach for us at both morning and evening services at the First Baptist church next Sunday, Brother Derr is a member of our association and is an able preacher.

Sunday School promptly at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 a. m. B. T. S. at 6:30 p. m., preaching at 7:30 p. m. We especially urge everyone to be in their places Sunday morning. Visitors are cordially invited to attend all services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday was 711, as compared with 592 on the previous Sunday and 679 on the same Sunday a year ago.

HI LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Song.
Roll call.
Scripture, 1 Peter 2:13, by leader, Milton Shannon.

Prayer, Lucille Campbell.
"Citizenship a privilege," Duncan Briggs.

"Some Duties of Citizenship," Charles Tipton.

Special, Opal Busbee.

"The Present Attitudes and Activities of Citizens," Fay Pinckley.

CHURCH OF NAZARENE.

Our revival closed out with great victory. Both services were blessed of God and at the evening service we had three saved, all out of one family.

Brother Williamson delivered some

very fine messages. You missed a great blessing if you did not hear him.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. and preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Come—you are welcome.

Mrs. Ola Bolls, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Services for the week are as follows: Lord's Day Bible study 9:45 a. m. preaching at 10:45 followed by the communion service, young peoples' program 6:30 p. m., preaching service 7:30 p. m., ladies Bible study Wednesday at 6:30 p. m. and a sermon following the ladies' Bible study.

Come be with us and enjoy these services.

Respectfully, The Elders.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH.

"Give me my roses while I live trying to cheer me on," says the way-worn, discouraged traveler. It helps us all for some one to boost and lend us a helping hand. Come to our church. It is our whole desire to help you and you to help us.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Preaching Saturday night. Bible School Sunday 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Fine singing every Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Brother Jasper Massagee, 17-year-old preacher, preaches for us at 4 p. m. Sunday.

We baptized last Sunday and we especially urge all waiting for baptism to be ready Sunday. We wish to welcome all to our services.

Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

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R & R PALACE

Sweetwater

Saturday

Adolphe Menjou in "Bachelor Affairs"

Sunday-Monday

One of the season's most weird pictures

"DOCTOR X"

With Lee Tracy-Fay Wray

Tuesday-Wednesday

Lewis Stone and JACKIE COOPER

"Divorce in the Family"

Thursday-Friday

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Badgers vs Blackwell, Fare for Fans Friday

The Merkel Badgers faced their second defeat in football last Friday when the Hamlin Pied Pipers rushed over with a 19-0 victory. In spite of the defeat, the local team showed great improvement over the game played with Putnam the preceding week.

In the first quarter of the Badger-Pied Piper game, the Badgers showed great team work. The Badgers line held splendidly until the Pied Pipers began their march for a touchdown in the second quarter, making the score Hamlin 6 Merkel 0 when the half ended. In the latter part of the third quarter, the Pied Pipers blocked Boaz' punt which cost the Badgers another touchdown. Three minutes be-held splendidly until the Pied Pipers dashed through the Badger line for the final score. The game ended with the score 19 to 0 in favor of Hamlin. Durham, Boaz, Hamner and Gamble were the outstanding players for Merkel. They expect to be in good trim for the first conference game which will be played with Blackwell on the local field Friday of this week.

A toll bridge over the Connecticut river at Springfield, Mass., has been in continuous use since 1815.

BEGINNING SATURDAY.

OCTOBER 15th

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Former Merkel Pastor Dies.

News of the death of Rev. Charles H. Little, former pastor of Grace Presbyterian church here, which took place at Albuquerque, N. M., has been received by friends and former members of his pastorate here with deep regret. Burial took place in Fort

Worth. He is survived by his wife and one daughter.

Lowest price in years on New Wall Paper, Paints, Canvas. Barrow Furniture Company.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

COMPOUND, Swift Jewel, 8 pounds	55c
SOAP FLAKES, 5 lb. package	37c
GALLON FRUIT, all kinds	45c
SALMONS, 2 cans for	19c
MILK, Carnation, baby size, 6 for	19c
SORGHUM SYRUP, pure E. Texas, gal.	50c
PEANUT BUTTER, 2 lbs., quart jar	25c
PICKLES, sours, quart jar	15c
MUSTARD, Prepared, quart jar	15c
CATSUP, 14 ounce bottle	15c
SUNBRITE CLEANSER, 2 cans for	13c
SOAP, all knds, giant size, 6 for	25c
RICE, extra fancy, 4 lb. package	25c
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