

CONDENSED STATEMENT of CONDITION of

THE FARMERS STATE BANK

Merkel, Texas, as called by Banking
Commissioner October 10th, 1927

RESOURCES	
Loans	\$429,087.26
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	6,639.00
Due From Guaranty Fund	6,940.91
Other Resources	3,210.58
Cash and U. S. Bonds	\$148,635.95
Bills of Exchange	208,105.62
AVAILABLE CASH	356,741.57
Total	\$835,119.32

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	23,383.19
Bills Payable	70,000.00
DEPOSITS	691,736.13
Total	\$835,119.32

The above statement is correct. W. L. DILZ, Jr., Cashier.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

J. S. Swann, President	Herbert Patterson,
R. O. Anderson, V. Pres.	Assistant Cashier
J. C. Mason, V. Pres.	
W. L. Diltz, Cashier	Dallas Scarbrough
	David Hendricks

WARREN NEWS

Health in this community is very good at the present time.

On last Saturday morning the Death Angels entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard and took away their daughter, Stella, who has been ill for a long time. She leaves to mourn her departure a father and mother and one brother. We all join in sympathy for the bereaved ones.

Mrs. Stella Dobbs spent Sunday with her niece, Mrs. Howard Garner of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Jones and family spent Sunday with Mr. Jones mother, Grandma Jones.

Mr. G. E. Ellington spent Sunday with Mr. W. R. Sumpter.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman McCoy and Claud Ellington spent Saturday night in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Higgins visited South of Merkel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Harrell visited in Clyde Sunday.

Messrs Son and Theodore Douglas and Aaron Mopwell visited Mr. Otis Foster Sunday.

Mr. Boyd Dobbs spent the weekend with his mother Mrs. Stella Dobbs.

Several of the people of the Warren Community attended the tent show in Merkel Monday and Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Patterson visited the parents of Mrs. Patterson Mr. and Mrs. Finch at Hodge Sunday.

Mrs. W. R. Sumpter and sister of Abilene spent Sunday in Warren.

Mt. Pleasant Items

Brother Joe Burkett of Abilene preached at the Baptist Church Sunday at 11 and Sunday evening at 8. We had fine services, and Brother Pruitt will preach at the Baptist Church Sunday and Sunday night.

There will be a Box Supper at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church on Friday night.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Campbell is doing nicely after the operation Saturday.

Mrs. Dewey Rogers and sons, J. D. and Chris visited her parents at the White Church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Roland were visitors in Abilene Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wood visited Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Sedberry Sunday.

Mr. Bill Price is visiting his cousin Ranson Price this week.

Mr. Otis Sedberry of Nugent visited his sister, Oddie Mae Sedberry Sunday evening.

MISS COLLINS IS HOSTESS TO CHORAL CLUB

Miss Christine Collins, assisted by several members of the Choral Club was hostess at a Hallowe'en party given at her home Monday night of October 31.

As each guest arrived she was blindfolded and led as a prisoner by an unknown escort robed in a white sheet to a witch's cave.

When the prisoners were allowed to remove their masks they were seated in a row in the second story of a vacant house listening to the story of a dead negro which was interrupted by weird sounds coming from dark corners of the spirit filled house.

After listening to ghost stories told by the witches, the palms were looked upon in order to tell the futures of the frightened prisoners.

As the guests were seated in a circle listening to tales of the witches sandwiches, apples, soda pop and candy were served to the following: Bessie Westenhover, Norma Shannon, Patsy Lewis, Berdelle Adecock, Mary Lou Brown, Addie Fay Patterson, Gladys Watts, Eunalea Gilmore, Pauline Toombs, Elizabeth Harkrider, Iris Garrett, Venice Bell, Fannie Bell Boaz, Gladys Copeland, Alice Reed, Hollie Perry, Ruth Whatley, Lucille Cole, Eula Miller, Monetta Adecock, Gertrude Byrom, Velma Lee Holden, and guests Mesdames Boaz and Dennis, Miss Willie Evelyn Boaz and the hostess, Miss Collins.

