

Condensed Statement of Condition

The Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas, Close Business Dec. 31, 1928

RESOURCES.	
Loans	\$362,542.03
Overdrafts	121.32
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	5,010.84
Due from Guaranty Fund	4,105.88
Due from City of Merkel	8,130.74
U. S. Bonds	\$ 41,300.00
Bills of Ex. Cotton	72,762.67
Cash and Ex.	132,769.55
Total Available Cash	246,832.22
	\$659,243.03

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	5,284.86
Bills Payable	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
Deposits	603,958.17
	\$659,243.03

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

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

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 Assistant Cashier
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 Assistant Cashier

WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

Baird is building a new brick structure on Market street between Fourth and Fifth to house the West Texas Utilities Company. The Utilities Company will use it as an uptown salesroom and office. It will be furnished with the very latest office equipment.

Plans are to start the preliminary survey for the new city lake for Hamlin within the next few days. The new lake will be north of Hamlin on the T-Diamond ranch and will supply water for a town of from 15,000 to 22,500 people.

A volunteer fire department is being organized in Junction and as a result the fire insurance rate will be reduced fifteen percent within the year. Thirty-five men compose the department and drill twice a month. The city is planning to buy one thousand additional feet of hose.

Construction work is progressing on the new tile and brick home of the Texas Furniture Company at Olney. The foundation and walls have been completed of the hundred foot front and one hundred foot extension to the back.

Bleachers intended to seat approximately 350 people have been set up in Sul Ross College gymnasium. They run the entire length of the west side of the building and are five tiers in height. They are portable and can be used at the gymnasium, at the tennis courts, etc.

Snyder is soon to have a modern commercial airport. The 200 acre plot was recently purchased for \$50,000.00. It joins the northern city limits, and will have camp, water, gas, electricity, and sewerage disposal, filling station and other conveniences.

West Texas Today, official magazine of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, will be in the mails this week. The January issue carries more pecan stories, but is not a pecan special as last month. Development in different West Texas towns and reports from secretaries of chambers of commerce served by the regional organization are given space.

County Teachers to Meet at North Park School January 26

M. A. Williams, county superintendent of public instruction, has announced the following program for the meeting of the Taylor County Teachers' Association, with the North Park school on January 26:

- 10:00 a. m., Sing-song led by Jesse H. Morgan.
- 10:20 a. m., Invocation—Rev. Willis F. Gerhart.
- 10:40 a. m., Address—Dr. Hunt, McMurry College.
- 11:10 a. m., Sectional Meetings: Primary led by Mrs. O. C. Howell; Intermediate led by Miss Ada Landers; High School led by R. S. Glaze.
- 12:00 Noon (Chicken dinner may be purchased at the school for about 50c).
- 1:00 p. m., A. C. C. Quartet.
- 1:20 p. m., Entertainment from North Park School.
- 1:40 p. m., General discussion—Superintendent M. A. Williams.
- 2:00 p. m., Discussion of Interscholastic League work led by E. H. Boulter.
- 3:00, Adjournment.

CARD OF THANKS
 We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our many friends and neighbors for every kind word and deed done in the recent death of our baby Geraldine and also for the beautiful floral offerings. May God's blessing rest on each and every one of you.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lucas.
 Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Lucas.
 Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Marshall.

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

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

Statement of Condition

Close of Business Dec. 31st 1928.

THE OLD RELIABLE Farmers & Merchants National Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS

