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CLUB PRESENTS \$25.00 AWARD TO REVUE WINNER

Sweetheart of Merkel Lions Honorary Guest at Luncheon; New Slate of Officers, Headed by Henry West, Installed.

Declared as "Sweetheart" of the Merkel Lions club in local competition at Shannon's on June 5 and later awarded first place in the bathing beauty revue at the district convention of Lions clubs at Cisco on June 16, Miss Betty Grimes was the guest of honor of the Lions club at Tuesday's luncheon at Ed's cafe.

Highlight of the meeting came when she was presented by President Henry West in behalf of the club with a check for \$25.00, which was the amount awarded to the club sending the winning representative. Miss Grimes responded happily in expression of her appreciation. She is also to represent Merkel at the Water Carnival at Sweetwater July 16-17.

Henry C. West was installed as president of the club for the ensuing year as the first order of Tuesday's business. Other officers are: Joe P. Self, first vice-president; Dr. L. C. Zehpfennig, second vice-president; C. J. Glover, third vice-president; Yates Brown, secretary-treasurer; Dr. Earl Thomason, tall twister; Stanley King, Lion tamer; Wrenn Durham and Fred C. Hughes, directors; W. O. Boney and Booth Warren are holdover directors.

Besides the guest of honor and Miss Iris Garrett, who accompanied Miss Grimes in song selections, other luncheon guests were: J. Paul Rudd, new principal of the High School; C. H. Collingsworth, teacher of vocational agriculture, in Merkel High; County Judge John Camp; John D. Coats, county juvenile officer, and John B. Darnell, connected with the Community Gas company at Sweetwater.

For 100 per cent attendance from Sept. 1, 1935, to May 30, 1936, five Lions received the award of special attendance pins, which were presented at the hands of the new president. These Lions were: Milton Case, Dr. (Continued on Page Six.)

Old Settlers Picnic Buffalo Gap July 17

The Old Settlers and Pioneers of Taylor county will hold their 17th annual reunion and home-coming at Buffalo Gap on Friday, July 17, the program centering around the Centennial celebration.

Dr. R. N. Richardson of Hardin-Simmons university will give an address about the tribes of Indians who lived and dominated in West Texas in the early days, their customs and habits and the trials of the white man in overcoming these Indians in the early settlement of this part of Texas.

Senators Tom Connally and Morris Sheppard and other distinguished speakers will also make addresses. Officers of the Old Settlers Association are: T. A. Bledsoe, president; J. E. Hurt, vice-president, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones, secretaries.

Cowboy's Air Circus, Rodeo Draws Big Crowd

Practically every surrounding community and county was represented at the Double Heart Cowboy Air Circus Saturday when approximately 3,000 people gathered at the ranch 10 miles south of Sweetwater for the day of thrilling happenings.

Sensational dare devil motorcycle riding and automobile driving by Roy Good and Lucky Fitzgerald, intermingled with an amateur rodeo presented by Ollie Cox and stunt flying by Arch Chase, rounded out the afternoon of entertainment.

Roy Good successfully completed his motorcycle jump of 45 feet across the top of a sedan, traveling at the rate of 50 miles an hour. He also gave exhibition rides on the machine, both trick and fancy.

Thrills of the afternoon were furnished by R. L. "Lucky" Fitzgerald of Fort Worth. He drove a light model sedan through a blazing wall of lumber, did a broad jump in the car, then climaxed the exhibition by completely overturning the sedan, traveling at a high rate of speed.

Stunt flying was done by Arch Chase of Lubbock. He completed the snap roll, power slip dive, chandell and spins, using a Taylor Cub plane. Concluding event of the aerial circus was the parachute jump by Fitzgerald from a plane piloted by Chase. The jump was made at 1,000 feet altitude.

SOAKING RAINS BRING BRIGHT CROP OUTLOOK

Rainfall totalling two inches over Sunday and Monday practically saved feedstuffs and placed the cotton crop in a condition that assures full yields, barring insect damage.

Early feed had suffered more than a month of drouth, but much of it will turn out well now, it is thought, and late feed should be excellent. Cotton had not suffered, but the rain came just before deterioration would have set in. Fields were clean of weeds and ready to receive the moisture, which fell slowly and all of which went into the soil.

This week's precipitation brings the year's figure to 13 3-4 inches.

W. J. Campbell, 73, Succumbs After Two Months' Illness

W. J. Campbell, 73, and a resident of Merkel 35 years, succumbed to an illness of two months at the family residence at 9:15 p. m. Tuesday. An early day merchant here, Mr. Campbell retired from business about two years ago.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the First Baptist church, conducted by Rev. Sam Morris of Stamford, assisted by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Will Toombs, C. F. Church, W. L. Blair, Jim Toombs, Herbert Patterson, J. A. Patterson.

Out of tribute to his memory, the Farmers State bank remained closed all day Wednesday, a daughter, Miss Vergie Mae Campbell, being assistant cashier of this institution.

Mr. Campbell is survived by his wife and seven children, six daughters and one son. The daughters are: Mrs. W. F. Norton, Clint; Mrs. G. D. Richie, Merkel; Mrs. John J. Toombs, Abilene; Mrs. George Hunter, Lubbock; Miss Vergie Mae Campbell, Merkel, and Mrs. E. A. Martin, San Bernardino, Calif. The son is Joe Campbell, El Paso. Two brothers residing in Arkansas also survive.

Sponsor Baby Show Thursday, July 16

Plans for a baby show to be held Thursday, July 16, at the High School gymnasium were announced this week by the ladies of the Methodist church, who will sponsor the show.

First, second and third prizes will be awarded in three divisions, classed as to age, babies under one year, under two years and under three years. Out-of-town judges will be secured.

Examinations will be held from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. Thursday at the gymnasium, the examinations to be conducted by the Red Cross nurse from Nolan county. Entrance charge for babies will be 10 cents.

The public baby show, with an admission charge of 10c, will begin at 7 p. m., and a children's program of songs and readings to begin at 8 p. m. is being arranged by Mrs. Fred Hughes, with Miss Iris Garrett as accompanist. Yates Brown will be master of ceremonies for the program.

The purpose, besides affording an opportunity for the mothers to have their babies examined and to present them in the show, is to raise money to pay for the furniture in the parsonage.

Further information may be secured from Mrs. C. V. Shelton or Mrs. Tracy Campbell.

Protracted Meeting at Trent Grows in Interest

Fine interest is being manifested in the protracted meeting, which began Monday evening at the Church of Christ at Trent, with J. L. Hines of Dallas doing the preaching.

The rain Monday night and the bad condition of the roads have held attendance down below what was expected, but a steady increase is being shown.

Evangelist Hines, who is minister of the Sunset Church of Christ in Dallas, is widely known as a preacher, having preached in Corsicana several years prior to moving to Dallas.

Two services are held daily: one short meeting from 12 to 12:30 each noon and the evening service at 8:15 o'clock. The meeting will last through July 17.

Several out-of-town visitors have been attending, including J. P. Crenshaw, minister of the Church of Christ at Sweetwater, and Dan Finch, minister from Elk City, Okla.

FIELD OF 37 IN SPONSOR COMPETITION

Stephenville Girl Places First, With Midland Contestant Second; Awards of Other Honors At Cowboy Reunion.

Out of a group of 37 entered in the sponsors' contest at the Stamford Cowboy Reunion July 2, 3 and 4, Miss Mary Louise Purdom of Stephenville was declared winner of first place. Miss Walter Faye Cowden of Midland was second; Miss Anna Lee Spires, San Angelo, third, and Miss Glynn Weatherby, Sweetwater, fourth.

J. W. Beck of Paducah was named the most typical cowboy over 55, while Jess Slaughter of Big Spring was selected the most typical cowboy under 55. Harvey Slaughter, young son of Jess Slaughter, was declared the most typical junior cowboy.

Wade Swift of Ranger was the winner of the old-timers' calf roping contest. W. A. Newman, San Angelo, was second, and Frank Rhodes, Throckmorton, third, Leonard Wright of Breckenridge won the cutting horse contest with "Apron Face."

Awarding of honors and championships at the final rodeo performance Saturday night was witnessed by a holiday crowd that packed the open air arena.

Comings, Goings, Doings

C. B. Williams left Saturday for Waco to be gone several days.

Mrs. Jackson Parker of Midland is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. S. Blair.

