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A TRIBUTE TO OUR FATHERS

"What is our Response to the Tribute our Government has Bestowed upon our Fathers."

This is a question that has been asked by the citizenship of the South. For sixty years after a war that threatened to divide the United States into rival republics with a heritage of animosity which might have kept them intermiably in arms against each other, the victorious North mints five million coins as a memorial to the valor of the South.

The occasion for the coinage is the commencement of a great monument in memory of the armies of the South who surrendered in the face of overwhelming odds after four years of terrible privation and magnificent courage, and the coinage is so devised that it can be used as instrumentality for raising funds to carry on that monument.

No where else in history can be found an instance of a people so bitterly divided and so perfectly re-united within the life and span of one generation. Do we appreciate what it means to us, the descendants of Confederate soldiers, to have this tribute of admiration bestowed upon our Fathers by the Nation against which they once were in arms, but to which they gave back their sacred allegiance.

General Lee fought his battle and surrendered his army like a Christian gentleman, he gave his word that his men would lay down their arms, and that they kept his word and he led the South back into the Union. Yet, for all his efforts to allay passion and restore peace, he died without citizenship in the nation he had saved at the most critical moment of its existence. But now, after death, General Lee is lifted to a place among America's immortals. His knightly figure rides with Stonewall Jackson upon a coin of the realm and by this token the nation restores them and all who followed them, to honor and glory in the nation's history.

What more can be done by Congressional enactment to heal the wounds of war, to right the wrongs of history, to cement the two sections in everlasting and indestructible reunion? We of the South are obliged to acknowledge that the full consummation of this momentous and beautiful episode in the life of our country devolves upon us. "What is our response to the tribute our government has bestowed upon our fathers?"

For sixty years we have burst into applause when the bands played "Dixie." For sixty years we have been taught that Robert E. Lee was the most knightly leader born of the Anglo Saxon race, and that the men who followed him were the bravest soldiers that ever fought. For sixty years we have annually stood with bared heads and cheered the survivors of those bloody battles as they marched again beneath the stars and bars. For sixty years we have annually decorated the graves of Confederate soldiers and sprinkled the flowers with our tears.

And now the Government of the United States has delivered at our threshold a wonderfully beautiful decoration of valor which honors these soldiers as no other soldiers have ever been honored in the history of the world, joining hands with other sections of our country have given us this medal of honor to hand down to our children as a priceless heritage. The balance of the nation has gone as far as it can go—the rest remains with

BANKS ELECT DIRECTORS AND OFFICIALS FOR YEAR

On Tuesday of this week the stockholders of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank held their annual meeting and elected the following directors for the ensuing year: Geo. L. Paxton, Geo. F. West, Sam Butman, Sr., J. T. Warren and Booth Warren, who then elected the following officers: President, J. T. Warren; Vice-president, G. F. West; Cashier, Booth Warren; Assistant Cashier, Owen Ellis.

On Thursday evening as this paper went to press the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank were holding their annual meeting, and from Mr. R. O. Anderson, Active vice-president, we learn that the same officers and directors serving the past year were expected to be re-elected. Mr. Anderson also informed us that a ten per cent dividend had been declared with an additional ten per cent added to the surplus fund, from the year's earnings of the bank.

In this connection this paper would call the attention of our readers to the fine official statements as published in this paper from both the fine banking institutions in this city, for they show every mark of safety and accommodating service to the community. We would also have you not overlook the extra fine statement of the Home State Bank of Trent, of which Mr. J. T. Warren is president, and Mr. L. E. Adrian, Cashier.

Sons of Confederacy Meet Jan 19

In honor of General Stonewall Jackson the local organization of Sons of the Confederacy, will meet at the Armory on January 19th at four o'clock in the afternoon. Every member is urged to be present.

Mr. W. O. Eoney, one of our hustling and progressive Real Estate and Insurance men, has been absent from his office the past week on account of rendering service for his state and county as a member of the Taylor county grand jury. Mr. Eoney was secretary of that august body and as usual with him rendered good, honest service.

We of the South take those coins at a premium, thereby evidencing our appreciation of what our government has done, and thereby effectuating our government's generous purpose of aiding the Memorial?

Let us as sons and daughters of the South take up these coins as fast as possible for there are one to every five descendants of the South only, and it would be folly to have it said that we were not appreciative of our government's generous actions, that one out of every five would not respond to this Memorial. Let it not come to pass that the South will stand before the nation as a people whose professions of reverence for the memory of their heroes are a sham and a pretense; a people bereft of pride and gratitude; a people dead to patriotism and disloyal to their blood. The sons and daughters of Dixie are both the custodians of the past and the guardians of the future of the South. Will we respond to our duty? To our loving and loyal care are entrusted not only the graves of yesterday, but the cradles of tomorrow. Will we as sons and daughters of the South at Merkel, Texas, do our part?

J. C. MASON,
Commander Sons of Confederate Veterans, Merkel, Tex.

MORE BOY SCOUT MEMBERS NEEDED

From Mr. Chas. H. Jones, chairman of the local membership committee, states that many citizens and business men have joined the council, but there is yet needed several more memberships in order that Merkel may be able to go into the Area Organization with her full quota subscribed.

There are many good reasons why our citizenship should help this movement along by subscribing to same, lending their time and means to helping put Merkel over with her part of the area organization planned.

Men will join organizations for the betterment and improvement of their horses, hogs and cattle, and spend lots of money in improving them, but many are slow to spend much of their time and money to help make of their own boys better boys.

Let's all see Mr. Jones at once and help him to finish this work here by giving him our membership.

MERKEL HI MAKES FOOT BALL AWARDS

The football season closed with the Roby game on November 27, but two exhibition games were played after that date, with a team from Anson. There were some of this year's high school players that engaged in these games, which were played to raise funds to buy sweaters for the high school boys.

Coach Jackson gives this list of boys who qualified for sweaters: For the first team: Delbert Polly, Ira Acuff, Vernon Chaney, Leron Chaney, Maben Rogers, James Toombs, Lester Tittle, Audrey Witcher, Monte Daniels, Weldon Wells, Bob Mayfield, Dean Murray, Carlton Vick, and L. T. Toombs. Those receiving the second team sweaters are: Joe Bailey Toombs, Buster Haynes, Eithel Simpson, Virgil Adams, Ernest Spurgin, Joe Ben Ashby, Lewis Giles, T. J. Beidleman, Tony Dardin, Cleo McGehee.

The sweaters will be awarded at chapel when they arrive. They have been ordered for two weeks and should be here within a week or ten days. Those mentioned here are expected to be at school the day they are given out if they want their sweater.

This being the biggest award a school can make to athletes, we are sure all the boys will appreciate the same and wear their sweaters with the highest degree of satisfaction, and conduct themselves as boys who are willing to keep the honor sacred that has been bestowed on them. If there were any doubt that they would, we can rest assured they should never have received this token of appreciation.

Coach Jackson also takes this opportunity to thank the boys from town for their help in participating in the Anson games. There was some hard work for nothing more than the pleasure of playing football for Merkel. And furthermore he wishes to thank the business men and loyal fans for their loyal and sportsman like contribution toward a successful season. These are too numerous to mention, but you know who you are, and the boys and school folks know you and remember you, so we say again Thank You, one and all.

We are for Merkel and want Merkel to be for High School athletics. Athletic Association.

MERKEL TO HAVE A NEW POSTMASTER

On January 18, the four year term of Mr. G. E. Comegys expires as Postmaster of the Merkel post office, and he informs this paper that owing to the fact that he has suffered considerable illness the past two years, he will not be an applicant for re-election. And his decision will no doubt be regretted very much by his host of friends and a vast majority of the patrons of the office, for we feel sure that Mr. Comegys and his able assistants have done everything they could to please and render accommodating service to the people of Merkel and surrounding country.

As to just who and when a successor of Mr. Comegys will be named or appointed by the department is of course undetermined yet, but in another place in this paper will be found a notice sent to this paper from Washington, D. C., calling for an open competitive examination of applicants for the position.

