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COMMUNITY

cent years was in attendance on member.

and good will prevailed through Come and hear the sermon and as art, domestic science, man-the list. out the day. The Fair was a special music. Watch for Rally uel training, etc. could invariab- If you have any thing to sell interment. success, the most skeptical has Day announcement. Fred. S. ly be added to our list; and a your home merchant buys it. admitted, beyound their expect- Rogers. ations.

the great Merkel country, the home folks and friends. best in all the West. The livestock display was limited, as were most all other lines, on account of the farmers being very 0, /UU busy with their cotton, but those shown were of a high grade. There were mules, horses cattle, hogs, and it did one good to see the interest manifested in this branch of the fair.

and judges of this department: there has been weighed at the idually when the class is too gives many reasons why it will at Abilene our own county sent. Jim Patterson, Supt.; John local cotton yard up to Thurs-large. A student can study betSears. J. E. Boaz and W. H. Laday noon, about 5,200 bales of ter learn better, when he is a

mo. and 4. mo.

weight, 650 pounds.

China Pig, 10 mo. old. J. J. Russell, 1 span mules, 2

years old. Barney Williams, 1 Jack Colt,

8 mo. old.

Livestock winners: Best team of mules, W. B.

Tarpley. Best Team of Mules, G. W.

Stout.

Best Team of Mules, J. J. Rus-

Best Mule Colt, Tom Douglass.

Best Jersey Cow, J. H. Witch- ticulars.

Best Poland China Pig, Den-

many handsome birds which per acre. were exhibited for their inspect-

Poultry

R. I. Reds, 4 hens, 1 cockrel.

hens, 4 cockrels.

cockrel.

1 pen, young. 3 pullets; 1 cockrel.

White Holland turkeys. Mrs. Paul Stanford, White Le general.

ghorns, 5 pullets, 1 cockrel. E. C. Cordill, R. I.Reds, 10

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PROMOTION DAY AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Promotion Day in the Sunday school, and every member of the Sunday school is urged to be present. Certificates of proity Fair opened Saturday morn- age. This is one o the special is often brought to a stop in the what you buy. ent to Merkel was well repre- your children are present, by public. Noodle, Stith, Compere, Union Sunday. Any woman who is not which they are attending more get elsewhere. Kale and the largest crowd that has a cordial invitation to be haps the teachers.

this day, Merkel's first Commun Preaching service at eleven those students who are seeking in any way the mail order hous- Tye, assisted by Rev. Rogers, ing on the work of keeping the

G. W. Stout, 1 span mules, ing to a report by this paper, his or her efforts than one weight 2800 pounds, 7 years old, there had been received by the which is composed of a large F. F. Boyd, 1 span mules, 7 cotton yard \$5,000 bales and number of students who are unthrough the Farm Bureau, 1,000 interested. Tom Douglass, 2 mule colts, 5 bales, a total of 6,000 bales.

J. H. Witcher, 1 Jersey Cow, date is ranging from 27.50 to the auditorium, is far below the day evening at 7:45. 28;00 cents per pound; some 8 standard in room, as well as Dennis Wilkins, 1 big bone or 9 cents above that received equipment. Our building, as it to hear him on this occassion. Poland China Pig, 10 mo. old, last year, while seed is now is at present, has only 17 rooms bringing \$45.00 per and at this besides the office of the super-

BIG RODEO AT TRENT

cents, while ladies will be ad- ed t othe limit. The gaining of mitted free.

Buy a Radio Set to listen in Best Jackk Colt, Barney Will during the cold months. Call

Best Poland China Pig, C. T. one day recently from his ranch absolutely of the best. Why, be. and farms some sixteen miles there are many ways in which But no less interest was cen- south, and stated that there was our school could be improved.

and stated that the company school.

WHY MERKEL NEEDS BOY GIVES REASONS LITTLE HERBERT PATTER-SON PASSES AWAY Sunday September 30 will be romotion Day in the Sunday member of HIGH SCHOL BUILD'G WHY TRADE AT HOME

has assembled in Merkel in re- present and enroll as a charter In having a well equipped it. o'clock and seven thirty. The knowledge many more opportunes don't help you. Your home of the Grace Presbyterian local cemetery in good condition very important unit, the gym-The exhibits were in line with Bud Sears and family are up had a larger, more roomy build- Mail Order houses. the growth and development of this week for a visit among ing. These things we need, and In other words, to spend your sad hour. unless more room be added, money at home creates what these needs will not be met.

line. If we had a larger school opportunity to reach the studendt body individually. The need of students in gaining edu-According to the best infor-cation is individual instruction.

According to the best infor-cation is individual instruction.

Alfred Tittle, is very logical and the week of the All West Texas 10:20 a. m.-Devotional, by Dr. The above written by young to the fact that this is J. C. Burkett.

Alfred Tittle, is very logical and The week of the All West Texas 10:20 a. m.- Our Baptist Heritage. Here are the Superintendent mation obtainable by this office A teacher cannot instruct indivweight 2600 pounds, 6 and 7 6,700 bales received to date. teacher finds that a class like On this date last year accord- that is much more responsive to premiums.

consentrated thinking, and a person cannot think to the best advantage in a crowded room, so Therefore, if a town is to rank you see the need of a large

Entries: G. F. Holland, 1 pen city last week to inspect the re- ones, but churches cannot be us- and no small, over crowded

er even better service in the fu-added. In almost every town a Hutchison. Booth Warren, Plymoth Rocks ture than has been given in the person enters, his attention is The above essay, written by past and which this paper be at once attracted to the high the young man whose name is year. Mrs. W. R. Sumpter, 1 pr. lieves has been very satisfactory school building. This building is signed above, was written in an to the patrons and the public in very often the most prominent effort to win the premium ofof structures in the community. fered by the Parent Teachers City is here on a visit to her munity Fair. And while here he The travelers idea of the stand- Club for the best Essay on 'The mother, Mrs. H. C. Williams, had us put him down for the Will sell you a good Radio ard of a town is largely deter- Needs of a New High School who has been quite sick. We un- Mail another year.

