

OVALO-BADGERS MEET IN GYM OPENER

ABILENE MAN WINS BEST BIRD AT MERKEL SHOW

D. H. Jefferies Shows Champion Bird; A. R. Sharp Shares in Top Awards; Complete List of Prize Winners.

An Abilene man, D. H. Jefferies, won best bird in Merkel's Fifth Annual Poultry show on a single comb Rhode Island Red Cockerel; he also showed best parti-colored pen and best 15-bird display of show.

A. R. Sharp, on Buff Orpingtons, won with best solid color pen of show, also entering the best type male of the show and best 10-bird display. G. H. Smith, with White Leghorns, won best type female in show.

Announcement of the above champions and owners was made Friday morning by J. W. Richards, of Weatherford, judge of the show. The full list of prize winning birds appear below.

President R. A. Ellis, secretary Castle B. Ellis and the other officials of the show have asked The Mail to acknowledge indebtedness of the association to J. M. Garrett and E. M. McDonald for donations of feed; to W. J. Fulwiler and W. W. Haynes for use of the building; to the West Texas Utilities company for courtesies and, to thank the merchants and people of Merkel who co-operated to the success of the show.

LIST OF WINNERS.

White Leghorns, (33 in class)—
Cocks: G. H. Smith, Merkel, 1st; W. C. Eoff, 2nd, 4th, 5th; Doc Calloway, 3rd. Hens: G. H. Smith, 1st, 4th; W. C. Eoff, 2nd, 3rd, 5th. Cockerels: W. C. Eoff, 1st, 3rd, 4th; E. M. O'Kelly, Abilene, 2nd, 5th. Pullets: W. C. Eoff, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th; G. H. Smith, 4th. Pens: G. H. Smith, 1st old, 1st young pen.

Barred Plymouth Rocks (20 in class)—Cocks: R. J. Miller, Merkel, 1st; J. R. Baze, 2nd. Hens: R. J. Miller, all places. Cockerels: R. J. Miller, 1st; Doc Calloway, 2nd, 4th; E. Y. Brown, Merkel, 3rd. Pullets: R. J. Miller, 1st, 2nd, 3rd; Doc Calloway, 4th; J. R. Baze, 5th. Old Pen: R. J. Miller; Young Pen: R. J. Miller, 1st; Doc Calloway, 2nd; E. Y. Brown, Merkel, 3rd.

S. C. Reds (80 birds in class)—Cocks: D. H. Jefferies, Abilene, 1st, 5th; E. H. Cordell, Merkel, 2nd, 3rd; Bob Mayfield, Merkel, 4th. Hens: D. H. Jefferies, 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th; E. H. Cordell, 3rd. Cockerels: D. H. Jefferies, 1st, 2nd, 4th; Bob Mayfield, 3rd; E. H. Cordell, 5th. Pullets: D. H. Jefferies, all places. Old Pen: D. H. Jefferies, 1st, E. H. Cordell, 2nd, Bob Mayfield, 3rd, R. (Continued on Page Five.)

THOMAS RESIGNS; DOYLE BROOKS OFFERED POST

Abilene, Jan. 17.—Taylor county's relief organization will have a new administrator, probably Doyle T. Brooks, as successor of Lloyd B. Thomas, whose resignation the county board accepted Saturday morning. Then the board, in a night session, unanimously tendered the post to Brooks, subject to confirmation by the state board of control.

Speedy ratification is expected from Austin, but the changeover may take some time, since Thomas will have to be checked out. The retiring administrator assured his board that he will lend all assistance to his successor.

The board also has a new member, elected Saturday, and now has the full compliment of five members as required by law. C. J. Glover, Jr., newspaper man of Merkel—editor of the Mail—was named as successor to a fellow townsman, Henry West, elected several months ago but later found to be technically disqualified because, as a merchant, he might have the handling of grocery orders from relief clients. Glover attended Saturday's meetings after the board of control had wired confirmation of his selection.

The administrator-elect, now 41, has been an Abilenian since August, 1921, coming here four years after his graduation from Howard Payne college to enter the school system as science teacher in the high school. From 1922 through June 1929 he was supervising principal of ward schools, resigning at the close of the 1929 term to enter the life insurance field.

Educational Meeting At Sweetwater Friday

Under the auspices of the Conference Board of Education of the Methodist church, of which Dr. O. P. Clark, Abilene, is chairman, an educational meeting is to be held at Sweetwater on Friday, January 18. The meeting will begin at 10 o'clock.

Some of the speakers will be Bishop Boaz, Dr. C. C. Selectman of S. M. U., Dr. King Vivion of Southwestern, Dr. C. Q. Smith of McMurry, T. W. Brabbam of T. W. C., and others. A large delegation of church leaders is expected.

Date for the Missionary Institute for the Abilene district is Tuesday, January 22, at St. Paul's church, Abilene.

Notice.

The Monday evening (Jan. 21st) meeting of the Fortnightly Study club has been postponed until Thursday evening (Jan. 24.) in order that members might attend the opera, "Faust."

DR. ARMSTRONG HEADS BOARD OF FARMERS STATE

Succeeds C. M. Largent. Who Retires Because of Health; W. L. Diltz Promoted to Active Vice-President.

Dr. M. Armstrong, well known physician and resident of Merkel since 1907, was elected president and chairman of the board of the Farmers State bank at the meeting of directors of that institution held Tuesday of this week. He succeeds C. M. Largent, who had served the bank as president since reorganization in 1930 and who retired on account of his health. For fifteen years Dr. Armstrong has been connected with banking interests here.

W. L. Diltz was promoted from cashier to active vice-president; Herbert Patterson, formerly assistant cashier, was promoted to the cashiership and made secretary of the board; W. W. Toombs was named as vice-president and Miss Virgie Mae Campbell was elected assistant cashier.

The board of directors is composed of Dr. Armstrong, Herbert Patterson, J. A. Patterson, Jr., W. W. Toombs and W. L. Diltz.

At the meeting of stockholders on January 8 resolutions paying tribute to the late J. S. Swann, a former vice-president, and expressing appreciation of the services of C. M. Largent, retiring president, were passed.

In retiring from the directorate of the bank, Mr. Largent made the following statement: (Continued on Page Five)

ALLRED TAKES OATH OF OFFICE AS GOVERNOR

Pledges to Co-Operate with National Recovery Program; Thousands Cheer as Youthful Executive is Sworn In.

Austin, Jan. 17.—The mantle of the highest office in the gift of the people of Texas dropped Tuesday upon the youthful shoulders of James V. Allred.

While cannon boomed an official salute, the former newsboy of Bowie was inaugurated governor of the biggest state in the Union, and Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, Texas' first and only woman governor, retired to private life.

Standing on the steps of Texas' big granite capitol, Governor Allred delivered a ringing address, pledging co-operation with the national recovery program and use of all his powers to stamp out crime in Texas.

Allred, 36, is the second youngest governor in the history of Texas. Dan Moody, who could not attend Allred's inauguration because of a trial at Menard, was 33 when inaugurated.

An estimated throng of 10,000 persons witnessed the ceremonies, made resplendent by the presence of high state dignitaries, 5 former governors and officers, and several battalions of the Texas national guard.

Other former governors present, besides James E. and Miriam A. Ferguson were W. P. Hobby, Pat M. Neff and Ross S. Sterling.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

The Texas relief commission Saturday approved \$118,180 in work relief projects to employ 1,781 men from 7 to 75 days in 21 counties.

S. A. Young, 52, of Ranger, died from injuries received when he accidentally fell from the mezzanine floor of a Breckenridge hotel.

Adoption of a 161-game schedule and abolition of the rookie rule were outstanding accomplishments at the meeting of Texas league moguls at Galveston Saturday.

B. B. Cobb, superintendent of the Waco public schools, has been elected executive secretary and treasurer of the Texas State Teachers' association, succeeding R. T. Ellis of Fort Worth, who had served 17 years.

Charles E. McLendon, 37, former Corpus Christi and Fort Worth newspaper man, was appointed city editor of the New York Herald-Tribune, succeeding Stanley Walker, another Texan, who became city editor of the New York Mirror.

By a vote of 394 to 94 Sweetwater citizens Tuesday authorized the issuance of \$55,000 general obligation bonds for the purpose of construction and equipment of a municipal hospital.

The Citizens State bank of Buffalo, Leon county, was robbed of more than \$5,000 in cash Wednesday by a gang of four men—perhaps led by Raymond Hamilton—all of whom sped away in a car bearing Louisiana license plates.

The 15-game winning streak of the University of Texas was shattered Wednesday night by a scrapping Aggie quintet that snatched a 41 to 40 victory in a thrill-soaked Southwest conference game.

Deputy Collector to Office at City Hall

Comer Patterson, deputy tax assessor-collector, who will be stationed here to accept tax payments from Thursday, Jan. 24, through the end of the month, will be located at the city hall. Tax payers are asked to bring their pink slip notice received in the fall from the collector's office.

On Wednesday, January 23, Deputy Patterson will be in Trent all day to receive tax payments.

PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Buford and T. H. Christopher left Sunday morning for Austin to attend the inauguration of James V. Allred as governor of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Sublett had as their guests Monday night Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Stuart and R. A., Jr., of Lamesa, who were on their way to Austin to attend the inauguration.

Mrs. Raymond E. Neal returned Monday to her home in Hugo, Okla., after a visit with her aunts, Mrs. Adah Heeter and Miss Sadie Woodrum.

Ennis Grimes of Chillicothe was the guest Saturday and Sunday of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes, and other relatives. He was accompanied by his uncle, Rufus Clarkson, of Mangum, Okla., a brother-in-law of T. L. Grimes.

M. S. Wimans, a former resident of Merkel, now residing in Fort Worth, was here for several days this week, looking after business interests and mingling with old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jones and daughter, Vonita, of Sidney, spent the week-end with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Castle B. Ellis. Mr. and Mrs. John Grable, formerly of Knox City, are being welcomed as new citizens here. Mr. Grable will be associated with the Hughes Motor company in the parts and book-keeping departments.

Mrs. M. D. Angus returned Friday of last week from the three-day session of the Texas association of Accredited Beauty Culturists, held in Fort Worth.

Mayor W. M. Elliott paid a visit last Friday to his mother, Mrs. N. E. Elliott, and sister, Miss Jewell Elliott, at Stamford.

Mayor W. M. Elliott and Mrs. Elliott were guests Sunday afternoon of the former's brother, G. W. Elliott, and family on Beech street, Abilene.