GINS TO CLOSE ON ARMISTICE DAY, NOV. 11

We, the undersigned gins of Merkel announce to the farmers that we will each close our business on next Friday, November the 11th, Armistice Day. So please bring your cotton the day before or after the 11th. Planters Gin, Farm Bureau Gin and South Side Electric. It.

Fancy Dressmaking
Special Attention to Children's and Tailored Clothes
Mrs. Rolfe Wagner
F. Y. Gaither Residence
PHONE 274-W

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NAT'L. BANK

Merkel, Texas
Close of Business October 10, 1927

RESOURCES	
Loans, Time & Demand	\$227,731.19
Overdrafts	4,897.79
Furniture & Fixtures	7,500.00
5% Redemption Fund	312.50
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank	1,950.00
Bankers Acceptances	\$ 30,344.86
Commercial Paper	81,500.00
U. S. Bonds (owned)	117,050.00
Cash & Sight Exchange	257,636.71
Bills of Ex. (Cotton)	68,806.80
CASH AVAILABLE	\$555,338.37
Total	\$797,729.85

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	15,000.00
Undivided Profits	14,236.55
Circulation	6,250.00
Borrowed Money	NONE
Rediscunts	NONE
Other Liabilities	NONE
DEPOSITS	\$712,243.30
Total	\$797,729.85

STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Taylor } 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

Directors

J. T. Warren	G. F. West	Sam Butman, Sr.,
Geo. L. Paxton	Booth Warren	

We kill home-raised meat and try to keep Merkel money in Merkel. Baker & Wheeler Market.

W. O. Boney can make you a loan from 5 years to 33 years at 6% interest.

INTERESTING NEWS OF GOLAN COMMUNITY

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Davis and daughter, Alma, of Abilene visited relatives in this community Sunday. They were accompanied home by the parents of Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jeffry.

Miss Blanche Roland of Sylvester was a week-end guest of Miss Minnie West.

Miss Elsie Hill, who is attending school at Hermleigh spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Will Hill.

We regret very much to hear that Mrs. T. B. Stevens who has been in the sanitarium at Abilene for the past two months is not getting along as well as expected and is now at Mineral Wells for treatment. The many friends of Mrs. Stevens wish for her a very speedy recovery.

C. A. Duncan and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Duncan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Byron.

Mrs. Jno. McClung and children were shopping in Hamlin Saturday.

Several from this community attended the Singing Convention at New man Sunday. All reported that the Convention was not as well attended as it should have been or it used to be when Singing all day and dinner on the ground.

Mrs. E. S. Williams is suffering from a severe attack of tonsillitis this week.

BLAIR ITEMS

Our school started Monday with between fifty-five and sixty students in attendance. The faculty is composed of Mr. Morris Ledger, Principal; Miss Effie Grayson, Intermediate; Miss Ruth Pinkley, Primary.

Mr. Elie Brooks is on the sick list this week and we hope for his early recovery.

Mrs. Pearl Sanford and children, Clovis and Aurilla of Nolanville, Texas are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dulin and other relatives of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon have a fine baby boy boarding with them now. The young visitor has been christened Vernon, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Meeks graciously extended hospitality to their many friends in their home last Saturday night. Mesdames Ransom Meeks and Clarence Lackey were hostesses. The celebration was in honor of the birthday of Mr. Meeks who received many nice gifts.

Hallowe'en Decorations served as a color scheme. After an enjoyable social hour delicious refreshments were served to the assembled guests.

DAVID WARFIELD

"Take care of your voice smoke **LUCKIES**"

"It's toasted"
No Throat Irritation - No Cough.

Quick Meal Ranges
—and—
Brooks Burner Heaters

Before buying your Range or heating stove see us.

We will take in your oil cook stove as part pay.