With perfect West Texas motion will be granted to all A student, in expressing his The first reason I want to Sanitarium. weather, the Merkel Commun- who have reached the required sentiments on a subject like this give is to buy at home you see The little fellow was stricken sociates, who conducted a booth

good.

ant, Nubia, Blair, Trent, Shiloh, men's Class will be organized the inferiority of the school accomadations that you can not the above sad results.

Ridge, Hebron, Salt Branch, now attending Sunday school than any one else, except per- If you need credit the home Thursday afternoon at the sold, report the gross income merchant stands ready to give Methodist church in this city, from same amounting to about

school, we are putting before If you are sick or in distress tor of the Methodist church at are paid will go toward carry-

nasium, could be installed if we Standard Quality goods from ed family in extending to them ladies who did not get their dish

one might call a revolving fund.

But that is not all under that business to grow, and that mak-It helps your home merchants building, our classes could be es a town grow; as a town divided into several smaller grows, business increases, land classes, giving the teacher an whole community prospers by

SWEETWATER MINISTER

Everyone is cordially invited

good this year.

at the Mail office and get par- "study hall". Our library could among the best, large, roomy, On behalf of those in charge south part of town across road be improved on, in spite of the essential; for the development kel Mail desires to extend Mr. Sam Butman, pioneer fact that we have a good library of the young people determines thanks to everybody who in any

essential to the well-fare of the to be. And we are greatly pleas- a part of which time was spent tered in the poultry display. Peo about 700 acres of cotton on his Another need of a new high community as the young people ed to state that we never saw with the Malone Brothers Wild community as the young people ed to state that we never saw with the Malone Brothers Wild community as the young people ed to state that we never saw with the Malone Brothers Wild community as the young people ed to state that we never saw with the Malone Brothers Wild community as the young people ed to state that we never saw with the Malone Brothers Wild community as the young people ed to state that we never saw with the Malone Brothers wild community as the young people ed to state that we never saw with the Malone Brothers wild community as the young people ed to state that we never saw with the Malone Brothers wild community as the young people ed to state that we never saw with the Malone Brothers wild community as the young people ed to state that we never saw with the Malone Brothers wild community as the young people ed to state that we never saw with the Malone Brothers wild community as the young people ed to state that we never saw with the Malone Brothers wild community as the young people ed to state that we never saw with the Malone Brothers wild community as the young people ed to state that we never saw with the Malone Brothers wild community as the young people ed to state that we never saw with the Malone Brothers wild community as the young people ed to state that we never saw wild be a state of the young people ed to state that we never saw wild be a state of the young people ed to state that we never saw wild be a state of the young people ed to state that we never saw wild be a state of the young people ed to state that we never saw wild be a state of the young people ed to state that we never saw wild be a state of the young people ed to state that we never saw wild be a state of the young people ed to state that we never saw will be a state of the young people ed to state that we never saw will be a stat ple thronged this department farms, from which he thought school building is that of a pub- of other towns. The character better co-operation given any West Show in the National Capthroughout the day, viewing the he would get a third of a bale lic meeting place, a community of the young person determines movement than was given by itol. Homer who is one of the center. We should have an audi- what that of the older person the people of Merkel and the best wild horse and steer riders torium large enough to seat will be. The saying "the child is surrounding country. Just the in the country, is one of the C. L. Stewart, district mana- many hundreds of people. The father of the man" is absolutely spirit exemplified is what is finest young men to be found Judges in this department, ger of the Southwestern Bell students need it; the teachers true. If we are to have the very needed to make any town and any where, and he does not were R. A. Ellis, G. F. Holland. Telephone Company, with head-need it; the entire town needs best of men in our country we community prosperous and the think much of that dukes mixquirters in Abilene, was in the it. Churches we have, and large must train them up in that way, people of both happy. cent removal of the local ex- ed for everything. Their use is school will do that to the best R. A. Ellis, R. I. Reds, 12 change to the newly erected of- for sacred service, for the wor- advantage. So, people of our

set cheep, aerial and everything. mined by the size, equipment, Building in Merkel," and is in derstand that Mrs. Williams in tf and appearance of its schools. deed very fine.

Following an operation on last Monday at an Abilene Sanitarium, Herbert, 11 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Patterson died Wednesday evening at the

a few days ago with appendicit- during the Community Fair on ing with promise of a most suc- days of the year in our Sunday flowing of words. This, especial- If the goods are not what is, and was immediately carried Saturday, Community Fair day, cessful day from every view school. We hope to make it a ly is the case if the student's they should be your home mer- to Abilene where an operation where in Sandwiches, tea, coffee point. Every community adjac- great day. Parents, see that points are to be put before the chant stands ready to make it followed and infact everything candy and other good things to done that medical science and eat were served, and when at sented. Tye, View, Mount Pleas- coming with them. A new wo- The students, we know, feel Your home merchant offers human skill could do, but with the close of the Fair many nice

It was a great day for every subject for the morning hour ities for gaining that which merchant heads the list in mon- Church of this city, followed by and which will likely amount to one and Merkel as befitting and closes a series of Sermons on the they seek than if we do not ey or labor as the case may be. interment in Rose Hill ceme- around \$250.00 for the cemebecoming the occassion did her Great Doctrines of the Bible, have a well equipped school. The If you want to build a school tery. A large crowd of sorrow-tery work. self proud, and harmony, peace this subject is "Sanctification" subjects we do not have, such or church your merchant heads ing friends and relatives were These good ladies ask this present at both the funeral and paper to express their sincere

> Then again you can not buy the many friends of the bereav cause. They also announce that deepest sympathy in this their es on that day will find them at

Sears, J. E. Boaz and W. H. Laday noon about 5,200 bales of ter, learn better, when he is a new judges.