Those from out of town in recent attendance at the bedside of their father, S. F. Haynes, who has been seriously ill, were: Mrs. C. W. Hill, Granger; Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Haynes, Stamford; Mrs. Roy Isom, Tye, and R. L. Ferguson, Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Tom Greene, and family at Hobbs, N. M., and Mrs. Grayson will remain for an extended visit. Dick Bailey and Willard Hooper of Garland have also been guests of the Greens in Hobbs.

Dr. M. Armstrong has been confined to his bed since the first of the

week with "flu." His daughter, Mrs. Johnny Cox, has come from Cisco for a visit and to be with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Foy, accompanied by Miss Vida Moore, of Baird, were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry West.

Commission Approves Butman School Work

Approval by the Texas relief commission of a project calling for improvements at the Butman school has been received at the Taylor county relief office.

Improvements will include graveling of the grounds, construction of concrete curbs, addition to the present auditorium, digging of a well, graveling of walks and building of a storm cellar.

Expenditure will run around \$1,845.48, with the relief commission to pay \$1,020, which will be expended mainly for labor.

Ten-Year-Old Youth Victim of Pneumonia

Marcus Webb, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Webb, died at 2:30 Thursday afternoon of last week from pneumonia.

Funeral services, conducted by Homer Hailey, Church of Christ minister of Abilene, were held at 3 o'clock Friday from the Church of Christ, with interment in Rose Hill cemetery. A quartette from Abilene Christian college was in charge of the singing.

Pallbearers were: Oscar and Raymond Adeock, Felix Stalls, Billie Catts, Virgil Perkins and Norman King. Members of the Sunday School class to which he belonged were flower girls.

Marcus was in the third grade at school, was a bright and ambitious youth, and his going will be greatly missed in school circles as well as in the grief-stricken home.

Besides his parents, he is survived by eight brothers and sisters: Mrs. Marion Hays, Clyde, Miss Lena Webb, Oliver Webb, and Charles, Maimie, Willie, Joyce Marie and Tommie Webb.

Among those from out of town who came to attend the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom McLaughlin, Headley; Bill Ballard, Headley; Mrs. M. L. Hays, Abilene; Earl Hays, Clyde, and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hays and children, Clyde.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 15, 1915.)

Remember that tomorrow is the date set for giving the Belgian Relief Dinner to the Merkel ladies. You ought to lend a helping hand. The six piece orchestra with the Roy E. Fox players, now in Merkel, will furnish free music during the noon hour. All proceeds go to the Belgians.

Jno. B. Boden, head clerk in the men's furnishings department for the Anchor Mercantile Co., played the part of Sherlock Holmes Thursday of this week. Two negroes, who had looked over several articles at the Anchor Co.'s store, departed hurriedly. Mrs. Pitts, who had been showing them some goods, missed one of the articles when she returned to the goods; she promptly called Mr. Boden's attention to the discrepancy and he started on the trail of the negroes, overtaking them at the Hellum's wagon yard. On their person he found a brand new Stetson hat and a ladies' petticoat taken from his store. He turned the negroes over to City Marshal Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Parten left Saturday night for an extended trip. They will be in Dallas and St. Louis during most of their stay.

Roy C. Elliott, U. S. A., was in Merkel Sunday meeting with boyhood friends. During the last six years Roy has been employed in the United States army and is now with the recruiting department. His stay was limited on account of it being necessary for him to continue his trip from El Paso to Dallas.

C. E. Whitaker and E. W. Permitter were in Abilene Wednesday looking after business matters.

Manager Harrison expects to have the ninth installment of "The Million Dollar Mystery" here next Monday in event the light plant is repaired in time to furnish current. Episode No. 10 will show the following day. Episode No. 9 should have showed here Tuesday.

The Merkel garage on South Front street was sold last week by the owners, S. P. Foster and Son, to Messrs. Clayton Brown and H. G. Irwin, who took over the business forthwith following the deal.

Will Boring was among the Abilene visitors this week, going down Wednesday to look after his taxes.

FAMOUS COWBOY BAND ALSO TO GIVE PROGRAM

Merkel's New Gymnasium-Auditorium In Readiness for Opening of Home Basketball Season Tuesday Night.

On Tuesday night, January 22, at 7 o'clock the Merkel gymnasium-auditorium will be opened for the first time. The opener will include the first home game of basketball for the Badgers when Ovalo meets them here, and will also include the world famous Simmons University Cowboy band. The program will start promptly at 7 o'clock with a short band concert, followed by the basketball game between Ovalo and Merkel.


The gymnasium-auditorium, while not quite completed, will be ready for this opener next Tuesday night. The balcony and playing court are both complete and the West company will be through in two or three days with the installation of lights for the playing floor.

The temporary shutdown of CWA labor has delayed somewhat the completion of the building, but it will be finished soon. When completed, Merkel will have a building which has long been needed both for gymnasium purposes and for an assembling place. When the playing floor is seated with folding chairs, these chairs and the balcony combined will seat some 900 to 1,000 people to view a program on the large 46 by 14 foot stage.

For Tuesday night the Cowboy band will occupy seats on the stage. As the playing floor will be in use, only four hundred tickets will be sold—that many people may be seated in the balcony. Those wishing to be sure about seeing this opener should buy tickets early.

In order to make the gymnasium-auditorium opening the success it should be, as well as to give the Badgers enthusiastic backing on their opening game at home, a committee from the Lions club, headed by Dee Grimes, will canvass the business part of town and sell tickets for the opener, as well as season tickets to those desiring them.

Assisting on the committee are: Milton Case, Booth Warren, L. C. Zehnffennig, Olin Lusby and Carlton Vick.



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

by BRUCE BARTON

PAUL IN IRONS.

Spain was a long way off and was bounded by the Pillars of Hercules, which we now call the Straits of Gibraltar. They were supposed to bear a banner in the sky above them, saying, "Ne plus ultra," nothing more beyond. Paul was going the limit.

He set forth on his journey, and it was while he was on the road, at Cenchrea, that an incident happened which gave us the greatest of all his epistles. A woman named Phebe, "who had been a helper of many and of Paul also," was going to Rome and asked Paul for a letter of introduction, which he, never having been to Rome, agreed to write. Phebe suggested that it would be well for Paul to tell the Roman Christians some of his teachings, as she was afraid she might not be able to answer their questions. He agreed to do it if she could find him a stenographer, and Phebe produced a young man named Tertius. He proved a good helper, and so Paul expanded his teachings into a more fully developed system than anywhere else in his writings. He was not sidetracked by questions concerning local matters and he swung out free into his orbit.

Phebe took the letter with her and delivered it safely to the Romans. It is a great achievement and was written just before Paul, with his committee of provincial Christians and his goodly collection for the mother church, went up to Jerusalem for what proved to be his last visit.

He had been warned. A certain prophet, Agabus, who had come down from Judea, met him at Caesarea, took Paul's girdle and bound his hands and feet, saying:

Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

And when we heard these things (says Doctor Luke) both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.

Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? For I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

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BLAIR ITEMS

Among those who have been sick since our last news letter are Bonny Boy Patterson and Charles Aubrey Peterson, and we hope for their early recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Meeks and mother, Mrs. L. R. Meeks, of the Plains were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walker and children and Mrs. Lula Walker of Merkel visited the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell.

Mrs. Tom Melton and Mrs. Minnie Owen have returned from Oklahoma, being accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Melton of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Malone visited with relatives at Childress recently.

Bill Blackburn of Red Springs was a guest the past week-end in the J. W. Moore home.

Mrs. Oscar Pollard of Sweetwater was a passing visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Monday.

Jim Moore and brother, Charlie Moore, made a business trip to Seymour the past week.

J. W. and Mary Lou Hughes spent the week-end in the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wood and son, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Buzbee, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wood and Pete Rutledge of Merkel attended singing at the school building Thursday evening. There were probably others also, whose names we failed to get.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Doan and family have moved to the Butman community for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Elma Patterson and two children of Butman were passing visitors of their brother, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Patterson, Tuesday. They were

en route to Arizona to live for another year.

Miss Mae Melton of Abilene visited with the home folks last week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer of Butman and their mother, Mrs. Susie Doan.

Rev. John Walker of Eula is to fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method of expressing to our many friends our appreciation for the many deeds of kindness and gifts bestowed upon us since the destruction of our home by fire.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Reece and Son, Mr. and Mrs. Harvell Dean.

NOTICE.

I am now employed as mechanic in the garage of Ferrier's Service Station. Your patronage appreciated. Good equipment.

J. W. Thomas.

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

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

THE BOOK

(Continued from Page One.)

So, seeing that they could not dissuade him, they went with him. He took the large collection, as he had expected, and was well received by the apostles, though still looked at a little askance because of his free doctrines. Only a few days had passed,

however, when he was seized by the local authorities as "the man that teacheth all men everywhere against the people, and the law," and was thrown into jail. There, weary of delays in the local courts, he finally exercised his right as a Roman citizen and appealed to Caesar, who at that time was Nero.

Next Week: Book of Acts Ends.

Scientists Find Fast Way to Relieve a Cold

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2. Drink a full glass of water. Repeat treatment in 2 hours.



3. If throat is sore, crush and stir 3 BAYER Aspirin Tablets in a third of a glass of water. Gargle twice. This eases throat soreness almost instantly.

NOTE "DIRECTIONS PICTURES"

The simple method pictured here is the way many doctors now treat colds and the aches and pains colds bring with them!

It is recognized as a safe, sure, QUICK way. For it will relieve an ordinary cold almost as fast as you caught it.

Ask your doctor about this. And when you buy, be sure that you get the real BAYER Aspirin Tablets. They dissolve (disintegrate) almost instantly. And thus work almost instantly when you take them. And for a gargle, Genuine Bayer Aspirin Tablets disintegrate with speed and completeness, leaving no irritating particles or grittiness.

BAYER Aspirin prices have been decisively reduced on all sizes, so there's no point now in accepting other than the real Bayer article you want.



