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On the "Broadway of America"

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WOLVES DEFEAT BADGER CAGERS BY ONE POINT

Local Quintet Prove Credit to School and Coach; Winning Loop for Visitors in Last Minutes of Play.

(By Sylvan Mellinger.)

Snapping out of their lethargy for the first time since they trimmed Snyder, the Badger basketballers opened their game with the Colorado Wolves with a bang. The quintet was a credit to the school and Coach Myers as they held the highly touted "Big Reds" to a one-point victory on Monday night, Jan. 11.

The Merkel team was in fine fettle, it seemed, as it ran up eight points before the visitors got a look-in. The five fouls of the first half were nullified, as every try from the foul line ended in a goose egg. The Badger jinx crept back on them in the second quarter as passes went wild and the boys failed to work the ball in close enough for sure shots. The ineffectiveness of the Merkel boys in the clinches combined with the fast-breaking Colorado attack and long over-handed shots robbed the Myersmen of their six-point margin as the half ended ten all.

Merkel came back after the intermission with a close zone defense, determined to defeat the team that only the week before went to the finals of its own invitation meet, barely losing to a strong Hamlin five. The teams fought hard to the last whistle and it seemed that the Badgers would avenge their defeat at the hands of the Wolves in football. With just a few minutes to go, Merkel was leading, 15-14, but just before the end of the game a Wolf dropped a looping overhand shot through the basket to sew up the game, 16-15.

Woolsey was high point man for the game with 8 tallies, and Eason and Rankin were runners-up with 6 each.

The line-ups:

Colorado	Pos.	Merkel
Bardine	L.F.	Woolsey
Smallwood	R.F.	Church
Farquhan	C.	Eason
Rankin	L.G.	Malone
Shelton	R.G.	Windham

Substitutions—Colorado, Carter and Smith; Merkel, G. Barnett, Referee, V. Woods.

SWEETWATER GAME.
A fast, accurate quintet from Sweetwater visited the local floor Thursday, Jan. 7, and walked off with a 55-9 decision over a makeshift Badger line-up. Owens at center and Fitzgerald at forward were the shining lights of the visitors' offense, while Free gave a good account of himself on defense.

Windham was the whole show for the locals as he sank three last quarter goals from mid-court.

List of Petit Jurors Called Next Week

The jury panel in 42nd district court for next week includes the following names:

- T. J. King, Walter Dye, B. Novian, B. B. Reynolds, S. O. Patton, G. D. Bryant, James Tombs, J. J. White, J. W. Bryant, Z. V. Moore, D. J. Gibson, W. W. Haynes, Merkel, J. F. Lawler, L. A. Muston, Ira J. Allen, W. E. Box, H. L. Rice, A. L. Orsborn, Geo. W. Parker, L. A. Honea, L. W. Smith, Dr. J. N. Burditt, J. A. Leach, O. C. Allen, J. C. Littleton, Leonard Hunnicutt, J. E. McPherson, M. D. Hale, Harold D. Austin, W. E. Bodine, O. P. Harvey, Ollie McMinna, Ray C. Leverett, M. L. Harbor, Truett Hollingshead, T. J. Hulse, Clyde H. Kenamer, E. F. Austin, R. D. Leatherman, C. J. Mills, Abilene, H. F. Bowman, M. A. Jones, H. S. Neal, L. L. Wiggins, Tuscola, D. M. Orsborn, L. W. Cannon, Lawn; G. E. Shuffield, Bradshaw, T. G. Humphreys, Tye; Dr. A. O. Head, Ovalo; J. A. Lane, Trent.

Texas Farmers Favor Federal Crop Control

College Station, Jan. 14.—The Texas agricultural council urged Saturday that compulsory crop production control be added to the agricultural conservation and domestic allotment act. The council also advocated continued federal administration of the act instead of the scheduled transfer to the states after 1938.

The council, composed of 12 farmers, serves as an advisory board to the Texas agricultural conservation committee.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Ghent Sanderford of Austin was elected chairman of the state board of education, succeeding Ben F. Risinger of Garland.

J. H. Walker, former land commissioner of the general land office, Monday became land officer for the University of Texas.

Governor James V. Allred was appointed Saturday as honorary chairman for Texas of the President's Birthday Ball on Jan. 30.

Isaac Wilhoit, one of the state's oldest citizens, both in years and length of residence, died Saturday at Burk Burnett on his 105th birth date.

An oil still explosion at the Texas company refinery at Port Arthur killed Lewis Rockaway, 27, and H. M. Schell, 40. Four other men were injured.

Hardy Aford Jones, 22, was burned to death and Miss Faye Crass, 25, was burned critically at Waco Thursday when their automobile collided with a parked truck.

Dallas was selected as the 1937 convention city of the Texas Cotton Ginner's association at the closing session of the executive committee Saturday. The date is April 7-9.

The board of directors of the Texas Federation of Women's clubs, meeting at Austin, selected Austin over Dallas as site for the federation's annual convention opening Nov. 9.

The executive committee of the Texas State Teachers association Saturday selected Houston as the next convention city. The three-day convention will begin on Thanksgiving day.

Joyce Florence and Merle Blair, 16-year-old Lubbock girls, were held at Houston Tuesday by probation officers awaiting the arrival of J. C. Blair, father of one of the girls.

Rev. A. H. Etheridge, 44, Wolfe City Baptist pastor, died in a Greenville hospital three hours after his automobile collided with another car and crashed into a bridge railing west of Rockwall.

Liquor Administrator Bert Ford Saturday announced the revenues for December amounted to \$812,840, outstripping any previous month since the liquor control act went in to effect Nov. 15, 1935.

Percy Crimm, 40, prominent stock farmer of Runnels county, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a shotgun as he sat at the breakfast table in his home four miles west of Ballinger.

Truett M. Smith, teacher of mathematics in Baird high school, was found dead in his room at the H. N. Ebbert home at 9 o'clock Monday morning. Death was thought to have been due to carbon monoxide.

Indictments against B. Frank Kauffman, Tarrant county democratic chairman, in connection with the democratic primary ballot box stuffing case, were dismissed Monday on motion of District Attorney W. R. Parker.

Robert W. Calvert of Hillsboro was elected speaker of the house of representatives by acclamation Monday afternoon. The senate chose Senator Will D. Pace of Tyler president pro tempore of that body in a secret ballot.

Representative Stanford Payne of Del Rio resigned his place to accept appointment by Governor Allred as director of public relations for the state department of health. Calvin C. Huffman, managing editor of the Eagle Pass Daily Guide, has announced for place as his successor in the legislature.

Blizzard Followed By Mild Weather

From Thursday to Thursday, the weather man produced a wide variety for this section of West Texas, embracing a low thermometer reading of 10 degrees on Saturday morning and ranging back to rather mild out-of-season conditions on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

The four-day blizzard struck Thursday, with a low reading of 13 on Friday morning, followed by 10 on Saturday and 16 on Sunday.

All-time low in this area is six degrees below zero, which was recorded Feb. 12, 1899, while on Feb. 8, 1933, second lowest was recorded at five below zero.



A Part of Every Dollar You Spend with Your Home Town Enterprises Becomes an Investment in a "Pay-Day" for Some One in YOUR COMMUNITY.

MERKEL STUDENT DIES ON MONDAY

Funeral for A. Z. Johnson, 8th Grade Pupil, Held Here Tuesday Afternoon.

Funeral services for A. Z. Johnson, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Johnson of the Union Ridge community, were held at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon from the Methodist church here, with Rev. John H. Crow, the pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery.

A. Z. Johnson was born Dec. 1, 1921. He had attended several other schools, but at the time of his death was a Freshman in Merkel High school. A brilliant student, he made many friends wherever he went. He will be missed not only in his home, but by his classmates and his many friends in the Union Ridge community, where the family residence has been for the past several years.

He died early Monday morning in the Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, where he underwent an appendix operation on Dec. 31. He had been ill since Dec. 23, the day school turned out for the Christmas holidays, and entered the hospital Dec. 28.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Cora Margaret, 17, and Gladys Pearl, 11. Other relatives that attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Parker and son, Aubrey, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Neighbors, all of Blackwell; Costas Warren and Sid Johnson of Comanche; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stevens and son, Edward, from Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wood and three children, W. B. Geraldine and Bonita, of Roscoe; Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Carroll from Winters; Mr. and Mrs. James Whitlock, also of Winters, and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Altman of Anson.

Flower girls were: Sybille Harris, Wanda Lillie Douglas, Doris Price, Clara Joyce Cox, Veda Lee Pannell and Bernice Dean.