The article was written by him and entered in a contest by local Independent School District dentered in a contest by local independent school District dentered in a contest by local independent school District dentered in a conte Livestock

Livestock

W. B. Tarpley; 1 span mules; about 1,500, making a total of gaining of knowledge; and the context of the schools of this city in order that all the children may have that all the children may have the context of the schools of this city in order that all the children may have that all the children may have the context of the schools of this city in order that all the children may have the context of the schools of this city in order that all the children may have the context of the schools of this city in order that all the children may have the context of the schools of this city in order that all the children may have the context of the schools of this city in order that all the children may have the context of the schools of this city in order that all the children may have the context of the schools of this city in order that all the children may have the context of the schools of this city in order that all the children may have the context of the schools of this city in order that all the children may have the context of the schools of this city in order that all the children may have the context of the schools of this city in order that all the children may have the context of the schools of this city in order that all the children may have the context of the schools of this city in order that all the children may have the context of the schools of this city in order that all the children may have the context of the schools of this city in order that all the children may have the context of the schools of this city in order that all the children may have the context of the schools of this city in order that all the children may have the context of the context of the schools of this city in order than the children may have the context of the contex an opportunity of attending sage, Dr. M. A. Jenkins.

> And this paper believes they 3:00 p. m .- Our Church Govern-AT BAPTIST CHURCH did the right thing for at the ment, G. W. Parks Abilene Fair the children will Music Rev. T. M. Blacklock, of Sweet find many things that are high- 4:00 p. m .-- Address, Dr. L. G. We are sorry to say it, but water, will preach at the Bap-ly educational and beneficial to Morony. The price this year on this our school building, especially tist church in Merkel next Sun- them in many ways. We should The ladies of Sweetwater Asall boost for the Abilene Fair.

years one of Merkel's good and ing. The Association meets at G. T. Jones, 1 big Poland time last year only a little above intendant and the auditorium. cellent citizen of Merkel, but that he has recently sold his Sweetwater will preach the In-The auditorium seats only about for the past year a citizen of 190 acres land south of Merkel traductory Sermon. Come to reone hundred and seventy-five Slaton, was here several days to Mr. S. W. Sumpter, of the main till session is finished. people without being crowded, this week looking after his Stith community, and has purand over two hundred have been farms near here. Mr. Guthrie ex- chased a block of land in one of The announcement is made seated in it. This room, as we that at Trent on next Saturday have it, acts as a "study hall" ton to be gathered off his forms. At it is the cattered off his forms. there will be held a big Rodeo, for the high school, and every with good feed crops, and is College, where he expects to Admission to men will be 25 year that "study hall" is crow'd- pleased over the extreme fine soon build a nice home and Mr. L.B. Scott, of the Merkel crops. He stated that the crops move with his family to same. Motor Co. wants all the school knowledge comes from earnest in the Slaton country were very We regret to loose these good children who wish to make a the best citizenship of Abilene. cotton to come Friday and Sat-

> ranchman an dfarmer, was here as it is. Our laboratory is not what the future generation will way took part in the making of days this week with home folks the Fair the splendid success, and friends; coming in from a Our young people are just as which everyone declares same four months stay in the north,

Our good friend and most exfice building, especially built for ship of God. We should have an town, help us to get a new cellent citizen, Mr. J. N. Teaff, A. V. Dye, Black Javas, 3 same. And Mr. Stewart was auditorium large enough to school building of which Merkel who owns some fine farms a hens, 1 cockrel, 4 pullets, 1 highly pleased with the change seat the entire attendance of will bejustly proud; and the few miles notheast, was in the Be sure and be in your place. students, teachers and superincity one day this week with his Bro. Batsell Baxter of Abilene E. N. Brown, black minarca, would now be prepared to rend- Another point can be here tendent will thank you. Owen cotton for the gin. He stated will preach morning and eventhat his farms would produce ing at the usual hours. about 75 bales of cotton this

Mrs. Ellis Warren of Knox Saturday attending the big Com

Mrs. R. O. Anderson and asthings such as cakes, pies, can-Funeral services were held ned fruits, preserves etc., were conducted by Rev. Moody, pas- \$250.00 which after expenses.

thanks to all who in any man-The Merkel Mail joins the ner contributed to this splendid the Merkel Drug Company.

PROGRAM FOR PASTOR'S & LAYMAN' CONFERENCE

To be held with the Colorado Baptist Church, Wednesday, October, 10, 1923.

Music Directed by Mr. Embry, Sweetwater.

10:00 a. m .-- Devotional, by Dr.

sociation will hold their meetingin Colorado at the same time Mr. C. L. McNees, for many the men are in the above meet-

FOR THE COMMITTEE

people, but commend them to little spending money picking urday to the cotton patch in the

> Homer Laney spent a few ture of royal blood to be found in the nations Capitol.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Regular services next Sunday.

H. B. Chambless of Trent was among the throngs here last

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
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Borrowed money	NONE
DEPOSITS	406,247.07
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 fa-

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 citistand on the side of morality NEED FOR UNIFORMITY 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 is heavenly reward.

