

RAIL SHOPS AND CAR FACTORIES EMPLOY 60,000

Over 60,000 persons are employed in Federal projects; first upturn since May in Employment Index.

New York, Jan. 8.—Work and pay for upwards of 60,000 persons beneath the spreading smoke of new or re-built factory fires is industrial America's new year's contribution to unemployment.

The project of work for an additional 100,000 men was announced at Washington by Thomas MacDonald, chief of the bureau of public roads.

Orders for rails, for rail cars, for locomotives, for automobiles, for steamships, for corn products, for hardware, explosives, plumbing and window glass, as well as dwindling stocks of once over-produced textiles are demanding the laying-on of erstwhile idle hands.

Advices from industrial sections, taking no account of construction, revealed in some cases enough factory re-employment to alleviate materially local conditions. Added was the indication of numerous plants about to start or restart in which no estimate was made of the number of men expected to be employed.

RAILROADS AND AUTOS.

The New York Central Shops at Albany, N. Y., returned 2,000 to work after several weeks of idleness. The Ford Motor Company plant at Atlanta, Ga., resumed with approximately 700 men who were laid off for the annual inventory.

Auto plants in the Detroit area resumed with a total re-employment of 22,000. Chicago and Northwestern recalled 7,000, the Monon Lines between 600 and 700, the Norfolk and Western 2,800, the Missouri Pacific 1,200, the New York Central at East Buffalo and Depew, N. Y., 1,000 and the Southern Pacific 850.

The New York Central reported considerable repair work necessary on rolling stock, so there appeared promise of steady work.

Reports on 100 representative industries indicated that December would show the first upturn since July in the employment index. At the same time opinion in the financial district that the unemployment curve would reach its lowest point some time this month found support in the employment dispatches.

Ford and Chevrolet assembly plants in various sections were expected to resume in a day or two with indications of further employment increases as the assembly season gains momentum.

IN THE SOUTHWEST.

Five Southwestern railroads reported the return of 1900 of workers to their shops after idleness at (Continued on Page Five)

URGED TO SEND IN LETTERS TO ARRIVE BY WEDNESDAY

The request is made of all correspondents of The Mail that they prepare their weekly letters and get them in the mails Tuesday so as to reach us no later than Wednesday noon.

It is planned to group all of these letters each week on a special page and you will assist the publishers materially by being prompt in sending in your budgets.

The Mail is fortunate in having a most efficient corps of community correspondents and feels sure that they will appreciate this step for the betterment of the paper.

Merkel Banker is Selected Foreman 42nd Grand Jury

R. O. Anderson, Merkel banker, is foreman of the grand jury of the 42nd district court which went into session Monday as the eight weeks term of Judge Milburn S. Long was opened.

Other grand jury members are: Lewis J. Ackers, Abilene; Frank Antilley, Elmdale; O. C. Howell, Abilene; Wayne Hunt, Bradshaw; C. C. Sellman, Lawn; L. O. Groves, Tuscola; S. H. Estep, Trent; Zed Moore, Blair; R. C. Blanks, route 3, and W. M. Webb, route 2, Abilene, and W. C. Holly.

Judge Long gave the usual charge to the grand jury, especially committing them to secrecy. He recommended that members of the constable's department, Constable Dave Booth and E. E. Shankle, be named riding bailiffs; J. K. Fuller, former district clerk, is door bailiff.

Judge Long also commended the work which H. T. O'Bar, former sheriff, and his staff had carried on and expressed a firm belief that Sheriff Burl Wheeler and his deputies would make a good record in office, too.

Baptists in Sessions At Tye and Abilene

The Workers Conference of the Sweetwater Baptist association was in session all day Thursday at the Tye Baptist church and a number from the Merkel church were in attendance. Rev. J. T. King, pastor of the Merkel church, preached the sermon Thursday morning.

The first quarterly session of the Women's Auxiliary of the Sweetwater Baptist association is to be held this Friday at the University Baptist church in Abilene and a large number of ladies from Merkel contemplate attending. Mrs. A. R. Booth is on the program for a report from the committee on personal service.

New Test Spudded In.

Monday Trout and Bond spudded in their M. J. Williams No. 1 test, about 2,000 feet south of the Swann No. 1, 800-barrel producer which came in about two months ago one and one-half miles northwest of the Noodle Dome field. The well is on the Gulf lease on the M. J. Williams farm.

DEMOS URGING FOOD PROVISION IN RELIEF BILL

Both Houses Pass Appropriation For \$45,000,000 For Relief; Senate Adds \$15,000,000 For Food Loans.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—While both the senate and house Monday passed the drouth relief appropriation bill, the senate added \$15,000,000 for loans for human food to the \$45,000,000 amount of the house bill. The bill must now go to conference to iron out the differences with the house and up to now no conference has been instituted between the two branches.

Congress became embroiled Wednesday in debate over conditions in the drouth areas.

In the senate, Democratic leader Robinson said: "President Hoover doesn't know, the secretary of agriculture doesn't know and the head of the Red Cross doesn't know and probably will not know the conditions."

Senator Robinson is supporting the senate's addition of \$15,000,000 to the drouth appropriation to be loaned for food purchases—an amendment opposed by the administration.

As the calls went up for help to feed the hungry lest further demonstrations occur like that in Arkansas last week, the administration position against federal aid was receiving support before the senate appropriations committee by John Barton Payne, chairman of the Red Cross.

In another quarter, Secretary Mellon questioned the constitutionality of proposals to suspend foreclosure proceedings by federal land banks in drouth areas.

SIDETRACKS DROUTH AID.

The house laid aside the drouth appropriation temporarily when Representative Garner of Texas, the Democratic leader, refused to agree to a proposal by Representative LaGuardia (Rep.), New York, that the food loans be permitted in cities as well as drouth areas. The measure will be brought up under another parliamentary procedure in a day or so if in the meantime the leaders have not incorporated the \$45,000,000 fund, minus the food loan provision, in an emergency deficiency bill.

Mr. Payne told the senate committee at the opening of hearings into the unemployment and drouth situations that the Red Cross was meeting all calls for help in the drouth area and could continue to meet them from its present emergency fund.

DENIES FOOD RIOT REPORT.

He denied a food riot had occurred last Saturday at England, Ark., and said there was money there to supply the needs of the hungry and that 500 persons had been quietly fed last Saturday when "about forty men came in with some excitement" and demanded food. He said there was no explanation why the forty men had not asked for help at Red Cross headquarters in the first place.

Senator Robinson has wired Governor Parnell of Arkansas, asking what measures were contemplated by the state to meet conditions. He expressed doubt the Red Cross and local agencies could administer complete relief.

Corpus Channel To Be Deepened

Corpus Christi, Jan. 8.—Bids for deepening the Corpus Christi ship channel to 30 feet will be opened Jan. 20 in the office of Maj. M. P. Fox, district United States engineer at Galveston, it was announced here.

An emergency appropriation of \$515,000 for the work was passed by congress just before Christmas.

A valley-wide meeting in the interest of a proposed extension of the intra-coastal canal from Corpus Christi to the Rio Grande valley, was held in Harlingen Monday night.

For Park Scenic Drive.

Fort Davis, Jan. 8.—Twelve hundred acres of land have been deeded to the state by 17 Jeff Davis county ranchmen for the right-of-way for a proposed scenic drive which will feature the large west Texas park being created in this section of the state.

26,661,596 Autos in Operation. New York.—The magazine Motor puts the number of automobiles and trucks in operation in the United States at 26,661,596.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Dan Moody, Jr., was two years old Tuesday and he celebrated his birthday with a party at the governor's mansion.

J. F. Lockmiller, 48, formerly bus line manager at Greenville, suffered serious injuries when he was attacked by a bull and one of the animal's horns pierced his back.

The "No Smoking" order has already been issued in the state highway department and it is reported that similar rules are going into effect in other state offices.

Sale of the Roscoe Times, weekly newspaper, to A. J. Robinson of Houston, has been announced by Charles Green, owner of the publication for the past four years.

John A. Spencer, about 60, serving his third term as mayor of Athens, was found fatally injured in the wreckage of his automobile about four miles north of his home town.

To Turner E. Hubby of Waco, former state game commissioner, belongs the credit of having killed the largest deer in Texas this season, a deer with twenty-one well-developed points.

H. T. Hodge of Abilene, owner of a string of picture shows, has bought the Palace theatre of Anson from Simmons and Nelson, previous operators, who also own a chain of shows.

J. G. Wooten, about 75, past grand commander of the Knight Templars of Texas and superintendent of the Paris public school system for 37 years, died there Wednesday after a long illness.

During the last six months of 1930, 21,706 Mexican repatriates re-entered Mexico through Laredo, said to be the heaviest exodus in history. In the month of December alone, 4,695 crossed the Rio Grande.

Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, accompanied by Mrs. Cannon, from Washington, D. C., is spending the week in Marlin for the benefit of the hot mineral baths.

Sisters of Our Lady of Charity, operating a home for unprotected girls in Dallas, will receive the bulk of the estate left by C. A. Keating, Dallas multi-millionaire capitalist, who left only \$1 to his son.

S. C. Rowe of Fort Worth has been appointed by Governor Dan Moody as a member of the board of regents of Texas State College for Women at Denton to fill the vacancy caused by the death of C. U. Connellee of Eastland.

Three men, Addison Noever, pilot of the plane, Tom Holcomb and Horace Clark, all of Dallas, were killed near Overton when their plane crashed into the top of a pine tree as they were forced by mist and fog to search for a landing place.

The body of Art Acord, once well-known movie star actor, who was found dying in his room in Chihuahua City Sunday, was unclaimed by relatives and was buried in the city's plot there Tuesday, according to advices received at Juarez.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gauthier and their 7-year-old daughter, Lucille Ellen, of Lafayette, La., were drowned at Sylvester when their automobile plunged through a bridge railing and down a twelve-foot embankment into a ditch partially filled with water.

Cattle receipts at Fort Worth for the year 1930 showed a loss of 124,000 head, hogs a loss of 122,000 head, and sheep not far behind with a total decline of 107,000 head, the only gain in 1930 being shown by calves with a few more than 4,000 head than in 1929.

With one well coming in on his ranch in Crane and Upton counties on Thanksgiving Day, another on the same ranch on New Year's Day and a third to reach pay February 18, which is the ranchman's birthday, Charles A. McClintic of Midland is beginning to believe he is a favored child of the oil gods.

DEPOT FOR RELIEF MERKEL'S NEEDY OPEN WEDNESDAYS

The depot for supplying clothing and food for Merkel's needy, which was kept open at the Lions club hall the past week on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, will be continued until further notice, but the time will be limited to only one day a week, Wednesdays, from 1:30 to 5 p. m. Those in need of clothing or shoes are asked to call at this time, but needy cases at any time may be reported to General Chairman R. A. Walker or any member of the relief committee.