Armstrong Re-Named President State Bank

At the annual meeting of stockholders of the Farmers State bank held Tuesday, the following directors were named: Dr. M. Armstrong, J. W. Tiner, Joe P. Self, J. A. Patterson and S. D. Gamble.

Officers named are: Dr. M. Armstrong, president; J. A. Patterson and J. W. Tiner, vice-presidents; Joe P. Self, cashier; V. M. Campbell, assistant cashier, and Wanda Hunter, stenographer and book-keeper.

Subsequent to the election of directors and officers, officials of the bank authorized the following statement: "Dr. M. Armstrong and Joe P. Self have purchased controlling interest in this bank. There will be no sale, no merger, just business. We are here to stay."

Tragedy Ends Long Union.

Fort Worth, Jan. 14.—A marriage of 55 years was ended Monday afternoon when Mrs. George A. Street, 73, died in a hospital here from burns received last Sunday at her farm home between Saginaw and Haslet.

ISAAC A. SPECK PASSES AWAY

Father of J. L. Speck Succumbs Here at Age of 73; Funeral Held Monday Morning.

Isaac A. Speck, 73, died at 5:30 Sunday morning here at the home of a son, J. L. Speck, where he had been making his home for the past eight years. His death followed an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services were held from the family residence at 11 o'clock Monday morning, with Rev. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers, selected by the son from ex-service men, were: Al McGehee, L. J. Renfro, Jay Causseaux, Roscoe Sharp, W. C. Lepard and Bert Melton.

Mr. Speck was born in Kentucky Nov. 28, 1863, and, following his marriage there, came to Texas in 1892. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Kate Speck, 72, who resides with a son, W. O. Speck, in Plainview and who was too ill to come for the funeral; three other sons besides those mentioned, A. B. E. J. and J. D. Speck, all of Plainview, and two daughters, Mrs. I. G. Robertson, Uvalde, and Mrs. R. L. Custer, Bakersfield, Texas.

Two brothers, W. C. Speck and Joe Speck, of Lamesa, and 12 grandchildren also survive.

All F. & M. Officers, Directors Re-Elected

J. T. Warren, who has served continuously as president of the Farmers & Merchants National bank since it was organized in 1904, was re-named head at the annual meeting held Tuesday afternoon.

The entire board of directors, consisting of Mr. Warren, Henry C. West, Sam Butman, Sr., W. S. J. Brown and Booth Warren, was re-elected, and officers named, besides the president, are: Henry C. West, first vice-president; Sam Butman, Sr., second vice-president; Booth Warren, cashier; F. Y. Gaither and George T. Moore, assistant cashiers.

Indicating unusual interest in the meeting of stockholders of this institution, 455 shares out of 500 were reported as present or by proxy.

Clyde Garrett Named On Three Committees

Hon. Clyde L. Garrett of Eastland, representative of the 17th district, will hold membership on three committees during his first term in congress, it was reported in an Associated Press dispatch enumerating caucus committee assignments.

He was assigned the mines and mining, invalid pensions and World War veterans committees.

The new congressman had declared in a Washington interview Monday that he was not greatly interested in getting committee appointments this term, but rather preferred to give the bulk of his time to affairs of the district.

Succeeds Landon.

Topoka, Kans., Jan. 14.—Walter A. Huxman, democrat, became governor of Kansas Monday, succeeding Alf M. Landon, 1936 republican candidate for president against Roosevelt.

TEXAS FARMERS PROMPT TO PAY THEIR RA LOANS

Dallas, Jan. 14.—Hard-pressed farmers of Texas who borrowed \$9,370,451 from the Resettlement Administration last spring have already repaid approximately 26 per cent of that amount, it was shown in figures made public by D. P. Trent, regional director. The loans were made to be repaid in from one to five years, those for consumable goods being for only a year, while those for teams and equipment were usually for longer periods.

Trent said that in a few counties loans have already been repaid 100 per cent. These were in sections where crops had yielded normal returns. In some fifty counties of the state, Trent said, repayment had been delayed because flood damage had been heavy, and in seventy counties there had been severe drought.

Loans were made only to those farmers who presented evidence that they were unable to obtain from any other source the finances necessary for farm operation, or the purchase of teams and equipment.

"These farmers are being assisted toward independence, whereas they were threatened with being a perpetual burden on the public," Trent said. Repayments on last year's loans now total \$2,324.23, he said.

Tax Collector Here Two Days, Jan. 21-22

As an accommodation to tax-payers in West Taylor county, Comer Patterson, county assessor-collector, has announced that he will spend two days in Merkel and one day in Trent during next week.

He will be at the city hall here on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 21 and 22. On the previous day, Wednesday, Jan. 20, he will visit Trent.

He will have the tax rolls and be prepared to issue both state and county receipts and also poll taxes.

Elected as Member Of Honor Sorority

Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, national honor sorority in education, commenced its activities for 1937 with a dinner at Hotel Wooten, Abilene, Saturday evening, at which time seven new members from Abilene, Merkel and Anson were initiated. Among these was Mrs. Len Sublett, principal of the Grammar school.

Membership in this society is limited to one-tenth the women teachers in a county and is based upon "success in teaching, powers of leadership, unselfish professional spirit and other desirable personal qualities."

Membership in this organization was extended to Mrs. Sublett in 1933, then again at the present time, when it was accepted.

New Deal Thrice Victor.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The administration has won three victories and suffered no reverses in the supreme court since the re-election of President Roosevelt.

OFFICERS ELECTED TO FIRE DEPT. 1917.

At a recent meeting of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. T. Warren, president; J. O. Hamilton, vice-president; J. P. Sharp, Jr., secretary; F. J. Ferris, chief; J. C. Comegys, assistant chief. Delegates to the state convention in San Angelo in May were Roscoe Sharp, Owen Ellis, J. W. Nelson and Marvin Boaz.

Last Thursday J. F. Smith was called to Georgetown to attend his son, George, who is seriously ill there with pneumonia. Mr. Smith was joined in Abilene by another son, Frank E., who also went to his brother. The last news was that the sick boy, while still dangerously ill, was in a slightly improved condition.

CHORAL CLUB WORK.

The Merkel choral club, which came into being last Thursday evening at the Methodist church, has met with much encouragement in its beginning. Thirty-six members were enrolled and the following officers elected: Thos. Johnson, president, J. J. Shelton, vice-president; Miss Lelia R. Hill, secretary; H. M. Rose, treasurer; Mrs. L.

BAND ASSURED WITH SECURING DIRECTOR CRAIN

School Board Employs A. C. C. Band Director for High School Organization; First Band Meeting Next Monday.

At the last meeting of the Merkel Lions club a committee, consisting of Dr. L. C. Zehnfpennig, chairman, Booth Warren, Norman Hodge, Carlton Vick, R. T. Gray, R. A. Burgess and Milton Case, was appointed to see what could be done about a school band. On several occasions in the past, the Merkel school board has considered the possibility of a band, but due to the expense of adding other courses recently and to their inability to locate the proper person to direct the band, no definite progress had been made. The Lions club also went on record as promising uniforms and possibly helping secure some of the larger base horns.

Following the meeting of the Lions club, Supt. Burgess at once contacted the band director of each of the Abilene colleges and the director of the Abilene High School band. As a result of this correspondence, the school board at its Thursday meeting employed D. W. Crain, director of the college band of Abilene Christian college, to direct the band for the Merkel schools.

Mr. Crain will spend two afternoons and nights per week in Merkel with the local band. During the afternoons he will devote his time to giving group lessons on the various instruments, following that same night with regular band rehearsal. Some sixty boys and girls of both High school and Grammar school have reported to the preliminary meetings. From this group it is hoped to secure a sufficient number to form a good sized band. Students are this week planning to buy their instruments and it is planned to have the first meeting of the band on Monday of next week.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED.

People of Merkel who know the whereabouts of instruments used in the Merkel band some years ago or who know of good second hand instruments that might be bought will greatly accommodate students by letting Supt. Burgess know of such instruments.

By the hearty co-operation of the Lions club, the Merkel school board and interested school patrons a long felt need in the Merkel schools is about to be realized. The board plans to make the band a permanent part of the Merkel schools.

Record of Births.

- Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Patterson, Friday, January 8, 1937.
- Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kelson, Abilene, Sunday, January 10, 1937.
- Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Logan, Abilene, Monday, January 11, 1937.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, January 19, 1917.)

B. Howard, conductor, and Miss Marion Hairston, pianist. It is the intention of the club to have weekly meetings and begin practice at once in choral music.