The Merkel Mail joins a host \$5,000.00 AUTO--TWO BIT he stuck in a mud hole, after of friends in extending to the worring and lighting that mud bereaved loved ones deepest An illustration of road econ- hole until night time overtook sympathy in their loss of one so omics: Not so very long ago a him, he walked some four or near and dear.

friend of ours went down to the five miles to a farm house and city and bought a handsome stayed all night. Next morning Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter the American Bankers Association. auto, paying some four or five bright and early returned spent last Sunday in Colorado, thousand for same, and on his with teams, wagon and log the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. hike home, minus good roads, chains to recover his car. Fin- Howard.

law, enduring its evil consequences for afteen years and then trankly casting it aside as a failure. has performed an economic service to me nation. There could be no more convincing argument against the passage of similar laws in other states han Oklahoma's disastrous experi-

THE SERVICE

OF A FAILURE

When Gov

ernor Walton of

Oklahoma signed recently the re-

peal of the bank

deposit guaranty

law in that state,

he performed an economic service

to the whole coun-

try. I might even say that Okla-

homa in passing

BY J. H. PUELICHER

President American Bankers

Association

The Oklahoma guaranty law was ne first of its kind. It was enacted in response to the panic of 1907. But experience has only proved again that here is no substitute for sound bankug. Relying on the fancied security of the guaranty law, people entrusted heir banking to many who were unat for the trust. Bank failures have seen so many that the fund, supposed to guarantee deposits, created y assessments on banks, was long

It is estimated that with total liabilties created under the law in the orm of warrants and sums owing to epositors amounting to \$12,000,000, here are in the hands of the Banking soard uncertain assets of nominally 15.000,000, ranging in value from ero to only thirty or forty cents on he dollar, resulting in a deficit of nany million dollars. Sound, well-man ged banks have been heavily taxed y assessments to the fund, and the naximum amount that could be as essed on solvent banks is insufficient a cover the deficit.

It has been well said that guaranty aws make for looseness in banking nethods, and saddle on the cometent 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.

BUSINESS LAWS

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

An effort to bring about better co ordination and greater uniformity among state laws dealing with busi. and 11. ness and banking is being made by

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 Joe Ridenbauch. transactions are made by the different states, with application limited o their own local jurisdictions and often in conflict with laws in other states. It is held that state laws field, Murphy Thomas, should be uniform so that the same transaction will not be subject to state laws differ.

onflicting laws, the following illustration is given: Mr. Jones lives in New York where the statute of limitafalls into the error of assuming that the same rule prevails everywhere. He visits Maryland and loans \$1,000 his friend, Mr. Smith, taking a interest Mr. Jones is in no hurry for is 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 mough 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

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 certifled check; instruments based on gambling or usurious consideration; time limit on stop payment; payment of stale 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 aws on membership of state institu lons in Federal Reserve System, and oreign banking. Penal laws pro osed deal with false statements for redit; slander and libel of bank hecks or drafts without funds, an rgiary with explosives.

Condesed Statement

of the

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS **National Bank**

Merkel, Texas

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	\$283,736.57
Loans, Cotton	
U. S. Securities	18,200.00
Other Bonds and Warrants.	5,726.37
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank.	******
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 Acet.	6,250.00
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BORROWED MONEY	NONE
DEPOSITS	462,130,83
Total	540,142.27

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

DIRECTORS

J. T. Warren, 1; Geo. F. West, L. R. Thompson, Sam Butman Sr., Henry James

Never missed a dividend--Never assessed a shareholder

Epworth League Program

Leader, Mabel McNees. Scripture lesson, John 17 6, 10,

1. Our conquest in Korea, by All work positively guaranteed Mabel Toombs.

Esther Rhoel.

3. Our conquest in Cuba by ing solicited.

4. Our mission stations in Africa. Rose Laney.

6. Eight years of prograss by Cyrus Pee.

MERKEL HOME LAUNDRY

first class. Prices reasonable. 2. Life of Ruby Kendrick, by Please give us a trial. Q. Brown Manager. N. B. Family wash-

New crop canned corn and tomatoes and all kinds of fresh 5. Activity on the Mission canned fruit, at Hughes Groc-



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 & RUB-BER COMPANY. The same of the same of

4 BIG CORD SPECIALS 4 BIG PUNCTURE-PROOFS 30x31/2 Standard Cord \$ 9.95 32x31/2 Puncture-proof .. \$17.50 30x31/2 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

OTHER SIZES ARE PRICED IN PROPORTION

member this sale started on the 14th and will close on the 29th. Come and let us equip your car with QUALITY tires at bargain prices

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

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MERKEL, TEXAS



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The Farmers State Bank

on the 14th day of Sept, 1923, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and pubof Sept, 1928. RESOURCES

Loans and Dis., personal or collateral \$	298,148.4
Loans, real estate	7,500.00
Overdrafts	2,836.9
Bonds and Stocks	1,618.40
Real Estate (banking house)	8,600.00
Other Real Estate	9,070.19
Furniture and Fixtures	5,200.00
Due from other Banks and Bankers,	
and cash on hand,	76,931.76
Interest in Depositors' Gty. Fund	6,277.38
Asst. Depositors, Gty. Fund	22,165.46
Acceptances, Bills of Exchange,	
Cotton	74.714.96
Other Resources, Maturity Guar'ntee.	25,298.2
Total	538,561,7
LIABILITIES	

Capital Stock paid in

Surplus Fund Undivided Profits, net. Due to Banks and Bankers, Individual Deposits sub. to check 389,537.97 Time Certificates of Deposit Cashier's checks. Bills Payable and Rediscounts

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

Correct-Attest

colemnly 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,



FOR SALE

FOR SALE-Radio Recieving

Buy a Radio Set to listen in east of Merkel. School, church for it will soon go. It is priced during the cold months. Call within three-fourths mile. For worth the money. Small cash at the Mail office and get par- particulars see E. A. Click, Mer- payment and long time. E. D. tf. kel, route three.

See T. W. Collins.

at Merkel, State of Texas, at the close of business FOR SALE-3 work mules. If trade for Abilene property. 1tp sold in the next 30 days, will alshed at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 28th day sell at a bargain. Q. Brown. Mer- FOR SALE-Good Radio Set.

> FOR SALE--For cash, for 30 days, the J. L. Banner place FORDS FOR SALE--Have some north east of town, including 1 good Ford Cars for sale. Marvin acre of land and all improve- Boney. ments. Good six-room house, windmill, well and cistern, barns FOR SALE--A good complete and garage and other out hous-farming outfit; including, 3 es. Just out the edge of town horses, cultivator, planter, harand very desirabley located. Will row, wagon, harness also sweeps rent if not sold. See J. H. Gray- and busters to the amount of

Donald Motor Co.

