

Statement of the Condition of the
FARMERS STATE BANK

At the close of business April 12, 1926

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	.....	\$392,296.91
Overdrafts	.....	819.45
Banking House	.....	12,500.00
Furniture & Fixtures	.....	5,430.00
Other Real Estate	.....	11,702.50
Stocks and Bonds	.....	1,000.00
Assessment Gty. Fund	.....	7,000.00
Int. Depositors Gty. Fund	.....	8,422.66
Cash and Bills of Exchange	.....	\$156,667.65

Total.....\$695,839.17

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....\$ 50,000.00

Surplus and Profits Net..... 29,615.78

Deposits.....**516,223.39**

Total.....\$595,839.17

FARMERS STATE BANK

MERKEL

TEXAS

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. S. Swann, President
R. O. Anderson, V. Pres.
J. C. Mason, V. Pres.
W. L. Diltz, Cashier

Herbert Patterson,
Assistant Cashier

Dallas Scarbrough
David Hendricks

—MOTHER—

"I will not forget you on Mothers' Day, May 9th. I will send you a nice box of Mothers' Day Candy." Call in and place your order now for Mothers' day Candy. Hamm Drug Co. tf

Nice fresh roasted beef every day at Baker & Wheeler's Market. tf

Buy your Groceries from G.M. Sharp and save the difference. 16t2

My fine registered Jersey Male will stand at my barn in south Merkel. Terms \$3.50 when cow is bred. John S. Hughes. 16t2p

Jimmie Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown, arrived last week from California for an extended visit with home folks and friends. 16t2

OLD MR. CARTER HELPED BY SIMPLE MIXTURE

"After taking Adlerika I feel better than for years. At my age (60) it is ideal—so different from medicines." (signed) W. W. Carter. Adlerika is a simple mixture of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., which removes GAS in ten minutes and often brings surprising relief to the stomach. Stops that full, bloated feeling. Brings out old waste matter you never thought was in your system. Excellent for chronic constipation. Merkel Drug Co., in Trent by R. B. Johnson. tf

We are glad to have the renewal of the subscription to the Mail of Mr. H. R. Horton of route one.

Mr. Ira Stanley, Merkel, route one, says keep the Mail coming for another year. We appreciate his subscription.

COMPERE WELCOMES SONS CONFEDERACY THE TRADE TRIPPERS MEETING APRIL 25

One of the largest delegations of business men and citizens ever participating in one of the Trade Trips, went out to the Compere community on last Friday evening. It is also stated that the people of that country for miles around were also in attendance at the meeting held there.

A fine program consisting of music by Merkel's most excellent orchestra, reading by Miss Lola Dennis, speaking by a number of citizens of Merkel as well as those of the local community, was rendered to the pleasure of all in attendance.

The Compere ladies made glad the hearts of the visitors by serving a most delicious and appetizing refreshment plate. In fact the whole affair redounded to the pleasure of every one and will without doubt create and make permanent that good will feeling so much desired and appreciated by the splendid business interests of this good city.

On next Friday night the Trade Trippers expect to visit the Golan community, some fifteen miles northwest of here.

"SAVE THE TIRE"

A campaign with this as the objective would be next in order in this country if Jas. H. West, of West Company, Firestone dealers, had his way.

"We have had all kinds of campaigns," he said, "to save the surface, to save the forests and to save most everything else, each one valuable in its way and all teaching the lesson of conservation."

"I believe that we should have a campaign to 'save the tire,' that we should conserve the millions of dollars that are wasted every year through neglect (probably unintentional) of this most important motoring item."

"It is just as essential to give attention to the tires on your car as it is to attend to the surface on your house, for upon your tires depend motoring safety and economy."

"The first lesson that would be taught in my proposed campaign is the care of valve equipment. The valve is a very small part of the tire but nothing is more valuable to efficient operation. The best tire made will give a poor account of itself if the valve leaks."

"There are three rules to follow in looking after valve equipment: (1) Be sure the valve inside, or the inner door, does not leak; (2) always apply valve cap as in case of leak from valve inside—this will form the second door for holding air; (3) use rim nut bushing tightly screwed against the felloe, which prevents creeping of tube."

"Above all, motorists should be brought to recognize the necessity of maintaining the right air pressure in their tires and this can be more easily accomplished if the valve equipment is in good order."

Our good friend Elder W. G. Cypert has our thanks for a subscription to the Mail which he sends to relatives at Port Arthur, Texas.

MEMBER TEXAS QUALIFIED DRUGGISTS' LEAGUE

Legally Registered Pharmacist

Merkel Drug COMPANY
S. D. Gamble, Mgr.

The regular meeting of the Camp of the Sons of Confederacy is April the 26th at the Armory in Merkel at 4 p.m., which is Memorial Day.

The times are commercial, greed and graft are written in large letters upon the surface of things. It was the South whose soldiery and courage wrested Yorktown from the British; whose Patrick Henry kindled the fires of the revolution; whose Jefferson wrote the declaration of Independence; whose Washington commanded the continental armies; whose Madison framed the constitution; whose Marshall interpreted the organic law; whose statesmen swayed both branches of Congress.

When the toskins of war were sounded, it was from the veins of Worth Bagby, the son of a Confederate soldier, that the first libation of blood was poured upon freedom's altar, and Fitzhugh Lee and Joe Wheeler were among the first to don the Federal uniform. We are the custodians of the past, and the guardians of the future of the South. To our loyal and loving care are entrusted not only the graves of yesterday, but the cradles of tomorrow. Will we be recreant to our duty? Let not commercialism overshadow our patriotism, but let the slogan go forth, "Surely the Captain can depend on me."

J. C. MASON, Commander.
Camp 429, Merkel, Texas.

CROSS ROADS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. Donald Payne Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Holder took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. R. F. England Sunday.

Mrs. Ruthie Bigham and daughters Eva Lee, and Mary Etta, visited relatives in Sweetwater Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Teaff visited Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bigham Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. York spent last Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. M. G. King.

D. C. West, Jr., was sick last of last week but he is able to be in school again.

Mrs. Henry King has gone back east visiting relatives and old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason visited Mr. and Mrs. E. W. King Monday afternoon.

The W. M. U. met with Mrs. Rex Holder last Tuesday with eleven members and two visitors present. Refreshments were served to the delight of all.

Mrs. J. H. Payne visited her son, Donald Payne Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. West visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jaynes of Salt Branch last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. West vis-

Statement of the condition of
THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

At the close of business Apr. 12, 1926

RESOURCES

Loans, Time and Demand	.....	\$204,204.01
Bills of Exchange, Cotton	.....	14,678.97
Overdrafts	.....	1,103.74
Bonds and Warrants (School)	.....	20,939.76
Furniture and Fixtures	.....	7,500.00
5 Per Cent Redemption Fund	.....	312.50
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	.....	1,950.00
Other Resources	.....	624.23

Commercial Paper.....**82,500.00**
U. S. Bonds.....**116,750.00**
Cash & Sight Exchange **121,231.78**
Total.....\$571,794.99

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....\$ 50,000.00

Surplus..... 15,000.00

Undivided Profits..... 11,872.02

Circulation..... 6,250.00

Deposits.....**488,672.97**

Total.....\$571,794.99

THE OLD RELIABLE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L BANK

MERKEL

TEXAS

'SINCE 1904'

ited Mr. and Mrs. M. G. King Tuesday night.