Mrs. H. L. Rudnose closed her class in piano in Fort Worth with a recital of her pupils at Harmony hall Saturday afternoon and is expected to join her husband here this week. During her former residence here, Mrs. Rudnose was considered one of the best musicians and her return is heartily welcomed as her influence will be of a sterling worth to the musical as well as other interests of Merkel.

Martha Falconer, granddaughter of the late Z. F. Greene, Luma Sheppard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sheppard, and Lenora Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Williams, are of the performers in this recital who are remembered here.

With nearly a six inch snow falling Sunday, localities experienced a record day of its kind and crop conditions look more promising for the coming seasons.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Fitts of Abilene were visiting old Merkel friends over the week-end.

Country Doctor's 3,000 Grown-Up "Babies" in New Screen Drama

Surprise follows dramatic surprise, romantic secrets are revealed and tangled lives set straight when the Country Doctor's 3,000 grown-up "babies" come back to share their joys and tears with the man who brought them into the world in "Reunion," Twentieth Century-Fox's latest screen triumph, coming Saturday prevue, Monday and Tuesday to the Queen theatre.

The picture which stars the world famous Dionne Quins and features Jean Hersholt, Rochelle Hudson, Helen Vinson, Slim Summerville, Robert Kent, John Quaken, Dorothy Peterson and many other players, boasts the year's most important cast in the season's most unusual drama.

The Quins' Dr. Luke, played by Jean Hersholt, on the verge of retirement from the burdens he has carried for a generation, decides to call back from all over the globe the three thousand men and women whom he assisted into the world. From all over the country and from many foreign lands they come, the rich and the poor, the high-placed and the lowly, to take part in the reunion.

Also joining the party is attractive young Dr. Tony Luke, the doctor's nephew, whom he has called back to the little Canadian town from his post in Toronto to carry on with his (Dr. Luke's) duties. Tony, though deeply in love with Mary, Dr. Luke's nurse, is followed by the wife of his superior in the Toronto Hospital, who refuses to release him to a younger and fresher love.

In a climactic scene that combines all the elements of potent drama with pathos and uproarious humor, Dr. Luke, Tony, Mary, Mrs. Sheridan, and the Doctor's 3,000 grown-up "babies"—including the governor of a state, a fading stage star, a crook just out of jail, and many other unforgettable characters—convene for the reunion. Also present at the gathering, for added chuckles and heart tugs, are the celebrated Quintuplets.

With the Quins now able to play little piano pieces and dance, Director Taurog devoted a considerable amount of his filming operations to sound. The children were taught simple nursery exercises, appearing before the cameras for only one hour a day.

The merchants who advertise in this paper will give you the best values for your money.

List of Enrollees and Assignments to Posts

Sergeant Clifton D. King of the army Recruiting station, Abilene, reports the enlistment and assignment of the following: Allen B. Majors, Brownwood, for field artillery, Ft. Sill, Okla.; Lloyd F. Keele, Abilene, for field artillery, Ft. Sill, Okla.; Andy J. Copeland, Abilene, cavalry, Fort Bliss, Texas; Neal R. Hock, Clyde, infantry, Ft. F. E. Warren, Wyo.; James S. Elliott, Anson, for field artillery, Fort Bliss, Texas, and Benjamin N. Carter, Jr., Colorado, for field artillery, Fort Bliss, Texas; Hugh E. Addison, Route 4, Merkel, for cavalry at Fort Bliss; Johnnie S. Hopper, Post, George M. Jenkins, Tuscola, James F. Gardner, Winters, and Clarence H. Kerby, Abilene, for infantry at Fort F. E. Warren, and Garland J. Jones, Tuscola, for field artillery at Fort F. E. Warren.

Approximately 5,000 young men between the ages of 18 and 35 will be enlisted in the army before July 1. He said chances are excellent for promotion. Interested men are invited to communicate with the recruiting officer.

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

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

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

Gain of 21,000 Units in New Car Sales Over December Last Year

Chevrolet's new car sales totaled 101,286 units in December, announced by W. E. Holler, general sales manager. This figure represents an increase over the same month in 1935, of more than 21,000 units, as the record for a year ago was 80,189 new car sales.

Sales of new trucks included in the total unit sales figure, were 17,519. Used car sales during the month were 148,163.

Mr. Holler cited these figures as added proof of the fact that American buying power is on a decided upswing and that a general increase in the potential market for new cars exists.

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Condensed Statement

The Old Reliable
FARMERS AND MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
Merkel, Texas
Close of Business December 31, 1936

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$157,500.43
Bills of Exchange (Cotton)	1,513.97
Overdrafts	772.67
Real Estate on Hand	6,175.00
Furniture and Fixtures	5,000.00
Stock in Fed. Res. Bank	1,850.00
Interest in Fed. Dep. Ins. Corp.	452.40
Bonds and Warrants	\$ 50,310.42
Cash and Exchange	325,703.80
AVAILABLE CASH	376,014.22
Total	\$549,278.69

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	12,500.00
Undivided Profits	6,320.09
Dividend Account	1,500.00
Bills Payable, Rediscounts, Debentures or Other Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	478,958.60
Total	\$549,278.69

The above statement is correct.
Booth Warren, Cashier.

This bank is in a strong position to be of constructive service to its customers and to this community in the months ahead. We invite you to make full use of our counsel, services, and facilities for your own benefit and our mutual progress.

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FOR TEXAS HIGHWAYS?

Texas' highways, to date, have cost Texas taxpayers approximately seven hundred and fifty millions of dollars.

License fees from motor vehicles have contributed \$202,000,000.

Gasoline taxes have accounted for \$176,000,000.

Federal aid has donated \$91,000,000.

YOUR PROPERTY TAXES HAVE CONTRIBUTED \$281,000,000—MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE TOTAL.

Large trucks—those weighing more than 8000 pounds loaded—have paid a total of \$27,000,000 in license fees and gasoline taxes, or 3 3/4 per cent of the total cost.

Yet these trucks have been responsible for an additional cost of construction and maintenance amounting to approximately 50 per cent of the total—an amount far in excess of their contribution. These wider trucks result in 25 per cent increase in pavement costs.

Their bigger loads have required thicker pavements, costing from 35 to 60 per cent more; their size has made wider and heavier bridges necessary; maintenance costs have increased through their use and abuse of the highways.

Such extra expenditures are almost solely for the benefit of the big trucks, and are not necessary for the small trucks and passenger cars. YET THEIR COST IS BORNE BY THE OWNERS OF PASSENGER CARS AND SMALL TRUCKS AND BY THE GENERAL TAXPAYER, WHO MAY NOT EVEN OWN A CAR, WHILE THE BIG TRUCKS THEMSELVES HAVE PAID ONLY 3 3/4 PER CENT.

Any increase in present truck loads, size or speed limits will further increase the highway costs which all of us, the people of Texas, must pay.

Texas railroads provide and maintain their own rights-of-way; afford employment to 60,000 men and women (who are also taxpayers); pay large taxes in support of city, county, state and federal governments; and, in addition, pay annually more than \$900,000 toward state highway costs. The interest of the railroads in highway regulation is precisely parallel to that of the public.

THE TEXAS RAILROADS

Agulita & Naches River
Burlingame
Chicago, Rock Island and Gulf
Cotton Belt
Ft. Worth & Denver City
Galveston, Houston & Henderson
Gulf Coast Lines
Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe
Kansas City Southern
International & Great Northern
Louisiana, Arkansas & Texas
Lubbock, Houston & Gulf
Missouri-Kansas-Texas
Missouri Pacific Lines
Pinebluff & Santa Fe
Paris & Mt. Pleasant
Quinn, Ames & Pacific
Southern Pacific Lines
Texas & Pacific
Texas Southern
Wichita Falls & Southern
Wichita Valley

1926
1927
1929
1930
1935
1936
1936
1937


Another
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A series of rate reductions in the last ten years has substantially cut the cost of Long Distance telephone service.

Reductions have been made nearly every year since 1926, except in the depression years 1931-1934—in accordance with a long-standing Bell System policy to reduce Long Distance rates whenever improvements in telephony and the volume of business allow it to be done.

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THE BADGER WEEKLY

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EXAMINATIONS.

Examinations in school are to see what the students have been doing. As a rule the students wait until the last week before examinations and then start "cramping" for the exams. There is no use grumbling about the exam being hard if you are one who waits and then crams for the test.

Examinations in school compare with examinations in outside life. Although there is not a set date for the exams of life, there is greater penalty for failure and they come oftener. If you are one who slights your exams in school, then it is likely you will slight your examinations in life outside of school, thus making a failure in life.