While the call is open for applicants to take the examinations up to February 9, 1926, and the position carries a salary of \$2400, and doubtless there are a number likely to take the examination who are well qualified and capable to fill the position with satisfaction to the department and to the public, there is also a rumor current on the streets to the effect that Mr. Taylor Davis, prosperous young farmer residing near the city, has the indorsement of prominent Republicans of the state, which would make him a likely appointee if he desires the place. While there are many who can fill the position, as we stated above, we want to say that Mr. Davis is well qualified and amply capable of not only making a good, accommodating postmaster but also conducting the affairs of the office in a satisfactory manner to the department.

As Mr. Comegys' term expires on the 18th, we have not been informed as to whether a temporary appointment will be made pending the civil service examination, or whether he will remain in charge until such time as the department sees fit to make an appointment from the list of eligibles made up from the examinations.

POSTPONE EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN AT PRESBYTERY

The Series of evangelistic services announced for January 17 has been postponed until the 24th. Rev. Mr. Joiner, of Wortham, Texas, who will assist the pastor in these services is widely known as a pastor-evangelist. Mr. Joiner will reach Merkel in time for the opening service at 11 a.m. Jan 24th. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these meetings, and we earnestly desire the cooperation of all of God's people for the building up of His kingdom, and in our efforts to reach the unsaved.

NEWSPAPER BARGAINS

The Star-Telegram from now till Dec. 1, 1926, and the Merkel Mail for one year \$7.35
The Abilene Daily Reporter from now until Jan. 1, 1927, and the Merkel Mail one year \$5.00
The Dallas News, Daily and Sunday, one year and the Merkel Mail one year for \$7.00
Dallas News, daily except Sunday, and the Merkel Mail for one year each \$5.85
These prices are good until Jan. 31, 1926.

STATE DEPT. MAKES REPORT ON MERKEL HIGH

Some time ago the State Department of Education at Austin sent its representative, Miss Margaret Cotham, to Merkel for the purpose of examining the work of the High School in this city. And it gives us pleasure to say that the report shows the school to be in fine working condition, with Superintendent Summerhill and his able faculty doing their best to make the school first class in every respect.

The following are among the recommendations and commendations shown by the supervisor's report:

"That all material submitted for accrediting receive careful consideration.

That commendations be given the generally satisfactory situation existing in the school.

In compliance with the recommendations of the last Supervisor visiting your school, one teacher has been added to the high school faculty. The attractive and convenient new building is doing much to promote improved work. Property valuations have been raised, substantial additions have been made to the library and laboratory equipment. The school appears to be in generally prosperous condition.

We would also note the fact that Supt. Summerhill is making arrangements whereby the Grammar School work in the Merkel schools will be accepted by all the elementary city schools of the state, which will mean that when a child happens to move from Merkel to any of the larger cities, their work in Merkel schools will be accepted and they will be able to go right into those schools with the same classification as has been awarded them from the Merkel school.

Superintendent Summerhill is doing his utmost to build up and improve in any way possible our school system, and should have the hearty cooperation of the citizens and patrons of the school.

CALL FOR AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE BY STATE COMMISSIONER, JAN. 23

The time has arrived for prompt and proper action in behalf of our agricultural interests. Agriculture and all kindred industries are threatened with bankruptcy if present agricultural practices are continued. A bumper cotton crop this year with consequent low prices and short feed crops will surely bankrupt the state. A better system of farming and marketing is imperatively demanded.

For the purpose of cooperation and united action in solving agricultural problems, we hereby call a State Wide Agricultural conference to be held at the Baker Hotel in Dallas, Texas, at 10 o'clock a.m. Saturday, January 23rd, 1926, for the following purposes:

1. To encourage the reduction of cotton acreage during the year 1926.
2. To encourage the growing of better staple cotton.
3. To encourage the planting of enough feed crops to supply the State.
4. To encourage the proper rotation of crops and building up of the soil.
5. To formulate plans for a county and school district organization to accomplish the purposes above enumerated.
6. To discuss marketing problems and such other related subjects as may properly come before the Conference.

WILL TAYLOR COUNTY HAVE CO. AGENT

Our most worthy and efficient County Commissioner, Mr. Philip A. Diltz, informs the Merkel Mail that on next Saturday, January 16, at two o'clock, the County Commissioners Court will meet at Abilene for the purpose of discussing the petitions for the employment of a County Agricultural Agent and a Home Demonstration Agent, both, if employed, to give their time and talent toward the farming interests of the county.

Mr. Diltz states that everybody is invited to attend the meeting whether for or against the proposition, as the court is desirous of acting in the best interest of the county as a whole.

As this paper sees the employing of a County Farm Agent and Home Demonstration Agent are both important and needed in Taylor county, and it is hoped that every one interested in this matter in any way will go to Abilene next Saturday and attend the meeting.

MR. AND MRS. BRAGG TO BUILD NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg announce the letting of contract for the erection of a beautiful and modern new brick home to be erected on the site where their present home now stands. The old home will be torn away immediately and work started on the new structure.

This is on one of the best and most popular streets in the city and from what we learn will be one of the very finest homes in the city when completed. It will also add much to the attractiveness of our city and be an incentive to other substantial citizens to also make such new and handsome improvements.

CLESBY PATTERSON POPULAR TRINITY ATHLETE

Waxahachie, Texas, Jan. 14.—Clesby Patterson of Merkel is a candidate for the Trinity University track team and is expected to develop into one of the leading point winners for the Tigers. Practice already has started with Coach Barry Holton in charge.

Patterson will probably be entered in the low hurdles, the broad jump, the 440 yard dash, the javelin throw and the pole vault. The Merkel athlete has an excellent chance to win a letter in baseball also this season as he is favored to win the short stop position on the Trinity nine.

Recently Patterson was presented with an honor sweater for his work on the 1925 Trinity football team. He will be an honor guest at a banquet to be given the Tigers by citizens of Waxahachie on Jan. 21.

Geo. R. Torrey,
Commissioner of Agriculture

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF THE FARMERS STATE BANK

At close of business Dec. 31, 1925

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$249,520.08
Banking House	12,500.00
Furniture & Fixtures	5,430.00
Other Real Estate	11,852.50
Stocks and Bonds	1,135.00
Assessment Gty. Fund	9,480.95
Int. Depositors Gty. Fund	8,422.66
Cash and Ex.	\$200,317.00
Prime Com. Paper	85,000.00
U. S. Bonds and Treas. Cert.	78,950.00
Bills of Exchange	
Cotton	57,620.20
TOTAL QUICK ASSETS	\$421,887.20
Total	\$720,028.39

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits Earned	20,750.00
Dividends Unpaid	2,500.00
Borrowed Money	NONE
Deposits	646,778.39
Total	\$720,028.39

Banking Friendship that Encircles this Section

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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

In Valhalla and Out

by George Ethelbert Walsh

(Continued From last Week)

"Caught sight of them. Marie, from an upper window of the house, was watching them intently. Dick smiled and shook his head. "Jealous!" he murmured. "A woman scorned is the worst enemy a man can have. I believe I'll court Marie, for information."

With this decision made, he watched every opportunity to meet her; but she never seemed to leave the house alone. Once he saw her in conversation with the sailor, and from her manner he judged she knew him pretty well. But even that could be explained without much difficulty. All the way down Marie had been free and easy with the crew. She was a natural flirt.

Dick spent the night in a small cave he had chosen for his headquarters. It would be difficult for anyone to find him there, and more difficult to surprise him. He reasoned that the sailor would tell Blake about meeting him, and natural curiosity, if not suspicion, would urge the latter to seek him out. A complete stranger on the lonely island would be quite a curiosity.

Several times through the day, Dick had a feeling that someone was spying on him, watching for him, and following him. Whether it was Blake or the sailor he could not decide, but it made him more cautious.

"I'll have to be constantly on my guard," he said to himself. "If Blake is up to some crime, he'd put me out of the way if he caught me. That sailor's standing in with him."

He was wide awake long before dawn, and, anxious to take his dip in the ocean before anyone else on the island was stirring, he scrambled down the rocks to the beach. Choosing a favorable spot for a swim, he threw off his outer garments and stood ready for the plunge.