Condensed Statement of
**THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS
NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL**
Close of Business December 31, 1934

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$137,458.32
Overdrafts	583.30
Real Estate on Hand	8,584.25
Furniture and Fixtures	6,500.00
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	2,250.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
Interest in Fed. Dep. Ins. Corp.	935.96
Other Resources	1,923.62
U. S. Bonds for Circulation	6,250.00
U. S. and Other	
Bonds and Warrants	\$ 71,827.63
Cotton	
Bills of Exchange	6,186.27
Gov. 12c Loans	94,342.92
Cash On Hand and	
Due From Banks	144,140.47
AVAILABLE CASH	316,497.29
Total	\$481,295.24

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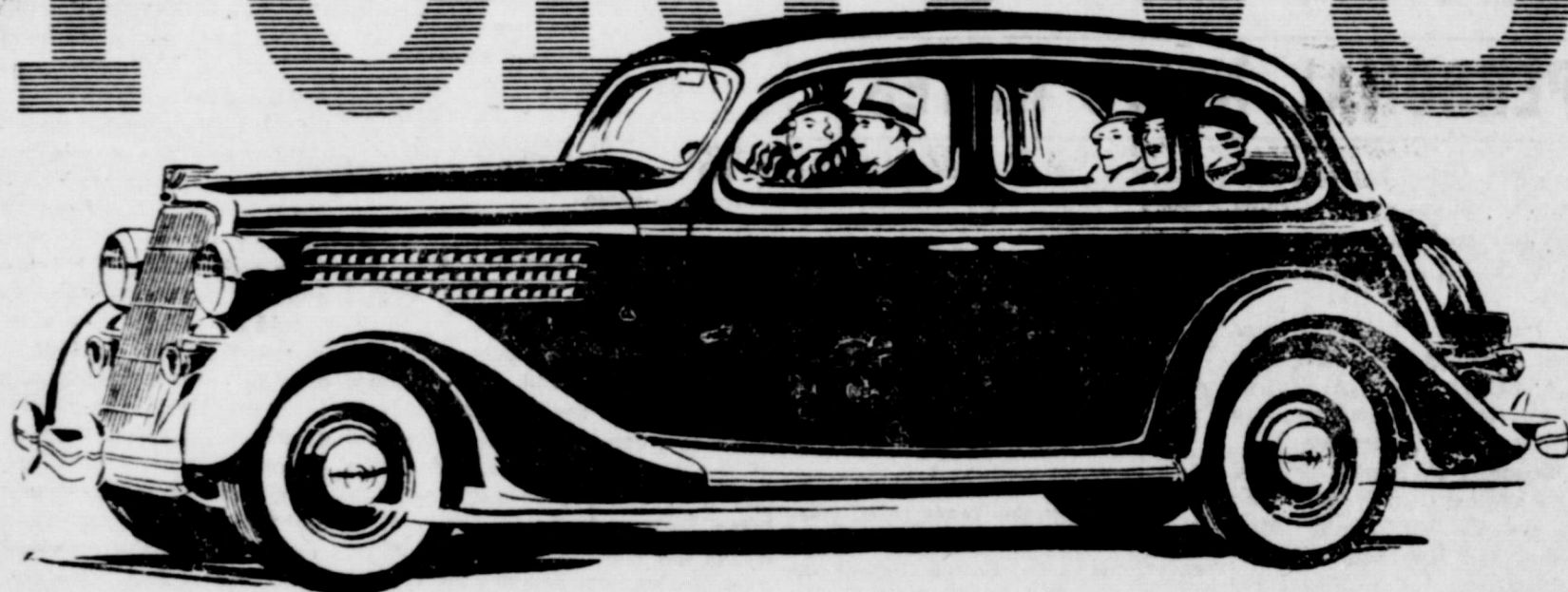
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	7,942.49
Circulation	6,250.00
DEPOSITS	417,102.75
Total	\$481,295.24

The above statement is correct.
Booth Warren, Cashier.

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Merkel, Texas

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MERKEL, TEXAS

January Clearance

We are clearing our store of all Winter Merchandise so that we will not have to carry over until fall. Save Money by Buying Now. We will profit by turning this merchandise into Cash even though we sacrifice our Profit. Our stock is all First Class New Goods bought this Fall.

This stock on Sale consists of:

Leather Jackets	Saddles, Boys' Luggage
Duck Jackets, waterproofed	Work Shoes
Wool Jackets	Sheepskin Vests
Trench Coats	Slip On Sweaters
Ladies' Suede Cloth Jackets	Corduroy Caps
Ladies' Riding Trousers	Lace Bootees
Suede Work Shirts	Button Leg Breeches
Felt Hats, all styles	Dress Pants
Sheepskin House Shoes	Work Pants
Cowboy Boots and Boot Shoes	1, 2, 4 Buckle Artics
Saddles, English	Gasoline Heater
	Corduroy Pants and Jackets

You will find other items that we have greatly reduced our prices on during this Sale.

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

BADGERS OPEN NEW GYM WITH OVALO GAME

The Badgers are opening their new Gym January 22 with Ovalo. In a game played previously Ovalo won over Merkel by seven points, but the Badgers intend to open their home season with a victory.

Thursday of last week, Merkel entered the Colorado tournament and advanced to the quarter finals by defeating Robert Lee 31 to 17 and edging Trent out 31 to 29. Saturday morning they lost to Hamlin by the score of 32 to 12. Returning Saturday night to Abilene, they lost to Wylie 39 to 13 in the first game and the second 20 to 3.

The Merkel High Gym was marked off Saturday afternoon and the polish was being put on Monday. When it is finished the Gym should be a good one. The team is sure of having plenty of lights as a great number have been installed.

The price for the game has not been announced yet but it will be just a bit higher than usual in order to take care of some expenses.

When the team is playing basketball, about four hundred people can sit in the bleachers to view the game.

Don't forget the 22nd and let's come out and help those "Badgers" win a game.

WOODROW WILSON'S FAVORITE LIMERICK.

As a beauty I am not a star.

There are others more handsome by far,

But my face, I don't mind it.

For I am behind it;

It's the people in front that I jar.

The Badger Weekly

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior class of '35—Mrs. R. B. Irvin, Sponsor.

The Staff:

Editor-in-Chief—Mary Helen Lancaster.

Assistant Editor—Clara Frances Largent.

Society Editor—Vivian Davis.

Sports Editor—Lloyd Robertson.

Joke Editor—Joe Earl Lassiter.

Senior News

A Senior class meeting was held last week, and a new joke editor, Tracy Wood, was elected in Joe Earl's place; as Joe Earl has been very efficient in his joke writing, we will miss him immensely. We understand that he has a position in Austin, and we hope he will be very happy in his new undertaking.

The Senior class is also thinking about the Annuals. They want some good ones this year!

HARD WORK.

It's hard to keep smiling when troubles are piling their weight on your neck till it's sprained; it's hard to keep grinning when others are winning the prizes for which you have strained. It's hard to be cheery on days wet and dreary, when everything near you looks drowned; it's hard to be sunny when all of your money is sunk in a hole in the ground. It's hard to keep laughing when wearily quaffing the flagon of grief to the dregs; it's harder to frolic when you have the colic or gout in the end of your legs. But how will it aid you, when we have waylaid you, to rumple and grumble and swear? There's nothing that's healing in kicking the ceiling, or biting the rungs from the chair. It's hard to look pleasant when anguish is present, and yet it is strictly worth while; not all of your scowling and fussing, and growling can show off your grit like a smile.

BOOKS—OUR COMPANIONS.

We have many new additions to our library, and we're certainly proud of them. In fact, we think so much of our books that I know everyone is going to take good care of them, and let them be worn out by their frequent use.

"God be thanked for books. They are the voices of the distant and the dead, and make us heirs of the spiritual life of past ages."

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"I armed her against censures of the world; showed her that books were sweet unrepenting companions to the miserable, and that if they could not bring us to enjoy life, they would at least teach us to endure it."

DIARY OF A POOR STUDENT OF MERKEL HI

Sept. 30.—Life has been just one long thrill since school started. I'll bet I've written a hundred notes. I certainly do put it over on those dumb teachers.

There are more cute girls around, and they all fall for me when I tell them they're pretty and they're the only ones I ever really cared for, and all that kind of stuff. They like Dad's Ford V-8, too, and his pocketbook. I've had a date nearly every night this month. It's a great life!

Oct. 30.—We got our report cards a week or two ago. My general average was seventy-five. Dad and Mom just fussed and fussed, but that didn't bother any longer than it lasted. We were supposed to write a long report in history this month. I got an "A" and student to lend me his; then I just changed the wording a little and, presto! I had a report that would have taken hours to complete. That's what I call brain work! Some students nearly worked their poor heads off on their report, and then didn't make any more than I did. It was just a waste of time, of course, but you couldn't tell them that. Some people are so dumb!! It's a great life!

Nov. 30.—I averaged seventy-five again. Same old thing—the teachers still think I'm working—Mom and Dad still are raving about my low grades. It's a great life!

Dec. 30.—My average was only seventy this month. Dad is threatening to take the car away from me if I don't improve, but I told him I could make up my grades on the exams. Gee, but Dad is old-fashioned! He doesn't understand the modern way of doing things. A little midnight oil, some guess work, and some copying is all I need to pass.

Jan. 30.—A flat failure! I didn't even make sixty on the exam, but I couldn't help it. The teachers just have it in for me. It was the teachers' fault, Dad carried out his threat to take the car away from me and blustered me good with the razor strap besides. It's a great life, if you don't weaken, but who wants to be strong?

Dramatic Club

It has been rumored that the play given by some members of the Dramatic club Friday night was the best of the season. The cast of the play, "Elmer," included Robert Bickley, Frances Largent, Mary Helen Mashburn, Gladys Mashburn, Vida Helen Bradley, Clifton Bellamy, Charles T. McCormick and Vivian Davis.

Those on the program committee also gave a very unusual program. At the beginning of the program "Sun-down" was sung by Frances Largent, Anna Lou Church and Mildred West. Since the speech class has been studying ten minute talks, two ten minute talks were given by Felix Stalls and Charles Tipton. Mary Helen Mashburn rendered a piano solo.

After the play the guests were served sacks of pop corn and apples.

The Dramatic club ended with a short business meeting.

DID YOU KNOW THAT—

Clara Frances is lazy?

A nut dropped from nowhere and hurt Bussie's little nose-wossie? Oscar, Bussie, Betty and Mary Frances suddenly turned into piano tuners Sunday?

Sarah is progressing rapidly in her new undertaking?

Mr. Riddle is a dramatic actor and that he is old enough to have a daughter graduated from college?

Oscar couldn't walk down the steps Friday night?

Junior is the smart guy?

Cook's dining room makes some people angry?

Billie's portable is going to be worn out if the use of it doesn't diminish a great deal?

Mary Frances (and Mary Helen are having very "bad" dreams about Betty and Oscar?

Cal has no right whatsoever, to invite guests to Dramatic club?

Miss Tracy has a good Dramatic club?

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GOLAN NEWS

(Omitted Last Week.)

The play given by the Outsiders at the school house Thursday night was well attended. The proceeds will go for school purposes.