8,490 00 FOR SALE--Some good second 2,719.10 55,000.00 hand Cars. \$125 and up. Mc-5,500.00 Donald Motor Co.

FOR SALE--Some good second Clarks. Will give reward. J. S. hand Cars. \$125 and up. Mc- Dyess. Anderson, as cashier of said bank each of us, do Donald Motor Co.

and bath. Well located in Mer- kel Monday morning. A party kel. Will sell cheap for cash or was seen to pick up an envelope (SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas would take some trade and Ven- and then later drop same on the dors Lein Notes. See L. W. streets. If the person finding

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.

NOTICE--Will have a car of horses, good ones, Friday and Satur day. Earl Lassiter.

set, including good Magnavox. FOR SALE-Fordson and Plow BE IN THIS OFFICE BY SIX Will sell all or any part of it. practically new. C. T. Der-

> FOR SALE -- A dandy home; FOR SALE-A good 200 acre known as the Kinney girls home farm, 140 in cultivation with 40 This is one of the very best more available. Good improve- homes in the country and if you ments, located five miles south- want it you will have to hurry 14t3p Coats.

> FOR SALE OR TRADE-- A sec- FOR SALE--A good 7 room ond hand, standard make Piano. house with bath, hall, including 3 lots on Oak street. See C. R. Horton for price and terms. Will

> > 21t3 with or without Magnavox. Apply at Merkel Mail office.

21t3p about \$25.00. Will take, if sold in 15 days, \$200.00 cash or FOR SALE--Some good second notes. J. E. Hunter, Rt. 5 on 25,000.00 hand Cars. \$125 and up. Mc- Jim Slape's place, 9 miles south of Merkel.

LOST

tf. LOST -- A log chain and bomar, between Fire Station and Dolph

LOST-A five dollar bill from an FOR SALE-Residence, 5 rooms envelop on thes treets of Mertf this money will just mail the

'Special Prices"

E ARE MAKING prices on a limited number of Cultivators, Planters, Go-Devils, Wagons, wagonbeds, etc.

These items we can sell you at a big saving from what they will be in the Spring. Pipe, windmills, bathtubs, oil stoves, heaters, Singer sewing machines, harness, disc plows, anything and everything that you find in an A 1 Hardware Store.

Come to see us --- we will show you whether you are ready to buy now or later.

Chiropractic Massage

The people of Merkel and surrounding country are showing their appreciation of our Merkel office, and increasing numbers are taking advantage of this unusual opportunity to receive 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 unnecessary 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 Chiropractice Massage. Good circulation is established. Irritation of the nervous system is soothed, leaving a wonderful feeling of exuberant aliveness. Many chronic sufferers are finding relief in this way.

You will never regret an investigation of our principle and practice.

BUSBY, CROWDER & HOWARD MESSEURS

Merkel office in the COLLINS HOUSE.

\$5 bill to Miss Myrtle Daniels. the matter will be dropped and the Farmers and Merchants

WANTED

300 head. Good grass, good fence to do with, let us send them

FOUND--In the city of Merkel Mrs. C. L. Cash. on last Saturday, \$2.00 in money. Owner can get same by calling at this office and paying for this notice and describing the

er. Call 180 and let us come and get your old clothes and doll 'em Coughs, Colds. Sore Throat; unsurpassup to look like new.. Mrs. C. L.

No. 1398

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 of consectal	\$106.011.W
Loans, real estate	5,000.58
Overdrafts	1,543.59
Bonds and Stocks	270.00
Real Estate [banking house]	
Furniture and fixtures	1,743.78
Due from other banks and bankers and cash on hand	
Interest in Dep. Gty. Fund	
Assessment Dep. Gty. Fund	
Acceptances and Bills Exchange	59,345.84
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	
Bills Payyable and Rediscounts	
Total.	\$210,563.3
State of Texas, County of Taylor:	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-Pr L. E. Adrian. Cashler.

(SEAL) Notary Public Taylor County, Texas.

Bring your cotton checks to 1tp. National Bank for deposit. tf

If you have some old clothes S. Carter, Hawley Tex- the largest dyeing plant in the dyed at all, it will be dyed right.

LIVERGARD and LUNGARDIA

ed in removing deep Coughs of long standing. One trial convinces. Lungardia Co., Dallas, Texas.

For sale by MERKEL DRUG CO.

THE HOME GUARDS

SHOE SHINE NOTICE

am glad to announce former patrons that I am no back at my old job, shipping WANTED-Stock to pasture that you are at a loss as to what ber Shop, and will appreciate Plenty of water. Phone or write away to be dyed. We represent be given me.

21t2. south. And where, if it can be 7:30 a. m. and close at 9:30 a. On Sundays I will open up at m. Also, will charge 15 cents tf for Shines on Sunday and holidays. Respectfully, Quincy Pay-

The varied services of the Farmers and Merchants Nation-LIERGARD is the New Laxative we all Bank are at the service of the The cool days of fall are com- when a Laxative is needed, makes community. If you are in doubt ing fast, so why wait any long- laughing babies of puny ones, keeps old about the policy and services of the Bank come in and talk it

Mrs. J. C. Thompson, of Los Angles, California, was here this week the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. P. Browning.

REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS FIRE INSURANCE

There is just one day when it is wise 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 tomorrow'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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We have 21, 22, 23 model used Fords on hand. We buy, sell or trade. For any further information, call and see us or

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Ross Merkel Garage H. L. Ferrier Merkel Garage Propst

R. A. Ellis.

Eli Cordill.

keys--C. E. Stamps.

horns--C. P. Perry.

keys, Mrs. W. R. Stamps.

no less attravtice. Men, women,

(Continued from First Page) THE COMMUNITY FAIR A GRAND SUCCESS G. F. Holland.

oullets, 1 cockrel. , 1 cockrel.

olland Turkeys. Angus Garvin, R. I. Reds, 4 Best Dozen Eggs, White Leg-Pullets, 1 cockrel.