Make one of your many New Year's resolutions to be prepared for all your exams.

GET A "BADGER."

The Annual this year is going to be bigger and better than usual! And why should it not be, with such a good group of Seniors behind it? Every day the Badger staff is at work getting the year book ready. Now if you have not made your deposit yet, it still is not too late. See your class representative now. Of course every-one wants his class to win in the contest, but the only way to win is to back your class by buying one of those annuals.

THRU THE KEYHOLE.

(By "The Peeper.")
Falls of Merkel Hi.

Miss Rebecca Wigginton, of the willowy and dainty Wiggintons, became very perplexed on Jan. 6, 1937, when her delicate ankles turned and she slid all the way down the stairs. I can imagine that one would feel very dilapidated—but it will happen in the best of families.

Mr. Herbert Hoover, the dashing hero who just moved here from Tahoka, caused much excitement (and amusement) when he so gracefully fell down the steps last Tuesday as he was on his way to class. Better luck next time, Herb.

Scoops.

Although he was never able to crash through the football lines, Bob Grimes has proved quite an able party-crasher. But the next time he makes one of his Baugh-like passes at a party where he's uninvited, he might get thrown for a loss. See Sis Gamble for full details.

Ye Old School building has received a new name—The Madison Square Garden. The first landing on the east stairs is the boxing ring and John Malone has proved that someone else can fall down steps—thanks to Lloyd Vick.

Folks, this is an exclusive scoop. Shirley Temple will probably never make another picture. Someone is sure to tell her that Miss Stroud prefers Robert Taylor and then little Shirley will quit pictures.

Of all the budding romances that I have ever seen a-budding, Merkel High school has the sweetest. However, Miss Martin is doing her best to keep them trimmed. She absolutely refuses to allow Vincent to answer that last volume of love that he just received from Sis. It nearly breaks his heart—but she does an awfully good job of scribbling an answer when Miss Martin isn't looking.

Miss Martin also thinks that Herman should be studying his lessons rather than writing that daily episode of love to Laverne Hoover.

But, love's like that—so I'm told. Of course, I really wouldn't know, myself.

Stay away from doors or I'll be seeing you thru the keyhole.

SENIOR BOYS' CLUB.

The Senior Boys' club met Friday, Jan. 8, 1937, in room 11. The purpose of the meeting was to decide if the members wanted to keep the uniforms that they had formerly decided on, and to decide when they should be worn.

They decided to wear blue trousers and blue shirts. They also voted to start wearing them Wednesday, Jan. 20. Wednesday and Thursday of every week following that date the club members will wear their blue uniforms.

SENIOR GIRLS' CLUB.

The Senior Girls' club met Friday morning, Jan. 8, for the purpose of selecting a name for the club. Names were suggested and voted on. The girls chose the name L. O. T. S. They also decided on checked gingham uniform dresses. All the club members seem to be quite enthusiastic over

their plans, and intend to do a great many things this year.

MERKEL F. F. A.

The officers of the Merkel F. F. A. chapter are to compete with other V. A. classes of this district at Abilene. The contest is to be held on parliamentary procedure. Each chapter will give a five or ten minute program which will consist of: Opening and closing ceremony, some parliamentary drills, and some questions on parliamentary procedure. The chapters will be judged on their efficiency in carrying on the work.

The Merkel chapter is to run terrace lines on a farm near school soon. A definite time has not been set for the work to begin. The chapter has already run more than 3000 yards of terrace lines.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB.

The home economics girls had their regular club meeting Thursday, Jan. 7, for the first time since Christmas. A short program was given including: "How To Be a Good Member," Ina Mae Berryman.

Qualifications of a Good Member, Genevieve Cox.

Subjects were discussed for the programs of future meetings. Many interesting subjects were suggested.

The club members discussed and decided to have some kind of a party every month.

Everyone had such a nice time at the Christmas party that they are certainly looking forward to the next one, which will be a Valentine party.

If you have not seen the home economics department, come up and see it; then you will understand the girls' enthusiasm.

GIRLS' CHORAL CLUB.

The Choral club is still working. A committee of girls is planning the con-

tunes which will be ready for use before long.

The last program that the Choral club took part in was the program given at assembly just before Christmas. The members are now working on songs to be sung at a pageant, "The Stairway of Life," which will be presented in the near future.

RADIO PROGRAM.

The Senior civics class and the Freshman citizenship classes had the rare opportunity last Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 6, of listening to President Roosevelt's opening address to Congress. Room 9 was used at the fifth period for the radio hook-up.

Students appreciate the courtesy of Carl Black in making this program possible by setting up a receiving set in the school building.

The program was very beneficial, both as a motivator of interest and a more concrete introduction of the government to the upper and lower grades of Merkel High school.

THE FRESHMEN.

Old Man Exams is fast overtaking the poor Freshmen. Teachers are constantly trying to prepare them for the encounter which most of them must have with the mid-year bad man. A few will escape his clutches, but most must pay the price for freedom. The test is bound to be too stiff for some. Luck to the poor Fish!

PERSONALITIES.

Genevieve Cox.

Genevieve has been with us in M. H. S. for four years. Her quiet ways have made her many true friends. During her high school life she has taken an active part in the Dramatic club, Home Economics club, and the Senior Girls' club. After she graduates from High school, she plans to go to a business college, and then become a stenographer. Luck to you—Genevieve!

Billie Dunning.

During the four years that Billie has been in Merkel High school, she has been in the Spanish club two years and the Senior Boys' club one year. Everyone has found "Bill" to be a true and reliable friend. He plans to make a doctor. We wish him lots of success!

LOCALS.

Mr. Coffman is back at last. The school received the report that he wouldn't be back until mid-term, but he returned Jan. 4, and was "ready and raring to go." He is still the same jolking, fun-loving and yet serious Mr. Coffman. Students certainly are glad to have him back.

Everyone is glad to see Sis getting around without her crutches again. She has been having trouble with her left ankle but everything is "hunky-dory" now.

The home economics girls and the vocational agriculture boys had new teachers last Thursday and Friday. Miss Cleveland, home economics teacher, went downstairs and taught the boys some table manners, while Mr. Collinsworth came upstairs and taught the girls gardening and home beautification.

Isn't this lovely weather? Those sidewalks certainly make good skating. And it's lots of fun to get pictures of those that fall. Students can see how pretty it looks outside—even if they get to see it only from their classroom windows.

JOKES.

Etycl: "Do you think I might be able to do something with my voice?"

Mr. Hayne: "Well, yes. It might be handy at a shipwreck."

Mr. Coffman: "How did Columbus feel when he made his voyage to America?"

Francis: "Sad."

Mr. Coffman: "Why sad?"

Francis: "The book said that Columbus sailed the ocean blue."

Mr. Rudd: "Prove that the earth is round, Frank."

Frank Dye: "I never said that it was."

Father: "Ben, how are you getting along in algebra now?"

Ben Ferguson: "I can add the ciphers now, but the figures still bother me."

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BANKS

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At Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1936, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 15th day of January, 1937.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$102,545.82
Loans secured by real estate	8,001.19
Overdrafts	978.49
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	60,573.75
Customers' bonds held for safekeeping	2,950.00
Banking House	15,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,975.25
Real Estate owned, other than banking house	9,237.48
Cash and due from approved reserve agents	45,036.72
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	3,698.39
Stock and/or assessment Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.	297.00
Bills of Exchange (wheat)	13,337.15
Commodity Credit Corporation 3 per cent notes	95.59
Other Resources (Itemize)—1935 Chevrolet Coach, 1 truck and trailer, 1931 Chevrolet Coupe, 1 horse	1,524.59
GRAND TOTAL	\$270,281.42

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$40,000.00
Income Debentures sold	25,000.00
Total Capital Structure	65,000.00
Surplus Fund	2,500.00
Undivided Profits, net	9.39
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	170,051.10
State Funds on Deposit	21,250.00
Time Certificates of Deposit	8,300.00
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	220.93
Customers' bonds deposited for safekeeping	2,950.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$270,281.42

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 7th day of January, A. D. 1937.

