

Condensed Statement of the condition of **The Farmers State Bank** Merkel, Texas

Close of business Sept. 14, 1923

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$313,985.44
Banking house & Fixtures	13,800.00
Other Real Estate	9,070.19
Stocks & Bonds	21,616.65
Due from State Gty. Fund	28,442.79
Cash & Exchange	151,646.70
Total	\$538,561.77

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	27,314.70
Bills Payable	55,000.00
Rediscouunts	NONE
Other Borrowed money	NONE
DEPOSITS	498,247.07
Total	\$538,561.77

The Above Statement is Correct

R. O. Anderson, Cashier

The Home of Guaranteed Deposits

ally they had to dig it out, prize it up and snake it out on skids. That car was damaged several hundred dollars, for after spinning the rear wheels in the mud for half a day, they were virtually worn out. The beautiful coat of varnish was practically ruined. Ain't it funny about the viewpoint of many people in regard to economy; now that man is an excellent financier, director i a bank, and has laid aside a nice fortune. And yet, today, that fellow is congratulating himself on the fact that his county has never seen fit to build a system of hard-surfaced roads, and to our certain knowledge that man has worn out 3 or 4 fine cars in the last six or seven years--BUT HE SAVES THE TAX MONEY, AND HE IS SATISFIED.--Albany News.

REMAINS OF J. B. BARRETT BURIED AT WINTERS

The remains of Mr. J. B. Barrett, whose death occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Eli Case, while the deceased was here on a visit, were taken to Winters on last Friday, where in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends and loved ones he was laid to rest. Deceased had reached the ripe old age of 75 years; was born in Tennessee, likewise married to Miss Nancy Ann Church and with whom he came to Texas in the early days. To this happy union there was born 11 children; nine of whom survive him and all of whom were present to witness the laying to rest of their dearly beloved father.

Mr. Barrett had been a citizen of Winters for more than 20 years and was held in the highest esteem by the entire citizenship. Hewas a good citizen and always took a firm stand on the side of morality and good citizenship. For many years he had been a faithful member of the Dunkard Church, and in which faith quietly and peacefully passed to his heavenly reward.

The Merkel Mail joins a host of friends in extending to the bereaved loved ones deepest sympathy in their loss of one so near and dear.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter spent last Sunday in Colorado, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard.

THE SERVICE OF A FAILURE

BY J. H. PUELICHER
President American Bankers Association



J. H. Puelicher

When Governor Walton signed recently the repeal of the bank deposit guaranty law in that state, he performed an economic service to the whole country. I might even say that Oklahoma in passing that law, enduring its evil consequences for fifteen years and then frankly casting it aside as a failure, has performed an economic service to the nation. There could be no more convincing argument against the passage of similar laws in other states than Oklahoma's disastrous experiment.

The Oklahoma guaranty law was the first of its kind. It was enacted in response to the panic of 1907. But experience has only proved again that there is no substitute for sound banking. Relying on the fancied security of the guaranty law, people entrusted their banking to many who were unfit for the trust. Bank failures have been so many that the fund, supposed to guarantee deposits, created by assessments on banks, was long ago depleted.

It is estimated that with total liabilities created under the law in the form of warrants and sums owing to depositors amounting to \$12,000,000, there are in the hands of the Banking Board uncertain assets of nominally \$15,000,000, ranging in value from one to only thirty or forty cents on the dollar, resulting in a deficit of many million dollars. Sound, well-managed banks have been heavily taxed by assessments to the fund, and the maximum amount that could be assessed on solvent banks is insufficient to cover the deficit.

It has been well said that guaranty laws make for looseness in banking methods, and saddle on the competent and honest the sins of the incompetent and dishonest.

Let us have only laws that raise the standard of banking. Let us have no laws that debase it.

NEED FOR UNIFORMITY IN BUSINESS LAWS

How Collection of Just Debts May Be Prevented by Differing State Statutes.

An effort to bring about better coordination and greater uniformity among state laws dealing with business and banking is being made by the American Bankers Association.

It is pointed out that, although the country is a unit commercially, and citizens of any one state may do business that reaches all over the country, most laws governing business transactions are made by the different states, with application limited to their own local jurisdictions and often in conflict with laws in other states. It is held that state laws should be uniform so that the same transaction will not be subject to different sets of rules according as state laws differ.

To illustrate the disadvantages of conflicting laws, the following illustration is given: Mr. Jones lives in New York where the statute of limitations outlaws a note in six years. He falls into the error of assuming that the same rule prevails everywhere. He visits Maryland and loans \$1,000 to his friend, Mr. Smith, taking a promissory note. As the note carries interest Mr. Jones is in no hurry for his money and he believes Smith to be financially responsible. Finally at the end of four years Jones concludes he has loaned Smith the money long enough and seeks to collect the note from him. But Smith can deny liability and point to the statute of Maryland which Jones is surprised to learn outlaws a note after three years.

Changes Recommended
The particular subjects of legislation recommended by the association for enactment by State legislatures during 1923 include uniform acts on negotiable instruments, bills of lading, warehouse receipts, stock transfer, and fiduciaries.

Under the head of laws for better protection of banks in particular transactions are proposed measures dealing with limiting liability on certified check; instruments based on gambling or usurious consideration; time limit on stop payment; payment of state check; adverse claim to bank deposit; payment of forged or raised check; deposits in two names; deposits in trust; competency of bank and corporation notaries; non-payment of check through error; Saturday afternoon bank transactions, and forwarding check direct to payor.