Suddenly a distant, muffled hum like the buzzing of a swarm of bees aroused his interest. He stood listening, turning his head this way and that. He looked up and down the face of the cliff, at a loss to explain the intermittent buzzing. After a while his attention was directed to a thick grove of tall trees standing off by themselves on the highest point of the island, some distance away from the shore.

"That's a pretty big swarm of bees," he commented, "to make all that noise. I'll take a look in that grove."

Instead of plunging into the surf, he threw on his clothes and walked up the hill. There was a peculiar metallic quality in the intermittent buzzing that had more than awakened Dick's curiosity; it had excited his suspicion.

Therefore, instead of making direct for the grove, he made a circuitous detour which enabled him to keep out of sight of anyone on the summit of the plateau. By scaling the rocks and climbing along ledges he managed to reach the grove from the opposite side.

Once within their shadows he crept from tree to tree, always following the humming as a guide. It seemed much nearer and clearer, but it was still muffled as if coming from a considerable distance.

Dawn was just beginning to streak the east with faint bars of light, but in the grove it was still dark and shadowy. In the half light, Dick stumbled along until he came to a yawning hole that stretched directly across his pathway.

He stood on the very brink of it before he realized its presence. Catching himself with a start, he stepped back and peered down. The hole was a natural fissure or break in the rocks, four or five feet across and twice that distance in length. Its depth was problematical in the dim light.

It was not, however, so much the discovery of the hole that startled Dick—for he had stumbled upon many similar breaks in the plateau and along the face of the cliff—as it was the sudden realization that the buzzing he had been following came directly from beneath his feet. Somewhere below, in the dark space yawning before him, the mystifying, but no longer muffled, noises were rising in sharp staccato wave vibrations.

They were wave vibrations all right. Dick recognized their cause the instant he peered over the brink. They came from a wireless plant concealed below, and it had been only their muffled character, due to the surrounding walls of rocks, that had deceived him before.

It was impossible to see more than a foot or two below the brink, and Dick was unwilling to risk exposure by venturing too near. He sat down on a rock and listened. Familiar as he was with various wireless plants, he was unable to read the messages that the unknown one below was sending

through the air. "It's in code," he mused after a while. "Not much chance of reading it without the key."

Nevertheless, he waited and listened. He had a pretty accurate intuition of the identity of the one below. Blake had spoken of sending instructions to the yacht by wireless, and by rising early for a dip in the ocean Dick had stumbled upon the hidden plant.

From that distance it was more than likely the sounds of the buzzing could not be heard up at the house. The plant was artfully concealed in the cave-like hole, and no one would be apt to stumble upon it accidentally.

He raised his eyes to find the mast and aerials. They would at least have to be outside and in clear view. It was growing light rapidly, and the tops of the trees were in sharp silhouette against the sky. But there was no sign of a wireless mast.

A little puzzled, Dick continued to search with his eyes until they suddenly came to a focus on a point midway between two giant trees. A moment later a smile parted his lips. It was all as plain as day. The aerials were stretched from tree to tree, but in such a way that they seemed to blend with the foliage. One would hardly suspect their presence without careful scrutiny even if on the lookout for them.

He nodded his head. "Clever," he murmured. "Blake knows his business."

Suddenly he was interrupted from his reveries by the sharp click of a stone below. The wireless had ceased humming, and someone was climbing out of the hole. Dick had just time to dodge back and hide behind a big tree.

A few moments later Mr. Blake emerged from the cave, and after a few hasty glances around in the dim light he made a hurried exit from the grove. Dick watched him until he disappeared around the back of the house.

"I guess I'll take a look below," he murmured. "Don't think Blake will come back in the daytime. Got a clear coast for investigation."

There were no steps leading down into the crevice; that is, none of man's making; but nature had provided an easy descent, and as the rocks were well worn in places Dick had no difficulty in descending. It required a little skill in the dim light to find his way around when he reached solid bottom. Fifteen feet below the surface, the darkness was greatly intensified.

Dick struck a match and glanced around him. Nothing at first caught his attention, and when the flame went out he scratched another match. This time he saw the wireless in one corner of the cave, partly hidden from view by green boughs that formed a rustic screen in front of it.

Crossing the intervening space, Dick began an examination of it; but without the aid of artificial light he could get only a superficial idea of its power.

"I don't believe it has a radius of more than thirty or forty miles," he mused. "Perhaps less."

He paused to consider. "In that event," he added thoughtfully, "the yacht is laid up not very far from here—that is, unless that sailor's story is true about her being wrecked. I doubt it. It's a part of the whole mysterious plot."

He frowned at his inability to piece things together and find a solution. Recalling Alice Cutler's confession that Mr. Blake had assumed all responsibility for the yacht's sudden leaving, he became more puzzled than before.

"I wonder what excuse Blake gave her," he argued with himself. "He must have given a good one, or she would have been suspicious of him. I'll have to find out what he told her."

He hesitated between two courses. He felt quite sure Miss Cutler could help him to solve the puzzle, but she distrusted him, and would perhaps resent his inquiries. Marie, her maid, knew more about the mystery than her mistress; but she was in love with Blake, and quite naturally she would not betray him.

"I guess I'll have to go it alone," he added finally, aloud. "But I'll watch this wireless and try to intercept some of Blake's messages. If I can get hold of his code, it will be easy."

He began rummaging around in the dark. There were several old boxes and packing cases stowed in one corner, and Dick began going through their contents. He was using less caution than the circumstances warranted, rattling the papers as he hauled them out to examine.

The noise he made deafened him to a light step creeping up behind him, and he was totally unconscious of another in the cave until a quick spring behind startled him. He whirled around just in time to meet the blow of a club directly on his forehead.

He had a glimpse of the ugly face of the sailor he had picked up out of the sea, and heard him snarl.

"Let that teach you, me son, to keep your nose out of other people's business!"

After that came a shower of brilliant stars and complete oblivion for a time. He crumpled down in a heap at the foot of his assailant, and lay there as still as death.

After grinning down at his victim for a few moments, the seaman picked him up in a pair of strong arms and carried him across the cave as easily as if he were a baby. Depositing him on the floor of a smaller cave he opened into the first one, he hoisted him hand and foot, and then proceeded to revive him.

(Continued Next Week)

Statement of the Condition of THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

At the close of business Dec. 31, 1925

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$132,948.76
Prime Commercial Paper	220,000.00
Bills of Exchange, Cotton	45,596.39
Overdrafts	2,922.36
Bonds and Warrants	18,541.89
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	90.00
Other Resources	624.22
U. S. Bonds	110,200.00
Cash and Sight Exchange	149,248.76
Total	\$689,934.89

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	9,238.58
Circulation	6,250.00
Deposits	609,446.31
Total	\$689,934.89

THE OLD RELIABLE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

MERKEL TEXAS

SINCE 1904

AUSTIN FITTS FOR RE-ELECTION AS TREASURER

In this issue of the Mail will be found the name of Mr. Austin Fitts as a candidate for re-election to the office of Treasurer of Taylor county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary next July.

Mr. Fitts' extensive and satisfactory service in the office has made it possible for him to personally meet and know most of the voters throughout the county; therefore making it quite unnecessary for this paper to make a lengthy introduction or quote you words of commendation regarding him or his capable work in the office of County Treasurer of this county.

Mr. Fitts during his tenure of office has always remained attentive and close to his office and to the performance of the duties incumbent upon same. He is always courteous to each and all of his constituents and renders them efficient and capable service with the greatest of pleasure.

Mr. Fitts feels that his experience in the office enables him to more efficiently serve the people of the entire county, and should the voters see fit to reelect him he promises to continue to put forth his best and most capable efforts in carrying out the duties of the office, and a careful consideration should be made of his candidacy by every voter.

Notice to the Public

Beginning with the first of the year 1926 we will only do a "FIRST TO FIRST" business. All bills will be due on the first of each month. As gasoline and tires have gone so high and it takes so much money to run a credit business, we will hereafter just do a "FIRST TO FIRST" business.