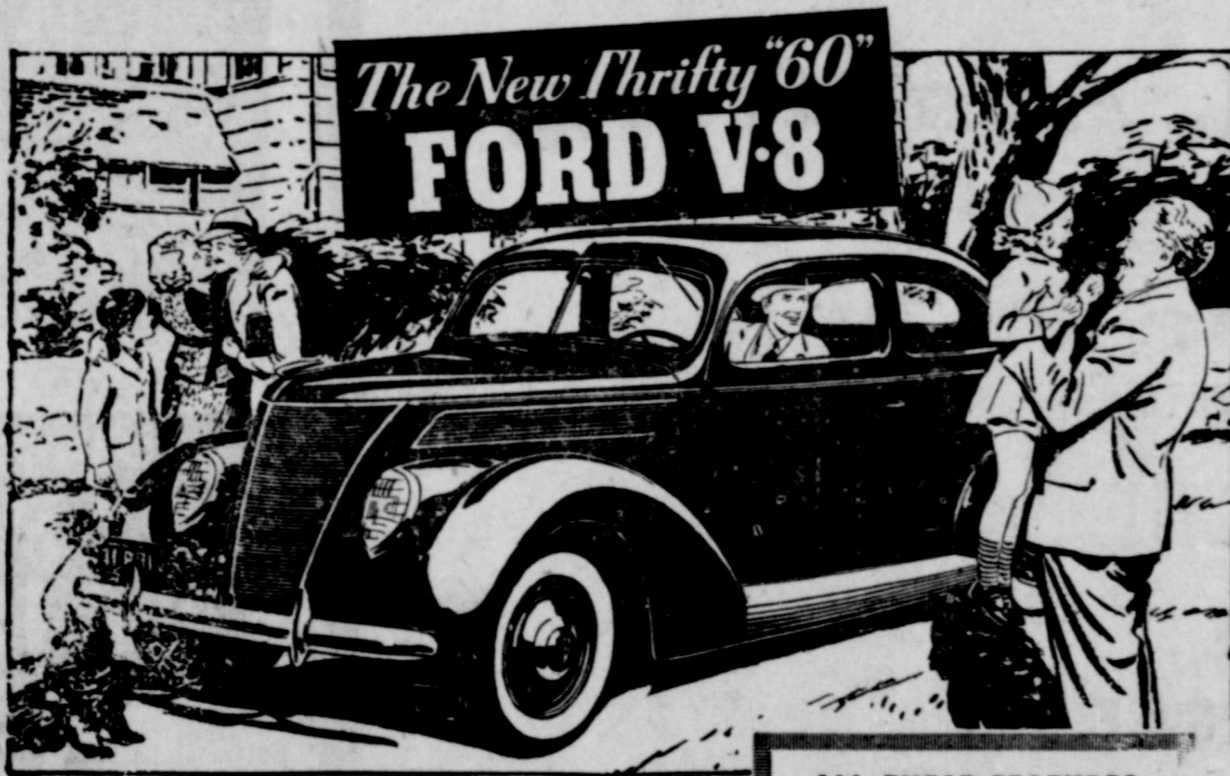
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WISE SAFETY RULES.

The Texas Department of Public Safety has adopted a novel method of emphasizing the need for continuing caution on the part of motorists to reduce the number of accidents, especially those involving children. The department is sending out the following cards:

- "Remember:
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"Slow down the moment you see children on the sidewalk or street ahead of you.
"Stop when a school bus is receiving or discharging children.
"Keep on the right side of the road and sound your horn when driving around dangerous curves or passing a vehicle.
"Have all mechanical devices on your vehicle checked regularly.
"The speed limit for passenger cars on the highway outside city limits is 45 miles an hour."

RURAL SOCIETY

COMPERE CLUB.

The Compere Home Demonstration Club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 19, in the home of Mrs. I. B. Ray, at which time Miss Gladys Martin, county home demonstration agent, will be present.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge club met on New Year's day in the home of Mrs. W. C. Lee at Salt Branch. Roll call was answered by wishes for the New Year of the club.

Year books were given and will be filled out Jan. 15 in the home of Mrs. Dannel Cox.

The club has voted to go ahead with a full program this year, although the county is without the services of an agent.

Those enjoying the visit with Mrs. Lee were Mesdames M. F. Carey, W. A. Harris, Kenneth Pee, M. L. Douglas, O. E. Harwell, Misses Mabel McKee, Mary Bell and Faye Douglas and Laverne and Frances Harwell.

OBITUARY

MISS DOROTHY SUSAN TURNER.
Miss Dorothy Susan Turner was born Mar. 26, 1867, at Murphy, Collin county, Texas. She was conformed in early life and united with the Church of Christ—she lived a true Christian. She passed away Jan. 7, 1937.

She leaves to mourn her going five sisters and one brother: Mrs. Elton Talbot, Sims, Texas; Mrs. John Thomas, Moore, Okla.; Mrs. C. C. Foster, Merkel; Mrs. B. H. Alexander, Duncan, Okla.; Mrs. M. A. Talbot, Sylvester, and J. M. Turner, Moore, Okla. She was living at the time of her death with her niece, Mrs. W. L. Blavis, here.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 Friday afternoon from the Church of Christ, with Rev. R. T. Smith, Nazarene pastor, and O. J. Adcock, elder of the Church of Christ, officiating. Interment was in the Tye cemetery.

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Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hodges, who up to eleven years ago had lived in Taylor and Jones counties, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Wednesday, Jan. 6, at their home in Hockley county, fourteen miles southwest of Levelland.

Friends and relatives gathered to spend the day, bringing many nice gifts and plenty of dinner, and every one had an enjoyable time.

Five children were present; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Worthan, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hodges and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hodges, of Merkel, and Mrs. A. P. Hodges and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hodges, of Levelland.

Grandchildren present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Worthan and Elzie Worthan, Levelland; Harweda and Doswell Worthan, Theron and Udell Hodges, Merkel; Nelda, Leland Troy, Coy, Emma Hazel, La Wanda, Elwin, Duell and Herald Hodges, Levelland, and great-grandchildren present were: Weldon, Ancil and Iva Joyce Worthan. Two children were absent: Mrs. W. C. Mattingly, Stanton, and L. O. Hodges, of Wynona, Okla. There were 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren absent.

Mr. Hodges is 74 years of age, Mrs. Hodges, 73. They married in Scurry county, N. C., and came to Taylor county in 1903. They lived in this county seven years and then moved to Jones county where they lived for fifteen years. Eleven years ago they moved to Levelland, where they now reside.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Hodges and family arrived two days late for the wedding anniversary, on account of bad weather. Those sending gifts were Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Hodges and Miss Ada Worthan.

FOR STUDENTS.

The Centennial edition of the Texas Almanac is filled with valuable information for students. For sale at the office of the Merkel Mail for 65c per copy.

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Tenderfoot Passed by Four More Girl Scouts

Doris Clyde Miller, Peggy Joyce Toombs, Johnnie McDonald and Dorothy Shannon completed the Tenderfoot requirements, and one new member, Wanda McCoy, was present Wednesday, Jan. 13, at the regular meeting of Pine Tree troop of Girl Scouts.

Miss Cleveland, High School home economics teacher, supervised the cutting of several garments. The official Scouts are now working on the second class requirements, and to make a useful garment is one of them.

The Scouting spirit is increasing rapidly. One small package has already been delivered as community service and another is being prepared.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

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15,000 Will Be Cut Off Pension Rolls

Austin, Jan. 14.—Orville S. Carpenter, acting director of the Old-Age Assistance Commission, said Friday that the pension delimitation law would remove about 15,000 recipients from the rolls this month.

The list will be cut to substantially less than 90,000, he said, compared with 101,319 who received checks in December. About 12,000 adjudged not in need and therefore denied aid under the act have been removed, he said, and district reports on other eliminations have not been compiled.

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Anson Man Dies Of Heart Attack

News was received here Wednesday of the death of A. D. Touchstone, 63, at his home southwest of Anson, from a heart attack, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Funeral services were to be held from the Anson Baptist church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the pastor, Rev. L. A. Doyle, officiating, assisted by Rev. N. J. Westmoreland. Mr. Touchstone was born in Monticello, Ark., on Dec. 3, 1873. He is survived by his wife; three children, Mrs. A. J. White, of Stamford, Frances Touchstone and N. H. Touchstone, of Anson; two sisters, Mrs. Lee Williams, of Stamford, and Mrs. T. A. Tuckers, of Anson, and a brother, J. S. Touchstone, of Anson. Mrs. John Shannon of Merkel is a niece.

