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Monthly Statement of the CITY OF MERKEL

For December
Showing Receipts for the month of December, 1947, and expenses for the month of November, 1947, paid in December.

RECEIPTS	
Taxes	\$641.83
Water revenue	597.24
Sewer revenue	303.85
Water meter deposits	15.00
Occupation licenses	38.75
Sewer main tap	15.00
Fines	23.00
Oil lease	500.00
Total	\$2,134.67
On hand, Dec. 1, 1947	4,842.02
Total	\$6,976.69

DISBURSEMENTS	
Administrative	\$239.62
Water department	304.59
Sewer department	167.05
Sanitary department	161.55
Street department	410.19
Fire department	136.51
Police department	284.16
Lights, city hall	11.91
Street lights	131.50
Signal lights	4.23
Relief office expense	70.20
Balance on city hall contract	492.50
Meter deposit refunds	20.60
Miscellaneous	5.90
Total	\$2,439.11
Cash in general fund, Jan. 1, 1948	\$4,537.53
REFUNDING BOND ACCOUNT	
On hand, Dec. 1, 1947	\$15,305.42
From tax collections in December	\$427.83
On hand, Jan. 1, 1948	\$15,734.19

W. M. ELLIOTT,
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Asks Re-election as Justice of the Peace

To the Voters of Precinct 5:
In making public my announcement that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5, I wish to say that I appreciate very much the loyal support of voters of the precinct in having elected me to this office.

I have endeavored to serve all the people in the precinct to the best of my ability and have endeavored at all times to conduct the affairs of the office without partiality. It has been by one ambition to do my duty as I see it and, based on my record in office, I am asking your endorsement by re-electing me in the coming Democratic primary.

If elected, I assure you that I will continue to perform the duties of the office to the very best of my ability.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Dora T. Cobb.

PERSONALS

Attending the two-day meeting of the Agricultural Workers' Association which convened at Hotel Wooten, Abilene, Jan. 9, Miss Mary Jo Garland spent Friday night at Merkel with home folks.

Mrs. Eunice McWhirter and son, Maurice, returning to Roby from a visit with relatives at Seguin, made a passing visit with the Joe Garlands last Sunday evening.

Recent visitors in the Virgil Patterson home were Mrs. Patterson's sister, Mrs. N. E. Lineveaver, and her husband and their two sons. They have just returned from Tsingtao, China.

After a visit with his parent, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge, on 10-day leave, Seaman I-C Lloyd Rutledge returned Wednesday of last week to his station at Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Healer and sons were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Healer of Roby, to Jayton Friday. Rev. Mr. Healer and family went on to Childress Saturday to get Mr. Healer's grandmother, Mrs. Etna Hammonds, then returned to Jayton Sunday to get Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Healer and returned home, reporting a nice time.

This week noted the removal of the Doyle Seifrieds to the F. E. Church home on Manchester street in Southwest Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson have received word from their son, 1st Lt. David Gibson, who with his wife visited here recently while on leave from the Aleutian Islands, where he had been stationed 11 months, that he had been assigned to Randolph Field, San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Easterwood of Taft were week-end visitors in the Twyman and John Collins homes.

Mrs. U. S. Reeder and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Patton visited the first of the week in the home of Mrs. Reeder's brother, W. A. Hobbs, of Wunday. Mrs. Hobbs is a cousin of Mr. Patton.

Mrs. W. W. Wheeler and Mrs. W. L. Johnson spent the week-end in Anson, visiting in the home of Mrs. V. W. Leport.

Uncle Sam Says



Your Uncle Sam is indebted to a newspaper editorial for pointing out one of the most vital qualities of United States Savings Bonds. Under the caption INDESTRUCTIBLE BONDS, this editorial declares: "A resident of the suburbs reported the disappearance of \$12,000 in cash and \$7,000 in United States Savings Bonds from his home. If he should never see the cash or bonds again, he would be out \$19,000 not \$19,000. For the bonds will be of no value to the thief, and on application will be reissued to the owner. The misfortune that befell the suburbanite is a timely reminder that surplus cash can be put to work with security, and with assured availability to the owner in time of need, by using it for the purchase of United States Savings Bonds."
U. S. Treasury Department

"Local Used-Cow Dealer" Expanding Equipment for '48

Among others of our advertisers who expanded their facilities for service to the public during the past year, Central Hide and Rendering company is an outstanding example.

More familiarly known as "Your Local Used-Cow Dealer" and identified on our pages by the figure of a cowboy tugging a lariat, the other end of which is snubbed to a very dead cow, Central Hide and Rendering company is equipped with a fleet of new winch-trucks and the latest in modern, sanitary rendering equipment.