Mr. Jennings visited Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason Tuesday.

Mr. Ralph Larson visited Mr. Park Bryant Sunday.

Mr. Ernest Teaff who was operated on for appendicitis, is doing very well.

Messrs. Ralph Larson and Park Bryant returned from Dallas last week.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Yes, we have 'em—combination bumper-fender braces for 1926 model Fords.—West Company. 1t

Ennis Grimes, of Chillicothe, was here last Sunday and Monday for a visit with home folks and friends.

Renew your subscription to the Merkel Mail before it expires

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

PILES CURED

NO KNIFE NO PAIN NO DETENTION FROM WORK
Dr. E. E. COCKERELL
RECTAL AND SKIN SPECIALIST
OF ABILENE, TEXAS

Will be at the Stephens Hotel in Merkel Monday, April 26 from 12 a. m. to 5 p. m.
Phone No. 359 Abilene, Texas

EVERYBODY'S PORTRAIT FOR MOTHERS' DAY

In what way can those tender emotions felt on Mothers' Day be so gratefully and happily expressed as by the exchange of portraits between mothers and children.

Make your appointment and have them made NOW A Nice Swing Frame Given FREE with each dozen 4x6 and 6x8 Portraits made between now and Mothers' Day.

Frame Alone Worth \$2.75

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MERKEL, TEXAS



How That Ford Will Perform When Equipped with a New

Stromberg Carburetor

and Hot Spot

Starts Easy More Power and Pep Better Performance and 25% Further on Every Gallon of Gas

Price Complete \$15.75

West Company

REAL ESTATE, FARM LOANS FIRE INSURANCE

After a Fire--

you'll find no satisfaction in figuring up the amount of insurance you should have had. But there is a lot of satisfaction in knowing that your property as it stands today is fully covered by dependable fire insurance.

Our fire insurance policies are dependable.

W. O. BONEY
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Consult your Insurance Agent as you would your Lawyer.

CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH

We had a great day Sunday at the Methodist church. Had a fine Sunday School with an attendance of 404. We want to build up the attendance to 500 before Mother's day, May 9. We want the members of the school to continue to work until we reach our goal.

Intermediate League at 5:30 and Senior League at 6:45.

Worship at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Rev. W. E. Lyon, our presiding Elder will preach for us at the morning hour.

Sunday School Day services will be conducted at the evening hour. The program will be interesting and instructive.

The public is invited to attend our services. W. R. McCarter.

Senior B.Y.P.U. Program

Subject: "Missionary Meeting—Mexico."

Leader, Iris Garrett. Introduction by leader.

1. Study the map of Mexico, by Weldon Wells.

2. Why send Missionaries to Mexico? by Lewis Giles.

3. Baptists and Catholics contrasted, by Rubyjo Higgins.

4. Romanism obscures the gospel, by Fred Giles.

5. A peep at Mexico's past, by Yates Brown.

6. Mexico's natural resources, by Mildred Hamm.

7. Our Missions in Mexico, by Evelyn Hamm.

8. Saxophone solo, by Charlie Laigent.

All young people are invited to attend the B.Y.P.U. at 7:00.

A letter to the Mial from Mr. Clifford Rose, of Long Beach, California, requests the paper be sent to him for the next year.

Mr. Rose and family formerly resided here.

Elder Cypert To Preach Here Sunday at 11 a.m.

Elder W. G. Cypert announces that he will preach at the North Side Church of Christ next Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour, and cordially invites all who will hear him.

He especially urges the membership of the church to be present.

MERKEL BAPTISTS

All regular services Sunday and through the week.

Sunday school 10 a.m. Bring your Bible and spend at least one half hour in real Bible study. Congenial classes and teachers for all who will come. Come, not to be seen of men, but to worship God and study His word.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Morning subject, "Helping or Hindering." Evening subject, "Contentment in Life."

All B.Y.P.U.'s meet at seven, with interesting programs in every department.

Follow the hunger of the inner man and find a place to worship God on this next Lord's day, and feed your soul on His word and enjoy the fellowship of His people. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

Junior B.Y.P.U. Program

1. Introduction by Benjamin Sheppard.

2. Mary Reed's Early Days, by Byron Summerhill.

3. Called to be a Missionary, by Mary Neil Summerhill.

4. Mary Reed finds she is a leper, by Sarah Sheppard.

5. She leaves again, by D. O. Huddleston.

6. Her home in India, by Dot Swafford.

7. Her work among the lepers, by Dorothy Deuschman.

8. She makes Christmas a happy time, by Nellie Peterson.

9. Mary Reed comes to America, by Mimalaya Swafford.

10. Back to India, by Alvin Parrack.

11. Bible readings, by all the B.Y.P.U.

All juniors are cordially invited to attend the B.Y.P.U. at 7.

Christian Endeavor Program

Leader, Eunice Russell.

Topic: "How can we help to Make our Cities Christian?"

Scripture reading: Matt. 11:20-24, 28-30. Talk by leader.

Topics for talks: Temptation of the city, David Ferries.

Miseries of the slums, Nina Belle Russell.

Results of city crowding, Helen Compton.

Song: clippings.

Christian business men, Christine Russell.

Low living and high thinking, Dean Murray.

City's charities, Norma Shannon.

Debate: Resolved "That the city on the whole is a better place for young people than the country."

Song; prayer, questions, collection, announcements, mishap.

Call 61 to place a want ad in the Mail or give us a news item.

We have nothing to sell but

SATISFACTION

Everybody's Garage

FRONT STREET

TEN MILES OF SERVICE

TWO BARRELS OF AIR

PHONE 72

No More Gold Bonds

Notice is hereby given that after May 10 we will discontinue the giving in trade of Gold Bond Saving Stamps. Woodrum Filling Station.

Fire Chief W. L. Burns, who can always be counted on to stand by his home town paper, has our thanks for the renewal of his subscription to the Mail.

Ford Owners! Secure that spare tire with one of our special 1926 model tire locks.—West Company.

Messrs. J. A. and W. P. Meeks of Merkel, route five, are among those renewing for the Mail this week. Thanks.

