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LAST RITES FOR TOM SWAFFORD HELD TUESDAY

Engaged in Feed and Coal Business at Spur at Time of Death; Had Been Resident of this Section Since 1898.

ricken with double pneumonia on Friday, T. J. R. Swafford died at Monday afternoon at a Spur arium. His wife and a son, Max, gone there to be with him, when of his serious illness was first ed. In recent years he had been ger in the feed and coal business pur, but his family continued to le here.

body was brought to Merkel ay night and funeral services held at 3 o'clock Tuesday after- from the First Baptist church, uted by Rev. C. R. Joyner, the r. Interment was in Rose Hill tery.

Following Masons served as arers, Spencer Bird, Stacy A. J. Bird, Brooks Patterson, Nesmith, Bill Moore, with ser- at the graveside in charge of the nic lodge.

J. R. Swafford was born in Ten- e March 7, 1878, moving to Tex- 1898. He taught school several in several communities in Tay- unt, later engaging in the coal eed business here. On Dec. 18, e was married to Miss Emma t, at Tyler, who survives, with a children, four daughters: Wil- Swafford of Wichita Falls, aly, Dot and Nedra Swafford, el, and three sons, Max, Don and ht Swafford.

His mother Mrs. S. H. L. Swafford, ortland, Ore., and four sisters three brothers, also survive. The rs are: Mrs. E. C. Davis, Mrs. R. pford, Portland, Ore.; Mrs. D. Wolfe, Chicago, and Miss Mar- ne Swafford, Houston. The thers are: Whitten, Eugene, Ore.; n, Leaburg, Ore.; L. L. Lufkin; k, Palmyra, Mo.; Dr. E. A., Rock- e and E. S., Yoakum.

C. E. Conner Honored At Christmas Party

Kinsfolk and intimate associates of C. E. Conner, now residing in Hamil- ton, took occasion to honor him at one of the happy gatherings of the Christmas week, as chronicled in the following clipping from the Hamilton Herald:

"The 1935 Christmas season gave occasion for many happy family gatherings of relatives and friends merry-making and feasting. None such occasion in Hamilton was more affectionately planned nor more enjoyable than the assembly of kinsfolk and intimate associates of C. E. Conner, called 'Uncle Clint.' The attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Conner, where the honoree resides, was lent for the affair, and the rooms were bright with holiday decorations, the theme being especially emphasized in the dining room where a nois- of roast turkey with all the ng complementing dishes was

des the honoree, Mr. and Mrs. and their little daughters, Frances and Mary Lou, the named Mr. and Mrs. W. L. of Indian Gap; Mrs. Vester and children, Richland rs; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Con- atha and Willadean Conner, Point community; Mrs. Mollie and Miss Amanda Seale, t; Mrs. Virgie Cathey, Hamil- Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Neal and Willis, Caradan; Mr. and Mrs. ge Chambliss and daughter, e, Hamilton.

The entire day was spent in de- ful amusements and conversation, d with radio music and Christ- giving."

Ex-Mayor Dies.

ew York City, N. Y., Jan. 16.— F. Hylan, mayor of New York from 1917 to 1925, died Sunday heart attack. He was 68 and was ing as a justice of the children's rt.

Preparing Pension Blanks.

ustin, Jan. 16.—Members of the as old age assistance commission planning to issue application ks Feb. 14, date the law author- pensions goes into effect.

VOTERS UNDER AGE MUST HAVE CERTIFICATES

Changes in state law concerning not tax exemptions in effect for the first time this year, make it necessary for persons under age to secure exemption certificates in order to become qualified voters. Any one who has become 21 since Jan. 1, 1935, or who will become 21 during 1936 should secure an exemption certificate.

In cities of less than 10,000 and in rural districts no exemption certificate is necessary for those over 60 years of age who are permanently exempt.

Comer Patterson, deputy tax collector, who will be in Merkel four days next week, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 22, can issue exemption certificates as well as poll tax receipts. He will also have the county and state tax rolls at the city hall on those dates. He will be in Trent one day, Tuesday, Jan. 21.

Called Session of Taylor Co. Singers

The Taylor County Singing convention will meet in called session Sunday, at Wylie, at 2 p. m., it is announced by Buster Horton, president.

All singers are invited to come.

Dates Set for County Interscholastic Events

Dates and other details for county interscholastic literary and athletic events were fixed at a meeting of directors of the county interscholastic league, held in the county superintendent's office at Abilene Saturday afternoon. Wendell Foreman, director of events, presided.

The county basketball tournament will be held Feb. 6, 7 and 8. Schedule and place are to be announced later. Tennis and volley ball contests were set for March 21, place also to be announced. Choral singing will be held March 25, with regular literary, track and field events following on March 27 and 28. One-act play contests will be conducted on the night of March 28. Playground ball and debates were scheduled for April 4.

The directors are: Albert Bond, de- clamation, Bradshaw; Miss Velma McCollum, debate, Wylie; Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes, extemporé speech, Merkel; Mrs. J. A. Bristow, spelling, North Park; Miss Ruby Rogers, ready writers, Tuscola; W. L. Karr, rural schools division, Rogers; Ted Edwards, athletics, Ovalo; Mrs. Buster Horton, picture memory, Salt Branch; Miss Lola Mae Atkinson, music memory, Lawn; Mrs. Ima C. Jennings, story telling, Elmdale; Miss Georgia Gay Mackey, one-act play, Wylie; Mrs. Andy Shouse, choral singing, Union Ridge; Mrs. Virgil Bowers, arithmetic, Potosi.

The county superintendent, T. M. McGehee, and county supervisor, Mrs. Kate Casseaux, were also present for the meeting.

All Eight Children Together First Time

Sunday marked the 84th birthday of H. H. Wright, one of Merkel's lately acquired citizens, recently removed from Portales, N. M. It was also the occasion of a family reunion which brought together all eight of their children at the home of Mr. Wright and his wife in South Merkel.

But that was not all, Sunday was the first time that their eight children had ever all been together under the same roof, as some of the older children had left the parental roof before the youngest, Hessie Wright, now 32, was born.

Present for this most enjoyable and memorable occasion, which took the form of a birthday dinner, were the following children: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wright and twin daughters and grandson, El Campo, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright and two sons, Carlsbad, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Wright, Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Hessie Wright and daughter, Carlsbad, N. M.; Mrs. Alma Caudell, Lovington, N. M.; Mrs. Addie Shelley and husband, Modesto, Calif.; Mrs. Elsie Burrow, husband, daughter and two sons, Portales, N. M.; and Mrs. Hester Williams and son, Spangburg, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler, neighbors, were additional guests for dinner.

WPA EMPLOYS 96 LABORERS IN PRECINCT 2

Monthly Pay Roll on Road Project Expected to Reach \$6,000 Figure; Local Sewing Room Employs 20 Women.

A monthly pay roll approximating \$6,000 will probably be reached next month in the WPA project of graveling and improving mail and school bus routes in precinct No. 2, according to figures furnished The Mail this week by County Commissioner Jack Canon.

Two weeks constitute the pay period, the first two combined amounting to \$2,400, and the second two totaling \$4,622.50, according to available figures.

At the present time there are 96 laborers on the time book, Mr. Canon stated, with 17 trucks and drivers being used. Wage for laborers is \$24 per month of 140 hours, for truck drivers \$36.00 per month of 140 hours. Trucks draw 50c per hour.

Beginning Friday of this week, it is expected to have 25 trucks running.

The local sewing room, another WPA project, is at present employing 20 women, with a monthly pay roll of \$539, which may be increased to a maximum of 26 women. The rate of pay is \$24 per month of 23 days.

Supervision of the sewing room is in charge of Mrs. Bonnie Griswold, who is assisted by Mrs. Bess L. Rutledge.

Farmer Loan Group Re-Elects Directors

Sixty farmers, attending the annual meeting of the Abilene National Farm loan association Tuesday, re-elected all directors for 1936. They also heard a radio address by A. C. Williams, president of the Federal Land Bank of Houston, and a report of V. B. Carothers, secretary-treasurer of the local association.

The latter report showed 532 borrowers from the Federal Land bank, aggregating \$1,475,000, and 182 borrowers from the Land Bank commissioner, aggregating \$166,000.

Since the creation of the farm credit administration in May, 1933, the Abilene association has made land bank and commissioner loans in its territory amounting to \$558,000, thereby aiding 290 farmers and stockmen of Taylor, Jones and Callahan counties refinance their indebtedness. Directors renamed are Henry James, George L. Minter, C. D. Varnell, T. O. Massey, Abilene, and Elmo S. Jones, Tuscola.

16 Women in Tye Form Garden Club

Organization of a garden club at Tye was perfected Monday at a meeting of sixteen women held at the home of Mrs. A. M. Hinds.

Mrs. C. P. Church of Merkel gave a demonstration of well-balanced soil for pot plants and the club adopted as its first project beautification of lawns for the churches. Home gardens were discussed and plans made in anticipation of a beautification contest.

Mrs. Mack Buzbee accompanied Mrs. Church to Tye for the organization meeting.

County Demonstration Agent to Visit Club

The Merkel Home Demonstration club will meet Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. G. P. Church, club president, instead of at the home of Mrs. George White.

Miss Vara Crippen, county demonstration agent, is to be present and plans for the year's work, which will center on foods and bedrooms, will be outlined.

Production Credit Ass'n Meet Called

The Coleman Credit Production association is to hold its annual meeting in Coleman on Monday, Jan. 20, W. E. Melton, secretary-treasurer, announced this week.

In addition to the election of officers for the coming year, an interesting program is to be given with a state official scheduled to give the principal address.

NAMED FATHER'S SUCCESSOR ON BANK BOARD

Henry C. West Now First Vice-President of F. & M. National Bank; Bill Brown Also Placed On Bank Directorate.

Henry C. West was named a director and first vice-president of the Farmers and Merchants National bank, succeeding his father, the late George F. West, in both posts, and another place on the board of that institution, left vacant by the death of George L. Paxton of Abilene, was filled by the election of W. S. J. Brown, at the annual stockholders' and directors' meetings held Tuesday.

Directors renamed are: J. T. Warren, Sam Butman, Sr., and Booth Warren.

Officers, all re-elected with the exception of Henry West are: J. T. Warren, president; Henry C. West, first vice-president; Sam Butman, Sr., second vice-president; Booth Warren, cashier; F. Y. Gaither and George T. Moore, assistant cashiers.