Through its plants in Abilene, Paris, Tyler and Wichita Falls, this concern is now offering its free dead stock removal service throughout a large portion of Texas and sections of Southern Oklahoma.

COOK BOOKS

There are plenty of cook books left that need selling. Please call a Garden club member and get yours.

Regular U. S. Army units have composed less than 10 per cent of the armed forces of the United States in every major war in which the country has participated.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

We will appreciate the privilege of sending in your subscription 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 of fer. See us before you renew.

Announces Candidacy For Commissioner

To the Voters of Precinct 2, Taylor County:

I am announcing my candidacy for the office of county commissioner of Precinct No. 2, Taylor county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

To the people who do not know me personally, I have lived in and near Merkel for 24 years. I am 43 years old. Having several years' road experience as operator and 14 years' business experience, I feel I am qualified for this office. I will endeavor to serve the people to the best of my ability and will do my best to make you a good commissioner.

I will appreciate your vote and influence very much. I will try to see each and every one during my campaign between now and election.

Sincerely,
IRVEN THOMPSON.

RURAL SOCIETY

PARTY HONORS MRS. LEWIS FARMER.

A pretty party was given in the home of Mrs. Doyal Barnes Thursday, Jan. 8, honoring Mrs. Lewis Farmer. Acting co-hostesses with Mrs. Barnes were Mesdames Hirsison Malone, Bill Wallace, F. E. Healer, Leroy Riney, E. J. Patterson, Jr., Jack Whisenhunt and W. C. Hunter.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. F. E. Healer as they arrived. Mrs. F. J. Patterson, Jr., presided at the register, which was fashioned by Mrs. Bill Wallace. After games were played and enjoyed by all, being directed by Mrs. Bill Wallace, the honoree, Mrs. Lewis Farmer, was given a string to follow which led to the many nice gifts. After the gifts were viewed, a refreshment plate of Pimento cheese sandwiches, potato chips, mints, cookies and hot cocoa, with plate favors of little stickers, made of safety pins and gum drops, by Mrs. Leroy Riney, was served to 37 guests. Also a number of gifts were sent.

UNION RIDGE CLUB

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Kenneth Pee on Jan. 2. The new president, Mrs. Denzel Cox, presided and plans for the coming year's work were discussed. Names were drawn for pals.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames Clyde Newton, Weldon McAninch, Jessie Adams, O. E. Harwell, Lee Tipton, L. S. Tipton, Jr., Denzel Cox, Beauford Buntin and Miss Mabel McRee and the

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

of Merkel, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 31, 1947, published in response to call made by the Comptroller of the Currency, under section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS	
1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$1,142,573.76
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,606,317.52
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	10,040.59
5. Corporate stocks (including \$3,900.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	3,000.00
6. Loans and discounts (including \$839.37 overdrafts)	367,613.07
7. Furniture and fixtures	4,000.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,133,544.94
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$2,923,103.90
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	30,764.73
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	49,569.75
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	4,197.72
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,007,736.10
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$3,007,736.10
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital Stock:	
(a). Common stock, total par \$50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
26. Surplus	50,000.00
27. Undivided profits	25,808.84
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 125,808.84
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$3,133,544.94
MEMORANDUM	
31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes	\$ 154,000.00

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:
I, Geo. T. Moore, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
GEO. T. MOORE, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of January, 1948.
(Seal) V. B. SIMPSON, Notary Public.

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MOVIE CALENDAR

QUEEN

Friday - Saturday — Double feature program: Don Ameche, Catherine McLeod in "That's My Man" and Red Ryder, Little Beaver in "Marshal of Cripple Creek;" Jack Armstrong serial and Sport.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday — Cary Grant, Myrna Loy, Shirley Temple in "The Bachelor And The Bobby-Soxer;" color cartoon and latest News events.

Wednesday - Thursday — Gene Tierney, Rex Harrison, George Sanders in "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir;" Selected Short Subjects.

THE BACHELOR AND THE BOBBY-SOXER

A high-school girl's infatuation for a famous artist keynotes the sparkling comedy of "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer," a Dore Schary production for RKO Radio, co-starring Cary Grant, Myrna Loy and Shirley Temple.

Grant portrays the artist and Shirley the teen-ager in the gay offering, with Miss Loy as a woman jurist and Shirley's older sister. His Bohemian ways have already gotten the artist in the judge's bad graces, and when the younger girl decides Grant is her dream man, the complications of the story go into high gear.