Come to see us if wanting a new stove.

Also See us on your Plumbing.

CROWN HARDWARE CO.
We give you Satisfaction all the time and save you Money every time

FREE! FREE FREE!

The Merkel Mail Announces \$1,000.00 Automobile and Prize Campaign

OPEN TO THE LADIES OF MERKEL AND SURROUNDING TERRITORY.

THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFE TIME

First Grand Prize 1928 Model Chrysler Coach, Value \$938.50

Enter Now!

THE CAMPAIGN OPENS
MONDAY, OCT. 31st.
AND POSITIVELY CLOSES
SATURDAY, NOV. 26

All contestants not winning the prize and who remain active during the entire campaign will receive a cash commission of 10 per cent.



All ladies who wish to enter the Big Campaign should call at the Merkel Mail office by 8 o'clock a. m. Monday morning—An early start will be "Worth While" in a short campaign of this kind.

Purchased of and NOW on Display at Maverick Motor Company Sales Rooms, Merkel, Texas.

THIS IS THE SHORTEST CAMPAIGN OF THE KIND ON RECORD

WHY WAIT? ENTER TODAY! DON'T DELAY! WIN A PRIZE!

WORTH WHILE! A \$938.50 Prize for only four weeks work. How much is this per day? Don't wait to figure it out. Just hurry to the office of the Merkel Mail and let us tell you about it.

ONLY FOUR WEEKS IN WHICH TO WIN! SEND IN YOUR ENTRY BLANK NOW! TODAY! START VOTING TODAY!

How Subscriptions Count in Votes

Time	Price	Votes
One Year	\$ 1.50	2,000
Two Years	\$ 3.00	5,000
Three Years	\$ 4.50	10,000
Five Years	\$ 7.50	25,000
Ten Years	\$15.00	100,000

ENTRY BLANK THE MERKEL MAIL BIG AUTOMOBILE CONTEST Good for 2,000 Votes

Date _____
To Campaign Manager, Merkel Mail:
Please enter as a candidate in the Merkel Mail Campaign.

Name _____
Phone _____

This blank counts for 2,000 free votes. Only one nomination will be credited to a contestant. If so requested, the nominator's name will not be divulged. You may nominate yourself if you wish, by simply filling out the blank and sending same to the Campaign Manager.

FIRST SUBSCRIPTION COUPON GOOD FOR 10,000 EXTRA VOTES

Accompanied by the nomination blank and your first subscription, this coupon will start you in the race for this magnificent prize with a total of more than 12,000 votes. This coupon may be used only once, and is valid only when accompanied by a subscription remittance.

Name of Subscriber _____
Address _____
Contestant's Name _____

FREE VOTES—Cash must accompany this coupon. When sent in with the Nomination Blank, it starts a candidate with over 12,000 votes.

EXTRA VOTES!

100,000 Extra Votes will be given with each \$30.00 turned in up to and including Saturday, November 12th. This is positively the largest and best vote offer that will be made during the campaign.

Who will win the Chrysler Coach??

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 Merkel, Texas as second class mail.

A TRIBUTE TO SOUTHERN FARM FOLKS

It is always important to remember that along with all the failure of the farm to make such profits as other occupations may offer, it is yet a place on which by thrift and economy any healthy family can live in genuine independence and comfort...

"In many of the houses in the South where I appeared almost in the guise of a tramp I was welcomed in a manner that would have dignified a Chesterfield and with an honesty that would have shamed him. I found in the most surprising places a surprising gentility, a refinement of speech and manner that seemed to come from nowhere. For example, one hot afternoon in Mississippi, I passed a roadside cabin and stopped to get a drink of water. The owner and his wife were sitting on the veranda enjoying that greatest luxury on earth, a well-earned rest. We entered into conversation and finally the man asked me to spend the night with them in the most gracefully delicate manner I have ever encountered. Turning to his wife he said in a stage whisper which was meant for my ears, too, 'Do you think we could persuade the gentleman to spend the night with us?' and then said to me he hoped to hear more of my travels, as it was like taking a trip around the world.