As of December 31, 1935, the Farmers and Merchants National bank paid a three per cent dividend to stockholders.

FARMERS STATE BANK.

All directors of the Farmers State bank in Merkel were re-elected at the annual stockholders' meeting held Tuesday, but selection of officers was deferred until a later date.

Members of the board are: Dr. M. Armstrong, J. A. Patterson, Jr., J. W. Tiner, W. W. Toombs and Herbert Patterson.

Terracing Land on John Hughes Farm

Leon C. Ransom, assistant county farm agent, was instructor for a demonstration of terracing, conducted Friday of last week on the John S. Hughes farm in the Blair community.

Terraces are being built on a water level with a 20-inch fall between lines. They are to be constructed by county equipment and are to be 24 inches high and 20 feet wide at the base.

Similar demonstrations will be conducted in any community desiring them, Mr. Ransom said.

List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The petit jury list in 42nd district court for next week includes the following names:

V. L. Hassey, L. A. Cook, D. A. Lee, E. O. Patterson, Tommie Patterson, I. W. Hannah, Garner Howard, O. B. Tatum, W. R. Wheeler, J. H. Riney, Merkel; W. H. Smith, J. R. Young, C. A. McGaughey, F. L. Matthews, T. D. Wood, Don Morris, J. Frank Clark, Wiley Turner, Otis Walls, C. J. Mills, Dan S. Clark, J. A. McQuigg, Walsh Milton, W. H. Snider, H. R. Parnell, Robert Frank, H. C. McMahan, H. B. Smith, Claude Robertson, E. D. Webb, Henry Tilliett, H. H. Greer, E. E. Davis, Grady Shytle, Maurice Carter, C. E. Davis, C. H. Bond, Edgar Balch, W. H. Burgess, Abilene; F. O. Ballard, D. C. Swindle, W. C. Turner, Tuscola; L. O. Byrd, T. P. Childers, Wintgate; J. G. Bush, F. O. Lambert, S. P. Dickson, Ovalo; W. W. McIver, Guion; W. T. Griffin, Lawn; B. K. Brookerson, Buffalo Gap.

Jack Bilberry, Age 32, Victim of Pneumonia

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday from the Nazarene church for Jack Bilberry, 32. The rites were conducted by Rev. R. T. Smith, the pastor, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pneumonia claimed Mr. Bilberry at 3:05 Saturday afternoon.

He had lived in Merkel for four years past, having been engaged as a day laborer and truck driver.

He is survived by his wife, to whom he was married 14 years ago; two step-children, Walter and Verdo Bilberry, and four sisters and one brother.

32 Die from Meningitis.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 16.— One more death from meningitis Monday brought the total in Oklahoma to 32 in little more than a month.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Traffic accidents took eleven lives in Texas over the last week-end, and many others were injured.

The University of Texas faculty voted 164 to 31 against establishment of an artillery unit of the R. O. T. C. on the campus.

George B. Terrell, former state commissioner of agriculture, has announced that he will again be a candidate for this office.

On the first Sunday in 1936, H. F. Yant, Lubbock city employee, completed his 22nd year as a Sunday School attendant, without missing a single time.

Francisca Nacias, age 4, was burned to death at Cisco early Monday morning as she hid under a bed in her home when flames swept the small room building.

Second Lieut. J. T. Pitman, army aviator, missing on a practice cross-country flight from Randolph field, was found in the wreckage of his plane in a creek near Moore.

Fred Hill, a young Austin negro, was electrocuted at the state prison at Huntsville early Friday for the murder of Will Foster, a Travis county street car operator.

A broken dog's tooth imbedded in his leg 27 years ago when a dog bit him was removed from the hip of George C. McCutcheon, patient at the Veterans hospital at Legion.

D. E. Colp, first chairman of the Texas parks board, and who recently became Bexar county parks superintendent, died Sunday at a Temple hospital from double pneumonia.

Mrs. John Miller has been appointed sheriff of Deaf Smith county to fill the unexpired term of her husband, who was killed Monday in an automobile accident near Canyon.

R. V. Jerrell, 60-year-old fisherman, was burned to death when he apparently fell asleep with a lighted cigarette in his hand in a small fishing camp on Cedar Bayou in Chambers county.

Ground has been broken for the \$245,000 Natural History museum, first of the city's \$3,500,000 group of buildings to be erected on the grounds of the Texas Centennial central exposition.

State highway parks in 89 Texas counties will furnish work for 4,475 young Texans, starting this month, as announced by Lyndon B. Johnson, state director of the national youth administration.

Joseph H. Price, farmer and real estate investor of Fort Worth, has announced his candidacy for the United States senatorship, now occupied by Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas, as an avowed advocate of the Townsend recovery plan.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 21, 1916.)

Mr. William Able Moon announces the marriage of his daughter, Inice, to Mr. Will Camp Scott, on Friday, the fourteenth of January.

The above announcement was received by many of Miss Moon's girlhood friends where she lived until a few years ago when she moved to Iowa. She will be remembered as a musician of rare ability.

Another wedding in which many of Merkel's residents will be interested was that of Miss Dorothy Janie King of Fort Stockton and Mr. Homer Jobe of Sanderson. This wedding took place on Friday, January fourteenth, at Sanderson, Texas. In this case the groom has gone from Merkel, his boyhood home, to enter business in another place and also there to find his life's companion.

The home of Mrs. J. W. Jennings on Orange street, Abilene, was the scene on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock of a beautiful marriage ceremony: Rev. Ferguson officiating with the ritual which made Miss Jackie Lucile Jennings the bride of Mr. Hugh D. Wallace of Arlington, Texas.

Mrs. Henry Bass sang "Thou Art So Dear"; she was accompanied by Mrs. Edwards of Merkel, sister of the bride, and during the ceremony Miss Jean Jennings, violinist, blended vio-

RECORD LIST OF ENTRIES IN 1936 POULTRY SHOW

Total of 330 Birds Sets High Mark in History of Merkel Poultry Association; Free Picture Show Thursday Night.

Greatest number of birds in the history of the association have been entered in the 1936 Merkel Poultry show, which is the sixth annual affair sponsored by the Merkel Poultry association. Up to Wednesday night, when time for entries closed, 330 birds had been entered this year, according to Secretary Arl Sharp.

Last year the number of entries was 258; in 1934, 312, while 254 were in competition in 1933.

Judging began at 10:30 Thursday morning, with H. M. Rose of Sweetwater the official in charge.

According to R. A. Ellis, president of the association and superintendent of the show, the finest lot of chickens ever shown here are on exhibit this year. Supt. Ellis is assisted by Clifford Eoff and Raymond Ferguson.

At 7:30 Thursday night a free talking picture show sponsored by the Purina manufacturers is to be given at the Grammar School building.

The auction sale comes at 2:50 Saturday afternoon.

Local Teacher Will Direct Band Contests

Miss Sybil Smith, teacher in the Merkel Grammar school, is to be director of a county harmonica band and rhythm band contest, which is to be held in Abilene at the time of the interscholastic league contests.

This announcement was made Saturday by Mrs. Kate Casseaux, rural school supervisor.

There will be two divisions in the rhythm band contest, one for schools with one to four members and the other for schools of five or more teachers. One teacher score may use all pupils, while other schools will be allowed to enter only students through the fourth grade.

Harmonica bands containing from one to 10 members will be in division one of that contest, with bands of 10 or more students to be entered in division two.

Lucy Caton of Wylie is chairman of the contest committee, with Mrs. Buster Horton, Salt Branch, and Magdalen Payne, Trent, completing the group.

Biggest Season Since 1929.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 16.—Farm implement and hardware dealers in session here for their annual western show predicted the biggest buying season since 1929.

lin music with the strains of the piano.

On Friday evening of last week Miss Dorothy Duckett was hostess to many of her friends by inviting them to a tacky party at her home in North Merkel.

Mr. Wilbur Whitaker, dressed as a "city dude," and Miss Geneva Warnick, as a country lassie, won first prizes. Refreshments in keeping with all other plans for the evening were namely, peas and onions, with cornbread, and red stick candy. Those present were Misses Jewel Pate, Pauline Johnson, Beatrice Nidever, Josie Smith, Irene Hairston, Alma Harris, Mamie Ellis, Virginia Duckett, Bernice Rainbolt, Emma Mae Mashburn, Annie and Bess Blackwell, Geneva and Nina Warnick, Messrs. Ely Pate, Stanley King, Wilbur Whitaker, Loring and Roger Hamblet, Dewey Brown, Adam Sibley, Brit Baker, Herbert Patterson, Robert Rainbolt, Baxter Harrell and Thaddeus Harris.

The avocation of trapping in the Merkel country has become somewhat of a profession for Ross Ferrier, who is on a vacation from his duties as cashier for the Texas & Pacific. He has in all about fifty traps set in the rough country bordering the main- tains.

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

A business deal was made last week whereby, M. G. Scott, groceryman who has been in business in the same building for the past 23 years, sold his stock and building to A. W. Woods. The latter has moved his stock and added it to the Scott stock, making a complete and up-to-date stock of groceries. We regret to see this fine firm go, at the same time congratulating Mr. Woods in the deal.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dowdy of Odessa were guests of relatives here a few days last week.

Glenn Rhue Nichols of Abilene visited on Friday and Saturday with his sisters, the Misses Nichols.

Mrs. Melvin Horton returned Saturday from a visit with her parents, near Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinkie Vessels are in Sweetwater for a short time, while he has employment.

Jack Bowers was week-end guest of friends in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Bell of Merkel were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Sharp of Merkel were Sunday afternoon visitors of the latter's sister, Mrs. A. C. Wash.

The W. O. W. officers and team went to Lamesa Friday night, where they officiated in the initiation of a number of candidates.

Miss Dorene Scott was home from McMurry for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beckham and three little sons of Lamesa were guests Saturday and Sunday of Mrs. C. T. Beckham and other relatives.

Miss Ethel King of Merkel was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Foy Steadman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cal Hamner and Mrs. W. F. Steadman were guests Sunday in the home of Mrs. Ellen Duncan and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, near Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Artemus Howell and children left Thursday for a trip of several weeks to Birmingham, Ala. They were accompanied as far as Hot Springs, Ark., by Mrs. George Howell and daughter, Lucille Howell, who will visit relatives.

Mrs. T. L. Stevens spent the week at Munday visiting her sister.

Mrs. Joe Wash and children of Hamlin were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wash and Joe came over to the family returned with him.