Those having suitable old clothing or groceries or food of any nature to contribute are urged to bring them to the Lions club hall on Wednesdays or to notify the committee.

School Attendance Law Will Go Into Effect January 12

Under the compulsory attendance law, each board of trustees sets the date for the period of compulsory attendance in school to begin. Accordingly, the board of trustees of the Merkel Public schools at its last meeting set Monday, January 12, for the beginning of the period for this district. Every pupil coming under the provisions of the law must be in school beginning next Monday and continue in school for five school months. The law applies to children who are now eight years old and not over fourteen years of age. There are a few exceptions made to the law, but each child so excepted must secure from the county superintendent at Abilene a certificate stating that the child is not required under the law to attend school.

EXCUSES FOR ABSENCES.

Under the law teachers are permitted to accept excuses for temporary absence for any of the following causes: personal sickness, sickness or death in the family, quarantine, severe storm making traveling dangerous, or other unusual cause acceptable to the teacher or superintendent.

PUPILS NOT IN SCHOOL.

Any patron will be doing the child concerned a favor if he will but report to Supt. Burgess at Phone No. 174 the fact that any child coming within these ages is not in school. The one reporting such absence will not be involved in the case and the superintendent will notify the parent that the law is being violated.

Merkel has always very willingly complied with this law, and only in very rare cases has it ever become necessary to report a parent for failure to send his child to school.

Quarter Inch Rain.

Rain which fell slowly most of Sunday amounted to .25 of an inch, according to Volunteer Weather Observer B. M. Black.

DILLINGHAM IS ELECTED AS NEW LION PRESIDENT

Other Officers and Directors for Ensuing Six Months Named at Tuesday's Luncheon; Attendance Better than 90 Per Cent.

Matt Dillingham, local manager of the West Texas Utilities company, was elected president of the Lions club for the ensuing six months at the Tuesday luncheon meeting of the club, the first one of the New Year. Other officers elected were: H. H. Jenkins, first vice-president; S. D. Gamble, second vice-president; R. A. Burgess, third vice-president; C. J. Glover, Jr., secretary; C. H. Jones, Lion Tamer, and J. S. Bourn, tall twister. Four directors elected were as follows: A. T. Sheppard, Booth Warren, C. W. Delmer and R. A. Walker.

After the club singing, led by the president, E. Yates Brown, with Miss Lucy Tracy as accompanist, the invocation was given by Rev. J. T. King and the toastmaster, L. B. Scott, was then introduced. Guests present for the luncheon were E. H. Lyon of Abilene and W. W. Hayes.

Incidental music during the luncheon was played by Miss Tracy and depicting "The Last Hour of the Old Year" as revealed at a meeting of the Lions club to usher in the New Year. Miss Tracy afforded members and guests a rare treat in her clever reading that followed.

The toastmaster asked all members to participate in writing New Year resolutions which a so-called mind-reader and clairvoyant, Chas. H. Jones, was to interpret; failing to get the right atmosphere, this task was assumed by the toastmaster, who carried it off in good fashion. Another contest centered about the question, "What you think will be extinct and only a memory 50 years hence and what will take its place?" Answers ranged from the cowboy, buggy, bicycle, miniature golf and misery caused by the dentist to the 18th amendment, the drouth and depression, "the hair on Ben Bird's head," (other bald heads mentioned being Boney, Burgess and Warren,) and the installment plan.

Assigned the subject, "New Year's Resolutions and Advancement for the New Year," Rev. J. T. King delivered a most interesting and helpful talk. The theme of his message was enlargement and enrichment. He urged those present to enlarge their friendliness, helpfulness, efficiency, service to fellowmen and service to God. Directed to the club as a whole, he urged the Lions to enlarge their sympathies among the people with whom they lived and did business.

Following the election of new officers (Continued on Page Five.)

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 13, 1911.)

THE W. O. W. SUPPER.

The social entertainment and supper given by the local lodge of Woodmen last Friday evening was an event which eclipsed in point of both interest and attendance all previous fraternal undertakings of like nature. It is conservatively estimated that there were in attendance more than six hundred. Plates were laid for this number and there were a large number who did not take places at the tables which circled around the large room of the Thornton building on Kent street.

The program was opened with music by the orchestra and the address delivered by Gov. T. A. Johnson. Johnson made all present feel welcome and introduced members of a special quartette, Misses Largent, West, Potter and O'Briant and Miss Lyska Pitzer accompanist. Piano selections were given by Misses Dethel Jenkins and Bessie Settles.

A deal consumed during this week changed the style of one of our oldest and most popular dry goods stores, J. P. Sharp buying the interests of O. M. Sharp in Sharp and Company. The latter has opened a grain store

in the Hogue-Hamilton building. The popular young bookkeeper, Alex A. Wisdom, announces he will leave the first of the week.

Claud Mann of Pecos, while en route to his home, spent a few hours with relatives here.

Robert Hicks and Andy Brown resigned their positions as carpenters on the Santa Fe Thursday and returned to their homes at this place.

Ollie Cordell was at home to his friends Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groene. Progressive 42 was played by the following young people: Misses Ona and Virginia Hamblet, Elma Sheppard, Maude Ferguson, Maude Welch, Frances Falconer, Messrs. Jesse Ferguson, James West, Ed Swafford, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groene.

R. L. Bland, Jim Black, Will Burns, Homer Jobe, Jack Provine, John Elliott and J. E. Paylor accepted invitations tendered them Wednesday and attended the Woodmen oyster supper at Trent. A good program was carried out, the visitors report a good time and plenty to eat.



THE TOWN DOCTOR "DOCTOR OF TOWNS" SAYS HOW IS BUSINESS GOING TO BE??? Business is going to be whatever you make it as far as you are concerned. You may think that is all bunk—you may be the sort that says "You can't make a pink shirt yellow by thinking it's yellow." But you can take it or leave it, business will be with you just exactly as you make it. If you sit around and wait for "good times" they will be a long time coming. If you cry "hard times" to every customer that you come in contact with and go around with a face a mile long, blaming politics, religion, dry weather and prohibition for what you alone are responsible, then business always will be punk—and with such people it never should be otherwise. How come you are in business anyway? What did you do before you went into business? Are you dead sure that you are in business right now? Maybe it's just a store you are running and, if so, where are you running it? Here is a sure fire way of telling how your business is going to be! Put on a disguise so no one will know you and go out to your customers and see yourself as they see you. Ask them how your business is going to be—they can tell you better than anyone else. Be sure and put on the disguise tho, for sure as they recognize you they will not tell you just what they think—That's always the case—may be the wrong attitude for customers to take but nevertheless they will give you a wrong steer if they know who you are. It's too bad that every Seller cannot see himself as others see him. If it could be, there would be fewer "lost customers" and sure there would be fewer failures in every line of endeavor. You don't know you as others know you—don't forget that! You can't look in the mirror and see what the fellow that looks over your shoulder sees—no, it can't be done, for you look from the inside out—the other fellow looks from the outside in and ninety-nine per cent of the fellows only see your outside. And what goes for your business as well as for your person. (Continued on Page Two.)

### West Texas Can Boast Hundreds of Industries

Abilene, Jan. 8.—Evenly distributed throughout the forty-eight counties served by the West Texas Utilities company, and offering products and services of every imaginable kind, West Texas boasts of hundreds of important industries—all of them substantial contributors to the progress and development of this territory.

A statistical report from the general offices of the company here makes available the following recapitulation of the most important and largest of these factories, plants and establishments:

6 auto body works; 20 bottling works; 5 brick plants; 5 candy factories; 18 cotton oil mills; 8 carbon black plants; 22 large creameries; 35 large dairies; 1 fish hatchery; 3 flour mills; 37 grain elevators; 3 commercial gravel pits; 5 gasoline recovery stations; 1 glass factory; 1 iron works; 3 marble works; 13 oil refineries; 6 large planing mills; 2 potato chip factories; 1 sausage factory; 12 railway shops; 2 tile plants; 5 auto top works; 2 broom factories; 1 boiler works; 15 cotton compresses; 305 cotton gins; 4 cement and plaster plants; 6 cold storage plants; 2 dressed poultry plants; 2 electric railways; 2 foundries; 19 feed and grist mills; 79 gas distribution stations; 1 gathering station; 1 gypsum plant; 1 helium plant; 49 ice factories; 5 mattress factories; 42 pipe line stations; 1 paving block plant; 3 tool and tank shops; 7 rock quarries; 1 sheet metal works; 8 wool warehouses, and many other important industries.

Flexible, economical electric power is playing an important part in the success of these growing concerns, and as development continues, they turn more and more to the ever-ready high line as a source of power supply.

#### NOTICE.

To the Rose Hill Cemetery committee and all interested in the upkeep of same:

I surely appreciate and thank you all for the kindness and courtesy you have shown me for the four and one-half years that I have been sexton for you. I have tried to give you good service. Now that all responsibility of upkeep and the money, too, is in my care, you that have lots and want me to keep them clean and graves kept rounded up please see me at once.

J. H. Witcher, Sexton.

The original District of Columbia, which was 10 miles square, included a tract south of the Potomac ceded by Virginia. The present District of Columbia, comprised of about 70 square miles, is entirely in Maryland.

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He has to his credit wonderful results in diseases of the stomach, liver, bowels, blood, skin, nerves, heart, kidney, bladder, bed wetting, catarrh, weak lungs, rheumatism, sciatica, leg ulcers and rectal ailments.

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E. S. McDowell, Corsicana.  
W. J. McAnally, Plains.  
Robert Ramsey, Texarkana, Ark.  
Miss Dainey Shaw, Grapeland.  
Frieda Seewald, San Antonio.  
Lola Thornton, Belton.  
B. Van Houten, Dayton.  
J. W. Thorton, Texarkana.  
Mrs. Frank Thate, Cross Plains.  
Charley Witt, McGregor.

B. A. Young, Abilene.  
Remember above date, that consultation on this trip will be free and that his treatment is different.

Married women must be accompanied by their husbands.  
Address: 4221 West Third Street, Los Angeles, California.

### Gary Cooper Appears in Greatest Soldier Roll

Mid a blare of martial music and a waving of flags, Gary Cooper will swing onto the screen at the R. & R. Palace, Sweetwater, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday in the greatest soldier role he has ever played, in "Morocco," Paramount's gigantic and spectacular drama of the French Foreign Legion.

Not even in "Beau Sabreur" did Cooper attain to the colorful background which features "Morocco," and the brilliant action which makes every moment of this Josef von Sternberg picture a breath-taking experience. In "Morocco," the talking screen has found its voice of love for, with Cooper, is seen that amazing beautiful actress whom Paramount brought from Germany to feature in this production, Marlene Dietrich.

"Morocco" is a love story, emotion-swept, filmed on an epic scale, under the direction of the man who made "Underworld," whose rare combination of artistic and practical skill has proved his right, time and time again, to be listed with the greatest directors of the all time.