O. R. Dye, White Langshang, Second best Pair White Tur- bolt. 4 pullets, 1 cockrel. W. M. Jones, 1pr. Red Bronze The agricultural department

Mrs. J. B. Jones, 1 pr. 5 mo. and children visited and discuss-Burbon Bronze Turkey; 1 gob- ed the wonderful display of cot-

ton, corn, maize, cane, darso, ler, Burbon Bronze, 18 mo. E. P. Perry, White Leghorn, wheat, oats, pumpkins, canta-4 hens, 1 pullett, 1 cockrel.

Head Game, 3 pullets, 1 cockrel. of corn exhibited and we wish Revolutionary War in 1774 by The culinary department was

R. B. Wells, 1 doz eggs. White Leghørn eggs.

Red eggs. Poultry winners .-Best Pen R. I. Reds, Eli Cor- Toombs, Lee Williams, J. S.

Best Pen White Leghorns--

Best Pen White Leghorns--Mrs. Paul Stanford.

Best Pen Plymouth Rocks- 2nd .- J. C. Bickley. Booth Warren.

a variety of feed and especially Sewing table, 150 years old, we viewed the shelves in the day. Angus Garvin, 1 doz. R. I. the Merkel country. Come to owned by Mrs. M. R. Woodrum. cellar, laden with jellies, jam, Merkel. W. W. Wheeler, Supt.; Tom Wells grandmother.

Best Pullet; second--G. F. Hol

1st. Best Cockrel, R. I. Reds,

Swann, Judges. warded.

Cotton in stalk, first prize---W. I. Thornton.

3rd .-- C. L. Brown.

Sale Price

\$8.49

Dwarf Maize, 1st. prize-- J. A.

2nd .-- J. S. Hutson. 3rd-W. A. Howard.

Second--Jim Burns. 3rd--Angus Garvin. Darso Heads, 1st prize--R. L.

2nd .- E. M. Dean. Wheat, Oats, Pumpkins, Can-lowned by W. P. Duckett.

aloups--R. B. Wells. 2nd--J. C. Hartline. Best Kasch Cotton Stalk-- J. Buford.

sided over by Miss Blanche Dur- Basket made by Indians, 200 nam and her able assistants, years old, Mrs. J. B. Warren. Misses Ruby, Evelyn Hamm, Counterpane, fringe 57 years

busy scene and reminded one of handmade, owned by Mrs. Earl bees working in and out of a Mashburn. hive all day long. The display Counterpane 100 years old made in this department was varied by hand, Mrs. Earl Mashburn Following is the old relics on owner.

Gun, 193 years old, owned by were, Mr. R. A. Burgess, Mrs. Mr. J. L. McLean, Rt. 5.

Shawl 85 years old; Quilt, 150 Propst. years old, owned by H. R. Hicks. Old Relics winners-er, made by hand in 1857; 65 431 years old, Mrs. V. B. Sub-

years old. Skillet, 111 years old, owned Second, Bible, 233 years old, y G. F. Holland.

woven by hand, owned by Mrs. book, 221 years old. W. S. Telford.

by H. M. Rainbolt.

ed by W. H. Palmer. Heaviest Cockrel, R. I. Red, I. C. Holden's grandfather, Dr. a high grade showing, that no

Marvin Smith, R. I. Reds, 3 Best Pair White Holland Tur- P. K. Phenix, who was a cousin pains had been spared to make to Mrs. Abraham Lincon, and a the articles as substantial and E. Stamps, 1 pr. White 1st. Best, R. I. Red Pullet-nephew to James Bucannan. 74 attractive as possible.

years old, owned by H. M. Rain- ardson; Mollie Shannon; Mrs.

ed by J. B. Hamblett. Mexican \$20 bill, 5years old, Amy Sears. B. C. Gaither, owner.

ing about the death of Geo. Jones; Mona Margaret Jones. Washington, owned by Alfred H Best Work under 12 years of loups, etc. On this occassion Ligon.

W. I. Thornton, Allen Red Sure Crop was the only variety Knee Buckle, worn during rine Davis.

Tucker, was noted for its many Mrs. John Sears and their as-The following prizes were a-pieces, containing 2286 pieces. sistants. Counterpane made in the early sixties, ever thread, the fringe included was carded, spun, wov- Cordill; Mrs. Pearl Rains. en at home, 61 years ago. Mrs. Best Collection of Jellies-J. L. Harris, owner.

Old razor 150 years old, hand Second Best--Mrs. Fred Whited down generation after gener- man

ation. 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

by J. E. Hendrix. 83 years old, owned by Mrs. J. tainly a pleasing sight to those

L. Harris. Mrs. S. J. Roberts.

by Mrs. J. S. Roberts. Hand made Rag rug, 15 years won the admiration of the large old, made by Mrs. J. S. Roberts, audience which greeted the tookp rize in Abilene Fair in 19- baby show on this occassion.

belonging to Mr. J. T. Biggs, Mrs. W. A. Worley. worn by him 63 years ago.

sonic apron, belonging to Mrs. is of Merkel. C. E. Stamps, 87 years old.

W. Matthew's great grandfath- baby present.

er. About 300 years old.

Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Collection of old books, dated in the early 70ties, owned by Mrs. J. S. Swann.

Pair of white wedding trous-Indian Corn, 1st prize-Joe ers, 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,

Ring, 75 years old, made out of a horn. Owned by Mrs. J. A.