Mrs. H. B. Leeton of Overton is the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. H. McDonald.

H. L. Hunter of Dallas visited last week with his brother, S. M. Hunter, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bounds returned Wednesday from a trip to the Texas Centennial.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cypert were among the Centennial visitors over the Fourth.

Mrs. Bob Dennis and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McRee of Trent spent last weekend at the Centennial.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris of Woodson visited his brother, Lige Harris, and family on the Fourth.

Miss Viola Brown, who teaches in the Brownfield high school, is visiting her father, Q. Brown, this week.

Mrs. J. L. Winter has as her guests her sisters, Mrs. George Pruitt and Miss Lillian Mitchell of Greenville.

Mrs. John G. Sadler of Gatesville, a former resident of Merkel, is visiting with Dr. and Mrs. M. Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman J. Lane of Houston are visiting Mrs. Lane's mother, Mrs. L. A. Watts, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Tucker and family of Plainview are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tucker.

Miss Sybil Harris has returned home after visiting two weeks with her brother, T. J. Harris, of Big Spring.

Passing guests of Mrs. J. S. Swann during the week were her nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Dean, of St. Louis.

Miss Evelyn Ensminger of Divide is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Elliott, and cousin, Miss Jannell Black.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Speck and family returned Monday from a ten days vacation visit with relatives at Houston.

Mrs. W. S. J. Brown and Miss Johnnie Sears left Monday to visit their grandmother, Mrs. J. F. Lily, at Whitewright.

Glenn Woody of Lubbock, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter, was a passing visitor this week in the Hunter home.

Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hutchins were the former's niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Dowd, of Dallas.

W. J. Shannon left Thursday morning on the Sunshine Special for Nashville, Tenn., to visit his step-father and other relatives.

Mrs. W. B. Thomas and little daughter and Mrs. J. A. Milliken left Sunday for a visit with Mrs. Thomas' parents at Comanche.

Mr. and Mrs. Corvin Leverich and son, Jimmy, of Odessa spent the Fourth with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stanford.

Mrs. M. D. Angus and Mrs. J. C. Walton spent the Fourth in Fort Worth, Mrs. Angus visiting her sis-

LARGE CROWDS ENJOY ANNUAL BUTMAN PICNIC

Rodeo and Baseball Afford Amusement In Afternoon; Negro Minstrel, Other Special Entertainments for Closing Night.

Wednesday, opening day of the fifth annual Butman picnic and rodeo, brought together many of Mulberry canyon's old-timers and hundreds of their descendants, with visitors from every direction gathering for the round of pleasurable events on the two-day program.

While a rodeo and baseball game is provided on both days and political speakings filled the interim in the mornings and at nights, the affair is really nothing more nor less than an old-fashioned picnic, which serves to bring together the early settlers of this section.

Winners in Wednesday's rodeo events were:

Wild cow milking: Leo Huff, Dora, first; S. G. Russell, Merkel, second; Earl Stevens, Trent, third, and Guy Caves, Wingate, fourth.

Calf roping: Joe York, Snyder, first; Alton Whiteaker, Dora, second; with Wayne Boyd of Trent and Leo Huff of Dora tying for third and fourth places. In a rope-off to decide (Continued on Page Two.)

CANDIDATES IN BIG RALLY HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

Merkel is to be host to the candidates for a political rally on Friday night of this week, when the block on Edwards street from Elm to the highway will be roped off from vehicles and room will be provided for every-

body. Rev. R. A. Walker is to be master of ceremonies, while W. O. Boney, demo precinct chairman, is chairman of the committee from the Lions club on arrangements, assisted by Fred Hughes and C. J. Glover.

Through courtesy of Manager S. P. Nesmith of the Queen theatre, a loud speaker will be provided.

The speaking will begin about 8 p. m.

Allred to Speak in Abilene Monday Night

Governor James V. Allred will speak Monday night at the Hardin-Simmons football stadium from a temporary platform before the grandstand.

Following preliminary speeches and band music, the governor's speech is scheduled to begin at 8:30.

Previous to the speaking engagement, he will be guest of honor at a reception in the Hilton hotel, to be given by old friends and supporters.

Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock Governor Allred is to lead a Centennial parade in Coleman and make an address. The Taylor county Allred-for-governor committee, of which James F. Stinson is chairman, will meet him there, bringing him to Abilene by 5 p. m.

Herbert Patterson, local chairman of the Allred forces, stated Thursday morning that plans were being made to carry a large delegation from Merkel to the speaking Monday night.

George Wilhite Named As History Teacher

At the regular monthly meeting of the Merkel school board on July 7, George W. Wilhite was elected to teach history in grades 5-6-7 of the Grammar school, the position made vacant by the resignation of Robert T. Wood.

Mr. Wilhite comes with seven years teaching experience, all at Byers, and with a degree from East Texas State Teachers' college, Commerce. With the filling of this vacancy, the faculty for 1936-37 is now complete.

Defeated by Abilene Lions.

The Abilene Lions were not so courteous in last Friday night's game played under the lights at Fair park, Abilene, as the Merkel Lions were to their visitors the previous week, the Merkel aggregation losing to Abilene, 21-8. Batteries were: Abilene, Wilks and Camp; Merkel, Hodge and Durham.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, July 14, 1916.)

Aunt Nan Thompson, accompanied by Dr. Cranford, left for the Alexander sanitarium, where Mrs. Thompson is to undergo an operation. Her many Merkel friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

Chas. Beard, accompanied by his brother, Rev. E. T. Beard, of Milam, Tenn., came in from Hamlin Sunday, where they had been attending their family reunion. This is the first time the Beard family have had a reunion in thirty years.

Vernon Boring and Lake Renfro left in a Ford Wednesday for a trip west.

W. E. Brittain, Verner Sublett and Clyde Foster rode their pep-pops to Loraine Wednesday to witness the automobile races.

Dr. G. M. Williams and wife returned Monday from a month's visit in Arkansas.

Bill Evans, formerly of this place but now of Anson, motored here this week to visit friends and relatives.

140 IN SUN HERE WEDNESDAY. Talking about hot weather, but Wednesday set a record as far as observations have gone in this

FANS TO HAVE TWO GAMES ON BILL SATURDAY

Divide and Noodle Meet in Opening Battle, With Tye and Truby in Nightcap; Three Postponed Games are Re-set.

Although only one game was originally carded for Saturday of this week, that between Divide and Noodle, two games will be played to make up for games postponed from Wednesday, July 8, one of which, between Tye and Truby, has been re-set for the coming Saturday.

It will be the second game of the day's program, the regularly scheduled game between Divide and Noodle being played first and starting at 1:30 p. m.

The Tye-Union game, which was postponed from Wednesday, July 1, will be played as the first game of a double-header on August 1, while the other game, originally set for July 8 and postponed by agreement, between Noodle and Trent, will be played as the second game on August 5.

Announcement of the re-setting of these games was made Monday by Chairman Warren Smith of the baseball committee.

ONLY ONE MORE RODEO.

Sixth and last of the series of rodeos for the 1936 season will be staged Saturday, July 18.

Must Make School Transfers by July 31

Whether his grade is taught in his home district or not, every child who was enumerated in some other school district in the census last April 1 and who plans this next year to attend the Merkel schools should transfer by July 31. This transfer must be made by the parent in person either at the office of the county superintendent in Abilene or at the office of Secretary W. O. Boney, Merkel. The law now forbids solicitation of transfers. The transfer blanks cannot, therefore, be taken from the office, but must be filed out there by one of the parents and left there.

If the child's grade is not taught in his home district, the transfer entitles the child to attend the Merkel schools for the entire term free to him, the state paying the tuition charge. If the child's grade is taught in his home district, the transfer entitles him to only four and one-half months free attendance. After that time, the parent must himself pay the tuition which last year was fixed by the state at \$6.00 per month in High school and by the local board at \$4.00 per month in Grammar school.

It is urged that parents remember that all children regardless of the grades taught in the home district who plan to attend the Merkel schools next year should transfer to Merkel if the children were not enumerated in the school census in Merkel last April.

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Texas. Individuals impressed by the oppressive heat decided to see just how hot it was in the sun and registration of the highest mark reached here was 140 degrees. (The soldier boy who said it was hot as the devil in Texas is now pronounced of sound mind.)

BOSSSES WIN GAME FROM THE CLERKS.