Under the Federal Reserve and foreign banking are recommended laws on membership of state institutions in Federal Reserve System, and foreign banking. Penal laws proposed deal with false statements for credit; slander and libel of bank checks or drafts without funds, and burglary with explosives.

Condensed Statement of the **THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank** Merkel, Texas

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$283,736.57
Loans, Cotton	17,384.46
U. S. Securities	18,200.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	5,726.37
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,960.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co.	900.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Other Real Estate	4,100.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX	203,332.37
Total	\$540,142.27

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	6,761.44
Circulation Acct.	6,250.00
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
DEPOSITS	462,130.83
Total	\$540,142.27

J. T. Warren, President L. R. Thompson, Cashier
Booth Warren, Asst. Cashier Owen Ellis, Asst. Cashier

DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren, L. Geo. F. West, L. R. Thompson,
Sam Butman Sr., Henry James

Never missed a dividend--Never assessed a shareholder

\$5,000.00 AUTO-TWO BIT ROAD

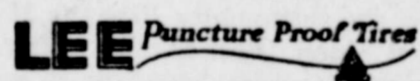
An illustration of road economics: Not so very long ago a friend of ours went down to the city and bought a handsome auto, paying some four or five thousand for same, and on his hike home, minus good roads,

he stuck in a mud hole, after worrying and fighting that mud hole until night time overtook him, he walked some four or five miles to a farm house and stayed all night. Next morning bright and early returned with teams, wagon and log chains to recover his car. Finally

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September 14th to 29th

This is probably the LARGEST TIRE SALE ever put on in Texas. WHY? For years the LEE TIRE & RUBBER CO. has centered its advertising on the Famous--



And a large percentage of tire users think of Lee ONLY as PUNCTURE-PROOF when, as a matter of fact, the LEE TIRE & RUBBER CO. makes one of the best Cord Tires in the whole Tire Industry. Therefore this sale will be run on PRICE and won on QUALITY.

Compare our prices with other Standard makes. Every Tire and Tube guaranteed to be fresh stock and backed by the LEE TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY.

4 BIG CORD SPECIALS		4 BIG PUNCTURE-PROOFS	
30x3 1/2 Standard Cord	\$ 9.95	32x3 1/2 Puncture-proof ..	\$17.50
30x3 1/2 Oversize DeLux Cord	10.70	31x4 " " ..	19.15
32x4 Standard Cord	17.55	33x4 " " ..	19.95
32x4 Oversize De Luxe Cord	21.95	34x4 " " ..	20.15

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Our Slogan: "1000 New Lee Customers in September."

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No. 300
Official Statement of the Financial Condition of
The Farmers State Bank

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business
on the 14th day of Sept., 1923, published in
the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and pub-
lished at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 28th day
of Sept., 1923.

RESOURCES

Loans and Dis., personal or collateral	\$29,148.49
Loans, real estate	7,500.00
Overdrafts	2,836.95
Bonds and Stocks	1,818.40
Real Estate (banking house)	8,600.00
Other Real Estate	9,070.19
Furniture and Fixtures	5,300.00
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand	76,931.74
Interest in Depositors' Gty. Fund	6,277.35
Asset. Depositors, Gty. Fund	22,163.44
Acceptances, Bills of Exchange, Cotton	74,714.96
Other Resources, Maturity Guar'antee	25,298.29
Total	\$538,561.77

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	2,314.70
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	
Individual Deposits sub. to check	389,537.97
Time Certificates of Deposit	8,490.00
Cashier's checks	2,719.10
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	65,000.00
Other Liabilities	8,500.00
Total	\$538,561.77

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, John Sears as president, and R. O.
Anderson, 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.

John Sears, president.
R. O. Anderson, cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th
day of Sept., A.D. 1923. E. S. Cummings,
(SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas

Correct—Attest:
M. Armstrong { Directors
H. L. Probst {
H. H. Toombs {

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Radio Receiving
set, including good Magnavox.
Will sell all or any part of it.
See Wrenn at Mail Office at
once.

FOR SALE—A good 200 acre
farm, 140 in cultivation with 40
more available. Good improve-
ments, located five miles south-
east of Merkel. School, church
within three-fourths mile. For
particulars see E. A. Click, Mer-
kel, route three. 14t3p

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A sec-
ond hand, standard make Piano.
See T. W. Collins. 21t2p

FOR SALE—3 work mules. If
sold in the next 30 days, will
sell at a bargain. Q. Brown, Mer-
kel. 21t3

FOR SALE—For cash, for 30
days, the J. L. Banner place
north east of town, including 1
acre of land and all improve-
ments. Good six-room house,
windmill, well and cistern, barns
and garage and other out hous-
es. Just out the edge of town
and very desirably located. Will
rent if not sold. See J. H. Gray-
son, route 2. 21t3p

FOR SALE—Some good second
hand Cars. \$125 and up. Mc-
Donald Motor Co. tf

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FOR SALE—Residence, 5 rooms
and bath. Well located in Mer-
kel. Will sell cheap for cash or
would take some trade and Ven-
dors Lein Notes. See L. W.
Cox. tf

FOR SALE—Pigs, all ages, all
prices. Also clean wheat at \$1.25
per measured bushel. Mebane
and Kasch strain seed in season.
Leed D. Williams, Merkel. tf

NOTICE—Will have a car of hor-
ses, good ones, Friday and Satur-
day. Earl Lassiter. 1tp

FOR SALE—Fordson and Plow,
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rick.. 28t2.

