# DRILLING ON THE

abo 2,400 feet for the above the morning hour. W. M. Murrel reasons, A strong showing of gas has been showing in this well for some time now, and as it is only about 90 feet down to the point where the Sears well ruck the oil bearing sands, it

expected that much interest be manifested in the Bland from this day on. The ofof the company, the drilland those closest connectith the project are indeed nistic over the present show and feel that it is only a 1 when they will bring in a producer.

ers's hoping boys, you have best and most sincere wish-

# MERKEL MOTOR CO.

would soon begin the consolida- get the paper out on time. the kind of teaching given the tion of the two buildings into a We trust that you will cooper-children in their schooling. modern Automobile supplyhouse ate with us in this matter, and with garage in connection. And when you fail, do not feel ofimmediately after the rains this fended at us when we are unable week, P. L. McClary who has to publish advertising received the contract for this work start- after Wednesday evening at 6 ed a large crew of men at work o'clock. tearing out the partition and otherwise making ready for converting the two buildings into one of the finest automobile supuly houses in this part of the country.

modern front, and infact right for each Sunday shows an inup to the minute.

## Chadwick Wins

Monday night was the best ever the preaching services. News.

I Statement of the Financial Condition of

## The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of pusiness liened at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 14th day RESOURCES

| Loans and Dis., personal or collatera | 1 8611,750.04  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| ' nane, real estate                   |                |
| sonds and Stocks W. S. Stamps         | 6,459.55       |
| Real Estate (banking house)           | 7,850.00       |
| Other Real Estate                     | ****           |
| Furniture and Fixtures                | 5,200.00       |
| ue from Approved Res. Agts. net       | 224,102.32     |
| e from other Banks and Bankers,       |                |
| ltems                                 | 4,597.15       |
| ency                                  |                |
| de                                    |                |
| and Asst. Dep.Guaranty Fund           |                |
| er Resources                          |                |
| Total                                 | \$1,055,909,35 |
| LIABILITIES                           |                |
| Capital Stock paid in                 | \$50,000.00    |
| Surplus Fund                          |                |
| Undivided Profits, net                | 21,303.08      |
| Due to Banks and Bankers,             | . 18,754.18    |
| Individual Deposits sub. to check     | 875,576.64     |
| Time Certificates of Deposit          | 44,842 68      |
| Cachier's checks                      | 5,432.77       |
| - Total                               | \$1,055,909,35 |

State of Texas, County of Taylor: on, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do aly swear that the above statement is true best of our knowledge and belief.

. J. Toombs, president R. O. Anderson, cashier Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th May. A.D. 1929. W P. Mahaffey KAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas

## METHODIST CHURCH NOTICE

Sunday school at ten o'clock, be there on time and help reach the three hundred mark again. The Baracca boys say they will have fifty. Now how many will After several weeks delay on your class have? At the eleven This test was shut down at announcements will be made at

ing to our advertisers with re-making it a school of the first gards to the time of receiving class. advertisements for publication | With the election of capable for advertising will not be ac- the balance of the faculty. cepted later than six o'clock on Every school should employe readiness, having bought and Saturday at 11 a. m. Congre-Wednesday afternoon for publi- competent teachers, teachers paid for the material for their gational Cooperation in Mission cation that week.

## PRESBYTERIAN NOTES

notes are becoming, indeed, but in this part of the country. The buildings are to be ex- a chronicle of progress. Truly, tended fifty feet, making the there is at work that little leatotal length 50x140 feet, with ven that leaveneth the whole crease over the preceding one. Last Sunday's report shows an attendance of eighty-four in the Sunday school and another at-The wrestling match here tendance of over one hundred in

seen here. Chadwick winning 2 We were pleased to note the straight falls .- Cisco Morning number of young people attending the morning preaching service. We want the young people always to feel at home in our church. It shall be our endeavor to make our services both an inspiration and a blessing to them. the 4th day of May, 1920, published in So let us urge you, young men the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and pub- and women to come and worship with us as often as you

> Next Sunday let us put forth every effort to put our Sunday school attendance up to (or over the one hundred mark. Our Auto Committee is at the com-

mand of all; lets use it. Don't forget our choir practice. Include in your program the Wednesday evening service. There will be the usual services on next Sunday. Preaching both morning and evening at the regular hours. And remember the revival meeting which be gins on the last Sunday of this

S. O. S. (not a Save Oh Save but Postal savings deposits -a "Service on Sunday") call to Total of time dep. sub. to Res., Items 40, 41, 42 and 43\_\$34,677.31 every man and woman in Mer- Liabilities other than those above stated..... kel. There are enough people not We, T.J. Toombs, as president, and R. O. now attending Sunday services to fill every vacant pew in the churches of the town. Won't you be in the church of your choice next Sunday. You have always a cordial welcome and invitation to worship with "the little church with a big welcome."