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ASSETS	
1. Loans and discounts	\$157,500.43
2. Overdrafts	772.67
3. United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed	27,875.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities	24,285.42
5. Furniture and fixtures	5,000.00
6. Real estate owned other than banking house	6,175.00
7. Reserve with Federal Reserve bank	20,861.75
8. Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection	304,342.05
9. Other assets	1,966.37
TOTAL ASSETS	\$549,278.69
LIABILITIES	
14. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$399,202.18
15. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	70,331.50
16. State, county, and municipal deposits	1,545.17
18. Deposits of other banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	9,379.75
Total of items 14 to 18, inclusive:	
(a) Secured by pledge of loans and/or investments	\$ 1,545.17
(b) Not secured by pledge of loans and/or investments	478,913.43
(c) TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$480,458.60
30. Capital account:	
Common stock, 500 shares, par \$100.00 per share	\$50,000.00
Surplus	12,500.00
Undivided profits—net	6,320.09
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$68,820.09
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$549,278.69
MEMORANDUM: Loans and Investments Pledged to Secure Liabilities	
31. United States Government obligations, direct and/or fully guaranteed	\$ 15,000.00
TOTAL PLEDGED (excluding rediscounts)	\$15,000.00
35. Pledged:	
(a) Against State, county, and municipal deposits	15,000.00
(b) 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 12th day of January, 1937.
Mary Collins, Notary Public

(SEAL)
CORRECT—Attest:
J. T. WARREN,
H. C. WEST,
SAM BUTMAN,
Directors.

12 Per Cent Increase Retail Sales for '36

New York, Jan. 14.—Combined sales of department, dry goods and women's apparel stores in the United States attained a figure indicated at \$5,900,000,000 in 1936, the National Retail Dry Goods association has announced. This represented a gain of approximately 12 per cent over 1935 and was the third consecutive year in which sales moved upward.

The report contained the first information on the full year's results, based on actual information from stores, that has been made available to date, the association stated.

Our word "alimony" comes from the Latin "alimonia," meaning "nourishment, or sustenance."

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Complete line of office supplies at Mail office.

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Spent \$150,804,967 in Texas. Washington, Jan. 14.—President Roosevelt's report to congress shows that \$150,804,967.97 was spent in Texas since inception of the works program 21 months ago.

Mix On Screen Again. Hollywood, Jan. 14.—Tom Mix, after an absence of two years, is planning a return to the screen for a few starring roles in western pictures before starting a summer tour with his circus.

There now are 10,000 fewer butchers in England than there were four years ago.

We take orders for egg stamps. The Merkel Mail.

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Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

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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, 1936, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 15th day of January, 1937.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$ 70,934.06
Overdrafts	1.42
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	25,766.96
Banking House	2,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	500.00
Cash and due from approved reserve agents	160,294.94
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	10,063.10
TOTAL	\$289,560.48
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Total Capital Structure	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	7,098.70
Reserve for Interest	128.57
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	201,098.01
Time Certificates of Deposit	11,235.20
TOTAL	\$289,560.48

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 12th day of January, A. D. 1937.
J. G. Wilks,
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

(SEAL)
CORRECT—ATTEST:
T. H. WILLIAMSON,
A. WILLIAMSON,
T. L. STEVENS,
Directors.

THE RED & WHITE STORES

SPECIALS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JAN. 15-16

Apples, Winesap, doz.	25c	Coffee, pound	25c
Bananas, pound	5c	Red and White	
Grapefruit, 3 for	10c	Peas, No. 2 can, 2 cans	35c
Lemons, doz.	23c	Mexican Style	
Cabbage, pound	3c	Beans, per can	9c
Lettuce, head	5c	Blackeyed	
Rutabagas, pound	4c	Peas, per can	10c
Early Riser		Red and White	
Coffee, pound	19c	Catsup, 14 oz. bottle	17c
Red and White		Standard	
Peaches, No. 2 1-2 can	17c	Tomatoes, No. 2, 3 for	25c
Red and White		Red and White	
Pineapple, No. 1 can	10c	Meal, 5 pounds	22c
Del Dixi		Blue and White	
Pickles, quart	17c	Oats, with cup and saucer,	24c
Dyanshine		Prepared	
Shoe Polish, all colors, bottle	19c	Spaghetti, per can	10c
Pure Cane		Peanut	
Sugar, 10 pounds	55c	Butter, 24 ounce jar	25c
Red and White		Red and White	
Pancake Flour, 2 pkgs.	21c	Soap, 5 bars	19c
Kellogg's		Sliced Bacon, pound	22c
All Bran, with FREE mixing spoon, 2 pkgs.	25c	Bulk Sausage, 2 pounds	25c
		Brick Chili, pound	19c
		Salt Pork, pound	21c

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Howell are announcing the birth of a baby girl on Saturday, Jan. 9. She has been named Nettie LaRee and weighs 7 1/4 pounds. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mrs. J. E. Monteith, wife of a contractor, was severely, but not seriously injured last Wednesday morning when she lost control of her car, a V-8 panel coupe, two miles south of Trent. She received chest bruises, bruises about the face and also severe lacerations of her legs. Mrs. Monteith was driving north, meeting a tractor driven by Rex McClain, and she lost control of the steering wheel, going on a down grade, completely demolishing her car. Aid was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris of Mulberry canyon, who were driving a short distance behind her. She was carried to the Sadler hospital in Merkel for emergency treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Monteith have residence near the Santa Fe railroad survey, he being a rock contractor for residences on the Phillips ranch. Mr. Monteith was immediately notified of the accident. Their original home is Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rudd are announcing the birth of a son, Connie Dean, on Jan. 7, weighing 9 pounds.

Hurtell O'Kelly spent Monday night in Abilene at the bedside of his mother, Mrs. E. M. O'Kelly, who is ill. Elton Estes is resting very well at his home here after receiving painful burns several days ago while working with a tractor on the farm of his father-in-law, E. M. Rogers. Mrs. Estes was formerly Gladys Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse attended the funeral of A. Z. Johnson, 15, in Merkel, Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Allen received word Tuesday of last week informing her of the death of a niece, Miss Opal Dunham, 24, who was killed by accident near her home in Maywood, Calif. She was a daughter of Mrs. Loretta Dunham, sister of Mrs. Allen. Particulars of the accident have not been received here.

Mrs. C. R. Rutherford of Abilene is employed in the Bowers Beauty shop for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nalley visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clements in Abilene Sunday.

W. O. W.

New officers of the Trent Woodmen of the World Camp No. 2060 and Woodmen Circle were installed on Wednesday night. L. L. Adams, sixth district manager, was installing officer for the camp, and the Trent drill team, with Leonard Quattlebaum as captain, exemplified the floor work. The ceremony was held in the public school auditorium.

Mrs. Mary Utterback was in charge of the Circle installation. The Abilene

drill team, of which Mrs. W. T. St. John is captain, gave the introductory march before conferring the honor salute to the installing officers: Mrs. H. C. Archibald, Abilene, guardian; Mrs. J. E. Bowers, Trent, chaplain, and Mrs. Mae Seago, Merkel, attendant.

Representatives were present from groves and camps of Roby, Merkel and Abilene.

Camp officers installed are: A. C. Terry, council commander; A. W. Woods, adviser-lieutenant; J. E. Stevens, banker; J. R. Billington, escort; J. R. Gafford, secretary; J. P. Stevens, auditor; David Boyd, watchman; Johnny Terry, sentry.

Grove officers: Mrs. H. B. Kegans, guardian; Mrs. A. C. Wash, adviser; Mrs. J. R. Gafford, secretary; Dorothy Stevens, auditor; Mrs. H. R. Poor, banker; Grace Butler, assistant attendant; Mrs. J. R. Billington, attendant; Mrs. Ruby Windland, chaplain; Mrs. Ed. Burks, outer sentinel; Mrs. R. L. Reeves, team captain; Vera Bright, musician; Mrs. Hurtell O'Kelly, past guardian.

Mrs. Katie Kidwell, new district circle manager, Abilene, was introduced.

Refreshments were served to approximately 300 members and visitors at the close of the ceremony.

Out of gas or got a flat? Phone 245. We hurry.

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

BLAIR ITEMS

This is getting about the middle of winter time, and we are getting the winter all right. It has been freezing every night the past week, and those who have sown small grain would appreciate rain or snow to supply surface moisture.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton and children have returned home from Temple where Mrs. Horton underwent an examination at the clinic. They also visited relatives at Wortham.

Monroe Horton from the state teachers college at Canyon visited his brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Horton, the past week, and Mr. and Mrs. Horton and brother spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. D. B. Horton, of Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brooks and Mrs. J. H. Brooks of Merkel visited the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McKee and family.

Rev. Roy Anding, Baptist pastor, will fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday. All are invited to these services.

H. E. Addison has enlisted in the U. S. army and has been assigned to

DRINK WATER WITH MEALS GOOD FOR STOMACH

Water with meals helps stomach juices, aids digestion. If bloated with gas add a spoonful of Adlerika. One dose cleans out poisons and washes BOTH upper and lower bowels. Merkel Drug Company.