FOR SALE—A dandy home;
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want it you will have to hurry
for it will soon go. It is priced
worth the money. Small cash
payment and long time. E. D.
Coats. 1t

FOR SALE—A good 7 room
house with bath, hall, including
3 lots on Oak street. See C. R.
Horton for price and terms. Will
trade for Abilene property. 1tp

FOR SALE—Good Radio Set,
with or without Magnavox. Ap-
ply at Merkel Mail office. tf

FORDS FOR SALE—Have some
good Ford Cars for sale. Marvin
Boney. tf

FOR SALE—A good complete
farming outfit; including, 3
horses, cultivator, planter, har-
row, wagon, harness also sweeps
and busters to the amount of
about \$25.00. Will take, if sold
in 15 days, \$200.00 cash or
notes. J. E. Hunter, Rt. 5 on
Jim Slape's place, 9 miles south
of Merkel. 28t2p

LOST

LOST—A log chain and bomar,
between Fire Station and Dolph
Clarks. Will give reward. J. S.
Dyess. 1t.

LOST—A five dollar bill from an
envelop on the streets of Mer-
kel Monday morning. A party
was seen to pick up an envelope
and then later drop same on the
streets. If the person finding
this money will just mail the

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\$5 bill to Miss Myrtle Daniels,
the matter will be dropped and
nothing said. Itp.

WANTED

WANTED—Stock to pasture
300 head. Good grass, good fence
Plenty of water. Phone or write
Joe S. Carter, Hawley Tex-
as. 21t2.

FOUND—In the city of Merkel
on last Saturday, \$2.00 in mon-
ey. Owner can get same by call-
ing at this office and paying for
this notice and describing the
money. 1tp

The cool days of fall are com-
ing fast, so why wait any long-
er. Call 180 and let us come and
get your old clothes and doll 'em
up to look like new.. Mrs. C. L.
Cash. tf

NO. 1398

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of
Home State Bank, Trent, Texas

at close of business on the 14th day of Sept.
1923, published in the Merkel Mail, a news-
paper printed and published at Merkel, state of
Texas, on the 28th day of Sept. 1923.

RESOURCES

Loans and dis., personal or collateral	\$102,577.00
Loans, real estate	5,000.55
Overdrafts	1,543.59
Bonds and Stocks	370.00
Real Estate (banking house)	4,571.57
Furniture and fixtures	1,743.75
Due from other banks and bankers and cash on hand	34,751.01
Interest in Dep. Gty. Fund	730.00
Assessment Dep. Gty. Fund	
Acceptances and Bills Exchange	59,316.84
Total	\$210,563.31

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Undivided profits, net	9,003.02
Individual Deposits Sub. to Check	166,073.90
Time Certificates of Deposit	
Cashier's Checks	486.39
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	10,000.00
Total	\$210,563.31

State of Texas, County of Taylor:
We, T. J. Williamson, as vice-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.

T. J. Williamson, Vice-President
L. E. Adrian, Cashier
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th
day of Sept., A. D., 1923. C. L. McLeod,
(SEAL) Notary Public Taylor County, Texas.

Correct—Attest:
H. W. Bookham { Directors
J. T. Warren {
T. L. Gorman {

Bring your cotton checks to
the Farmers and Merchants
National Bank for deposit. tf

If you have some old clothes
that you are at a loss as to what
to do with, let us send them
away to be dyed. We represent
the largest dyeing plant in the
south. And where, if it can be
dyed at all, it will be dyed right.
Mrs. C. L. Cash. tf

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When a Laxative is needed, makes
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Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat; unsurpas-
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be given me.
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7:30 a. m. and close at 9:30 a.
m. Also, will charge 15 cents
for Shines on Sunday and holi-
days. Respectfully, Quincy Pay-
ne. 21t2p.

The varied services of the
Farmers and Merchants Nation-
al Bank are at the service of the
community. If you are in doubt
about the policy and services of
the Bank come in and talk it
over. tf

Mrs. J. C. Thompson, of Los
Angeles, California, was here
this week the guest of her sis-
ter, Mrs. W. P. Browning.

Chiropractic Massage

The people of Merkel and surrounding country are
showing their appreciation of our Merkel of-
fice, and increasing numbers are taking ad-
vantage of this unusual opportunity to re-
ceive the benefit that can be derived from the
services rendered by an expert workman.

Our work is so well and favorably known throughout
this part of the state that we feel that it is un-
necessary to comment at length upon its
merit; but in this connction we will say that
as a rule new strength and vitality follow a
course of Chiropractic Massage. Good cir-
culation is established. Irritation of the nerv-
ous system is soothed, leaving a wonderful
feeling of exuberant aliveness. Many chron-
ic sufferers are finding relief in this way.

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and practice.

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to insure. Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow
may be too late. Today, the day Before
you may suffer a loss by fire, or Theft, is
the one wise day to cover yourself fully
with insurance.

Today we can protect you from to-
morrow's possible loss. Today is the only
day you can be sure you are in time. Call
on us today—be insured in time.