The methods the judge uses to break the girl's attachment for the artist backfire on her in surprising fashion, and the result is that "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" is hailed as the season's funniest comedy-romance.

LEGAL NOTICES

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: C. C. Crunk, Greeting:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 23rd day of February, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 25th day of Nov., 1947. The file number of said suit being No. 15,569-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Marcia Crunk as Plaintiff, and C. C. Crunk as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

Plaintiff and Defendant were duly and legally married on 21 September 1946, and lived together until 1 August 1947.

They acquired no community property and no children have been born or will be born to said marriage.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruelty.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 7th day of Jan., A. D., 1948.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 7th day of January, A. D., 1948.

(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: V. C. George, Greeting:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 2nd day of February, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 20th day of Dec. 1946. The file number of said suit being No.

15,124-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Ruby Mae George as Plaintiff, and V. C. George as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were duly and legally married on October 15, 1934, and lived together until October 7, 1945. Three children were born to plaintiff and defendant. There is no community property. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruelty and also sues for custody, control and support of the children.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 18th day of December, A. D., 1947.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 18th day of December, A. D., 1947.

(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.

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DON'T SQUEEZE THEM! Instead brush on KLEEREX and see how amazingly fast it hides ugly pimples as it dries them—often on first trial. Not a greasy ointment that clogs pores, but a soothing medicated liquid that relieves itching—drives redness out. Ask for KLEEREX at all druggists. Double your money back if it fails. 49¢

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THANKS...

While we sustained a great material loss in the fire that destroyed our store building and contents at an early hour last Friday, we nevertheless find compensation in the splendid way our friends and neighbors in Trent and surrounding communities rallied to our assistance, not only in fighting the fire but in encouraging words of support and confidence.

Especially do we wish to extend our thanks to the fire departments of Merkel, Abilene and Sweetwater for their prompt response and assistance when called on for aid.

We would not fail to express our thanks to our past customers for their loyal patronage, without which we could never have succeeded in our endeavors to serve the Trent community.

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S. M. Reddins Honored On 55th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Reddin were honored with a surprise party on their 55th wedding anniversary Sunday, Jan. 4, in their home in the 5th community.

Present for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Drew Reddin and son, Rudolph, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Miller and children, Shirley Mae, Don, Max and Janis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert James and daughter, Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Reddin, Howard Reddin and children, Charles and Betty Sue.

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A number of agricultural colleges and experiment stations have made practical work studies on farms and ranches, with some astounding results. For example, one dairy farmer (who thought himself pretty efficient) adopted improved machine milking techniques, rearranged his barn to save steps and time in feeding and watering. He saved himself two miles of walking per day, cut his daily chore time by two hours and five minutes. That's 730 miles of walking and 760 hours of work in a year. In making the changes, he spent less than \$50.

Indiana tells of farmers who, by planning their work, are raising hogs with one quarter their former hours of labor. . . . There's a report of men making hay in 90 man-minutes per ton; while others using similar equipment—but older, harder ways of working—spend twice that time. . . . There are scores of other examples.

Perhaps you cannot make such great savings in your operations. Maybe you can make more. It's certainly worth looking into, for even little savings are important. Five steps saved a day makes a mile in a year. Five minutes a day gives you three extra days a year.

There's no master plan to fit every farm and ranch, because no two are exactly the same. You have to work out your own plan of improvement. But the time it takes may well be the most profitable time you've ever spent.

A four-step scheme is suggested. First, consider each job or chore separately. Break it down into its parts. Check each part with a watch or tape measure and see if steps or time can be saved. Second, compare your work methods with those of your neighbors. Third, examine and check the details of your work methods. Fourth, develop and apply the new method. In a nutshell, "Plan your work and work your plan."

Time studies and job analysis have helped Swift & Company increase efficiency and make important savings. That's why we so confidently suggest similar studies in your operations. One excellent bulletin on the subject is Number 307, published by Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana. It's interesting reading and well worth writing for. Your county agent or state agricultural college can tell of other bulletins on the same subject.



The American Way

In the livestock-meat industry, as in all American business, profit provides the basic incentive for work, enterprise and action. Profit makes the mare go for livestock producers, meat packers and retailers. Too little profit by one section creates an imbalance in the industry. If one part of the livestock-meat industry suffers continued loss, all of us are hurt in the long run.

However, a margin of profit fair to one section of the livestock-meat industry might be quite unfair to another. For instance, we at Swift & Company know perfectly well that both livestock producers and retailers require a higher margin of profit, because of their relatively small volume. On the other hand, nationwide meat packers must build up a tremendous volume of sales to make up for a very small margin of profit per unit—a margin that has been consistently lower than that earned by any other manufacturing industry in America.