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

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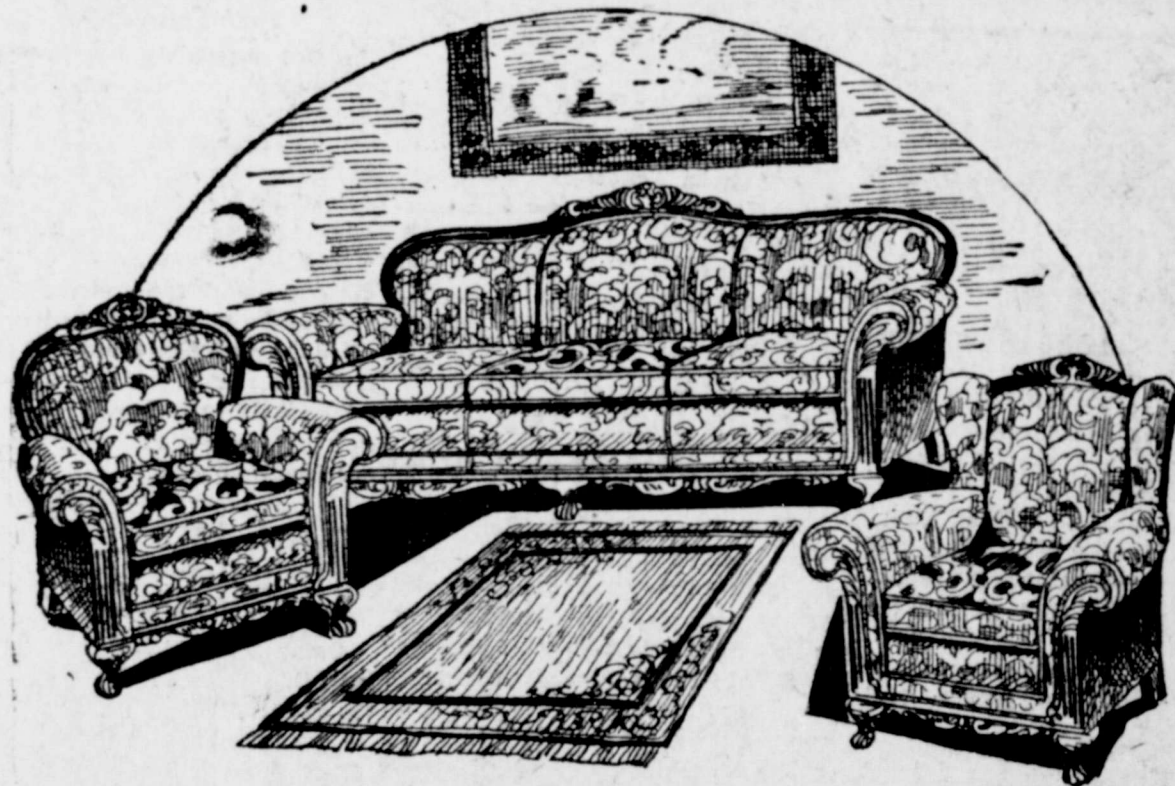
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Sweetwater Offers "Hit the Deck" As Attraction Feb. 2

In all its sprightliness, and with flavor of the deep salt sea, the new Vincent Youmans' international success "Hit the Deck" will arrive at the City Auditorium, Sweetwater, Texas, Saturday, Feb. 2.

Not in many moons has there been such pleasurable anticipation on the part of the theater patrons, as there has since the first announcement that the Youmans' nautical musical comedy with its ravishing tunes "Hallelujah" and "Sometimes I'm Happy", was on the way here.

Vincent Youmans' "No No Nanette" music is familiar everywhere, and the announcement of the coming of a new musical comedy by Youmans would in itself create a great deal of interest; but the appearance of "Hit the Deck" here is of double interest, for Mr. Youmans is not only its composer, but its producer as well.

In producing "Hit the Deck" Mr. Youmans has had the assistance of such well known collaborators as Herbert Fields who wrote the book, and Leo Robins and Clifford Grey who wrote the lyrics.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this means of thanking every one who so kindly assisted in the care of our dear mother, Mrs. M. J. Dudley, during her recent illness and for the words of sympathy extended us at her death.

Her Children.

Texan Modification Leader.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Chesley W. Journey of Waco, for twenty years secretary of the late Senator Culberson of Texas, and now secretary to Senator Copeland of New York, is president of a new organization known as "The League for the Modification of the Volstead Act," operating under a ten year charter issued in the District of Columbia.

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

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Blair Items

Allie Lois, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bryant, who has been seriously ill with appendicitis is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Lewis Ryle is recovering from the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Melton attended the funeral of their granddaughter, infant of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melton of Noodle Dome. The body was interred in the Rose Hill cemetery at Merkel.

Mrs. J. W. Wilson returned last week-end after a weeks visit with relatives at Blackwell, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Morris visited the former's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Morris, of Cross Plains, Texas, the week-end.

Hayne Blackburn of Seymour, visited his cousin, Arthur Moore, the past two weeks.

Peggie Marie Mayfield of Tye, visited their friends at Kale, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield, one day recently. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. D. Chappell

visited their friends at Kale; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bollin, last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cavett and son; Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scoggins and daughters, motored to Sweetwater Sunday.