Gary Cooper, happy-go-lucky soldier of fortune, a private in the French Foreign Legion, is a young man without an illusion, even when he makes a play for the girl, beautiful Marlene Dietrich, a cafe singer, whose ravishing charm also interests a man-of-the-world, Adolphe Menjou.

#### SPECIAL OFFER.

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### CANYON NEWS

Back again; we've been absent for quite awhile but we've been stuck in the mud.

Everyone is almost through pulling bolls and ready to start plowing.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews have moved to Blair, where he has bought a store and filling station. We regret very much they're leaving the Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Griggs of Dora visited Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Perry Saturday night and Sunday.

A crowd of young folks gathered at Howard Cargill's Saturday night and played "42." All present report a very nice time.

The F. T. A. at Butman is progressing nicely. We met last Friday night with a large crowd in attendance.

A jolly crowd of young people went serenading New Year's night, everyone reporting a "sumptuous time" and lots of chicken and cake. Those engaging in the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Odger Matthews, Misses Mary Ellen Frazier, Evelyn Perry, Elna Hale, Novis J. Whiteaker, Emma Patterson, Fern Norrell and Florence Evans and Messrs. Lloyd Matthews, Clovis and Lynwood Harrison, Marlee Mainard, Orville Hartman, Raymond Kusson, Jr., John and Pete Swinney, Morgan Frazier and Fred Thomas.



### On The Screen

—under the glare of powerful lights and the stress of "Picture Making" the beauty rendered by Gouraud's Oriental Cream stands the test. It gives an alluring, peerly appearance that will not rub off, streak or spot.

No "touching up" necessary as the skin retains the delightfully soft, seductive beauty under all conditions.

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### THE TOWN DOCTOR

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sonal self.

Can't get away from it, business is going to be with you, what you are going to make it. And the whole "works" depends on knowledge of yourself, how much you know of others, plus gumption and "git."

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January Clearance Sale opens at Brown's Bargain Store Saturday morning. See the big yellow circular.



### If baby has COLIC

A CRY in the night. Colic! No cause for alarm if Castoria is handy. This pure vegetable preparation brings quick comfort, and can never harm. It's the sensible thing when children are ailing. Whether it's the stomach, or the little bowels; colic or constipation; or diarrhea. When tiny tongues are coated, or the breath is bad. Whenever there's need of gentle regulation. Children love the taste of Castoria, and its mildness makes it safe for frequent use.

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#### Statement of Condition

### The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel

Close of Business December 31, 1930.

#### RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$232,897.16
Warrants (City of Merkel)	3,789.50
Overdrafts	267.96
Real Estate on Hand	13,357.79
Furniture and Fixtures	6,250.00
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	2,250.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
Bill of Ex. (Cotton)	\$ 7,677.81
U. S. Bonds (Owned)	30,550.00
Cash & Sight Exchg.	121,912.87
<b>AVAILABLE CASH</b>	<b>160,140.68</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$419,265.59</b>

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus & Und. Profits	21,145.57
Circulation Account	6,250.00
Rediscounts	NONE
Bills Payable	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	<b>341,870.02</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$419,265.59</b>

The above statement is correct.

BOOTH WARREN, Cashier

### ALWAYS DEPENDABLE!

THE OLD RELIABLE

## FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

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At the National Automobile Shows

**Chevrolet wins first place for the fourth time**

First place at the National Automobile Shows—a position granted on the basis of annual sales volume—is again awarded to Chevrolet. This is the fourth consecutive time that Chevrolet has won this honor. And the reason lies in its great value—as exemplified by today's Chevrolet Six.

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All set for a comfortable evening's perusal of his favorite magazine—how many times have you had an irate husband to contend with, all because the light globe in his lamp had gone to fill an empty socket in the kitchen?

How much simpler, how much easier to keep handy a carton of lamps for just such an emergency. The cost is small—the convenience great—buy a carton today.

A salesman will be pleased to recommend proper sizes and styles to fit your every need.

## West Texas Utilities Company

**GOLAN NEWS**

And Sunday gave us another rain. Owing to the bad weather Sunday School was postponed. Next Sunday is Baptist church day. All are invited. Frank West is in Seymour and Monday closing business deals. J. T. Williams and Chester Duncan were in Abilene Saturday on business. Mrs. Elmer Pursley and little Win-a-Marie of Sylvester spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. West. Ozias Auford, who has been spending several days with his grandmother Mrs. J. R. Dean, left Saturday afternoon with his mother, Mrs. Auford, for Anson for an indefinite time. Charlie Dean left Sunday for New Mexico on business. Golan Seniors played Sylvester Seniors Friday afternoon. The girls lost to Sylvester by one point and the Golan boys won by several points.

**MT. PLEASANT NEWS**

On account of the rain, which fell all day Sunday, there were no church services. Odell Anderson spent the week-end visiting on the Munger ranch. Cleve Lowery of Nubia is moving to the place vacated by R. T. Cody, who moved to Denton in Callahan county. Mrs. Pruitt entertained a number of friends in her home Monday afternoon. A devotional service was held, after which a social hour was enjoyed. Then refreshments were served to Mesdames W. F. Anderson, Morris Smith, R. S. Darden, Homer Campbell, D. J. Anderson, Grover Blair, Dee Moore, J. L. Cody, E. A. Click, R. T. Cody and Irvin Humphrey, Misses Mary Click and Lona Mae Pruitt. Frank Alexander and family have moved to Potosi. Mrs. F. T. Hogan spent the day Friday with her mother, Mrs. Riney.

**NOTICE STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers State Bank in Merkel, Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank the second Tuesday in January, being the 13th day of the month at 4 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and such other business as may come before the meeting.

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**BLAIR ITEMS**

Mr. Ranson Meeks and daughter, Miss Florence, of Post City, visited his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Barnes, and other relatives Friday. Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks and family visited the latter's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Thornton, of Caps one day recently. Miss Mary Joe Ferrier of Anson visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield, New Year's Eve. Miss Derrick, our Spanish teacher, spent several days recently with her parents in Merkel.

Miss Mabel Scott of Trent returned home at the week-end after spending the week with the Rosson sisters. She was accompanied by the Misses Rosson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pyles have moved to Butman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Mayfield have moved into our midst during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mayfield and daughters were visiting Friday in this community.

The cotton is about all gathered in this part of the country. The gin receipts show about 1,350 bales of cotton, will send in report soon.

**REMOVAL NOTICE.**

I have moved my office from the Farmers State Bank building to Merkel Sanitarium, the office formerly occupied by Dr. W. T. Sadler.  
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**SALT BRANCH NEWS**

The Salt Branch Demonstration club met on Friday, January 2, at the school building, with the president, Mrs. W. C. Lee, in charge. As Miss Chambers, the county demonstration agent was not present with the year books, the meeting was adjourned after a short business consultation. The next meeting will be held on January 16, at the new church house, with the following program on "Poultry Management."

Hostess, Mrs. A. E. Higgins; business, president in charge; roll call, answered with poultry hints; music, song led by chorister; "Feeding the farm flock," Mrs. W. E. Petty; "Housing," Mrs. Jesse Higgins; "Sanitation," Miss Selena Teaff.

**CLUBBING OFFER.**

Abilene Morning News for the remainder of 1931 and the Merkel Mail for one year for \$5.50. Offer good only during the month of January.

**Army's Old Cothes To Go to the Poor**

Washington, Jan. 8.—The army's cast off clothing is to go to the poor and destitute.

Regulations requiring that discarded clothing be destroyed unless sold were set aside Saturday by Secretary Hurler, in orders prepared for immediate dispatch to corps area commanders.

The articles are to be distributed through charitable organizations with the stipulation that they be dyed and that none of them be sold.

Representative Bowman, of West Virginia, who suggested this course, was authorized to make the announcement.

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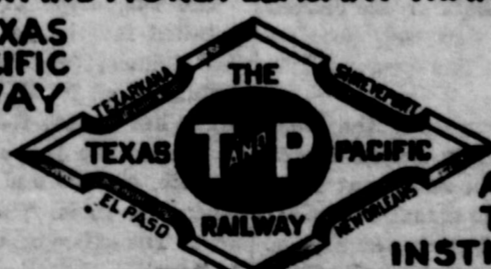
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10:33 AM	Lv. Millsap	Ar. 10:33 AM	3:09 PM
11:28 AM	Lv. Mingo	Ar. 9:46 AM	2:15 PM
12:14 PM	Lv. Ranger	Ar. 9:20 AM	1:45 PM
12:33 PM	Lv. Eastland	Ar. 9:05 AM	1:27 PM
1:10 PM	Lv. Cisco	Ar. 8:50 AM	1:10 PM
2:00 PM	Lv. Baird	Ar. 8:05 AM	12:25 PM
2:55 PM	Lv. Abilene	Ar. 7:30 AM	11:50 AM
3:18 PM	Ar. Merkel	Lv. 7:03 AM	11:23 AM
3:55 PM	Ar. Sweetwater	Lv. 7:03 AM	11:23 AM
4:45 PM	Ar. Colorado	Lv. 6:30 AM	10:50 AM
5:45 PM	Ar. Big Spring	Lv. 10:05 AM	9:10 AM

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**RESOURCES**

Loans	\$157,254.94
Overdrafts	309.27
Banking House	15,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Warrants (City of Merkel)	\$ 3,410.50
Bills of Exchange	
Cotton	7,763.49
Cash & Ex.	27,183.16—38,357.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$218,421.36</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock	\$ 40,000.00
Surplus and Profits, Net	12,724.03
Bills Payable	19,000.00
Rediscunts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
Deposits	146,697.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$218,421.36</b>

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J. S. Swann, v-president. W. L. Diltz, Jr., cashier.  
Dave Hendricks, v-president. Jack Anderson, asst. cashier.

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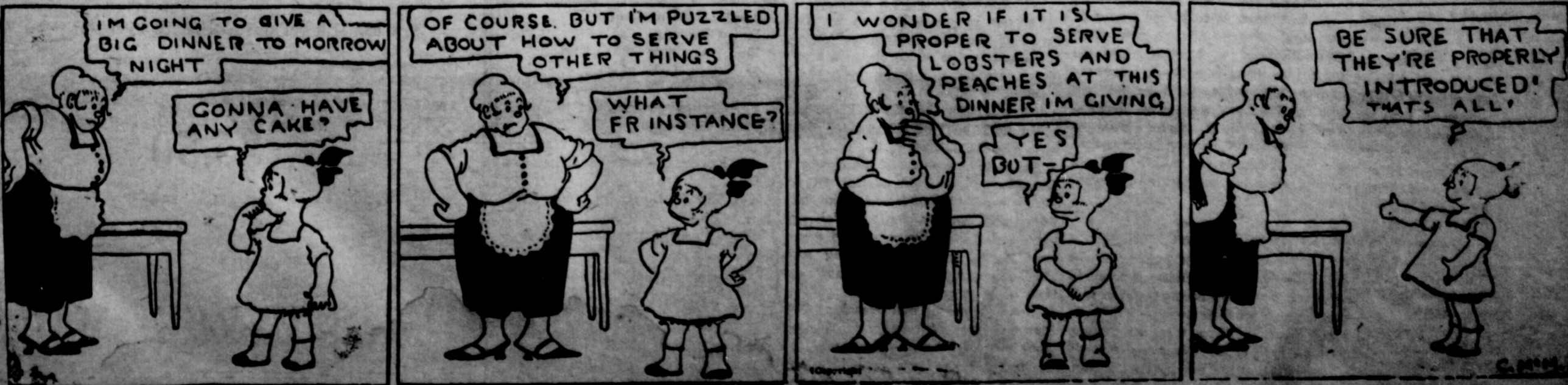
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**THE TEXAS AND PACIFIC NORTHERN.**

The New Year will probably see an early authorization by the Interstate Commerce commission for the construction of the Texas and Pacific Northern railroad, proposed to run from Big Spring to Vega, Lubbock and Amarillo. James V. Allred, Texas' new attorney general, Tuesday gave his endorsement to the project and just a short while before, R. L. Bobbitt, his predecessor, made a similar endorsement.