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Ross Ferrier **Merkel Garage** H. L. Propst

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THE COMMUNITY FAIR A GRAND SUCCESS

Pullets, 1 cockrel. Marvin Smith, R. I. Reds, 3 pullets, 1 cockrel. E. Stamps, 1 pr. White Holland Turkeys. Angus Garvin, R. I. Reds, 4 pullets, 1 cockrel. O. R. Dye, White Langshang, 4 pullets, 1 cockrel. W. M. Jones, 1 pr. Red Bronze Turkey Mrs. J. B. Jones, 1 pr. 5 mo. Burbon Bronze Turkey; 1 gobbler, Burbon Bronze, 18 mo. E. P. Perry, White Leghorn, 4 hens, 1 pullet, 1 cockrel. W. I. Thornton, Allen Red Head Game, 3 pullets, 1 cockrel. E. P. Perry, 1 doz White Leghorn eggs. R. B. Wells, 1 doz eggs. Mrs. W. R. Stamps, 1 dozen White Leghorn eggs. Angus Garvin, 1 doz. R. I. Red eggs. Poultry winners.— Best Pen R. I. Reds, Eli Cordill. Best Pen White Leghorns—C. P. Perry. Best Pen White Leghorns—Mrs. Paul Stanford. Best Pen Plymouth Rocks—Booth Warren.

Best Pullet; second—G. F. Holland. 1st. Best Cockrel, R. I. Reds, G. F. Holland. Heaviest Cockrel, R. I. Red, R. A. Ellis. Best Pair White Holland Turkeys—C. E. Stamps. 1st. Best, R. I. Red Pullet—Eli Cordill. Best Dozen Eggs, White Leghorns—C. P. Perry. Second best Pair White Turkeys, Mrs. W. R. Stamps. The agricultural department no less attractive. Men, women, and children visited and discussed the wonderful display of cotton, corn, maize, cane, darso, wheat, oats, pumpkins, cantaloupes, etc. On this occasion Sure Crop was the only variety of corn exhibited and we wish to state here that the specimens were as fine as we ever saw shown from the corn belt of Kansas, Ohio, Texas can grow a variety of feed and especially the Merkel country. Come to Merkel. W. W. Wheeler, Supt.; Tom Toombs, Lee Williams, J. S. Swann, Judges. The following prizes were awarded. Cotton in stalk, first prize—W. I. Thornton. 2nd.—J. C. Bickley. 3rd.—C. L. Brown.

Dwarf Maize, 1st. prize—J. A. Jayness. 2nd.—J. S. Hutson. 3rd.—W. A. Howard. Indian Corn, 1st prize—Joe Higgins. Second—Jim Burns. 3rd—Angus Garvin. Darso Heads, 1st prize—R. L. Adcock. 2nd.—E. M. Dean. Wheat, Oats, Pumpkins, Cantaloups—R. B. Wells. 2nd—J. C. Hartline. Best Kasch Cotton Stalk—J. J. Russell. Ye Old Curiosity Shop, presided over by Miss Blanche Durham and her able assistants, Misses Ruby, Evelyn Hamm, and Lilley Pratt Sears, was a busy scene and reminded one of bees working in and out of a hive all day long. The display in this department was varied. Following is the old relics on display. Gun, 193 years old, owned by Mr. J. L. McLean, Rt. 5. Shawl 85 years old; Quilt, 150 years old, owned by H. R. Hicks. Dress worn by W. W. Wheeler, made by hand in 1857; 65 years old. Skillet, 111 years old, owned by G. F. Holland. Samples of material, carded, woven by hand, owned by Mrs. W. S. Telford. Gimlet, 200 years old, owned by H. M. Rainbolt. Relics of Cliff Dwellers, owned by W. H. Palmer. Old Purse, belonged to Mrs. I. C. Holden's grandfather, Dr. P. K. Phenix, who was a cousin to Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, and a nephew to James Buchanan. 74 years old. Solid Silver Fork, about 100 years old, owned by H. M. Rainbolt. Spectator, 196 years old, owned by J. B. Hamblett. Mexican \$20 bill, 5 years old, B. C. Gaither, owner. Old Paper, 123 years old, telling about the death of Geo. Washington, owned by Alfred H. Ligon. Knee Buckle, worn during Revolutionary War in 1774 by Johnston. Relic is 149 years old, is owned by J. M. Williamson. Silver Spoons, 85 years old, owned by Mrs. McSpadden. Sewing table, 150 years old, owned by Mrs. M. R. Woodrum. Quilt made in 1814 by R. B. Wells grandmother. Quilt belonging to Mrs. J. L. Tucker, was noted for its many pieces, containing 2286 pieces. Counterpane made in the early sixties, ever thread, the fringe included was carded, spun, woven at home, 61 years ago. Mrs. J. L. Harris, owner. Old razor 150 years old, handed down generation after generation. Owned by D. R. Snow. Hackel, 200 years old, belonging to Mr. D. R. Snow. Ol' Clonial shilling, 140 years old, owned by T. J. R. Swafford. Bible, 100 years old, belonging to B. C. Gaither. Bible 150 years old, owned by James Doan. Old fiddle, 187 years old, owned by J. E. Hendrix. Salt Cellar and butter knife, 83 years old, owned by Mrs. J. L. Harris. Unique foot stool, made by Mrs. S. J. Roberts. Crazy Jug, 20 years old, made by Mrs. J. S. Roberts. Hand made Rag rug, 15 years old, made by Mrs. J. S. Roberts, took prize in Abilene Fair in 1916. Dainty hand made baby cap belonging to Mr. J. T. Biggs, worn by him 63 years ago. Hand made, hand painted Masonic apron, belonging to Mrs. C. E. Stamps, 87 years old. Bible 66 years old, owned by J. R. Baize. Old clock 431 years old, belonging to Mrs. V. B. Sublett. Made in 1492. Writing desk, made by Mr. W. Matthew's great grandfather. About 300 years old. History and medical books, 221 years old, owned by J. W. Matthews. Bandana handkerchief counterpane, made by Mrs. J. S. Roberts. Pipe 100 years old, owned by Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Collection of old books, dated in the early 70ties, owned by Mrs. J. S. Swann. Pair of white wedding trousers, made of white linen, 101 years old. Old gun, found in Mulberry Canyon, owned by C. L. Brown. Pair of shoes, made during civil war. Pair of glasses made in 1720, owned by W. P. Duckett. Ring, 75 years old, made out of a horn. Owned by Mrs. J. A. Buford. One penny, made in 1802, belonging to Mrs. J. M. Vornor. Basket made by Indians, 200 years old, Mrs. J. B. Warren. Counterpane, fringe 57 years old; counterpane, 20 years old, handmade, owned by Mrs. Earl Mashburn. Counterpane 100 years old made by hand, Mrs. Earl Mashburn owner. Judges for this department, were, Mr. R. A. Burgess, Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson; Mrs. H. L. Propst. Old Relics winners— First Prize, Wooden Clock—431 years old, Mrs. V. B. Sublett. Second, Bible, 233 years old, Mrs. J. S. Swann. 3rd. J. W. Matthews, Medical book, 221 years old. The Domestic Arts department, in charge of Mrs. A. R. Booth, and assistants, was a pleasing sight to those interested in fancy work, and the display on this occasion was of a high grade showing, that no pains had been spared to make the articles as substantial and attractive as possible. Domestic Arts winners: Pillow Cases, Mrs. J. E. Richardson; Mollie Shannon; Mrs. Ed Heater. Center Piece—Mrs. J. E. Richardson; Mrs. Amy Sears; Mrs. Amy Sears. Work under 16 years of age—Ruth Brittain; Mona Margaret Jones; Mona Margaret Jones. Best Work under 12 years of age—Velma Lee Holden; Maurine Davis. The culinary department was well represented by a varied display of fruits, jellies, pickles, cakes, etc., and reminded one of days gone by when as a boy we viewed the shelves in the cellar, laden with jellies, jam, preserves and other good eats. This department was presided over by Mrs. Amy Sears and Mrs. John Sears and their assistants. Prizes awarded— Cocomnut Cake—Mrs. E. M. Cordill; Mrs. Pearl Rains. Best Collection of Jellies—Mrs. Swann. Second Best—Mrs. Fred Whitman. Third Best—Mrs. J. L. Harris. Cucumber pickles—Mrs. J. W. Teaff. Second best, Mrs. V. N. Ellis. Third best—Mrs. C. E. Stamps. Canned Fruit—Mrs. Lottie Isom. Second best—Mrs. W. A. Howard. The greatest attraction of the whole fair was centered in the baby show, and was certainly a pleasing sight to those proud mothers and fathers as they passed in review with their babies before the judges. Of course all couldn't win a blue ribbon, but nevertheless, they won the admiration of the large audience which greeted the baby show on this occasion. Winners: 1st. Gwyndalyn, 10 mo. old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Worley. 2nd. Nellie Marie, 1 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Davis of Merkel. 3rd.—Robert Edward Bearden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bearden of Merkel. Horace Gandy Pogue, 2 weeks old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pogue of Merkel, won first prize for being the youngest baby present. The War Relics were indeed an interesting feature of the fair and all who viewed them enjoyed seeing them. Mr. Grady Collins won the prizes offered for having the best show of war relics. Mr. W. S. Telford was the recipient of the prize given by