One penny, made in 1802, be-Ye Old Curiosity Shop, pre-longing to Mrs. J. M. Vorner.

and Lilley Pratt Sears, was a old; counterpane, 20 years old,

Judges for this department,

W. D. Hutcheson; Mrs. H. L.

Dress worn by W. W. Wheel- First Prize, Wooden Clock-

Mrs. J. S. Swann Samples of material, carded, 3rd. J. W. Matthews, Medical

The Domestic Arts depart-Gimlet, 200 years old, owned ment, in charge of Mrs. A. R. Booth, and assistants, was a Relics of Cliff Dwelers, own-pleasang sight to those interested in fancy work, and the Old Purse, belonged to Mrs. display on this occassion was of

Domestic Arts winners: Solid Silver Fork, about 100 Pillow Cases, Mrs. J. E. Rich-Ed Heater.

Spectator, 196 years old, own- Center Piece--Mrs. J. E. Richardson; Mrs. Amy Sears; Mrs.

Work under 16 years of age--Old Paper, 123 years old, tell- Ruth Brittian; Mona Margaret

age--Velma Lee Holden; Mau-

E. P. Perry, 1 doz White Le- to state here that the speci- Johnston. Relic is 149 years old, well represented by a varied dismens were as fine as we ever is owned by J. M. Williamson. play of fruits, jellies, pickles, the Merkel Motor Company to The day's program concluded saw shown from the corn belt Silver Spoons, 85 years old, cakes, etc., and reminded one the oldest man driving a Ford with an auction sale of pies, Mrs. W. R. Stamps, 1 dozen of Kansas, Ohio. Texas can grow owned by Mrs. McSpadden. of days gone by when as a boy to town on Community Fair cakes, canned fruits and vege Quilt made in 1814 by R. B. preserves and other good eats. prize on essays, given by the Cemetery fund, totalling over a This department was presided Parent-Teacher Club. Miss Dor- hundred dollars. J. C. Mason Quiit belonging to Mrs. J. L. over by Mrs. Amy Sears and othy won second.

> Prizes awarded--Cocoanut Cake--Mrs. E. M.

Mrs. Swann

Third Best--Mrs. J. L. Harris Cucumber pickles--Mrs. J. W.

Third best--Mrs. C. E. Stamps Canned Fruit--Mrs. Lottie

Second best--Mrs. W. A. How

Old fiddle, 187 years old, owned The greatest attraction of the whole fair was centered in Salt Cellar and butter knife, the baby show, and was cerproud mothers and fathers as Unique foot stool, made by they passed in review with their babies before the judges. Of Crazy Jug, 20 years old, made course all couldn't win a blue ribbon, but nevertheless, they

2nd Nellie Marie, 1 year old Hand made, hand painted Ma- daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dav-

Bible 66 years old, owned by son of Mr. and Mrs. Bearden of Merkel.

Old clock 431 years old, be- Horace Gandy Pogue, 2 weeks longing to Mrs. V. B. Sublett. old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pogue of Merkel, won first Writing desk, made ybby Mr. prize for being the youngest

The War Relics were indeed History and medical books, an interesting feature of the 221 years old, owned by J. W. fair and all who viewed them enjoyed seeing them. Mr. Grady Bandana handkerchief coun- Collins won the prizes offered terpane, made by Mrs. J. S. Rob for having the best show of war

Pipe 100 years old, owned by Mr. W. S. Telford was the recepient of the prize given by

Good News!!

FOR THE OWNERS OF

FORDS

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FIRESTONE GUM-DIPPED CORD TIRE FULLY GUARANTEED

Fresh Shipment Just Received

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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.

West Company FIRESTONE and OLDFIELD TIRES

Mr Owen Hutchison won 1st. and the proceeds went to the

tables donated by the citizens 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 Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts\$283,736.57

Customers' liability account of acceptances of this bank ____17,384.46 Overdrafts, secured,\$3,111,69 Unsecured\$5,638.43 Second best, Mrs. V. N. Ellis. Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value) ____\$6,250.00 All other United States Government Securities \$11,950- 18,200.00 Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc. 8,576.37 Furniture and Fixtures..... Real estate owned other than banking house 4,100.00 Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank 27,236.63 Amount due from State banks, bankers and trust companies in the

United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, and 10. Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank ___ 5,607.72 Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13\$179,473.81 Miscellaneous cash items..... Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer 312.50

LIABILITIES Undivided profits \$ 9,815.85 Reserved for Dividends \$ 9,815.85 Less current expenses, interest, and taxes\$3,054.41 6,761.44 Winners: 1st. Gwyndalyn, 10 Circulating notes outstanding 6,250.00

Dainty hand made baby cap mo. old daughter of Mr. and Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the U. S. and foreign countries (other than items 21 22) Demand Deposits subject to Reserve: Individual deposits subject to check ______ 392,908.44 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 Other time Deposits...... 41,589.28 Total of time deposits subject to reserve, Items 32, 33, 34, and 35\$66,910.98

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

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:

Woodrum Filling Station

Big Casing Sale

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

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\$12.25

Buy it Once and You will Cry for More.

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Friday September 28th. Saturday September 29th. Wm. S. HART PETE MORRISON "The Last Stage Bandits" "Making Good" Also-Sunshine Comedy Romayne Comedy Mutt & Jeff Sport Shots And-And-Wednesday and Thursday Oct. 3 and 4

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

Travel Scenes And-

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"You Never Know"

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it will be through the columns meet God, and the poor fellow of the country press. Henry has never did learn where the leaks among those who have this discovered that the great buy- come in. But here is Henry Ford week subscribed for the Mail. ing public in this nation read got more customers than he can Thanks to all. Mr. Pribble statthe country papers, and after supply, and yet he is going to ed that his crop was very good experimenting for years has dis- spend seven million dollars to and that he was in need of pickcevered that it is the best ad-tell the world about his jitney vertising medium. Now this car.-Albany News.

