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On the "Broadway of America"

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BARROW SHOTS UP PRISON CAMP AND FREES FIVE

Lays Machine Gun Barrage As Part of Well Planned and Spectacular Delivery Plot; One Convict Re-Captured.

Huntsville, Jan. 18.—J. B. French, one of the five convicts freed by Clyde Barrow's daring machine gun prison raid at the Eastham state farm, 45 miles from here, Tuesday morning, was back on Eastham farm working Wednesday.

He was captured about four miles from the farm about 9:30 o'clock Tuesday night by Gabe Wright, negro farmer, when bloodhounds from the prison farm ran French into the farmer's cabin.

The quick-triggered Barrow, phantom killer, whose trail of death had streaked through several southwestern states, ambushed a working party at the Eastham state farm, laid down a machine gun barrage as a convict working in concert with him shot two guards and freed his former companion, Raymond Hamilton, and four other long-term convicts, including French.

Hamilton, under sentences totalling 263 years for murder, bank robbery and other crimes, was being herded with other prisoners to their daily farm toil when, without warning, the guards, Major Crowson and Olan Bozeman, were shot down by a convict; then came the machine gun fusillade from a partly covered ditch near the Eastham farm headquarters.

Trusting to the accuracy of the machine gun marksmen and, apparently by pre-arrangement, Hamilton and the other four convicts dashed immediately toward the point of fire. They leaped into a parked sedan and roared away toward the north.

Others liberated besides Hamilton and French were: Henry Mathvin, serving 10 years; Joe Palmer, 25 years, and W. H. Bybee, serving a life sentence.

Dr. Busby's Mother Dies at Fort Worth

Dr. Joe E. Busby returned Wednesday for Fort Worth where he had gone last Monday afternoon on receipt of news of the critical illness of his mother, Mrs. Frances Busby, who died at 6:45 that afternoon. He had visited her on Sunday, his wife remaining at her bedside.

Funeral services for Mrs. Busby, who had been a resident of Ft. Worth for 21 years, were held at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the Glenwood Church of Christ, with burial in Mount Olivet cemetery there.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 16, 1914.)

W. A. Sheppard chaperoned a crowd of 13 to Castle Peak Sunday. The girls carried well filled baskets. After the long drive to the mountains luncheon was enjoyed before climbing the peak. Kodaking featured in the afternoons enjoyment. The crowd included Misses Jamie Lee Ware, Nina and Geneva Warnick, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Nix, Dent Gibson, Lee and Andrew Baker, Gaines Ware and Loyd Sheppard. 13 is considered a very unlucky number; all escaped the "hoodoo" with the exception of Miss Ware, who missed two of her Abilene friends who had motored over and driven back before she returned. Misses Willie and Helen Ware and Hugh Warnick joined the crowd at supper which was spread on the lawn at the Warnick home. After partaking of a delightful supper the crowd ended this ideal day by making candy at the home of Misses Wares.

Miss Ruby Jones will entertain the T. K. club Saturday evening.

Miss Pauline Johnson returned to Stamford Monday where she is attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Turner came in from Seymour Thursday morning

Rodeo Clown Saves Life of Steer Rider

Denver, Jan. 18.—Homer Holcomb, a clown at the National Western stock show, is today's hero in Denver.

While about 7500 spectators looked on in horror, a wild Brahma steer attempted to trample and gore Earl West, Perryton, Texas, cowboy, during the rodeo performance at the annual show, and would have succeeded if it hadn't been for Holcomb.

The fun-maker, at the risk of his own life, ran out and seized the enraged animal by the tail and distracted its attention from West, who was lying in the arena in the path of the onrushing steer.

West scampered to safety and Holcomb outran the charging beast to escape injury.

Crowds Enjoying Visit of Harley Sadler Show

After an absence of several years, Harley Sadler and his own company with Roy E. Fox's popular players, a special added feature are playing a week's engagement in Merkel, appearing in their new tent theatre.

Merkel folks and those from neighboring cities and surrounding communities are enjoying to the fullest the opportunity of renewing their acquaintance with this popular show man and his company, the engagement to continue for the balance of the week.

On Friday night "Don't Rush Me," the play which was announced for the opening bill, will be given; Saturday matinee, "Dollie of the Follies," with Roy E. Fox's Punch and Judy show, and Saturday night, a new bill, "Little Orphan Annie."

A large group of vaudeville acts, well worth the price of admission alone, add variety and enjoyment to each performance.

Keep Your Chickens at Home, Say Neighbors

Complaints has come to The Mail office that, despite the city ordinance prohibiting owners of chickens from permitting them to run at large, much inconvenience and trouble is being caused to those who are trying to improve their yards, plant flowers or raise gardens by depredations of visiting fowls from the neighbor's flock. Owners of chickens are urged to observe the law and thereby show proper regard for their neighbor's rights.

65 Cents Costs 50 Years.
Dallas, Jan. 18.—Hiram Prather was sentenced to 50 years imprisonment Monday after he pleaded guilty to a 65 cent robbery. He admitted robbing Charles Smith, a Dallas bakery employe, the night of last December 3.

to make Merkel their home in the future.

Miss Laura Winters of Stith is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. L. Propst.

Miss Jessie Rodgers of Quanah visited Mrs. E. M. Brown and other friends here this week.

The "This and That" club met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. B. J. Riney. Several hours were delightfully spent with many kinds of needlecraft interspersed with conversation. Those present were Mesdames B. M. Black, J. G. Hale, Georgia Bagwell, Jno. Toombs, W. H. Laney, C. L. Cash, Jim Barnett, Jno. Ensminger, J. J. Stallings, Richie, Ponder and Hubbard.

Miss Clara Will McNatt of Abilene is visiting Miss Frances Barroughs.

Mrs. C. E. Whitaker visited in Abilene the latter part of last week.

Mayor Stallings received a request from Homer D. Wade of the National Good Roads association asking him to appoint six more delegates to attend the Fort Worth convention. Those appointed are J. W. Briggs, J. L. Banner, Austin Boyd, Jno. G. Jackson, C. D. Mims, B. C. Gaither, E. W. Robinson.

LARGE NUMBERS ATTEND DEDICATION WEST SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH AT TYE

The dedication services of the new West Side Baptist church of Tye were held Sunday. Sunday School and preaching services were held at the regular hours Sunday morning and a bountiful lunch, furnished by the ladies of the church, was served at 12 o'clock.

Gospel singing was held from 1 to 2:30 p. m. Several visiting singers, including Messrs. J. W. Clark, Little, Luther Webb, Lucien Webb, Mrs. Cross, C. A. Aldridge and Truman and Lavelle Aldridge, were present and there were also a number of visitors present from Trent, Merkel, Salt Branch, Mulberry, Caps, Neil, Elm-dale, Abilene and Coleman.

At 2:30 Rev. Jasper C. Masseur of Coleman, a former pastor, preached the dedication sermon to a packed house. All the seats were taken and several persons were standing. (Addi-

tional seats and chairs had been borrowed from other buildings, too.) At the close of the sermon Lucien Webb offered the dedication prayer and the pastor, Rev. L. B. Owen, read the 103rd Psalm.

In regular church conference Saturday night the building and finance committee reported that the lots had been acquired, the building constructed, painted, screened, insured and equipped with seats, lights, stove, piano, pastor's desk and chairs and that it had all been paid for.

The church passed resolutions thanking all the friends who have donated time, labor, money, given words of encouragement or have in any way contributed to the church.

Resolutions were also passed thanking the Abilene Reporter-News and the Merkel Mail for announcing the services.

FETED AT DINNER 76TH BIRTHDAY

J. W. Bland, Resident of Merkel 33 Years, Honor Guest at Anniversary Affair.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bland was the scene Tuesday evening of an elaborate dinner held in celebration of Mr. Bland's seventy-sixth birthday. The affair was a complete surprise to the honor guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Bland have made their home in Merkel for the past thirty-three years. Mr. Bland was born in Wilson county, Tennessee, the son of Marion Lafayette Bland and Mrs. Bland, the former Elizabeth Porterfield. He was married to Miss Lochia Craddock on November 27, 1876, and in 1890 the couple moved to Coryell county, Texas, and in 1901 to this section of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Bland's children present for the birthday celebration were R. L. Bland, Abilene; J. M. Bland, Post; Roscoe Bland, Mrs. R. L. Clark, and Dee Bland, all of Merkel. Only one son, J. A. Bland, Sweetwater, was unable to attend.

A three-tiered decorated cake, topped with 76 glowing candles formed the centerpiece of the table, where places were marked for the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Bland, Miss Mary Craddock, Raymond Kelly, Bud Vantreese, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland and their children, Marjorie, Bobby Louise and R. L., Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bland and children, Cleo, Cecil, Woodrow, and Alawane; Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Bland and children, W. D. Vernell, Marie and Jackie; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bland and children, Marvin, Jr., Esther, and W. T.; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brewer, and children, A. C., Venice Marie and John; Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Clark and children, R. V. and Darmon; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. White and children, Maurine, Clara B. and Bill; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bland and children, A. C., Jr., and Benny; Mr. and Mrs. Dee Bland and children, Carol and Joy, Holbert Rister and Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong.