Good News!!

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\$9.90

BUYS A 30x3 1/2

FIRESTONE GUM-DIPPED CORD TIRE FULLY GUARANTEED Fresh Shipment Just Received

Oldfield "999" Fabrics

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You can't afford to drive on Old Tires with New Ones priced so low.

OUR TIRE SALE CONTINUES—LET US SAVE YOU MONEY ON QUALITY TIRES.

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FIRESTONE and OLDFIELD TIRES

the Merkel Motor Company to the oldest man driving a Ford to town on Community Fair day.

Mr Owen Hutchison won 1st. prize on essays, given by the Parent-Teacher Club. Miss Dorothy won second.

The day's program concluded with an auction sale of pies, cakes, canned fruits and vegetables donated by the citizens and the proceeds went to the Cemetery fund, totalling over a hundred dollars. J. C. Mason was the auctioneer.

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 Sept. 14, 1923

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts	\$283,736.57
Customers' liability account of acceptances of this bank	17,384.46
Total loans	\$301,121.03
Overdrafts, secured	\$3,111.69
Unsecured	\$5,638.43
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value)	\$6,250.00
All other United States Government Securities	\$11,950.00
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	8,576.37
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	4,100.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	27,236.63
Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	158,265.12
Amount due from State banks, bankers and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, and 10)	5,607.72
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	\$179,473.81
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13	3,472.73
Miscellaneous cash items	312.50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	540,142.27

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided profits	\$ 9,815.85
Reserved for Dividends	\$
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes	\$3,054.41
Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the U. S. and foreign countries (other than items 21 22)	1,577.86
Cashiers checks on own bank outstanding	294.55
Total of items 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25	1,872.41
Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	392,908.44
Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days	439.00
Dividends unpaid	
Total of demand deposit (other than bank deposits)	
Reserve, Items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31	\$393,347.44
Certificates of deposit	25,321.70
Other time Deposits	41,589.28
Total of time deposits subject to reserve, Items 32, 33, 34, and 35	\$66,910.98
Total	\$540,142.27

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 24th day of Sept., 1923.