Now we want to treat you right but we can't carry you but one month at a time.

Hoping you will do business with us on our new plan, and we thank you for the past business you have given us and hope you will have a prosperous year during 1926.

WOODRUM FILLING STATION
Merkel Texas

Don't Overlook

that subscription. If you are in arrears remember that we can always find good use for

the MONEY

A Circular Tour. Mary had a little ring, 'twas given by Joe, and everywhere that Mary set that ring was sure to go. She took the ring with her one day, when she went out to tea, where she might show it to the girls, who numbered twenty-three. And when the girls all saw the ring they made a great ad exclaiming with one voice: "Has it at last got round to you?"

TIRE SALE

FOR 16 DAYS ONLY

30x3 Pathfinder Fabric	\$ 7.00
30x3 1-2 " "	8.00
30x3 1-2 Goodyear all weather	11.10
80x3 1-2 Pathfinder Cord	9.25
30x3 1-2 " " oversize cord	10.50
30x3 1-2 Goodyear all weather cord	13.25
30x3 1-2 Heavy Duty 6 ply Goodyear	18.25

All other sizes reduced in proportion

This is strictly a cash price, with no trade on old tires.

Sale will last until Feb. 1st. only.

Merkel Garage

**THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
AT MERKEL**

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on Dec. 31, 1925

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts	\$398,545.15
Customers' liability account of acceptances of this bank	NONE
Total loans	\$398,545.15
Overdrafts, secured, \$ 696.32 Unsecured, \$226.04	2,922.36
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value)	\$6,250.00
All other United States Government Securities	\$110,200.00
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	14,331.89
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	40,815.17
Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	107,237.68
Amount due from State banks, bankers and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, and 10)	203.35
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	949.01
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13	\$108,390.04
Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank) located out side of city or town of reporting bank \$	
Miscellaneous cash items	43.55
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
Other assets if any	624.23
Total	\$689,934.89

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided profits	\$19,880.20
Reserved for	
Less current expenses, paid \$10,641.62	9,238.58
Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the U. S. and foreign countries (other than items 22 23)	15,744.20
Cashiers checks on own bank outstanding	2,902.93
Total of items 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26	18,647.13
Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	509,631.85
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	130.00
Dividends Unpaid	570.00
Total of demand deposit (other than bank deposits)	
Reserve, Items 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32	\$510,331.85
Certificates of deposit (Other than for money borrowed)	15,000.00
Other time Deposits	65,467.33
Total of time deposits subject to reserve, Items 33, 34, 35, and 36	\$ 80,467.33
Total	\$689,934.89

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 4th day of Jan., 1926.
Rosie Laney, Notary Public.Correct—Attest:—G. F. WEST,
J. T. WARREN
SAM BUTMAN Directors.**Senior B.Y.P.U. Program**

Leader, Joe Hartley.
Introduction by leader.
Passing the torch of truth, Helen Booth.
Bohemia, the home of Huss, Mrs. Warren Smith.
Early history of Huss, Yates Brown.
What Wycliffe handed on to Huss, Lewis Giles.
Paying the supreme penalty, Mrs. Bill Haynes.
Lessons from the life of Huss, Adrian Rea.
Conclusion, Ruby Joe Higgins.

Intermediate B.Y.P.U.

"What Joshua Remembered," Egypt, Oleta Moore.
The wilderness, William Shepard.
Crossing the Jordan, Kenneth Mayfield.
The land God gave his people, Mary Ellen Ashby.

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We now have received our second car of John Deere Implements this season, and have samples arranged where we will be glad to show you and which have many new improvements. We carry only one line of implements. For this reason we have extras for only one line to carry. We have on hand the largest line of extras of any John Deere dealer in this territory. (Worth thinking over.) when buying a plow, the question of getting extras for it is to be considered as well as the quality of the plow.

HARNESSES

We carry a complete line of Harness, collars and other leather goods and believe it will be worth your while to look our line over before you buy.

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We carry in stock the "SAFTY HATCH" and also the "AUTOMATIC" incubators. If thinking of buying, we will appreciate showing you these machines.

We sell anything in our entire stock on time when satisfactory terms are arranged. Your presence as well as your trade is appreciated so come around and see us whether you buy or not.

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aches and pains. Often this is due to faulty kidney action and there is danger of hardened arteries, dropsy, gravel or Bright's disease. Don't let weak kidneys wear you out. Use Doan's Pills before it is too late! Doan's are a stimulant diuretic to the kidneys. Doan's have helped thousands. Here is one of many Merkel cases:

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Junior B.Y.P.U.

1. Introduction, Benjamin Shepard. 2. Peter and John, Harry Boaz. 3. At the beautiful gate, Dorothy Deutschman. 4. Peter heals the lame man, Alvin Parack. 5. At the temple, Byron Summerhill. 6. The Sanhedrin, Willie E. Boaz. 7. The next day, Louise Booth. 8. The disciples pray, Eris Ash. 9. Poem, Aiton Davis.

**W. W. Wheeler is Non-Stop
Subscriber to the Mail**

The Merkel Mail appreciates the consistency of Judge W. W. Wheeler's patronage to the Merkel Mail, which is shown by the following note handed us with his check for another year.

Editor Merkel Mail: Within a few months after establishing my citizenship at Merkel in 1890 I entered my subscription to the Merkel Mail. At that time the paper was published by Mary Jane Cox, with A. H. Thornton as printer's devil (and I think a good one). If my mind serves me right, at that time the paper was published in a small wooden building on west Kent street. The power in the plant in those days was similar to the hand starter of a Ford car. I don't think I have missed an issue of

the paper during all these years, and hand you my check to keep 'em coming. W. W. Wheeler. NOTICE—I will stand my registered Jersey Bull at my barn three-fourths mile southwest of Merkel. Terms \$3.50 when cow is bred, John S. Hughes. Itp

Dramatic Club Entertained

On the afternoon of January 7, Misses Berdelle Adcock and Elizabeth Harkrider were the charming hostesses to the members of the Senior Dramatic Club of the Merkel Expression Department at the home of Miss Harkrider.

About 3:30 while the snow still fell the guests began to arrive and soon all were happily seated around the blazing fire chatting gayly. A very appropriate reading was rendered by Miss Tommie Durham and several contests were enjoyed by all in which Misses Flora Frances Anderson and Gladys Deutschman were awarded pretty prizes.

Then a short business session was held after which delicious refreshments were served to the following guests: Misses Tommie Durham, Inice Brown, Mildred Hamm, Irene Perry, Ruby Fae Golladay, Ruby Joe Higgins, Deshazo Simpson, Flora Frances Anderson, Gladys Deutschman, Lucy Tracy and the hostess. Reporter.

**MISS ORA HOLLOWAY
IS BURIED HERE**

Miss Ora Holloway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Holloway died in Austin on last Friday evening at seven o'clock. She was 27 years and five months old. Her remains reached Merkel on the five o'clock train Saturday evening. Funeral services were conducted by Elder W. G. Cypert at the family residence in west Merkel.

She leaves her father and mother, two brothers and four sisters and a host of friends to

mourn her passing. Let's not mourn as those who have no hope, for we believe that when Jesus comes to gather up his jewels that he will bring Ora with him. W.G.C.

Mrs. J. D. Morrow and B. M. Williams, Jr., of Wichita Falls, are visiting Mrs. B. M. Williams of Merkel. They attended the funeral of Mrs. Sam Provine.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Williams visited her sister, Mrs. J. D. Morrow, of Wichita, Falls, last week.

Will Preach at Trent

Elder W. G. Cypert of this city announces that on next Sunday he will preach at Trent at the eleven o'clock hour and that at the evening hour their is to be a big singing.

A cordial welcome is extended

to each of the above mentioned services.

**Miss Gyrle Howard Marries
Abilene Young Man Dec. 27**

Announcement has reached Merkel of the marriage on December 27, 1925, of Miss Gyrle Howard to Mr. Henry W. Weldon of Abilene.

Mrs. Weldon, who is a daughter of Mr. J. T. Howard, of Abilene, formerly resided in Merkel for a number of years, and she has many friends here who wish her a very happy married life.