"The line, to cost \$13,000,000, unquestionably will fill a need, provide work and help out in the development of Texas," Allred said, "and I wish we could have more such projects. I have not gone over the official records of the case, but I have read a considerable portion of the published accounts, and besides I know West Texas."

Of particular interest to Merkelites in reading of the activity of the attorney general's department in behalf of the T. & P. extension is the fact that one of his aids, T. S. Christopher, is a Merkel man, whose home is now in Lamesa. The citizens of the latter town are especially active in cooperating to obtain the rail extension, Lamesa being one of the towns on the route.

The permission for the Texas and Pacific Northern to construct this extension will mean one of the greatest forward steps West Texas can ever hope to experience, not only, as Attorney General Allred suggests, in providing work by the expenditures of millions of dollars but in furthering the general development of Texas.

**Scott Sells Interest In Merkel Motor Co. To Fulwiler Company**

As the result of a business deal consummated last Saturday, L. B. Scott disposed of his interest in the Merkel Motor company to the Fulwiler Motor company of Abilene. It is announced that the business will continue under the same name and Mr. Scott will remain with the firm until the first of February.

Mr. Scott's connection with the Merkel Motor company dates back 14 years when he first entered the business here. The firm has carried the name of Merkel Motor company for the past 12 years.

As one of the leading business men and civic and church workers of Merkel, Mr. Scott has made a conspicuous place for himself in the commercial life and welfare of this city. He is a man always ready to answer the call of duty and he has taken active part in every movement for the progress and betterment of the city.

While his plans for the future are not definite, he states that he has several matters under advisement and it is hoped that he will continue his residence here.

**On Honor Roll John Tarleton College**

Stephenville, Jan. 8.—According to an announcement by C. S. Wilkins, registrar of John Tarleton college, 66 students are on the honor roll for the grade period just ended. Four students have straight A records for the period; the other distinguished students made above the grade of B in each subject. Among those making this fine record is Miss Ethel Hamilton of Merkel. This is the second time this term of school that Miss Hamilton has distinguished herself by making the honor roll.

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**CHURCHES**

**WEEKLY SERMONETTE.**

As announced in our issue of last week, the Merkel Mail has arranged, with the cooperation of the local ministers, to publish a sermonette each week during the coming year. This will be either a sermonette especially prepared or a synopsis of a sermon previously delivered. The editor of The Mail wishes to express appreciation for the spirit of cooperation manifested by the local ministers in making this feature possible and feels sure that much benefit will result to our readers from their publication.

In this issue, "The Luggage of Life," is a synopsis of a sermon recently delivered by Rev. E. L. Yeats, pastor of the Methodist church.

**"THE LUGGAGE OF LIFE"**

"Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us," Hebrew 12:1.

Life, in a large measure, is a matter of luggage. Humanity has an undispensed love for his load. From the cradle to the grave we are never happy until our arms are full.

A child is never happy until he is loaded. A chair, a doll, a miniature wagon, a cat, or possibly all four of them becomes the contents of his luggage. He groans under the weight of it, but you may be assured he loves it. Remove his load from him and note his discontent.

A child at twenty or fifty or eighty is not different. We may quarrel about our load but be assured we would be most miserable without it. One of the saddest things that confronts old age is "Breaking up house keeping" and we have no cares of our own. Nothing to do but fold our hands and wait for the inevitable.

Now the pity of it is that so many of us carry inferior luggage. If we must have our arms full and our lives loaded in order to be happy, why carry an inferior grade? The story is told of a man in the eastern states, who on hearing of the California gold, rushed to the scene and loaded a sack and struggled with his load back to his home only to reveal that he scraped up some of the refuse about the mine.

Is not this a common fault of humanity? We struggle under the weight of our cares without examining the contents. Possibly our cares are not worth the carrying. It would be a pity to arrive at the pearly gates with only a load of refuse.

How many things do you have about your place that are only "Things"? Of no value to you, but you have become so attached to them that you will not discard them. How often do "White elephants" constitute half our load?

Suppose we take stock of our luggage in this new year. Are you really making your life count? Is the work you are doing worthy of your time and talent? It is to be conceded that every one is busy. Every moment of our time is occupied—with something. Martha was busy and so was Mary. John, the loved disciple, was busy and so was Judas. But such a contrast!

Occasionally one hears of someone so busy they haven't time to care for the sanctities of life. Such a pity! No time for religion! No time for Christianity! So interested in minor things that we have no time for the major things. Like the woman who was so careful to have the child's clothing "Just So" that the child died for lack of care.

Christ did not come into this world to lift the burden from our backs, but to give us a burden worthy of a man's time. To point out to us things that are worth the carrying. To give us a load that we would not be ashamed to own.

One day we will arrive at the Father's gate to have our cares examined. For our luggage to be inspected. What a revelation it will be! "Let us lay aside every weight . . . which doth so easily beset us."

**MEN'S PRAYER MEETING.**

C. E. Conner is to be the leader of the Men's Prayer Service next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the place of meeting is to be the Nazarene church. The subject will be the last half of the third chapter of Malachi. Last Sunday H. H. Toombs was the leader, the meeting having been held at the Presbyterian church, with a good attendance, considering the weather.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

Last Sunday's rain cut down the attendance at the Sunday Schools in Merkel to 509. On account of the fact that most of their members live in the country, there was no Sunday School held at the Nazarene church. Attendance at the four reporting Sunday Schools was: Methodist, 222;

Baptist, 174; Church of Christ, 65, and Presbyterian, 48.

**NAZARENE CHURCH.**

On account of the rain last Sunday we did not have any services at our church. The most of our congregation live in the country and threatening weather makes it difficult for them to attend church.

We are expecting a good day over next Sunday, if the weather permits, and feel sure that you will enjoy the services with us.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting each Thursday at 6:30 p. m. W. P. Sibley, Pastor.

**THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

The New Year with all of its glorious opportunities is upon us. May we gladly accept the challenge which it brings and prove our love and devotion to our Master by being present each Lord's Day in all the services of His house.

A helpful sermon on a timely subject will be delivered at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday. All members are urged to be present Friday evening at 7 o'clock to enjoy our B. Y. P. U. social. Inspirational speakers from Sweetwater and Abilene will be present. Bring another with you and be on time for Sunday School at 10 a. m. J. T. King, Pastor.

**B. Y. P. U.**

At 7 p. m. Friday, the B. Y. P. U. are going to spend an evening enjoying some real fun and instruction.

We are to have some out-of-town visitors on the program. Mr. Burel from Sweetwater will aid in making the party a success. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson and Mrs. Rucker of Abilene are also to appear on the program. These speakers are always entertaining and instructive, especially the "chalk talks" of Mrs. Jackson.

If you wish to enjoy an evening with your friends, come and bring them along. Refreshments.

**JUNIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.**

Subject: "Building a life."  
"We are builders," leader.  
"Foundation," Neely Tittle.  
"Bricks," Billie Tittle.  
"Mortar," L. B. Gibson.  
"Doors and windows," Herman Carson.  
Poem, Raehon King.  
"Floors and ceilings," Winston Polley.  
"Chimneys," Rachel Patterson.  
"Porch and Steps," Rose Mary Lasser.  
"The color of the house," Nadra Nixon.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

Sunday School at 10 a. m. When we have a small attendance on account of weather conditions, let's make an effort to have a large number present when favorable so that the average may be kept up.

No preaching services Sunday, as the pastor will be at Baird.  
W. M. Elliott, Supt.  
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Excellent services last Lord's Day with very fair audiences both morning and evening. We invite you to be with us at any time that you can and urge that the members of the church attend all services that they possibly can. We need you and you need to come.

All regular services for the week as follows: Bible study Lord's Day at 10 a. m., communion service at 11 a. m., young peoples' program at 6 p. m., ladies Bible study Tuesday at 2 p. m. and midweek Bible study and prayer service Wednesday at 7 p. m. Come be with us.

In love, The Elders.

**METHODIST NEWS NOTES.**

The new course of lectures on "The books of the Old Testament," being sponsored by the men's class, is proving of interest. For this quarter their teacher, Professor R. A. Burgess, will give a lecture each Sunday on one of the O. T. books. This unusual course is proving a treat to the class.

The district meeting of the Epworth Leagues will be held at Oak Street Methodist Church, Abilene, next Saturday and Sunday. Both "H.I." Leagues and Senior Leagues are members. Merkel would like to bring back the honors. Every leaguer must attend at least one day.

The local pastor will preach at Oak Street church, Abilene, next Sunday morning. Rev. Lance Webb will fill the pulpit here. Rev. Webb is a fine young man of unusual ability and the



**WILLIAMS-WARRINGTON.**

The home of Mr. and Mrs. George Caple was the scene of a beautiful home wedding Monday evening when Miss Grace Lee Warrington became the bride of Mr. M. E. Williams of Fine Bluff, Arkansas.

The house was profusely decorated with lovely cut flowers in which the wedding colors of pink and blue predominated. A trellis, banked with smilax and fern, interspersed with sweet peas and carnations, formed the background for the altar, illuminated on either side by waxen tapers from tall candelabra.

Preceding the ceremony James Stewart of Mineral Wells beautifully rendered "I Love You Truly" and Messrs. Roy Phillips, Ralph Bones, Lesley Uglum and Duke Walker softly played Lohengrin's wedding march and recessional on violins and accordion.

Judge Milburn Long of 42nd district court, Abilene, was the first of the wedding party to enter, meeting the groom and his best man, H. A. Leper, of Abilene at the altar. Mrs. R. I. Grimes, as matron of honor, preceded the bride who entered on the arm of George Caple. The beautiful ring ceremony was most impressively read by Judge Long.