J. T. HOWARD, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:—G. F. WEST,

J. T. WARREN

HENRY JAMES, Directors

Big Casing Sale

30x3 Goodrich Safety Fiber	
Regular Price	Sale Price
\$11.50	\$9.00
30x3 1/2 Goodrich Safety Fiber	
Regular Price	Sale Price
\$14.25	\$10.75
30x3 1/2 Goodrich Silvertown Cord	
Regular Price	Sale Price
\$15.50	\$12.25
30x3 1/2 Goodrich 55 Fabric	
Regular Price	Sale Price
\$12.25	\$8.49

Don't Forget that we sell that **GOOD GULF GASOLINE** Buy it Once and You will Cry for More.

Woodrum Filling Station

COZY THEATRE

Matinee Saturday 2 to 5:30

Friday September 28th. PETE MORRISON in "Making Good" Also— Romayne Comedy And— Sport Shots	Saturday September 29th. Wm. S. HART in "The Last Stage Bandits" Also— Sunshine Comedy And— Mutt & Jeff
Monday and Tuesday Oct. 1 and 2 "IT'S A GREAT LIFE" A Goldwyn Special from the story by Mary Roberts Rinehart Also— Christie Comedy And— Travel Scenes	Wednesday and Thursday Oct. 3 and 4 EARL WILLIAMS in "You Never Know" Also— Capital Comedy And— Sport Review

SEVEN MILLION FOR PUBLICITY

If there is any man on earth who would be justified in sitting down, cutting out all publicity, and saying that the world knows that I am in business, that man is Henry Ford, as he is the best advertised man on earth, and the Ford jitney is the best known car in the world today. Yes, so well known and so popular, that the demand is so great that it cannot be supplied, but he won't quit. Press reports have it, and also his agencies have announced it, that he will spend \$7,500,000 in the advertising of his cars the coming year. Not writ on sign boards, in the back of magazines folders, picture show and church programs, but the great bulk of it will be through the columns of the country press. Henry has discovered that the great buying public in this nation read the country papers, and after experimenting for years has discovered that it is the best advertising medium. Now this

advertising will be sent direct to the newspapers throughout the nation, covering the buying of his agencies. The average business man, especially those who fail, and Bradstreet and Dun reports, that eighty-five percent of the mercantile failures are the merchants who do not advertise—get out some four or five hundred hand bills as they are won't to call them, scatter a few of them on the streets, announcing to the world that they are in business, then they go back in their quiet den and sit down and wait for the trade that never comes, and thus, the mice rust, spiders, dust, Father Time interest, change of seasons and styles, rents and family expense eat it up, and that man goes broke, dies, and goes out to meet God, and the poor fellow never did learn where the leaks come in. But here is Henry Ford got more customers than he can supply, and yet he is going to spend seven million dollars to tell the world about his jitney car.—Albany News.

M. E. MISSIONARY NOTES

The Woman's Missionary Society met on last Monday with good attendance. A Social Service program was given, also an instructive talk on tithing by Mrs. Thos. Durham. Next Monday there will be a business meeting of the Society and the president requests and insists that all members be present. This is your Society. Come and help make it a success. You have no right to offer a criticism unless you come and do your part. After the business meeting there will be lesson from the study, The Life and Letters of St. Paul. All the women of the church are invited to come. Remember the hour—3 p. m. Reporter.

E. T. Pribble of route three is among those who have this week subscribed for the Mail. Thanks to all. Mr. Pribble stated that his crop was very good and that he was in need of pickers very badly.

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail

WHITE CHURCH

Weather conditions are ideal for cotton picking and the fleecy staple will soon all be gathered.

Almost all of us attend the community fair Saturday but as usual we were slow to show our appreciation of such events. Mulberry Canyon is as productive scope of land as is found in Taylor county, but from this community I only saw one entry however, quite frequently you heard the remark, "Oh! I have something better than that at home but I didn't think there would be any use to bring it." By the time for this fair to be again, I'm sure White Church will be interested enough to bring their best along.

Walter Irvin of Rule visited his grandfather, Wm. Snow last week. We need more and more such boys as this young man, with such a determination to get an education. Last year he worked his way through his 11. college year at the University of New Mexico and left there Friday afternoon to do likewise in his Sophomore year at the University of Texas.

Wedding Bells have rung again in our community. On last Sunday, Miss Mamie Patterson was married to Mr. H. W. Lewis. May their lives be happy and prosperous.

We are sorry to learn that uncle Druce Tucker is growing weaker day by day.

We are glad to report that Clayborn McPeak who was so seriously injured at Merkel last Saturday, seemed to be better last night.

DID YOU KNOW THAT--

The stormiest, foggiest and coldest weather occurs in the New England states.

The coldest "spot" in the United States is Popular, Montana, where a temperature of 63 below has been recorded.

The hottest spot is at Greenland Ranch, Death Valley, California, where an official temperature of 134 degrees in the shade has been noted.

Nospot in the U. S. has entirely escaped frost.

Among the greater cities San Francisco has the lowest average temperature and St. Paul the highest.

The maximum monthly rainfall in Los Angeles is three inches—in December—while at Astoria, J. P., often lets loose 13 inches in one month.

The rainy cities of the Northwest have only about two thunderstorms each year, while at the Suwanee river the average is 90 each year.

The rainiest summer climate in the country is at Miami, Florida.

The snowiest region in the country is in the Sierra Nevada and Cascade Mountains where a depth of 30 feet is often recorded.

That Chicago is truly the "windy" city, having an average annual wind velocity of 16 miles.