Nearly two hundred enthusiastic fans witnessed the best ball game of the season last Friday afternoon when the local merchants met and defeated their clerks, the score being 15 to 10. Burroughs pitched for the clerks and worked hard, Easterwood pitched for the bosses and likewise worked hard but it was a free hitting affair from start to finish. Doss Sheppard of Dallas, the boy they say could never come back, was successful in parking the ball several times. Sears, Swann, Sharp, Largent, Howard and Renfro also pounded viciously. The line-ups: clerks: Little, Burroughs, Sharp, Boring, Swann, West, Touchstone, Comegys, Grimes; merchants: Ferrier, Easterwood, Howard, Ferrier, Largent, Coats, Renfro, Foster, Sheppard and Sears.

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Butman Picnic

(Continued from Page One)
 the winner between Boyd and Huff, Boyd was easy winner.
 Steer riding: Gerald Derrick, Noodle, first; Johnny Downs, Abilene, second, and John Frazier, Merkel, third.
 In the mule riding mount money was won by Gerald Derrick, John Frazier, Bill Brabbin, View, Alton Faulks, Hawley, and John Downs.
 Divids defeated Truby, 4-2, in a fast, snappy game played Wednesday afternoon.
 Thursday night a negro minstrel, musical numbers by local talent, old fiddlers' contest and other entertainment was to be offered.

Comings, Goings

(Continued from Page One)
 daughters of Harlingen are here for a visit with his mother, Mrs. J. S. Swann, and other relatives. The Lewis Swanns have just returned from a trip through Old Mexico.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Warnick of Phoenix, Ariz., former residents here, are visiting Mrs. Warnick's mother, Mrs. A. A. Baker, here, and Mr. Warnick's brother, Dr. J. H. Warnick, and family in Abilene.
 Mrs. B. A. Wall of Fort Worth is visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. Yates Brown. Miss Dora Wall, who came out with her mother to spend the Fourth with the Browns, has returned home.
 A group enjoying the Texas Centennial from Wednesday to Sunday included Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fugat, Mrs. J. E. Boaz, Misses Fanny Belle Boaz, Mary Collins, Lois Whiteley and Rachel Patterson and Weldon Tittle.
 Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter and daughter, Wanda, and son, Marvin, have returned from a visit with Mr. Hunter's sister, Mrs. V. O. Balch, in Temple, having also attended the Sublett family reunion at Brownwood on the Fourth.
 Mr. and Mrs. Doss Sheppard and daughter, Mrs. Marian, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard and Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Sheppard, of Dallas, were out to spend the Fourth with the folks here. All returned Sunday except Miss Marian Sheppard and Mrs. Sterling Sheppard.
 Norman Hodge, manager of the Queen theatre, and Mrs. Hodge left Tuesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hodge, of Abilene, for a three week's tour to Colorado and California. In his absence, S. P. Nesmith and wife are again here and will operate the theatre.
 O. R. Dye and Dean Higgins made a trip to the Carlsbad Caverns last week, also visiting at Carlsbad, N. M. While at the latter place, it is reported Dean took a few lessons in art, having acquired a position at the swimming pool.
 Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott visited Friday of last week with his mother, Mrs. J. A. Elliott at Stamford, and at the same time three of his sisters, Mrs. Alice Owens of Vernon, Mrs. Leroy Weaver of Hobbs, N. M., and Mrs. Phillip Kemp of New York City, were also present.
 Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitart, Jr., spent the Fourth at Menard. Returning, Mrs. Case stopped at Winters to be with her mother, Mrs. J. G. Key, who is ill. Creta Key, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Case, is also visiting with her grandparents at Winters.
 Mrs. S. P. Nesmith, who was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. W. D. Seales, and daughter, Kathryn, of Ballinger, has returned from a trip to the Carlsbad Caverns, stopping at Midland for a visit with their brother, Howard J. Hodge, and family, and also at Odessa, to visit a sister, Mrs. Jack Laird.
 J. B. Thomas and family of Fort Worth, who came for a visit with his father, J. S. Thomas, have returned home. Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Brown and family of Quanah and Mrs. Hugh Brewster of Sudan were also weekend guests in the Thomas home, and Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Brewster expect to remain sometime with their father, who is seriously ill.

No. 1 Elberta Peaches \$1.65 per bushel, to be delivered Tuesday. Leave order now at McDonald Grocery.

Bereavement cards, already printed, with envelopes to match, 50c per set of one dozen at Merkel Mail office.

District Manager Here For Meeting of Circle

On Thursday afternoon, July 2, Merkel Grove No. 563, Woodmen Circle, held its regular meeting, Mrs. Katie Church, guardian, presiding, with all officers filling their stations. Mrs. Jannie B. Garner, district manager, who had just returned from Hollister, Mo., where she attended a regional meeting, was introduced, given the honor salute and presided during the initiation of two candidates, Mrs. Henley and Mrs. Neill.
 Mrs. Grace Barnes resigned her station as adviser to work on the team, and Mrs. Maggie Renfro was elected by acclamation to fill the unexpired term.
 Next meeting will be on July 16 when a class initiation will be held.

SELLERS-SQUIRES.

On Monday evening, July 6, at 8 o'clock Miss Mary Squires, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Squires, living southwest of Merkel, and Lester Sellers, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Sellers of Blair, were united in marriage in the home of the groom's grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Huffman. Rev. R. U. Rister performed the wedding ceremony.
 Among those present for the wedding were: Mrs. R. U. Rister, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Squires, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Sellers, Willie Joe Rister and Margaret Tiftteller.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.
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LOCAL BRIEFS.

Recently six samples of the water furnished by the City of Merkel have been sent to the Abilene city chemist, and all tested o. k., which speaks highly of the water used here.

O. J. Adcock, whose term as postmaster expired the early part of this year, re-entered the postal service on July 1 as auxiliary clerk at the local post-office.

Congressman Tom Blanton, just recently returned from Washington, D. C., was a visitor in Merkel Tuesday afternoon, speaking impromptu from his sound car on a downtown street.

"Back home," at the former location of the Blue Front Motor company in the Porter building across from the Queen theatre, Joe J. Barron has moved his garage to the same building where he first entered business in Merkel in April, 1929.

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RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$219,490.27	Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Overdrafts	389.71	Surplus	11,000.00
Real Estate on Hand	6,500.00	Undivided Profits	5,015.13
Furniture and Fixtures	6,000.00	Dividend Account	1,530.00
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	1,800.00	Bills Payable, Rediscounts, Other Borrowed Money	NONE
Interest in Fed. Dep. Ins. Corp.	638.90	DEPOSITS	452,480.08
Bonds and Warrants	\$ 50,613.37		
Cash and Exchange	234,592.96		
AVAILABLE CASH	285,206.33	Total	\$520,025.21
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The above statement is correct.
 Booth Warren, Cashier.

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Corn, No. 2 cans, 3 tins	25c	K. C., 10 pound can	83c
Tomato Juice, 3 tins	25c	Soap, P & G, 6 bars	25c
SUGAR	Pure Granulated	\$1.33	
	Cloth Bag, 25 pounds		
Flour, 48 pounds	\$1.80	Crackers, 2 pound box	19c
Salt, white blocks	43c	Salmon, 2 tins	25c
COMPOUND	Advance, 8 pounds	89c	
	Cartons, 4 pounds	48c	
Mackerel, 3 tins	25c	Beans, Heinz, per tin	10c
Peaches, Lodi, per tin	15c	Vanilla, 8 ounce bottle	15c
PRUNES	Extra Large Dried	15c	
	2 Pounds		
Celery, stalk	17c	Carrots, bunch	5c
Lettuce, head	5c	Apples, Delicious, each	1c
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	Pound		

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SLICED BACON	No Rind	25c	
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Steak, 7 and chuck, 2 lbs.	25c	Bologna, 2 pounds	25c
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The Box Score

TRUBY—	A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
Hampton, lf	4	1	2	2	0	1		
Scott, c	5	1	2	7	1	0		
Justice, ss	5	1	2	2	4	0		
Hollis, lb	4	0	2	8	0	0		
Hall, rf	3	0	0	0	0	1		
J. Grogan, 2b	3	0	0	2	2	0		
Strawn, 3b	4	1	0	3	0	0		
Garner, p	4	0	0	1	1	1		
Payne, cf	4	2	2	1	0	0		