Mr. Weldon, whose parents reside in Abilene, is teaching school at Post, where the happy couple are now making their home.

Maize and Kaffir Heads for Sale. See Merkel Garage. 8t2

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you'll find no satisfaction in figuring up the amount of insurance you should have had. But there is a lot of satisfaction in knowing that your property as it stands today is fully covered by dependable fire insurance.

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MERKEL, TEXAS

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30x3 1-2 " " "	8.95
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These tires are Firestone built, which insures high quality at low cost, Our stock of Firestone Gum Dipped Cord tires is complete. Get our prices before you buy.

West Company



Examination For Postmaster

To fill the vacancy in the position of postmaster in this city, the United States Civil Service Commission has announced, at the request of the Postmaster General and in accordance with an order of the President, an open competitive examination.

To be eligible for the examination, an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, must reside within the delivery of this post office, must have so resided for at least two years next preceding the examination date, must be in good physical condition, and within the prescribed age limits. Both men and women are admitted.

Under the terms of the Executive order, the Civil Service Commission will certify to the Postmaster General the names of the highest three qualified eligibles, if as many as three are qualified, and the Postmaster General will select one for nomination by the President. Confirmation by the Senate is the final action.

Applicants will not be required to assemble in an examination room for scholastic tests, but will be rated on their education and business training and experience. The Civil Service commission will make inquiry among representative local business and professional men and women concerning the experience, ability, and character of each applicant, and will assign ratings upon the evidence secured from them.

Nothing will be permitted to appear in the evidence upon which ratings are assigned that might even suggest the political affiliation of any candidate. Full information and application blanks may be obtained from the secretary of the local board of civil service examiners at the post office in this city, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Maize and Kaffir Heads for Sale. See Merkel Garage. 8t2
Call 61 to place a want ad in the Mail or give us a news item.
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TELEPHONE No. 61

Entered at the postoffice at Merkel, Texas as second class mail.

A VISION

"A Vision of Baraca and Philathea Sunday School Classes of the Methodist Church, South, . . .

1. The Baracas have seen a bright vision,
The Philatheas tell me they have, too;
And the object of this little poem,
Is to bring it right down, my friend to you.

2 In this vision they saw a new building,
Not stately and yet not so small;
A new home for the young men and women,
Hard by the church that is sheltering us all.

3. They see the building, all furnished and painted,
Over the doors in letters of gold:
S.S. rooms of Baracas and Philatheas,
With words "Welcome to All" standing out bold.

4. The vision grows brighter and brighter,
As we enter the open door,
And the warmth of our cordial welcome
Makes us smile brightly o'er and o'er.

5. And here we find the two classes
In 2 rooms, just one wall apart,
With rolling doors of huge dimensions,
Making one room when rolled out of sight.

6. The tables and chairs look so cozy,
Soft rugs and pictures and maps on the wall;
And we see a wonderful library
With good books and helps for us all.

7. And the teachers have really prepared lessons,
And also remembered to pray;
Real leaders for the young men and women,
Who have really found Jesus, the Way.

8. And the stranger that sojourns in our town,
We will ever remember "the golden rule,"
And wherever and whenever we meet them
We will invite them to our Sunday school.

9. You might, in your mind, ask this question:
What's the use of the building so small?
Don't our church, with its various departments,
Have room and a welcome for all.

10 We believe we can give better service,
To church, pastor, Supt. and all;
We have a vision to work for the Master,
We must answer the Lord when he calls.

11. So we call this a dream or a vision,
And wonder if they ever come true.
Yes, but our hands must be willing,
And our prayers must have willing feet, too.

12. So we will build the material building,
With stones, mortar and brick,
And the money of Baracas and Philatheas,
Finish it all in the year 1926.

This poem was written by one who loves the young people and believes in them.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail

Jones Dry Goods

Announcing the arrival of LADIES' and MISSES

NEW SPRING COATS and HATS

This letter from a customer in an adjoining county is self explanatory:

Jones Dry Goods,
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You will find enclosed my check for which please send me three pairs of HAWK BRAND Unionalls, age 8, like those we got from you last June. They are the best we have ever found for the youngsters.

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In our Work Clothing Department, we have just received a big shipment of the celebrated

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Jones Dry Goods

GLEANER CLASS GIVES A FAREWELL PARTY

The Gleaner Class met with Mrs. A. Morton and Mrs. Robert Hicks at the home of Mrs. Morton on Wednesday, January 6, in honor of Mrs. L. R. Thompson, our teacher who is moving away at an early date.

A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all present. "A Penny for your Thought" contest created lots of commotion as it was different from any we had ever had before. Mrs. L. C. Sublett, being the most studious of the crowd, won the prize, a very pretty cut glass bud vase.

A business meeting was called by our president, Mrs. F. H. Latham. Mrs. L. R. Thompson

tendered her resignation as she is moving away. Mrs. S. M. Hunter was then elected teacher, Mrs. L. C. Sublett, assistant teacher and Mrs. Fred Guitar as secretary and treasurer.

A refreshment plate consisting of chicken salad, spice cake and hot tea was served to the following: Mesdames L. R. Thompson, Walter Leach, Clyde Sears, Fred Latham, Homer Patterson, Herbert Patterson, Oscar Buford, S. M. Hunter, Eli Case, Roy Baccus, J. E. Richardson, Dr. Gambill, Fred Guitar, Tom Toombs, Luke Huddleston, L. C. Sublett, V. B. Sublett, and hostesses, Robert Hicks and A. Morton.

A vocal solo was given by little Miss Geneva Huddleston. A piano solo by Corinne Morton

was enjoyed. A memory book was passed and all were more than glad to give Mrs. Thompson some little verse of remembrance. The class as a whole gives Mr. and Mrs. Thompson their very hearty thanks for their kindnesses shown them, and sincerely hope they will be well pleased with their new home.

W. O. Boney can make you a loan from 5 years to 33 years at 6% interest. tf

FOR SALE or Trade for farm land, well improved sheep and goat ranch in Uvalde county. 1280 acres at \$12 per acre. Apply at Merkel Mail office. tf

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In order to close my business and make my report to the Company for the past year, 1926, will kindly ask all who owe me a little balance to come in at once and take care of same.

Since publishing the above last week, we are proud to say that most of our good customers have come in and made settlement of their accounts, for which we are very grateful. And to the few who have not as yet been in, will ask that you kindly drop in and make settlement, as we must make our final report by Feb. 1st.

We appreciate your business and are doing our best to render you every service possible, but in order to stay in business we must make our collections.

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We are going to give our customers the best service possible

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Womans Missionary Society.

The Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist church met last Monday afternoon at 2:30. In the absence of the study teacher the lesson was ably taught by Mrs. McCarter. At this meeting our president, Mrs. Largent, offered her resignation, which was accepted with regrets by the society. On Wednesday afternoon there was a called meeting of the society to meet with our district secretary, Mrs. E. H. Baker, and two of our conference officers, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins and Mrs. J. Frank Potts, all of Abilene. The mission of these ladies was to interest the society in the plan of the church in this conference to buy a plot of ground in the Palo Duro Canyon for an encampment. The Missionary societies of the conference of course have a part in this plan and it was to inform us of the plan and secure our support that these ladies came. Being a loyal society, the Merkel chapter readily subscribed for one share and feel sure that every member of the society will be willing and ready to support this subscription which is \$50.00. On next Monday afternoon there will be another lesson from the study book, using the fourth chapter. Come at 2:30. Supt. of Publicity.

BAPTIST SERVICES

All regular services Sunday and throughout the week. Sunday school at 10 a.m. with places for all. Preaching at 11:00 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. Morning subject, "The Bible Plan of Financing a Church." Evening service, evangelistic. All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at 6:15. Training classes Monday at 7 p.m. Ladies meeting Tuesday at 2 p.m. Prayermeeting Wednesday at 7 p.m. Our Business Men's Bible class is boosting for the prayermeeting for this month and made a good showing at the last prayermeeting. Next Wednesday even-

Scripture reading: Isa. 6:1-8; 2 Samuel 7:1-3. Talk by leader. Song; clippings; questions. Mispah.