That St. Paul holds the wind velocity record for a five-minute period, 102 miles an hour?

DICKENS IN BRONZE

She was an old colored woman who had been employed to help clean house. While in the act of dusting off a bronze bust of Charles Dickens she stopped and inquired:

"Who am dis here gent'man?" "That is Charles Dickens, the noted author," replied the house wife.

"Am dat him?" The old woman's e'yes shone with delight. "I'se done hear a lot about dat dar Dickens. Deed, missus, I'se hear so much about him dat I allus thought he was a white man."

SEMI-FINISH OR FAMILY WASHING

Everything included but Stiff Collars and Silk. 10 lb. minimum 10 cents per lb. Flat work 8 cents per lb. Alfred H. Ligon Agent Abilene Steam Laundry.

FROM MCMURRAY COLLEGE Missionary Society, the Cleaners Sunday school class for the lovely floral offering as well as others whose names we do not recall, for such and similar tokens of respect.

May the Lord bless and care for each of you is our prayer. Mr. and Mrs. Eli Case Mrs. R. P. Penny Misses Rachial, Bettie, and Annie Barrett. Messrs. Jim, Will Dee, and Clint Barrett.

T. A. Beidleman returned first of the week from a visit to his farms in Stonewall county. As a sample of the fine feed that is being raised on his farms this year he brought some very fine heads of Kaffir Corn.

W. R. McLEOD, D.V.S.

Veterinarian Surgeon, will be at Trent, Texas, Saturday the 22nd., for the purpose of treating all domestic animals. Specialist on Teeth work, bone spavins, wire cuts, bog spavins, etc. Call day or night, S. D. McLeod, Trent Texas. Phone 57. "Examinations free where brought to me."

The 1st. Methodist church entertained us Thursday night. The fine arts teachers entertained us Saturday night. This was a kid party. Every one seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

Sunday morning, Rev. J. W. Hunt preached a convocation sermon for the students at St. Paul Methodist church.—by one of the students.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of extending our most sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends, neighbors and other good people of Merkel who were so kind to us in the loss of our dearly beloved father, Mr. J. B. Barrett, whose death occurred on last Thursday evening. We also wish to express our appreciation to the ladies of the Methodist

CLEANING AND PRESSING IS OUR SPECIALTY

Men's Suits, \$1.00; Men's overcoats, \$1.00; Boy's suits, 50c; Boy's Overcoats, Sweaters, 50c and up; Ladies Suits, \$1.00 and up; Ladies Dresses, \$1.00 and up; Sweaters, 50c and up. Alfred H. Ligon, Agent Abilene Steam Laundry.

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Money invested in the securities of an established and soundly managed public utility company, such as American Public Service Company preferred stock, is safe and the dividends on it are assured, because the West Texas Utilities Company and the other subsidiaries of the American Public Service Company supply necessities which are absolutely vital to the prosperity and growth of the people served.

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Paint and Varnish Products
Prevent Destruction



Dust Devils!
Millions ride in on every breeze

They lay a pall of ugliness over the beauty of the rooms. Their defiling fingers strangle the charm and besmirch the cleanliness of the home. Prevent the evil that dust can do. Apply Devoe Velour Finish.

This flat oil paint, because it is washable, insures the constant beauty and cleanliness of the walls.

Liberty Hardware Company

We Have---

bought some good iron barrels for kerosene. Call 159 and let us fix you up for the winter. We appreciate your business.

Magnolia Filling Station

THE HIGH COST OF CHEAP MONEY

Widows and Orphans Among Chief Losers From Unsound Currency.

E. E. AGGER CITES EXPERIENCE

Speculators Rather Than Investors and Producers Win From Currency Depreciation.

The losses and costs borne by the United States from unsound money experiments, from colonial times down, doubtless total more than our staggering World War appropriations, it is declared by E. E. Agger, an authority on economics, in the Journal of the American Bankers Association.

"Cheap money," he says, "is very costly, since frenzied finance, speculation and business disaster have invariably followed in the wake of unsound currency. He cites his historical experience showing that widows and orphans were among the chief sufferers.

"New generations of adults, like children, have to learn over and over again that, when playing with fire, one runs the risk of being burned," Mr. Agger says. "Indulging currency heresies constitutes such an adult playing-with-fire. A glance over our own historical experience would demonstrate this to the most ardent 'easy money' advocate, but such advocates are usually those to whom history is 'bunk.'

Soft Money Advocates Seek Profit. "Unfortunately those who are willing to kindle the kind of conflagration involved in 'soft-money' experimentation are not the only ones hurt. Indeed, they may extort an advantage for themselves. But the record is all too clear concerning the mass of people. Heavy losses, injustice, disorganized production and numerous other evils are inevitable.

"Unsound money projects impose heavy costs on the government itself. The first effect of cheap money is to raise prices. Mounting prices mean that, to meet its needs, the government must appropriate always larger sums. Again, dallying with unsound money weakens the government's credit. Prospective bond buyers become hesitant when currency depreciation is threatened, because there is danger of agitation toward the payment of government obligations in the cheaper money rather than in specie. Any such weakening of government credit means lower prices received for bonds, consequently greater burdens on the Treasury. Assuming that, in the end, sound principles triumph, the indulgences of the unsound currency days leave further costs to be met. If paper money has been issued it must be redeemed. If a government be unwilling to stoop to repudiation it must raise much more in taxes to pay for the paper money than it received at the time of issue."