The bride was lovely in a turquoise blue crepe with accessories in harmony. She carried an arm bouquet of delicate pink carnations and snapdragons. The matron of honor was becomingly gowned in a peach lace frock and carried a similar bouquet of deep rose carnations and snapdragons.

Mrs. Williams has been associated with the Merkel sanitarium for the last six months, coming here as a graduate nurse of Davis hospital, Pine Bluff, Ark. In this capacity she was most competent and gracious and because of her winning personality she has made a host of friends who offer congratulations and best wishes. Mr. Williams formerly lived in Pine Bluff but is at present employed by the Missouri Pacific railway at McGehee.

**RECEPTION.**

A reception of lovely appointments was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Caple immediately following the ceremony and honoring members of the bridal party of the Williams-Warrington wedding.

The table was exquisitely laid with an imported cover of lace over palest of pink, centered with a blue basket of sweet peas and offset by crystal candlesticks holding pink lighted tapers. Mrs. Mac Angus poured punch and Miss Mary Culley of Abilene presided over the cutting of the pretty wedding cake.

Mrs. Williams' traveling suit was of black with lapan fur trimmings and accessories were in black and white.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams left immediately after the reception for a wedding trip to Houston, San Antonio and other points in South Texas, after which they will return to their home in McGehee, Arkansas.

**EASTERN STAR LADIES IN MERKEL.**

Merkel Chapter No. 212 O. E. S. was hostess on last Saturday afternoon to the following grand officers:

Merkel people will be delighted to hear him.

The full corps of ushers recently installed for the year are: Eli Case, Dee Grimes, Joe Riesinger, Frank Golladay and W. W. Toombs. In their hands lies twenty-five per cent of the success of the year's work. They are capable, sincere and consecrated. We believe in them. Theirs is a worthy work. The office of an usher is second to none.

E. L. Yeats, Pastor.

**H.I-LEAGUE PROGRAM.**

Subject: "The law of prayer, as embodied in the Lord's prayer."

- Leader, Milton Shannon.  
Hymn No. 168.  
Hymn No. 209.  
Scripture, Luke 11:1-13.  
Talks:  
(1) General structure of the prayer, Lois Whiteley.  
(2) The address, Kennedy Whiteley.  
(3) Prayer and petition, Cullen Tittle.  
(4) The first petition, Julia Proctor.  
(5) The second petition, Opal Zube.  
(6) The third petition, Wanda Hunter.  
(7) Fourth petition, Eloise Mancill.  
Hymn No. 148.  
League benediction.

Mrs. Bessie B. Garth, Worthy Grand Matron, Temple; Mr. William G. Volus, Worthy Grand Patron, Houston; Mrs. Esther Picard, Grand Examiner, district 1, Dallas; Mrs. Florence Read, District Deputy Grand Matron, district 2, Coahoma; Mrs. Mayme Wade, Deputy Grand Matron, district 1, Garland; Miss Minnie Higginbotham, Deputy Grand Matron, district 2, Abilene, was unable to attend on account of sickness in her home.

This was the first time that the worthy grand matron, worthy grand patron and grand examiner had ever visited the Merkel chapter and proved a memorable occasion.

**CIRCLE MEETING.**

Mrs. Chas. West was hostess to members of the Blanch Rose Walker circle of the First Baptist church Tuesday afternoon in their first meeting of the new year. After business and an interesting Bible lesson, a social hour was enjoyed. The members will meet with Mrs. R. W. Conder Tuesday, January 13.

**CLASS MEETING.**

The Kings Daughters class of the M. E. church met in regular session Tuesday at the church. Only a few were there but a very interesting meeting was held.

Mrs. Richards will entertain the class in her home next month and every member of the class is urged to be present.

**RURAL SOCIETY**

**RELATIVES HONORED.**

A heavily laden Christmas tree and a delicious Christmas dinner was enjoyed Christmas day at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Patton of the Stith community by relatives of Abilene and Slaton. These relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morrison of Slaton and Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Patton enjoyed another delicious dinner the day after Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McLean of the Canyon.

Every one attended the ball game at Noodle the afternoon of the twenty-sixth. A party and singing was given honoring these relatives. Singing

and various games were enjoyed until a late hour. Those fortunate enough to attend this happy occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morrison and family, L. C., Bessie, Novella, Narwell and Harrell, all of Slaton; Miss Wynona Patton of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley, Clovis, and Gertrude Stanley, Ollie, T. B. and Gaston Hobbs, and Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Patton and family, Ruby, Norma, Woodrow and Miller.

**DORA DOINGS**

Miss Ima Joy Wright of Sweetwater spent Tuesday night here with home folks.

G. W. Whiteaker received a telephone message last Friday stating his nephew, Lewis Whiteaker, of Victoria had been found hanging in an outbuilding at an early hour that morning. He and Carl Whiteaker of Blackwell left at once for Tuscola, where Lewis' mother lives, to arrange for her to go.

Court is in session in Nolan county and several from this community are doing duty in one capacity or another.

O. Z. Porter left last Friday for Los Angeles, Cal., where he is going to work.

Rev. Hibbart has had a radio installed and is enjoying the nice programs that go by on the waves.

Gus Rogers came in last week from Florence where he spent the holidays. The Shep basketball boys and girls teams came over to our court last Friday evening; we had two nice games, the Divide team winning both of them.

Those on the sick list are V. T. Montgomery and mother, Sy Dennis and Mr. Robinson. Wilburn Payne and wife left Monday for Lamesa where they will work for sometime.

**NOTICE TO WOLF HUNTERS.**

I am putting out strichnine and trapping in my pastures. Please take notice.

J. E. Boaz.

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- SPUDS, No. 1, Rurals, clean, 10 lbs. 23c
- CABBAGE, firm, green heads, lb. 3 1-2c
- LETTUCE, Grandapack, 4's, head, 10c
- APPLES, fancy Winesaps, nice size, doz. 20c
- SOAP, Armour's, Lighthouse, 10 bars 35c
- BEANS, Pinto's, Colorado, recleaned, lb. 5c
- PEACHES, table, all brands, 1 lb., tall, ea. 15c
- PEAS, table, No. 2 cans, 2 for 25c
- JELLO, any flavor, 3 for 25c
- BACON, salt pork, best grade, lb. 18c
- BACON, sugar cured, lb. 24c
- MATCHES, Anchor Brand, carton 15c

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SEE HARRY BARNETT for any... in the McCormick-Deering line... and Leverett, Merkel and Abilene, Texas.

**FOR SALE**—Priced \$52.00 per acre; my farm and pasture, joining Merkel on the west and containing 179.9 acres; about 70 acres in cultivation, a house with three rooms, a barn about 40 feet square, sheds on three sides; good well of water; all under fence. Part cash, balance terms. Write Vol Martin, Los Angeles, Calif., 5437 Eighth Avenue.

**FOR SALE**—A few good mules, horses and mares, also a first class cow or two. See Booth Warren at F. & M. Nat'l Bank or see the stock at the Dyess Estate place, 2 mi. N. 1-2 mi. W. Merkel.

**FOR SALE**—English white Leghorn cockrels and setting eggs; ask for egg records and show winnings. W. C. Eoff, Route 2.

**FOR SALE**—The Gertie Davis 6 room house, nicely furnished; all conveniences; double garage. G. W. Moore.

**WANTED**

**WANTED TO BUY**—Cheap house, do for sheds. See Sam Butman, Merkel, Texas.

**WILL DO SOME CUSTOM** hatching this season; set January 26 and on Monday thereafter; 175 egg tray \$4.00; baby chicks from English White Leghorns, \$12.00 per hundred, 500 for \$58.00. Write me if you want eggs set January 26. J. S. Touchstone, Hawley, Texas.

**WANTED**—Two or three dozen Cornish Game hens, early last spring hatch. J. T. Warren.

**FOR RENT**

**FOR RENT**—Two and three room furnished apartments. J. L. Riddle, Phone 91.

**FOR RENT**—Six room house, with all modern conveniences; 4 room house with lights and gas; apartments, furnished or unfurnished. Phone 265J. S. F. Haynes.

**LOST AND FOUND**

**STRAYED**—From our lot Saturday night one four-year-old white faced left eye out—about 6 inch stub. Baker and Collins.

**Fort Worth Livestock**

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 8.—Although Wednesday's market was about steady, demand for fat cattle was not very broad, the stocker outlet being more satisfactory. Mixed shipments were in the majority, and really good killing cattle were so scarce as to hardly afford a test of the market. Receipts were estimated at 2,300 head of cattle and 700 calves. Packer-direct shipments constituted the big end of the day's hoghouse arrivals, total receipts amounting to 1,400 head. The market was steady to 30c down. Sales of carloads and truck consignments ranged up to \$7.90.

A fair supply of sheep and lambs arrived. A good demand prevailed for everything, and the market was active on a strong to 25c higher basis. Good spring lambs were taken at \$6.50 to \$7.25. Desirable wethers notched \$5.00.

**Cotton Receipts.** Receipts during the week brought the total for the season up to 4,044 bales, as reported up to Thursday noon. Public Weigher Houston Robertson has 254 bales still on hand at the yard, while Agent Childress of the T. & P. railway has shipped 3,795 bales so far this season.

**Cattle Movement.** Baker and Collins shipped a car of calves to Fort Worth Wednesday, which was the only activity in the cattle market here during the week.

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.** The county tax rolls and am to issue receipts for your Patterson's Market. But, in Director Hughes needs the rolls at any time, it will be to your convenience to bring in with you the notice of the amount and description of taxes which he has mailed to you. Also please bring your last registration receipt when you come to pay your auto taxes.

At your service,  
Herbert Patterson.

Mail want ads pay dividends.

**Signs of Times**

(Continued From Page One) some points for more than three months. Shops of the Texas & Pacific at Marshall, employing 1000 men, have reopened. The Fort Worth and Denver has reemployed 375 men recently laid off at the Childress shops.

Southern Pacific officials announced the return to work of 850 men at the El Paso shops of the company. At Houston, 250 idle returned and at Algiers, La., 150 regained their jobs. All of the 135 employed at the Sherman shops of the Frisco are back at work. The shops had been shut down since November.

The Rock Island announced the return to work of several score track workers and plans for reopening the Chickasha and Shawnee, Okla., shops of the line in the next few days. At Parsons, Kansas, the Katy reemployed 435 men.

**Elect Officers**

(Continued from page One) ficers, E. Yates Brown, the retiring president, in feeling words thanked the club members for their cooperation, adding the thought that having served as their president he had learned to appreciate them better.

In assuming the duties of president, Matt Dillingham pledged his best efforts for the advancement of the club, calling attention to the enthusiasm which had pervaded the first meeting of the New Year, with an attendance of more than 90 per cent.

Rev. E. L. Yeats was received as a member of the club by transfer from Quitaque.

Toastmaster for the next luncheon, Tuesday, January 20, will be Ben F. Bird, assisted by H. H. Jenkins.

**ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.**

NOTICE is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday, the 13th day of January, 1931, at 5:00 p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Booth Warren, Cashier.