Methodist Church

A splendid Sunday school last Sunday. Would like to have 350 next Sunday. This would be a small increase and we ought to make it. Hope that every member of the church will attend services at 11 o'clock Sunday. A series of pre-Easter revival services will be held at the Methodist church. Plans are being made and worked out for a most successful meeting. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited. W. R. McCarter, pastor.

Presbyterian Church

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p. m. Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:15 p.m. Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour. General church night service Wednesday evening at 7:30. An interesting program will be given at this time. We hope to have all departments of the church represented at this meeting. Supper will be served promptly at 7:30, followed by the program and social hour. Chas. H. Little, pastor.

Christian Endeavor Program

Leader, Christine Russell. Topic: "Great ideas that have spurred people to action."

New Spring Goods

We have just this week received quite a nice lot New Merchandise for early Spring wear such as

Spring Coats and DRESSES

Also a nice assortment of Piece Goods, in all the newest designs and latest colors, and we especially invite the Ladies of Merkel and Community to come in and see these beautiful lines.

We are expecting daily, our large and complete line of both Men's and Ladies Shoes, which we are sure will be pleasing in the extreme.

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ing there will be a count of the members of the class present so as to see how many are real boosters.

Every member of the church is urged to be in the service Sunday morning and hear the discussion of a matter that ought to interest every member of the church. We take the Bible as our guide in baptism, in the plan of salvation and profess to take it as our guide in all things. If Baptists ever become as anxious to be scriptural in giving as we are in some other things we will meet all our obligations to a lost world. In this service the pastor will show why we do not raise church money with "pie and cake sales," bazaars, chicken dinners, side shows, or



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To quickly end a dangerous cough there is a very simple treatment which gives almost instant relief and often breaks the cough entirely in 24 hours. This treatment is based on the famous Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs. You take just one teaspoonful and hold it in your throat for 15 or 20 seconds before swallowing it. The prescription has a double action. It not only soothes and heals soreness and irritation, but also loosens and removes the phlegm and congestion which are the real cause of the coughing. So the worst cough usually disappears quickly.

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other modern and unscriptural means.

A cordial invitation is extended to all visitors, strangers or people in the community without a church home.

Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of extending our most sincere thanks and appreciation to the many neighbors and friends who during the sadness of the death of our daughter and sister, Ora Holloway, assisted us and extended comforting words.

We appreciate every kindness and token of friendship of each and every one, and sincerely trust that the richest of blessings may be with each one of you. Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Holloway and family.

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COMPERE NEWS

By Alma Stout

A large crowd attended the preaching services at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon.

Health of the community is not very good at present. Mr. Whitaker has been sick for several weeks and is very low at present. Mr. Marshall has also been sick for several weeks and had not improved any at last reports.

Mr. and Mrs. Tarvin visited at Mrs. Marshall's a while Sunday.

Mrs. Hobbs, Ella and Hall Hobbs visited at Mrs. Bob Canon's in the Warren community Sunday.

Mrs. Nora Lanier spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Allred.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Foster and children and Mr. and Mrs. C. Foster and baby spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Foster.

Miss Ruth Wilburn spent Sunday night with Miss Vira Saunders.

Mrs. Nora Lanier spent Sunday night with her sister, Mrs. Althea Howard.

Some of the young folks from here attended the party at Warren Tuesday night.

Mr. Cuff was the guest of Mr. E. W. Bland Monday.

Compere basket ball teams played a game of ball with Shiloh Friday. Scores for the senior boys were 11 to 12 in favor of Compere and for the Juniors were 7 to 9 in favor of Compere. There will be a game played with Carpenter's Gap next Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Milliken from Abilene visited Mrs. Clemmer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tarvin visited their son, Mr. Howard Tarvin, for a while Tuesday night.

Mrs. Winters and daughter, Juanita from Abilene, spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Allred and family.

Miss Kemp, the primary teacher at Compere, spent the weekend in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry called on Mr. Whitaker Monday afternoon.

Mr. Jean Allred spent Sunday with Mr. Howard Cook.

Miss Ruby Lee Rister will board at Mrs. D. W. Ashby's and attend school at Compere the remainder of the term.

Sunday school will begin promptly at 10:30 next Sunday at the Presbyterian church. A cordial invitation is extended to every one to attend.

NOTICE TO MY FRIENDS AND PATRONS

I am glad to announce to my friends and patrons that I am now with the Boney Garage & Service Station and will be glad to offer you my services when in need of Auto repair service.

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Is your subscription about to expire to the Mail. Look at the label on this paper and see.

For Rent—105 acres of land one mile east of Merkel. See me at once. W. S. J. Brown. 1t

American Legion Meet

Mr. Henry C. Fuller, director of publicity, announces that there will be a meeting of the 17th district American Legion at Ranger on Sunday, January 17. Every legion post and aux-

iliary is invited to send a strong delegation. Editor Dick McCarty of the Albany News will be present and deliver an address.

Mr. L. B. Scott returned on Thursday morning from a trip to Dallas.

No. 366

Official Statement of Financial Condition of the FARMERS STATE BANK, at MERKEL, TEXAS at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1925, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 15th day of January, 1926.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security	\$318,660.87
Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon	12,773.55
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	3,085.66
Bonds, stocks and other securities	21,385.00
Customers' Bonds held for safekeeping	58,700.00
Real Estate (Banking House)	12,500.00
Other Real Estate	11,652.50
Furniture and Fixtures	5,430.00
Cash on hand	43,458.84
Due from approved reserve agents	156,232.61
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	625.55
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	8,422.66
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	9,480.95
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange, undoubtedly good	57,620.20
TOTAL	\$720,028.39

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Certified Surplus Fund	5,000.00
Other Surplus Fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, net	10,750.00
Dividends unpaid	2,500.00
Individual Deposits subject to check on which no interest is paid	518,848.74
Individual Deposits on which interest is paid or contracted to be paid	20,692.69
Time Certificates of Deposit	29,812.88
Public Funds on Deposit, City	4,518.75
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	14,205.33
Customers' Bonds deposited for safekeeping	58,700.00
TOTAL	\$720,028.39

STATE OF TEXAS)
County of Taylor) We, J. S. Swann, as President, and R. O. Anderson, as Vice-president of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
J. S. Swann, President.
R. O. Anderson, Vice-president.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of January, A. D. 1926. Murphy Thomas, Notary Public, Taylor County, Tex. CORRECT—ATTEST: J. C. Mason, David Hendricks, W. L. Dill, Directors. (Seal)

The Advertised Article

is one in which the merchant himself has implicit faith—else he would not advertise it. You are safe in patronizing the merchants whose ads appear in this paper because their goods are up-to-date and never shoddy.

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No. 1398

Official Statement of Financial Condition of the HOME STATE BANK, at TRENT, TEXAS, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1925, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 15th day of January, 1926.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security	\$169,527.65
Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon	511.00
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	184.66
Bonds, stocks and other securities	100.00
Real Estate (Banking House)	4,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,400.00
Cash on hand	5,011.36
Due from approved reserve agents	50,956.18
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	4,922.75
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,156.16
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange, undoubtedly good	39,289.02
TOTAL	\$278,058.78

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Other Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, net	2,870.70
Individual deposits subject to check on which no interest is paid	230,626.08
Individual Deposits on which interest is paid or contracted to be paid	9,172.13
Public Funds on Deposit (School \$389.87) Total	389.87
TOTAL	\$278,058.78

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 8th day of January, A. D. 1926. Sam Swann, Notary Public, Taylor county, Texas. (Seal) CORRECT—ATTEST: H. W. Beckham, A. W. Williams, T. L. Stevens, Directors.

ACCEPT OUR THANKS

Although we have been in business only a short time, the splendid patronage of the people of our community has been very gratifying, and has exceeded our expectations, and we sincerely

THANK YOU

and trust that our service has won you as a permanent customer

30 DAY ACCOUNTS

We will operate our business on a 30 day credit basis, and all accounts are due and payable on the first of each month.