Over a period of years, Swift & Company has earned, on the average, less than two cents on each dollar of sales (a fraction of a cent per pound of product handled). Over the same period, the average amount returned to producers for agricultural raw materials, including livestock, wool and hides, has been 75 cents out of each dollar we received. This is not a profit. Out of this 75 cents producers must pay the cost of production.

Whether livestock prices are high or low or whether meat is high-priced or inexpensive—Swift & Company can earn a reasonable profit only by adding together many tiny savings on a large volume of business.

Swift & Company
Vice-President, Swift & Company



Soda Bill Sez: . . . the man with a dull hoe is wasting nobody's time but his own.

Martha Logan's Recipe for HAM LOAF

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 3/4 pound ground ham | 1/4 teaspoon pepper |
| 1 1/2 pound ground fresh pork | 1 cup milk |
| 2 eggs | 1/2 cup brown sugar |
| 1 cup dry bread crumbs | 1 tablespoon dry mustard |
| 1 teaspoon salt | 2 tablespoons vinegar |
- Beat eggs. Combine meats, eggs, crumbs, salt, pepper, and milk. Mix thoroughly. Form into loaf in 8 1/4 x 4 1/4 x 2 3/4 inch loaf pan. Combine sugar, mustard, and vinegar. Spread over meat. Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) 1 hour, or until meat has reached an internal temperature of 185° F. (Yield: One 8 1/4 x 4 1/4 x 2 3/4 inch loaf)



City Cousin cannot see Why "you" is spelled E-W-E. Neither can we!

Farmer's Choice—When I was in high school, I spent a summer vacation on my grandfather's farm in Indiana. From my city-bred standpoint, he seemed a particularly dull and unworldly life. Rising before dawn and working till after dusk, with little or no opportunity for urban pleasures, he was an object of pity to my adolescent eye. Why didn't he sell his farm and move to town? How did he ever get into this rut in the first place? "Grandpa," I asked one evening at milking time, "Why did you become a farmer, anyway?"

He paused a moment, leaned back on his stool and looked slowly around the barn—at the livestock, at the huge haymow in the east corner, at the farm tools, at the broad beams that supported the roof. What he saw seemed to reassure him, and I shan't forget his answer: "Just lucky, I guess."

Contributed by George H. Chamness
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Controlling Roundworm in Sheep

by Walter Armer
University of Arizona



The control of roundworm on sheep ranches has been successfully tested by Dr. W. J. Pistor, University of Arizona Animal Pathologist. It consists of feeding a mixture of 1 part phenothiazine with 9 parts of ordinary granular salt. Roundworm, a serious plague, especially to sheep grazed on irrigated pastures, can be checked by phenothiazine and salt. Of course, it is not a cure-all. Badly infected sheep may still have to be drenched. But feeding the mixture throughout the pasture period will prevent the worm population from reaching the dangerous level in the majority of cases.

Phenothiazine, alone, is but one of a number of drugs known to aid in controlling roundworm in livestock. But during World War II, animal husbandmen discovered its effectiveness was greatly heightened when used with salt and fed throughout the pasture season.

Experiments begun in 1943 with sheep grazing on irrigated pastures in Arizona proved the remarkable value of the new mixture. It resulted in cutting down loss of sheep and in marketing lambs in better condition. Today a high percentage of sheep on Arizona farm lands receive the 1-9 phenothiazine and salt mixture.

This new treatment is economical as well as effective. It practically eliminates the necessity of drenching each animal individually to control roundworms—a costly and possibly dangerous practice.

Track Down the Facts

A great family "man" is *Fiber Zibethicus*, better known to American farmers as the muskrat. He raises his many offspring in marshes, and about streams, lakes and ponds. Muskrat tracks are easily recognized by the drag of his knife-like tail, which shows up well in soft mud.

The muskrat-trapper works hard to make a living out of muskrat skins, and generally his efforts are rewarded. But there is one fact about his business that he tracked down long ago. He knows the price he can get for muskrat skins depends on the popular demand for finished pelts.

In the business of processing livestock into meat for people's use, we at Swift & Company have to keep track of the demand for meat everywhere in the nation. We must know, too, the weights and grades of cuts preferred by housewives. Experience has taught us that the price the producers receive for their livestock is governed by what the meat packers can get for the meat and by-products.