"Within half an hour I sat down to a supper which Lucullus himself would not have sniffed at—cornbread, baked sweet potatoes, butter, sweet milk, buttermilk, a melon, honey, figs preserves, and the hot biscuits and coffee which so many American tables are graced before meat and benediction after it.

"My host told me that everything on the table except the coffee was grown on the place and by himself. He could also have clothed himself with cotton of his own cultivation. Fuel, too, was abundant and at hand, although not much of it was needed. The man was not only independent as regards the satisfying of his physical wants, but the time and energy required in satisfying them were less than any other land I know."

Four things interest and place us about this English traveler's letter, as follows:—

- 1. His tribute to the fine courtesy and hospitality of our Southern farm folks. 2. His tribute to the good cooking of Southern farm women. 3. His recognition of the remarkable independence which the "live-at-home" farmer may achieve. 4. His declaration that such independence may be achieved more easily here in Dixie than in probably any other land.

All of which are facts well worth thinking about.—Clarence Poe, in The Progressive Farmer.

IT'S YOUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

In every town the Chamber of Commerce is made up from the business men and citizens of the town, and when such citizens and business men take an interest and look after same they are only looking after their own interests. So if you are contributing to the Chamber of Commerce, it's your duty to lend it your cooperation and help, and especially should you be willing to call at the office of the Secretary and hand in your subscriptions to the upkeep of same. Don't wait for the Secretary or one one to call on you. Every one should contribute to the Chamber of Commerce because the organization is working for the interest of the town as a whole

ELDER CYPERT TO PREACH AT NORTH SIDE CHURCH

I will preach at the North Side Church of Christ next Sunday at eleven and at 7:30 in the evening. Everyone cordially invited. W. G. Cypert.

COLORED MISSIONARIES AT BLAIR NEXT SUNDAY

The Mail has been requested to announce that the Colored Missionaries will speak at the Baptist Church at Blair next Sunday at 11 o'clock and also at the evening hour.

WILD WIMMIN

San Antonio Light: A woman, seemingly intelligent, leaves a home of wealth and culture, a husband who had cared for her tenderly, and a bright son, to adventure with another man, a wife deserter, a drinker and gambler. Disillusioned, she admits she was a fool, but says her husband also would be a fool to take her back. Would he?

Yes; he would be the very thing she said he would be. Because if he gave her another chance she would take another chance to venture forth again. It is in the blood of some of them, and they simply can't resist the call of the wild. The domestic hearth may glow and glow, but a woman like the woman you mention prefers the bright lights that flare and flicker in gregarious ports. The matrimonial barque on smooth seas is not exciting enough for a wife whose idea of life is that it is some-

thing to be lived fervidly and hectically, something to be launched into with song and cymbal clash. Such a woman is never disillusioned. The illusion is a part of herself, and she believes that gayety, with the gay offers her soul the only refreshment it can absorb without turning in on itself. To be a housewife and stay at home with a househusband when she knows the music is blaring in the night club, the saxophone sobbing at the cabaret, is simply too much of a strain for some ladies of piquant temperament. There is a lawlessness in their souls which their judgements disapprove, but which their eager spirits nurture and build up. Of course it is that way with men of the same disposition, but we are speaking of the women now. A lazy man is easily domesticated, as was the Ohio citizen who kept a pack of mongrel curs and whose wife couldn't drive him away from home because, he said, she is not exciting enough for his dogs. A husband who loves his dogs more

than his home will stay with home as long as his dogs get good treatment, but a wife who loves her home less than she loves what she calls the gay world will give up all in order to go to the dogs.—State Press in Dallas News.

Mrs. Newt Prather of Alvarado, Texas, arrived here the first of the week for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Sidney Coats, and soon after her arrival became seriously ill, but at last reports was resting nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Latham came in last week from Dallas, where Mrs. Latham had been for medical treatment for some weeks. We are glad to report her as improving nicely at this time.