It is interesting to note that Dr. Armstrong has attended members of five generations of the Bland family during the past 43 years.

Good Showing of Oil.
The C. W. Guthrie et al well, drilling on the Bob Campbell place, made a good showing of oil at 4 o'clock Wednesday morning and a string of pipe is being run to the well preliminary to a full test.

Jones Bill Passed.
Washington, Jan. 18.—The Jones bill guaranteeing the principal of \$2,000,000,000 worth of farm loan bonds was passed Monday by the house. It now goes to the senate.

Carloadings Show Gain.
St. Louis, Jan. 18.—The Missouri Pacific lines reported carloadings and receipts Tuesday for the week ended Jan. 13 as 27,238, compared with 26,717 for the corresponding week last year.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Mrs. Kathryn Warren, a bride of nine months, died in a Dallas hospital of burns received when her lounging pajamas caught fire while she was dressing near a stove.

George Tucker, 73, editor of the Gilmer Mirror and who had been engaged in the newspaper business in Texas for fifty years, died Saturday at his home from heart trouble.

With the completion of the Atlantic oil company's Turner No. 17 in the Wakeland survey in Gregg county, the total in the East Texas field reached its twelve thousandth well.

Ira Kelly, 38-year-old Seabrook convict, went to his death in the electric chair at the state penitentiary at Huntsville at 12:03 Thursday morning for an attack on a small girl.

Leroy Robertson of Dallas won the checker championship of Texas by defeating Robert Swann, also of Dallas, four to one, with three draws, in the finals of the annual tournament at Dallas.

Curry Caldwell, convicted at Waxahachie on a charge of assault while masked in connection with the kidnaping of Robert Cerf, son of a Corsicana banker, was sentenced to ten years imprisonment.

Trial of Charles E. Heidingsfelder, Sr., Houston attorney charged with theft of \$34,500 from Mrs. Adele Pipkin of New York has been transferred from Harris county to district court at Georgetown.

Teachers of Texas will hold their annual convention this fall at Galveston, according to decision of the executive committee of the Texas State Teachers' association at their Fort Worth meeting.

A total of 1,829 new passenger car registrations were reported by sixteen of the most populous counties of Texas during December against 1,195 in the corresponding month of 1932, an increase of 53 per cent.

Leon Aubrey, Houston negro murderer, originally scheduled to die in the electric chair Thursday morning, had his life spared when Governor Miriam A. Ferguson commuted his death sentence to life imprisonment.

A. M. Blackman, superintendent of the schools at McCamey for the last year and formerly connected with the state department of education for nine years, has announced as a candidate for the office of state superintendent of education.

Bishop William Fletcher McMurtry of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, for whom McMurtry college was named when he was president of the Northwest Texas district, died in a St. Louis hospital Wednesday of heart disease resulting from an attack of influenza.

For State Treasurer.
Galveston, Jan. 18.—Phil Sanders, former state representative from Nacogdoches, will be a candidate for state treasurer in the 1934 democratic primary.

Roosevelt Acts Quickly to Save Peanut Station

Washington, Jan. 18.—President Roosevelt has saved the peanut stand station of Steve Zaslikos at the corner of the White House grounds.

Steve, who has sold peanuts at this stand for more than a quarter of a century, was ordered by police to move the other day after complaints that he was interfering with traffic at his busy corner.

Mrs. Roosevelt clipped the story from the newspaper and sent it to Stephen T. Early, a secretary to the president, with a written inquiry: "Must this man go?"

Early started investigation and suddenly discovered that President Roosevelt himself had already acted after reading the story.

"Robber's Roost" Coming to Queen

For the Saturday night showing at 10:45, also Monday and Tuesday nights, the management of the Queen theatre will present a Zane Grey story, "Robber's Roost," featuring the popular George O'Brien.

Every lover of fiction knows what it means to see a cinema based on one of Zane Grey's thrilling picturizations, which are always produced with most accurate regard for scenic naturalness and effects.

On the same program will be seen a Pathe News and comedy.

Stith to Feature Its Second Rodeo Saturday

Another rodeo, following the general plan of the one on Christmas day, is being arranged for next Saturday at Stith, starting at 10 o'clock, if the weather permits.

Roping and riding events will be featured with entrance open to everybody.

Record of Births.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Grady Bishop, residing north of town, Thursday, January 11, 1934.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Spratlin, residing between Merkel and Trent, Sunday, January 14, 1934.

Will Preach at Hope.
W. G. Cypert will preach at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday at the Church of Christ at Hope. Everyone is cordially invited to hear him.

Box Supper Friday Night.
There will be a box supper Friday night of this week at the Union Ridge school house, beginning at 7:30, sponsored by the P. T. A. Everyone is invited.

THE BOOK

... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures ...

by BRUCE BARTON

FAT AND LEAN CATTLE.

Jacob lost no time in becoming the father of twelve sons, of whom the next to the youngest, Joseph, is the second important figure after the flood.

The oldest of the twelve brothers was Reuben, to whom Jacob on his death-bed said significantly, "unstable as water, thou shalt not excel." He would have liked to protect Joseph from the envious hatred of the others, who saw all too clearly Jacob's favoritism for him, but Reuben was too weak to accomplish anything. The hatred of the others cast Joseph into a deep pit. It was their first intention to kill him, but at the suggestion of Judah, who wanted to save Joseph's life, and could plan no other way, he was lifted out and sold to a passing caravan and taken to Egypt.

A fine parade of human attributes now marches before us—Potiphar, captain in the service of Pharaoh, who took a liking to Joseph and made him an overseer; Mrs. Potiphar, who fell in love with the bright youngster and, when out of his loyalty to her husband, Joseph refused her advances, caused him to be cast into prison; the royal butler, whose release Joseph secured by interpreting a dream, and who promised in turn to get Joseph out of jail, but success quickly banishes the memory of old-time friends.

Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him.

Presently, however, Joseph secured his own release, having been able to interpret a dream for Pharaoh himself. Pharaoh had seen in his dream seven fat cattle and seven lean cattle, and behold the seven lean cattle at up the seven fat ones. What could it mean? "It means," said Joseph, "that we are going to have seven good business years and then seven very bad ones; and we better get ready for the bad ones right away." Thus Joseph made the first Babson chart, showing that the area of financial inflation precedes that of depression and is of equal size and density. Through Joseph's foresight and organizing ability the Egyptians stored up food in the seven fat years and came through the lean years with flying colors.

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YIELD LIMIT IS BAR TO COTTON REDUCTION PLAN

Protest Mass Meeting Called by County Judges and Others to Be Held At Anson the Coming Saturday.

For the purpose of registering a protest against a provision in the 1934-35 federal cotton acreage reduction plan fixing an eligibility minimum requirement of 100 pounds average production of lint cotton per acre for five-year period of 1928-32, inclusive, a call for a mass meeting to be held at Anson Saturday morning, January 20, has been issued by eight county judges and 17 county agents, representing 19 West Texas counties.

In these counties, the average per-acre production of cotton has been pulled down by drouthy years in the period mentioned and it would make many farmers ineligible for participation in the 1934-35 acreage reduction campaign.

"We want a thousand men to attend," said Judge Otis Miller, county judge of Jones county, joined by county agents of Jones and Taylor counties, C. C. Jobson and C. Metz Heald. "We want every county judge and commissioner, every county agent and every county committee, in all this part of the state, and we want the farmers to come and join our protest to the secretary of agriculture."

In the meantime the Taylor county board, composed of H. B. Robertson of Merkel, J. Walter Hammond of Trent and W. B. Smith of Bradshaw, will be in session until January 31 to consider acreage reduction contracts as they are submitted. January 31 is the closing date of the drive.

The committee for this precinct consists of D. I. Shelton, who is stationed at the Farmers State bank; E. H. Mahews, Sr., a he F. & M. National bank, and John Crane, at the Home State bank, Trent.

County Tax Collector Stations Deputy Here

As announced previously in The Mail, Comer Patterson, deputy in the office of County Tax Collector Grady Parmelley, will be stationed here from this date to the end of the month for the convenience of tax payers.

He will, however, make his headquarters at the Oasis Filling station, as the tax collector's office at the city hall is a rather busy place at this time, with the tax collecting efforts of the school board and the regular tax paying period for the city, too.

THE BADGER WEEKLY

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior Class of '34—Mrs. R. E. Irvin, sponsor

The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—Waldeline Huskey. Society Editor—Billy Gardner.
Assistant Editor—Helen Joyner. Sports Editor—Kennedy Whiteley.
Joke Editor—Jack West.