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U. S. Savings Bonds
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Dallas, Jan. 15.—Texans topped the 200-million dollar mark in U. S. savings Bonds, Series E, F and G, in 1947, according to figures just released by the Texas Advisory Committee on Savings Bonds. Nathan Adams, Dallas, chairman of the committee, praised the citizens of the state on their continued support of the U. S. Treasury's program to help combat inflation and to aid its management of the public debt.

"There is a growing realization among the people of Texas and the nation," Mr. Adams said, "that the great national debt must be spread among the greatest number of citizens if we are to continue a sound economy. Each individual citizen is directly effected by the management of the national debt and it is gratifying to see so many Texans continuing to invest in U. S. Savings Bonds."

"The U. S. Treasury has received the endorsement from groups all over the nation urging it to continue a vigorous campaign to sell more Savings Bonds in 1948 as one of the great anti-inflationary moves. These groups include businessmen, bankers, investment bankers and many others."

Total sales for Texas in 1947 amounted to \$202,896,123 with \$134,650,000 in Series E Bonds. Mr. Adams pointed out that almost 60 per cent of the number of Series E Bonds issued were in \$25 denominations. "This is indicative that in spite of the high cost of living the small investor is setting aside part of his earnings regularly to meet the future," Mr. Adams commented.

Mr. Adams also congratulated the farm and ranch population of Texas on its foresight in investing heavily in 1947 in U. S. Savings Bonds, Series E, F and G. "With a rare combination of high production and high prices, rural incomes were at an all time peak and as a result a great number of farmers and ranchers invested to the limit in Savings Bonds last year," he said.

**C. Huckabee Named
Assistant Co. Agent**

Cloyce Huckabee of Gatesville will assume the duties of assistant county agent on Jan. 20, County Agent Elmo Cook announced Monday.

Huckabee is to get his degree in animal husbandry from Texas A. and M. college this week.

He replaces L. J. Wilson in the Taylor county agricultural post. The latter has taken over the job of Fisher county agent.

During the war Huckabee served in the Navy for 3 1-2 years with duty on a destroyer in the South Pacific.

Before entering Texas A. and M., he attended John Tarleton college for 1 1-2 years.

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The C. E. Huffs really had an enjoyable Christmas this year, having had all their children with them once more during the holidays, for the first time in six years, also an old friend from Garvin, Okla., Archie Burks.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Huff and son, Coy, from Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Huff and two children, Izella and Davis, from Grenville, N. M., Leonard Huff, Grenville, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Huff from Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stanford from Penwell, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Payne and daughter, Phala Sue, from Lamesa, and the two boys who are still at home, Buddie and Loman.

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9% Sweet Feed, per 100 lbs.	\$2.95
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FOR SALE—Farmall "12" tractor; good shape. D. C. Doan.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Subject to action of the Democratic Primary in July.]

For Commissioner, Precinct 2, Taylor County:
D. C. DOAN.
IRVEN THOMPSON.

For Commissioner, Precinct 4, Jones County:
C. H. (Connie) OTTO.

For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5:
MRS. DORA T. COBB.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two nice bedrooms, next to bath, at South Second and Manchester. Mrs. E. L. Goode.

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PIANO WANTED—Would like to keep somebody's piano for care of it. Mrs. Leo Harris.

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Report of Condition of
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of Trent, Texas, at the close of business December 31, 1947, a State banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS	
1. Cash balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$76,732.27
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	119,500.00
5. Corporate stocks (including \$2,100.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	2,100.00
6. Loans and discounts (including .99c overdrafts)	188,929.96
7. Bank premises owned \$600.00, furniture and fixtures \$600.00	1,200.00
12. TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,108,462.23
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$1,000,041.62
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	1,200.00
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	4,991.18
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$1,006,232.80
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	\$1,006,232.80
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital*	\$ 25,000.00
26. Surplus	75,000.00
27. Undivided profits	2,229.43
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 102,229.43
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$1,108,462.23

*This bank's capital consists of Common stock with total par value of \$25,000.00

I, J. G. Wilks, cashier, of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. G. WILKS.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Taylor, ss:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of January, 1948.
(Seal) **JAMES V. ROSS,**
Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

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15 Pound Box	8 pound bags—TEXAS
Pascal CELERY , lb. 17c	GRAPEFRUIT , sack 28c
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ORANGES , sack 28c	APPLES , lb. 11c