HEY—YOU!

On Friday evening, November 11 there is to be a Box Supper at the Union Ridge Church. The proceeds of which will go to pay on the church debts. All you good looking husbands and boys bring your good looking wives and sweet-hearts and enjoy the evening with us. Watch this paper for our announcement next week.

Mr. W. N. Hall, for the past several months in charge of the City Water Works, has resigned his position with the city and with his wife will leave soon for Monroe, La., where he has property interests that demand his attention. Mr. and Mrs. Hall have many warm friends who sincerely regret that they are to leave us, and hope that they will soon return again.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

METHODIST CHURCH

All regular services Sunday at the Methodist Church and we are expecting a big day throughout.

Children's Week is being observed in the Sunday School. The teachers will visit the children in their homes at some time during the week, and will invite their parents to attend a special Parent and Adult Service Sunday night.

Worship at 11:00 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. All Epworth Leagues meet at 6:15 with classes for children and young people.

We extend a cordial invitation to friends and visitors to worship with us Sunday.

W. R. McCarter, Pastor.

TRADE with C. E. Connor and get your keys for the portable. 2t.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Young attended church in Merkel Sunday morning.

PERSONALS

Miss Eunalia Gilmore accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Edith Gilmore and little Miss Vernelle Sublett spent the week-end in Lubbock visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Velma Walker motored to Anson Sunday.

Miss Roberta Sloan, the efficient history teacher of Merkel High visited Mrs. Claud Young Sunday in Abilene.

Miss Vivian Berger spent the week end with Miss Gladys Watts.

Miss Roberta Sloan, accompanied by several members of her Civics Class motored to Abilene Thursday afternoon for the purpose of solving a project in Civics. Those making the trip were Gladys Watts, Estelle Terry and Ima Parrack.

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Purina AZTEC COAL Sootless COAL Exclusive Dealer J. M. GARRETT Merkel, Texas

It's time now to think of a very personal gift for those you love. There's nothing so distinctive as your portrait. RODDEN STUDIO "PHOTOGRAPHS LIVE FOREVER"

Proclaimed America's Most Beautiful Gas Range Equipped with the fastest Baking Oven. A Product of more than 80 years of Successful Stove Building. Demonstration by Factory Representative Now going on at Our Store. LIBERTY HARDWARE COMPANY