Totals 36 6 10 26 8 3

DIVIDE—

Hammond, lf	5	1	2	0	0	0
Holt, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
D. Saymore, rf	3	1	1	1	0	0
Caerpreter, 2b	2	0	0	1	4	1
Neill, 2b	3	2	0	2	1	
Laine, lb	3	2	0	16	0	
Priest, ss	4	1	3	2	3	2
Jones, c	4	0	2	4	4	0
McCoy, cf	4	0	1	1	0	0
J. Seymore, 5b	3	0	1	2	3	1
Barton, p	4	0	0	1	0	0

Totals 37 7 12 27 17 5

Score by innings:
 Truby 002 111 001—6
 Divide 000 004 012—7

Summary—Runs batted in, Scott 2, Justice, Hampton, Hollis 2, Priest 3, McCoy 2, Neill, Jones. Two-base hits, Seymore, Hammond, Payne, Hollis. Three-base hits, Justice, Neill. Sacrifice hits, Hampton. Base on balls, off Garner 4. Struck out, by Garner 7, Laine 4. Hit by pitched ball, Priest by Garner. Passed balls, Scott, Jones. Stolen bases, Neill, Laine, Jones, Scott. Umpires, C. Hollis and Ferrier.

THANKS EXPRESSED.
 The White Church Home Demonstration club wishes to thank all who helped make their rally a success: the candidates for their co-operation and the Merkel merchants for their donations.

Adding machines rolls 15c, or two for 25c; regular retail price everywhere. For Sale at Merkel Mail office.

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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.

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BLAIR ITEMS

With combines running full sway, the harvesting of small grain is just about finished. Continued clear weather for the past month should be the final windup, but the continued dry weather was broken Sunday with a slow rain on through the night and still raining at this writing (Monday), which is very much appreciated. The feed crops were needing rain badly. Cotton had already been worked out and will be greatly benefitted. It was about as fine a rain as could be imagined.

Some of our local citizens joined in celebrating the Fourth of July by attending the Cowboy Reunion at Stamford, and many went picnicking, fishing or visiting.

Uncle Jack Latimer has been on the sick list and we hope he will be able to be up again soon. But the general health of the community is moderate.

Little Bettie Joe Coats of Big Spring was the special guest of her half-brothers, little Don and Billie Harrison, of this place, for the week.

Monta J. Moore of Lubbock spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Moore, and other relatives.

James and J. M. Hudson of Amarillo were the interesting guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison, and family the past week.

Miss Irene Moore, charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Moore, of Tye, was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Spears and son of Wink were honored guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears, last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. James Farr and little son, Jerry, and Mrs. Jim Burfeind and son, Lewis, of King county, visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors.

Sam Provine and granddaughter, Miss Joy Doan, left Sunday for El Paso to visit his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Reed Cox, and family. Mr. Pro-

vine, will visit his brother, Burton Provine, in New Mexico and in other parts of the state.

Misses Louise and Madalyn Addison returned home Sunday from several days visit with relatives at Valera, Coleman and Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips and Mrs. Robert Moore and daughter, Miss Jewel, left Thursday for California to join their son, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Phillips, and Mrs. Moore's husband, Robert Moore, who have accepted employment in that part of the state for the rest of the year.

On account of the rain Sunday night, July 5, the relay services that were to have been conducted by Rev. Roy Audings and Brother J. D. Russell of Abilene were postponed until Sunday, July 19. The church has been fortunate in securing the services of these two evangelists and their messages will bring a deep sense of the presence of God and the great love of souls of which they are possessed will arouse interest and attention. Hear these messages!

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Moore and family attended the Boys 4-H club at Buffalo Gap Friday.

Mrs. W. O. Reeves and children and Mrs. H. E. Campbell spent the day Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Murry Farmer of White Church.

Mrs. George West and daughter of Trent visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Neighbors last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spears and daughter, Miss Zuma Spears, visited

their son, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears, of Valera, Sunday a week ago.

Mrs. H. E. Campbell and Misses Opal Fay Reeves and Fredia Farmer visited Tuesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demere.

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BANKS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE
FARMERS STATE BANK IN MERKEL
 At Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1936, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 10th day of July, 1936.

Form B-76 No. 1619

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$100,887.97
Loans secured by real estate	11,131.65
Overdrafts	31.66
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	34,215.42
Customers' bonds held for safekeeping	2,200.00
Banking House	15,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,975.26
Real Estate owned, other than banking house	9,586.18
Cash and due from approved reserve agents	56,933.77
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	3,390.94
Stock and/or assessment Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.	297.00
Bill of Exchange (cotton) & (wheat)	9,729.11
Commodity Credit Corporation 3 per cent notes	11,601.01
Other Resources—1935 Chevrolet Coach, 5 Trucks and Trailers, 1931 Chevrolet Coupe	1,906.59
GRAND TOTAL	\$263,886.45

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$40,000.00
Total Debentures sold	25,000.00
Total Capital Structure	65,000.00
Surplus Fund	2,500.00
Undivided Profits, net	632.52
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	154,233.90
State Funds on Deposit	21,250.00
Time Certificates of Deposit	18,000.00
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	70.03
Customers' bonds deposited for safekeeping	2,200.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$263,886.45

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor:
 We, M. Armstrong, as President, and Joe P. Self, 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.

M. ARMSTRONG, President.
 JOE P. SELF, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of July, A. D. 1936,
 Virgie Mae Campbell,
 Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

(SEAL)
CORRECT—ATTEST:
 HERBERT PATTERSON,
 J. A. PATTERSON,
 J. W. TINER,
 Directors.

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BEN M. DAVIS
 Certified Public Accountant
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4.50-21	\$ 7.75
4.75-19	8.20
5.00-19	8.80
5.25-18	9.75
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6.00-19 H.D.	15.20

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7.50-20	35.20
30x5	21.30

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4.50-21	\$6.05
4.75-19	6.40

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SIZE	PRICE
4.50-21	\$5.00
4.75-19	5.92
30x3 1/2 CL	4.33

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MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS FOR RESULTS

NOODLE NEWS

The farmers are smiling over the fine rains. The Church of Christ meeting will begin Sunday at 11 o'clock. R. C. Bell of Abilene will do the preaching and services will be held at the tabernacle.

Miss Lucile Justice is spending the week at Ballinger, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Vera Roden. Oscar Callaway of Matador spent several days with relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barclay of Wichita Falls, and son, Lewis, wife and baby of Kermit spent the week-end here with Mrs. Barclay's brother, A. J. Barbee, and family.

Otto Bicknell and family spent the week-end with Mrs. Bicknell's sister, Mrs. Lawlis, of Golan.

James Cox has gone to Mexia for an extended visit with Carl Jr. Jackson.

Otho Callaway and wife of Whitney spent the holiday here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sloan and daughter, Geraldine, and Jack Pierce, returned Saturday from Winnsboro and Dallas, where they had been visiting the past week.

Mrs. Arlie Brothers and baby of Paducah are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Sosebee. Other guests in their home are O. C. Sosebee of San Antonio, who recently returned from Cuba, and Mrs. Cecil Hawk and children of Snyder.

Glen Cantrell of Carlsbad, N. M., came in Thursday to join his family, who have been guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sosebee, the past month. He happened to a very painful accident, by falling from a house he was helping erect and breaking his arm.

W. C. Thompson, and family of Las Cruces, N. M., spent the week-end here with relatives, going from here to Dallas, and they expect to go from there to Corpus Christi.

The following Noodle speeple spent the Fourth at Sweetwater lake: C. B. Jinkens, and family and Mrs. Waldo Cox and children.

Quite a number from here attended the rodeo at Stamford the past week-end.

O. B. Crow and wife spent Friday and Saturday at Sweetwater lake, going with a party from Merkel.

Miss Leta Tarpley is attending the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Lois Melton, of Carpenter's Gap. Mr. and Mrs. Melton are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Miss Marie Ward of Meadow is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. D. C. Calloway.

VOTE FOR VIVIAN FRYAR For COUNTY CLERK



As the eldest of four children, having grown up on a farm at Phantom Hill, I attended country schools and later finished a course in business administration in Abilene. Following my business schooling I held positions in Cisco, Breckenridge, Fort Stockton and Los Angeles. I have been in the county clerk's office in Abilene, for the past nine years, having begun at the bottom. Now as head deputy I believe I am familiar with every detail of the work.