L. T. Toombs returned Wednesday from a visit with friends and relatives in Dallas.



My PERCHERON Stallions, COLLEY, Reg. No. 185391, 4 yr old, and ROYAL (better known as the "Bryom Horse" together with 17 Mammoth black Jack are making the season at my barn 4 1/2 miles North of Merkel. Terms \$10.00 when living colt is born or mare is desposed of or moved

LEE BAKER Telephone 6004 R 3

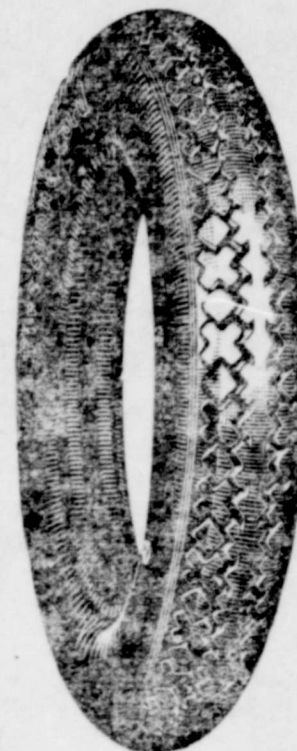
Today-as Always

The PACEMAKERS

Firestone

Gum-Dipped

CORDS



There is a reason for the leadership, among all the tire equipment the world has ever produced, which Firestone steadfastly maintains—Certainly here is a case of Superior Quality proven by the acid test of time and travel everywhere, under every motoring condition.

Firestones are quality tires plus—they're built of Gum-Dipped Cords. We are ready to equip your car today!

West Company

Phone 59

MERKEL, TEXAS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.

Junior Christian Endeavor at the 11 o'clock hour.

Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:45 p.m.

Choir practice Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

You will be given a cordial welcome to all the above services. Chas. H. Little, pastor.

Nice fresh roasted beef every day at Baker & Wheeler's Market.

MAN'S A FOOL

Man's a fool, When it's hot he wants it cool; When it's cool he wants it hot, Never content with his lot.

When it's dry, He for showers is heard to sigh; When to meet his wish it rains, Of the wet the fool complains.

Hot or cold, dry or wet, Nothing suits that he can get. I consider, as a rule, Man's a fool. —Contributed.

No. 1398

Official Statement of Financial Condition of the HOME STATE BANK,

at Trent, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 12th day of April, 1926, published in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper printed and published at Merkel, State of Texas, on the 23rd day of April, 1926.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal of collateral security	\$113,613.66
Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon	3,362.50
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	7.32
Bonds, stocks and other securities	300.00
Real Estate (Banking House)	4,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,400.00
Cash on hand	3,444.36
Due from approved reserve agents	73,635.47
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	15,244.72
Interest on Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,156.16
Other Resources—Items in transit	18.00
TOTAL	\$217,182.19

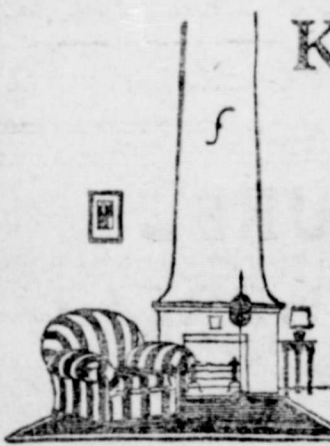
LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Other Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, net	9,784.83
Individual Deposits subject to check on which no interest is paid	160,853.07
Individual Deposits on which interest is paid or contracted to be paid	9,784.00
Public Funds on Deposit (School \$1,760.29)	1,760.29
TOTAL	\$217,182.19

STATE OF TEXAS,)
County of Taylor) We, J. T. Warren, as President, and L. E. Adrian, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. T. Warren, President.
L. E. Adrian, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of April, A. D. 1926. Booth Warren, Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas
CORRECT—ATTEST: A. Williamson, T. L. Stevens, H. W. Beckham, Directors. (Seal)

Keeps out damp!



Sheetrock, being cast from gypsum rock, is a natural insulator against heat, chill and damp. It keeps buildings more comfortable the year round—shows big savings in fuel bills. Let us tell you about the many other superiorities of this different wallboard.

SHEETROCK

THE Fireproof WALLBOARD

BURTON-LINGO CO.



The Merkel Mail

Published on Friday Morning by
The Merkel Mail Printing Co.
Thos. Durham, Editor-Mgr.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
Taylor and Jones counties \$1.50
Anywhere else\$2.00
IN ADVANCE

TELEPHONE No. 61
Entered at the postoffice at Mer-
kel, Texas as second class mail.

It looks like every time Jim Ferguson sees a lot of State money sitting around idle, his imagination gets the best of him, whether the money is in the Highway Department, the Text Book fund or comes up out of the State's land in Reagan county in the form of oil.—San Angelo Standard.

The political fight in Texas will soon begin to warm, and later on things are going to get mighty hot. Then it will be a good time for people to remind themselves that even though they feel that they have a right to support and vote for any candidate or measure that may suit their fancy, they must also remember that the other fellow, their neighbor and friend, also has a right to vote for those men and measures they feel disposed to, even though they may differ widely from your views. In other words we have no right to fall out with any one on account of different political or religious views.

Sure, we are still for Dan. We may have been wrong lots of times, but we are right this time.—Richland Springs Eye witness.

Some people who are very wise and handsome (in their own estimation), have but little use for the local paper, speak of it sneeringly and yet get awful mad some times when their name is accidentally left unmentioned about some matter in which they feel that it would be good business for them, had their name appeared in print.

BLACKSMITH PRICES

To my old friends also the new ones who want to try my work with a guarantee of satisfaction. I am better equipped with machinery and can therefore do better work at cheaper prices. To those who are in a rush to get back to their work, will find the gas station at your service. Drive in and fill up while waiting for your work.

I also quote the following prices:
24 inch solid sweep.....45c
22 inch solid sweep.....40c
20 inch solid sweep.....35c
18 inch solid sweep.....30c
16 inch solid sweep.....25c
14 inch cultivator sweep.....25c
12 inch cultivator sweep.....20c
10 inch cultivator sweep.....15c
8 & 6 inch cultivator sweep.....12 1/2
Davis Knives.....75c
Go-Devil Blades.....50c to 65c
All other work not mentioned in proportion. C. P. STEVENS,
South of the Tabernacle.

'I AM JUST A POOR FARMER'

How many of you have heard the expression "I am just a poor farmer?" Isn't it just about time the farmers of this country quit demeaning their own occupation and took a little pride in it? Who ever heard of a merchant, a doctor, a lawyer or a brick mason talk about his job as though he were ashamed of it? Successful men and many who have not yet attained success, are proud of their occupation, trade or profession—all but the farmer—and not one of them has as much to be proud of as a farmer who successfully combats insects and variable weather and helps feed and clothe the world.

When a man walks into a bank to borrow a little money he should go in with head up and talk business with the banker as one business man to another. If he is worthy of credit or has security, he will get his money, for that is what banks are for. If he goes with his hat in his hand and a hang dog appearance, the banker won't have much use for him, "the bank is not putting out money just now," or "money is tight." So it is with farming. If farmers would spunk up and quit belittling their own job, they would find dealing with business men a real pleasure. Just so long as farmers make out that they are ignorant and occupy a lowly position in life, just so long will other people deal with them on that basis.—Farm & Ranch.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail!

WHAT WAS GOD'S OBJECT IN CREATION OF MAN

God being all love, spirit and wisdom, as advanced in his word the Bible, therefore man is his crowning achievement in all creation.

His giving man dominion and control over all creation permits of no contradiction the command to subdue, multiply and replenish the earth bespeaks of God's plan in the earthly affairs of man. Proving his ever readiness for leadership in earthly affairs of all mankind.