Mrs. Pat Brewer has been seriously ill at her home the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley James are the proud parents of a son; born 17, weighing 11 pounds.

Paul La Grave Dies

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 24.—Near death for about a week from a heart attack, Paul La Grave, secretary of the Fort Worth Texas League baseball club, succumbed here Monday at a sanitarium.

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ONE of the first things you will notice when you drive the new Ford is the quick, effective, silent action of its six-brake system.

This system gives you the highest degree of safety and reliability because the four-wheel service brakes and the separate emergency or parking brakes are all of the mechanical, internal expanding type, with braking surfaces fully enclosed for protection against mud, water, sand, etc.

The many advantages of this type of braking system have long been recognized. They are brought to you in the new Ford through a series of mechanical improvements embodying much that is new in design and manufacture. A particularly unique feature is the simple way by which a special drum has been constructed to permit the use of two sets of internal brakes on the rear wheels.

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FORD MOTOR COMPANY

Schedule Change

EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, JANUARY 20th



No. 3 Will leave Merkel 4:37 p. m. instead 4:30 p. m.—Arriving Big Spring 7:45 p. m.

No. 4 Will leave Merkel 11:59 a. m. instead 12:37 p. m.—Arriving Fort Worth 6:35 p. m.

For Particulars Consult J. C. CHILDRESS Ticket Agent

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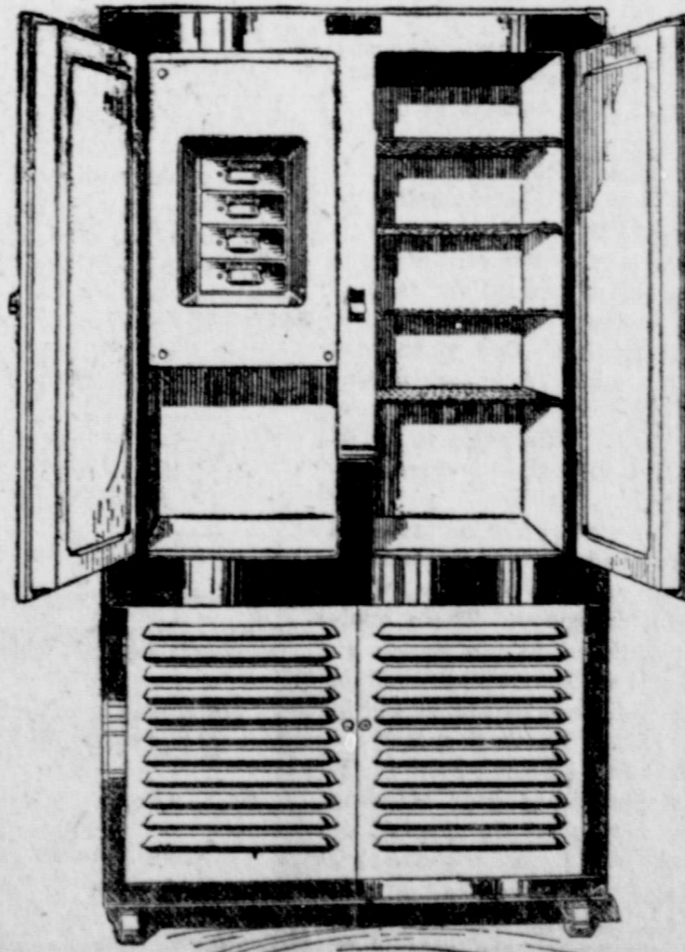
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West Texas Utilities Company

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In addition to welcoming you as an addition to our business life, we are glad to have as citizens the members of your organization who are to be connected with the Merkel house. We have great ambitions for our town and are constantly striving to make it bigger and better in every way, and in this undertaking we invite and solicit your co-operation. Your local manager, Harry Cookston, has already popularized himself with our citizenship, and we are delighted that he is to be permanently with us.

Again We Say, WELCOME TO THE HERCULES SUPPLY CO.

<p>FARMERS STATE BANK Capital \$50,000.00</p>	<p>CONTINENTAL OIL CO. Mack Busbee, Agent. Phone 72</p>	<p>"The Old Reliable" Since 1904 FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK</p>	<p>HAMM DRUG CO. Welcome you to Merkel.</p>
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THE BADGER WEEKLY

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

The Staff:

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 Sophomore Reporter—Louise Booth
 Willie Evelyn Boaz, Freshman Reporter.