At a recent meeting of the

class, as when the school began The managers of this comlast fall it had a rating of 8 and pany have been busy for several one half points, and after a re- weeks trying to assemble matercent inspection by an inspector ial for spudding this test in, but from the state Board of Educa- like most every other kind of tion recommendation is to be business it is a hard job to get made that the Merkel schools be material and after finding it is We are forced to make a rul- given a rating of 19 points, thus quite a job getting it trans-

each week. We make it a rule teachers, of high character for opinion that they will give us a er of reaching the proper to print our paper each Thurs- the other departments of our day afternoon or night, and it school there is no reason why is absolutely impossible for us the patrons should not have the in one day to set all the adver- pleasure their children being TRACTOR COMPANY GETtisements, make up the paper taught in a school of the first and do the many other things class. But for any school to succonnected with the publication ceed there must be the strictof a weekly newspaper, and we est cooperation especially be- Armstrong Tractor Company of church World Movement, by a therefore wish to state that copy tween the Superintendent and Sweetwater, is progressing nice-member of the faculty of the

This does not mean that we the money there is in the posi- feet, and made of steele, which land. do not want your advertising, tion, but teachers who have the makes it absolutely fire proof. purchased the building adjacent advertisements may be handed carry on the affairs of the state try from this plant. to their place of business and in, so that we may be able to and nation. Much depends on

## NORTH SIDE CHURCH IM-PROVEMENTS

busy remodeling and painting upon her arrival. the North Side Christian church and which when completed will

# WILL SPUD IN THE

account of the drouth causing a o'clock hour Mr. L. R. ThompMerkel School Board among velopment Company, of Atlanta, Besides an interesting pro- in this section, at from six to shortage of water for drilling son will speak on the relation of purposes the Bland well was the church to the business world started up again Wednesday imcome and get a business man's Burgess and Principal, R.J. Milmodistely after the great rains idea of what the church means law were unanimously re-elected. mediately after the great rains idea of what the church means ler, were unanimously re-elected miles northeast of Merkel, the public is cordially invited to seems to have been general over to their respective positions for boiler was fired up yesterday come out and hear the interest- West Texas. Both of these gentlemen have made good in their efforts to make Merkel a school of the first class, as when the school began

ported. But to say the least of it these men are constantly and ever on the job, and it is our good clean test.

## TING READY FOR BUSI'SS

ly toward getting their plant in Abilene Christian College. who are not teaching just for building, which it to be 74x150 work, by O. E. Phillips, of East-

this paper some time ago that same, but we just must have a who in the years to come are to next few months farm Tractors Christ needs in my community" Everything set for great bout at the Merkel Motor Company had set time as to how late copy for be the men and women who will will be delivered over this coun-by visiting brethern.

> the week by a message announc- services to be arranged for. All finish bout at the Airdome Friing the serious illness of her are invited to come and enjoy day night, is expected to reach daughter, Mrs. Geo. Bullock. We join the family's many riends Carpenters and painters are found her daughter improving Patterson Bros. Meat Market. tf will be ready on his arrival here

Geo. Ferrier returned last Well watch us grow! These be among the neatest and nicest week from California, where he has been for some time.