Man, being possessed in his make-up of spirit and matter, God and carnality make him susceptible to spiritual leadership, surrounded by the lair of carnality. Since man from pre-historic man on down through the ages has acknowledged a deity or supreme being, having been possessed of that desire to worship a supreme being, proves beyond all question his acknowledgement of a God, under whose power and providence we exist.

God being spirit, it is through man only that God is worshipped. Man only, of all creation, being possessed of spiritual make up. Therefore through this channel only is God worshipped, praised and adored on the earth. All other creation being subject to the laws of nature only, will replenish, propagate and multiply of its volition. Man is far in the evening of time in his scientific and creative world, yet he is unable to create so much as one small grain of sand proves God still retains his secret of the mechanism of spirit and matter. Therefore God's object in the creation of man was that he would manifest himself on the earth; that reason, intellect and love should reign supremely here in his domain of creation, spreading that infinite something we term spirit or God to all brotherhood of man. We except the morsel of food for the sustenance of life, never questioning its origin or object. Yet we seriously question the origin and object of man's creation which is inconsistency in the extreme.—Contributed.

WARREN NOTES By Vera Jones

The farmers are all beginning to plant their crops. Health of the community is good at present.

All who attended the party at Mr. and Mrs. Evers Saturday night reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Harris visited his parents Sunday.

Mrs. McCormick of the Stith community visited her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick Sunday.

Misses Lottie Gressett, Ruth and Lena Mae Chancey, Liddie and Lillie Jones visited Miss Azilene Sumpter Sunday.

Miss Eula Sumpter spent Sunday night with Violet Jones.

Miss Vela Jones visited Miss Willie Numan Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Rose Ellington visited Miss Burty Dickson Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Higgins and son, Luther, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Higgins.

Mr. Floyd McCoy spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Hollis McCoy.

Mr. George Brown of Hamlin spent the week-end at Mr. W. M. Jones' home.

Mr. Cal Pittman visited Mr. J. W. Pittman Sunday.

Miss Artie McCormick spent Saturday night and Sunday with her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shouse, of Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. McCormick and family visited in Trent Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Artie Coaker of Anson visited Mr. and Mrs. H. Gressett Sunday evening.

Mrs. A. F. Criswell and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Criswell visited in Comanche last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCoy visited his mother, Mrs. Barbara McCoy Sunday.

Mr. Thurman McCoy spent

JONES DRY GOODS



Specials for Saturday
50 Ladies Hats, values up to \$11.75
your choice of the lot for—

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Another shipment of Dresses
arrived this week

JONES DRY GOODS

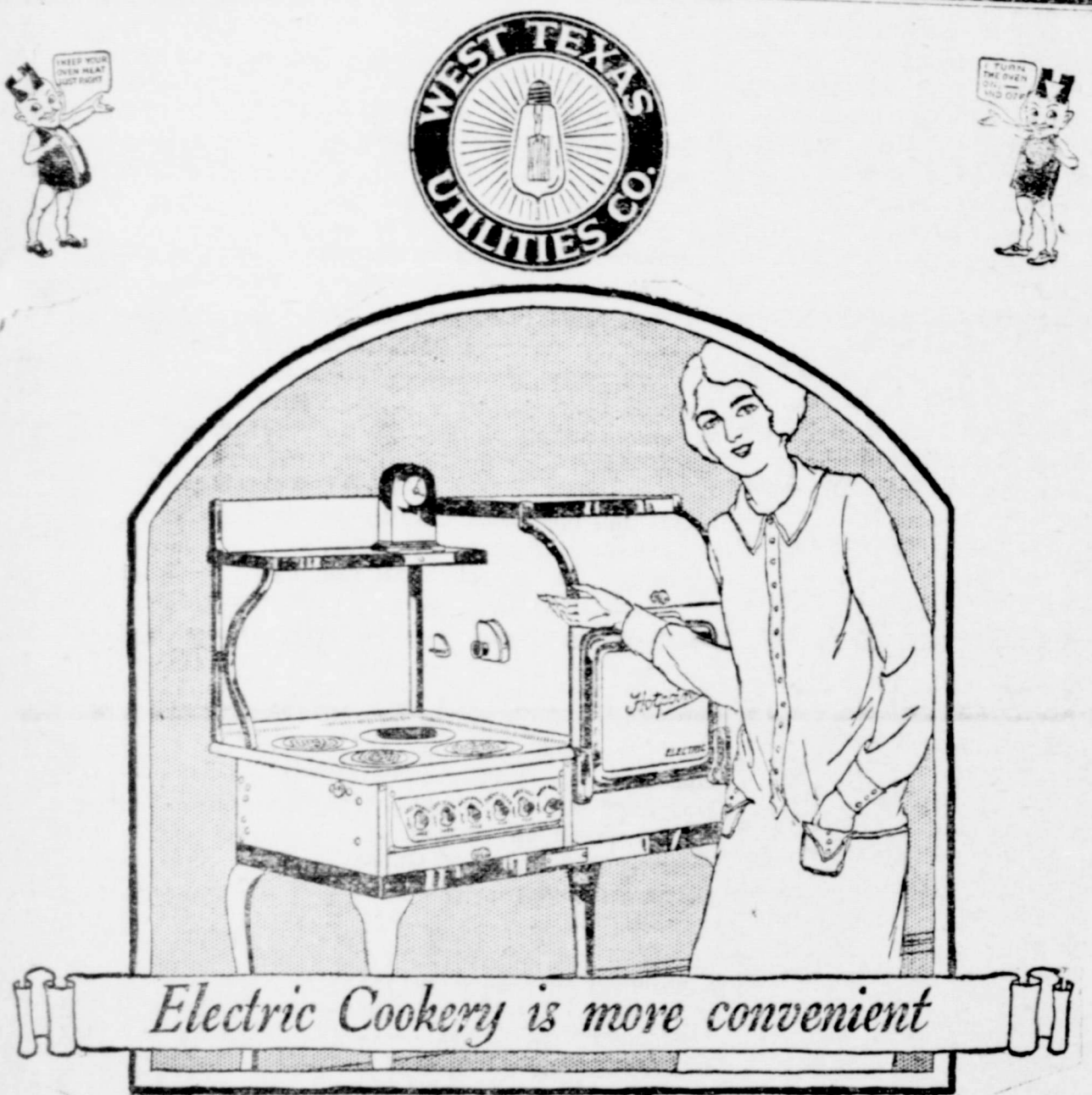
Sunday with Mr. Comer Patter-son spent some time Thursday son of Merkel.
night with her parents, of the
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Cross of Hodges community.
Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Garvin
Chancey of Comper visited Mr. visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
and Mrs. H. C. Chancey Sunday. E. C. Tarvin Sunday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Chancey Mrs. Ellington and little dau-
spent Friday and Saturday with ghter, Lorene, spent Saturday
her sister, Mrs. J. D. Andrews, night with Mrs. Williams of
of Mulberry. Abilene.
Miss Azilene Sumpter spent
Wednesday night with Miss Is your subscription about to
Ruth Chancey. expire to the Mail. Look at the
Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patter-label on this paper and see.