TIME ENOUGH.

Have you broken your resolutions? Cheer up! Each day is the beginning of a New Year and every hour affords opportunity for doing better than we did yesterday. Did you make a low grade this semester? There is time enough yet to pass the course.

God has given man Time, and it is the most useful thing in the world to him. Time has been divided into years, months, weeks, days, hours, minutes, seconds and even split-seconds as means of measurements; and all who do not keep pace with the great pendulum are soon out of the parade. Although we may live to be one hundred years old, time will always be measured out to us in seconds only.

It is difficult for man to comprehend the endless passing of time; the past in memory seems only a dream; the future appears as a vague vision. On the other hand, there is given to all of us the reality of the present, which should stir us into preparation for the next step—the step which is now withheld from our knowledge. With this thought in mind, let us tune ourselves to the rhythm of present activity and keep in step.

HOROSCOPE FOR THIS MONTH.

If you were born in January, your fate is controlled by the sign of Geometry. People under this sign are apt to be square in dealings with others, although they are rather pointed. Your propositions usually prove to be one-sided, as you are somewhat narrow-minded. Your opinions are parallel with your present companions. In love you are apt to become entangled in a triangle. If you are not careful, you will get your lines crossed and marry the wrong one. You will not do well in a medical field because in emergencies you will lose your head and go around in circles. You will do well as a ditch-digger or as an angle-worm-digger. Your lucky days are Friday and Monday and your lucky month is May. To remain healthy, eat a raw carrot on the 13th of every month and don't keep her up too late when her dad's at home.

BRASS BUTTON AWARDS.

The brass button goes to—
Bud Toombs for being the most conceited.
Billy Bernice for chewing the most gum.
Clifton Bellamy for his statuesque poses.
Arthur Wiman for reading the most books.
Mary Zoe West for her activity in athletics.
Dorothy Bradley for coming to the library every day since school started.
Lynn Shelton for his wonderful sense of smell.
Horace Boney for his quiet ways.
Mr. Irvin for his ability to estimate, narrate, accumulate and percolate.

BADGERS LOSE TWO OUT OF THREE.

The Merkel basketball club lost two out of three games they played last week. Winning their first game from Blair, they went to the Colorado invitation meet and drew Roby as their first game. Roby won 36 to 21. Davidson, star of the Roby-Merkel football game, was the main spark-plug of Roby's basketball team and did a big part in winning the game. On Friday afternoon in the consolation tournament Merkel drew Fluvanna and lost 16 to 18. This game eliminated them from the meet. In the game with Fluvanna Boaz' long shots were short of the basket, Shannon was outstanding for the locals and also high scorer. This week is exam week and practice will be skipped, as the teachers will be busy. After exams the Badgers will get down to work for the county meet.

CAR OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends for the many kindnesses shown us during the illness, and death of our beloved pet monkey.
Sincerely,
Lois Whiteley and
Wanda Hunter.

THE CHORAL CLUB.

On Wednesday afternoon, January 10, the Choral and Glee clubs gave a recital tea in honor of their mothers and friends at the Grammar School auditorium. The Choral and Glee clubs sang several groups of songs and the Junior

Expression class gave several numbers that were enjoyed by all. After the program the visitors went downstairs where they were served tea, mints and cheese crackers. Those who assisted in serving were Evelyn Robertson, Jessie Margaret Berry, Julia Proctor, Lois Whiteley, Wanda Hunter and Bessylea Church.

THE SENIORS.

The Seniors met last Thursday to elect another secretary and treasurer and an assistant editor-in-chief. Julia Proctor was elected as the secretary while Helen Joyner is the assistant editor. David Gamble, the Senior president, asked us whether we wanted a year book or not. Of course, we want one; but, as Mrs. Irvin said, we can't get one overnight. We are going to work hard this year to make our class the best yet.

OUR SENIORS.

Vivian Lasater. Vivian is an excellent student. Not only is she good in her studies, but she also is a good sport out on the school grounds. She has many friends and we hope she strives to keep them. Last year she was in the Choral club. As a Freshman, she played ball as our star second baseman. We hope she'll always succeed.

Jack West. Jack is one of that kind of boys that is smart enough but he can't behave himself. He has a wonderful mind for mathematics. He came out for football four years, but because of his injury this year he was not able to letter. He has a keen sense of humor; therefore, we chose him as our joke editor this year for "The Badger Weekly." Here's luck to you, Jack.

TOMFOOLERY.

Humorist: "How about putting this joke in the next issue?"
Editor: "If you do, you'll clean it up."
Mr. Riddle: "Now, Tommy, if I lay three eggs here and five eggs here how many eggs will I have?"
Tommy J.: "I don't believe you can do it, sir."

"But, Mary Helen, aren't you getting Bussie and Kennedy confused?"
"Sure, I get Bussie confused one night and Kennedy the next."

"Can you direct me to the National bank?"
Dub Ford: "Sorry, ma'am, but I'm no bank director."

ASK!
Jack West what "editation" means?
Helen, Margaret, Sarah and Caribel what they were composing last Thursday night.
Billy Gardner whom he is afraid

of. She went down the hall singing that she wasn't.

Tracy Wood, why he had to move in arithmetic class.

Kenneth where he went Sunday afternoon.

Lloyd how he felt when someone almost hit him.

Shannon why he don't speak to two certain girls.

Caribel if 6 and 2 equals 8.

Jack Patterson if Lois knows what she was talking about.

Joe Cook if "Elmer" and "Annie" left together.

Billie Bernice if she is still mad at "Smitty" and his tennis partner.

David how good he is at drawing profiles.

Jack Davis why he is always making signs.

Sarah who told her the joke about "mama."

Bud why he didn't blow Arthur's horn on someone's front porch.

Mary Helen M if she likes to cough down people's necks.

Frances A. where she went Friday afternoon.

Clara Frances if she knows how to beg.

L. C. Evans if he is going to quit school.

PSALMS OF LIFE.

Be patient as you go through life; Snap judgments never pay; Consider well opinions you Arrive at day by day.

Don't jump at quick conclusions and First gather all the facts Before you form a verdict on Another person's acts.

Be calm and quite judicial as You travel through this vale; Express no prompt or hasty thought Lest truth and justice fail.

Thus you'll be thought to have, my lad, The wisdom of an owl— But who the devil wants to be A stuffy, blinking fowl?

TO MISS EGGE.

Ice Box Cookies. Melt two lemon hulls and pour into one pan. Add one cup of diced resin and one teaspoonful of Lee Page's glue. In a separate container mix one gallon of mercury, one quart of onions, two gallons of sugar and three tablepoons of vinegar. Heat to a temperature of 45° and pour over first mixture. Stir with a tin spoon for one hour, 25 minutes and 2 seconds. Drop. Catch on cookie tin and bake in Frigidaire until half done. Test by putting a drop of Kemerlievand on the third cookie. If it turns yellow-green, it is half done. Serve hot with axyle grease.

The writer of this advises football boys with red hair not to eat more than two cookies before going to bed. Signed, Miss Prune Juice.

Thank you, very much, Miss Prune Juice. We appreciate your interest. Any one else? ?

France has 392,500 miles of motor-ing roads and ranks first among European countries in this respect. Legal covers at Merkel Mail office.

THE BOOK

(Continued From Page One.) Joseph was big in nature as well as in ability. He sent for his father and brethren, forgave them, got them good jobs in the public service and settled them in luxury in his adopted country. Thus things went swimmingly for the children of Israel until Joseph died, after which calamity descended. The Pharaoh who had been so friendly also died and "there arose a new king in Egypt which knew not Joseph." Envy and jealousy of these smart fellows were rampant; there was a universal demand that they should be evicted from the rich jobs and fat concessions. They not only were evicted but they were thrust down to the very bottom of the social ladder.

Next Week: Our First Laws.

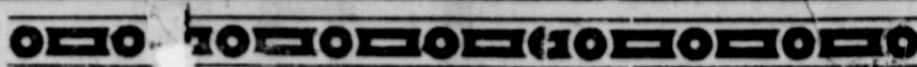
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Sam Butman, Sr., Vice-Pres. Booth Warren, Cashier.
F. Y. Gaither, Ass't Cashier



ORDER APPROVING THE COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT.