**EXTRA OFFER.**

Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Daily and Sunday, six months, and Merkel Mail for one year for \$4.25; special price during January for Star-Telegram for six months is \$3.75, Merkel Mail for one year is \$1.50—two combined for only \$4.25—save a dollar on the deal.

January Clearance Sale opens at Brown's Bargain Store Saturday morning. See the big yellow circular.

**Record of Births.**

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Bland, Friday, January 2, 1931.

More than 93,000 physical examinations for pilot licenses have been made by the United States government.

Form B-76

**TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS**

Miss Helene Matheny and Mr. Cecil McRee of this city were married Tuesday afternoon at the First Methodist church, Anson. Mrs. McRee is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Matheny and numbers her friends by her acquaintances. Mr. McRee, the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr., has grown to manhood in our midst, a fine young man of sterling ability, who has been employed for several years at the Home State bank and has a host of friends to wish him and his bride all happiness and prosperity. They are honeymooning in Fort Worth, Dallas and points in South Texas for about ten days when they will return and make their home here.

W. H. Orand was called to Ralls last Monday to attend the bedside of his mother, who is critically ill. Carl Murdock had the misfortune of having his car stolen from his garage Sunday night, but by good luck it was found near Big Spring Tuesday with very little damage to it.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Rogers of Buffalo Gap have moved back to their farm.

Miss Dollie Wash of Sweetwater was the recent guest of friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Dowdy and little daughter were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Dowdy last week-end.

Miss Fama Maude Johnson returned to school at Cisco Monday after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Johnson.

Misses Zula Bright and Rowena Perkins visited in Sweetwater the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Howell have recently moved to the Plains.

Mesdames Craig and Stagner of Big Spring stopped over for a few minutes Saturday en route for a visit to Cisco.

Okley Reid of Lamesa visited his mother, Mrs. J. S. Reid, and brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Reid, last week.

Mrs. Ed Sherman and daughter, Miss Florence, have returned from a pleasant visit with relatives in Fort Worth.

Fire of unknown origin badly damaged the John Barns home in the east part of town Monday morning about 5 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Bounce Hays and Mrs. Mae Bowman were occupying it and lost almost everything in the fire. The fireboys did some real good work and had it not been for them the house would have been entirely burned up.

Mrs. Buster Edwards had as her guest for Sunday Miss Edna Crutchfield of Abilene.

Mr. C. T. Beckham attended the funeral of an old friend, Mrs. Patterson, of Cisco.

**FORMER TRENT TEACHER MARRIES IN ABILENE.**

Announcements have been received here of the marriage Dec. 20 in Abilene of Miss Frances Jenkins of Gorman and James H. Rhodes of De Leon. The ceremony was read by P. B. Ford in the home of W. H. Burgess in the presence of relatives and Miss Mary Shepherd. The bride's attendant was Miss

Nona Burgess and Ross B. Jenkins served as best man.

**TRENT SCHOOL PARTY.**

A party was given in the auditorium of the high school on New Year's Eve. A short program was enjoyed after which games were played. A basketball game on the lighted court gave diversion until midnight.

**HOME ECONOMICS.**

The Home Economics club prepared and served a dinner on New Year's Day. After the dinner there was a discussion of club plans for the new year.

The Home Economics club held an election of officers for the new term, January 6th. The following officers were elected: Marie Adams, president; Sarah Julia Johnson, secretary; Lena Bright and Mildred Steadman, program committee; Helen Bright, Jo Ella McLeod and Francis Jones, refreshment committee; Noriene Weaver, librarian, Victorine Bishop, program poster.

**Texas Jailer Fatally Wounded by Prisoner**

Galveston, Jan. 8.—Joe Meyer, county jailer, died in a hospital Friday night from wounds suffered when he resisted the jail-break of Tommy Reis, recently sentenced to 35 years for a holdup.

Reis had been freed from his cell to meet a visitor. When the visitor turned to depart, the jail door was opened. He drew his gun, fired directly at Meyer and wounded him in the abdomen. Claude Pond, trusty, was wounded slightly when he wrestled for possession of the gun. Reis and the unknown man ran down the jail steps, jumped into an automobile and sped away.

Texas has one county—Nueces—which raised 148,107 bales of cotton in 1930.

**Pershing Park Opened.** Laclede, Mo., Jan. 8.—Pershing National Park, dedicated to Gen. John J. Pershing by boyhood friends, was opened Thursday to the public. General Pershing grew to manhood here. Ed Allen, former Laclede Major and the soldier's childhood playmate, led ceremonies opening the park. Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

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**FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

RESOURCES	
Of Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Dec. 31, 1930.	
1. Loans and discounts	\$232,897.16
2. Overdrafts	267.96
3. United States Government securities owned	30,550.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	6,039.50
5. Furniture and fixtures	6,250.00
6. Real estate owned other than banking house	13,387.79
7. Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	21,861.96
8. Cash and due from banks	99,783.87
9. Outside checks and other cash items	262.35
10. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
11. Other assets—Bills of Exchange "Cotton"	7,677.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$419,265.59</b>

LIABILITIES	
15. Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
16. Surplus	10,000.00
17. Undivided profits—net	11,145.87
18. Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
19. Due to banks, including certified and cashier' checks outstanding	9,764.51
20. Demand deposits	255,728.79
21. Time deposits	76,376.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$419,265.59</b>

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 7th day of January, 1931.  
ROSIE LANEY, Notary Public

(SEAL) CORRECT—Attest:  
J. T. WARREN,  
G. F. WEST,  
SAM BUTMAN, SR.  
Directors.

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than Mark Twain was, because it is a later day. "M" System is better than the old way for the same reason. Will rides in an aeroplane. Mark rode a high wheel bicycle. The stores in his day had delivery wagons, clerks and charge accounts. "M" System does not and we buy from the manufacturer. Mark's grocer could not get rid of the middle man, like we do.

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**SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**

<b>Gallon Fruits</b>	(So-called), Peaches, Plums and Pears	<b>47c</b>
<b>Lettuce</b>	Good firm heads	<b>5c</b>
<b>Vegetables</b>	Fresh, per bunch	<b>7c</b>
<b>Celery</b>	large stalk	<b>10c</b>
<b>Ham</b>	per pound Boiled	<b>40c</b>

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**EVERY DAY PRICES**

<b>Soap</b>	F. & G. or Crystal White	<b>4c</b>
<b>Cocoa</b>	Mother's per pound	<b>19c</b>
<b>Tomatoes</b>	No. 2, 20 oz. cans	<b>9c</b>
<b>Pork &amp; Beans</b>	16 oz. cans	<b>8c</b>
<b>Coffee</b>	Zippo 100 per cent pure	<b>18c</b>
<b>Crackers</b>	Brown's, 3 lb. box	<b>40c</b>
<b>Beans</b>	Pinto per lb.	<b>5c</b>
<b>Lemons</b>	large size	<b>24c</b>
<b>Apples</b>	per doz.	<b>12c, 20c &amp; 25c</b>

No. 1398

**BANKS**

**OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE HOME STATE BANK**

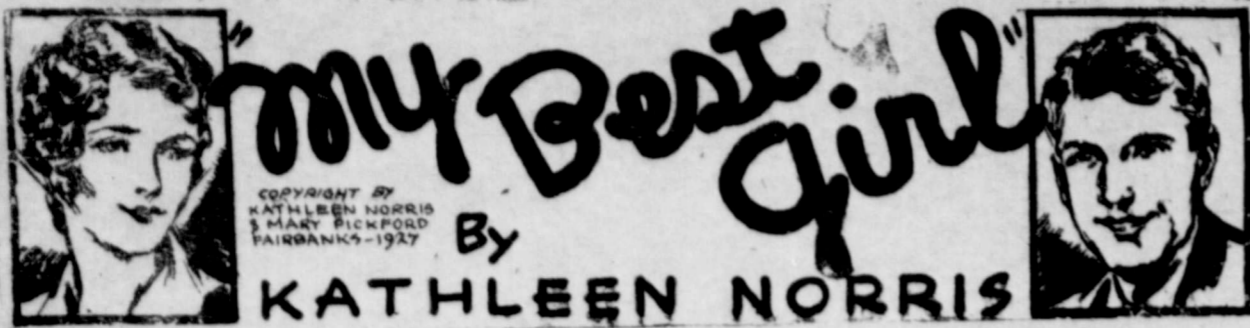
at Trent, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1930, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 9th day of January, 1931.

<b>RESOURCES</b>	
Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$94,938.10
Loans secured by real estate	14,862.45
Overdrafts	6.35
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	4,095.99
Banking House \$4,000.00, Furniture & Fixtures \$1,400.00	5,400.00
Cash in bank	4,027.64
Due from approved reserve agents	70,181.81
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	5,000.77
Other Resources	32.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$198,545.11</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	148,145.11
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$198,545.11</b>

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 6th day of January, A. D. 1931.  
ROSIE LANEY,  
Notary Public, Taylor County Texas

(SEAL) CORRECT—Attest:  
T. L. STEVENS,  
G. F. WEST,  
A. WILLIAMSON,  
Directors.



SECOND INSTALLMENT.  
Maggie Johnson, whose father is a letter-carrier, is the domestic drudge of the humble home where her mother does little except bemoan the fact that she has "seen better days" and her sister Liz, who works in a beauty shop, lies abed late. Maggie has to get the family breakfast before she starts out to her job in the Five-and-Ten-Cent Store.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY  
Life scrambled along somehow in the Washington Avenue cottage, and almost every day there was a funeral somewhere worth seeing.  
Minnie Johnson, forty-six years old, liked funerals.  
"Mamma'll give up the funeral of her oldest friend, if there happens to be a bigger one on the same day!" Maggie asserted delightedly. And yet she considered the dismal tendency as rather admirable in her mother, and when there were defective black gloves or ribbons or veils marked down for below cost, at the Mack, she always brought her mother fresh supplies of them.

This morning she parted from her father, as usual, before the swinging doors of the general post office, to the much more inviting scene presented by the Mack.

There were life, animation, gaiety here. Maggie, penetrating to an odorless basement room that smelled of disinfectants and face powder and wet towels and highly scented soap, found some forty of her associates surging about, changing their clothes, powdering their faces, gossiping, laughing, and quarreling.

In the passage at the top of the flight of brick-walled stairs that led up to the store was a nail, and Maggie took from it, with the expertness of long usage, a handful of scraps of paper and began without further preamble the business of the day.

"Say, did they get a new boy in here in Jimmy's place? Where is he? Are you the new boy? What's your name? Joe, huh?" She had brought up with a bump against a tall young man, and now she raised her blue eyes from her memoranda and smiled at him as she went on, "I guess you're the new boy? Joe Grant huh? Were you workin' in a department store before? You weren't? Well, see here—these are the stock orders. Ink, see? And salt boxes, see?"