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 April, 12, 1926

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, including rediscounts	\$301,382.98
Acceptances of other banks discounted	NONE
Customers' liability account of acceptances of this bank	NONE
Total loans	\$301,382.98
Overdrafts, secured	\$ 72.17
Unsecured	\$1031.57
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value)	\$6,250.00
All other United States Government Securities	\$110,500.00
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	22,889.76
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	NONE
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	\$1,860.39
Cash in vault and amount due from national Banks	87,390.27
Amount due from State banks, bankers and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, and 10)	NONE
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	1,353.04
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13	\$ 88,743.31
Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank) located out side of city or town of reporting bank	598.08
Miscellaneous cash items	598.08
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
Other assets if any	624.23
Total	\$571,794.99

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided profits	\$18,174.78
Reserved for	\$
Less current expenses, paid	\$6,302.76
Circulating notes outstanding	11,872.02
Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies " in the U. S. and foreign countries (other than items 22 23)	6,250.00
Cashiers checks on own bank outstanding	851.94
Total of items 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26	17,853.77
Demand Deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	385,211.57
Certificates of deposits due in less than 90 days	130.00
Dividends Unpaid	NONE
Total of demand deposit (other than bank deposits)	
Reserve, Items 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32	\$385,841.57
Certificates of deposit (Other than for money borrowed)	15,000.00
Other time Deposits	70,477.63
Total of time deposits subject to reserve, Items 33, 34, 35, and 36	\$ 85,477.63
Total	\$571,794.99

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF TAYLOR, SS:
I, Booth Warren, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
BOOTH WARREN, Cashier
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st. day of Apr., 1926.
Castle B Ellis, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:—G. F. WEST,
J. T. WARREN
SAM BUTMAN Directors.



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NO longer need to be home hours before meal-time as I did before I got a Hotpoint Super-Automatic Range. Now, I prepare the dinner in the morning, place it in the oven and set the controls. I always have the perfect assurance that when we come home to dinner, the food will be cooked and ready to serve.

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SCHOOL NOTES

Rain Tuesday prevented the Seniors from having their Annual picnic. A Senior Day will be allowed by Superintendent Summerhill at an early date.

This week closes the eighth month. We have but three weeks before the final examinations begin. Studying is getting in order now.

The high school baseball team covered themselves with honor Monday by defeating McMurry Academy 3-2. The game was featured by a home run by Polly and some timely hitting by the Chaney twins.

Supt. Summerhill acted as one of the judges in a debate between Abilene and Amarillo at Abilene Thursday.

A new device for selling pencils for the benefit of the library has been installed in the hall of the high school building. Every pencil that is bought allows two and one-half cents for the library fund.

Senior Notes

(By Eva Mae Johnson)

A short program was presented by the Seniors in chapel Wednesday morning. The class "Will" was read and the Senior loving cups, the key of knowledge, a cupie, a box of tact (tacks) and a large bottle of stickability (paste) were given by the president of the class of '26, Mr. Lewis Giles, to the president of the class of '27, Mr. Maben Rogers, who gave a very short and appropriate word of thanks. The class prophesy was given by Miss Lola Dennis and the beautiful picture of Shakespeare's home, Stratford on the Avon, was received for the high school by Mr. Summerhill. For the past two years it has been the custom of the Senior class to leave as a monument to themselves a picture to the high school.

Due to a delay in the Engraving Company's office, the Annual will not be out until the last week of school.

Funny Side of Life

Advice to the joke editor: "Please write your jokes on tissue paper so thaa the reader may see through them."

—M.H.S.—

"Good Morning. I called to see if the doctor couldn't give me something for my tonsils."

"I'm sorry, sir, but the doctor

never buys tonsils."

—M.H.S.—

I stood upon a mountain,
And looked upon a plain,
I saw a lot of green stuff
That looked like growing grain
I took another look at it
I thought it must be grass,
But goodness, to my horror,
It was the Freshman class.

—Jokes—

T. J.: "Who gave you that black eye?"
Dean: "Nobody. I had to fight for it."

—M.H.S.—

Girls who buy cheap hosiery get a run for their money.

—M.H.S.—

According to a lecture in chapel one day last week, no one gets a new idea after he passes the age of 25. However, we are inclined to disbelieve this, for our Superintendent, we feel sure, has learned that even a Chevrolet will not run unless both wheels are on the ground.

ARE YOU ALL RUN DOWN?

Many Merkel Folks Have Felt That Way.

Feel all out of sorts?
Tired, achy, blue irritable?
Back lame and stiff?
It may be the story of weak kidneys!

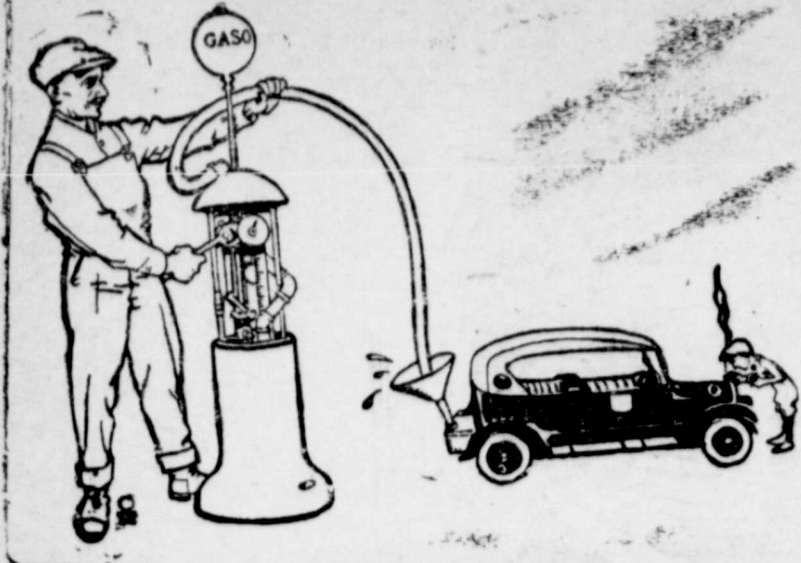
Of toxic poisons circulating about.
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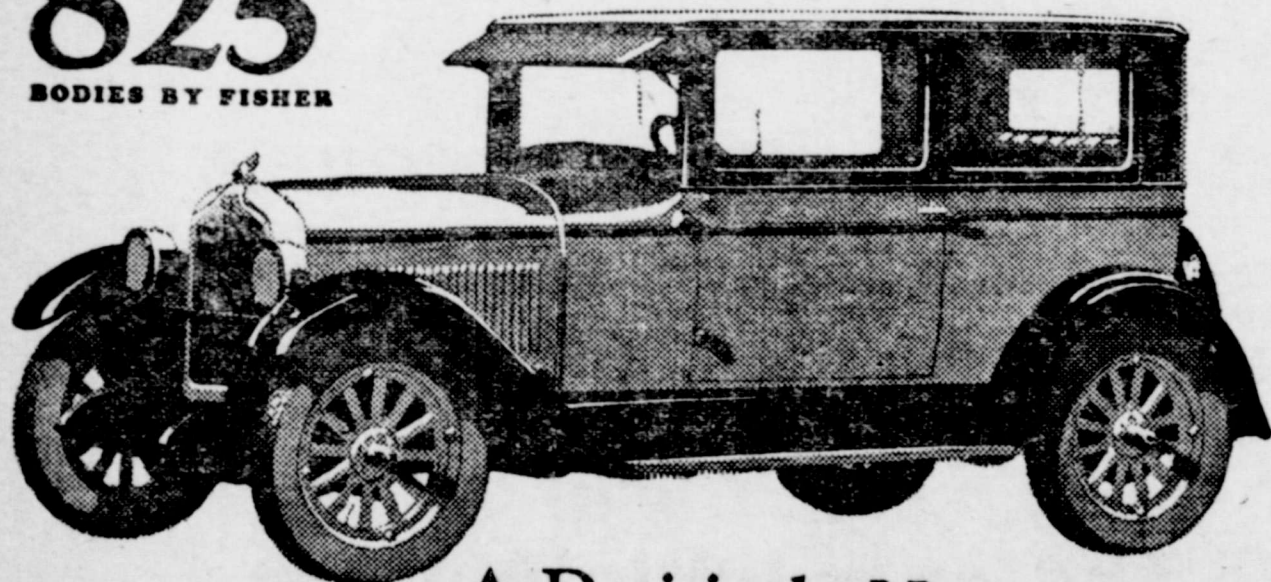
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Until now, no six-cylinder
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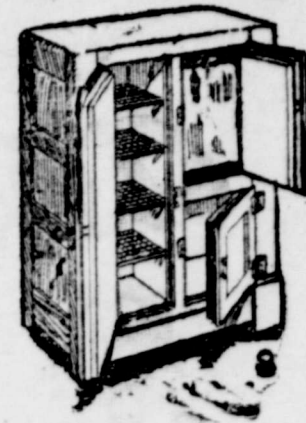
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such richness of Duco finish,
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theory that a low-priced six-
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SUMMER SCHOOL NOTICE
Womans Missionary Society
Of The Methodist Church