On this, the 8th day of January, 1934, the Commissioners' Court of Taylor County, Texas, in regular session, compared and examined the quarterly report of Roy C. Fuller, Treasurer, for the quarter ending December 31st, 1933, and find the same to be correct and the respective amounts have been received and paid out since the preceding report:

	Bal. Last Report	Rec'd This Quarter	Paid Out This Quarter	Bal. Dec. 31, 1933
Jury Fund	\$ 1,973.79	\$ 4,410.32	\$ 3,960.10	\$ 2,424.01
Prec. No. 1	10,843.83	2,103.36	5,649.90	7,297.29
Prec. No. 2	8,153.56	1,248.14	4,503.57	4,898.13
Prec. No. 3	11,102.03	583.77	3,710.06	7,975.74
Prec. No. 4	1,018.28	1,806.30	2,790.19	34.39
Third Class General	26,921.58	14,759.90	13,630.34	28,051.14
5th Class Paup. (OD)	1,091.52	1,439.09	2,883.20	2,535.63 (OD)
Court House Sinking	1,713.06	820.25	1,303.19	1,230.12
Road Dist. No. 1 Skg.	2,667.65	423.26	888.23	2,202.68
Road Dist. No. 2	3,170.40	235.60	28.83	3,377.17
Road Dist. No. 3	512.64	99.80	148.82	468.62
Road Dist. No. 4	1,117.58	128.31	702.59	543.30
Road Dist. No. 5	1,010.16	264.10	957.96	316.30
Road Dist. No. 6	895.13	246.61	16.97	1,124.77
Road War. 6th Fund	5,427.45	1,049.05	NONE	6,476.50
Sixth Class Relief	NONE	4,000.00	1,068.76	2,931.24
Highway 1 & 30 Skg.	7,401.21	4,013.66	7,705.42	3,709.45
Highway 600 M Acct.	2,203.02	7,449.41	NONE	9,652.43
Highway 275 M Acct.	2,224.89	3,460.80	NONE	5,685.69
Permanent Imp.	3,066.48	555.63	1,061.96	2,560.15
Jail Bldg. Skg.	646.90	1,826.11	18.22	2,454.79
Special Co. R & B	21,080.90	96.87	1,114.37	20,063.40
	\$112,059.02	\$51,020.34	\$52,137.68	\$110,941.68

SECURITIES OWNED BY SINKING FUND:

Court House Sinking (School Bonds)	\$ 200.00
Road Dist. No. 1	25,200.00
Road Dist. No. 2	2,500.00
Road Dist. No. 3	1,000.00
Road Dist. No. 5	1,000.00
Taylor County General Fund	2,000.00
	\$31,900.00

BOND AND WARRANT INDEBTEDNESS

	Orig. Issue	Bonds Rmd.	Outstg.
Road Warrants 6 Per Cent	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 46,000.00
Road Warrants 6 Per Cent	158,000.00	116,000.00	42,000.00
Road Dist. No. 1	150,000.00	77,000.00	73,000.00
Road Dist. No. 2	20,000.00	8,000.00	12,000.00
Road Dist. No. 3	15,000.00	8,500.00	6,500.00
Road Dist. No. 4	15,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Road Dist. No. 5	25,000.00	15,000.00	10,000.00
Road Dist. No. 6	25,000.00	14,000.00	11,000.00
Court House Bonds	150,000.00	98,000.00	52,000.00
Highway 350 M Issue	350,000.00	52,000.00	298,000.00
Road Bonds 275 M Issue	275,000.00	18,000.00	257,000.00
Road Bonds 600 M Issue	600,000.00	54,000.00	546,000.00
Jail Building Bonds	100,000.00	4,000.00	96,000.00
Road Warrant Machinery to be paid by Prec. No. 2	3,580.00		3,580.00
Road Warrant Machinery to be paid by Prec. No. 4	3,857.00		3,857.00
Total Outstanding Bonds	\$1,944,437.00	\$480,000.00	\$1,464,437.00

The requirements of Article 401 P. C. have been complied with, and tabular statements have been filed as required.

LUTHER J. WEBB, Com. Prec. No. 1.
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R. E. DILLARD, Com. Prec. No. 3.
S. H. McADAMS, Com. Prec. No. 4.
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Subscribed and sworn to before me, this the 8th day of January, 1934.
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PHONE 61

WHISPERING ROCK

by JOHN LEBAR



Twenty Third Installment.
(Continued From Last Week.)

Ann groaned and the joints of her entwined fingers cracked but she shook her head. "I jest cain't go fer doin' nothin' 'gains' Mr. Snavely. You doan understan' how 'tis with me an' him."

Slowly the giantess walked to Ruth's room. The girl followed. "These here ready?" asked Ann, pointing to two suitcases. Ruth nodded, and the big woman left the room with them.

Dully, Ruth continued the packing. She would try again after Ann was off the ranch and on the main road. But Ruth felt certain that Ann would do exactly as Snavely had ordered. . . . The voice, then, was not his only hold on Ann; there was a bigger thing.

In a short time the packing was finished and the buckboard loaded. Ruth looked about for David; he was not in sight, nor did he answer her call. She suddenly realized that she had not seen him since returning from the mail box. Ordinarily, she would have been only mildly disturbed—the snakes were gone this time of year.

Then Ruth's heart stopped: a few feet from the board fence around the old well lay a box. It lay as though it had been placed on end against the fence: in imagination, Ruth saw her son standing on tiptoe, leaning over the fence, hitching himself farther over to see better, losing his balance, the box falling away as his feet left its top. With a cry of anguish she ran to the box, stood it up, and mounting, leaned over the fence—"David!" The name rang hollowly and died away. "Da-vid—" With a moan, Ruth slipped from the box. . . . The next instant, it seemed to her, Ann was helping her to her feet.

"Ann! Kopes! bring ropes quick!" Ruth struggled to free herself from the giantess' arms. "Let me go! Oh, God, don't let David be in there—"

"Now wait, Miss Ruth—wait—you doan know he fell in, does you?"

"No—no—but where else is he—where else—" Ruth was dizzy; she fought to keep her senses. "Ann—"

Ann lew her and ran into the house. Ruth climbed upon the box again, but she could not look down.

The giantess lifted her from the box. "You stand down, I'll look with this—you couldn't see nothin' with no lantern on a rope."

Ann left her and ran into the house. She caught the light of the sun and turned it into the well. Ruth saw her

smile broadly. "There. I done tol' you he warn't down there!"

Snatching the mirror from the ground where the giantess had dropped it, she climbed upon the box just as the lower limb of the sun touched the western mountain range. The light from the mirror struck downward, wavered, and came to rest on the cloth hanging from a nail part way down the well. Ruth stared at the cloth as the light slowly faded. Before it was entirely gone she knew what that cloth was. Once she had sent Harry, her brother, a present—a red silk handkerchief with an odd design of large white horseshoes.

David just then came trudging up from the gulch. He couldn't understand all the concern about his absence.

Ruth stepped from the box, took David by the hand and led him into her room. After locking the door, she took Will's revolver from the trunk and sat down on the bed beside her son.

The handkerchief . . . Harry always wore it, Old Charley had said. If her brother was alive, how did it get half-way down the well on the Dead Lantern ranch? If he were not, then, according to the Mexican who had reported his death, the handkerchief was buried two hundred miles below the Mexican line. The Mexican had actually mentioned the handkerchief. As Ruth sat on the bed, holding the small hand of her silent, wondering son, her mind raced: that first night when Snavely had thrown a bundle into the old well. He had not been expecting any one to come on the ranch and had left things about which must be got rid of . . . the bundle opened as it fell and the light silk handkerchief floated alone, and came to rest on a nail in the timber, where it stayed. . . . Snavely's feverish desire that she should not ask questions about the well, that she should not go near it. . . . The well haunted him; wasn't he always looking toward it?

Without any cut and dried reasoning, without weighing, rejecting and sorting evidence, Ruth found herself with a clear, convincing picture of the whole plot. She knew as plainly as though a hundred investigators had compiled proofs for a hundred days that the letter was a lie; that it was Snavely's final effort to get rid of her. And Harry—Harry was dead. His body lay under a pile of rubbish at the bottom of the well . . . that was why

Snavely's pale eyes strayed there so often.

She heard Snavely's voice shouting angrily for Ann, then the thump of his boots as he entered the house. "David," whispered Ruth, "Mama's going to trust you to do as she says: stay on the bed and don't be afraid—Mama'll be back pretty soon."

With the revolver in her hand she stepped to the door, silently unlocked it, and stood with her left hand on the knob.

In the kitchen Snavely abruptly ceased to upbraid Ann, and the boots thumped across the porch. "By God, I'll show her who's—"

As quickly as she could move Ruth flung open the door and stepped out, the revolver, fully cocked, pointing at Snavely's breast. He stopped and his hands went up. Ruth quietly closed the door behind her.

"Ann!" Ruth's voice was sharp, metallic. "Go into the living room."

She waited until she heard Ann's footsteps "Now you march in!"

Snavely turned without a word and walked before her.

"Sit down—you too, Ann." The girl nodded toward the chairs by the table.

The huge woman and the pale-eyed man seated themselves. Snavely gradually lowered his arms.

"I've got nothing against you, Ann—far from it. But if you won't help me you'll have to go with this murderer."

"Wha—what's that—" Snavely gasped and his eyes stared wildly.

Ruth spoke to Ann, without turning her head: "Ann, will you help me now? This man murdered Harry Grey, his partner. You must help me tie him so that we can take him to the authorities. . . . Well? Are you on my side or his?"