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Also-

nation, covering the buying of The Woman's Missionary So-If there is any man on earth his agencies. The average busi- ciety met on last Monday with of New Mexico and left there The 1st. Methodist church en- wire cuts, bog spavins, etc. Call who would be justified in sit- ness man, especially those who good attendance. A Social Ser- Friday afternoon to do likewise tertained us Thursday night. day or night, S. D. McLeod, ting down, cutting out all publi- fail, and Bradstreet and Dun re- vice program was given, also an in his Sophomore year at the The fine arts teachers enter- Trent Texas. Phone 57. "Examicity, and saying that the world ports, that eighty-five percent instructive talk on tithing by University of Texas. knows that I am in business, of the mercantile failures are Mrs. Thos. Durham. Next Monthat man is Henry Ford, as he the merchants who do not adver day there will be a business again in our community. On last seemed to have enjoyed them is the best advertised man on ise-get out some four or five meeting of the Society and the Sunday, Miss Mamie Patterson selves. earth, and the Ford jitney is hundred hand bills as they are president requests and insists was married to Mr. H. W. Lewthe best known car in the world won't to call them, scatter a few that all members be present. is. May their lives be happy and Hunt preached a convocation today. Yes, so well known and of them on the streets, announc- This is your Society. Come and prosperous. so popular, that the demand is ing to the world that they are in help make it a success. You so great that it cannot be sup- business, then they go back in have no right to offer a criti- uncle Druce Tucker is growing of the students. plied, but he won't quit. Press their quiet den and sit down cism unless you come and do weaker day by day. reports have it, and also his and wait for the trade that nev-your part. After the business agencies have announced it, that er comes, and thus, the mice meeting there will be lesson Clayborn McPeak who was so he will spend \$7,500.00 in the rust, spiders, dust, Father Time from the study, The Life and seriously injured at Merkel last advertising of his cars the com- interest, change of seasons and Letters of St. Paul. All the wo- Saturday, seemed to be better tending our most sincere thanks ing year. Not writ on sign styles, rents and family expen- men of the church are invited to last night. boards, in the back of magazines se eat it up, and that man goes come. Remember the hour--3 p. programs, but the great bulk of broke, dies, and goes out to m. Reporter.

E. T. Pribble of route three is

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WHITE CHURCH

gathered.

appreciation of such events. friends and boosters of the new Mulberry Canyon is as product- college for this hour. ive scope of land as is found in The beautiful auditorium in Taylor county, but from this the Administration building was community I only saw one entry completely filled and many had however, quite frequently you to stand as there was no more heard the remark, "Oh! I have room for more seats. something better than that at President Hunt had the pro- first of the week from a visit

bring their best along. college year at the University have a fine year of it.

Wedding Bells have rung was a kid party. Every one me."

We are glad to report that

DID YOU KNOW THAT--

New England states.

ited States is Popular, Montana, the ladies of the Methodist dry. 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 entirey escaped frost.

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

The maximum monthly rain-

fall in Los Angeles is three inhes--in December-- while at Astoria, J. P., often lets loose 3 inches in one month. The rainy cities of the North-

vest have only about two thunderstorms each year, while at the Suwanee river the average s 90 each year.

The rainest summer climate in the country is at Miami, Flor-

The snowiest region in the

country is in the Sierra Nevada and Cascade Mountains where a depth of 30 feet is often record-

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 nquired:

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

"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

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 Laun-

a. m. One of the most inspiring ens of respect. Almost all of us attend the scenes which we have had the May the Lord bless and care community fair Saturday but as privilege of viewing was the for each of you is our prayer. usual we were slow to show our gathering of the vast throng of

home but I didn't think there gram in charge. He declared up to his farms in Stonewall counwould be any use to bring it." to the present time everything ty. As a sample of the fine feed By the time for this fair to be on the campus was paid for. The that is being raised on his again, I'm sure White Church pastors of the city were given farms this year he brought will be interested enough to a chance to speak something up some very fine heads of Kaffir lifting and inspiring for our Col- Corn. Walter Irvin of Rule visited lege. Each Church gives us a his grandfather, Wm. Snow last cordial invitation to attend their week. We need more and more services. There have been over such boys as this young man, 150 enrolled and more are expect with such a determination to ed. That is more students than at Trent, Texas, Saturday the get an education. Last year he any other college in the state 22nd., for the purpose of treatworked his way through his 1t. began with. We are going to ing all domestic animals. Special-

sermon for the students at St. We are sorry to learn that Paul Methodist church .-- by one here after which he will go to

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of ex-

FROM MCMURRAY COLLEGE Missionary Society, the Gleaners Sunday school class for the Weather conditions are ideal The registration of the stud-levely floral offering as well as for cotton picking and the ents began the 19th with the others whose names we do not fleecy staple will soon all be formal opening exercises at 10 recall, for such and similar tok-

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

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

Veterinarian Surgeon, will be ist on Teeth work, bone spavins. tained us Saturday night. This nations free where brought to

R. J. Adcock came in this week Sunday morning, Rev. J. W. for a visit among friends and to look after his farming interest here. He will spend some time Uvalde, where he usually spends the winter months.

CLEANING AND PRESSING IS OUR SPECIALITY

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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 enverament and the people of the United States from mesound money experiments, from colonial time. 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 makers As-Wery costly, since frenzied finance; speculation and business disaster have thvariably followed in the wake

of unsound currency. He cites historical experience showing that widews and orphans were among the chief sufferers. "New generations of adults, like, children, have to learn over and over again that, when playing with fife, 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 pay ment of government obligations in the cheaper money rather than in specie. credit means lower prices received for bonds, consequently greater burdens on the Treasury. Assuming that, in 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, foilows 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. Ali those dependent on fixed incomes, or receiving specified sums in terms of money, are penalized when the purche : power of money is depressed. manner the stockholder profits at the expense of the bondholderfact which implies a reward to the more speculatively inclined at the ex-

pense 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 preduction 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 etimulated and desire to gain by speculation rather then to earn a livelibood by productive and useful inhor causes a marked or olar babits and thereto

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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.

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Our good friend and excellent citizen, Mr. J. S. Burns celebrat ed 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 occassions.



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