Misses Martha Bird and Alice
Summerhill will conduct a stan-
dard, authorized summer school
for the high school and grammar
school. Miss Bird will give high
school work and Miss Summer-
hill the Grammar grades work.
The school will be conducted in
the high school building. Pupils
wanting to do summer work will
be allowed credit for work done
with these teachers. There will
be no other authorized summer
work in town for the public
schools. Time of opening will be
announced later. High school
will run 12 weeks and 2 credits
will be allowed.

J. A. Summerhill, Supt.

At the Missionary Society on
last Monday afternoon there
was a short business meeting
after which Mrs. Butman, who
was our delegate to the Annual
conference at Lubbock, gave her
report of the meeting. This was
a very interesting report and
every one present enjoyed it
very much. Two new members
were also added to our roll at
this meeting. Mrs. Merritt, who
is president of a newly organiz-
ed auxiliary at Noodle, was a
welcome visitor on this after-
noon. On next Monday afternoon
there will be a program from the
Voice. Time of meeting 2:30.

Publicity Supt.

Filling Station
Announcement

I have purchased the BONEY FILLING
STATION, located on Front Street, and will
appreciate a share of your trade in this line. We
have a nice place, well prepared and fixed to
render you service that is as good as the best.
So we invite you to drive around and be con-
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TOO MANY TIRES

In buying this business, I find that our stock of
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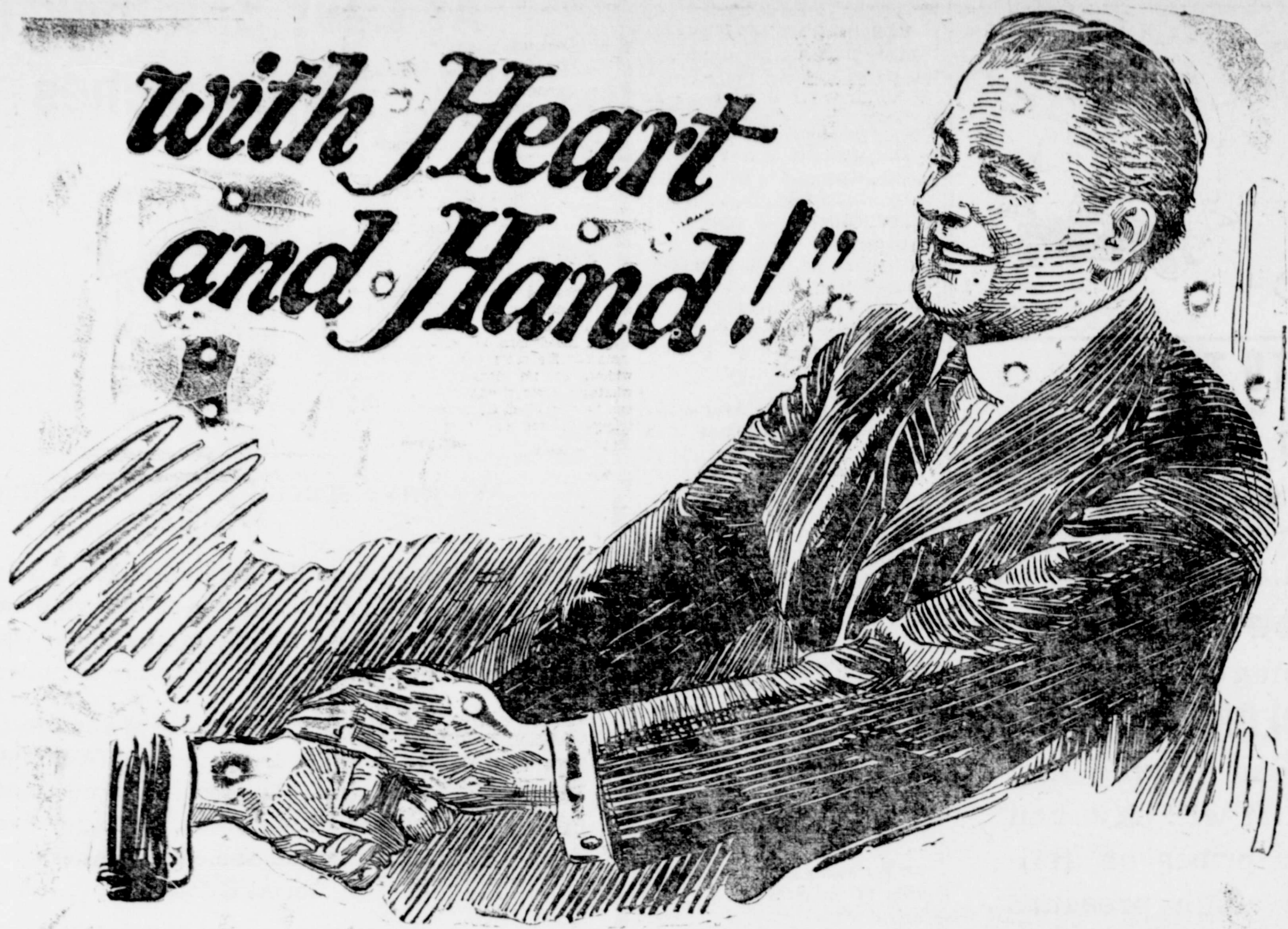
I will handle the well known Pierce Petrol-
eum Company's Oil and Gas—None bet-
ter and as good as the best.