Golan's junior basketball teams played Union at Union Friday, winning one game and losing one game.

A number of folks in our community have been sick, colds, sore throat and "flu."

We are sorry the little twin girl of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stephens had the misfortune of hurting her arm from a fall Sunday night.

Our new song books are here, and everyone is very interested in learning new songs. Newman's singing class is to come and sing with us Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hill of Herm-

leigh were visitors with parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill, for the past week.

Mrs. Lee Smith and little daughter, Sylvia, of Alpine are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Davis were in Anson Tuesday attending to business. W. C. Hill is doing jury service in Abilene this week.

The ladies' missionary society of Sylvester came to our church Wednesday afternoon with a program and to help organize a society here.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

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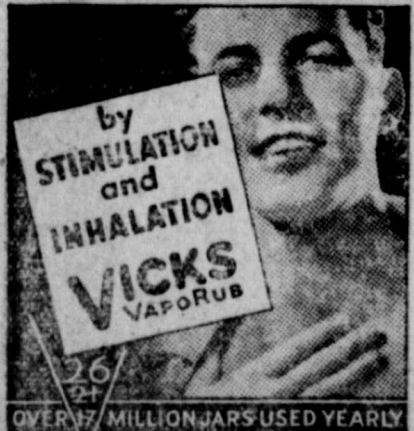
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DORA DOINGS

Well, here we are, after almost a year, but we resolve to do better about our community news in 1935.

Farming is the chief subject of talk now; land is being put up and everyone wants to get through before it R-A-I-N-S.

We are indeed glad to report Mes. Everett Pool doing nicely following an appendix operation at the Sweetwater hospital Saturday.

Mrs. Alva Barbee of Dallas is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ross Artman, for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lathel Priest announce the arrival of an eight-pound son Sunday. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Reynolds of Elm Grove are visiting their daughters, Mesdames E. P. Perry and J. P. Dudley, this week.

Our basketball boys were beaten out by Colorado ten points Saturday at Colorado. Our coach and players are sponsoring an invitation tournament here Jan. 25-26. Come over and enjoy the game with us.

H. A. Tyrone is preparing to build a store building at Nolan; the foundation ditches are almost completed.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Whiteaker made a business trip to Abilene Saturday.

The Divide Gin company's office was burglarized Friday night; an adding machine and valuable papers were taken. Mr. Berchardt, the owner, is feeding out a number of good steers at the gin yard now.

Special Session of Jones County Council

There will be a special session of the Jones County Home Demonstration Council Saturday, Jan. 19, as announced by Mrs. V. L. Merritt, council secretary.

The purpose of this meeting is to bid far well to Miss Sue Bonner, who is being transferred to Harris county.

It is with regret that the club loses Miss Bonner, but a glad welcome is being extended Miss Faulkner, who comes from Haskell county.

Honor Roll

I. X. L.

The following pupils of the I. X. L. school were reported on the honor roll for the third month:

First grade—Herbert Hughes, 92.
 Third grade—Nina Joyce Riney, 94; Jennie Mae Reynolds, 94.
 Fourth grade—Donald Latimer, 91.
 Fifth grade—Leo Reynolds, 92.
 Sixth grade—Mildred McLean, 96.
 Seventh grade—Willie Jo Riney, 93; Margaret Thomas, 92.

WARREN SCHOOL.

The following pupils of the Warren school were on the honor roll for the third month:

First grade—Melvon Cross, 91.
 Second grade—Ruby Dell Conger, 97.
 Third grade—Melton Cross, 92; Mitchell Chancey, 90.
 Fourth grade—Jeanette Neff, 93.
 Fifth grade—Loyce Chancey, 90.
 Sixth grade—LaMoene Sherrill, 91; Erol Cross, 90.
 Eighth grade—Cleo Chancey, 90; Frank Jacks, 90.

Music by Hill Billies.

One of the features of the entertainment program of the joint W. O. W.-Woodmen Circle installation last week was the pleasing musical numbers by the Taylor County Hill Billies. The personnel of this organization is: Winston Polley, guitar; Lloyd Matthews, violin; and Dub Ford and Pat Neill, mandolins.

Stunt Night at Trent.

On Friday night, January 25, the ladies of the woman's missionary society of the M. E. church at Trent will feature a stunt night in their city, giving a prize of \$2.50 to the business firm, church, high school or grammar school class pulling the best stunt.

See special combination offer Semi-Weekly Farm News and Merkel Mail in this issue.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mrs. Curley Edwards and little daughter, LaNelle, accompanied by a niece, Miss Maude Lee Thixton, visited in Anson Tuesday and Wednesday. Don Thomas, who suffered an attack of appendicitis Sunday, is reported as some improved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Russell of Roscoe visited their daughter, Miss Flora B. Russell, here Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. P. Roberts and daughter, Miss Sallie and Johnnie, returned Monday from a visit of several days with relatives at Gladewater.

Miss Sallie Freeman returned Sunday to Abilene where she has employment in a beauty shop.

Little Miss Betty Jo Boozer of Sweetwater was guest of her uncle, J. B. Winn, and family, from Thursday to Sunday.

Mrs. Johnnie Terry spent several days last week as guest of Miss Johnnie Watson in Sweetwater.

Mrs. H. W. Beckham made a trip to Oklahoma the first of the week, moving Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo Haire. As Mr. Haire had suffered another stroke, it was thought best to go there to be near relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stribling moved to Wastella the first of the week.

Mrs. J. T. Vessel was an Abilene visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Stanley Armour and children were week-end guests of relatives.

Mrs. L. C. Murray, who underwent surgery at the Sweetwater hospital last week, was able to be moved to her home where she is reported to be improving rapidly.

Mrs. R. E. Dowdy of Big Spring was guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cal Hammer, the latter part of last week and several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Casey Wash of Hamlin were recent guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wash and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Johnson.

Mesdames H. T. Ogletree, J. T. Vessel and John Payne attended the council meeting and reporters press club in Abilene Saturday.

Miss Reba Lois Blanton spent the week-end as guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Smith at Iraan.

Miss Eugena Hasting of Roscoe was guest of friends here over the week-end.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

First meeting of the new year was held in the club room Wednesday afternoon by the Home Demonstration club. Miss Vara Crippen gave important instructions on planning the wardrobe.

A short business session was held with the new officers in charge. The club voted to meet in the home of Mrs. Hosea Winn the fourth Wednesday in January. The meeting time has been changed to 2 p. m.

Those present were Mesdames H. T. Ogletree, president, Hosea Winn secretary, John Crain, L. Z. Titsworth, A. C. Wash, Tom Williamson, A. W. Woods, Joe Boone, John Payne, Hattie Gafford and G. C. Johnson.

The next meeting will be a home-makers program.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Halbrook were agreeably surprised Friday evening when friends begin calling in groups at their home south of town. When the crowd had all arrived and after pleasant greetings and jokes as to the nature of the visit, a knock was heard at the door, a voice (Miss Ima Gene Mangum) announcing that a large wash tub filled and overflowing with parcels had been discovered on the front porch. On being brought in by Aubrey Allen and Billie Joe Bowers, it was presented to the host. The first parcel, when untied caused many laughs and screams, also many ladies to stand on chairs, but proved to be a sack full of perfectly harmless house cats.

The other parcels, more beautiful and useful, were opened and passed

for each guest to admire. A generous helping of delicious cake and punch was served by Mesdames Ozro Steen and Lonnie Halbrook and Miss Ima Gene Mangum to the following: Messrs. and Mesdames R. D. Johnson, E. Nemir, O. A. Smith, Garnet Bryan, J. E. Bowers, F. C. Hale, John Crain, Lonnie Halbrook; Mesdames P. C. Forrester, Curley Edwards, J. M. Pate, H. H. Allen, John Halbrook; Misses Stella Wilson, Merkel, Flora B. Russell, Ima Gene Mangum, Merle Jones, George Helen Lee, little Misses Kathleen Bryan, LaNelle Edwards, Lady Fred Crain; Messrs. Ireland Hale, Woodrow Allen, Oscar Pate, L. D. Jones, Thurman Jones, Bill Forrester, Aubrey Allen, Billie Joe Bowers.

REUNION ENJOYD.

Mrs. Pauline Freeman had the pleasure of entertaining all her children and a number of grandchildren, a brother and his family and some friends all day Sunday. Pictures were made, music enjoyed and a bountiful dinner served at the noon hour to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Freeman and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeman and children, Mrs. Geneva Tomlin and children of Arlington, Mrs. Harold Bows and daughter, Eastland, Misses Opal and Sallie Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson and son, Mrs. O. L. Reeves and Bob Howell.

FACULTY OUTING.

Thursday evening of last week a number of the school faculty, with others joining in, motored to Shannon's pool at Merkel and enjoyed sandwiches and hot coffee, afterward attending the show there.

Those enjoying the occasion were Messrs. and Mesdames Bill Reynolds, Andy Shouse, Louie McRee, Garnet Wilk, Mrs. O. L. Reeves and Miss Virgie Strawn.

GET-TOGETHER IN McREE HOME.

A number of friends and relatives met in a get-together social Saturday evening, the occasion being to honor and surprise Mrs. R. B. McRee, Sr. and Lela Beasley on their birthday. Games of "42" were enjoyed; sandwiches, coffee and two very large cakes, baked and presented to the honorees by Mrs. Hale McRee, were served to about thirty guests.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Baptist Church—Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching every first and third Sundays at 11 a. m., also at 7:45 p. m. B. T. U. every Sunday 6:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 7 p. m. Rev. W. H. Howell, pastor. John B. Winn, superintendent.

Methodist Church—Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching each Sunday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Woman's Missionary society Monday 2 p. m. Rev. W. B. Reaves, pastor. H. R. Poor, superintendent.

Church of Christ—Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching every first Sunday 11 a. m. by Brother W. G. Cypert, Merkel.

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Three Sunday Schools reported 215 in attendance, but your correspondent failed to get the fourth one.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cutler, Sunday, January 13, 1935.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd James Rich, residing south of town, Sunday, January 13, 1935.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Corrie D. Camp, Monday, January 14, 1935.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lee Davis, Wednesday, January 16, 1935.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Tucker, residing at Mt. Pleasant, Wednesday, January 16, 1935.