Ann's face was a study. For a moment she regarded Snavely, then Ruth. No one spoke.

"Well, Ann!"

"Fore Gawd, Miss Ruth—I doan

know—I doan know—" Ann wrung her hands and rose to her feet. "Please, Miss Ruth—I cain't he'p you 'gains' him." Ann walked to the door, hesitated, returned a few steps, then went back and stood near the window, in an agony of indecision.

"All right, Ann, think it over." Ruth stepped close to the man in the chair. Her voice was clear and sharp. "You murderer!"

Snavely shrunk back in his chair. "Say it!" commanded Ruth. "—tell Ann what you are!"

Snavely's lips moved silently.

"Louder!" she cried, thrusting the muzzle of the gun almost against his face.

"I done it—my God! let me be—quit lookin' at me! I had to do it, I tell you!"

"Don't move! Now tell us why you did it." Ruth stood, right foot forward, her smooth young face set rigidly. "Begin!"

"I—I shot him."

"Why?"

"Because I hated him!"

"Why?"

"I don't know—he come here. He bought his interest from the man who owned it an' he come here. He wanted to be pardners—I signed. I couldn't help it—damn him!"

"What did he do to you?"

"I don't know—let me be, can't you? He come here an' I wasn't by myse'f no more—I couldn't git him to go."

"You didn't have to murder him!"

"I hated him, I tell you! He done what all people do—I hated him like

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**Pre-Showing of New
Chevrolet at Fort
Worth This Week**



J. A. TURPIN

J. A. Turpin, district manager for the Chevrolet Motor Company in this territory, spent Monday with Fred Hughes of the Hughes Motor company, outlining plans for a pre-announcement of the 1934 Chevrolet.

Mr. Turpin was host to the dealers, their entire organization and guests at a pre-showing of the new 1934 Chevrolet at the Biltmore garage in Fort Worth on Thursday of this week. This will be one of the most elaborate showings ever presented in this part of the country, it being conducted in the same fashion as the New York and Chicago national automobile shows, and Mr. Hughes announces that his place of business is to be closed on the day that he, his organization and guests go to Fort Worth to see the new cars.

Accompanying Mr. Hughes to the Fort Worth showing Thursday of the new Chevrolet were Messrs. W. E. Baze, John Dunn and George White. "The radical improvements, such as knee action, which changes the ride to a glide," said Mr. Turpin, "greater power and speed, larger size and more comfortable features, will give Chevrolet's dealers and salesmen a car,

which is not an improvement on the 1933 model but an entirely new piece of merchandise."

BLAIR ITEMS

Mrs. Earl Sowels and two daughters of Hamlin have been the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Latimer the past week.

Oscar Bennett Walker of Taylor, who is working for the government, was in our midst last week visiting friends.

Abe Rogers and son of Snyder made a flying trip down here to be the mid-week guests of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rogers.

J. H. Doan and Mr. and Mrs. Marcins Doan went to Tuscola Saturday on business and were accompanied back by Mr. and Mrs. Preston Doan and their charming little son, Teddie.

Master Alvin Thomas McLean of View spent the week-end with his grandfather, J. L. McLean.

Mrs. H. H. Tittle of Trent visited with Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell Sunday.

Mrs. Sam Butman, Mrs. Clyde McLean and Mrs. Odie Latimer were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer recently.

Elder Newhouse of Abilene filled the pulpit of Elder Paul Witt at the Church of Christ Sunday; Elder and Mrs. Newhouse visited in the Jim Moore home in the afternoon.

View school presented a four act play at the school auditorium here Friday night, the cast being composed of seven characters. The Chatman band played the accompaniments for the play and popular song selections.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes have purchased Grandma Hughes' "old homestead," Mr. Hughes having gone into extensive farming.

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NOODLE NEWS

Elder W. G. Cyfert of Merkel filled his regular appointment here at the Church of Christ at the 11 o'clock hour.

Paul Wheeler and family of Sweetwater attended church here Sunday.

Miss Lucille Jones, one of the teachers in our school, spent the week-end with Miss Cleo Reece of near Comper.

Miss Monty Reece spent the week-end with Miss Neva Dell Spurgin of Anson.

T. F. Sosebee of Stamford visited in the homes of his brothers, A. C. and O. W. Sosebee, Sunday.

Mrs. Cecil Hawk and little daughter, Shirley, and Miss Mildred Sosebee and Jack Pierce went to Paducah Saturday. They were accompanied by Miss Ira Ruth Hawk, who returned to her home there after a two weeks visit in this community.

Gene Spurgin, formerly of this place but now living at Anson, attended the ball game here Friday afternoon, also the singing Friday night.

Mrs. Otto Bicknell was shopping in Merkel Saturday afternoon.

Archie Brothers of Paducah, J. O. Sosebee of Stamford, Mrs. Marie Womble of Haskell and Miss Doris

Sosebee of Anson were visitors in the home of O. W. Sosebee Sunday.

C. E. Jinkins and family visited his brother, Fred Jinkins, and family of Merkel Sunday.

Rev. J. R. Murdock and family spent Sunday in the Carpenter Gap community visiting the family of Charles Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spurgin of Merkel attended singing here Friday night.

W. J. Bicknell returned home Saturday night from Birmingham, Ala., where he spent the holidays with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Walter Roundtree spent the week-end near Anson at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. I. J. Alexander, who is seriously ill.

Mr. Dixon and family visited relatives at Lawn Saturday and Sunday. Miss Faytine Howell, one of the teachers in our school, spent the week-end with her parents in Abilene.

Noodle Senior girls and Senior boys played basketball with Boyd's chapel at Noodle Friday afternoon, Noodle winning both games.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)

For Sheriff:
BURL WHEELER (Re-election.)
RUCK SIBLEY.
PERRY P. DICKINSON.
 For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5:
ORIEN HIGGINS.
A. D. FULTON.
 For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
A. J. CANON, (Re-election.)

County Honor Roll

NOODLE SCHOOL.

The following pupils are on the honor roll for the past month:
 Primer and first grade—J. W. Burfeind, Vera Lou Allred, Bobbie Nell Bicknell, Ava Ruth Sosebee, Mose Cummings.

Second grade—Donald Cade, Clinton Bird, Esther Farr.
 Third grade—Mary Jo Bicknell, Marcella Cummings, Dorothy Barbee, Billie Jean Sosebee, Harold Sosebee, William Allred.

Fourth grade—Iris Bicknell.
 Fifth grade—Nellie Joye Rutledge, Imagine Bird, Mattie Bell Spinks, Alan Nolan, Joe Tarpley, K. G. Sharp.

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UNION RIDGE.

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The topic for the afternoon was "Chickens and Diseases." The meeting adjourned voting to gather in the home of Mrs. Vick January 19.

After the business meeting the hostess served refreshments of chicken salad sandwiches, pickles and hot chocolate. Members present were: Mesdames J. L. McRee, Pierce Horton, W. A. Harris, John Dunn, W. J. Derstine, Melvin Carey, S. C. Vick, S. O. Patton, Floyd Newberry, Misses Ruby and Norman Patton and Mabel McRee and one visitor, Mrs. Oma Blanton.

ESKOTA H. D. C.

Mrs. Clayton Nichols was hostess to the members of the Home Demonstration club Tuesday afternoon. In the business hour plans were made for the sanitation work. Miss Velma Heald, home demonstration agent, gave a complete outline of the plans and Miss Huff, a graduate nurse, gave an interesting talk on contagious diseases and first aid.

Those present were: Mesdames C. B. Johnston, D. I. Trent, Clayton Nichols, Misses Ellen Morgan, Velma Heald, Huff and Donnie Vearl Nichols.

BUSY BEE CLUB.

The Busy Bee club will meet with Mrs. Angus Garvin on Thursday, January 25, at 2 o'clock.

AT THE TABLE.

As expressing the sentiment of the day on the occasion of the Butman family reunion Christmas day, the following poem, "At the Table," the author of which is unknown, was read:

The years have sped since first I led
 You to the table dear,
 And you sat over there alone
 And I sat smiling here.

A year or two flew past and you
 No longer sat alone.
 A little one was in your arms,
 Your darling and my own.

And then another year or so,
 And someone else was there;
 And Willie sat near me, you know,
 While Trottie claimed your care.

The years have sped since first I led
 You to the table dear,
 And you looked keenly at the foot,
 And I felt kingly here.

Today, as I look down at you,
 On either side I see
 A row of happy little ones,
 All gazing up at me.

We've added leaves, one after one,
 And you are far away;
 Aye, thrice as far, my dear, as on
 That happy, happy day.

But, though we sit so far apart,
 You there and I up here;
 Two rows of hearts from my fond
 heart
 Stretch down to you, my dear.

Thank God for every extra leaf
 The table holds today,
 And may we never know the grief
 Of putting one away.