Little W. Wilda Bowles of Sweetwater is a guest this week of her grandmother, Mrs. Pauline Freeman.

OYSTER SUPPER.

The ladies of the M. E. church invite every one to attend an oyster supper with other good things to eat at the Star Hardware company Friday evening.

JOINT MEETING OF W. O. W. AND WOODMEN CIRCLE.

Wednesday evening, Jan. 8, the Woodmen of the World and the Woodmen Circle of Trent held their joint installation of officers at the High school auditorium. The house was called to order by Mrs. Jannie B. Garner of Colorado, after which the officers of Trent Grove No. 608 were seated by the Trent team, captained by Mae Seago, captain of the Merkel team. Lola Lee O'Kelly, guardian, presided in the opening exercises. After the invocation by Mr. Kirk, district manager of the W. O. W., the opening order was sung by both orders. Then followed the presentation of the flag of the United States of America by Mrs. Harry Barnett of Merkel, assisted by the Trent team, and the meeting was then turned over to the W. O. W.

L. L. Adams, council commander of Abilene W. O. W. and Mr. Kirk, assisted by Merkel's team captain, Harry Barnett, installed the following officers: T. L. Stevens, council commander; A. C. Terry, T. G. Hamner, A. H. Purser, Bob Billington, David Boyd, Johnnie Terry and Johnnie Wheeler. The team put on some perfect drill work for which they are to be complimented.

When the meeting was turned over to the Circle, Mrs. O'Kelly, guardian, invited Mrs. Tressie Goldsticker, state attendant and district manager, to act as presiding officer. Mrs. Jannie B. Garner, national representative and district manager, served as installing assistant, and Mrs. Irene Barnes, adviser of Merkel Grove, as chaplain.

The following officers were then installed: Lola Lee O'Kelly, guardian; Agnes Burks, past guardian; Lula Bishop, adviser; Ann Bowers, chaplain; Hattie Gafford, secretary; Imogene Mangum, musician; Minnie Eula McLeod, inner sentinel; Beatrice Stevens, team captain; team members, Dorothy Stevens, Clara Mae Weiser, Nina Wheeler, Lula Mae Freeman, Bernadine Hamner, Mary Nell, Ornela Poor, Nadine Tittle, Opal Free-

FAMED DISAPPEARING BIRD CAGE



When Blackstone, the magician, does a disappearing trick he surrounds himself with beauty. Blackstone, who plays the Paramount theatre, Abilene, Jan. 29-30, is shown with his famed disappearing bird cage. He does the stunt in the audience after he executes it on the stage.

man, Gladys Hamner, Lillian Grace Reeves, Elizabeth Billington. The team all dressed in blue satin evening gowns carried lighted pink candles tied with pink streamers; and with all lights in the building out, in the beautiful light of the candles, they put on a drill, making a very nice feature of the program.

A number of interesting and inspiring talks were made by the visiting sovereigns, also by a number of local members. Those making talks were: Messrs. Kirk, Adams and Leon Kirk; Mesdames Goldsticker, Garner and Kirk, all of which were very encouraging and inspiring. Local members making talks were Sovereign Terry, Purser, Gafford, Quattlebaum and Stevens, also the Circle ladies made some interesting talks. Captain Reeves spoke encouragingly concerning the work she was planning for the New Year. Secretary Gafford told that she had been a member of the Circle for the last 34 years, having been secretary for 24 years and deputy for two years. It is due to her faithful work at this place that Trent has a Grove of which we are so proud; to her and to all others who have helped the society, members are indeed grateful.

Honor Roll

WHITE CHURCH SCHOOL. Those who made an average of 90 and above for the third month of the White Church school were as follows, as reported by Miss Pearl Ann Dedmon, principal: First grade—Irna Jean Rodgers, Fay Frazier. Third grade—Dorothy Jo Weston. Fourth grade—Aberta Gregory. Fifth grade—Richard Gregory.

UNION RIDGE SCHOOL. The honor roll for the second six-weeks period at the Union Ridge school, taught by Mrs. Andy Shouse and Mrs. J. Irvin Humphreys, includes the following pupils: Benjamin Rogers, 92; Betty Fran-

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NOODLE NEWS

Due to sickness, Brother Cyfert was unable to fill his regular appointment at the Church of Christ Sunday.

We are glad to report the condition of Mrs. Joe Winter improved. She has been on the sick list for the past several weeks.

Irma Herring has been sick for several days with the "flu."

Johnnie Chadwick suffered a painful accident last Thursday when a bicycle she was riding overturned, breaking her arm and cutting her leg severely.

Mrs. N. H. Eoff has her little nephew, Jerry, from Sweetwater as a guest, while his mother, Mrs. G. H. Eoff, is at Dallas, having a specialist treat another son, Paul Earl, who suffered the loss of an eye when shot with a "nigger" shooter.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Eoff has been quite sick with scarletina.

Mrs. George Cooper and daughter, Mrs. Bill Caldwell, and two children, visited another daughter, Mrs. Hester Brewer, of near Trent Saturday.

Mrs. O. W. Sosebee and children and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McGinnis visited her daughter, Mrs. Ollie Brothers, of Paducah, the past week-end.

Mrs. Nola Fovine and daughter, Miss Nola, of Merkel, spent Sunday here, the guests of Mrs. J. M. Cook and family.

Mrs. Lois McCon of Carpenters Gap spent the day last Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tarpley.

Miss Gustie Cox went to Cisco Sunday.

E. M. Tarpley and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Lucas Sunday.

C. B. Jinkens and family spent Sunday at Divide the guests of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sosebee and baby and Mrs. Glenn Cantrell and little daughter, Glenda, of Stamford, visited in our community Sunday.

The following were guests Sunday in the Joe Winter home: W. J. James and family, Doris Winter, wife and baby, Mrs. A. C. Sosebee and little daughter, Ava Ruth, and Mrs. Joe B. Sosebee and two sons.

Misses Mildred and Tommie Ruth McCoy of Divide are guests of their aunt, Mrs. C. B. Jinkens.

The date of our community singing has been changed from Friday night to the first and third Sunday nights of each month.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

ces: Horton, 91; Charles Joe Douglas, 90; Billy Bob Douglas, 90; Charles Harwell, 90; Patsy Ruth Cox, 91; Clara Joyce Cox, 91; Wanda Lillie Douglas, 90.

WARREN SCHOOL.

Those on the honor roll for the third month of the Warren school are as follows:

- First grade—Erna Jo Ely, 96; James Land, 94. Third grade—A. C. Brewer, 93. Fourth grade—Lou Jane Land, 94; Mitchell Chancey, 90. Fifth grade—Jeanette Neff, 95; Orval Ely, 93. Sixth grade—Lyla Hobbs, 93; Loyce Chancey, 92.

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and Sponsored by the Senior Class of '36—Miss Alyceen Ater, sponsor.

The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—Mabel Maddox. Society Editor—Janet Hayes.
Assistant Editor—Juanita Huskey. Sports Editor—Oscar Adcock.
Joke Editor—Horace Boney

DEAD WEEK.

Could somebody please tell me what is wrong at Merkel High this week? No, we do not have the spring fever very badly, and this wind hasn't blown us away either. Yes, you are right, it is exam week. Everybody, whom you meet, seems to be taking it very, as if he had all day to go to the room to another. Just think, this year's school will be half over the mid-term exams have all been taken. Here's hoping that school will be over after mid-term. We will begin work on our Interscholastic events and, of course, that will cause the interest of every person.

AL CLUB.

Choral club girls selected the list for the 1936 spring dresses for Jan. 9.

There are a few of the Choral club. Will you not agree with them that this club is composed of the best of the Merkel High School. Janell Black, Mary Frances Pal Buzbee, Alice Russell, Eva Lush, Betty Lou Grimes, Verletta, Sis Gamble, Fay Walker, Mae Berryman. Notice this each week and meet more of them.

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Student body met in the study Tuesday, Jan. 17, for a short meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the 1935-1936 "Badger" yearbook, president of the Senior class, Willie Mae Nelson, gave a charge of this meeting. Willie Mae Nelson, Sis Gamble gave short talks concerning "The Badger" and why it will be a success.

RE MEETING.

Senior class met in its weekly meeting on Friday, Jan. 10. The discussion for this meeting was on clothing. T. Blair acted as chairman of the program. Short discussions were given by Loreta Randal, Hugh Leo Woodrum and Missie Spurr. Hearing those well prepared we Seniors resolve to wear clothing more carefully.

BASKETBALL.

Merkel Hi Basketball team played Monday night to play the first game of the season. Jack Freshman coach, of Abilene, led a snappy team to Merkel Monday night and held the Badger good game.

Merkel boys go to Roby Tuesday, Jan. 14, and are to play their return game in the Merkel gymnasium Monday night, Jan. 17.

Boys expected to star in the games are B. Higgins and D. Morgan, P. Morgan, C. Satter, R. T. Blair and M. C. Satter. Forward, F. Mundy, Z. Miller, Patton, O. W. Barnes, V. and G. Barnett.

Material is better, according to Coach Ward Armwine, 6 ft. 2 in. high, will be a fine addition as soon as he becomes eligible.

NEWS.

Senior class to see what class can make the most Annuals the Juniors. The Seniors are not in the market.

Seniors are selling popcorn, and chewing gum at all the games. The money they receive goes for the Junior-Senior banquet.

NEWS.

Water which has just ended remains on one of the most important matters the Speech department.

Two classes this year; the first class to its capacity. The past six weeks, the class has been working on platform work.

Lyrics and dialects were the numbers. Some of the outstanding numbers given during the program were: orations, stories, and lyrics. The students have given some clever pantomimes.

Thursday of last week, each student gave some platform number. This was the oral test of the semester.

was a test! But, to the classes, more of a recreation period. Would not enjoy watching Jr. impersonate an Italian crooner? Hear Hugh Leonard talking in dialect? Or hear John well "Hall-O-lush" with arms

thrown over head? No one could keep from smiling when they heard Opal Buzbee give "Sister's Best Boy Friend." It would be impossible for the reporter to write all the interesting members given.

The department is facing the coming semester with much enthusiasm, hoping to have more success than ever.

With a sincere and enthusiastic sponsor like Mrs. Haynes, who could keep from being successful? She has always shown her willingness in every way to carry on the work. She has helped the new students to find their place, among other Badgers, in Merkel High school. The reporter takes the privilege of speaking for each speech student of Merkel High school in expressing the greatest appreciation for the faithful sponsor.