Red and White FLOUR	25 pound bag \$1.97
	5 pound bag 49c

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Red and White Vinegar , qt. bottle 23c	Red and White Mince Meat , 9 oz. pkg. .. 19c
Red and White Hot Sauce , 6 oz. bottle .. 14c	Comstock Sliced
RED and WHITE Peas , 3 sv. No. 2 can, 2 for 43c	Pie Apples , No. 2 can 21c
Pictsweet Cream Style	Red and White Vienna Sausage 18c
Corn , No. 303 can 19c	Van Camps
Kuners Fancy Kraut , No. 2 can 14c	Sardines , tall can 23c
Brimful Cut	Dentons Spanish TOMATO
Green Beans , No. 2 can .. 13c	Sauce , 8 oz. cans, 2 for .. 13c
Red and White Pure Vanilla , 1½ oz. bot. 27c	Red and White Fruit Cocktail , No. 2½ .. 41c
Pinto	Red and White Sliced Peaches , No. 1 can 22c
Beans , 2 pound 29c	Sunsweet
	Prune Juice , 12 oz. can 12c
	Super
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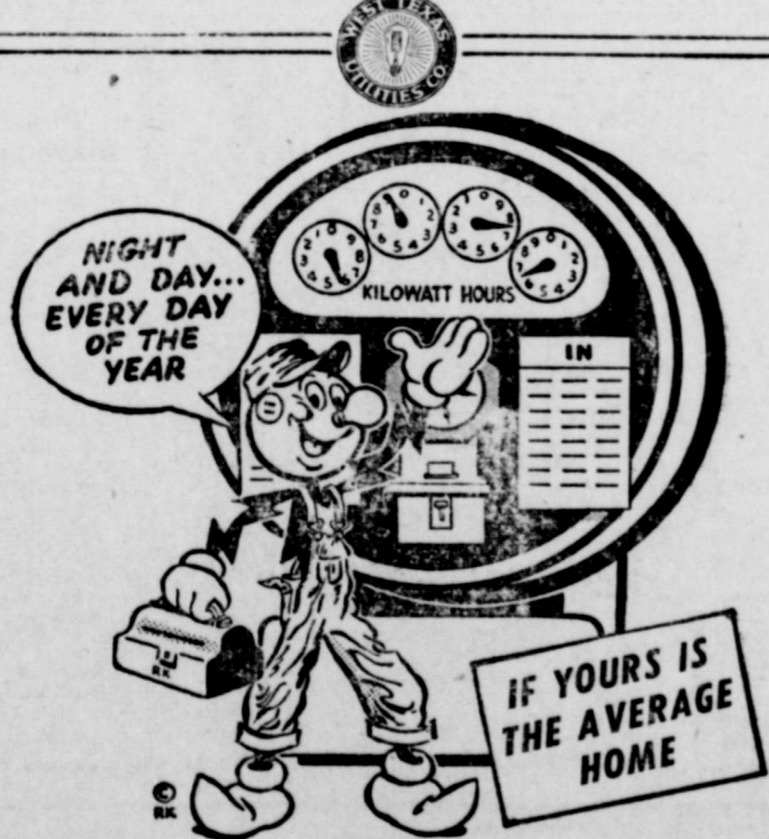
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Melrose FRANKS , lb. 39c	Dry Salt JOWLS , lb. 29c
VEAL CHUCKS FOR ROASTS , lb. 39c	LONGHORN SOUTHERN
STAR LINK SAUSAGE , lb. 59c	CHEESE , lb. 55c
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MERLE DUNBAR AND ROBERT GRIMES TO WED FEB. 7.
(Abilene Reporter-News.)

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Dunbar of Tuscola announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Merle Dunbar, of Abilene, to Robert Irwin Grimes, of Alice, son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Robert Irwin Grimes of Merkel. The Rev. R. L. Butler will read the ceremony on February 7, in the Merkel Methodist church.

Wedding attendants will be Mrs. Jack Dawson West of Merkel, sister and only attendant of the bride-elect; John Hamner of Trent, best man, and Jack Lowe of Abilene and David Gamble of Merkel, ushers.

A graduate of Tuscola high school, the bride-elect attended Texas State College for Women and Sul Ross State college and graduated in 1944 from Scott and White hospital school of nursing at Temple. She is on the nursing staff of Hendrick Memorial hospital at present.

The bridegroom graduated from Merkel High school and served six years in the Naval Air corps as a chief radioman. He is connected with the San Antonio division, McKesson-Robbins Drug company, incorporated, at Alice, where the couple will live.

An introductory tea honoring Miss Dunbar will be hosted at Merkel by Mrs. Pete West, sister of the bridegroom-to-be, and Mrs. Paul West.