WE CLOSE AT 6 P. M.

Beginning today we will close our business each evening at 6 p. m. except Saturday.

Cox & Henderson, Grocery
NOODLE TEXAS

Miss Christene Collins returned home first of the week from a visit with friends and relatives in East Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Sie Hamm left Thursday for Fort Worth where they will combine business with a pleasure trip.

Len Sublett

Water well Driller,
all work guaranteed
first-class.

Merkel, Texas

MEMBER
TEXAS QUALIFIED
DRUGGISTS' LEAGUE

Legally
Registered
Pharmacist

**Merkel Drug
COMPANY**
S. D. Gamble, Mgr.

SPECIAL

Complete ELGIN Watches

\$11.00 and Up

Also a good value in

DIAMOND RINGS

From \$15.00 Up

PRESLEY'S

Jewelry & Gift Shop

Expert Repairing

209 Pine St. Abilene, Texas

MR. O'BAR FOR RE-ELECTION AS SHERIFF

In our announcement column will be found the name of Mr. H. T. O'Bar, present incumbent as Sheriff of Taylor county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July.

Mr. O'Bar, as is well known, is serving his first term as Sheriff, and according to his friends and the expression of the public in general, has been faithful and efficient in the performance of the duties of the office.

He has been fearless in the enforcement of his duties; showing favors to neither friend or foe, and yet he has been kind and considerate and performed his duties in the most gentleman like manner.

In asking for the usual and customary policy of re-election to a second term, Mr. O'Bar does so solely upon the splendid record he has made during his tenure of office, and cordially invites investigation of his work as the county's chief peace officer.

This paper bespeaks the careful and fair consideration of his claims by the voters when they go to cast their vote for sheriff in the July Primary.

GAS MAKES PEOPLE NERVOUS AND RESTLESS

Gas pressure in the abdomen causes a restless, nervous feeling and prevents sleep. Adlerika removes gas in TEN minutes and brings out surprising amounts of old waste matter you never thought was in your system. This excellent intestinal evacuant is wonderful for constipation or allied stomach trouble. Don't waste time with pills or tablets but get REAL Adlerika action! Merkel Drug Co., in Trent by R. B. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baze had as their guest this week Mr. Ed. Jones of Amarillo, who is a brother of Mrs. Baze.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—One young mule, cash or good note. J. Ben Campbell, phone 246. 1t3

FOR SALE—Complete Cafe fixtures at Wingate, Texas. Write Box 306, Winters, Texas. 1t3p

FOR SALE—Extra good large bundle Sorghum at 5c per bundle on ground. Phone 9045F4. E. M. Massey, 8 miles southeast of Merkel. Good mesquite posts also for sale. 8t2p

FOR SALE—Maize and Kaffir Heads. See Merkel Garage. 8t2

FOR SALE—First, a word of appreciation to my patrons and friends for your liberal trade since my fire. The sale of damaged goods is still on in this iron clad building I am making, and the reduction on new goods for cash is arriving daily to take the place of those burned. From the best factories in Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Indiana and Ohio, so come and look. Priced to sell at a discount for cash to one and all. Jno. B. Bell & Son. 1t

FOR SALE—Some good bundle sorghum. See W. W. Outlaw, route one. Price in the field 5 1/2 cents. 1tp

FOR SALE—One team of mules, one Ford car, one Ford truck, one double disc plow, two single row planters, two single row cultivators. See or write J. F. Davis, Merkel, Texas, route 2. 1tp

FOR SALE—5 dozen white leghorn hens at \$10.00 per dozen. Higgins Hatchery. 1t

FOR SALE or Trade—Brand new Ford Roadster equipped with 5 Firestone balloon tires. Would trade for 24 or 25 model coupe if priced right. Telephone No. 69. 1t

FOR SALE or Trade—One standard one-row Planter in good shape. Will trade for one row cultivator or sell cheap. F. M. Mullen. Rt. 5, Merkel. 1tp

FOR SALE—I have some good, native raised, young work mules well broke to work, and will sell them for cash or good notes. See L. L. Huddleston, Phone 231, 1tp

FOR SALE—One chicken brooder and incubator and various other things. L. R. Thompson, phone 130. 1t

FOR SALE—Bundled Heigari, some grain. 4c bundle. Also some well matured gin run Kasch cotton seed, \$1.25 bushel. B.D. Presley, Merkel, route 5. 15t2p

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—105 acres of land one mile east of Merkel. See me at once. W. S. J. Brown. 1t

FOR RENT—Two unfurnished rooms, the Rufe Tittle place on Oak street. Apply to W. A. Whiteley, Merkel, Texas. 1t

WANTED

WANTED—Good second-hand single-row farming tools and harness. G. C. Lilly, route 3. 8t2p

WANTED—Hands to clear land by the acre. Also need man to do farm and ranch work by the month. Sam Butman, Sr. 15t2

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Between Merkel and Sam Provine or Meeks road, a pair of black kid Gloves, felt lined. Return to Merkel Mail office or B. M. Williams. 1tp

LOST—A pair of light shaded eye glasses in shell rim. Lost in front of Dennis store last Saturday. Please return to Mrs. Waldo Cox, Merkel, or Merkel Mail. 1tp

T. E. L. Class Has Delightful Meeting.

The home of Mrs. L. B. Scott was the scene of a delightful party Friday afternoon when she entertained the T. E. L. class of the Baptist Church.

The business meeting was opened by the teacher, Mrs. A. R. Booth, reading the 12th chapter of Romans for devotional. Prayer by Mrs. Summerhill. A report was read by the chairman Mrs. T. A. Bearden, of the nominating committee on new officers for the year. President, Mrs. W. J. Largent; first vice-president, Mrs. John Toombs; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. I. L. Jackson; 3rd vice president, Mrs. Andy Brown; Secretary, Mrs. L. B. Scott; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Stanford; Finance, Mrs. O. R. Dye; Reporter, Mrs. Earl Lassiter. Several items of business were discussed and disposed of for the coming year's work of the class. After adjournment of the business session, Mrs. Scott in her pleasing manner introduced first Miss Edna Jones, who rendered a piano solo. Then Miss Christine Collins sang so sweetly "In the Garden of my Heart." Miss Lola Dennis charmed her hearers with a delightful reading. Then Mrs. L. B. Howard in her pleasing way sang so beautifully "Sweet Little Woman of Mine." Again Miss Jones gave a beautiful piano solo.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. J. T. Dennis, Misses Jones and Dennis, served a delicious salad plate to mesdames E. King, John Toombs, Andy Brown, Sam Swann, W. J. Largent, W. B. Stephens, A. R. Booth, L. B. Howard, T. A. Bearden, E. Summerhill, Dent Gibson, F. C. McFarland, W. H. Derstine, T. E. Collins, O. R. Dye, Mack Angus, Newsom, Earl Lassiter, and visitors Mesdames C. M. Largent, J. T. Dennis, J. S. Swann, E. M. McDonald, Bronton, Misses Edna Jones, Christine Collins and Lola Dennis.

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For 30 Days Only

To our customers and friends—We wish to call your attention to the fact that, owing to our inability to conduct our business and extend to anyone long time credit, we will appreciate your favoring us with the prompt settlement of your accounts on the first of each month.

Our means are limited and our bills must be paid on the first of each and every month; therefore we will only be able to meet our obligations when you are prompt to pay us on the first of each month.

Thanking you one and all for the splendid business you have and are extending us, and further assure you that we shall bend every effort to give you good service, we remain yours, for service.

**Corner Garage
McFARLAND & SEDBURY
(PROPRIETORS)**

PILES CURED

NO KNIFE NO PAIN NO DETENTION FROM WORK
Dr. E. E. COCKERELL
RECTAL AND SKIN SPECIALIST
OF ABILENE, TEXAS

Will be at the Stephens Hotel in Merkel Monday,
Jan. 18 from 12 a. m. to 5 p. m.
Phone No. 359 Abilene, Texas

Mr. David Hendricks, the big hearted and clever gin man at Stith, while in the city Thursday attending a meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Farmers State Bank, dropped in to have us keep the Mail coming to him another year. He reports a very good year in the ginning business but that is no uncommon thing with Dave Hendricks.