Watch the success of this department grow!

Success! Success! Success! That is what prophets say for this department in the 1936 spring semester.

FACULTY GOSSIP.

We are sorry to have delayed the events of Mr. Hutto's visit home during the holidays but at last here they are. When Mr. Hutto arrived at home he found the whole family in great sorrow. We will tell you the story as it was told to Mr. Hutto by his father.

"Son, we have sold the old family mule, Windy. I promised the man I sold him to I would not tell how old he is and I won't, but he is not old. When you were a little boy nearly thirty years ago, Windy kicked the whole side of the barn out one day trying to make an impression on you and he did. I said then I was going to sell him the first opportunity, so the opportunity came last week. A good mule will help you raise a nice family and then kick their brains out to see if he did a good job."

The other day I was talking to Mr. Hutto about his visit home and he told me of a contrast he would like to make about Model Ts and Mules and dedicate it to some one. I will tell you the story but I will refrain from telling you whom he wishes to dedicate it to but if you really want to know ask him and maybe he will tell you. Here is the story.

"Mules and Model Ts have caused me to stay home from more things than any other thing. They have made me stay home from church more times than the stewards passing the hat ever did. I don't know what excuse I will hatch up now as they are not making any more Model Ts and not many more mules are being made. But I know my troubles are not over, for mules and cars are not the only things the devil can get in. I have seen him get in people, but people with the devil in them don't jump fences, kill calves, eat up their neighbors' peas, have flats, backfire, refuse to fire at all and have to have hot water poured on them to get them to fire. Leastwise they all don't do that way. While some people are pretty bad to backfire with 'old scratch' in them, they never have to have hot water poured on them to get 'em to fire. The trouble is that they fire too soon."

This story was told to me confidentially so please don't tell anyone, but in case you do be sure and tell them not to tell anyone else.

After telling you the story that Mr. Hutto told me I think I just might as well finish the day by telling the one Mrs. Burgess told me on Mr. Burgess. Mr. Burgess told her about this and, of course, did not aim for her to tell it, but, of course you know these women.

When Mr. and Mrs. Burgess were visiting in the north woods last summer was when this little incident happened. One morning Mr. Burgess left camp to do some hunting but he had not been gone long when a heavy cloud came up. Mr. Burgess decided he had better seek shelter. He found something very suitable; it was a hollow tree. It began raining very hard, so Mr. Burgess squeezed in the hole and sat down on the inside. In about thirty minutes it stopped raining; so he started to crawl out, but to his great surprise the tree had swelled so that he could not get out. He went crazy at first trying to get out but finally gave up and sat down. He began to think of all the bad things he had done during his life. He thought of first one thing and then the other and then he happened to think of the way he had treated the student body

of Merkel High school and when he thought of this he felt so little he drew up and walked right out of the tree without taking his hat off.

This is all I have for you this week, folks, but if you don't tell anyone what I have told you this week I will tell you more next week. So good-bye, folks.

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A box supper and auction sale is to be held at the Compere school building on Friday night, Jan. 17. Everyone is invited to bring a box or a package to auction off; and come! The proceeds will be used to improve the school grounds, etc.

NOTICE.

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Form B-76

No. 1619

BANKS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE FARMERS STATE BANK IN MERKEL

At Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1935, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 17th day of January, 1936.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$ 51,510.68
Loans secured by real estate	7,968.30
Overdrafts	9.04
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	33,215.42
Customers' bonds held for safekeeping	1,300.00
Banking House	15,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,975.25
Real Estate owned, other than banking house	10,106.18
Cash and due from approved reserve agents	97,657.68
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	733.70
Bill of Exchange (Cotton)	30,598.55
Other Resources: 2 mules, 1935 Chev. Coach, 5 Trucks and Trailers	2,066.59
GRAND TOTAL	\$257,141.37

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$40,000.00
Income Debentures sold	25,000.00
Total Capital Structure	65,000.00
Surplus Fund	2,500.00
Undivided Profits, net	140.19
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	157,993.61
State Funds on Deposit	21,250.00
Time Certificates of Deposit	8,300.00
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	657.57
Customers' bonds deposited for safekeeping	1,300.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$257,141.37

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:

We, M. Armstrong, as President, and Joe P. Self, 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.

M. ARMSTRONG, President.

JOE P. SELF, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of January, A. D., 1936.

Virgie Mae Campbell,

Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

(SEAL)

CORRECT—ATTEST:

HERBERT PATTERSON.

J. A. PATTERSON, Jr.

J. W. TINER.

Directors.

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RURAL SOCIETY

UNION RIDGE P. T. A.

The Union Ridge P. T. A. met in regular session Friday night, Jan. 10. After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, the following program was rendered:

Subject, "Health"; theme song; prayer, Mr. Harwell; president's message, Mrs. Carey; poem, "To a Little Boy," Sybil Harris; "The Right Steps to Health," school children; school number; string music, James and Billy Williams; "The Robinson Family," Mrs. Harwell; theme song and exhibit of school.

A large crowd was present.

TYE BRIDE HONORED.

Honoring Mrs. Ray Perry, a recent bride, Misses Ideen Ely and Lorena McCartney, a sister of the bride, were hostesses for a prettily appointed party in the Ely home on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 7. Mrs. Perry was until her marriage on New Year's day Miss Marie McCartney.

After a series of games the honoree was presented a beautiful assortment of gifts. Refreshments were served buffet style.

Guests were: Mesdames J. C. Allen, R. F. England, Bill Hays, J. H. Rister, T. C. Allen, Pauline, J. J. and Mrs. Jay McCartney, M. H. Ely, R. W. Holder, Fred Perry, W. O. Perry, Alfred Thomas, W. F. Joiner, G. A. Joiner, J. Walter Hammond, Earl King, Theo Newton, Ruthie Bigham, W. A. Dixon, Effie Bigham, Thelma Bigham, T. J. Amason, W. Clyde White, Elmer Mattingly, N. M. Pitts, A. M. Hinds, Theo Kincaid, L. G. Stone, Arch, G. W., Dee and Walter Teaff, David Warner, Jarrett Pinckley, Walter McCartney, Mark Hines, Nim Teaff, A. W. Ely; Misses Vera Ely, Clara White, Hortense Armstrong, Lorene England, Ida Mae Smith, Allie Mae King, Selena Teaff, Fay Perry, L. K. Hulsey, Loneita Teaff, Hollis Hammond, Jeffie Lee Stegner, Nettie Lee, Janet and Jennie Ree Teaff.

FAREWELL PARTY.

The home of Mrs. Hugh Campbell was the scene of a delightful party on Friday afternoon, honoring Mrs. Edwin Dusek with a going-away handkerchief shower, the honoree receiving many nice gifts. The number of guests was significant of the number of friends of the honoree.

Mrs. Dusek has been very popular in religious and social activities in the Elair community and their friends bade her goodby wishing her much happiness and prosperity in their new home and many new friends for the New Year.

Those assisting the hostess in this gala affair were Mesdames Luther Orborn, R. B. Horton, T. A. Mitchell, Odie Moore, W. A. Campbell and Nora Pruitt.

After the social hour a dainty refreshment plate was passed to Mesdames Claude Derrington, Ellsworth Bell, Carl Doan, Luther Orborn, J. H. Maddera, J. W. Mayfield, Kenneth Mayfield, Lila Brooks, S. S. Scoggin, Pat Addison, Herman Doan, Alonzo Peterson, T. A. Mitchell, W. H. Waters, Howard Brown, John Meeks, W. A. Campbell, Sam Phillips, Nora Pruitt, Thelma Thomas, Otis B. Moore, R. B. Horton, Jack Latimer, Pet Patterson, Opal Monroe, the honoree and hostess and Misses Dora Mae Meeks and Ruth Lowery.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge club will meet Friday, Jan. 24, in the W. C. Lee home, instead of on Friday, Jan. 17.

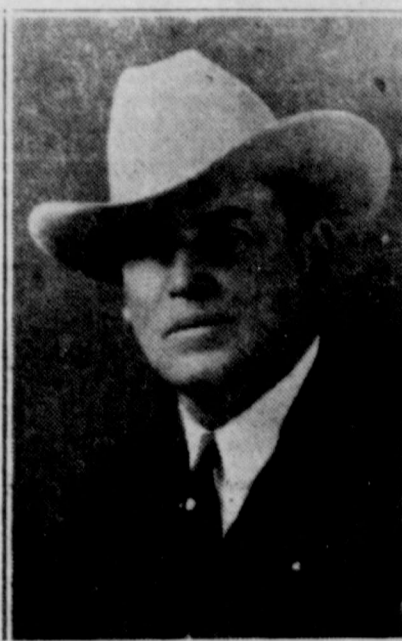
Miss Vara Crippen, county agent, will be present and year books will be distributed. Please remember the day and be present.

Hodges Happenings.

(Omitted Last Week.)

Happy New Year to every one. May we all grow a little better, do more of the things that should be done and practice the Golden Rule more throughout this New Year of 1936. I believe if each of us could remember to do unto others as we would have them do unto us, all problems of every kind would soon be solved. Mrs. B. L. Newman is improving af-

Sid McAdams is in Race for Sheriff Of Taylor County



Sid H. McAdams, former Taylor county commissioner, is in the race for sheriff, he authorized The Mail to announce this week.

Mr. McAdams has lived in Taylor and Runnels counties for thirty-six years, spending most of this time in stock business near Lawn. He served two terms as county commissioner. Following is his formal announcement.

"A year ago last August in my expression of appreciation for the support given me in my race for sheriff, I announced that I would be a candidate for the same office at the next election. I wish again to thank all those who supported me in the last race and to express the hope that they will again be friendly to my candidacy, and that they will be joined by others in sufficient numbers to insure my election.

"If elected, I will be diligent in the execution of the duties of the office and economical in its administration. I will appreciate your vote and influence.

"Sincerely, S. H. McADAMS."

ter several weeks illness.

Mrs. Walter Hudson is also on the sick list; several others are having to stay in and doctor colds.

Little James Walker, 9-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Walker, has been seriously ill with pneumonia but is better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Free of Abilene were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Brown.

Quite a bit of moving is taking place here. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Horton of the Mulberry canyon community have moved into the house where Pete Walsh lived last year.

Paul McCoy and his mother have sold out and moved to Clyde, and Mr. Ashby and family have moved into the McCoy home.