Fort Bliss. We wish for him much success.

Roy Doan of Rotan visited his mother, Mrs. Susie Doan, here recently.

Mrs. H. H. Price has been on the sick list the past week.

We fill all doctor's prescriptions. Vick Drug company.

FOR STUDENTS.

The Centennial edition of the Texas Almanac is filled with valuable information for students. For sale at the office of the Merkel Mail for 65c per copy.

Has your subscription expired? Come in and renew it next time you are in town. Special club rates on Semi-Weekly Farm News, Pathfinder and several Magazine Offers.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

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Sinus Disease

According to leading doctors, "Sinus trouble is one of the most prevalent and troublesome diseases of today. This dreaded and sometimes fatal disease is caused by and follows the COMMON COLD."

All kinds of serious complications besides sinus infection follow the common cold. America's Public Health Enemy Number One, THE COMMON COLD GERM, relentlessly wages its attack to pave the way for such serious illnesses as bronchitis, pneumonia, tuberculosis, and other serious health-wrecking diseases. Frequently cold infection extends into the ear or mastoid.

During the common cold months, or winter season, it is especially important to take every precaution to protect your health. Quick changes of temperature should be avoided. Sudden changes of temperature, such as occur when going from a warm room into a cold one, makes it easy for you to "catch cold." Don't give a common cold an even break. Prevention is the best remedy. However, if you should catch cold, consult your family doctor before it has an opportunity to undermine your health.

For your health's sake, and to obtain the greatest value from the fuel you use, heat your entire house and provide adequate ventilation during the short winter season.

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**"Banjo on My Knee,"
Drama With Music,
Is Big Screen Hit**

A drama with music, deftly relieved by comedy and enlivened by several new song hits, combine to make "Banjo on My Knee," the Twentieth Century-Fox picture which shows Friday and Saturday at the Queen theatre, a hit screen production. Add to this a story that is distinctly different in theme and plot construction; with the locale of "Tobacco Road" and for characters the shanty-boaters who live, love and die on their ramshackle barges on the lower Mississippi, and the sum total is something new in movie entertainment.

Fighting, loving, laughing, weeping—the tempestuous emotions of these picturesque children of the mighty river stir the blood and intrigue the interest of every one, from opening scene to thrilling climax. The selection of a cast to delineate these difficult roles was little short of inspired, with Barbara Stanwyck and Joel McCrea co-starred, supported by such talented and popular players as Helen Westley, Buddy Ebsen, Walter Brennan, Walter Catlett, Anthony Martin and Katherine DeMille.

It's the story of a "river boy" who married a "land girl," leaves her on their wedding night and later becomes reconciled. Buddy Ebsen's drollery and dancing are said to be great and the picture really develops into a personal triumph for Walter Brennan and his one-man band contraption.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the kind assistance and words of love shown us in the recent illness and death of our dear father and grandfather; also our thanks for the beautiful flowers.

May God's richest blessings rest upon every one.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Speck and Family.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

Robert E. Lee's Birthday. The undersigned Banks will observe Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1937, as a holiday and will not be open on that date. Customers are respectfully requested to be governed accordingly.

Farmers State Bank in Merkel.
Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel.

Office supplies—Mail office.

**Figures Presented to
Show Who Pays for
Highways of State**

Houston, Jan. 14.—Propounding the query, "Who Pays for Texas Highways," the Texas Railroads today answered the question with a series of figures, allocating the costs of the existing highway system, and showing the sources of the three-quarter of a billion dollars to date.

Contrary to what is perhaps the popular impression, it is shown that the general taxpayer, whether he owns a car or not, is or should be as vitally interested in the highways as in any other of the public services for which he pays. His share in the cost of the highway system, paid through ad valorem taxes, has been to date \$281,000,000 or 33 per cent of the total, while, of course, if he is a car owner, he has paid his share of the \$202,000,000 in motor license fees and the \$176,000,000 of gasoline tax, and finally, a part of the \$91,000,000 of federal aid which Texas has received for its road program.

Big trucks, engaged in inter-city freight transport, are shown to have paid a relatively insignificant part of the total cost of the highway system, though their use of the roadways has tremendously enhanced the cost both of construction and maintenance. Actual count shows, according to the summary as issued, that there are but 36,000 trucks, each registered in the state for a gross weight, vehicle and load, of 8,000 pounds or more. These large trucks, representing 2 3-4 per cent of all vehicles on the state's highways, have paid toward the road system \$14,500,000 in license fees and \$11,200,000 in gasoline taxes, a total of \$25,700,000, or 3 1-2 per cent of the total cost of the system.

Yet, the statement continues, these

large trucks add tremendously to the cost of highway construction and maintenance. Two feet wider than passenger cars and small trucks, they require four feet of additional road width, representing about 25 per cent increase in pavement cost for this item alone. Their weight is such as to make it necessary to build thicker pavements, this factor adding from 35 per cent to 60 per cent to the cost. Wider and heavier bridges and increased maintenance costs are shown to swell the total highway cost requirements to almost double that required for small trucks and passenger cars.

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Phone 245. We hurry.

LOST ANYTHING? A little ad in our Lost and Found column may bring it right back.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75c each at Merkel Mail office.

Bereavement acknowledgment engraved cards, with envelopes to match, 50 cents per dozen at Merkel Mail office.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We will appreciate the privilege of sending in your subscriptions to the leading magazines. On a great many of them, if you want to include your subscription to The Mail, we are in position to make special clubbing offer. See us before you renew.

Bereavement acknowledgment engraved cards, with envelopes to match, 50 cents per dozen at Merkel Mail office.

Use The Mail Want Ads.

NOTICE

Interest earned to December 31st, 1936, will be paid on consumers' deposits. Customers desiring payment at this time may receive same if they will bring or mail deposit receipts to our district office at

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**One of the best New Year's Resolutions
-a really MODERN Kitchen!**

The West Texas Utilities Company long ago resolved that it would bring the West Texas housewife the maximum in service at a minimum cost. This vow has been kept to the letter. As proof, it reminds you that the average housewife today enjoys thrice the comforts of electric service known less than a score of years ago.

Yes, this policy of giving the housewife her money's worth, which has reduced the net average rate per kilowatt hour from as much as 20 cents to 5 cents, today makes electric service the cheapest commodity in the average home.

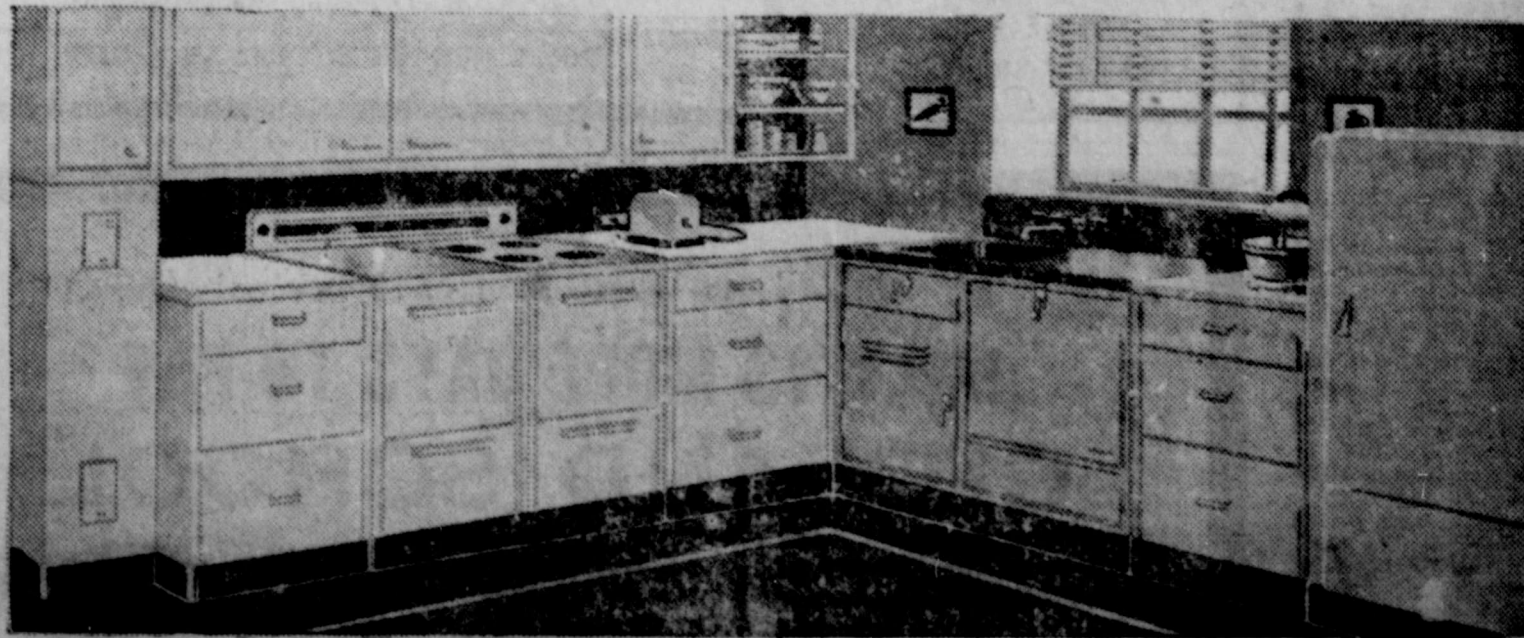
The modern home is equipped with many appliances that use but relatively few watts of electric energy per hour. Electric refrigerators, electric ranges and electric water heaters operate

on an incentive rate (discount) schedule that amounts to much less than 5 cents a kilowatt hour. There are 1,000 watts in a kilowatt—1,000 watts of energy for one house for 5 cents.