The total effect of paper issues in increasing the cost of the Civil War is estimated at about \$600,000,000, Mr. Agger says, continuing:

"Much more serious than the costs of unsound currency to the government are the heavy direct and indirect costs imposed upon the people. Our productive system is controlled through prices, and the upset of prices, caused by a depreciating currency, interferes with the proper harmonizing of the different lines of production. Price changes are not instantaneously or uniformly effected throughout the whole system. The result of an inflationary movement is a stimulation of speculation and over-investment in some lines, with inadequate development in other lines. The period of speculation seems a period of prosperity, but how false and unsound is such prosperity is disclosed in the stress and agony of the inevitable period of liquidation which, Nemesis-like, follows on the heels of the boom."

Wealth Unfairly Re-distributed. Mr. Agger then describes "the distressing effects of an unsound money on the distribution of wealth among classes and individuals. Cheapening money through inflationary expedients is a gigantic fraud upon the creditor classes as against debtors. All those dependent on fixed incomes, or receiving specified sums in terms of money, are penalized when the purchasing power of money is depressed. In this manner the stockholder profits at the expense of the bondholder—a fact which implies a reward to the more speculatively inclined at the expense of the conservative.

"Advancing prices cause discontent and give rise to agitation and unrest among those whose incomes cannot promptly be adjusted to meet higher living costs. Strikes are fomented and production is curtailed. Everybody shares in these burdens. Lack of stability in money also undermines and weakens habits of thrift. A corrosion of the moral integrity of the people is inevitable. Dishonesty is stimulated and the desire to gain by speculation rather than to earn a livelihood by productive and useful industry causes a marked deterioration in popular habits and character."

Blanket Specials

100 Pairs Cotton Blankets

Size 64x72, Colors Tan, Grey and White, came in this week and will be offered for sale for the next ten days at

Per Pair \$2.25

You can save money on your Wool-nap and all-wool Blankets NOW. The next shipment positively will be much higher.

You can also buy from us a good grade Cotton checks at 10 cents, cotton Bats, quilt size, Special 65 cents.

A Big Shipment of mens and boys Shoes have been opened up this week at the same old prices.

Another shipment of mens All-wool Suits this week with a guarantee of cheaper prices. The Quality of these suits is known to be unsurpassed.

Special Prices on Ladies and Misses Coats. Go upstairs.

Special Prices on Ladies and Misses Hats Saturday \$4.95 and \$2.95.

Woodroof = Bragg Co.

"The Place Most People Trade"

APPLES APPLES

What can be more tempting to the appetite than a big red juicy Arkansas Apple. You will find them just across from the Post Office in the McSpadden building. Mrs. W. L. Wallis. It.

Fresh car of Bewleys Best Flour and Meal at John and Chas. Hughes Grocery. 1tp

DYEING

Men's Suits, \$3.50; Men's Overcoats, \$3.50 and up; Sweaters, \$1.50; Ladies Dresses, \$3.50 and up; Ladies Suits, \$3.50 and up. Alfred H. Ligon, Agent Abilene Steam Laundry. tf.

For coal and pure Mebane cotton seed, see A. L. Jobe at It.

H. M. Rose who recently moved with his family to Sweetwater, was here Wednesday on his way to Abilene to attend the All West Texas Fair.

A Banking connection next year may be very valuable to you. The farmers & Merchants National Bank will have plenty of funds to take care of all conservative business. tf

It is always better for the borrower and for the depositor to do business with a conservative bank. The Farmers and Merchants National Bank solicits your business on that basis and will have plenty of money to supply the needs of its customers. tf

Plenty of Hog Feed at the Hughes Grocery. 1tp

Will Pay You Good

Mother or Father

To bring your boy here for his Knee Suit. We have a big line that has two pair of pants. Most every coat wears out two to three pairs of pants, so we have several kinds for you to get just what you want, prices \$6.90 to \$16.50

Then Mother and Father

We Have just That Shoe For You

Be sure to see them for they are just what you have been looking for. Yours to Give Service

Brown Dry Goods Co.

HOME, HOME, SWEET HOME

Just a place to stay? No, a place where no one has a right to say "You will have to move", this place has been sold. Why pay rent when you can buy? I have plenty of homes for sale, E. D. Coats. It.

MARRIED

Married at the home of A. L. Jobe on Saturday evening, Sept. 22 1923, Mr. Charles F. Breed-en and Miss Era Billups, A. L. Jobe saying the words that united them as husband and wife.

SAY MR. FRAMER--

When you want to save money on a Bill of goods, figure on your wants with A. L. Jobe. It

Now is the time to begin to think of those new fall and winter clothes. Call in and look our lines over. The best in America for the money. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Mr. L. M. Walsh, another successful and splendid farmer residing on route four, was here this week and reported that he had out 15 bales and expected to get 15 bales more. He has our thanks for a subscription to the Mail which he had us send to relatives in another state.

We are thankful to Mr. T. W. Collins, local building contractor, for a subscription to the Merkel Mail which he had us send to his daughter, Miss May who is a teacher in the Big Spring schools this year.

Buy a Radio Set to listen in during the cold months. Call at the Mail office and get particulars. tf.

Our good friend and excellent citizen, Mr. J. S. Burns celebrated his 80th birth day on last Saturday. For a man that age, Mr. Burns is quite active and lively, and we join his many friends in wishing for him more happy birthday occasions.

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Silvertown Cords make your car look better and last longer. They give you the greatest return on your tire investment.

Goodrich Silvertown
CORD TIRES
Best in the Long Run

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