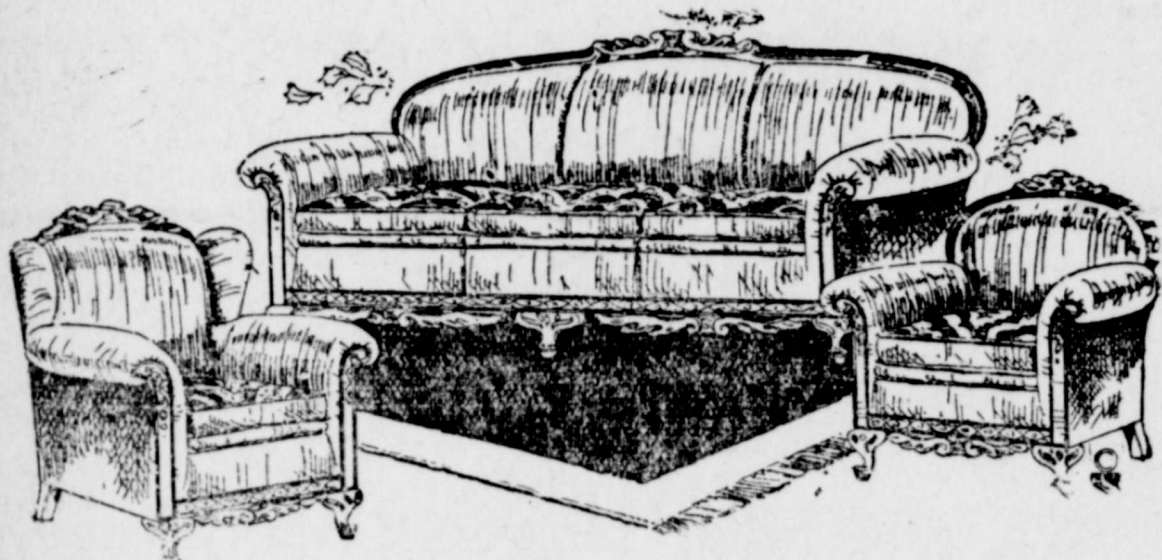
Floor Lamp Week at Barrows

25 Per Cent Discount on all Floor Lamps

One Week Only.

Buy now for Christmas. You will Save Money.

New Arrivals in Living Room Suits



Trade us that old suit or those odd pieces such as Davenport, Beds, etc., on a new suit. Come see the new suits that arrived this week.

Barrow Furniture Co.

WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Womans Missionary Society will observe the week of prayer next week beginning Monday.

An appropriate program has been arranged for Monday afternoon setting forth the objects and purposes of this season of prayer. At the close of the program a free-will offering will be taken. This offering will be directed to two different schools being supported by the Missionary Societies of Southern Methodism. One in the home-land at Pharr, Texas, the other in the foreign field. Every lady member of the Methodist Church whether a member of the missionary Society or not is invited to attend the meeting Monday which begins Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the church. The outline of the program follows:

WEEK OF PRAYER PROGRAM
Leader, Mrs. Armstrong—Song.
Bible Lesson Talk, Luke 10:2.—Mrs. C. B. Smith.

Prayer.
Why the Week of Prayer—Mrs. McCarter.

The Week of Prayer Home Special.—Mrs. Tom Largent.

Finding Happiness at a School.—Hallie Pike.

Song.
Palmore Womans Institute—Mrs. Durham.

Items and Letters from Palmore Institute—By Members.

Song.
Our Missionaries.—Mrs. Swafford.
Bible Readings on Prayer.—

Prayer.
Responsive Reading—Matt. 6:25-28.

Offering.
Members please bring Bibles.

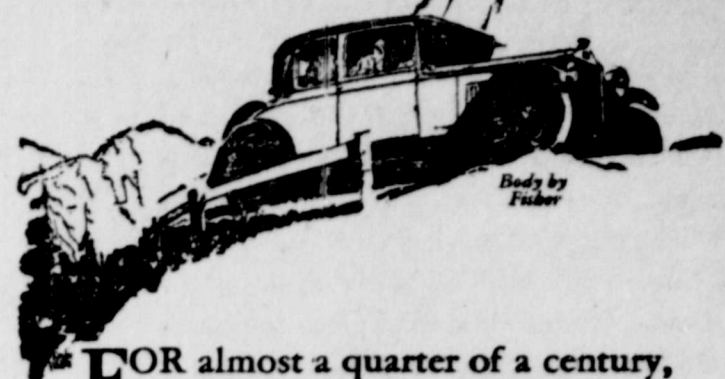
NO-BILL WOMAN IN BALLINGER KILLING

Ballinger, Texas, Nov. 1—Mrs. L. P. Payne, 31, wife of a cafe worker here who admits she fatally shot Chief of Police W. L. McMillan, 39 a week ago, was no-billed by the grand jury in making its report Monday. The jury adjourned for the October term of court. McMillan died here October 27.

Thirty-two bills, all felonies, were returned by the jury after being in session for six days.

Criminal jury trials will be started here Thursday morning, it was announced.

Power where power counts most



FOR almost a quarter of a century, Buicks have been making good wherever power counts most.

So that now, when the task to be accomplished is difficult—when stamina, dependability and unflinching power are essential—the advice of those who know is, "Buy a Buick!"

Drive a Buick for 1928 today and know the reason for this preference.