We also wish to thank every one for the nice patron-
age already given us—You have been generous, and we
appreciate it.

R. C. [Bill] SHEPPARD

DAY PHONE 60

NIGHT PHONE 24



IN anything--it's team work that counts. No matter how strong the individual, he becomes more powerful with team co-operation---team work.

Have you joined the home town team? Are you making your Co-citizens realize your desire to assist them commercially and socially? Are you helping them to feel the advantages of living in this good town of ours? Are you extending a cordial heart and hand?

If you do--they will pass the good word along--it becomes an endless chain. The team work is strong and will thus attract others--who in turn will lend their hands, talents, resources and energies to mutual civic progress.

Now is a good time to "join up"--the only initiation fee is a resolve to do your part--and the dues come back to you in personal dividends.

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Strong, healthy, vigorous baby chicks from selected purebred fowls. Leghorns, Barred Rocks, Reds, Buff Orpingtons 15c each and up. Custom hatching.
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FOR SALE

FOR SALE—S.C. Black Minorca Eggs, \$1.00 per setting at my place 2 miles north of Stith. I. V. Garrett, Merkel, route 4. 12t7p

COTTON SEED—I have a few bushels of Pedigreed Acala cotton seen for sale cheap. Seed may be seen at Garrett's barn. C. L. Tucker. tf

EGGS for hatching from Rhode Island Red thoroughbreds, mating headed by first cockrel community fair. \$1.00 per 16, \$5.00 per 100. Lee Baker, Merkel. 1t

COTTON SEED—Have some Mebane Cotton Seed direct from A. D. Mebane. First year seed at \$1.00 per bushel. E. F. Vantreese, Hawley, route 2, phone 9025F12, Merkel. 16t2p

CHICKENS—Have some nice young white leghorn pullets for sale at 75c each. Ernest Higgins. 16t2p

KASCH COTTON SEED—Have some good second year Kasch seed for sale at 75c per bushel. Sam Swann. 23t2

FOR SALE—One John Deere 2-row planter, one John Deere 2-row cultivator, one 4-year old work mule. Also a few choice culled Kasch cotton seed at \$1.00 per bushel. Lee Baker. 1t

FOR SALE—Two single row cultivators at a bargain. Also have some Mebane cotton seed to sell at \$1.00 per bushel. See Hollis Haynes. 23t2

FOR SALE—Bundle sorghum. Also 2-row cultivator and planter. Phillip Diltz. 1tp

COTTON SEED—Have some Kasch and Clyett seed from pedigreed last year seed at \$1.00 per bushel. Earl Lassiter. 23t2

FOR SALE—Some extra good Kasch cotton seed, re-cleaned, \$1.50 per bushel. Some not cleaned \$1.25 G.L. Shuff, route 5. 1tp

WANTED—A few more milk customers for evening service. Mrs. R. L. Proctor. tf

LOST—Bay mare mule, about 13½ hands high, had 3-4 rope around neck when last seen, has slight scar on right shoulder, strayed from B. F. Clark place at Abilene. Notify P. L. Frederickson, Box 611, Merkel. \$5.00 reward. 16t2p

LOST—29x4.40 Firestone casing and tube on rim. Return to Merkel Mail or R. L. Adcock and receive reward. 1tp

STRAYED—One bay mare mule 4 years old, no brand. Also one black horse mule, 7 years old, no brand, has large knot on hind leg. Mules are making way to Sylvester community. Will pay reward. Notify W. H. Davis, box 833, Abilene. 16t2p

STRAYED—A bay, bald-faced horse, old scar on left side, about 15 hands. Strayed from place southwest of Merkel 10 days ago. Notify Donald Waits, route 5, care of Cal Thompson. 1tp

Pure East Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup at G. M. Sharp's. 16t2

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Baker & Wheeler will appreciate your patronage in fresh and cured meats of all kinds in season. Call on them for fresh pork, sausage, steak, cured meats, roasts, etc. tf

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Mr. J. C. Mason returned first of the week from a trip to Dallas, where as a director of the Farm Bureau Cotton Association he attended a meeting of that organization.

Mrs. M. G. Parker and son, Marshal, of Stanton, were here several days this week visiting friends and relatives. For many years they were citizens of this community, moving to the Stanton community about a year ago.

STATIONERY SPECIAL
200 sheets of paper and 100 envelopes to match with your name and address or monogram printed to order in blue ink for \$2.00. You may have your choice of folder or straight sheet in white, pearl gray, royal blue, pink or light yellow. You can't beat this for a stationery bargain. Makes appropriate gifts. Also have \$1.15 box. **THE MERKEL MAIL**. tf

Mrs. Geo. Smith of Breckenridge is here for a visit with home folks and friends.

Law Defines Certain Rules for the Married
It is a truism to say that marriage brings responsibilities, but how many men, when they marry, realize what their full, and legal, burden might be in certain circumstances?
The law says that a man is not bound to maintain any of his wife's relatives, but—a somewhat queer exception—he is bound to maintain, until they are sixteen, any children she may have had by a former husband. Thus a man who married a widow who concealed from him the fact that she had children would have a big burden to bear.
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A Word to the Borrower
IF you are a borrower of this paper, don't you think it is an injustice to the man who is paying for it? He may be looking for it at this very moment. Make it a regular visitor to your home. The subscription price is an investment that will repay you well.

Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes left first of the week for Dallas, where they went to attend the meeting of the American Medical Association in session in that city this week. They are expected to return to their home here the last of this week.

Dr. M. Armstrong left first of the week for Dallas to attend the meeting in that city of the American Medical Association. He is expected to return about the last of the week.

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Two-Gun Man Champion Revolver Shot who will be here in person also in pictures and Vaudeville
See the greatest Wild West Round-Up ever filmed
See Nona in Oriental and Charleston dancing with gorgeous jewels and costumes
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ALSO
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STIRKING DRAMA BUILT ON EVENTS IN U.S. HISTORY

"As No Man Has Loved," the William Fox screen adaptation of Edward Everett Hale's story, "The Man Without a Country," will have its first presentation in Merkel at the Cozy Theatre on April 28 and 29.

The screen version of the justly famous story is the result of many months of filming at the Fox West Coast Studios and on three different locations in California under the direction of Rowland V. Lee. The story was adapted for the screen by Robert N. Lee, a brother of the director, and titled by Charles Darnton, former New York dramatic critic.

The story is written on a chain of historic incidents running from the Hamilton-Burr duel in 1870 to the Civil War. It is a lively story of adventure and romance of the earlier American period. The scenes shift swiftly back and forth from land to sea. One of the sets used in the picture is a reproduction of Fort Massac, a frontier army post on the Ohio River. On location at this point a four story temporary building was erected for the housing of costumers, modistes, wigmakers and wardrobe assistants. An entire flotilla of flat-boats such as were used by Aaron Burr in his expedition down the Ohio was reproduced.