The Carlos Ewing family are moving to Anson soon.

We welcome all of these folks to our community.

Mrs. G. A. Shelton has gone to Duncanville to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Daniels.

Wedding bells rang again here during the Christmas holidays when Miss Inez Stephenson became the bride of Mr. Ed Cooley in a beautiful home wedding at the home of the bride's parents.

Miss Reba Garner and Mr. Lank Cooley drove over to Abilene and were married during Christmas.

We wish for these fine young folks the very best of health and happiness that life can offer.

Odis McCoy has returned home from a trip to East Texas.

The oil rig is up on T. B. McCoy's farm and drilling is to begin soon.

Hodges folks are anxiously awaiting results.

Come on with your news, folks, and let's make the Merkel Mail more interesting than ever this year.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Dr. Earl Thomason has leased the suite of offices, formerly occupied by Dr. Wm. M. Gambill in the Boney building, and will open a dental office there between Feb. 1 and 15, with complete new equipment, including X-ray. He will continue his practice in Trent in the meantime and later will set aside one day for Trent practice.

Mrs. E. L. Ash has remodeled and refinished the Cozy Inn on Oak street and announces re-opening of her dining room.

Friends will regret to learn that Miss Lois Whiteley has been confined to her bed since Saturday with an appendicitis attack.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Brunk's Comedians Here All This Week

Fred G. Brunk's Comedians, showing in their big tent theatre here this week, are having good crowds every night. The tent is warm and comfortable.

Saturday will be the last night, a different play being presented each night.

One of the many features of the engagement is the price, which is 10c to everybody.

Titles of the shows are given in the advertisement elsewhere in this issue of The Mail.

PERSONALS

Mrs. G. R. Holloway spent the weekend in Dallas visiting her brother, James Talley.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin, Jr., and two sons and Mrs. E. P. Howard and children have returned to their homes in Barnhart after a two weeks visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin, Sr., in the Compere community, and Mrs. Tarvin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Stout, who live two miles south of town. While here they made a visit to Dallas and McKinney and were accompanied on this trip by Mrs. E. C. Tarvin, Sr. Mrs. E. C. Tarvin, Jr., is a former community correspondent for The Mail.

Mrs. Marvin Smith and grandson, Marvin Estes Jones, have returned from Anson where they had been with her daughter, Mrs. Homer Mayfield, who has been very ill with the "flu." Mr. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Emory Jones drove over Sunday to bring Mrs. Smith and Marvin Estes home.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pannell of Pampa are visiting their parents, the Jack Pannells, and other relatives.

En route from their home in Memphis, Tenn., to San Francisco, Calif., Mrs. Lorena Lassiter Barnett and daughter, June Frances, stopped over in Merkel Tuesday for a visit to Mrs. Barnett's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lassiter. Mrs. Barnett also visited her cousin, Mrs. M. A. Ribble, in Abilene.

R. J. Miller returned Wednesday from Fort Worth where he had been since Monday attending a Purina dealers convention. He made the trip in company with A. G. Ghent, of Abilene, Purina district manager, and Sam Kennedy and Frank Irvine, both also of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunter, spent the week-end in Fort Worth. Dr. and Mrs. O. J. Shaffer of El Paso were guests early in the week of Mr. and Mrs. Dea Grimes. Mrs. Bill Brown, also of El Paso, who accompanied them, visited with Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg.

En route to her home in Hillsboro from Los Angeles, Calif., where her son is in the U. S. naval station, Mrs. Tom Turner was a guest Tuesday in the Dea Grimes home.

Mrs. W. A. Thornton, who has been ill for the past several days, was reported able to be up and around the house Thursday.

OBITUARY

MRS. P. F. WEST.

On Saturday, Dec. 7, death, the Grim Reaper, entered the home of P. F. West and took their dear helpmate, Lillie West. Our hearts are made sad as we extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved husband and son and father and mother. We hear her say, "Grieve not for me, for I am now a bright and shining star in heaven and with happiness beyond expression." We know that, if it was possible she would say, "Weep not for my joys are supreme."

We will miss you, Lillie, those sweet smiles that we liked so much to see, the kind voice we liked so much to hear, that voice we liked so much to hear, and in our company that voice will be stilled forever; and, oh that vacant chair, as we wonder at the mysteries of His Holy Book and wonder just why this had to be; yet we know that all things work together for good to those that love Him and we get so much comfort from reading—and a little while, we will see you, so wait for us, Lillie, it won't be long. We'll be coming, one by one; all happiness with thee in that glory world through eternity. God in His wisdom has revealed the boon of love He had given, and though the body moulders here, the soul is safe in heaven.

'Tis hard to break the tender cords where love has bound the heart; 'tis hard, so hard to say the word "must part forever," yet again we hope to meet thee when the day of life has flown and in heaven with joy to greet thee where no farewell tears are shed. (From a Broken-Hearted Friend in the White Church community.)

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Blackstone, Veteran Of Black Art, Coming To Theatre in Abilene

Blackstone, who has been mystifying theatre audiences for a decade and introducing new feats of magic each season, has booked for a personal appearance on the stage of the Paramount theatre, Abilene.

Blackstone is no ordinary magician and several years ago was active in aiding the police in corraling fake mediums which at that time ran rampant in the east.

The veteran of the black art, billed to appear in Abilene Jan. 29-30 at the Paramount, will bring with him all his tricks from the smallest disappearing stunt to the levitation feat which critics say surpasses anything ever attempted by magicians. His deftness with cards, his ability in causing objects to disappear, reappear and then vanish again stamp him as the foremost of American masters of magic, ranking him with the masters of the past, Thurston, Herman the Great and Keller.

Reviews in newspapers of his most recent appearances laud particularly a trick that he performs in the audience. It's a disappearing bird cage with canary inside. He makes the cage disappear while standing in the audience. Returns the cage and then with the assistance of four girls from the audience he further baffles them by doing the disappearing act again while they hold the cage.

In addition to the regular run of magic feats that most of the masters employ Blackstone has announced an array of new tricks for his Texas tour which he is making instead of going abroad as he had planned for the New Year.

The show will be a complete combination of stage and screen entertainment, the Paramount theatre offering a complete screen show as well as the stage attraction.

The plowing season is now on. Bring your dull Discs to C. P. Stevens and have them rolled.

TWO PAPERS FOR \$1.50. The Semi-Weekly Farm News costs \$1.00 per year—the Merkel Mail, \$1.00 per year in Taylor county, (\$1.50 outside of Taylor county); both papers for \$1.50 in Taylor county, \$2.00 elsewhere. Send in your order, whether new subscriber or renewal.

Statement to Voters From Jack Canon

To the Voters of Precinct No. 2, Taylor County:

For the kindness extended to me by the people of this precinct, I am grateful. It has been my purpose, while holding this office, to carry on the work as efficiently and economically as possible.

I am asking you for re-election to this office and will render you the best service I know how. Your vote and influence is earnestly solicited.

Sincerely, A. J. CANON.

New Finance Plan Established by Ford

A new \$25-a-month plan for financing retail purchases of Ford V-8 cars is going into effect immediately throughout the United States, Edsel Ford, president, Ford Motor company, has announced.

The plan is to be offered through Ford dealers by the Universal Credit company, authorized Ford finance company.

The plan has three features:

1. Maximum monthly payments of \$25, plus down payment.

2. Finance charges at the rate of one half of 1 per cent per month, 6 per cent for twelve months, computed on the unpaid balance and insurance cost.

3. Insurance protection at conference rates, including fire and theft, \$50 deductible collision and protection against other accidental physical damage to the car.

The number of monthly payments may be reduced, or monthly payments less than \$25 arranged. The account also may be discharged by full payment of the balance due, with rebate of a portion of the credit charge allowed.

Roxy Dies of Heart Attack.

New York City, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Samuel Lionel Rothafel, 53, motion picture exhibitor familiarly known to showmen and audiences as "Roxy," died Monday of a heart attack in his rooms in the Hotel Gotham.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Ford Motor Tries Out Flivver Plane

Detroit Jan. 16.—The Ford Motor company's new experimental plane which was approved recently by a general inspector here, marks a new era of the company's activity in the "flivver" plane field after a lapse of nearly 10 years.

Ford produced a single-seat plane, powered with a 36-horse-power French-built engine in June, 1925. Subsequently a Ford-built two-seater air-cooled engine was installed in the ship, but the experiments abandoned as "premature" late year.

The new plane is a two-place in monoplane with dual controls, cruising range is estimated at more than 500 miles. Power is supplied a Ford V-8 engine stepped up to deliver 115 horsepower at 4,000 R. P. M.

Melvin J. Perrin, inspector who proved the plane, said in a letter to the bureau of air commerce that number X-999-E was given the honor in commemoration of the famous racing car "999", with which B. Oldfield raced for Ford in 1901; year the Wright brothers made historic first airplane flight.

GOLAN NEWS

Jay Kinsey was called to the side of his mother, who is seriously ill, at Rotan.

Misses Willie Evelyn Kennedy, Flora Mae Jeffrey, who are attending Hardin-Simmons university, spent week-end with their parents.

Miss Mary Lee Hughes of Abilene visited her sister, Mrs. Cecil St. Saturday and Sunday.

Palmer and Woody Lawlis and their brother, John Lawlis, at Ford Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurmon Kinsey visited relatives in Sweetwater Saturday and Sunday.

Brother Williams filled his second Sunday appointment here. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill and Mrs. D. A. Hill of Moran Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Williams guests Sunday of E. S. William Newman.

The electric chair has claimed slayers, including four women Sing Sing prison since capital punishment began there 44 years ago.

LEST YOU FORGET

WE DO

JOB PRINTING

When you are in need of job work, think twice before you send it out of town. If you will have the Merkel Mail do your work, you will get some of this money back.