MEMORIES OF THE CAMPUS.

A little bird sings, a bell rings - - - The curtain rises on Merkel High. In flaring letters time has written across the green campus, two dates. The years of '28 and '29 are history. In a panorama of fun and work, Of smiles and tears and happiness, They have fled, and now they nestle In the bosom of old man time, and memory!
 The football boys in purple and gold, Royal colors for royal men. Pass, leading the cheery pep-squad girls.
 The basketball girls smile and flee, The Dramatic club waves a graceful hand, Yell club de Espanol'dice "Adios a toda,"
 While the orchestra a pianist plays A soft melody, and a singer sings To the faculty, cheerful and firm. A high school circus, a party or two, And books, tattered and worn Seem to smile on the Badgers As they follow the trails of the four winds, Leaving deep footprints on "the sands of time."

M. H. S.

SAY, DIDJA' KNOW—

—That the students are gently sinking back into slumber, from which they startled up last Tuesday for exams?
 —That according to present plans, the next three issues of the Badger Weekly will be put out by the Fresh-

men, the Sophs, and the Seniors respectively?

—That in spite of a poor bunch of managers, the beauty contest conducted by the annual is showing lots of pep.

—That when Leela and Will went to visit their sick classmate, Velma Walker, the other night, Bro. Walker started to take down his Bible and ask to see the marriage license, but finally calmed himself when he learned the object of the visit. Guess Will has not raised enough nerve yet.

—That the Junior candidate in the annual beauty contest—Missie Dye—is not outclassed in looks, even tho' the class purse strings are not loosened to proclaim the fact?

—That the Juniors miss their members, Willie Harris and Mildred Bird, who are absent on account of illness and that they have shown their sympathy by sending flowers and sympathy cards.

—That the beauty contest will end Friday at the chapel period.

—That two new courses have been organized for the new term, Economics and Trigonometry.

MERKEL BADGERS VS. TYE.

Last Friday the Badger cagers opened the H. S. season by defeating Tye 54-10. Coach Davis used his entire squad of 13 men. Horton Williams took high point honors with 12 points, closely followed by Beene and Spurgin with 10 each. It was a clean

game and good sportsmanship was shown on both sides.

Friday at 7:00 p. m. Merkel Badgers battle Simmons freshmen in Abilene at Cowboy corral.

Coach Davis is trying to get the team in shape for the county tournament February 15 and 16, which will be held in Abilene at McMurry college.

EXEMPTION LIST.

(Continued from last week)

English 9—Elvis D. Richardson, Elsie Lasater, Vera Richie, Harold Leeton, Louise Booth, Audry Farris. General Science—Audry Farris.

Physics II—Thad Doty, J. T. Darsey Jr., R. E. Cole, Ruby Patton, Ima Gene Mangum.

Algebra 9—Jess Higgins, Thelma McAnich, Margaret Turner.

FRESHMEN NEWS.

Everyone is rejoicing because Exams are over, but some of us are weeping because we "flunked." The Fish are not doing so well in their work this half year, but I think we will all do better the rest of the year. (Hope so anyway). I don't think the Fish are settled good at High school yet, they are a little bit nervous, but I think we will get over that.

We are all very sorry to hear about Mary Elizabeth breaking one of her toes. (I think she was trying to kick the wall down when the accident happened).

The classes have all had their meetings and elected their "class beauty." The Freshmen beauty is Oleta Moore. We are all proud of her and are going to put her over. It takes the Freshmen to do that!

We won the half holiday for selling the most annuals and I am sure we are going to win the beauty contest. We are going to try real hard anyway.

So watch the Fish put this race over!

This was overheard in a conversation the other day.

Terrell Mashburn: "Listen, boys my father thinks I look like Abraham Lincoln."

Bill Hamm: "Shoot! My father says I look like George Washington."

Ross Ferrier: "Well, I am ahead of you all. The other day I got on a street car and I accidentally stepped on the conductor's toe and he said, 'Jesus Christ, get off of my toe.'"

SENCES AND NONSENSE.

Miss Baker: "So you are going to marry George at last. What is he like?"

Miss Sloan: "He is the most upright, highminded, honorable fellow in the world."