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QUEEN THEATRE

"Where Merkel is Entertained"

Friday-Saturday

Buck Jones in

"Unknown Valley"
 Chapter 6, "Perils of Pauline,"
 and Mickey Mouse

Saturday, 10:45 p. m.

Monday-Tuesday

George O'Brien in

A Zane Grey story
 "Robber's Roost"
 Also Pathe News and Comedy

Wednesday-Thursday

"Turn Back the Clock"
 And Comedy, "Handle Bars"

ESKOTA NEWS

The Trent Little Theatre presented a five-act play here Wednesday night, entitled "Nine O'Clock Town."

The farmers of this community met at the school house Thursday night concerning cotton acreage reduction.

D. I. Trent was in Roby Wednesday on business.

Everyone enjoyed the play the Palava young folks presented Friday night, entitled "Two Country Kids," and it was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Nichols entertained about 60 young friends at their home with a party Saturday night. Games of all kinds including "42" were played. Before the guests left, "Cuddle" Rudd played his guitar and sang several numbers.

Both churches here reported a good crowd Sunday.

Mrs. Dora Knox returned from Fort Worth Saturday where she had been visiting her son, Clyde.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Utley and sons,

Jackie and Virgil, Mrs. Clayton Nichols and Donnie Vearl and Misses Stella Nepper and Beatrice Knox motored to Palava Sunday afternoon to the singing.

We are very sorry to report at this time that L. E. F. Johnston is ill and we hope he will soon improve.

The boys and girls basketball teams played against White Flat here Friday afternoon. White Flat girls and Eskota boys were victorious.

Mrs. Owen SoRelle and Mrs. Frank SoRelle and children of Rotan have been visiting Mrs. F. E. Allyn. They returned home Saturday.

Mrs. I. R. Trent had as her guests Saturday night and Sunday Mrs. Frank Allyn and children, Fred and Louise, of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Dodson had as their guests last week Mr. and Mrs. Wiley SoRelle of Palava.

Norman Blankenship of Anson and his mother, the former May Camp, were visiting here with friends Sunday. Mrs. Blankenship lived here

when a girl and still has many friends and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Van Bullard.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Walker and children and Miss Vada B. Bullard were at the Palava singing Sunday. Mrs. Albert Kiser and children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maulden, of Sylvester.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bullard had as their guests this week-end their son

and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Van Bullard.

We had a fine singing Sunday night with several out of town singers. We will sing again next Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Everyone is invited to join us.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 6L.

Form B-76 No. 1619

BANKS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE

FARMERS STATE BANK IN MERKEL

At Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of December, 1933, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 19th day of January, 1934.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$ 68,734.80
Loans secured by real estate	11,415.32
Overdrafts	510.01
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	18,000.00
Banking House	15,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Real Estate owned, other than banking house	4,205.00
Cash in bank	14,973.27
Due from approved reserve agents	79,828.54
Other Resources	6,894.20
Bills of Exchange Cotton	6,069.71
Stock in Federal Deposit Insurance	733.70
Grand Total	\$233,864.55

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 40,000.00
Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	519.47
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	180,127.12
Time Certificates of Deposit	2,210.84
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	1,007.12
Grand Total	\$233,864.55

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:

We C. M. Largent, as President, and W. L. Diltz, 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.

C. M. LARGENT, President.
 W. L. DILTZ, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of January, A. D. 1934.
 N. D. COBB,
 Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

(SEAL)
CORRECT—ATTEST:
 W. W. TOOMBS,
 J. S. SWANN,
 J. A. PATTERSON, Jr.,
 Directors.

Form B-76 No. 1396

BANKS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE

HOME STATE BANK

Of Trent, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of December, 1933, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 19th day of January, 1934.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security	\$ 39,828.36
Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon	5,684.00
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	12.52
Bonds, stocks and other securities	2,402.93
Customers' Bonds held for safekeeping	NONE
Real Estate (Banking House)	2,700.00
Other Real Estate	NONE
Furniture and Fixtures	800.00
Cash on Hand	4,854.95
Due from approved reserve agents	178,648.61
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	5,309.10
Total	\$240,240.47

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Other Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, net	1,380.06
Individual Deposits subject to check	184,819.71
Public Funds on Deposit	
City	\$ 551.35
School	2,259.35
Total	2,790.70
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	1,250.00
Total	\$240,240.47

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:

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

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, A. D. 1934.
 C. C. McRee,
 Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

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

THE RED & WHITE STORES

SPECIALS

FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
JANUARY 19 AND 20

Spuds 10 lbs. 20c

STRAWBERRIES, pint 15c

APPLES, each 1c

ORANGES, large, dozen 33c

APPLES, large Winesap, doz. 35c

YAMS, Kiln Dried, 5 pounds 17c

Lettuce head 5c

CORN, No. 2 can 10c

Coffee R & W, lb. 35c
Sun Up, lb. 19c

TOMATOES, No. 2 can, 3 for 25c

PEANUT BUTTER, quart 25c

PEACHES, R & W No. 2 1-2 can 17c

OATS B & W large pkg. 13c

WHEAT CEREAL, large pkg. 21c

HOMINY GRITS, package 10c

WHEATIES, 2 packages 25c

Post Bran, pkg. 10c

CAKE FLOUR, Swans Down, pkg. 34c

BAKING POWDER, Calumet, lb. 23c

RAISINS Sun Maid 2 pounds 19c

FLOUR 12 lbs. R & W 59c
24 lbs. R & W \$1.00
48 lbs. R & W \$1.95

PORK & BEANS, B & W, can 5c

Compound 4 pound carton 29c

SHINOLA HOME SETS, each 17c

Sugar pure cane, cloth bag 10 pounds 49c

LYE, R & W, 3 cans 25c

SAYMAN'S SOAP, 3 bars 25c

SOAP R & W Giant 5 bars 16c

BRICK CHILI, pound 13c

Cheese Full Cream pound 17c

BACON, sliced, pound 18c

Increase in Workers And Pay Rolls Noted

Austin, Jan. 18.—The 886 business establishments reporting employment and payroll data to the University of Texas Bureau of Business Research in conjunction with the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, covering the week ended December 16, show an increase of 18 per cent in the number of workers and an increase of 25 per cent in the weekly payroll over December, 1932. The employment situation is reported to be contributing to the favorable reports on retail trade and other lines of business activity in the state, the University bureau's report said.

Auto Executive Lauds Operation of NRA Code

Flint, Mich., Jan. 18.—William S. Knudson, executive vice president of General Motors corporation, in a public statement which he said is to be regarded as "final, official, and without reservation of any sort," declared: "General Motors is solidly with the NRA. It has signed a code, lived up to it, and it proposes to continue to live up to the code as long as it remains in force. In my opinion, we now are injecting the necessary order, after chaos, and out of this I am confident will come a relationship between management and labor, based upon a mutual understanding of each other's problems, in contrast to the old policy of conflict of interest."

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

TWO PAPERS FOR \$1.50.

For a limited time, we can offer The Semi-Weekly Farm News and The Merkel Mail, both papers one year for only \$1.50. Subscribe now if you are not receiving the Farm News and extend your time for The Mail at this special rate.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

Whispering Rock

(Continued from Page 3.)

I hate all the rest. I got to be by myself. I been alone since I was born. Every man I ever knowed tried to git somethin' off me. Every store-keeper tried to cheat me. Every rancher tried to fence off part of my land—every time I got a good thing somebody tried to get it away for his own self. That's all humans do! Their whole lives is just spent trying to get something somebody else has got!"

"Well?" demanded Ruth. "When I come here there was twenty thousand acres of this ranch an' the house was in the middle of it. I couldn't see no fence whichever way I looked. I bought this ranch. I could stay here. I had my horses an' I had enough cattle to keep me busy an' to feed me. I bought this ranch fair an' square. Then a man comes with a paper an' says he owns three-quarters of it. But he didn't want to stay here—he didn't want nothin' but money. So he went away a' I scraped enough together each sellin' time an' sent it to him. That was all right. Then your brother bought that man out an' come here. He come to stay. He aimed to improve the ranch. Good God a'mighty!"

"I am going to take you over the mountains," said Ruth evenly. "Stand up!"

Snively slowly rose and Ruth backed away. At that moment his eyes looked past her shoulder and his head nodded ever so slightly. Before Ruth could move great strong arms were holding her in a vice, a big hand took possession of the gun. Ann's voice muttered close to her ear. "The sorry."

"Give me that gun!" Snively



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darted toward Ann as the giantess released the girl. Ann backed away shaking her head. Snively stopped. Ann spoke swiftly to Ruth. "Git yo' little boy and ride away quick—hurry, Miss Ruth, 'fore he makes me give him the gun."

"Ann, help me—you have the gun, help me to take him over to Thanes' place," begged Ruth.

The giantess roared at her. "My Gawd, git away like I tol' you!"