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A daughter from here, Mrs. Edna McClain, and her son L. B., had been at his bedside for several days before he died. Guy McClain, another grandson, went to attend the funeral.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, Land Sadler, Gatesville, and Bob Sadler, Munday, and two daughters, Mrs. Ed Clark, Gatesville, and Mrs. McClain.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Taylor:

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Taylor County, on the 29th day of December, 1934, by Belle Wellborn, Clerk of said District Court, for the sum of Sixty Nine and 41/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment in favor of The City of Merkel, a public municipal corporation, in a certain cause in said Court No. 1958-B and styled The City of Merkel, a Public Municipal Corporation, vs J. M. Craig, placed in my hands for service, I, Burl Wheeler, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 31st day of December, 1934, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being lot No. 24 and the north 1-2 of lot 25 in Block 5 Miller Addition to the Town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of J. M. Craig, and that on the first Tuesday in February, 1935, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of J. M. Craig. And in compliance with law, I give

this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 31st day of December, 1934.

Burl Wheeler, Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas. By E. D. Davis, Deputy.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Taylor:

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Taylor County, on the 29th day of December, 1934, by Belle Wellborn, Clerk of said District Court, for the sum of Four Hundred Forty Nine & 49/100 Dollars and cost of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of The City of Merkel, a public municipal corporation, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 1952-B and styled The City of Merkel, a Public Municipal Corporation, vs H. F. Groene, placed in my hands for service, I, Burl Wheeler, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did on the 31st day of December, 1934, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: First Tract: Being all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situated in Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, and being the south 18 feet of lot 18 in block 18 of the T. & P. Addition in the Town of Merkel, Taylor County Texas; Second Tract: Being all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situated in Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, and being lots Nos. 1 and 2, in block 11, T. & P. Addition in the town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of H. F. Groene and that on the first Tuesday in February, 1935, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said H. F. Groene.

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New President

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 following statement:
 "My physician advises me to be more in the open air; therefore, I am not a director of the Farmers State bank any longer. I have stock in the bank and expect to continue banking with them. If you want me, call at my office there or my residence, phone 9030."

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.
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 LENA WARR
 PHONE 77

Prize Winners

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 A. Ellis, 4th. Young Pen: D. H. Jefferies, 1st, Bob Mayfield, 2nd, E. H. Cordell, 3rd, R. A. Ellis, 4th, E. F. Vantrees 5th.
 Partridge Wyandottes (21 birds in class)—Cocks: D. C. Phillips, Rotan, 1st, Hens: D. C. Phillips, 1st, 3rd; E. Y. Brown, 2nd. Cockerels: E. Y. Brown, 1st; Pullets: E. Y. Brown, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th; D. C. Phillips, 4th; Old Pen: D. C. Phillips, 1st.
 Black Minoras (8 in class)—Cockerel: W. B. Petty, 1st, 2nd; Pullets: W. B. Petty, all places.
 Buff Minorcas (6 in class)—P. C. Jones, Abilene, 1st cockerel and all places for pullet.
 Buff Plymouth Rocks (4 in class)—Hens, 1st cockerel, 1st and 2nd pullet, C. P. Hodges, Merkel.
 Golden Wyandotte (3 in class)—W. T. Johnson, 1st cockerel, 1st and 2nd pullet.
 Silver Laced Wyandottes (15 in class)—Castle B. Ellis, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th cock, pullet all places, hen all places.
 Columbian Wyandottes (8 in class)—J. J. Ferguson, Merkel, 1st cockerel, 1st pullet; Mrs. A. J. Oliver, Abilene, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th pullet.
 White Wyandotte (4 in class)—R. B. Homan, El Paso, 1st cock, 1st cockerel, 1st pullet.
 Dark Cornish Games (9 in class)—A. J. Barbee, Merkel, 1st cock, 2nd hen, and 3rd cockerel, 2nd and 3rd pullet; R. C. Leverett, Abilene, 1st cockerel, 1st pullet.
 Black Cochon Bantams—Barbara Ann Brown, Merkel, 1st trio.
 Black Australorps (15 in class)—W. I. Scudder, Abilene, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th hen; 1st cockerel; 1st, 2nd, 4th pullet; 1st old pen, 1st young pen; E. O. Creswell, Anson, 2nd cockerel; 3rd and 4th pullet; 2nd young pen.
 Buff Orpingtons (27 in class)—A. R. Sharp, Merkel, 1st, 3rd cocks; 1st, 3rd, 4th hens; 1st, 2nd, 3rd cockerel; 1st, 4th and 5th pullet; 1st and 2nd young pen. Tom Douglas, Merkel, 2nd cock; 2nd, 5th hen;

4th, 5th cockerel; 2nd, 3rd pullet; 3rd, 4th young pen.
 NOTICE:
 I am now employed as mechanic in the garage of Ferrier's Service Station. Your patronage appreciated. Good equipment.
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 Vick's Cold Capsules. Registered Pharmacist. Vick Drug Co.
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Will pay following prices Friday, Saturday and Monday, January 18, 19 and 20:

Heavy hens, per pound	11c
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No. 1 turkeys, per pound	15c
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(Must be clear of feed.)
 Bring us your chickens, eggs and cream. We are back in the egg market and pay highest market prices.

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- Nice Yellow
BANANAS, each 1c
- Bunch
TURNIPS, bunch 5c
- Texas
GRAPEFRUIT, 6 for 17c
- Texas
ORANGES, dozen 17c
- Bunch
CARROTS, 3 bunches 10c
- Fresh
CABBAGE, pound 21-2c
- Head
LETTUCE, each 5c
- Fancy Winesap
APPLES, dozen 30c
- Idaho
SPUDS, 10 pounds 19c
- Sun Up
COFFEE, pound 19c
- Blue and White
TOMATOES, No. 2 can, 3 for 27c
- Red and White
PEAS No. 2 can each 17c
3 cans 50c
- Red and White
PEAS No. 1 can each 13c
2 cans 25c
- Pure Cane
SUGAR, 10 pounds 52c
- Dole
PINEAPPLE JUICE, per can 10c
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- Red and White
CORN, Country Gentleman, No. 2 can 15c
- Large
LIMA BEANS, 2 pounds 19c
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LIMA BEANS, 3 pounds 20c
- K. C.
BAKING POWDER, 25 oz. can 18c
- Dried
PEACHES, 2 pounds 25c
- Post
BRAN FLAKES, package 10c
- Baker's
COCOANUT, 4 ounce can 13c
- Brimfull
MACARONI, package 5c
- Genuine
JELL-O, package 7c
- Red and White
PEACHES No. 2 1-2 can 17c
3 cans 50c
- Supreme
SALAD WAFERS, 2 pounds 32c
- Picnic
HAMS, 5 lb. average, pound 15c
- Banquet
BACON, sliced, pound 29c
- Weiner
SAUSAGE, pound 15c
- Full Cream
CHEESE, pound 20c

New Kidneys

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TRAIL'S END

By AGNES LOUISE PROVOST

FIFTEENTH INSTALLMENT.

SYNOPSIS—Three weeks after a cream colored roadster had been found wrecked in the sea Anne Cushing appears at the desert town Marston. Later she marries Barry Duane. Her life is complicated by rumors about her past life she has kept secret. This secrecy eventually leads to her separation with Barry, after they return West. John Gage, wealthy mill owner, and his wife visit the Dummies at their ranch. Cleo Pendleton, in love with Barry, joins them. Jim Kennedy, a part of Anne's past, appears and says he has business at Barry's ranch. Anne follows him to warn Paula Gage. Paula becomes hysterical on hearing Anne's voice.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY—

"Paula, don't be frightened! Don't scream. It is Nancy. I've come to warn you. Jim is here. Paula, don't you know me?"

"No, no, Nancy's dead! She's under the water—I see her all the time—and it washes over her eyes. Oh, God!"

She screamed again. The pounding horses were at the top of the slope, and Barry flung himself of and raced down, with Gage running heavily after him. A slim figure was backing away, turning, running, but Paula Gage was huddled in a terrified heap at the foot of a tree.

Barry bent over her and jerked his head up again. Nancy was just disappearing. She had looked at him, for one long, steady moment, and had turned her back on him. As though they were two hostile strangers. Knowledge crashed and clamored in his brain. He bent reluctantly over the huddled woman, but Gage was beside him now.

"John, Nancy's down there! She came out of the water! I can't go—I'm afraid! I only asked her to go away! I didn't mean her to die! And Jim—Jim—"

Overstrained emotions cracked. Paula fainted.

"We'd better take her into the house," said Barry constrainedly. He wanted to go after Nancy. Those incredible revelations were clamoring in his head; they were accusing him. Now he saw Petry's long legs hastening toward them.

"Petry, help Mrs. Gage up to the house. I'll be back as soon as I can." His nervous stride quickened to a run. Gage looked heavily after him. Barry ran along the edge of the lake, his eyes darting anxiously. Toward the back of the house he swerved and caught sight of a fitting figure.

"Nancy, wait! Just for a minute!" She paused in mid flight, looked back just once and went on again. The light figure vanished around the edge of an outbuilding. Long before he reached it Barry heard the scurry of hoofs and saw a piebald streak flash across an open space. Nancy had gone.

He took it standing, but his face whitened. Nancy had made it pretty plain that she didn't want to see him, just the set of her chin as she had flashed across the path of light had been enough to tell him that. He set his jaw and went back to the house.

Back of him Jim Kennedy edged cautiously around toward the smaller corral, where two saddled horses, left to themselves, had wandered back to wait patiently.

In the house Barry found that Paula had regained consciousness. Petry had just edged out, and Gage was standing a little away from her.

"She's gone," said Barry briefly. "Was it—really Nancy?" Paula raised herself on one hand. "Is she alive? I didn't kill her? . . . I mean—I—" She broke off with a frightened whimper.

"We'll finish this—presently," was all the reply he gave her. He turned a heavy stare on Barry. "I'd like a few words with my wife in private."

"I'm staying 'till I finish it here. It's my business as well as yours. Nancy is my wife—and you can keep your spur and your damned money, but I want to know what you've all been doing to her."

Gage glared at him. "And what have you been doing to her? The girl I saw out there is Mrs. Gage's sister, who is supposed to have been drowned five months ago, and if she is your wife why isn't she in your house, instead of wandering around in the woods like a demented woman?"

Barry whitened. "I'm beginning to think that she has had enough to drive anybody insane. I've done my own share, and I'm paying for it. But the jam that we're in now is due to something that happened before I met

her—it's due to you, or one of you . . . And that damned Kennedy—"

He bit it off suddenly, but Gage caught the name up.

"Kennedy! It always comes back to this, Kennedy." He turned back to Paula.

"You'd better tell us all of it," he said evenly. "What do you know about Jim Kennedy?"