Miss Baker: "Goodness, you'll starve to death."

You can spend saved money but you can't save spent money.

Mrs. Burgess: "Isn't it hard to think that this poor little lamb was cut down in his youth to satisfy our appetites?"

Mr. Burgess: (struggling with his portion) "Yes, it is tough."

Can your troubles and preserve a sweet disposition.

Lee Darden: "Have you an ear for music?"

Thad Doty: "No, I use one of my ears for the telephone and the other for a pencil rack."

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

The Sophomore class held a meeting Monday morning to elect the class beauty, Marcelena Partridge was chosen by a majority of votes and did

"Hit the Deck" at Abilene Fair Park Auditorium Jan.

Mail orders are now being received for the coming engagement of Vincent Youmans' international music comedy success, "Hit the Deck" with its famous songs, "Hallelujah" and "Sometimes I'm Happy", which will be presented at the Fair Park Auditorium, Abilene, Thursday night, January 31.

Sweeping the country as did Youmans' "No, No Nanette", the two popular excerpts from the new piece have literally set the whole nation singing and fox-trotting. There is hardly a home where the music of "Hallelujah" and "sometimes I'm Happy" is not familiar. "Hit the Deck" is the young musical genius' first venture as a theatrical producer and how he has fared is but too evident in the fact that the play enjoyed a run of over a year in New York, six months in London, with "Hit the Deck," companies enjoying tremendous popularity in San Francisco, Melbourne and other cities of like importance.

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Reporter:

Gigantic Sea Fight in "Old Ironsides," Queen Attraction

Even more gigantic than the charge of the clansmen in "The Birth of a Nation" or the onrush of the chariots in "The Ten Commandments" is declared to be the terrific battle between the glorious frigate "Constitution" and the pirates of old Tripoli in Paramount's "Old Ironsides," mighty patriotic and romantic sea spectacle showing at the Queen Theatre Monday and Tuesday.

What price realism?

Considerable in the movies. When the supposed air raids were staged for "Out of the Ruins," the Richard Barthelmess starring vehicle at the Queen Wednesday and Thursday, patrons of a high class Paris cafe were shown in a panic, running for cover into the basement of the cafe.

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Charges Filed at Baird as Result of Auto Collision

Baird, Tex., Jan. 24.—G. A. Ford, is charged with negligent homicide in justice court here as the result of the death of Mrs. H. Neil of Abilene, who received fatal injuries in an automobile accident near here. Ford is held in the county jail at Baird pending action of the grand jury, which will convene on March 4. Mrs. Neil died in an Abilene hospital on January 11 from injuries sustained in the crash on January 6. The accident occurred when the car in which she was riding collided with a light roadster, driven by Ford. The latter whose home is at Sweetwater, Tenn., was en route to California. He attributes his part in the fatal collision to drowsiness, declaring that he had almost gone to sleep when he was awakened by the lights of the other automobile just in time to throw on his brakes. He has expressed deepest regret over the occurrence and appears highly disturbed over it, according to County Attorney Lewis.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM
Song.
Roll Call.
Scripture, Luke 15:4-7, by leader, Kennedy Whiteley.
Story, "A son of Japan," by Neil Durham.
Story, "A Tongue-cut Sparrow," by Cullen Tittle.
Bible Story, Imogene Middleton.
Prayer.
Piano Solo, by Lois Whiteley.
Song.
Benediction.
Miss Mildred Wilhite, the district league superintendent, will be here as a visitor Sunday.

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RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF BRO. J. T. McDONALD.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Merkel Lodge No. 710 A. F. & A. M., Merkel, Texas.
We, your committee appointed to draft resolutions in memory of brother J. T. McDonald, beg to submit the following:

Whereas, on the 11th Day of December A. D. 1928, it pleased the Grand Master of the Universe, in his infinite wisdom, to remove from among us our dear brother, J. T. McDonald, and to transplant him a member of that Celestial Lodge Above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides, and

Whereas, Brother J. T. McDonald had been an honored member of this lodge for a number of years, being at all times loyal to the principles of the order, during his active life, was punctual in attendance upon the meetings of the lodge.