Neither Snively nor Ann moved until the sounds of Ruth's horse and David's questioning voice had died away.

Snively, white with rage, spoke scathingly. "Now give me that gun, you black—!"

The gun in Ann's hand wavered uncertainly. "Jes' a minute," she faltered.

"Give it here!"

Ann cringed, turned the revolver butt forward and held it out.

Snively snatched the weapon, and raised the muzzle to Ann's face. Then he paused, and lowered the gun. "Git my horses, damn you! They'll come back—the Thanes'll come an' git me! They'll coop me up! Hurry along—git Buck an' throw a pack saddle on him. Run, damn your black hide!"

Ann ran out of the house. Snively hurried into the kitchen and began feverishly filling a gunny sack with provisions. Five minutes later his outfit was piled by the kitchen door; three sacks, his bed roll, a frying pan, and, leaning against the house, a 30-

30 rifle in a saddle sheath with four cartons of cartridges besides the butt. Ann was coming from the barn, leading the buckskin horse with a pack saddle on his back.
(Concluded Next Week.)

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If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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

R & R PALACE

Sweetwater

Saturday

Richard Dix in

"DAY OF RECKONING"

Sunday-Monday

"TOO MUCH HARMONY"

With Bing Crosby, Jack Oakie, Skeets Gallagher

Tuesday-Wednesday

Robert Montgomery
Madge Evans in

"FUGITIVE LOVERS"

Thursday-Friday

"COLLEGE COACH"

See a score of famous football stars in gripping gridiron action

Science says Today use a LIQUID Laxative

If you want to GET RID of Constipation worries—

Any hospital offers evidence of the harm done by harsh laxatives that drain the system, weaken the bowel muscles, and in some cases even affect the liver and kidneys.

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Fortunately, the public is fast returning to the use of laxatives in liquid form.

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Pay Your School Tax

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PAY BEFORE FEBRUARY 1st AND SAVE

EXPENSES HAVE BEEN REDUCED

Assessed School Taxes have been reduced from \$25,801.43 in 1930-31 to \$15,638.25 in 1933-34, a reduction of 40 per cent in three years.

60 Per Cent of 1932 Taxes Paid
40 Per Cent of 1932 Taxes Delinquent

To continue to operate the Merkel Public Schools on a nine-months basis, and to be fair to the 60 per cent who have paid their taxes, the Board is appealing to this 40 per cent to pay NOW—before Feb. 1st. To keep the tax rolls reduced to this \$15,638.25, ALL taxes must be paid. If school taxes are paid before February 1st, 1934, all penalties and interest will be removed. This will SAVE YOU

1932 Delinquent Taxes	16 Per Cent
1931 Delinquent Taxes	23 Per Cent
1930 Delinquent Taxes	30 Per Cent
1929 Delinquent Taxes	35 Per Cent

STATE PAYS ONE-HALF

The State pays one-half of the running expenses of the Merkel Schools. The other one-half is raised by local taxation. The Board cannot run the schools if 40 per cent of this one-half is NOT paid.

FEDERAL LOAN

To aid owners of homes, the United States Government is now making loans to pay off Mortgages and to pay delinquent taxes. A home owner who WANTS to pay his taxes can now do so and get the money at 5 per cent from UNCLE SAM.

AFTER FEBRUARY FIRST

After February 1st all penalties and interest will be added as the law provides. Then also 1933 taxes not paid will become delinquent and 10 per cent will be added and the 110 per cent begin drawing interest at 6 per cent. The School Board has been very lenient in Merkel in not pressing the collection of school taxes. Now it must have taxes paid or the schools cannot run nine months. Pay before February 1st. After February 1st all unpaid taxes will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection. The Board MUST have the money or the schools must close.

Pay Your School Tax and Save Save Our Schools

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Rogge and daughter of Sweetwater spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep. Miss Ida V. Estep returned home with them to spend the week.

Miss Pete Smith returned home last Sunday after visiting a few days with her sister, Mrs. E. M. Rutherford, in Floydada.

Orion Tittle is moving to Pecos. He will be joined by his wife this week.

D. M. Henderson and wife of Lubbock were week-end guests of Mrs. R. B. McRee last week.

Jack Bowers of Abilene High spent Sunday at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joyce of Snyder, formerly of this place, were visitors in the Adrian home here one night last week.

Bob Howell, who has been on a visit with his sister, Mrs. S. H. Phillips, of Big Lake, has returned home.

Mrs. Robert D. Martin of Abilene visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson and son, Mark, are sporting a brand new Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Swann attended to business matters at Colorado last Thursday.

Mrs. J. I. Leeman spent last week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Twyman Collins, in the Canyon.

Aubria Dowdy of Abilene was attending to business matters here last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bright in company with Mr. and Mrs. Poor left Sunday for an extended trip to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Bright will visit with the latter's brother, who lives there, while Mr. and Mrs. Poor will travel and visit different points in California. They will likely be away some forty days or more.

Quite a number of our people attended the workers conference which convened last Thursday at the Baptist church in Merkel. Those attending were: Mesdames A. Williamson, John E. Winn, Roy Stewart, C. C. Stribling, Jessie Dudley, C. T. Beckham, Ed Burks and Sam Jones.

Mr. Oran is on a business trip to South Texas this week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Sipe visited Mr. and Mrs. Regan of Longworth last Wednesday. Mr. Regan is quite ill.

Mrs. Ernest Nemire had as her guests last Thursday her aunts, the two Mesdames Gordon of Blackwell.

Mrs. Powell of Sylvester was here on business one day last week, also doing some shopping.

Oscar Bishop is leaving this week for the Plains where he will have charge of his father's farm.

Miss Margie Adrian, who is attending A. C. C., spent the week-end with her parents. She had as her guest Miss Louise Arceneaux of Abilene. They returned Sunday night with Dean Morris of A. C. C., who was a six o'clock dinner guest in Miss Adrian's home.

Rev. Houston Scott and wife of Abilene visited the bedside of Mr. Beasley one day last week. Mr. Beasley is not improving very much.

Mr. and Mrs. John Good spent several days last week at Waco with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seastrunk, who have been ill but were found a lot improved. Mrs. O. L. Bishop accompanied them, visiting her parents, who also live there.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes of Blair motored over last Monday afternoon and spent a few hours with the parents of Mrs. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds.

Mrs. Duckett of Fort Worth, who has been here in the home of her sister, Mrs. Lee Stevens, some few weeks, returned home last Monday.

Mesdames C. C. McRee and T. G. Hamner attended the council meeting at the Y. W. C. A. in Abilene Saturday.

Clifton Rogge and Natalie Parker of Sweetwater were week-end guests of Miss Ida V. Estep.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stevens visited relatives at Clyde last Friday. They have as a guest in their home this week Mrs. M. F. Crawford of Stamford.

Mrs. Jack Freeman and children visited her parents here last Friday. A number of children are out of school this week on account of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McRee spent last Sunday in Dublin as guests of the latter's uncles, Messrs. Joe and Tom Matheny.

Steve Payne at this writing is suffering from a gunshot wound in his leg, caused when his gun accidentally discharged.

The near neighbors of Mrs. Fred Hale rushed in on her last Tuesday with a surprise dinner, each one bringing their lunch and spending the day. They had a lovely visit, despite the weather.

DOLL PARTY.

Entertaining in her home last Friday afternoon, Mrs. J. P. Roberts favored some fifteen cheery little girls with a doll party, each little guest bringing her best doll. Arriving at 2 o'clock they registered their dolls in a beauty contest, the doll getting the most votes to win the prize, which went to the happy little mother, Virginia Cleo McRee, a Hershey bar. After playing games of visiting, home-making and house cleaning Mrs. Roberts gave a reading, "Dorothy's Tea Party," which caused much merriment among the youngsters.

Then came the delicious refreshments of hot chocolate, cake and whipped cream, which were served to the following little girls: Willadene Strawn, Avagene Reggan, Veneta McDonald, Elsie Bishop, Bobbie Ruth McLeod, Wilma and Wanda Stribling, Ilerna Perkins, Joyce Hayes, Ernestine Massey, Lois Smith, Lady Fred Crain, Beaton Richardson, Virginia Cleo McRee and Johnnie Roberts.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

Mrs. A. W. Woods entertained the Home Demonstration club Wednesday, January 10, with an all-day quilting affair. The quilt display was a beautiful butterfly quilt. Those that brought a covered dish and spent the day were: Mesdames Ed Burks, Jack Bright, Henry Ogletree, John Gafford, John Strawn, Nelson Bright, Henry Ogletree, John Gafford, John Strawn, Nelson Bright, C. T. Beckham, A. C. Wash, Frank Allen and Misses Dolie Wash, Helen Hogue, Maimie Gafford, Helen Bright and Fama Maud Johnson.