"He was my husband. I'd divorced him a year before I met you."

"Go on," he said curtly.

"I was awfully young when I married him. We were poor and lived in a little town. He was there only a few days, and when he went I'd married him. And then I found out that he was just a gambler and we began traveling all over the country and—I left him and got the divorce. I never saw him again until last May. And then I got a letter from him, from Tia Juana. He said the divorce wasn't legal—and I was so frightened, because that meant that I wasn't really married to you. But it wasn't true at all—I found it out later."

Gage's jaw muscles ridged visibly at the mention of illegal divorce, but he went on implacably.

"Which one of you met him at the beach bungalow, you or Nancy?"

"I met him. I'd sent a telegram to Nancy. I thought it would be better if she saw him—he always liked Nancy. But she didn't get the telegram in time. And I went down myself. I had some money for him. He'd said he'd tell you about the divorce—and I didn't dare let him do that! John—it was because I loved you so."

"And who—who shot Kennedy?"

"I did." It was a mere thread of sound. "I didn't mean to. I was afraid of him, because he was so angry with me. I took the gun with me to fight him. And—he just laughed and tried to take it from me, and it went off."

A deep shudder ran over her. "He looked so queer, and Nancy came running down the beach and snatched the gun and told me to go back to the house. And I did. I didn't know what was happening until Nancy came back and told me that you had found her there and that you thought she was—Jim's wife. And I begged her to go away, so that you couldn't question her any more, and it needn't ever come out that either of us had seen Jim that night, and if it did it wasn't murder, it was self-defense. I made her take the money that I brought for Jim—in case she went away—and she ran out. I heard the car start . . . And the next morning . . . they told me that she'd driven it over a cliff—down on the rock—with the tide in."

Gage's mouth was a thin line, but he drove his hands down into his pockets and looked away from her.

"I suppose I'd better tell you the rest, as far as I know it. I'd been upstate on a business trip—drove myself—and found that I could get back late that night. I heard something that sounded like a shot, down toward the beach. I have a beach bungalow there, but the main house is back, up on the hill. I knew the bungalow was closed, but I caught sight of Nancy's roadster with nobody in it, so I thought I'd better investigate. I reached the bungalow just in time to find Nancy leaning over some man on the ground, with a gun in her hand. I saw him try to lift himself and heard him give a nasty laugh and say! 'Just a little present from my loving wife!' and drop back again."

"It looked pretty bad. I shot a question or two at Nancy, but she just stared at me and looked down again at the man and said yes, he was her husband. Nobody else seemed to have heard the shot, so I told her that because she was Paula's sister I'd do what I could to hush it up, and I didn't want Paula in any way mixed up in it."

John Gage's strong face twitched. "She didn't say much, poor kid, but she looked sort of desperate, and she stayed until I had made sure the fellow was dead and then she marched away without a word."

"It looked like murder to me, and all I was interested in just then was in getting the evidence as far away as possible. I got him into the back of my car and drove like the devil, and left him on the outskirts of a town miles away. I still thought he was dead. Anyway, when I got back home Nancy was gone and the papers were full of the accident. They said it was the fog. I always thought it was suicide."

He paused and added gruffly: "She'd done some good bits on the stage. Working herself up. And she'd

just landed a contract out in Hollywood, a pretty good one for a newcomer. She was to sign the next day. Chucked it all up."

There was a shuddering sound from the couch. Paula looked drearily up and dropped again. Barry felt moved to a reluctant compassion.

He couldn't stand it any longer. He was going down to Trail's End.

A hovering shadow in the rear hall resolved itself into Petry. He looked nervous—for Petry.

"Thought you ought to know that somebody's been around here. There's a ditched car a piece down the road and one of the horses is gone, the big roan Mr. Gage was ridin'. I know the car license. It belongs to a fella who's been stayin' at the hotel in Marston. Kind of a daredevil lookin' bird, dark complexioned."

Kennedy! Barry felt a little chill at the thought of Nancy, somewhere along the lonely road, and this man with his dark grudges roaming loose.

There was a sound behind him. Gage had come back. There was an envelope in his hand. He had started to open it, but he put it back in his pocket.

"What's the matter?"

"Kennedy's around. He has just gone off with one of the horses. Wrecked his car down the road. I'm starting for Trail's End."

"I'm going with you."

At the end of the passage leading to the kitchen Martha appeared. Her mouth was set primly, but her eyes had a snapping brightness.

"Ling says there's a kind of funny pounding going on in the garage. Who's out there, Boone?"

"My gosh!" Boone swallowed hastily. "I plumb forgot the lady! Miss Cleo—she rode in with me."

"What the devil is she doing in the garage?"

"Well you see, Barry, comin' back up the road I heard somebody scream, and I just shot the car straight into the garage and bolted out to see if I could do anything and I plumb forgot everything else. I musta been so excited that I give the door a slam after me, and that bar drops awful easy. Gets kinda second nature to shut that door. Ma—, you let the lady out, won't you?"

"I guess I'd better, Boone."

The car roared down to Trail's End. There was no one there. Gage said little but his deliberate gaze roamed curiously around this shabby little place where Paula's sister had come to hide. He read his letter, looked grim over it.

At the end of an hour Barry was nervously tramping the floor. They started back again, and met Petry on the way.

"I've been scoutin' a little. Somebody rode pretty reckless, for a ways. I found this, but whoever lost it was headin' the other way, North."

It was a man's felt hat and the initials inside were J. M. K.

Why had Kennedy been riding away from the one road which would take him back to town, unless he had been following Nancy? And why had Nancy gone that way, when Trail's End lay in the opposite direction?"

"If we follow him," Barry muttered, "we may find Nancy, or least pick up her trail."

They could do little 'till daylight came. Barry fumed over lost time and occupied some of it by having Petry drive to Trail's End again and leave Martha there, while he took Captain and followed the short cut. There was no sign of Nancy. Barry went back to wait for daylight.

It was still dark when Ling put breakfast before them. Petry, who had already eaten, came out of the darkness on a half run.

"The roan's back. Kinda limps."

"That means that Kennedy is on foot and probably lost." Barry moved impatient shoulders. "It's Nancy that I'm worried about. I'm going to take one more run down to Trail's End."

Barry slid into the driver's seat.

The greying darkness reeled past them. They drew up at Trail's End.

Martha came running out, her placid control shaken.

"Martha, is she here?"

Martha nodded jerkily. "She's here, and she's sick. She's out of her head. She came in an hour ago, staggerin' along beside Comet and bringin' that man. How she ever got him here, with his leg broken and her as sick as she is, I don't know. Boone, you go straight for the doctor as fast as you can go."

Barry strode in through the open door, with Gage and Martha at his heels. In the living room, on the built-in couch which he had made for Nancy, Jim Kennedy lay, his lips tight with pain. He looked from Barry to Gage, and a lip curled with a fair imitation of his reckless grin.

"Regular family party, isn't it? Well, I'm down, what are you going to do?"

"Yes, you're down," said Barry

between his teeth, "and that's all that saves you from being thrashed clear off your feet. I'll talk to you later."

He went on, toward a partly open door. "Nancy!"

At the sound of voices outside a slim figure had stirred suddenly, pushing away the blanket which Martha had tucked around her. She struggled up, her bare feet found the floor and she swayed on them, talking in a husky whisper.

"Must get away! Hurry! I can't go back."

"Nancy, it's all right now! Everything is all right. It's Barry, darling. Please."

He caught her as she slipped down, but she fought him with surprising strength.

"You're not — Barry! Go away! Won't go back."

A capable hand thrust him aside. "There, it's all right, Miss Anne.

It's just Martha. You know Martha, don't you? You get in bed now, and have a nice rest."

"Yes, know Martha." Resistance wilted, but she clung to Martha's sleeve. "Make him—go away. He'll tell Barry I'm here. Barry hates me . . . Never go back. Never!"

"You needn't do anything you don't want to. You just lie down . . ."

Martha coaxed and soothed. Barry drew back, white lipped, and the dark head on the pillow tossed and fluttered.

"John! Mustn't let John see me . . . Paula screamed . . . everything's ruined . . . Got to get home—get home—can't let him—die!"

(Continued Next Week.)

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On January 1, Southwestern Life filed with the Insurance Department at Austin the strongest financial statement of its history. In condensed form it appears below.

During the past year, the Company GAINED MORE THAN FIFTEEN MILLIONS Insurance in force, and increased its surplus by more than \$200,000.00. Southwestern Life has \$1.29 of assets for every dollar of net liability.

Gain Since 1929

While its reserve liability on all policies has increased only 31% during the past five years, the Company's capital and surplus (held for the additional protection of policyholders) have increased 43%.

Condition of the Company December 31, 1934

32nd Annual Statement

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
First Mortgage Loans on Texas Real Estate	\$16,034,295.19	Legal Reserve on All Policies	\$36,559,992.31
Home Office Building	1,500,000.00	Reserve for Interest and Premiums Paid in Advance	424,915.42
Other Real Estate	1,380,919.00	Reserve for Taxes	81,000.00
United States Government Bonds	2,110,734.78	Reserve for Sundry Liabilities	319,010.77
Bonds Guaranteed by U. S. Government	2,285,852.76	Investment Reserve Fund	250,000.00
State of Texas Bonds	953,226.24	Surplus Funds Held for Additional Protection of Policyholders:	
Texas Municipal and County Bonds	4,601,340.26	Capital Stock \$2,000,000.00	
Cash in Banks	871,634.55	Unassigned Funds	4,803,515.54
Interest and Rents Due and Accrued	1,320,123.35		6,803,515.54
Loans to Policyholders	11,782,418.68		
Net Premiums in Process of Collection	1,598,353.23		
Total Assets	\$44,438,438.04	To Balance Assets	\$44,438,438.04

Added Security No Increase in Cost

The Company operates under the Registration Law of Texas. Securities are deposited with the Insurance Commissioner of Texas, the market value of which is greater than the net liability to all policyholders.

As evidence that the required deposit is maintained, the Insurance Commissioner is required to sign the following certificate on every Southwestern Life policy:

"THIS POLICY IS REGISTERED. ANY APPROVED SECURITIES EQUAL IN VALUE TO THE LEGAL RESERVE HEREON ARE HELD IN TRUST BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS."