COWART-VARNER

Marie Varner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Varner, and Gus Cowart, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cowart, of Tarzan, were united in marriage on Dec. 31 at Midland.

Minister Woodie Holden, pastor of the Midland Church of Christ, read the ceremony at his home.

The bride wore a winter white two-piece dress with brown accessories. She attended Merkel High school and is a graduate of Abilene Christian College high school.

The bridegroom, a graduate of Sparenburg high school, served two years in the Navy and is now employed by the Midland Drug company.

The couple is living in Midland.

NEEB-HOBBS

At 9:30 Saturday morning Minister Troy M. Cummings of the Merkel Church of Christ read the ceremony which united in marriage, Mr. R. Milton Neeb, of San Marcos, and Miss Ella Hobbs, of Merkel. The marriage took place in the minister's home.

Those present were Mrs. U. S. Reeder, sister of the bride; Hortense Reeder, Frances Reeder, Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Harris and daughter, Darlene.

T. E. L. CLASS

The T. E. L. class of the First Baptist church met Tuesday, Jan. 13, in the country home of Mrs. Ernest Teaff, with Mrs. Ernest Douglas and Mrs. J. D. Bradley co-hostesses.

Seventeen members enjoyed the all-day covered dish luncheon.

Mrs. Irl Walker brought the devotional on "Glorifying God." Mrs. Booth read a letter of thanks from Miss Blanche Rose Walker for the Christmas love offering the class sent her which amounted to fifty

dollars.

The class voted to re-decorate the class room.

Those present were Mesdames John Mansfield, Lucy Ford, Dent Gibson, Earl Baze, T. J. Bird, Irl Walker, Ernest Douglas, Claude Warren, Artist Cook, Robert Harris, Earl Lassiter, Sam Swann, J. D. Bradley, Alonzo Peterson, A. R. Booth, E. R. Clack, and Mrs. Teaff.

MERKEL HD CLUB

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon, Jan. 9, in the home of the new president, Mrs. Rhett Eidson. The meeting was opened with singing, led by Mrs. Don Riney, who also brought the program on "Observance of the New Driving Laws."

Each member received a calendar and the new 1948 yearbooks. Names were drawn for club pals.

A dainty refreshment plate of sandwiches, fancy cookies, olives, candy and coffee was served to one visitor, Mrs. Selma Russell, and the following members: Mesdames Irl Walker, J. A. Kuykendall, W. J. Bryan, W. C. Lee, W. A. Harris, Gordon Pursley, Odie Bagley, Bob McDonald, W. J. Derstine, J. Ben Campbell, Harry Barnett, Chas. Sylvester, Margaret Eidson, Stella Cutler, Leo Harris, S. G. Russell, Jr., Ray Holmes, Don Riney, J. O. Castles and the hostess.

After an enjoyable afternoon, such member went away thinking that Mrs. Eidson was not only a grand hostess but a wonderful executive, and club members are expecting to accomplish much under her leadership.

BAPTIST W. M. S.

The Woman's Missionary society of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Sam Swann for a Bible lesson.

Opening prayer was led by Mrs. H. R. Hicks and Mrs. P. F. Harris taught an interesting lesson on "The Tabernacle." Mrs. J. O. Castles gave the closing prayer.

Present were Mesdames J. S. Swann, A. R. Booth, Earl Lassiter, J. A. Kuykendall, T. J. R. Swafford, S. R. Diggins, W. T. Sadler, Owen Robertson, and one visitor, Mrs. William Bradford, and the above mentioned.

The next meeting will be at the church on Monday, Jan. 19, at 2:30 p. m. for a Royal Service program.

Expresses Thanks for Interest in Contest

The Merkel Garden club wishes to express their appreciation for the interest shown in the Christmas lighting contest and to thank the West Texas Utilities company and the Farmers and Merchants National bank for the lovely and useful prizes so generously offered.

Stamps Quartet Coming

The Stamps All-Star quartet, of Wichita Falls, will be presented in a program at the Community Center, Friday night, at 7:30, under the sponsorship of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Price of tickets: 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for children.

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In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 757 as compared with 791 on the previous Sunday. The attendance on the same Sunday a year ago was 755.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 6:00 p. m. Evening sermon at 7:00. Prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.

METHODIST CHURCH

Church School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11. Youth Fellowship 6:30 p. m. Evening worship 7:00. WSCS Mondays, 2 p. m. Mid-week prayer Wednesdays, 7:00 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Christian Endeavor meets at 6 p. m. Sunday. Mid-week prayer meeting at 6:30 Wednesday evening.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Services Thursday 7:45 p. m.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11. NYPS at 7:00 p. m.