And whereas, in the death of our brother, this lodge has lost a worthy member, one who lived and practiced the true principles of our order, and in his every day life was a living example of those great tenets, Faith, Hope and Charity, having Faith in God, Hope in immortality, and Charity towards all mankind, ever ready to lend a helping hand to a brother or friend, to aid him in his efforts at reformation, and while we drop a sympathetic tear for his bereaved ones, we bow in humble submission to the will of our Maker, and leave in his hands the soul of our deceased brother.

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resolution be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy delivered to the family of the deceased brother and a copy published in The Merkel Mail, and that the members of this Lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

(Signed.)
C. L. Boswell,
W. W. Wheeler,
Tom Toombe
Committee

Passed and approved this 19 day of January A. D. 1929.
Attest: C. L. Boswell, Secretary.
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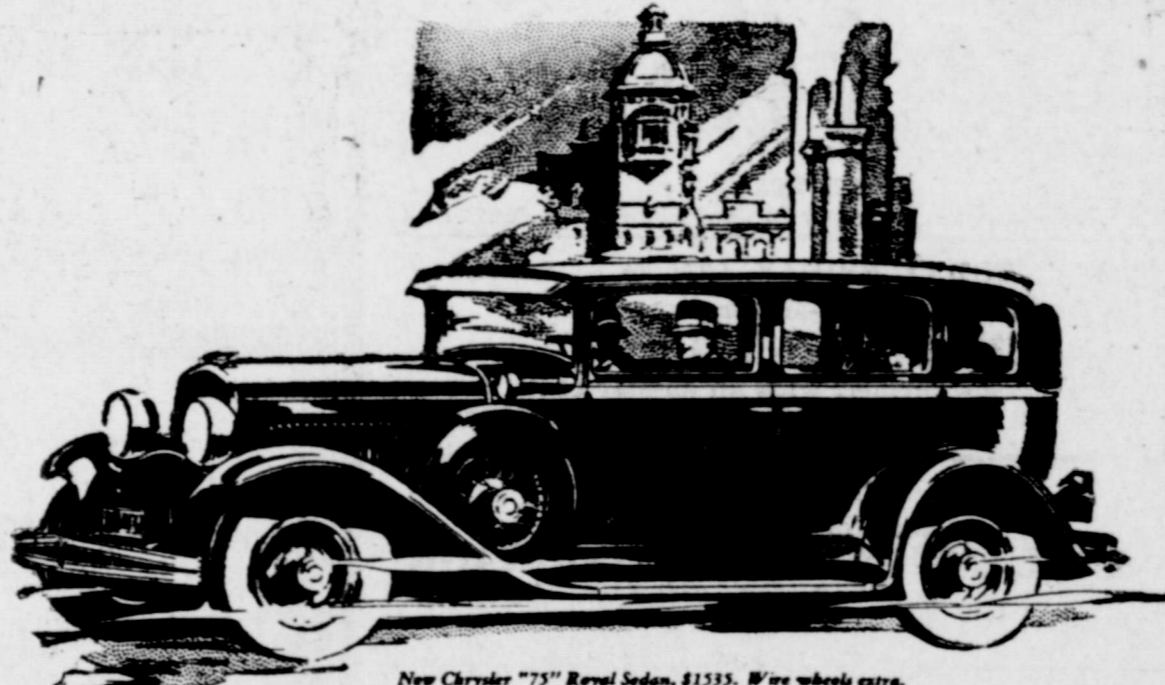
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SOCIETY

IDLEWISE.

Mrs. Geo. White opened her home this week with two pretty parties. The members of the Idlewise club were entertained on Thursday afternoon with a pretty mid-winter party featuring a color scheme of yellow and green. House decorations were of mistletoe, massed in profusion throughout the entertaining rooms and used also as plate favors. Tables arranged for bridge games held dainty tallies in yellow and green and candies in harmonizing pastel shades. At the culmination of the games a delectable salad plate with individual pies and coffee was served to Misses Lucy Tracey, Mary Eula Sears, Iva Bragg, Christine Collins, Boag Sears, Mary Cleo Booth, Johnnie Sears, Mesdames Edward McCrary, L. B. Scott, Roy Largent, Jim Sears, Tom Largent, Warren Smith, W. S. J. Brown, Matt Dillingham, R. I. Grimes, Charlie Jones, S. D. Gamble, F. C. McFarland and John Cox of Abilene.

BRIDGE GAMES.