Mr. Ellis Warren was over first of the week from his home at Knox City, visiting his mother and sister, Mrs. J. B. Warren and Miss Johnnie Warren.

We are glad to have the renewal subscription of Mr. Chas. Orr, who resides about twenty miles south on route three.

40 YEARS

—Farmers of Taylor and surrounding counties have used Moline Plows.

We have customers who have used their Moline Double Disc Plows over 20 years.

The Moline costs a little more than competitive makes, but they cut more, pull lighter, last longer and cost less to keep up

Plows delivered to your farm.

Terms, cash, part cash or all on fall time

Your credit is good here.

**ED. S. HUGHES
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Abilene, Texas

Barrow Furniture Co.

HEADQUARTERS FOR ALL STANDARD
MAKES OF FURNITURE SUCH AS:

**Gold Living Room suits
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Pay cash and get your discount in Green Stamps

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R. A. McCLAIN ANNOUNCES FOR TAX COLLECTOR

The Mail is requested to announce R. A. McClain as a candidate for the office of tax collector of Taylor county, subject to the action of the democratic primary in July.

Mr. McClain has been a resident of Taylor county for 21 years. He was in the drug business at Merkel for a number of years, and also engaged in that business at Abilene and Buffalo Gap. He has spent the last twelve years in Abilene. Mr. McClain has had long years of experience as a bookkeeper, and is thoroughly familiar with the type of office work required of a tax collector. He has had banking experience, and has served in a clerical capacity in the tax assessor's office. He is now with the Harvey Hays Drug Co. He says his experience as a druggist has taught him the value of accuracy, and he will carry that knowledge with him into the tax collector's office, if elected. His claims should receive the careful consideration of the voters. Two years ago when a candidate for this office, Mr. McClain received a handsome vote, amounting to about 40 per cent of the total vote cast, and in Merkel he received a majority in the final run-off of about 100 votes.

Appreciates the Mail

Mr J. L. Baker, one of the substantial and pioneer citizens of Merkel, who resides on a very fine farm near the city limits on the southeast, dropped into this office one day this week to renew his subscription to the Mail. He stated that he had been one of the first readers of the Mail and has taken it since its first day of publication. He also stated that he has always appreciated the paper, but he and his family never appreciated it more than now, and that they could not well get along without it.

We sincerely appreciate such good words of encouragement from one who has been a constant reader of the paper, and take occasion to say just here that the paper now has the largest subscription list it has had since before it came under the present management. And many have been the compliments lately from our good readers, every one of which we sincerely appreciate.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Higgins, route three, a daughter on the ninth.

W. O. Boney represents the San Antonio Joint Stock and Land Bank. See him for 6% money.

January Clearance of All Ready-to-Wear

Never before have we offered our stock of Ready-to-Wear at such low prices. We never carry over Coats and dresses it price will move them. We don't expect to carry one garment over this season as the following low prices will indicate:

All Coats grouped on two racks **\$8.75** A N D **\$4.95** and priced regardless of value

Our rack of thirty-five Dresses **\$4.95** A N D **\$3.95** priced, regardless of value, at

The big bargain of this sale is about a dozen Ladies all wool skirts of materials suitable to match and combine with dresses priced at **\$1.98**

Another lot priced at **98c**

One lot Ladies and Childrens' Coats **\$1.98**

Bargains for clearance in our staple departments are very attractive--

9-4 Bleached and unbleached Sheeting 39c

36 In. " " " Domestic 12 1-2c

36 In. Outings 15c

All winter merchandise priced at big savings

Bragg Dry Goods Company

"The Place Most People Trade"



MR. W. E. BEASLEY ANNOUNCES FOR OFFICE

Mr. W. E. Beasley, the present very capable and courteous County Clerk, of Taylor county, asks the Merkel Mail to place in our announcement column his name as a candidate for re-election to this most important position.

Mr. Beasley's record as an official and popularity with the people of the county are too well known to need commendation at our hands, but suffice it to say that he came to this county more than twenty years ago, many years of which time he spent on the farm, and later served as assistant clerk under Miss Fannie Tippett, where he worked efficiently for several years, being appointed to the office following her death.

The office of County Clerk is an important one, and the work is very heavy, but in Taylor county is kept in the best of condition with courteous and fair treatment for every citizen having business with same, under the careful supervision of Mr. Beasley.

We would ask the voters of the county to give his claims due and careful consideration.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Will Move to Abilene, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson will move to Abilene Monday, January 18th and their address will be 718 Lavaca Street. On leaving they wish to express their high regard for their many friends in Merkel and vicinity as well as their appreciation of the opportunity to be of some small service to the community during their six years residence here.

Their many friends in Merkel regret their departure from among them, but all join in wishing for them much happiness and prosperity in their new home. They also commend them to the very best citizenship of the fine and growing city of Abilene.

I will have car of hulls and meal on track at once. See or phone me for prices off the car. L. L. Murray, Phone 265. tf

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kimbrough, on the ninth, a bouncing baby boy. Mrs. Kimbrough is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald, Mr. Kimbrough being connected with the firm of McDonald & Collum Grocery.

C. W. Simpson and children returned this week from a trip to California. They report a very fine and successful trip.

WARREN NEWS by Rose Ellington

Health of this community is not very good at present.

The party at Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy's Tuesday night was well attended by a large crowd and all reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hobbs and family, Grandma Hobbs and Ella and Hall Hobbs spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Canon Sunday.

Miss Willie Newman is spending the week with her brothers, Messrs Arthur and Hollis McCoy.

Mr and Mrs. Floyd Finch spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie McCormick and daughters, Artie and

little Mildred Sue, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sumpter and family.

Charlie T. McCormick spent Sunday with Wilburn Thompson. Miss Lottie McCoy visited Rose and Cordie Ellington Tuesday night.

Mr. Zebbie Sumpter returned home last week from Dallas after spending the last few months in Dallas.

Miss Helen McCormick spent Sunday with Misses Vela and Vera Jones.

Misses Liddie and Lillie Jones and Violet Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. Noel Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gressett visited Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Gressett of Winters, Texas. Miss Lottie Gressett remained with Miss Ursul Parris of Bradshaw Sunday.

Miss Ruth Chancey spent the day with Miss Azilene Sumpter

Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McCoy visited in Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Ellington and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarvin.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tarvin and Mrs. Jack Lanier visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tarvin a while Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Patterson visited Mrs. Barbara McCoy Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Jones spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson spent Sunday night with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Finch of the Hodges community.

Messrs. T. J. Toombs, J. W. and W. P. Moore, returned first of the week from a visit to relatives at Frisco, Texas.

STATIONERY SPECIAL

200 sheets of paper and 100 envelopes to match with your name and address or monogram printed to order in blue ink for \$2.00. You may have your choice of folder or straight sheet in white, pearl gray, royal blue, pink or light yellow. You can't beat this for a stationery bargain. Makes appropriate gifts. Also have \$1.15 box. THE MERKEL MAIL. tf

Maize and Kaffir Heads for Sale. See Merkel Garage. 8t2

For Sale or Trade—Brand new Ford Roadster equipped with 5 Firestone balloon tires. Would trade for 24 or 25 model coupe if priced right. Phone 69. 1t

Pure Louisiana Ribbon Cane Syrup and Robbin Red Breast Meal at W. F. Hamblet's. It

S. & H GREEN STAMPS

We are very glad indeed to have the many nice expressions from the public in regard to the S. & H. Green Stamps. The premiums, as expressed to us by the people, are of the "very highest quality" and useful as well as beautiful. Many have already filled their books and received nice premiums. A few receiving them in the past week are:

Mrs. E. M. Blackburn, Rt. 5, Merkel. Mrs. A. H. Purser, Rt. 1, Trent. Mrs. Elmer Criswell, Rt. 1, Merkel. Mrs. Lucy Russum, Rt. 5, Merkel. Mrs. Walter Boden, City. Mrs. H. Gressett, Rt. 1, Merkel.

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