THIS IS SOMETHING FOR YOU TO THINK ABOUT

PHONE 61

THE MERKEL MAIL

Vertical column of various advertisements on the right edge of the page, including 'FOR SCRAT', 'THROAT', 'SALE—New', 'SALE—One', 'SALE OR TR', 'ALE—Set o', 'SALE—A fe', 'SALE—Duo', 'FOR S', 'HORSES AN', 'D IMPLEM', 'TRACT', 'WEST COMP', 'FUL', 'YOU CA', 'OFF', 'THIS N', 'for', '3 Big', 'Select An', 'From', 'True Story', 'Better Home', 'Christian H', 'Flower Geo', 'Household', 'Junior Home', 'McCall's M', 'Movie Clas', 'Needlecraft', 'Open Road', 'Parents' Ma', 'Pathfinder', 'Fictional Re', 'Progressive', 'Romantic St', 'Screen Book', 'Southern A', 'True Confe', 'Woman's W', 'NOTE—Check o', 'of True Story i', 'attention allowe', 'Modern Mec', 'American G', 'Delineator', 'Judge', 'Physical Co', 'This Offer', 'Guara', 'MAIL THIS', 'COUPON'

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FOR SALE

IT SCRATCH—Get Paracide ment, the guaranteed itch reme... Paracide Ointment is guaran... to relieve itch, eczema, itching or skin irritations, or money ded. Large jar 50c at Merkel Co.

THROAT-TONSILITIS—ing equals a good mop and in-relief is afforded by Anesthesia-the wonderful new sore throat ly. Positive relief guaranteed rchase price refunded by Vick Co.

SALE—New Junior Crown with bench; also used Gulbrant surprisingly low prices; cont terms. Blake's Dry Cleaners.

HAVE STORED near Merkel by grand piano, one small up-and good used piano, will sell lance due, terms arranged. For ation write G. H. Jackson, Elm street, Dallas.

SALE—New Ford Model T amps, suitable for use on trac-trice, \$1.00 each. West Company,

SALE—One pair of front fend-fit 1928 or 1929 Model A Ford; te with tire wells and priced 40 for the pair. West Company,

SALE OR TRADE—Whippet 2 edan; motor overhauled; good ew battery; will trade for cal-hogs. Bryan Dunagin.

SALE—Set of Farmall tractor Bryan Dunagin.

SALE—A few bushels of im-Qualla pedigreed cottonseed 20 per bushel. See E. F. Van-or L. L. Murray at old Farm gin.

SALE—Duofold and library O. F. Fox.

FOR SALE
HORSES AND MULES
AND IMPLEMENTS AND
TRACTORS

WEST COMPANY, INC.

BONNIE BRUNK



Appearing as featured player with Brunk's Comedians in "Are You a Drunkard?" in Tent Theatre Saturday night.

WANTED

WILL DO Custom Grinding; all kinds; 10c and 15c per hundred; Mondays only. Vernon Horton. Mer-kel, Texas, Route 3.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democ-ratic Primary in July.)

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:

CHAS. (CHARLIE) ORR.
HOUSTON ROBERTSON.
A. J. CANON (re-election).
P. A. DILTZ.

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4, Jones county:

E. F. VANTREESE.
For County Clerk:
(MISS) VIVIAN FRYAR.
CLARENCE L. DARDEN.
For Sheriff:
S. H. (Sid) McADAMS.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.
We will appreciate the privilege of sending in your subscriptions to the leading magazines. On a great many of them, if you want to include your subscription to The Mail, we are in position to make special clubbing offer. See us before you renew.

Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Chevrolet Motor Co.
Launches Program to
Dispose of Old Cars

How the Chevrolet Motor company is cooperating in the war for traffic safety by staging a \$1,000,000 old car scrapping program was described Thursday by Fred Hughes of the Hughes Motor company, upon his return from an all-day meeting at Dal-las, conducted by H. C. Howard, zone manager of the Dallas zone. "Chevrolet's old car disposal pro-gram," said Mr. Hughes, "is by far the most aggressive thing of its kind undertaken to date. For a limited time, under the Chevrolet plan, dealers will be reimbursed at a fair figure for every dangerously old motor vehicle tak-en in trade and scrapped. Since the program is in effect throughout the whole country, a tremendous reduc-tion in the number of such cars on the highways is certain to result.

"Besides providing for the scrap- ing of outworn automobiles, the Chevrolet plan has a cooperative fea- ture whereby the factory and the dea- ler set up a fund for salesmen who do an outstanding job on used cars this month. The fact that so many good used models have been taken in trade on new 1936 Chevrolet has boom- ed dealers' used car business, enab- ling Chevrolet to break all records for November and December, while new car sales records were also hitting new high marks. The purpose behind the present plan is to maintain this fast movement of used cars, thus keep- ing the decks cleared for maximum new car selling."

Heavy advertising outlay in 1936, with the emphasis, as always on new- papers as the backbone of the entire program, is a major feature of Chev- rolet's plans, Mr. Hughes said. "Dur- ing December," he explained, "the Chevrolet Motor company made exten- sive use of newspaper space in sell- ing used cars. The fact that the sales ec- lipped anything heretofore accomplish- ed in December has strengthened the conviction of the advertising depart- ment that the choice of a medium was wise."

Among the points of interest brought out at the meeting in Dallas was the fact that Chevrolet is already making use of the new manufactur- ing facilities installed in 1935 at a cost of \$25,000,000. The output pro- jection for this month is 110,000 units and the condition of the market, over the country as a whole, forecasts equal or greater production for Feb- ruary, Mr. Hughes said.

Diltz in Race for
County Commissioner

In the political column of this issue of The Mail appears the name of P. A. Diltz as a candidate for county commissioner of Precinct No. 2.

His formal statement will appear next week.

Attend Funeral of
Aged Uncle at Anson

O. D. Cypert and family, Mrs. L. C. Rea and Woodrow Wilson attended the funeral of an uncle, T. F. Cypert, of Hamlin, which was held at Anson Wednesday.

"Uncle Tom," as he was affection- ately called by all who knew him, had lots of friends in Merkel wheer he was well known. He hunted buffalo, deer and wild turkey on Mulberry creek many years ago.

He was 86 years of age, and had been ill for twelve days with "flu" and pneumonia.

Adding machines rolls 15c, or two for 25c; regular retail price every- where. For sale at Merkel Mail office.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

Stomach Gas

One dose of ADLERIKA quickly re- lieves gas bloating, cleans out BOTH upper and lower bowels, allows you to eat and sleep good. Quick, thorough action, yet entirely gentle and safe.

ADLERIKA

Merkel Drug Company

SPECIAL THIS WEEK
Cherry Blossom Pattern
PINK GLASS
FRUIT BOWL

Two handled rose pink bowl, with lacy "pro- cess etched" pattern. 9 in. dia., 3 in. deep.

WHILE THEY LAST
18¢

TWO TO CUSTOMER

West Co., Inc.

"45 Years in Merkel"

MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

THE RED & WHITE STORES

SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JAN. 17-18

- Oranges, each 1c
- Apples, 2 doz. 23c
- Grapefruit, doz. 30c
- Lemons, dozen 25c
- Lettuce, head 5c
- Spuds, U. S. No. 1, 10 lbs. 23c

- Supreme Salad Wafers, pound 18c

COFFEE

- Early Riser, pound 15c
- Mart, pound 25c
- Red and White, pound 29c

- Bird Brand Shortening, 4 lb. carton 55c

- Dried Prunes, large size, 2 for 25c

- Blue and White Matches, 6 box carton 19c

- Sun Spun Salad Dressing, pint 23c

- Gallon Peaches, each 43c

- Kellogg's All Bran, 2 pkgs. 25c

- Red and White Corn Flakes, pkg. 10c

- Blue and White Salt, 2 boxes 7c
- Pinto Beans, 5 pounds 22c

FLOUR

- 12 lbs. Red & White 59c
- 24 lbs. Red & White \$1.08
- 48 lbs. Red & White \$2.05

- Standard Hominy, No. 2 1-2 can 10c

- Ben Hur Salmon, 2 cans 25c

- Blue and White Tamales, 2 cans 25c

- Red and White Tomato Juice, 3 cans 23c

- Red Pitted Cherries, No. 2 can, 2 for 25c

- Red and White Apricots, No. 2 1-2 can 23c

- Red and White Fruit Cocktail, No. 1 can 17c

- Valley Rose Green Beans, No. 2 can, 2 for 18c

- Red and White Broom, each 85c

- Sliced Bacon, pound 33c

- Salt Jowls, pound 15c

WEST CO., Merkel

A. W. WOOD, Trent
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BRADLEY MER. CO., Stith

FULL SPEED AHEAD

YOU CAN'T PASS UP MAGAZINE VALUES LIKE THESE

OFFER No. 3
Progressive Farmer, 1 year
Good Stages, 1 year
Country Home, 1 year
The Farm Journal, 1 year
AND THIS NEWSPAPER
For One Year

ALL FIVE FOR ONLY \$1.80

OFFER No. 4
Southern Agriculturist, 1 year
Country Home, 1 year
The Farm Journal, 1 year
AND THIS NEWSPAPER
For One Year

ALL FOUR FOR ONLY \$1.80

OFFER NO-1

THIS NEWSPAPER
for 1 year and
3 Big Magazines

\$2.50

Select Any 3 Magazines From This List

- True Story 1 year
- Better Homes & Gardens 1 year
- Christian Herald 6 mos.
- Flower Grower 6 mos.
- Household Magazine 1 year
- Juvenile Home (for Mothers) 1 year
- McCall's Magazine 1 year
- Movie Classic 1 year
- Needlecraft 1 year
- Open Road (Boys) 2 years
- Parents' Magazine 6 mos.
- Pathfinder (weekly) 1 year
- Pictorial Review 1 year
- Progressive Farmer 2 years
- Romantic Stories 1 year
- Screen Book 1 year
- Southern Agriculturist 1 year
- True Confessions 1 year
- Woman's World 1 year

- Modern Mechanic & Inv. 1 year
- American Girl 1 year
- Delinquent 1 year
- Judge 1 year
- Physical Culture 1 year



OFFER NO-2

THIS NEWSPAPER
for one full year
And 4 Big Magazines

\$2.00

1 Magazine from Group A; 3 Magazines from Group B; 4 in all

GROUP-A

- Select One Magazine
- Better Homes & Gardens 1 yr
- Christian Herald 6 mo
- Flower Grower 1 yr
- Household Magazine 2 yrs
- Juvenile Home (for Mothers) 1 yr
- McCall's Magazine 1 yr
- Movie Classic 2 yrs
- Open Road (Boys) 6 mo
- Parents' Magazine 1 yr
- Pathfinder (weekly) 1 yr
- Pictorial Review 1 yr
- Romantic Stories 1 yr
- Screen Book 1 yr
- True Confessions 1 yr
- American Fruit Grower 1 yr
- Capper's Farmer 2 yrs
- The Farm Journal 3 yrs
- Southern Agriculturist 2 yrs

GROUP-B

- Select Three Magazines
- American Poultry Journal 1 yr
- Country Home 1 yr
- Die Poultry Journal 1 yr
- The Farm Journal 1 yr
- Confession Magazine 1 yr
- Good Stories 1 yr
- Home Circle 1 yr
- Home Friend 1 yr
- Household Magazine 1 yr
- Illustrated Mechanics 1 yr
- Mother's Home Life 1 yr
- Needlecraft 1 yr
- Poultry Tribune 1 yr
- Progressive Farmer 2 yr
- Southern Agriculturist 1 yr
- Successful Farming 1 yr
- Maxim's World 1 yr
- Cloverleaf Review 1 yr
- Everybody's Poultry Mag. 1 yr

NO SUBSTITUTES OR CHANGES PERMITTED

GENTLEMEN: I Enclose \$ Please Send Me
 Offer No. 1 Offer No. 2 Offer No. 3 Offer No. 4
I am checking the magazines desired with a year's subscrip- tion to your paper.
Name
Street or R.F.D.
Town and State

This Offer Fully Guaranteed
MAIL THIS COUPON TODAY!