Preaching at 8:00. Prayer meeting at 7:00 p. m. Wednesday. R. T. Smith, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible School 9:45 a. m. Sunday. Worship 10:50 a. m. and 7 p. m. Young People's meeting 6:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7 p. m. Troy M. Cummings, Minister.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.

PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS

Services, Corner South Eighth and Yucca streets, fourth Sunday in each month; 2:30 p. m. Saturday and Saturday night, 11 a. m. Sunday; spread lunch and singing in the afternoon.

SALT BRANCH CHURCH

Sunday School every Sunday. Preaching every first and third Sundays, morning and night. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

Hospital Notes

W. L. Gibson was admitted to Sadler Clinic-Hospital, Thursday, Jan. 8, as a pneumonia patient. Others received during the week were: for treatment, the J. T. Gregory child, Jan. 8, Mrs. Fred Johnson, Alec Carter, (re-admitted), Mrs. Frank Mundy, the Barney Berry child, Jan. 10; the B. A. Bailey child, Jan. 11; Mrs. John Malone, Mrs. J. L. Bailey, Jan. 12; Bert Melton, Jan. 14.

Garden Hints

from Merkel Garden Club.

Cut chrysanthemums to the ground and destroy tops in order to check disease and induce the roots to supply the new shoots for this year's flowering plants. Mulch with hay-mixed fertilizer and there will be plenty of new plants for setting out in March to June.

Some native shrubs and trees, suitable for West Texas, are redbud, vitex, flowering willow and pecan.

Now is the time to plant trees, shrubs and roses. Plant as soon as possible that roots may become well established before the warm spring days arrive.

Let us start thinking of the spring garden. Plan now for plenty of blooms and shrubs to brighten your garden and gladden the hearts of those who pass by.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank each one who gave on the love offering. May God bless each one of you. Sincerely, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Thaxton.

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5-to-6 lb. Average—Tender Picnic HAMS, lb.	53c
Fancy SALT JOWLS, lb.	29c
Machine Sliced BACON, lb.	65c
Frozen—Boneless FISH pound	49c

FRESH FRUITS and VEGETABLES

Large, Fancy CARROTS, bunch	7c
Texas ORANGES, pound	4c
Washington Delicious APPLES, pound	9c
Ruby Red GRAPEFRUIT, pound	7c
Fresh, Choice CELERY — AVOCADOS	
RADISHES — TOMATOES	
LETTUCE — Gr. ONIONS	
Fresh CABBAGE, pound	5c

Fancy No. 1 TOMATOES, can	8c
Egg Noodles with CHEESE, tall can	8c
Chicken or Vegetable SOUP, can	8c
Tomato PUREE, can	8c
Apple SAUCE, can	8c
White HOMINY, No. 2 can	8c
Sour KRAUT, can	8c
Cut BEETS, can	8c
FOLGER'S COFFEE pound	48c

PURE CANE SUGAR, 10 lb. bag	89c
Pinto Beans, 2 pounds	29c
REGARDS—White, Sweet Corn, No. 2 can	13c
Fancy Pumpkin, No. 2 1/2 can	10c
Cock-O-The-Walk Peaches, No. 2 1/2 can	25c
PRESERVES, JELLIES, 1 lb. jar	15c

WHEATIES
2 Packages 33c

TREND SPECIAL DEAL
SOAP, 2 boxes 35c

CLAPS—STOKLEYS
BABY FOOD Can 4c

BORDEN'S EAGLE BRAND can 25c

Mary Lee Taylor's Pineapple Cream Dessert
Broadcast: January 17, 1948

1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cup Pet Milk
1/2 cup water
2 eggs, separated
1 cup graham cracker crumbs

3 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
1/2 cup crushed, canned pineapple, well drained

Mix together 1/2 cup sugar, flour and salt. Stir in slowly mixture of milk and water. Cook and stir over boiling water 10 min. after water again boils. Stir slowly into slightly beaten egg yolks. Cook and stir 2 min. Cool. Mix crumbs with 1 tablesp. sugar and melted butter. Save 1/2 cup crumb mixture; press remaining crumbs on bottom and sides of well-buttered 6-in. square pan. Put custard into pan. Top with pineapple. Beat egg whites stiff but not dry. Beat in remaining 1/2 cup sugar slowly. Spread on pineapple. Sprinkle reserved crumbs over top. Bake in slow oven (325° F.) 20 min., or until light brown. Makes 4 servings. *Vanilla wafer crumbs also can be used.

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