He stood looking at her, bewildered, his puzzled, mutinous eyes far above her small head, bent to study her notes.

"We might as well do the candy first, since they want 'em for the window. I'll hand 'em down to you and you check 'em off. Don't be any dumber than you can help, because they're always in a rush for the night orders!"

Enveloped in her preposterous apron her small hands fairly flying, her crown of chestnut braids becoming slightly dishevelled, and her cheeks getting red with her exertions, Maggie Johnson was all superbly indifferent to what he might be feeling or thinking.

"Here—be careful with those boxes, Joe. If you spill this stuff you pay for it. What's the next? 'Matinee Habits'? Oh, those are chocolate bars—didn't you ever eat one? Gee, you are dumb!"

It was noon on the same day. There was a forty-minute interval for lunch, and the new boy was lounging, bitter, disgusted, against a strip of dirty, disfigured brick wall that had once been painted white.

Far above his head, the boy could hear the healthy one-o'clock roar of

the store, beating rhythmically, like the sea upon a deep shore.

He was away from it all for the forty minutes of his lunch "hour," but it seemed all to be with him still—the noise of it, the confusion, the horrible smells.

A gong, above him, behind him, somewhere up the wide, dirty, utilitarian brick steps that rose steeply between two marred and grimy white brick walls, rang twice. That meant that the second lunch shift was due to report upstairs and relieve the third. The boy heard it, but he did not move in its direction.

Instead, he took from his pocket a small folded yellow envelope of stout brown paper and looked within it. It contained money—three dollars, some cents. He had been working a day, or he would have been working that long, when the store closed to-night. His pay was at the rate of twenty-two dollars per week.

He dropped the torn envelope and was putting the money into his pocket when a sound in his neighborhood made him turn suddenly, at the foot of the stairs. He was not, apparently, the only occupant of the basement.

Backing cautiously out across the heavily wrapped bundles that were a dozen times the size of her small body was what he at first supposed to be a child. Once fully in view, he recognized her at once. It was Maggie.

"That was a job for you!" she said panting, explanatory, raising to his eyes as beautiful a pair of blue specimens as he had ever seen.

"What was?" he asked.  
Her own eyes became slightly suspicious.

"Weren't you waitin' for them ideal leaflets?" she asked.

"I don't know what you're talkin' about!" the boy answered.

"Didn't you hear the gong?"

"Sure I heard the gong!"

"Well, don't you know you'll get fined if you're not in your place when that rings? Here—take these," the girl said expertly, plunging into an opened crate, securing some dozens of small frying pans, all tied together by the eyes in their nickled handles, and cramming them into his arms. "We'll say we were after stock," she explained rapidly.

She had loaded herself with kitchen brushes; now she started toward the stairway. "Follow me, an' I'll get us both out of it!" she promised, confidently. "Don't you say a word, Joe, I'll run it!"

Joe, who was tall, found himself smiling as he followed her small, flying figure. She went up the stairs almost at a run. He kept close behind her with his own load of jingling frying pans. She stopped only once.

"Mr. Smith," she said, in a business-like tone to a floorwalker who arrested her with a sallow hand, "me an' Joe here was gettin' out some stuff for the house furnishin's when the gong rung—will you check us in?"

Mr. Smith eyed her with suspicion. "I thought I had you this time, Maggie," he observed drily, displaying a wrist watch.

"No, sir!" the girl answered sturdily, honest blue eyes on his face. "We was gettin' out stock."

"All right, all right," he said challengingly, "but you asked for them brushes and pans?"

"I don't know, sir. Someone just yelled down when I was finishin' my lunch."

"Well, I guess I'll just step over to the house furnishing with you, Maggie," the man said unpleasantly, "and

we'll see if we can identify the order. How'll that do?"

When they reached that churning, convulsed department that was devoted to house furnishings: Maggie shouted,

"Say! Which of you girls ast for fryers an' brushes? Me an' Joe've got 'em here, anyway!"

"I done it! An' bring them in here, and next time don't set around down there doin' cross-word puzzles while you think it over, Maggie!" she said, rising at once to the girl's aid.

Smith, only half convinced by all this cheerful glibness, fired a parting shot.

"Looks like you've got thirty or forty of them pans here now, Mrs. Cullen."

"Well, here's the way of it, Mr. Smith. There was a school-teacher in this mornin'," Kate responded "an' all was that she says her class in domestic signs—whatever they are!—wud need a hunder' of them—"

"My God!" Eugene Smith said under his breath, departing. It was never any use to go against Kate Cullen; he had never really scored against her, Maggie Johnson, either. The two of them together—!

Joe meantime stacked brushes under the counter, while Maggie, arranging the frying pans compactly alongside, exchanged the time of day with Mrs. Cullen.

"Pop's takin' that stuff that never had no label on the bottle; the stuff Ma got at an auction," said Maggie, in answer to the older woman's kindly inquiry. "They wear real well, you'd be surprised!" added Maggie, of the ten-cent window weights, to an inquiring customer.

"If they wear at all, you bet your life I'll be surprised," the customer disenchanted, responded sourly.

Maggie was fired into sudden interest. Her eyes danced with a blue battle spark.

"We don't guarantee them for use as weights in private stills, madam, nor to fire at the old man in case of a family difference!" she explained, to the unconcealed pleasure of everyone within hearing.

"Get out of here, Maggie," Kate Cullen said. "An' you move along, too, Joe. The girls are very fresh nowadays," Kate added placatingly to the panting customer. "She'll get fired for that to-night!"

"Well, I'm glad to hear it," the woman said, mollified.

"What'd she do?" Joe began to demand blankly. But Kate Cullen's significant wink silenced him.

The boy went away. He found Maggie again in the fevered congestion of the teeming aisles. He gathered she was not a saleswoman—she was technically known as a "feeder," one of the several little drudges who flew back and forth with messages, carried notes, ran for fresh supplies of thread and combs and soap and toys and sheet music and bottles of ammonia and perfume and cod-liver oil and beads.

"Maggie!—Maggie!—Maggie!—get Mr. Smith to sign this, tell him the lady's in a rush—it's an even exchange. Maggie! See if you can find them rubber puppies and lions—bring up a whole lot. Where's Maggie? She was goin' to—"

She got more tired, more pale, more miserably dragged-looking as the endless afternoon wore down to winter dusk, and the lights flamed up everywhere. But she never stopped. She was merely a pair of willing feet, a pair of tireless hands.

Only once did she speak to Joe that afternoon, and then it was merely to say: "Don't be such a dumbbell, you poor dumbbell!" As the gong struck

six, she appeared beside him at the top of the basement steps, and said:

"That's dinner. We have forty minutes. Did you bring anything?"

"Dinner, I mean," Maggie explained patiently, kindly. "We stay open until ten Saturdays, in December."

"Oh my—goodness," Joe said simply.

"Listen," said Maggie, "Go over to the fountain an' get a bottle of milk—it won't cost you nothin'—we can have all we want Saturday nights, because it sours, do you see? Then come down where I was this noon."

Joe moved cautiously after her to a few minutes later, when he went down carrying his own bottle of ice-cold, beaded milk, into whose deftly opened top the soda-fountain girl had stuck two straws.

"We ain't supposed to come down here," said Maggie, "but come in through here, an' I'll show you what I found out the other day."

Joe moved cautiously after her toward a large open window that was concealed in a dark corner on a shaft.

Maggie went through it like a rabbit, and he followed, into a small, cemented place, down at the foot of some twenty stories of rising shaft, laced, after the first floor, by the open balconies of fire escapes.

Opposite them there was another window, also open, and into this Maggie scrambled, without so much as a backward glance or word for him. Joe, followed her. There was no witness—he and Maggie were apparently unobserved and forgotten.

She had preceded him to a sort of room built by the walls of piled mattresses, mounting in stacks up almost to the roof of this neighboring basement. The girl seated herself comfortably, her small legs stretched out before her and the bottle of milk and cardboard box of supper she had been carrying arranged conveniently to hand.

"Isn't this grand?" she asked, with a long sigh of satisfaction.

Three walls were made of mattresses, rising high about them. The fourth was that space of brick punctured by the high area window. Joe, grinned an appreciative agreement.

"This is the basement of the Diggins Deepsweet Mattress Company; it

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backs on to the Mack," Maggie explained.

"We're on Eight, they're on Ninth—this is one of their storerooms."

I found it last summer. If I should drop off to sleep for God's sake wake me up! I mean it, I'm not swearin', Joe. There's a lot of sandwiches and broken biscuits there that was in the

bottom of a bucket. Stale bread is better for you, anyway. We oughter have a green vegetable, but you can't balance your diet on Saturdays—"

"How do you mean, balance your diet?" he asked in amazement.  
"Don't you know about diet?" she demanded.  
"Well, something," Joe admitted

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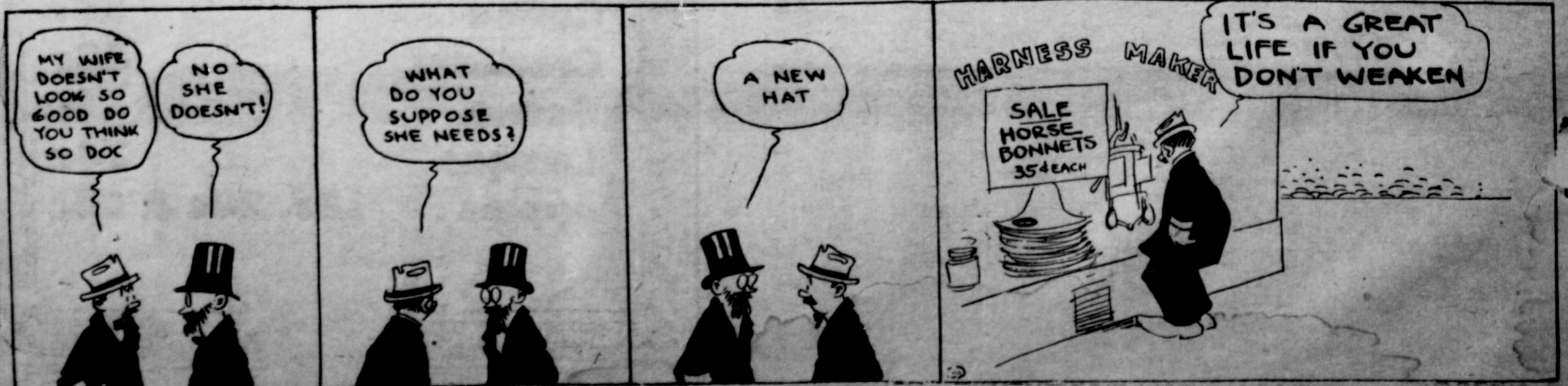
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# THE BADGER WEEKLY

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### NOTHING ABOUT THE CLASS OF '30.