LIFE INSURANCE IN FORCE . . . \$273,485,209.00



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Pounds of firm healthy flesh instead of bare scraggy bones! New vigor, vim and energy instead of tired listlessness! Straddy, quiet nerves! That is what thousands of people are getting through scientific latest discovery—the Vitamins of Cod Liver Oil concentrated in little sugar coated tablets without any of its horrid, fishy taste or smell. McCoy's Cod Liver Oil Tablets, they're called! "Cod Liver Oil in Tablets", and they simply work wonders. A little boy of 8, severely sick, got well and gained 19½ lbs. in just one month. A girl of thirteen after the same disease, gained 8 lbs. the first week and 1 lb. each week after. A poorer mother who could not eat or sleep after baby came got all her health back and gained 19 lbs. in less than a month.

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Reports Increase of More Than \$15,000,000 Insurance in Force

Of all the indices of Texas business conditions perhaps none offers more definite and specific proof of progress than the annual statement of a large life insurance company which for thirty-two years has done business in every nook and corner of Texas, but which writes no insurance outside of Texas. Such a company is the Southwestern Life of Dallas, the only one of the larger Texas companies which does not go outside the state for business. It is by far the largest United States company operating in only one state. By reporting an increase of more than fifteen millions insurance in force during 1934, the first substantial gain since 1930, this Texas institution offers significant evidence of business improvement in Texas.

It will be recalled that at the company's annual convention in Fort Worth in December, F. E. Church, Merkel representative of the company, was awarded a set of Sterling silverware by the company, he having been a producer each and every week for the preceding 12 months. All told, Edsel had kept up that record for 136 weeks.

A record of the company's size for the past five years writes the history of the depression. Up to the end of 1929, the Southwestern had made large gains annually for many years, having doubled in size during the previous six years.

Early in 1930 lapses and surrenders began to be felt, and the gain during that year was small—approximately one-third of that for 1929. On December 31, 1931 the company had less insurance in force than it had at the beginning of the year. The next year, 1932, generally conceded to be the worst for nearly all lines of business, proved the most difficult for Texas policyholders. Notwithstanding the production of thirty-seven millions of new insurance by the company's agents, the total volume in force fell off more than fourteen millions. Recovery commenced in 1933 when a gain of about one and a half millions was recorded. The gain of fifteen millions for 1934 has just been announced in the annual report to policyholders of President C. F. O'Donnell.

A comparison of the annual statements for 1929 and 1934 reveals some interesting changes in the company's investment practice, due to the introduction by the New Deal of its government lending agencies. Prior to 1930 the Southwestern Life found a ready outlet for its reserves and surplus funds in the mortgage loan fields, and 55 per cent of its assets were invested in loans on Texas farms and city property. At the end of 1934 only 36 per cent of its assets were in mortgages, while the bond item had increased from 8 per cent to 22 per cent.

The tendency toward increasing liquidity is revealed in the larger proportion of cash and United States Government bonds, now more than five millions, or approximately 12 per cent of all assets, as compared to 8 per cent at the end of 1929.

With gradual retirement of the federal government from the real estate loan business, the companies are anticipating an improved demand for first mortgages. Properly selected Texas mortgage loans have given a good account of themselves during the

depression. The Southwestern Life's figures for 1934 reveal that interest collected on real estate loans during the year passed a return of six per cent on a total investment of more than sixteen millions. Since organization in 1903, the company has loaned approximately forty-six millions to Texas citizens on Texas real estate.

RURAL SOCIETY

NOODLE H. D. C.

The Noodle Home Demonstration club held its first meeting of the New Year when it met on January 9 at the Baptist church.

Year Books of 1935 were distributed and some plans for the year's work discussed. A new roll was made.

Mrs. Merritt gave the council report, as Mrs. Bonneaux, the 1935 council delegate failed to attend the council meeting on January 5. Announcements of special interest were made of two meetings to be held in Anson in January: the first, a tile demonstration on January 14, and the other a reporters' training school on January 30. Both meetings are to be held in the district court room.

With Mrs. C. W. Seago, chairman, in charge, a program, Series No. 1 of the AAA, was rendered. Some interesting thoughts were brought out in this act, which is an act of justice to the farmer and one which is destined to bring relief.

After the program Mrs. Bonneaux presented a basket of assorted gifts to Mrs. E. B. Reece, whose home was recently destroyed by fire. By this means the club tried to express, in a measure, their love and esteem for Mrs. Reece and their appreciation for what she has done for the club. Club members and non-club members who were unable to come sent gifts for which Mrs. Reece expressed her thanks.

Members present at this meeting were: Mesdames Carl Bonneaux, C. C. Bristow, O. L. Justice, Vess Justice, J. M. Sloan, Troy Sloan, E. B. Reece, V. L. Merritt, C. W. Seago, J. M. Williamson, and J. M. Spurgin; visitors, Mesdames Roy Tucker and Vernon Horton.

The next regular meeting will be January 23 at the Baptist church. A demonstration, "The Garden Plan," will be given by the demonstrator.

UNION RIDGE P. T. A.

The Union Ridge P. T. A. met Friday night, with Mrs. O. R. Douglas,

vice-president, in charge. There was no business hour, and only the minutes were read and approved and treasurer's report given. Several from the local P. T. A. attended council meetings in Abilene Saturday.

The program was opened by prayer led by J. H. Clark. The theme for the program was "Thrifty and Qualities a P. T. A. Member Should Possess." The following members took part in the program: Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Hobby, Mrs. I. R. Blanton, M. F. Carey, Mrs. Jack Pannell, D. I. Shelton, Mrs. J. H. Clark and Mrs. O. R. Douglas, and a reading was given by Blanton Carey.

Music was furnished by the following boys with harps under direction of Mr. Hobby: Don Moody and Gwin Pennell, Billy Bob Douglas, Ollie Blanton, Blanton Carey and Charles Harwell. Several songs were given by Floyd Gabbert, Charles Harwell, Billy Bob Douglas, Ollie Blanton and Don Moody under the leadership of their teacher, Mrs. Hobby.

BLAIR DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

The Blair Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Box Murphy on January 9 with 18 mem-

bers present and ten visitors. Club members donated two dollars to buy a club book and plans were discussed for the club members to present a play to raise money for club incidental expenses. The committee named by the president to select a play consists of Mesdames Bob Malone, Box Murphy and Ed Sandusky.

Plans were also made to change meeting days from every second and fourth Wednesday to every second and fourth Thursday each month. Mrs. Will Campbell was elected alternate for council member and Mrs. Box Murphy was awarded the gift basket.

After the business hour, refreshments of fruit cake and punch were served to members and guests. Visitors were Mesdames Lula Walker, M. J. Whately, Huston Bryant, A. D. Fulton, George Moore, Sr., George Crow, Sr., George Moore, Jr., George Crow, Jr., Roy Baccus and Will Toombs.

Next meeting was set for January 24 in the home of Mrs. E. J. Orsborn.

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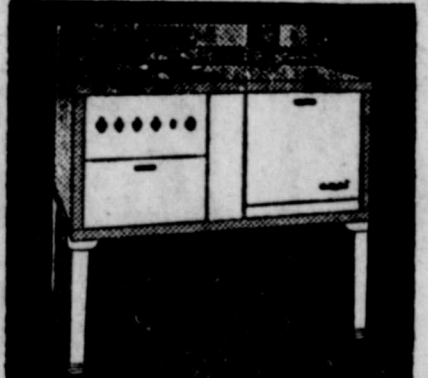
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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

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of Merkel in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Dec. 31, 1934.

ASSETS	
1. Loans and discounts	\$231,801.24
2. Overdrafts	583.30
3. United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed	46,200.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities	34,127.63
6. Furniture and fixtures	6,500.00
7. Real estate owned other than banking house	8,584.25
8. Reserve with Federal Reserve bank	30,054.65
9. Cash in vault and balances with other banks	114,085.82
11. Redemption fund with United States Treasurer and due from United States Treasurer	312.50
14. Other assets	9,045.85
TOTAL ASSETS	\$481,295.24
LIABILITIES	
15. Demand deposits, except United States Government deposits, public funds, and deposits of other banks	\$386,208.74
16. Time deposits, except postal savings, public funds, and deposits of other banks	17,308.00
17. Public funds of States, counties, school districts, or other subdivisions or municipalities	9,228.00
19. Deposits of other banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	4,357.95
Total of items 15 to 19:	
(a) Secured by pledge of loans and/or investments	\$ 9,228.00
(b) Not secured by pledge of loans and/or investments	407,874.69
(c) TOTAL DEPOSITS	417,102.75
20. Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
32. Capital account:	
Common stock, 500 shares, par \$100.00 per share	\$50,000.00
Undivided profits—net	7,942.49
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT	57,942.49
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$481,295.24
MEMORANDUM: Loans and Investments Pledged to Secure Liabilities	
33. United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed	\$24,350.00
36. TOTAL PLEDGED (excluding rediscounts)	\$21,250.00
37. Pledged:	
(a) Against circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
(c) Against public funds of States, counties, school districts, or other subdivisions or municipalities	15,000.00
(i) Total Pledged	21,250.00

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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of January, 1935.

Mrs. Floyd Davis,
Notary Public

(SEAL)

CORRECT—Attest:
J. T. WARREN,
G. F. WEST,
SAM BUTMAN, Sr.
Directors.

Form B-76 No. 1398

BANKS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE

HOME STATE BANK

at Trent, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1934, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 18th day of January, 1935.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$ 75,562.22
Loans secured by real estate	2,063.35
Overdrafts	19.37
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	6,728.15
Banking House	2,700.00
Furniture and Fixtures	800.00
Cash and due from approved reserve agents	149,828.31
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	4,471.88
TOTAL	\$242,173.28
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	4,673.60
Reserve for Interest	175.98
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	175,091.61
Time Certificates of Deposit	11,732.09
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	500.00
TOTAL	\$242,173.28

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 10th day of January, A. D. 1935.

C. C. McRee,
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

(SEAL)

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



JONES HOME OPENED IN TWO LOVELY PARTIES LAST WEEK.

Bird Supper. Mesdames Tom Largent and C. H. Jones were co-hostesses in entertaining on Thursday evening with a bird supper of lovely appointments.

Guests enjoying this gracious hospitality were Messrs. and Mesdames W. J. Largent, R. I. Grimes, C. B. Gardner, Booth Warren, W. L. Diltz, Warren Smith, W. S. J. Brown, Yates Brown, Earl Lassiter, Lige Gamble, Frank McFarland, Mrs. H. C. Harbers and the hostesses and hosts, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent.

FAREWELL PARTY. Miss Mary Eula Sears, who left Monday for an extended stay in Dallas where she will study art was complimented with a pretty "going-away-party" on last Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. C. H. Jones, with Mrs. Tom Largent co-hostess.