## NO. 7481

Report of the Condition of

## THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

AT MERKEL

In the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on May 4, 1920 RESOURCES

| Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts  | \$479,362.41 |
|---|--------------|
| Overdrafts, secured, None; Unsecured None.  |              |
| Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value)\$6,250.00                         |              |
| Pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value) 3,500.00                            |              |
| Owned and unpledged 5,699.19-   | 15,449.19    |
| Securities other than U. S. bonds (not inc. stocks) owned unpledged.                      | 4,324.85     |
| Stock of Federal Reserve bank (50 per cent of Subscription)                               | 1,950.00     |
| Furniture and Fixtures  | 4,500.00     |
| Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank  | 67,334.22    |
| Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks                                     | 189,790.70   |
| Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank                          | 491.06       |
| Total of Items 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17\$190,261.76   |              |
| Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank<br>and other cash items | 762.01       |
| Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U.S. Treasurer                          | 312,50       |
| Interest earned but not collected-approximate-on Notes and                                |              |
| Bills Receivable not past due   | 400.84       |
|   |              |

| -       | and other cash items                                      | 762.01                                   | l |
|---------|---|--|---|
| u       |   | 312,50                                   |   |
| h       | Bills Receivable not past due                             | 400.84                                   | l |
| y       | Total   | \$764,657.78                             | ı |
| r       | LIABILITIES   |  | ı |
| 1-      | Capital stock paid in                                     | \$50,000.00                              | 1 |
| 1-      | Surplus Fund  | 15,000.00                                | ı |
|         | Undivided profits\$19,087.13                              |  | ı |
| e-      | Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid 7,572.05- | 11,515.08                                | ľ |
| n<br>e. | and not comed (approximate)                               | 5,757,54                                 |   |
|         | Circulating notes outstanding                             | 6,250.00                                 | ı |
| h       | Cashiers checks on own bank outstanding\$9,558.01         | 9,558.01                                 |   |
| e       | Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:                       | 4 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 1 | ı |
| r       | Individual deposits subject to check                      | 631,249.00                               | k |
| 9-      | Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days         | 250.00                                   | 1 |
| is      | Other demand deposits                                     |  |   |
| n       | Items 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and 39\$631,499.00              |  | ľ |

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS: I. L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. L. R. THOMPSON, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of May, 1920. J. T. HOWARD, Notary Public.

Correct-Attest:-G. F. WEST. BOOTH WARREN, Directors

## NORTH SIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Elsewhere in this paper will be found the program for the Fifth Sunday meeting to be held with the North Side church in this city, which will begin Fri-According to Jas. A Cullum, day night May 28 and continue

Beginning Friday night May 28, and continuing over Sunday, there will be a series of services at the church of Christ in this try city, which will be of interest to all, and especially to the members of the church, and which will be as follows:

Friday night the subject will be, "The position of the church We are informed that the of Christ toward the Inter-

Saturday afternoon at two Announcement was made in or that we do not appreciate welfare of the boys and girls, It is likely that within the o'clock-"What the cause of big mat bout with Chadwick.

Saturday evening at 8 o'clock fundementals of the church of Hassell, champion wrestler of Mrs.J. M. Garrett was called Christ, O. E. Phillips.

these services with us.

in the hopes that Mrs. Garrett Fresh Barbecue each day at is in the best of condition and

## BAPTIST CHURCH NOTICE

Sunday school 10 a. m. with our banner crowd.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by Eld. J. B. Parrack.

Evening worship in charge of the B. Y. P. U. at 8 p. m. B. Y. P. U meets at 5 p. m. for

rehearsal. Jr. Union meets at Annex, to practice their part for Sunday

night, 5 p. m. Teachers meeting Monday night 8 p.m.

Prayermeeting and Choir practice Wednesday 8 p. m. The pastor will again be out

of town Sunday supplying for First State Bank, Trent, Texas their loyalty by full attendance paper printed and published at Merkel, state of Texas, on the 14th day of May, 1920. at all services of the church.

Come and find a hearty wel- Loans and dis personal or collateral \$174,616.67 come at any or all of the above Overdrafts services. You are especially in- Honds and Stocks vited to hear our young people Furniture and fixtures. in their open house program for Due from approved reserve agents, net 15,226.06 Sunday evening at 8 p. m. Ira L. Parrack, Pastor

## OUR BANK STATEMENTS

We take great pleasure in calling our readers attention to Capital stock paid in the splendid statements of the two banks of this city, which Individual Deposits Sub.te Check 187,695.39 show without doubt the splendid Time Certificates of Deposit. stitutions. They very plainly show the country to be in a very prosperous condition for the State of Texas, County of Taylor: ....\$764,657.78 time of the year, and shows also that these institutions are in do solemnly swear that the the hands of capable painstak- true to the best of our knowl ing business men.