I have always had to make my way, but I educated a younger sister in the Abilene public schools and college, for eight years, and have assisted my parents on the farm during the flood years and the depression.

Believing my years of experience and training as a deputy in the office, to a great extent, qualify me to perform its duties, I am now asking for a promotion such as you might think would be in line for your own children or friend were they in my position, and assure you I shall be grateful for your vote and influence.

VIVIAN FRYAR (Political Advertising.)

RURAL SOCIETY

UNION RIDGE CLUB

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Friday in the home of Mrs. S. G. Russell with Mrs. W. C. Burleson as co-hostess.

The meeting was called to order by the president and after roll call, the minutes were read by the secretary. The club voted to buy a bedspread instead of making a quilt to be given away at a club entertainment. Each member is asked to remember her dime at the next meeting.

Birthday presents went to Mrs. W. C. Burleson and Mrs. J. H. Clark. Miss Vera Crippen will demonstrate how to prepare vegetables at the next meeting on July 17 in the S. O. Patton home.

A buffet luncheon was served to the following members: Mesdames W. C. Burleson, M. F. Carey, W. A. Harris, J. L. McRee, Clarence Shouse, Kenneth Pea, W. C. Lee, M. L. Douglas, J. H. Clark, Lige Harris, O. E. Harwell, S. G. Russell, Jr., S. O. Patton, S. G. Russell; Misses Mabel McRee, Norma Patton, Mary Bell Douglas, LaVerne Harwell, Sybil Harris, and the following visitors: Mrs. Joe Harris, Mrs. C. K. Russell and Mrs. Fred Latham, all of Merkel. We wish to invite visitors to our club meeting any time.

SALT BRANCH CLUB

The Salt Branch Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Johnnie Cox on June 30. Guests were served coffee and hot rolls. Miss Crippen, county agent, gave a demonstration on vegetable cooking.

Those present were Mesdames Hudson, Wilma Robertson, Pinckley, Bill Hays, Lee, Beene, Joe Higgins, Jarrett Pinckley; Misses Ruth Pinckley, Julia Martin, Willie Mae Hudson, Celia Foster, Lena Faye Harrell; Mrs. Johnnie Cox, Mrs. Roy Harrell, and visitors, Miss Mittie Idella Crowder of Snyder, Mrs. M. Armstrong and Mrs. Pea of Merkel and Miss Crippen.

WHITE CHURCH

The White Church Home Demonstration club met Friday, June 26, with Mrs. Raymond Demere.

Miss Vera Crippen, county agent, lectured on vegetable cooking. She cooked new potatoes, onions and spinach.

A refreshment plate was passed to the following: Miss Crippen, and Mesdames A. D. King, Ollie Reed,

Fraze Demere, W. H. Ensminger, J. C. Frazier, Nell Pressly, Beryl Brown, Paul Reed, Maynard, James Maynard, Raymond Demere, Frank Demere, Morris Pressly, Reubal Johnson and Misses Aileen Frazier and Ollie Mae Reed.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Fraze Demere.

"Railroad Week" to be Observed July 13-18

Reports received by J. C. Childress, local agent for the T. & P. railway, from Harry G. Taylor, chairman of the Western Association of Railway Executives at Chicago, indicate that the 1936 "Railroad Week," scheduled for July 13 to 18, inclusive, is destined to go down into the records as one of the most jubilant and far-flung celebrations ever accorded an industry.

"The railroads are pushing on again to new frontiers," said Mr. Taylor in a message to Mr. Childress. "They have faith in their own capacity for still greater service to this country, and they have faith in the country itself. It has taken courage and resourcefulness to finance and construct the many improvements introduced by the Western Railroads in recent years."

"We are going to put on a great show," he continued. "A hundred years of progress in transportation will be celebrated in 500 towns throughout the West. Those celebrations will afford an opportunity for a public expression of appreciation for the indispensable place railroads occupy in American life."

Plans for "Railroad Week" are well underway, and everything indicates that the celebration this year will even overshadow, in color and action, the festive period last June when the first "Railroad Week" was observed.

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UNION RIDGE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Smith and two daughters, Lois and Leta, of Weslaco have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Carey, also visiting in the W. M. Carey home.

Mrs. O. R. Douglas and two sons, Billy and Donald, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. J. W. Taylor, were guests of relatives in Big Spring from Friday night till Sunday.

Miss Dorothy Howell of Abilene has been a recent guest of her cousin, Miss LaVerne Harwell.

Carl Rogers of Clyde was a weekend guest of his brother, Arthur Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and four daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker and family of Warren, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ashford and son of Blair and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Biggs of Merkel, all enjoyed a picnic on the river near Truby Saturday.

Doswell and Blanton Carey are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Carey of Lamesa, who had been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Church and O. R. Douglas attended the Cowboy reunion at Stamford Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Harwell have

had as their recent guests Mr. Harwell's sister, Mrs. W. W. Caldwell, and son, Robert, of Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ponder and two sons, Doyle and Donald, were weekend guests of relatives in Big Spring. Clements Carey of Lamesa is home for a few days.

Rt. Arvil Richardson filled his regular first Sunday appointment at the Hebron Baptist church.

Woodrow Clark accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Charlie West of Merkel to Fort Worth Saturday where they will

visit relatives for a few days. Miss Cora Johnson was Sunday night's guest of Miss Lila Beth Anthony of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Weed of Abilene and Mrs. Sam Cheek of Wink were Sunday night supper guests in the M. L. Douglas home.

Miss Mary Bell Douglas is visiting her cousin, Mrs. J. T. Weed, in Abilene.

Bereavement cards, already printed, with envelopes to match, 50c per set of one dozen at Merkel Mail office.

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 30th day of June, 1936, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 10th day of July, 1936.

Table with columns: Resources, Liabilities. Rows include Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, Surpluses of U.S., Furniture and fixtures, etc.

Table with columns: Liabilities. Rows include Total Capital Structure, Surplus Fund, Undivided Profits, etc.

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 7th day of July, A. D. 1936. C. C. McREE, Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

Baby Show

Sponsored by METHODIST LADIES Thursday, July 16 7 P. M.

High School Gymnasium ADMISSION 10c

TEXAS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS. Plenty to SEE Plenty to DO Right Here in TEXAS. Includes dates for various events like Valley Mills, Coleman, San Saba, etc.

CHEVROLET advertisement. Includes image of a car, text: 'I understand that Chevrolet is now enjoying the biggest demand in its history.' 'The only complete low-priced car!' CHEVROLET. Also includes text about hydraulic brakes, turret top, and shockproof steering.

TEXAS CENTENNIAL 1936. For dates beyond September 13 visit State Headquarters Dallas, Texas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS POLITICAL

(Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.)
 For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2:
 CHAS. (CHARLIE) ORR.
 HOUSTON ROBERTSON.
 A. J. CANON (Re-election.)
 P. A. DILTZ.
 For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4, Jones county:
 E. F. VANTRESE.
 L. R. CADE.
 For County Clerk:
 (MISS) VIVIAN FRYAR.
 CLARENCE L. DARDEN.
 E. D. (Dean) DAVIS.
 G. B. TITTLE.
 For Sheriff:
 S. M. (Sid) McADAMS.
 BURL WHEELER.
 MERVYN MEEKS.
 ROSS L. MILLER.
 For District Clerk:
 MISS BELLE WELLBORN (Re-election.)
 For County Attorney:
 ESCO WALTER.
 For County Tax Assessor-Collector:
 C. O. (Pat) PATTERSON.
 W. P. BOUNDS.
 For Representative, 116th District:
 DENT GIBSON.
 For Judge, 104th District Court, (Taylor, Jones, Fisher Counties):
 OWEN THOMAS.
 W. R. CHAPMAN (Re-election.)
 For Attorney, 104th District Court, (Taylor, Jones, Fisher Counties):
 THOS. E. HAYDEN, JR.
 OTIS MILLER (Re-election.)
 For Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 5:
 S. C. VICK.
 N. D. COBB.
 E. L. WILSON.
 For County Judge:
 A. A. HEATHINGTON.
 JOHN CAMP (Re-election.)
 LINDSAY P. WALDEN.
 JOHN J. WATTS.
 For Constable, Precinct No. 5:
 W. H. LANEY.
 J. T. KING.
 BERT MELTON.