The new electrified home should be the model West Texas American home under these conditions. There is nothing prohibitive about the cost of operating any electric appliance. They have become staple products, recognized as standard for comfortable, modern homes—as much a fixture as the rug on your floor.

Modern housewives will pass a resolution today to modernize their homes in 1937, using the Electric Servant to eliminate drudgery and to stimulate the happiness that electricity served up to you has made possible in this great area.

You can secure your modern Electric Kitchen step by step. As you add each major electric appliance—refrigerator, range and water heater—you automatically receive the benefits of low incentive (discount) rates.



**West Texas Utilities
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**Saturday,
January 23, 1937**

At

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Here is your chance to buy the implements you need at your own price.

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All Implements will be Sold as they are.

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Free delivery will be made on Purchases Amounting to \$25.00 within a radius of 20 miles from Merkel.

We Will Have Two Sales on This Date

FIRST SALE BEGINS AT 10 O'CLOCK
SECOND SALE BEGINS AT 2 O'CLOCK

WEST CO.

Merkel, Texas



GIFT-PARTY.

Mrs. Comer Patterson, who was until her marriage, Miss Mamie Walker, was named honor guest at a shower of bridal appointments Wednesday afternoon in the basement of the Presbyterian church with Mesdames James West, Fred Guitar, Jr., Byron Patterson and Carlton Vick co-hostesses in entertaining. Party colors of orchid, yellow and green were first given emphasis as table covers where guests signed their favorite recipes, which when filed in a pretty bride's book served as a register for the afternoon.

A delightful seated program was given by Mrs. Geo. W. Wilhite who gave "That Old Sweetheart of Mine," with Christine Collins playing a musical accompaniment. Vocal quartette numbers by Misses Mildred, Mozelle and Leona Sosebee and Mrs. Oscar McGinnis, with Miss Iris Garrett accompanist, were much enjoyed. Master Gerald West, as a messenger boy, presented Mrs. Patterson with a special delivery package which very soon multiplied into a lovely display of gifts.

At the refreshment hour, party colors were again reflected in angel food squares, salted nuts, hot punch with dainty corsages of violets as plate favors. Guests present were Mesdames Patterson, R. A. Walker, Ralph Walker, Stacy Bird, L. C. Zehnpfennig, Max Swafford, G. C. Farrow, John West, G. C. Hodge, Bob Mayfield, DeVerle Johnson, Dee Grimes, Lige Gamble, John Shannon, A. B. Patterson, Marvin Smith, Harry Barnett, Bob Hicks, Fred Guitar, Sr., Geo. Woodrum, O. B. Leach, Claude Dye, Paul Douglass, H. C. West, Will Curb, D. M. Hill, W. T. Sadler, Castle Ellis, V. N. Ellis, M. D. Angus, G. W. Wilhite, Oscar McGinnis, Misses Robbie Walker, Vera Walker, Christine Collins, Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Iris Garrett, Mildred, Mozelle and Leona Sosebee and the hostesses.

JOLLY NEIGHBORS.

The country home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox was the setting for a very pleasant meeting of the Jolly Neighbors club on Tuesday evening, Jan. 12. Games of "42" were played and the ladies were victorious in the evening's play.

At the conclusion of the games the hosts passed a lovely salad plate to the club members and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lyon of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hudson, guests.

The club presented Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hughes with a beautiful sandwich tray as a parting gift in token of their appreciation and friendship.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Gaither will be hosts to the club on Tuesday, Jan. 26.

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Neuritis Pains
Fast**

**Bayer Tablets
Dissolve Almost
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In 2 seconds by stop watch, a genuine BAYER Aspirin tablet starts to disintegrate and go to work. Drop a Bayer Aspirin tablet into a glass of water. By the time it hits the bottom of the glass it is disintegrating. What happens in this glass happens in your stomach.

**For Amazingly Quick Relief
Get Genuine Bayer Aspirin**

If you suffer from pains of neuritis what you want is quick relief.

Genuine Bayer Aspirin tablets give quick relief, for one reason, because they dissolve or disintegrate almost instantly they touch moisture. (Note illustration above.)

Hence—when you take a real Bayer Aspirin tablet it starts to dissolve almost as quickly as you swallow it. And thus it is ready to start working almost instantly... headaches, neuralgia and neuritis pains start easing almost at once.

That's why millions never ask for aspirin by the name aspirin alone when they buy, but always say "BAYER ASPIRIN" and see that they get it.

Try it. You'll say it's marvelous.

15c for
A DOZEN
2 FULL 25c
DOZEN
Virtually
3c a tablet



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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

A temperature of 16 degrees Sunday morning cut attendance at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday to only 309, as compared with 547 on the previous Sunday. On the same Sunday a year ago 609 were present.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor, Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. Every one is cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome.
R. A. Walker, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Herbert Patterson, general superintendent. Preaching 11 a. m. Sermon by pastor. Special music. Evening worship 7 p. m. Thirty minutes singsong each Sunday evening beginning promptly at 7 p. m. Preaching 7:30. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 7 p. m.
John H. Crow, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. BTS at 6:15 p. m. WMU Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.
You are cordially invited to attend these services.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. each Sunday by Brother A. J. Rollings. Young people's program 6 p. m. on Sunday.
A service of song, prayer and preaching for each Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.
You are cordially invited to attend these services.
The Elders.

NAZARENE CHURCH.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. NYPS meeting at 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.
R. T. Smith, Pastor.

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Sweetwater
"West Texas' Finest"

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Nino Martini, Ida Lupino, Leo Carrillo in
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Sunday-Monday
Greta Garbo, Robert Taylor in
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Tuesday-Wednesday
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With Edmund Lowe, Elissa Landi

Thursday Only
"Wanted: Jane Turner"
With Lee Tracy, Gloria Stuart

R. & R. RITZ
Friday-Saturday
Bob Steel in
"The Gun Ranger"

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Preaching Saturday night at 7 o'clock. Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Sunday night song service at 6:45 o'clock. Preaching 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night.
All are cordially invited to our services.
R. C. Reagh, Supt.

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.

If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL.

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

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church arrived home Tuesday from New Mexico, where they had been visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Willingham. Returning, they visited other relatives on the Plains and came by his farm near Tahoka.

Anna Lou Church, a student in McMurry college, had as her week-end guest in the home of her parents Miss Lora Mae Jay, of Roby, also a student in McMurry.

A visitor in the city since Sunday is E. W. Morgan, recently of Quinlan, but who was employed 27 years as a member of the force of the Paducah Post. He is renewing acquaintance with a number of friends here, whom he knew at Paducah.

Messrs. Barney and Doyle Garratt, attorneys of Waco, spent the week-end here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garratt, returning Sunday. Recent visitors in the home of Mrs. W. A. McSpadden were Mrs. Sam Hines of Dallas and Mrs. Sam Baugh of Abilene, also Mrs. John Sherman's daughter, Mrs. Weldon Davis, of Plainview, who stopped over en route to Fort Worth.

Miss Floydie Isom left Wednesday to visit in Dublin and Stephenville before entering John Tarleton college next week.

Mrs. W. A. Johnson arrived Tuesday from Greenville for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Ashby.

Mary Jo Hutchins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hutchins, had the misfortune to break her arm at the skating rink Monday afternoon, but it is reported she is getting along fine and has returned to school.

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