The MICHIGAN KID.



by Rex Beach



Five Serial Fiction in a new form. . . . Three Prize Short Stories (of four instalments each) by a master story-teller. . . They're Rex Beach at his best.

IN FOUR INSTALLMENTS.

SYNOPSIS—Jimmy Rowan was hopelessly in love with Rose Morris, the prettiest girl in Dover, Michigan. Of course, that was years ago, in early school days . . . but it was hopeless for Jimmy because he was just "that Rowan kid," desperately poor, while Rose's family was rich. While Jimmy was working his way through college, Rose Morris moved away and she home sold for barely enough to pay the mortgage. . . . Jimmy vowed to himself he'd get rich . . . and find Rose. Easier vowed than done and years passed before Jim Rowan finally landed in the Klondike . . . there to gain wide reputation as a gambler, known as "The Michigan Kid." . . . An ugly story of a 20 hour card game with Col. Campbell, engineer, with stakes no limit . . . and suicide of Campbell at the end . . . caused The Michigan Kid to sell his saloon and start "out." . . . At Nome, Rowan came upon a meeting of Michigan folks scheduled so he attended. As an old man was leaving the meeting Jim started, leaned forward, his eyes fixed upon the stranger's bearded cheek . . . NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

SECOND INSTALLMENT.

Jim rose and followed the man out of the building. Hiram Morris here! In Alaska! It was incredible. More incredible still was it to recognize in this bent figure of discouragement the once mighty man of Michigan, the colossus of Jim's youth.

Mr. Morris shuffled along the street, shaking his head and muttering to himself. As he passed the entrance to a bakery whence issued the savory odors of fresh bread, pies, and spicy cakes he paused, lifted his face, and breathed deeply. He halted again before a restaurant inside the show window of which were displayed raw steaks and chops and cold-storage chickens upon a bed of cracked ice.

Jim recognized the expression on that thin, eager face and he experienced a shock. Good God! the man was hungry! Hungry in Alaska! Nobody had ever gone hungry on the Yukon. What kind of camp was this?

Holding his voice to a casual tone, he said: "Excuse me, but I'm looking for a clean cafe. Can you tell me where the gamblers eat?"

"Right here, I believe. It is the most expensive place in town." The speaker's gaze remained fixed upon the window.

"I'm a stranger here and I don't know a soul. Won't you join me?"

Mr. Morris looked up now, swiftly: in his eyes was a glitter that Rowan had seen in the eyes of fam-

ished trail dogs. "Why, you don't know me! Besides—I'm not dressed for a place like this. I thank you, but—"

"Come on. You'll be doing me a favor." Jim held the door open and waited for the ragged figure to precede him, then he selected a table in one of the booths and ordered a meal for two which caused his guest to say:

"My dear sir, you can't be familiar with Nome prices. A T-bone steak is seven dollars and—those fresh vegetables! Why you've ordered a millionaire's banquet."

"Well, it is a sort of banquet with me. It celebrates an occasion."

"Indeed?"

"I met an old friend tonight: a man from my home town."

Mr. Morris was ready and willing to talk about Nome. He had failed greatly and he was at a garrulous age, but about himself he had little to say and it was some time before Jim managed to discover that he had been here for two years, mining, but without success.

"You know how it is," he explained with a tremulous smile; "it takes time to develop a placer property when you have no capital. But I have a splendid claim and one of these days I'll land in the pay."

The two men chatted on until their food was served, and, inasmuch as the host had not seen fit to introduce himself, the guest did not make himself known. It was not until the latter had eaten ravenously, to his complete satisfaction, and had lighted an expensive cigar of Jim's selection, that the younger man said:

"Perhaps you'd like to hear about that old friend I met. He was a big man in our town and I was a poor kid, but he gave me some advice that I've tried to live up to. It came about like this: one morning we were having a snowball fight in front of the school-house when he drove past in his cutter."

Mr. Morris peered curiously at the speaker.

"I don't know what possessed me, but I threw a ball at him. It was ice. It hit him, hurt him like the devil. I'd have been fired from school only for him. He—"

"Where was this?"

"It was in Dover. You took me to the principal and—"

"Why, this is extraordinary! Then your name is—Rowan. You're Jim Rowan's boy. And you recognized me, after all these years!" Mr. Morris was deeply moved.

"I couldn't fail to recognize that scar on your cheek, sir, inasmuch as I put it there."

"My dear boy!" The old man took Jim's hand in both of his.

"How strange that we should meet like this! And how you fooled me! You had your little joke, didn't you?"

"Merely because I wasn't sure you'd accept my invitation to dine if you knew who I was."

Mr. Morris confessed reluctantly: "I—I'm not sure that I would have accepted, Jim. You see, times have changed; things haven't gone well with me and it hurts a man's pride to acknowledge failure to his friends. I have some pride left. That's why I'm not going back until I land in the pay. Now that you know everything, I'm going to make a confession: I was—actually hungry when you invited me in!"

"Hell of a camp, to let a man go hungry!" Rowan exclaimed, harshly.

"You see, I'm pretty old and I'm not very strong. It's hard for me to get work. However, a little poverty, a little hardship, doesn't hurt anybody. It makes one enjoy good fortune when it comes. But, Jim, my boy, tell me about yourself. How did I ever help you? You must have struck it rich to be able to afford an extravagance like this—this banquet?"

Rowan shrugged, "I've made a little and I've spent a little. You

made me promise to fight fair and never hit a fellow when he wasn't looking. I could have made more if I hadn't lived up to that promise, but—"

"Never mind. Crooked money isn't worth having and money of any sort isn't worth too high a price. This is a cruel country and

it's hard to get ahead. But you're young and you've taken good care of yourself." Mr. Morris's failing eyes did not see that Jim's flesh was flabby and that the bleach in his cheeks came from lack of sunlight. "That's your early training. I've no sympathy for these wasters who squander their money over bars and

gambling tables." Rowan nodded gravely; he spelt the literal truth when he said "Neither have I." "I'm out of date, perhaps, but still retain my old-fashioned ideas. I daresay I don't belong here." "Why don't you leave?" (Continued on Page Seven.)

Stop Getting Up Nights

THIS 25c BLADDER LAXATIVE FREE

If it fails to flush out impurities and excess acids which cause the irregularity that wakes you up. Get buchu, juniper oil, etc. in little green tablets called Bukets, the bladder laxative. Works on the bladder similar to castor oil on the bowels. Poorly acting bladder, can cause scanty flow, frequent desire, burning or backache. In four days if not pleased any druggist will refund you 25c. Merkel Drug Co.

FREE! about STOMACH TROUBLE

Explains the marvelous Willard Treatment which is bringing amazing relief. Sold on thousands of money-back guarantees.

PROCESS INFORMATION—for those suffering from STOMACH OR DUODENAL ULCERS, DUE TO HYPERACIDITY—POOR DIGESTION, ACID DYSPEPSIA, SOUR STOMACH, GASTRITIS, HEARTBURN, CONSTIPATION, BAD BREATH, SLEEPLESSNESS OR HEADACHES, DUE TO EXCESS ACID.

Ask for a free copy of Willard's Message.

Merkel Drug Co.



Refrigeration is as important in Winter as it is in Summer

ELECTRIC REFRIGERATION gives you year round savings on foods—Winter and Summer. It is a known fact that the average temperature in the kitchen is 76 degrees. That is 26 degrees above the government specification for proper refrigeration.

Electric refrigeration not only gives you the assurance of pure, wholesome food but will actually save you money. It permits buying in quantities, the saving of unused portions and buying at specials. Investigate electric refrigeration for your home!

West Texas Utilities Company

1c operates the Electric Refrigerator about 3 1/2 hours, for low rates keep expenses down.

Form B-76 No. 1398

BANKS OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE HOME STATE BANK

At Trent, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1935, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 17th day of January, 1936.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$ 43,047.75
Overdrafts	2.12
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	24,506.53
Banking House	2,450.00
Furniture and Fixtures	540.00
Cash and due from approved reserve agents	205,626.61
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	4,737.04
TOTAL	\$280,910.05

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	7,487.03
Reserve for Interest	140.40
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	212,049.75
Time Certificates of Deposit	11,232.87
TOTAL	\$280,910.05

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:
We, H. W. Beckham, 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.

H. W. BECKHAM, President.
L. E. ADRIAN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of Jan., A. D. 1936.

J. G. WILKS
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

(SEAL)
CORRECT—ATTEST:
T. L. STEVENS,
A. WILLIAMSON,
E. D. TEUTON,
Directors.

\$25

After usual low down payment

A MONTH now buys a New FORD V-8

(ANY MODEL PASSENGER CAR OR LIGHT COMMERCIAL UNIT)

UNDER NEW 6% PLAN OF UNIVERSAL CREDIT COMPANY

Ford Dealers Offer You Three Advantages—

1. New Lower Monthly Payments—so need to pay more than \$25 per month after down payment.
2. New Low Finance Cost—6% plan for 12 months, or 1/2 of 1% a month on total unpaid balance plus insurance.
3. New Complete Insurance—actual value—broad form fire and theft; \$50 deductible collision; combined additional coverage such as damage from falling aircraft, cyclone, windstorm, earthquake, tornado, flood, riot, hail and explosion.

BY arrangement with Universal Credit Company, Ford dealers now make it easier than ever for you to own a new, 1936 Ford V-8 car—any model. Several new plans are open to you. All these plans bring you new low-cost financing—new completeness of insurance protection.