Mrs. Geo. White again extended hospitality on Saturday afternoon with bridge games, interspersed with radio music as an afternoon's diversion. At the tea hour a dainty sandwich plate with sweets and tea was served to Misses Iva Bragg, Christine Collins, Boag Sears, Mary Cleo Booth, Mary Eula Sears, Roberta Sloan, Mesdames Roy Largent and Geo. White.

Personal Mention

Miss Eska Gage of Abilene was the week-end guest of Misses Mary Eula and Boag Sears.
Miss Lala Hayes of Denton spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hayes.
Miss Mollie Shannon accompanied by Mrs. Vernon Sublett spent last week in Lubbock, the guests of friends.
Mrs. John Cox of Abilene is the guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong.
Mrs. Nat Anderson and baby daughters of Abilene spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. T. J. Toombs.
Miss Lola Dennis of Simmons spent last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis.
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald accompanied by Mrs. T. G. Bragg spent last week-end with their mother, Mrs. Barnes of Westbrook.
Misses Alva Wheeler and Nellie Swann enrolled in Simmons University last week.
The Robert N. Campbell family is now domiciled in their new bungalow, recently erected on their farm six miles south of Merkel.
Mrs. L. R. Thompson, who is in Greensburg, Kansas, where her mother, Mrs. E. T. Hood, has been seriously ill, reports that her mother is improving and will return with Mrs. Thompson within about three weeks to visit in Merkel.
Mrs. W. Z. Harris, who has been visiting Merkel for several months, left last week to visit her son, A. E. Harris, in Haskell.
Mr. and Mrs. Goldie Weatherford of Rule have returned to their home after visiting their grandmother here, Mrs. W. Z. Harris, and Mrs. Weatherford's father, A. E. Harris of Haskell.

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Trent News and Personal Notes

SMITH-RUTHERFORD NUPTIALS

Miss Bessie Smith, Trent, and Mr. Emell Rutherford of Tuxedo were quietly married at the parsonage of Rev. T. C. Willet, Merkel, Sunday, January 20. This came as a surprise to their many friends, for Mrs. Rutherford was one of Trent's most popular young ladies. She is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elery Smith. She graduated with high honors from the Trent High school in 1927. Mr. Rutherford comes from one of the prominent families of Tuxedo, having been employed by a gin company for an indefinite period. They left immediately for Tuxedo where they will reside until after March 1, after which they will be at their new home in Stamford.

MISSIONARY PROGRAM.

The Missionary Society of the M. E. church met at the parsonage Monday afternoon. An interesting program was rendered. Mrs. M. G. Scott, vice-president, led the devotional, reading the 101 st Psalm. Mrs. Jno Payne, of Merkel, read the topic "Handicapped," from the Voice. A leaflet giving the statistics of the Jubilee year was given by Mrs. E. L. Mangum.

Committees were appointed to serve for the social meeting to be held at the church next Monday afternoon. Every member of the society and every woman of the church is urged to be present.

Clinton Bryon, student of John Farlon College, Stephenville, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Bryon, returning Sunday to resume his studies.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Pass spent the week-end here with Mrs. Pass' grandmother, Mrs. T. J. Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeman are announcing the birth of a son, Jan 21, weight 9 1-2 pounds. Mother and babe are reported doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Altman, Roscoe visited Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Watson, Sunday.

Mrs. Jno. Payne of Merkel, who underwent a major operation at the Baptist Sanitarium, Abilene, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. W. E. Shouse, and will soon be able to return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hosca Winn are the proud parents of a baby boy, born

January 19. Mrs. Winn will be remembered as Miss Ola Lee Boone.

Announcement has been made for a community singing to be held at the Methodist church, Sunday Feb. 3. The Public is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Willard Estep and daughter Dorothy Nell, are spending a few days visiting relatives in Sweetwater.

Fire destroyed the garage of Mr. H. B. Chambliss last Friday night. Loss was not very heavy, due to the work of neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. Chambliss were away at the time and did not know how the blaze originated.

Grandmother McLaughlin, who has been real ill, is able to be up again.

Dr. G. H. Watkins of Lubbock was a visitor here last week attending to business matters and shaking hands with old friends.

Mrs. Bunk Tipton of Merkel was a Trent visitor Tuesday of this week. Mrs. Tipton was formerly Miss Carrie Welch.

The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Terry is reported quite ill at this writing.

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