> W. R. Atkins and wife of Fannin county, are here for a Correct-Attes visit to their daughter, Mrs. J. Ben Campbell.

Three or four big rains, vary-

The rain will be of untold benefit to the farmers and stockmen of this country, as there had been but little or no rain since the first of January. It is believed that most of the wheat and oats was too far gone with the exception of a small percentage, which will be light.

However, with the weather favorable from now on, the chances are very bright for cotton and feed stuffs, which are the principle crops in this soun-

The country as a whole is in most excellent condition from every stand point, and good business is expected throughout the balance of the year.

# MATCH TO-NIGHT

Hassell to arrive today for the Airdome Friday evening in attempted comeback.

Houston, Texas, who is matched to Clovis, New Mexico first of Sunday there will be three to meet John Chadwick in a Merkel Thursday. Word received Tuesday is to the effect that he to meet Chadwick.

> Wrestling fans of Merkel are showing unusual interest in this match, as both men are consider organized classes for all advanc- ed among the most scientific in ed grades. Mr. Walter Jackson the business. Hassell's weight is the superintendent urges a full 168 pounds and Chadwick's will attendance that we may have tip the scales at 164. With Hassell in his old time form and Chadwick up to his usual class, the bout should prove one of the best ever staged in Merkel. Chadwick has been training regularly for the past few weeks and the former star expects to be in tip top condition when he steps on the mat Friday night to do battle with Hassell. The main event will begin at eight

> > No. 354

## First Church Abilene and hopes at the close of business on the 4th day of May that the people will again show 1920, published in the Merkel Mail, a news

Real Estate [banking house Cash Items Currency 11,258.00 677.81 Int. and Assessment Depts' Gty. Fund 34,543.20 \$229,314,45 LIABILITIES

Cashier's Checks \$229,314.45

Easterwood as cashier of

day of May A. D., 1920

(SEAL)



## THE REAL BANK

Is the spirit that animates the Institution

Financial resources, building, fixtures, equipment - all these things - are, after all, the mere tools with which the bank works.

A real understanding of the customer's need; an earnest desire to cooperate with him in every legitimate way; a realization of public responsibility — these constitute the BANK. Everything else is secondary.

The spirit that animates this bank is the ground upon which we invite your account.

## THE FARMERS STATE BANK

| T. J. TOOMBS   | President      |
|----------------|----------------|
| JOHN SEARS     | Vice President |
| R. L. BLAND    | Vice President |
| R. O. ANDERSON | Cashier        |
| F. Y. GAITHER  | Asst. Cashier  |

Statement at Close of Business May 4, 1920

| RESOURCES                   |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Loans \$                    | 625, 250.04 |
| Banking House               | 7,850.00    |
| Furniture and Fixtures      | 5,200.00    |
| U.S. Liberty Bonds & W.S.S. | 6,459.55    |
| Interest Guaranty Fund      | 4,068.79    |
| CASH & EXCHANGE             | 407,080.97  |
| Total                       | ,055,909.35 |
| LIABILITIES                 |             |

Undivided Profits .

### REV. MUERELL TO HOLD MEETING AT CHILDRESS

left today for Childress, Texas, door west of the Gem Theatre, where he will assist the pastor what will be known as the Gem of the Methodist church in that Confectionary. city in holding a revival meet- These gentlemen will have

forcable minister, who will no in the city, and will no doubt endoubt bring great pleasure and joy their share of the business good to those who hear him in in their line. the Panhandle town.

message for all those who will part of the city. be present to hear him.

Flour at G. M. Sharp's.

## NEW CONFECTIONARY

W. H. Reese & Son, late of Rev. W. M. Murrell, pastor of Trent, have recently opened the Methodist church of Merkel in the Beasley building next

when they get it completed, one Pastor Murrell is an able and of the nicest places of business

Mr. Reese states that he will His pulpit here will be filled soon move his family to Merkel Sun day at the eleven o'clock and become permanently locathour by Mr. L. R. Thompson, ed with us. He already owned a who doubtless has a great lay nice five-room home in the south

We have just received a nice Fresh car of Peacemaker line of genuine Cut Glass. Mertf kel Drug Company.