JOHN J. WATTS



To the Voters of Taylor County:
 Over three weeks ago, I announced my candidacy for the office of county judge and have since that date made a vigorous campaign for that office and will continue to meet personally as many voters as I can between now and the primary election day. However, I realize that I will be unable to meet all of the voters of this county personally and I am selecting this means of soliciting the vote of those that I will be unable to meet personally.

I was born in the little country town of Moran, Texas, about fifty miles east of Abilene, in Shackelford county. Shackelford county is now and has been for a long time a part of this judicial district.

I received my education in Moran High school, McMurry college at Abilene and Cumberland University Law school. Whatever accomplishments and education I have obtained has been the result of my own efforts due to the death of my father when I was ten years of age.

Upon becoming a lawyer, I returned to my home county and made the race for county attorney and was elected. I believe that my official record for law enforcement as county attorney of Shackelford county, Texas, was and is good. During the time that I was county attorney I assisted the present district attorney of the 42nd judicial district in the prosecution of all felony cases in the district court, and Mr. Black and I had only one hung jury. I cite these facts because they serve to show that I never bound over in examining trials to

await the action of the grand jury other than guilty men. As county attorney of Shackelford county, I was a prosecutor and not a persecutor and if I am elected Taylor county's judge I will continue to treat every citizen fairly and impartially.

For the past several years, I have practiced law in Abilene and have enjoyed a very wide practice both in the lower and higher courts and have won ninety per cent of my cases. I mention these facts not boastfully but the public is entitled to know the official record as a lawyer of any candidate for the office of county judge. The county judge of Taylor county has a great many law suits both civil and criminal to try each year and it is important that any county judge know enough law to decide these cases correctly and impartially.

I am not personally obligated to any faction, firm, person or corporation in Taylor county or elsewhere and if you will elect me your county judge I will have no master save my own conscience and no guide save the statutes of the state of Texas. During my administration no man shall ever rise so high that he shall be beyond the strong arm of the law and no man shall ever sink so low that his whispering voice as he cries for mercy will not be heard by your county judge.

It is my belief that any judge should be willing to lend a helping hand to youthful offenders and juvenile delinquents and give them a second chance and if I am elected your county judge I give you my solemn pledge that I shall enforce the law with reason. Justice shall be tempered with mercy.

The people of Taylor county are confronted as are the people of every other county with reducing taxes as much as possible. The fact that during the past several years the federal government has been spending millions of dollars for the relief of the distressed citizens of our land has served to save the various counties of Texas a great amount of money that they had heretofore been compelled to spend for the care of the paupers and needy. The fact that the legislature of Texas in 1933 passed a law having the state assume the county road bond indebtedness has also served to reduce taxes. However, if I am elected your county judge I shall strive to reduce taxes to a minimum by exercising strict economy in the administration of the office of county judge. I am sure that whoever the people elect as county commissioners for the

ensuing two years will cooperate to this end.

I regard public office as a public trust and a public officer as a public servant. If you will honor me by electing me to this important office, I assure you that you will always be proud of the fact that you cast your vote for John J. Watts for the office of county judge.

JOHN J. WATTS.

FORD-HICKAM.

L. E. Ford, Jr., and Miss Ruth Hickam were married Monday evening at 10:30 at the home of Rev. Ted McGehee, who officiated for the ceremony. Only attendants were Mrs. Flossie Fowler and Miss Aileen Parks. The groom, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ford, Sr., has lived at Stith all his life. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hickam of Merkel. The couple will reside with the groom's parents at Stith for the present.

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.

Merchants Sales Books 5c, six for 25c or 25 for \$1.00, At Merkel Mail office.

Try our Curb Service. Vick Drug Company.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

4,000 Newspapers Employed in Big Tire Sales Drive

The advertising columns of more than 4,000 newspapers throughout the country are lending impetus to the current nationwide Goodyear Blue Ribbon campaign, S. M. Hunter, local Goodyear dealer, disclosed today.

The Blue Ribbon campaign is designed to bring home forcefully to motorists the safety factors behind the purchase of new tires at the beginning of the touring season, as well as to emphasize the blue ribbon values offered throughout the entire Goodyear line, Mr. Hunter explained. "This barrage of timely advertising messages should bring about a decided increase in tire sales even for this peak selling season," he said. "Goodyear is using this means of impressing on car-owners the desirability of starting their summer travels with new tires. The Blue Ribbon aspect of the campaign brings out the fact that the Goodyear line offers a tire priced for almost every purse."

"With a new Double Eagle Air-wheel recently announced, and such exclusive features as Supertwist Cord and the Goodyear margin of safety built into every tire in the line, and with a flood of plus business forecast by such indices as increased car sales and higher manufacturing payroll, we feel safe in predicting for Goodyear the best touring season sales since 1929."

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

GOODMAN NEWS

Everybody is all smiles because of the fine rains. Prospects for fine crops are better than they've been in years.

Quite a few of our folks went to Stamford for the July Fourth celebration. Others went to the Double Heart ranch for the big rodeos, while still some others went "just to the creek." All enjoyed a good outing.

Hardy Rutledge and family and Mrs. B. L. James and daughter, Florence, visited in Comanche county Sunday.

Gerald Tiner of McCamey is visiting home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Cooper have moved to Crane. We wish them much success there.

Mr. and Mrs. Woolam and family of Lubbock were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Woolam.

The work on the gym is being held up because of rain, but it will be only a few days until it is completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Alford of Houston were week-end guests with her mother, Mrs. L. E. Cade. Also Allen and Lyle Cade and families of Noodle were her guests Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pratt Cox visited at Golan the past week-end.

SPECIAL—Enough wall paper to paper a room, ceiling, sidewalls and border for \$1.00 Friday and Saturday. Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.

No. 1 Elberta Peaches \$1.65 per bushel, to be delivered Tuesday. Leave order now at McDonald Grocery.



FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Two 1936 G. E. Radios, one table model and one console; just like new; will give attractive discount for cash. West Company, Inc., Auto Supply Store.

SPECIAL—Enough wall paper to paper a room, ceiling, sidewalls and border for \$1.00 Friday and Saturday. Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.

SALE OR TRADE—1929 model Chevrolet coach in good condition. R. M. Ferguson, Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.

SPECIAL—To close out our wall paper stock we are offering room lots for \$1.00. Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.

VETERANS-PROMOTERS

Due to declining health my home in Merkel is for sale at a bargain. Three lots, five-room house, garage, cow barn, new fencing, good well water with storage tank and new Dempster self-oiled windmill just erected, gas and lights.

Place clear of taxes, good title and abstract. Buy this with your bonus and have money left.

Immediate possession. Box 426, Merkel, Texas.

FOR SALE—A-1 milk cow, with white-faced heifer calf, a bargain; also some good used washing machines cheap. Jay Causseaux.

FOR SALE—Youth's drop-side bed and mattress, 32x54. Mrs. J. R. Brown.

FOR SALE—Small barn. Burton-Lingo Co.

FOR SALE—Good Jersey milk cow; town cow. Burton-Lingo Co.

SPECIAL PRICES on new and used pianos. Blake's Dry Cleaners. Phone 68.

WANTED

WANTED TO BUY your produce; best prices paid for chickens, eggs and cream; one door west of bakery. Dunn Produce, Joe Stalls, Manager.

WANTED—House-keeper, middle-age woman preferred. Apply Mrs. J. S. Blair after 4 p. m.

Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Try our Curb Service. Vick Drug Company.

Charter No. 7481 Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
 Of Merkel in the State of Texas, at the close of business on June 30th, 1936.

ASSETS

1. Loans and discounts	\$219,490.27
2. Overdrafts	389.71
3. United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed	27,875.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities	24,538.37
5. Furniture and fixtures	6,000.00
6. Real estate owned other than banking house	6,500.00
7. Reserve with Federal Reserve bank	13,225.04
8. Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	221,367.92
9. Other assets—Payment F. D. I. Corp.	638.90
TOTAL ASSETS	\$520,025.21

LIABILITIES

14. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$374,337.88
15. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	66,631.50
16. State, county, and municipal deposits	7,103.16
17. Deposits of other banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	5,937.54
18. Total of items 14 to 18, inclusive:	
(a) Secured by pledge of loans and/or investments	\$ 7,103.16
(b) Not secured by pledge of loans and/or investments	446,906.92
(c) TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$454,010.08
19. Capital account:	
Common stock, 500 shares, par \$100.00 per share	\$50,000.00
Surplus	11,000.00
Undivided profits—net	5,015.13
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 66,015.13
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$520,025.21

MEMORANDUM: Loans and Investments Pledged to Secure Liabilities

31. United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed \$ 15,000.00

34. TOTAL PLEDGED (excluding rediscounts) \$15,000.00

35. Pledged:

(b) Against State, county, and municipal deposits 15,000.00

(h) TOTAL PLEDGED \$15,000.00

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 7th day of July, 1936.