And even more important—any of these plans brings you the greatest Ford car ever built. It offers so many fine-car features that it is being called "the most under-priced car in America."

Arrange for a demonstration today. Learn for yourself how many reasons there are for wanting a new Ford V-8. Then get down to terms—and learn how easily you can own one through these Authorized Ford Finance Plans.

YOUR FORD DEALER

MERKEL MOTOR CO.

Merkel, Texas

The Michigan Kid

(Continued From Page 6.)
How can I?" The question was
spanned by a crooked smile and
a grateful shake of the gray head.

But some day I hope her
Charming will come along.
Rose, she deserves a prince!

Yes, indeed! A lovely, sweet
ried, no doubt?"
But some day I hope her
Charming will come along.

did," said Rowan. When
looked at him uncompre-
hensively, he exclaimed: "You
my boy! You don't under-

s too much, just for a pick-
el stiff. I'll put up the grub
for all hands."
Nonsense! You've done well—

put a pack on his back and hit the
trail. It was the first time in nearly
five years that he had felt pack
straps, for The Michigan Kid had
taken his exercise by proxy, and he
was dismayed to discover how soft
and how short of breath he had be-

And the worst of it all was that
he had no doubt made a fool of him-
self! Rose would not—could not be
the girl he had known; nor could
the faint spark of a boyhood in-
timation be fanned into the flame

She was delighted to see the boy
she had known, and with her own
hands she prepared the simple sup-
per for three. Later she sought out
Jim as he was strolling about the

"Father tells me that you have
bought a complete outfit of supplies,
and lumber for another cabin."
"Yes. They'll be out tomorrow."
The girl lowered her eyes and
said with some difficulty: "Of course
you realize that they came just in
time. It's almost easier to take char-
ity from strangers than from old
friends. I'm sorry you made the
sacrifice."

"Charity? 'Sacrifice?' What
sacrifice?"
"Father says you were on your
way 'outside'—after five years. I
know what that means."
(Continued Next Week.)

BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. Homer Waters and two at-
tractive children of Mt. Enterprise
were the week's guests of her sister,
Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell. Mr. and
Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Waters motored
over to Bronte Saturday to visit
relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Holt of the Di-
vide visited their father, I. N. Brown,
and family, Sunday.

W. A. Harrison and family of White
Church have moved into our midst for
the year, Mr. Harrison and son having
gone into the grocery business. They
solicit the patronage of the public.

Miss Cleo Henley of Mt. Pleasant
attended services at the Baptist
church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dusek and
family are moved to Paint Rock, where
he has a position. He has been Santa
Fe agent here for the past three
years, and we hate to lose these fine
folks. We wish them good luck in
their new field.

Rev. Ted McGehee will fill his reg-
ular appointment at the Baptist
church Sunday, Jan. 19. Every one is
invited to these services.

Hugh Campbell and son, R. B. Hor-
ton, made a business trip to Abilene
Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Watley, Mrs.
V. L. Doan and Mrs. Hugh Campbell
attended the council meeting at Abi-
lene Saturday.

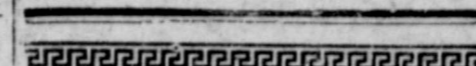
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell and
grandchildren, Jimmie Nell and Reuben
Horton, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe
Ramsey and daughter, Joanna, of
Merkel, visited in the home of Mr.
and Mrs. A. J. Ramsey of Comper
Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell enter-

tained relatives in their home last
week-end.

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of restoring regularity.
A liquid laxative is the answer,
mothers. The answer to all your
worries over constipation. A liquid
can be measured. The dose can be
exactly suited to any age or need.
Just reduce the dose each time, until
the bowels are moving of their own
accord and need no help.
This treatment will succeed with
any child and with any adult.
Doctors use a liquid laxative.
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Table with columns for ASSETS and LIABILITIES. Assets include Loans and discounts (\$131,414.91), Overdrafts (1,157.73), Government obligations (22,950.00), etc. Total Assets: \$553,415.77. Liabilities include Demand deposits (\$414,054.63), Time deposits (\$66,255.00), etc. Total Liabilities: \$553,415.77. Memorandum: Loans and Investments Pledged to Secure Liabilities: \$15,000.00.

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"G. U. M." CLUB.
The "G. U. M." club was organized on Saturday afternoon in the home of Pearl Mathews. A business meeting was held in order to elect the following officers: Pearl Mathews, president; Ann Leopard, vice-president; Mary Nell Morgan, secretary; Wilma McAninch, reporter.
For club colors, the bluebonnet for Red, white and blue were selected club flower.
After finishing the business hour a toast to the club was given by Ann Leopard; a piano solo by Wilma McAninch and a solo, by Pearl Mathews.
Games were the diversion and hot chocolate and cookies were greatly enjoyed by Mary Nell Morgan, Dorothy Sue Bird, Pearl Mathews, Mildred Bird, La Verne Harwell, Joyce Hayes, Ann Leopard and Wilma McAninch.

ALATHEAN CLASS.
The Alathean class met in their regular business and social session on Wednesday, Jan. 18, in the basement of the First Baptist church. With Mrs. Charles West in charge, the meeting was opened with a song by the class. Mrs. West read the scripture and prayer was offered by Mrs. Causseaux, after which reports were given by the officers.

The class drew names for their "sunshine" sisters for the next quarter, the meeting then being turned over to the hostess in charge and several games and contests were enjoyed. Refreshments were served to Mesdames Victor Harris, W. O. Boney, J. R. Barnett, H. P. Allen, W. F. Patterson, J. M. Meeks, E. N. Brown, J. S. Swann, W. L. Johnson, Nannie Causseaux, E. O. Carson, W. F. Johnson, G. M. Sharp, S. F. Haynes, C. M. Largent, R. P. Fields, T. J. R. Swafford, Charles West; Miss Barnett, Mrs. Mathews and Mrs. McNiece, hostess, and one visitor, Mrs. Williams.

CLASS PARTY.
Members of the T. E. L. Sunday School class were delightfully entertained in the home of Mrs. F. C. McFarland last Wednesday afternoon with Miss Maxie Banner co-hostess in entertaining with Miss McFarland.
A devotional, brought by Mrs. A. D. Fulford, and prayer by Mrs. Booth preceded a social hour, at the culmination of which refreshments were served to Mesdames O. R. Dye, A. R. Booth, W. J. Largent Booth Warren, A. D. Fulton, Lige Gamble, Jno. Childress, Lake Renfro, A. D. Barnes and the hostesses.

NOTICE TO CLUB MEMBERS.
Members of the Fortnightly Study club are advised that the health program which was scheduled for last Monday evening, Jan. 13, was postponed until next Tuesday evening, Jan. 21, in the home of Mrs. W. S. J. Brown at 7 o'clock.
The next regular meeting of the Fortnightly Study club will be held Monday evening, Jan. 27, at 7 o'clock in the home of Mrs. R. A. Burgess.

Governor Alfred has designated Jan. 15-19 as "Buy It Made in Texas Week."

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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Only 609 were present at the six reporting Sunday Schools in Merkel last Sunday, as compared with 666 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 828 were in attendance.

PREBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m. Evening service at 5:30 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

You are cordially invited to all of these services. Strangers welcome.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Church School meets at 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Preaching service 11 a. m. Young people's meeting 6:15 p. m. Mrs. Clyde Smith, sponsor. Intermediate league 6:15 p. m. Mrs. John H. Crow, director. Evening worship 7:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:15. Choir rehearsal Friday evening 7:15.
John H. Crow, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. BTS at 6:15 p. m. WMU at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 7:15 Wednesday evening.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 10 a. m. Lord's day, preaching 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. by Brother A. J. Rollins, young people's program 6:15 p. m.
For the Wednesday evening service at 7:15 o'clock, we will have one of the young preachers from A. C. C. You are cordially invited to all of these services.
The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. NYPS at 3:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. We had 51 in Sunday School Sunday.

The revival will continue at least through this week. Service each evening at 7 o'clock. There have been 14 professions of faith. We still covet your co-operation.
R. T. Smith, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. Bill Dowell had charge of the Sunday services. Sunday afternoon

Brother John Reynolds brought us a fine message. Sunday evening the church went into the call of a pastor, and called Brother John Reynolds.

Preaching every Saturday evening 7:15, Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Bible School Sunday 10 a. m. Prayer service every Wednesday evening at 7:15. Come and serve the Lord with us.

BROWN-WRIGHT.

Marriage of Miss Mary Ella Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wright, and L. C. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cadmus Brown, was solemnized Friday evening, Jan. 10, at the Methodist parsonage here, with Rev. John H. Crow, the pastor officiating.

Mrs. Brown was graduated from the Roby High school with the class of 1934. Mr. Brown attended both Abilene High school and McMurry college.

After a short honeymoon, the young couple will make their home in Sylvester.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

Robert E. Lee's Birthday.
The undersigned Banks will observe Monday, Jan. 20, 1936, as a holiday and will not be open on that date. Customers are respectfully requested to be governed accordingly.

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Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel.
Home State Bank, Trent.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our friends and neighbors who in this time of deepest sorrow so loyally stood by and assisted in our every need; especially do we wish to thank the Alathean class and all others who contributed to the dinner, the pastor and those who assisted in the music and singing.
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Directors Pay Tribute To Late George F. West

High tribute is paid to the sterling character and business ability of the late George F. West in the following resolution as to his death, which was spread on the minutes of the Farmers and Merchants National bank on Dec. 3, 1935, and formally approved at the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of that institution held on Jan. 7:

"Be it resolved by the Farmers and Merchants National bank of Merkel, Texas:
"That, whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to take from our midst George F. West, vice-president and director, one of the founders of this institution and long time associate—
"Now, therefore, be it resolved, That this board of directors is exceedingly conscious of its loss due to the going of this outstanding member whose broad experience, sound judgment and wise counsel has been invaluable for thirty-one years.

"His service on this board was always marked by clear insight, keen wisdom, fine wit and unswerving loyalty to the highest business ethics. His personal charm was interwoven with a quiet strength based on genuine ability and true understanding of his fellowman.

"His death has deprived this board of one of its most respected members, a man who won and kept the respect of all with whom he came in contact. "Mindful of their long association with Mr. West as an official of this bank, and of his constructive work on behalf of this organization, the board of directors, on behalf of its members, gratefully records its appreciation on these minutes."

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