For the sea scenes in the picture, it was necessary to build and re-rig a fleet of vessels of the type described in the Hale story. A thousand extras were used in a sea battle scene. In casting, "As No Man Has Loved" Director Lee was meticulous in selecting persons capable of interpreting the characters in Hale's story. He selected Edward Hearn to portray Lieutenant Nolan, the defiant young army officer who forswears his country and becomes "The Man Without a Country."

Pauline Starke enacts the role of Anne Bissell, Nolan's sweetheart, and Lucy Beaumont is Mrs. Nolan. Other important members of the cast are Richard Tucker as Aaron Burr, George Billings as President Lincoln, Earl Metcalfe as Lieut. Riddle, Wilfred Lucas as Major Bissell, Francis Powers as Colonel Morgan, Albert Hart as President Monroe, Edward Martindale as Admiral Decatur, Will Walling as Captain Shaw and Pauline Neff as Mrs. Burke.

We have just received a shipment of front bumpers and rear fender guards for Chevrolets. West Company. It

No Fishing and Hunting

I have leased the Newman place on Bitter Creek, and will allow no fishing and hunting on same. Please take notice and be governed accordingly. J. A. McCoy. 23t2p

Miss Essie Mae Rodden, of Bowie, who has just completed her education at Denton, was here this week the guest of her brother, Mr. O. R. Rodden, the very efficient and popular proprietor of the Rodden Studio.

Mr. D. L. Stroud, Merkel, route four, is among the new subscribers to the Mail this week. Many thanks.

Mr. B. M. Williams accompanied by Mr. Sam Provine left first of the week for Dallas, where the latter goes to have his eyes treated by a specialist, being almost totally blind. Mr. Provine is one of the community's best and most highly respected citizens and this paper joins many friends in the hope that he may receive immediate and lasting benefit from the treatment received there.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Spears and three sons, of Valera, Texas, are here visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spears, of the Blair community. We are grateful to Mr. Spears for a year's subscription to the Mail.

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Millinery priced cheaper than ever before at this time of year



50 Ladies' and Childrens' Hats, regardless of former price, grouped at--

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Idlewise Club

Mesdames Earl Baze and Warren Smith charmingly entertained the members of the Idlewise Club and friends Tuesday afternoon at their apartments on Oak street. At four tables prettily arranged in the entertaining rooms bridge games gave interest for two hours. A clever contest, readings by Miss Lucy Tracy and a solo by Miss Christine Collins were other features of entertainment enjoyed by the guests. A delicious refreshment of brick cream and squares of angel food cake was served. A color theme of pink and white was carried out in the dainty tally cards, plate favors, decorations and refreshments. Those present were: Miss Manice Mas-singale of Houston, Mrs. George White, Mrs. Sie Branton, Misses Lucy Tracy, Christine Collins, Mary Eula Sears, Ruby and Evelyn Hamm, Mesdames Emmette

Grimes, Roy Largent, Bill Haynes, Jack Durham, Sie Hamm, Bill Brown and the hostesses.

A Surprise Shower

A host of friends met at the home of Fannie Belle Boaz Monday evening for the purpose of showering a recent bride, Mrs. Cleo McGehee.

Mrs. McGehee received a number of nice things which will be useful in her future home.

Miss Iris Garrett furnished music for the evening, which was very sweet, and Margaret Eckerd furnished plenty of laughable amusement. Several contests were enjoyed, in which Ruby Faye Golliday won several prizes.

At 7 o'clock we were directed into the dining room where punch and cakes were served to the following: Mrs. McGehee, Gladys Acuff, Margaret Eckerd, Flora Frances Anderson, Desha-

zo Simpson, Mildred Hamm, Rubyjo Higgins, Iris Garrett, Jerlene Morrison, Ruby Faye Golliday, Monetta Adcock and Fannie Belle Boaz.

Naron-Hardy.

At 3:30 p.m. Wednesday Justice of the Peace Ford performed the marriage ceremony for Marshall Naron and Miss Mollie Hardy of Merkel. They will reside here, they stated.—Abilene Reporter.

Mr. J. L. Tucker returned Tuesday from Fort Worth where he spent a week visiting his son, Mr. T. T. Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Calvert of Sweetwater were guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Martin and other relatives.

Mrs. Bud Sears and children of Menard are here visiting relatives and friends.

—MOTHER—

"I will not forget you on Mothers' Day, May 9th. I will send you a nice box of Mothers' Day Candy." Call in and place your order now for Mothers' day Candy. Hamm Drug Co. tf

Miss Gracie Lee Cranston, student at McMurry College, spent several hours in Merkel Sunday afternoon, guest of Miss Dorris Durham.

Loring Hamblet of Breckenridge was up several days this week visiting home folks and friends. He had us send him the Mail for the next year.

Mrs. Robert McBean of Cisco spent last week-end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown.

If you want a good Coffee buy "All Gold" at G. M. Sharp's. 16t2

SPRING

HAS ARRIVED

In the "Spring" every one naturally wants to look their best, so come here and get fitted out

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SNAPPY NEW STRAW HATS
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P. S.—If Mrs. J. L. Barker, route No. 4, will call in person at our store, she will receive absolutely FREE \$5.00 worth of "S. & H." Green Stamps.

ELDER CYPERT RETURNS FROM TEMPLE

Elder and Mrs. W. G. Cypert returned last week from Temple, where Bro. Cypert underwent an operation some two weeks ago from which we are glad to report to his many friends he is rapidly recovering.

We join many friends in rejoicing over his speedy recovery from his ailment and operation.

Mrs. Nell Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp, will leave this week for her home in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hester, residing two miles east, are the nappy parents of a new daughter, born on last Sunday.

Messrs. Sam Swann, Jim Toombs, F. P. Hamm, L. L. Murray, J. S. Bird and C. T. Derrick, local gin men, returned first of the week from attending the State Ginners Association which met at Dallas.

We were very glad to have the renewal subscription of Mr. J.H. Campbell this week to the Merkel Mail.

Miss Renna Burns joined a number of relatives and friends at Clyde Sunday and spent the day at the Big Dam at Cisco.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- LEE R. YORK
- CARLOS D. SPECK
- For County Attorney: FRANK E. SMITH
- For District Clerk: BELLE WELLBORN
- For County School Supt.: M. A. WILLIAMS
- For Sheriff: H. T. O'BAR
- JOHN BOND
- For County Clerk: W. E. BEASLEY
- W. P. BOUNDS
- For Tax Collector: R. A. McCLAIN
- EARL HUGHES
- For Tax Assessor: J. T. HOWARD
- CLARENCE W. BOYCE
- For County Treasurer: AUSTIN FITTS
- (Precinct Offices)
- For Public Weigher: THOS. A. BEARDEN
- B. M. WILLIAMS
- HUGH E. CAMPBELL
- For Commissioner, this Precinct: PHILLIP A. DILTZ
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