G. W. Boyce, Notary Public

(SEAL) CORRECT—Attest:

J. T. WARREN.

H. C. WEST.

SAM BUTMAN, Directors.

THE RED & WHITE STORES

SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JULY 10-11

Malaga Grapes, lb.	10c	Red and White Milk, 6 small cans	23c
Lemons, dozen	27c	3 large cans	23c
Oranges, dozen	25c	Red and White Apple Jelly, 2 pounds	25c
Lettuce, head	5c	COFFEE	
Spuds, U. S. No. 1, 5 lbs.	25c	Early Riser, pound	17c
Tomatoes, 2 pounds	15c	Mart, pound	25c
A-1 Soda		Red & White, pound	29c
Crackers, 2 pounds	16c	Red and White Soap, 5 bars	19c
Red and White Strawberry Preserves, 16 oz. jar 23c—32 oz. jar 40c		Pineapple Juice, No. 1 can, 3 for	27c
Gallon Apricots, No. 10 can	43c	Del Dixi Pickles, sour or dill, qt.	15c
Gallon Prunes, No. 10 can	28c	Red and White Vinegar, quart jar	15c
Standard Tomatoes, No. 2 can, 3 for	23c	Blue and White Peas, No. 2 can	14c
Pure Cane Sugar, 10 pounds	54c	Crystal Spinach, No. 2 can	10c
Broken Slice Pineapple, No. 2 can	15c	Red and White Cream Meal, box	10c
Dried Apricots, 2 pounds	29c	Blue-Kross Toilet Tissue, 3 rolls	22c
Red and White Tea, glass free with 1-4 pound	23c	Frenche's Bird Seed, 2 pkgs.	25c
Prepared Mustard, 9 oz. jar	13c	Sliced Bacon, pound	27c
Post's Huskies, 2 packages	25c	Salt Pork, pound	18c

WEST CO., Merkel A. W. WOOD, Trent
 D. C. HERRING & Son, Noodle BRADLEY MER. CO., Stith
 HERRING & TOUCHSTONE, Blair



SUBLETT ANNUAL REUNION.

The Sublett family held their annual reunion July 4th at Brownwood lake, which proved an ideal place for a gathering of this kind.

Members of the family living too far away to make the trip Saturday morning began arriving at Brownwood Friday, spending the night at the beautiful new rock home of Mrs. Mace Sublett, formerly of Sweetwater.

The most interesting amusement proved to be boating, both on board and on board motorboats. The water was calm, and it was indeed a nice day for riding.

Lunch was served at the pavilion made out of native rock, with good things to eat too numerous to mention. Thanks for the year's blessings were returned by E. J. Orsborn, of Blair.

Every one present expressed their regrets for the absence of Uncle Cull Sublett, who was ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dora Sublett, who were also unable to attend due to his illness.

Sweetwater lake was the chosen place for the reunion in 1937. The date, July 4th.

Those present and enjoying the day to the fullest extent were the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sublett, Castolon; W. Raymond Sublett, John L. Sublett, Alpine; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sublett and family, Elizabeth, Yvonne, Altan, Henry Rue, Paducah; Mrs. Minnie Hicks, Merkel; Mrs. Mace Sublett and family, Jack, Pauline, Irene and John Sublett, Brownwood, Miss Myrtle Sublett, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Young and son, Earl, Jr., Denison; Mrs. Gordon Hedrick and son, Robert, Sweetwater; Mrs. Lula Walker, Mac Walker, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker and three children, Irene, Jimmie and Gaston, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Walker and children, Gladys, Marie, Dorothy Jean, J. C. and Bettie Sue, Venona Lindsey, Joe Walker and two sons, Donald and Leland, Copperas Cove; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks and son, Ben Robert, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter and two children, Wanda and Marvin, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stanford and two children, Zeta and DeVerle, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett and three children, Ben, Jack and Jim, Merkel; Mrs. Edith Gilmore, Carlsbad, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hayes and three children, Janet, Joyce and D. C., Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sublett and daughter, Vernelle, Odell Crow, George Sublett, Merkel; Mrs. Hattie Blair and daughter, Viola, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Orsborn and three children, Katherine, Lena Fae and Nina, Blair; Mr. and Mrs. Alford Bishop and son, David Alton, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Mashburn, Copperas Cove; Miss Olga Mashburn, Dallas.

RUSSELL FAMILY REUNION.
The Fourth was an enjoyable day for Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell when their children and grandchildren gathered at 7 o'clock in the evening for a picnic at Shannon's pool. After a swim, lunch and drinks were spread and enjoyed very much.
The following composed the crowd: Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell, Alice, James and Ralph, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jr., and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Shive and children, Clovis, N. M., Messrs. and Mesdames Sam Nunnally and son, Bob Dunn and sons, Sam Redwine and daughter, John Warlick and babies, all of Abilene; others enjoying this occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Diltz and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Russell and daughter, Mrs. Fred Latham, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ferguson, Miss Vera Walker, Delma Compton and Leo Harris and Miss Patsy Redwine of Farmersville.

FIDELIS MATRONS.
The Fidelis Matrons class of the Baptist church were delightfully entertained in the home of Mrs. Arthur Lawson on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Sam Swann, the teacher, brought an interesting devotional, after which she called for sentence prayers. A business meeting followed.
Due to the absence of the one who was to bring the program, discussion of the class, how to build it up and the programs for the summer, was enjoyed.

During the social hour delicious ice cream and angel food cake were served to Mesdames Bill Haynes, Byers Petty, Roy Reid, W. O. Miller, Irl Walker, Ted McGehee, E. E. Dunn, Sam Swann, J. L. Wilson and the hostess.

MERKEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.
The Merkel Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. C. P. Church on last Friday afternoon. Miss Crippen, county agent, gave a demonstration on the preparation of food.
The club accepted Mrs. Watt Blair's resignation as council member and

Bradbury Pledges Dead Level Best



To The People of Taylor County:

In asking your support for a second term as your State Representative, I make but one promise and that is to do my dead level best. Remember there are 150 members of the house and 31 members of the senate, therefore it is hard to always carry your point.

I was a member of 5 important committees, one of which was the powerful revenue and taxation committee. Had a 99 per cent attendance record. Assisted in writing several major bills. Although serving my first term succeeded in getting several resolutions and bills passed.

The old age pension law should be amended to reduce the cost of administration and elimination of red tape. Every person should receive the same amount. It is not fair to give one person one amount and his neighbor a different amount. I voted and worked to place them all on equal ground. I vigorously opposed the high cost of administration and useless red tape. Stood at all times on moral side of every question. Opposed race track gambling.

Space will not permit a detailed discussion but I feel that my knowledge of rules and procedure gained the first term will help me to make you a better Representative the next time if you see fit to give me a second term.

J. BRYAN BRADBURY,
(Political Advertising.)

Mrs. Lake Renfro was elected to fill the place.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames E. B. Wallace, R. H. Mathews, Sr., Watt Blair, Chester Hutcheson, Bob McDonald, Harry Barnett, R. H. Mathews, Jr., Mack Buzbee, C. P. Church, Lake Renfro, Misses Thelma Mathews, Clara B. White, Pearl Mathews, Vara Crippen and Luna White.

The next meeting will be a buffet luncheon with Mrs. E. O. Carson on Wednesday, July 15.

ALATHEAN CLASS.
The Alathean class met Wednesday, July 1, in regular business and social meeting in the basement of the First Baptist church. After the meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Chas. West, devotional was read by Mrs. R. H. Mathews and prayer was offered by Mrs. J. M. Meeks. Then business was transacted and the class meeting was dismissed with a prayer by Mrs. Causseaux.