Refreshments were served at twilight with lighted tapers as table centers, dainty salads, fruit cake squares, wafers, olives and coffee were passed to Miss Mary Eula Sears, Mrs. Amy Sear, Misses Christine Collins, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Mesdames Gerald C. Farrow and Ernest Old of Abilene, R. I. Grimes, W. T. Sadler, George White, Lige Gamble, F. C. McFarland, Olin Lusby, Henry West, John West, W. L. Diltz, Ted Nichols, Booth Warren, Dee Grimes, H. C. Harbers and the hostesses, Mrs. Largent and Mrs. Jones.

BRIDE FETED. Merkel's latest acquisition to society was welcomed on Saturday afternoon when Misses Johnnie Sears, Helen Patterson, Evelyn Curb, Mrs. John Olin Lusby and Mrs. Briggs Irvin were joint hostesses in complimenting Mrs. Ralph Duke, holiday bride, with a tea-reception of elaborate appointments in the lovely home of Miss Johnnie Sears on Oak street. Invitations were mailed to approximately seventy-five guests; calling hours were from 3 to 6.

Mrs. C. B. Gardner received guests and introduced the guest of honor, Mrs. Duke, Mrs. Irvin, next in the receiving line, seated guests in candlelit, flower-decked rooms for a musical program: Miss Christine Collins sang "Glanina Mia" from the opera "Fire Fly" and "Sky Dreams"; Mrs. Anne Brown was at the piano for these numbers and sentimental ballads were played by Mrs. Brown and Miss Emma Joyner.

Miss Helen Patterson invited guests into the dining room where Mesdames W. E. Lowe and W. S. J. Brown presided at silver tea services. The table, laid in lace, was centered with candles and baby chrysanthemums, artistically arranged on mirrored reflectors. Yellow tapers burned in silver holders, Mrs. John Olin Lusby graciously escorted guests from the dining room to the guest room where Miss Evelyn Curb presided over a silver-embossed "bride's book." Adieus were said by Miss Johnnie Sears.

Guests calling were: Mrs. Wilson Little and Mrs. Leroy Jennings, Mrs. Claude Young and Miss Genevieve Jennings, Abilene; Mesdames Comer Haynes, W. T. Curb, Holland Teaff, Thomas Durham, Len Sublett, Forrest Gaither, Herbert Patterson, Lige Gamble, Earl Teague, W. J. Largent, James West, Yates Brown, Fred Hughes, Robert Grimes, Frank McFarland, Charlie Jones, Elsie Nash, Elmo Collins, Warren Smith, Ross Ferrier, Spencer Bird, Dee Grimes, John West, W. L. Diltz, Ted Nichols, W. T. Sadler, George White, J. E. Boaz, Jr., Milton Case, L. C. Zehn-pennig, Bob Mayfield, J. T. Dennis.

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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Attendance the second Sunday of the New Year again held above 800 at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday. Last Sunday 828 were present, 871 having been in attendance on the previous Sunday, the first one this year. On the same Sunday a year ago 782 were present.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Last Sunday morning we had the

Robert Dennis, C. B. Gardner, W. S. J. Brown, W. E. Lowe, John Olin Lusby, Briggs Irvin, Misses Julia Martin, Vennie Heizer, Maimie Walker, Dora Garoutte, Alzada Pogue, Christine Collins, Imogene Hayes, Alma Morgan, Ella Mae Agerton, Lona Joyner, Bessie McNiece, Ruby Mae McNiece, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Maurine Tipton, Peggy Barnett, Mary Eula Sears, Emma Joyner, Helen Patterson, Evelyn Curb and Johnnie Sears.

SHOWER.

The home of Mrs. W. T. Sadler was opened Tuesday afternoon with a pretty party when Mesdames J. E. Boaz, Jr., and L. C. Zehn-pennig and Miss Mary Elizabeth Grimes entertained naming Mrs. Orion Tittle the honoree. To open an enjoyable program, the guests were asked to make New Year's resolutions for the honoree. Two clever contests, held the guests' attention, Mrs. Lige Gamble being high point winner and was awarded a dainty prize which she presented, along with many beautiful gifts, to Mrs. Tittle.

Mrs. Comer Haynes gave readings and at the refreshment hour the hostesses passed date pudding with coffee and olives to Mesdames C. R. Tittle, W. L. Harkrider, J. T. Warren, Arthur Thornton, F. C. McFarland, R. I. Grimes, S. D. Gamble, Booth Warren, W. S. J. Brown, A. R. Booth, W. E. Lowe, Lee Cox, J. M. Dry, J. P. Sutphen, Tom Largent, G. C. Farrow, Milton Case, Bill Shepard, Asa Sheppard, W. T. Sadler, Bill Fugat, Earl Stephens, Bob Mayfield, Ernest Higgins, Comer Haynes, Yates Brown, Geo. West, C. M. Largent, Jr., Misses Christine Collins, Mary Collins, Sis Boaz, Nell Durham and Margaret Canon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ENTERTAINED.

On Monday evening Mrs. U. T. Richie entertained her Sunday School class in the home of Mrs. R. C. Reagh. After songs were sung and scriptures given by the children, games were played until the refreshment hour, when cake and hot chocolate were served to the following class members: Harold D. Ketcham, Buddie Price, Marvin Massey, Junior Martin and Wiley Massey.

Others present were Charlene and Johnnie Ray Price, Susie, Lanett and Jackie Ray Massey, Bonnie Wayne and Bobbie Louis Ketcham, Wanda Mae Gouge and Mrs. U. T. Richie, R. C. Reagh, Jack Massey, Roy Martin, Charlie Price, John Reagh and Louis Ketcham.

VOTA VITA CLASS.

The Vota Vita class of the Baptist Sunday School met on Tuesday, January 8, in the home of Mrs. Byers Petty. Mrs. Bill Haynes brought a very inspiring devotional.

Following the business session, all enjoyed a social hour of games and contests, and at the refreshment hour upside-down cake, topped with whipped cream, and coffee were served to Mesdames Guy Darsey, Austin, Bill Fugat, L. A. Gilbreath, C. R. Joyner, J. L. Wilson, L. L. Rister, W. S. Slayden, Florence Berry, Tom Riddle, Warren Smith, Bill Haynes and the hosts.

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pleasure of having Brother O. W. Dean preach for us. We are glad that he is now making his home with his sister, Mrs. J. S. Swann. He held a protracted meeting here twenty years ago and the old timers remember him well.

Last Sunday afternoon the Association of Y. W. A. met with this church. There was a good representation from all churches in the association.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. B. T. S. at 6:15 p. m. Prayer meeting at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening. W. M. U. at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Y. W. A. at 4:30 Monday afternoon.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Young people's meeting at 6:15 p. m. The women will meet Monday 2:30 p. m. Boys' and Girls' World club Monday 4 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7 p. m. P. H. Gates, Pastor.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM.

Subject: "The Riches of Friends." Leader, Tracy Wood. Scripture—Jer. 1:1,2,6-10,16-18; John 1:36-42. Talks: "Life Purpose and the Purpose of Life," "The Individual's Social Responsibility," J. V. Patterson. "The Peril of Loneliness," "The Friends of Jesus," Murry Toombs. "How to Cultivate Variety of Friends," "Beyond Our Town and Time," Opal Buzbee.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. At the evening hour the choir will go to Tuscola to render a program at the church there. So there will be no evening service at our church Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. You are cordially invited to all of these services. R. A. Walker, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

We are glad to report victory at our church and to say that our work in all departments of the church is progressing nicely. Brother V. B. Atterberry, our district superintendent, was with us Monday night and brought us a wonderful message from the text, "Fear Not Little Flock," which was greatly enjoyed by all. We will be on the street again Saturday at 2:30 p. m. Subject, "The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine." Preaching Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m. N. Y. P. S. 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. J. L. Mayhall, Pastor.

NORTHWEST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Last Lord's day was another high day. On Saturday night Brother Bill Dowell preached one of the best sermons I ever listened to on the subject, "The Cure for a Troubled Heart," and as he reached his climax the Lord spoke peace to a troubled soul. On Sunday morning Brother Carl

Drenon preached his first sermon on the subject, "Forgiveness." Brother Drenon is very submissive to the Lord's will. He preached a fine sermon for his first time and, when he closed, he gave an invitation and a troubled soul came rushing down the aisle, weeping aloud and saying, "I have sinned, and God has punished me," as she found peace and satisfaction in Christ.

Our Bible School is growing fast. Brother R. C. Reagh is our much appreciated superintendent. He is working hard at his work, and all the teachers are taking great interest in their work. We urge every teacher to be at our class we teach on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. We welcome you to our services. Ernest C. Dowell, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m., subject, "The Man That Played the Fool." Young people 6:15 p. m. Junior young people 7 p. m. Preaching 7:15 p. m., subject, "Saved by Grace." We invite you one and all to attend these services and worship God with us. Flavil R. Yeakley, Minister.

Ford Dealers of West Texas Zone Gather

W. W. Haynes, manager of the Merkel Motor company, attended a meeting of Ford dealers from twenty West Texas towns embraced in what is known as the Abilene zone assembly, at the Hilton hotel, Abilene, Monday to hear an outline of Ford Motor company's "million-car campaign." Dealers were guests at a luncheon at noon. Attending the meeting were all officials of the Dallas branch of the Ford Motor company and every Ford dealer in the Abilene zone. Ford officials from Dallas included C. B. Ostrander, branch manager; T. J. O'Neil, assistant branch manager; W. B. Strange, wholesale division manager; C. O. Deems, truck and commercial manager; F. L. Yates, parts and service manager; L. A. Dumon, zone manager with headquarters in Abilene; H. L. Murray, manager of University Credit company, and D. S. Gillean of McCann-Erickson, Ford advertising agency in Texas.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors who were so kind and helpful to us during the illness and death of our dear son and brother, Jaso those who brought in meals, and especially do we wish to thank Dr. R. I. Grimes for his untiring efforts to save our loved one. We also wish to express our appreciation for the beautiful floral offerings. Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Webb and Family. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Webb and Baby. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hays and Children. Use The Mail Want Ads.

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Attends Funeral of Brother at Santa Anna

Mrs. Frase Demere of Mulberry canyon returned Friday from Santa Anna, where she went to attend the funeral of her brother, W. A. Brandon, 65, who died Sunday, January 6. Mr. Brandon, who formerly lived in this section and is well known here, had been ill for a year and a half. Besides his wife, he is survived by five sons and four daughters. Four

sisters, including Mrs. Demere, and three brothers also survive.

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