## FANS

We have a few more Fans in stock and no doubt we will not be able to get any more. Better get yours.

Merkel Power Co.



Condensed Statement at Close of Business May 4, 1920

## RESOURCES

| Loans-Time and demand                                   | \$467,147.53          |
|---|-----------------------|
| Loans-Cotton  | 12,214.88             |
| Stock in Federal Res. Bank                              | 1,950.00              |
| United States Securities Furniture and Fixtures         | 19,774.04<br>4,500.00 |
| Five per cent Redemp. Fund<br>Cash on hand and in Banks | 312.50<br>258,357.99  |
| Total   | \$764,256.94          |

## LIABILITIES

| Capital             | 50,000.00  |
|---------------------|------------|
| Surplus and Profits | 32,272.62  |
| Circulation         | 6,250.00   |
| DEPOSITS            | 675,734.3  |
| Total               | 764,256.94 |

Every dollar of deposits shown in this statement represents the earnings and accumulations of local people.



## HIGH SCHOOL NOTES (By Chester Hutcheson)

By some unknown cause or other we failed to have the pleas ure of having any of the pastors or business men of the city last Monday morning. We are hoping that we will get to hear some more of these good talks before leaving high school.

The senior class is progressing splendidly We are getting up a play which you have already heard of and believe me it is a real play.

The base ball boys had a real game on the home grounds last Saturday. Although they lost the game all of the boys did good work in the field, but they couldent get anywhere when they got in town. But this is only one game out of many therefore don't get discouraged.

In the university of Hard Knocks there are no holidays no vacation periods at Christmas, Easter or in the summer time, yet it is recognized as one of the most popular and efficient schools for obtaining an education. Affiliated with this Uni versity is the "school of Experience." It is perhaps the most costly school for experience is a dear teacher. But college-bred men are the most brilliant graduates from the University of Hard Knocks. Because a college education is the best possible equipment for the great University of life.

There will be a greater per cent of the present senior class to go to college than any other class graduating from the Merkel High School.

Julia: "Trigonometry is as easy as falling off a log." Ruby: "Yes, but the trouble

is I never can find the log." The invitations have come if you get one be sure and buy the sender a graduation present.

The Seniors are having their pictures made. The girls are having theirs made first. They are saving the three boys until the last, the best always comes last.

Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's.

# Your Inspection Asked

We are glad to get you posted, as our merchandise will stand the test of comparison with any that is on sale in any state of this nation.

> See our men's all-wool pants at \$7.90 \$9.60 \$11.50 \$14

Ladies dress blouses, all colors. Prices are \$1.00 to \$4.00 cheaper than have been. You will say so when you examine them

Our Silks are Less Priced than any you will find. Every day our customers tell us that we are 50c to \$1.00 yard cheaper than any they have seen.

Good yard-wide Brown Domestic 28c Bed wide sheeting at 79 to 95c yard

Mens Overalls and Jumpers \$2.50 each. Same brand that the makers are asking us \$2.75 each at the factory

We will do you good

## The Brown Dry Goods Co.

## WAR CAME NEAR TO BEING FAMILY AFFAIR

Washington, May 11 .- Smith and Johnsons and Browns and Williamses and Joneses and Millers, stand up and be counted! The Smiths made up fifteen regiments in the American army during the war, the Johnsons made eleven regiments, the Browns eight, and the Williams Joneses and Millers over seven regiments each .- Abilene Re-

Light Crust Flour at G. M.

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank is prepared to offer it's customers a new service. Upon request of our customers who are offered stocks or bonds, we are prepared to ascertain the market or return value, and to secure such further information as will enable purchasers to classify such offerings as purely or partially speculative, or those that may be classed as investments.

Try a sack of Marechal Neal Flower. None better, Bob Martin Grocery Company.

H. P. Wilkins another splendid citizen residing a few miles northeast, was here recently and reports fine season out hi way, and states that the farmers are preparing to plant their crops just as soon as the weather drys up so they can get in the fillds.

Home dried fruit at G. M. Sharp's.

As an evidence of the fact that the rains restored confidence in the future prosperity of the country, is to be found in the fact that within 24 hours after the falling of the great season, a number of large improvements were under way. Great is the West.

Shorts and Brand at G