"It's a great life if you don't weaken," but we were about to weaken, for the class of '30 seemed to have forgotten "Ole M. H. S." Have you noticed how everyone has been pepped up since the Christmas holidays? That is because we have seen that class of '30 and have talked to them. They just put a new spirit into you and try to make you enjoy them because they are in college or have graduated; but talk to them a little longer, and you will find they are envying you.

Just the same happy days are here again (even if exams are next week,) and we are very glad to see the familiar names again in the Badger Weekly.

—Editor.

### SENIORS OF 1930 HOLD FIRST REUNION.

The class of '30 held the first of several reunions last Monday night at 7:15 in the dining room of the Merkel Hotel.

The first part of the evening was taken up in a general get-together, which was the primary reason for the reunion. Later games were played and then refreshments consisting of sandwiches and hot chocolate were served to the following: Lucille Cole, Odell Hunter, Beryl Hunter, Nina Vantrese, J. T. Darsey, Jr., Tula Miller, J. D. Ashby, Clinton Bryan, Maurine Davis, Eleanor Mae Hamilton, Milton Case, Pauline Toombs, Harold Boney, Buster Horton, Orion Tittle, Louise Booth, Nadine Tippet, Lee Darden, Verna Tee Beasley, Helen Kelso, Willie Mae Schwartz, Gwendolyn Vickers, and E. L. Turner, besides Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Young, Miss Vera Baker and Mr. McKinsey.

Two members of the class were out of the state and were unable to attend, while several came long distances to be present.

The members present all voted to hold a reunion every year as long as there were classmates alive to meet. It is likely that the next reunion will be held at about the same time next year.

### HUNT GIVES TALK AT REUNION.

W. Hunt, president of McCollege, spoke at the chapel hour at the Merkel High school January 1, 1931, on "Prepare for success." Dr. Hunt said that one might find the way crowded on starting for success; that there is, however, room at the top for the ones who prepare; that the school should not give only the knowledge of books, but it should prepare one to meet life. He admonished the students that opportunity comes to those who prepare themselves and that they should prepare to meet it.

### JACK SEZ—

(Jack O'Keefe.)

Nary single teacher wuz late after Christmas, ner married, either, so we could git even one cut.

Seem 'at durin' the hollerdays pitchin' dollars got ter be the national game, only they don't pitch no dollars but washers aroun' here.

Well, here we are back again to wurk, only as usual jes' a few uv' the brites', wurks.

Sandy Claus must 'ar been purty good to everybody frum th' grins we see.

Speakin' o' this feller Sandy, he mus' be some feller ter give these gurls a purmment curl while they is asleep.

That's that, now fer somethin' else.

Too bad Coach had ter transfer th' "den." Sine' Crismus about all he has do is fer move them Badgers new house. Any old how jes' in 'em go. We're fer 'em an' whole town.

With a new bat an' ball them Badgerettes air lookin' purty proud an' air gittin' red dy ter do som' scraffin' theirselves. Seems 'at Mr. Riddle got some inspiration fer Crismus, as I notice he got hisself a new rule book.

A lot uv' new 'uns aid showin' up aroun' here. Welcum ter Badgerland folks!

Washing you all a heppy an' prosperus 1931, I'll see you all consequently.

—Jack.

### LATEST NEWS OF GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Mr. Clesby Patterson, one of the Grammar School's most loved teachers, has been sick since the Christmas holidays. In her place has been Mrs. Gladys McCrary and Mr. Clyde Mayfield.

GRAMMAR-HIGH SCHOOL GAME. Grammar School was invited over to High School Tuesday afternoon to have a game of ball with them. Grammar School won by 2 points, the score being 10 to 8.

Janet Hayes made the most scores on Grammar School's team. Jesse Higgins and Lona Bryant tied in making the most scores for High School.

Everyone had a very pleasant time.

### DRAWING TEACHER WINS PRIZE.

Merkel Grammar School is very proud of Miss Opal Sloan, the writing and drawing teacher, for winning a box of fine stationery from the Practical Drawing company in Dallas.

Every month the company sends suggestions for fifth and sixth grade drawing lessons.

One month the company asked that the drawing teachers of Texas send in suggestions for drawing lessons. The best one would be rewarded with a prize.

Miss Sloan had the best suggestions; therefore, she won the prize, a box of fine stationery.

### JOKES.

Cecil: "Honey, I'm knee-deep in love with you."

Mary Elizabeth: "All right, I'll put you on my wading list."

Sis: "What made you quarrel with Byron?"

Zada: "Well, he proposed to me last night."

Sis: "Where was the harm in that?"

Zada: "My dear, I had accepted him the night before."

The class in public speaking was to give pantomimes that afternoon. Fred A. got up when called on, went to the platform, and stood perfectly still.

"Well," said Miss Tracy after a minute's wait for something to happen, "what do you represent?"

"I'm imitating a man going up in an elevator," was Fred's response.

Thelma: "Mother, if I grow up, will I have a husband like father?"

Mrs. Leach: "Yes, dear."

Thelma: "And if I do not get married, will I be an old maid like Aunt Susan?"

Mrs. Leach: "Yes, dear."

Thelma: "Well, I am in a fix."

E. L. pretty well perfumed, picked

up the telephone.  
 "Hello! Hi! Hello!"  
 "Hello," returned the operator.  
 "Hello!"  
 "Hello."  
 "My Gosh!" said E. L. "How this thing echoes!"

Mrs. Bell: "Oneda, didn't I tell you to notice when the soup boiled over?"  
 Oneda: "I did; it was exactly half past ten."

Mr. Riddle: "Frances, why are days longer in summer and shorter in winter?"  
 Frances: "Because heat expands and cold contracts."

Doesn't it seem strange—  
 —To see a Senior wearing his ring?  
 —To see the Freshmen studying for mid-term exams?  
 —That mid-terms are next week?

—That most of the old Senior class were actually in town last Monday night?  
 —That the library is not filled with Freshmen?

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**Personal Mention**

John Collins returned Wednesday from a trip to Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Burgin visited in the Stith community Sunday evening.

Messrs. Loring Hamblet and Wilbur Thomas are in Fort Worth on business.

Miss Christine Collins spent the week-end with Miss Edna Marie Jones in Abilene.

G. P. Bradley and his sister, Miss Ora Bradley, from Tuscola were visitors in Merkel Wednesday.

Messrs. R. E. Windham, Dewey Thomas and Pierce Horton returned Wednesday from a tour of the Plains.

Miss Christine Boyd spent the week-end in Clyde visiting in the home of her uncle, Dr. J. H. Bailey, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cypert of Lubbock visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cypert, the first of the week.

B. M. Black, who has been confined to his bed and room for these several months, is improving and is able to be up quite a bit.

Upon returning from their honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Old were guests Sunday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Jones.

Miss Mary Campbell and Mrs. H. C. Reid have returned to Amarillo after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell.

John S. Hughes and Dewey Sandusky returned Wednesday from De Leon, Dublin and Cisco. While away, they purchased a fine bull to add to their herd.

Miss Mary Collins spent the past week in Lamesa visiting relatives and friends. On her return she was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barron and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Johnson and daughter, Ella Mae, and Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, all of Sweetwater, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costephens.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Henderson and children, and Mrs. W. B. Martin of Alba, Texas, and Carl Eaton of Guthrie, Okla., spent the holidays with Tom Henderson and family.

Mrs. Evelyn Zercher returned to Dallas Sunday after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fannell, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Maurine Pannell.

O. B. Webb, assistant to the president, the Texas and Pacific Railway company, with headquarters at New Orleans, was a pleasant caller at The Mail office Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. W. Jackson has returned to her home in Weatherford after visiting her daughter, Mrs. Oude Bergin, of Trent. Mrs. Bergin accompanied her mother home to spend the holidays.

Joe Ashby of De Leon spent the week-end with his father, J. M. Ashby, who is very sick. Mr. Ashby, however, is improving slowly at this time, which will be good news to his many friends.

When Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter drove over to Lubbock to take their daughters back to school after the holidays, Mrs. W. M. Coleman of Lubbock returned to her home with them, after a short visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell and three children were present Monday in the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Harwell, in Abilene to help celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. A total of thirty-three were present for dinner and the all-day party.

After a residence here of several months, Dr. K. D. Oates and his mother, Mrs. Mary Oates, have removed to Jacksboro, Texas. While regretting to see these estimable people leave here, The Mail joins with a host of friends in extending best wishes for Dr. Oates in his new field.

**Want Embargo on Oil Importations**

Wichita Falls, Jan. 8.—A resolution was adopted requesting the United States congress to place an embargo on all crude oil and refined oil products, and especially the importations from Venezuela and Russia, at a meeting of the North Texas Oil and Gas association here Friday afternoon attended by 200 producers and refiners of the Wichita Falls district. The resolution was wired to Texas senators and congressmen Friday night as an emergency measure to take the place of a tariff bill which it was said can not possibly be presented and passed at this short session of the national lawmakers, but will later be pushed vigorously.

A proposed law to be presented at the next session of the Texas legislature to decrease the insurance rates on the workman's compensation law was discussed, and a committee to be in Austin was appointed.

**Bill Brown Resigns From Bank Position**

In order to give his full time to affairs of the estate of the late John S. Sears, W. S. J. Brown resigned as assistant cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National bank of this city effective the first of the year.

Mr. Brown came to the F. & M. bank the first of last year as assistant cashier, having been formerly connected with the Brooks Dry Goods company, Abilene, and during the time of his service in the bank proved most capable and efficient. Most of his time will be taken up in the future in attending to the John S. Sears ranch properties.

**Man's Life Saved By Stolen Overcoats**

Oakland, Calif., Jan. 8.—Bert Vierra, 38, allegedly stole three overcoats but police said the fact he had them all on saved his life.

Vierra, arrested after allegedly stealing the coats from parked automobiles, was hit by a motorist. The padding saved him. After being treated for minor cuts and bruises Vierra was taken to jail.

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**Output of Autos Last Year 3,505,000 Units**

Detroit, Jan. 8.—Preliminary figures on the automobile industry for 1930, as compiled by the national automobile chamber of commerce, place the year's production of passenger cars and trucks in the United States and Canada at 3,505,000 units having a total wholesale value of \$2,159,600,000. The figures, subject to some slight revision when final production records for December are available, compared with a total output of 5,621,709 cars and trucks produced in 1929 with a wholesale value of \$3,576,645,881.

Parts and accessories for replacement, and service equipment produced, in 1930 had a wholesale value of \$527,800,000, while tires produced for replacement are valued, wholesale at \$429,000,000, or a combined total wholesale valuation on motor vehicles, accessories, service equipment and replacements of parts and tires, of \$3,116,400,000. A year ago the total covering the same output aggregated \$5,142,315,542.

A falling off in export trade amounting to 44 per cent is shown in the analysis.

**Texas Centennial**

Dallas, Jan. 8.—Rabbi David Lefkowitz of Temple Emanuel is preparing a letter asking Governor-Elect Ross Sterling take steps to insure an adequate observance of the centennial of Texas independence in 1836.

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