During the social hour, a contest was enjoyed in which each guest was asked to tell a riddle. Mrs. F. A. Polley presented Mrs. M. C. Sadler, who is leaving the class and city for her home in Fort Worth, with a basket of useful gifts from the members. After the gifts had been admired and Mrs. Sadler had expressed her thanks, refreshments were served to:

Mesdames R. H. Mathews, W. F. Patterson, C. M. Largent, H. P. Allen, W. L. Johnson, W. O. Boney, Victor Harris, C. P. Stevens, J. M. Meeks, D. W. Ashby, Lucy Scott, R. P. Fields, M. C. Sadler, Nannie Causseaux, G. M. Sharp, E. N. Brown, F. P. Hamm and Mrs. Whatley; visitors, Miss Pearl Mathews, Mrs. Frank Cutler. Hostesses were Mrs. Chas. West and Mrs. F. A. Polley.

SPECIAL—To close out our wall paper stock we are offering room lots for \$1.00. Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.

No. 1 Elberta Peaches \$1.65 per bushel, to be delivered Tuesday. Leave order now at McDonald Grocery.

HEAD COLDS

Why Suffer with a Head Cold? You can Breathe Freely through both nostrils within 20 minutes after you apply **BROWN'S NOSOPEN**, the Two-Way Treatment for Head Colds, Hay Fever and the relief of Asthma, **BROWN'S NOSOPEN**, Price \$1.00. Sold and guaranteed by:

Merkel Drug Company

CHURCH SERVICES

Girls Quartette in "Sermon in Song"

In the absence of the pastor, who is holding a revival at Yarellton in Milam county, the girls quartette from Hardin-Simmons University will render "A Sermon in Song" at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. BTS at 7:30 p. m. WMU at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 8:15 o'clock Wednesday evening.

All are cordially invited to attend these services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Only 548 were present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 391 on the previous Sunday and 720 on the same Sunday a year ago.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Preaching 11 a. m. by pastor. Young people meeting 7:45 p. m. Evening worship 8:30 p. m.

John H. Crow, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a. m. This is the pastor's day at Baird. So there will be no preaching service, morning nor night. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15.

You are cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 10 a. m. Lord's day, preaching 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. by Brother A. J. Rollins, young people's program 7:15 p. m.

For the Wednesday evening service

R & R Texas

Sweetwater
"West Texas' Finest"

Friday-Saturday
Carole Lombard, Fred MacMurray in
"The Princess Come Across"

Sunday-Monday
"Show Boat"
With Irene Dunne and Allan Jones

Tuesday Only
Gloria Stuart, Ross Alexander in
"Maybe It's Love"
Tuesday is Texas' Bargain Day—Prices 10 and 15 cents

Wednesday-Thursday
"The Three Wise Guys"
With Robert Young, Betty Furness

R. & R. RITZ
Friday-Saturday
Ken Maynard in
"Western Courage"

Ritz Bargain Day—Wednesday and Thursday—Any Seat 10 Cents

at 8:15 o'clock, we will have one of the young preachers from A. C. C. You are cordially invited to all of these services.

The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. NYPS at 7:15 p. m. Preaching at 8 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

We thank the Lord for the souls that were saved and blessed during the revival meeting. The Lord has truly been with us.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:15. Preaching service Saturday evening at 8:15, Sunday 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. Bible School Sunday 10 a. m.

Are you tired of formality? Do you want to hear plain, simple, sharp gospel preaching? Come to the Northside Baptist tabernacle. Welcome.

Bill E. Dowell, Pastor.

Office supplies—Mail office.

QUEEN THEATRE

Merkel, Texas

Cooled With Washed Air

Friday-Saturday
"TWO IN REVOLT"
With John Arledge, Louise Lati-mor and Moroni Olsen
Chapter 5, 'Custer's Last Stand', 'Returned Engagement' and 'Unrelated Relations'

Saturday Night Preview 11 P. M., Monday and Tuesday
First All-Color Outdoor Picture
"THE TRAIL OF THE LONESOME PINE"
With Sylvia Sidney, Fred MacMurray and Henry Fonda
Two-Reel Comedy, "Wash Your Step"

Wednesday-Thursday
Ginger Rogers, George Brent in
"IN PERSON"
Two-Reel Comedy, "The Worm Turns"

Don't Forget Thursday Night

FLOWERS

For ALL OCCASIONS

MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP

INSURANCE IS A NECESSITY

Which no person can afford to be without.

When you buy it, remember that this agency stands ready to serve you with the knowledge garnered from years of insurance experience.

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W. O. BONEY
MERKEL, TEXAS

Farm Loans and all kinds of Insurance

Consult Your Insurance Agent as you Would Your Doctor or Lawyer.

New Officers

(Continued from Page One)

L. C. Zehnpfennig, Byers Petty, Yates Brown and C. J. Glover.

Postmaster Wrenn Durham was named chairman of a committee to arrange for a motorcade to the Butman rodeo and picnic on Wednesday night. Others serving on the committee were: R. T. Gray, W. O. Boney, P. H. Douglas and Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig.

Before adjournment, on motion of Dr. Earl Thomason a rousing cheer to emphasize appreciation of their services was given President Roy Reid and the other outgoing officers.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

In accepting office, President Henry C. West predicted that "with the assistance of 36 outstanding members of this club—we may expect a great year in Lionism."

The following standing committees were then appointed:
Attendance: R. T. Gray, chairman,

Carlton Vick, Allen McGehee.

Constitution and by-laws: Roger Burgess, chairman, Joe P. Self, Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig.

Finance: W. O. Boney, chairman, Roy Reid, S. D. Gamble
Lion's education: Rev. John H. Crow.

Program: Dee Grimes, chairman, Booth Warren, Yates Brown.
Membership: Byers Petty, chairman, Byron Patterson, Nathan Wood.
Publicity: C. J. Glover.

Boys' and girls' work: Herbert Patterson, chairman, Wrenn Durham, Chas. Jones.

Citizenship and patriotism: S. M. Hunter, chairman, Dr. R. I. Grimes.
Civic improvement: Fred Hughes, chairman; A. T. Sheppard, Tracy Campbell.

Community betterment: W. W. Haynes, chairman; Milton Case, Victor Harris.
Health and welfare: Dr. W. T. Sadler.

Safety: Arthur Lawson, chairman; Joe Cypert, Spencer Bird.

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Prompt Service

Bananas, large yellow fruit, doz. 15c

Pineapples, large size, each 20c

Watermelons, Cantaloupes, Plums,
Peaches, Apricots, Malga Grapes

Green Beans, Kentucky Wonders, 2 lbs. 25c

Blackeyed Peas, extra nice, 2 pounds 15c

Beets or Carrots, large bunches, 2 for 15c

Squash or Cucumbers, nice and tender, lb. 5c

Okra, home grown, per pound 15c

Lettuce, large firm heads, each 5c

Tomatoes, fancy pinks, 3 pounds 25c

Potatoes, washed Burbanks, lb. 5c

Prunes	Pork	Salmons
A Dandy Value	and Beans	No. 1 Tall Can
Gal. 25c	16 oz. 5c	Each 10c

Salad Dressing, Ex-Cel, quarts 25c

Peaches, heavy syrup, No. 2 1-2 each 15c

Pears, heavy syrup, No. 2 1-2, 2 for 39c

Palmolive Soap, regular size bars 5c

Soap Flakes, full 5 lb. pkg. 34c

Krout, No. 2 1-2 cans, per can 10c

English Peas, Early June, No. 2, 2 for 25c

Vanilla Wafers, large size pkg. 15c

Grape Juice Punch, pint bottle 10c

Pickles, sour or dill, qt. jar 15c

Corn Flakes, Kelloggs, pkg. 10c

Syrup	Smax	Soap
Ribbon Cane	The Buttered Crax	TNT Laundry
Gallon 59c	Pkg. 10c	7 bars 25c

K. C. Baking Powder, 1 lb. cans 2 for 19c

Shortening 8 pound carton 90c

8 pound pail \$1.00

Vinegar Distilled, Gallon 25c

Pure Apple, Gallon 40c

Heinz White Pickling, Gal. 60c

Coffee, Maxwell House, 3 pound can 75c

Salt, 26 oz. boxes, 3 boxes 25c

Tomatoes, Gingham Girl, tall can, 3 for 25c

Gelatine Dessert, all flavors, pkg. 5c

Ice Cream Salt, 5 pound package 9c