Then in the afternoon a delectable plate of mince meat pie, cake, pimento cheese sandwiches, divinity candy and coffee was served to Mesdames Tom and Alex Williamson, C. C. McRee, Ann Boone, T. G. Hamner, Alton Boone, Joe Nalley, Stanley Armour, Walker Steadman and the ones mentioned above and the hostess.

PARTY FOR LEAGUE.

Friday evening, January 12, Miss Ida V. Estep entertained the league with a party at her home. Games were played and refreshments served to Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Reaves, Imogene Mangum, Henry Kilgore, Dorene Scott, Mildred Steadman, Lillian Grace Reaves, Vera and Helen Bright, Dorothy Reaves, Wilson Bright, Earl Bright, Chunky Parker, Clifton Rogge, Maimie Lee Kilgore, Melvin Horton and Bob Cole.

METHODIST W. M. S.

On last Monday the W. M. S. of the M. E. church had a spiritual and inspiring program. The devotional was led by Mrs. Mangum, who read John 1:5, and this was discussed effectually. Mrs. Rawlins led two songs, with Miss Imogene Mangum at the piano. Mrs. Reaves, the pastor's wife, gave the lesson, taken from the book, "Never Failing Light," which she illustrated with posters. This was beautifully given. The lesson, although lengthy, was very inspiring. Mrs. McRee led the prayer and everyone who attended seemed elevated to a higher life. We urge others to visit us. We meet each Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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MT. PLEASANT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Blair and two daughters, Hazel and Clarice Fay, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George Crow, Sr., visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wahlgren and family of Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale West and children, D. C., Jack, Mary Dale and Jimmie Nell have returned from Oklahoma after a week's visit with friends and relatives. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blair.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Moore and children, Irene and Laverne, visited in the Jim Moore home at Blair.

The roads in our community are now being improved, and we are getting lots of improvement on our school ground.

The pastor filled his regular appointment Sunday, January 7, at the M. E. church.

Rev. and Mrs. Kendall dined in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Rodgers. Our school is very anxious to play indoor baseball with Merkel.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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Those who live in Merkel and vicinity will find it more convenient to call at the Merkel office, which is located on Oak street, just south of the railroad.

Hours in Merkel office—10:30 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Announcing

Our hatching season will open Saturday, January 20. Will receive eggs on that date at Merkel Hatchery.

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CHURCH SERVICES

METHODIST NEWS NOTES.

From the radio chart you can find listed many stations to tune in on, and get programs of every kind, some good and some bad, some that will make you laugh and others that will stir your political aspirations and make you wonder why you are not in congress—and why you are not a Will Rogers. But here is a station many have tuned in on and others have never found. It is known by the letters—M. E. C. S. S. at 9:45 a. m. At this station you will find a big welcome, a friendly spirit and with all this you will find a class for all ages, with good teachers at the head of the class.

and, best of all, the subject discussed will be "The Three-Fold Ministry of Jesus." Try it Sunday, you will like it.

Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, "The Four Fold Glory of the Church." The four fold glories are: 1. It has divine origin. 2. It has a divine infilling. 3. It has a divine life. 4. It has a divine mission. Come and worship with us.

Leagues will meet at 6:30 p. m. There will also be at 2 p. m. the second class meeting in the Culture Institute. Come, you young people.

Preaching at 7 p. m. We are all ways glad to have you in our services.

The women will meet Monday afternoon at 2:30 and 4. Women of the church, here is a place for a great work and we hope that you will become a member of one of these societies.

Wednesday 4 p. m. the Children's World club will meet and at 7 p. m. the midweek prayer meeting.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

ZONE MEETING.

A meeting of the ladies of the west zone of the Abilene district will be held at the Methodist church here Wednesday, January 24, beginning at 10 a. m., Mrs. R. A. Burgess, zone leader, announces.

A covered dish lunch will be served and all the ladies in the west zone are invited to attend.

A good program has been arranged.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

An increase was noted in the attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, the figure being 782. This compares with 733 on the previous Sunday and with 738 on the same Sunday a year ago.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend these services.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

The W. M. S. will meet Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock for mission study. The pastor will bring a lesson.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Services for the week are as follows: Bible study Lord's day at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m., young people's program 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:15 p. m. A Bible lesson conducted by Brother West Wednesday 7 p. m.,

followed by a sermon by one of the young preachers of A. C. C.

The subject for the morning service, "The Church in Smyrna," and for 7:15 p. m. "Bible Baptism."

We invite you to all these services.

The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

We feel that last Sunday was truly a great day with us and will mark the beginning of greater accomplishments for God and a greater church of the Nazarene at Merkel. We are looking forward to marvelous things in the near future. Our faith looks up this morning and we are praising God for his wonderful blessings. Come worship with us.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m. Community singing Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. Prayer meeting every Thursday night at 7:30.

J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

God has always said to His people, "Go forward." Let every member of our church heed this command, put on the whole armor of God and march forward against the foe.

We are glad to see our Bible School attendance increasing each Sunday. Preaching every Saturday night, Sunday 11 a. m. and Sunday night. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Singing every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Young people's Bible study is doing fine, improving each Sunday night.

Ernest Dowell, Pastor.

To Be Candidate for County Commissioner

Next week L. L. Murray will make his formal announcement in The Mail for the office of county commissioner of precinct No. 2.

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GLEANER CLASS

Mesdames V. B. Sublett and Fred Guitler were hostesses to the Gleaner class of the Methodist church at their meeting last week in the church parlors. A very delightful afternoon was spent in chatting and planning the year's program of work.

Delicious refreshments of caramel nut pie and coffee were served.

Each class member resolved that she would be more faithful in attending Sunday School and in doing her part in building up the class.

NEWMAN-THATE.

Miss Minnie Thate of Cross Plains and Paul Newman were united in marriage Sunday evening, with Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the Baptist church here, performing the rites at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stevens, the wedding coming as a surprise to their many friends.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dick Thate of Cross Plains and has a host of friends who wish her happiness.

Mr. Newman is well known here. His father settled on a ranch on Sweetwater creek 48 years ago and it is to this ranch that Mr. Newman will take his bride.

Those present for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Thate, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Wesley of Burkett, Mr. and Mrs. McAnnally and sons, Carl and Edgar of Cross Plains, Joe Gunn and Mr. and Mrs. Stevens.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation, love and thanks to our many friends in Merkel, as well as out of town, all of whom loved him, for their true loving sympathy and the beautiful floral offerings in the loss of our dear husband and father. Especially do we want to thank Dr. Armstrong for his untiring services and the kind ladies who came and prepared our meals and made every burden lighter.

May the Lord's richest blessings be your reward.

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W. I. Peters Purchases Bob Martin Grocery

W. I. Peters, formerly of Abilene and a grocery man of several years experience, has purchased the Bob Martin grocery and announces opening dates on Friday and Saturday of this week under a new management after the store has been reworked throughout and additional stocks added. He will continue the concern as a home owned Red & White store.

It is announced that coffee and cakes will be served free all day Saturday.

Mr. Peters was engaged in the grocery business at Anson from 1923 to 1926, having farmed near Levelland most of the time since. With his wife and son, Walter, Jr., they have come to make Merkel their permanent home, having leased the Frazier stucco cottage in Southeast Merkel. Of two other sons, one, Gerald, teaches at Bledsoe and the other, Loftin, is a student at Texas Tech.

Bob Martin, pioneer Merkel grocer, who started work in 1895 in J. T. Warren's store, has not announced his future plans since selling his grocery.

PERSONALS

Miss Laura Barnett is visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Barnett, at Ranger.

Ennis Grimes of Chillicothe was a week-end visitor with his brothers and old friends here.

Miss Floy Welles has returned home after a three weeks visit with relatives in Comanche and Brown counties.

S. A. Coats and family, former residents here, who have been farming near Tahoka, have returned to make their home here.

Dr. W. T. Sadler is in San Antonio attending the International Post-Graduate Medical assembly of the fifth and sixth districts of Texas.

J. W. Reynolds and son, Homer, visited another son in Comanche county last week-end and James Cooper accompanied Mr. Reynolds home for a visit.

E. Q. Warren of Knox City is here visiting his mother, Mrs. J. B. Warren, and supervising the remodeling of the bungalow of his sister, Miss Irene Warren.

Miss Edith Baker, while visiting in Abilene, sang at the chapel hour Wednesday morning at Draughon's Business college. Mrs. C. W. Delmer was her accompanist.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hilton of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hilton of Coleman were guests Sunday in the J. S. Thomas home. Bryan Hilton is county clerk of Coleman county.

Mrs. E. E. Beech of Henderson is visiting this week with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Patterson. For the week-end she had as guests her cousins, Misses Mary Waters and Emma Lee Rea, of Throckmorton.

F. A. Sanders, one of the rural route carriers here, left Thursday for a visit to California, accompanying Mr. and Mrs. J. C. White and Miss Agnes Sanders when they returned home. Sanders is rapidly regaining his strength after a long illness.

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