Sedans \$1195 to \$1995 Coupes \$1195 to \$1850 Sport Models \$1195 to \$1525

All prices f. o. b. Flint, Mich., government tax to be added. The G. M. A. C. financing plan, the most desirable, is available.

WHEN BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT, BUICK WILL BUILD THEM

BUICK for 1928

HALLOWE'EN PARTY

Master Dick Sheppard West entertained a number of friends at his home in the early evening hours on Monday. Out-door games, supervised by Melba West and Mildred Richardson, typical of Halloween season were played after which sandwiches, apples and soda-water were served to Misses Doris Gay West, Mildred Richardson, Mary Zoe West, Elma Maye Gamble, Modyne Sheppard and Masters Robert Hicks, Griffin Barnett, Benjamin Elliott, Frank McFarland, Jr., Don and Jerry Warren and the host.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Be on time and help to make the attendance a little larger. William Elliott, Supt. Preaching Services at 11 and 7:15 Communion at the close of the 11 o'clock service. Offering for the Reynolds Presbyterian Orphans' Home. Christian Endeavor at 6:30. Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:15.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

HARVEST OF BARGAINS—

Our prices seem to be right as we are enjoying a wonderful business. BROWN D. G. CO.

REMEMBER—If you pay your account by tomorrow, the 5th you are entitled to Green Stamps.

A. R. BOOTH GROCERY—GRIMES SMITH DRUG COMPANY MAGNOLIA FILLING STATION.

A 25c classified ad often brings surprising results. If

Mr. J. A. Horton, of the Mulberry community, reports having finished gathering his cotton crop, and that he gathered 55 bales on 169 acres.

W. H. Laney and son Homer, returned the first of the week from a ten days trip to points in New Mexico and West Texas.

MRS. LARGENT IS HOSTESS TO THURSDAY CLUB

Mrs. Tom Largent most cordially received members of the Thursday Club in her pretty suburban home on Thursday of last week. A Butterfly Motif was carried out in the lovely hand-made table appointments, plate favors and house decorations, brilliant in coloring as the gorgeous autumn flowers banked in every room.

Six tables of "42" progressed until tea time, when an unusual musical treat was enjoyed. Mrs. Earnest Mims of Abilene delighted her friends with her perfectly rendered piano numbers. Miss Mona Margaret Jones then sang two beautiful solos. Mrs. C. B. Gardner, next at the piano was quite brilliant in her well chosen selections. As a final hospitality, Mrs. Largent served refreshments of chicken salad, stuffed apples, cheese straws stuffed celery and hot chocolate to Miss Mona Margaret Jones, Mesdames W. J. Fulwiler, of Abilene, Earnest Mims of Abilene and Johnnie Camp, W. S. J. Brown, C. B. Gardner Emmett Grimes, C. M. Largent, George White, Rose Ferrier, T. E. Collins, S. D. Gamble, F. C. McFarland, F. Y. Gaither, R. O. Anderson, Roy Adams, W. L. Ditz, Jr. Charlie Jones L. B. Scott Jim West, Roy Largent, John West, Harry Cookston, Booth Warren and the hostess.

Now You Tell One!

WHY HE MISSED IT
Mr. Camp: "I miss the old cuspidor since it's gone."
Mrs. Camp: "You missed it before; that's why it's gone."

WHEW
There was young Roy Probst from the city.
Who met, what he thought, was a kitty.
He gave it a pat, said, "Nice little cat."
And they buried his clothes out of pity.

THIS AUTOMOBILE AGE
Mrs. Young: "Is this the night for your Packard friend to come?"
Miss Bird: "No."
Mrs. Young: "Dodge Brothers?"
Miss Bird: "No, Dearly, This is Willys Knight."

The Merkel Mail will pay 6c per pound for good clean rags. If



In Newest Colors

WHAT fun it is to cut into these lovely Fabrics and watch them develop into frocks and lingerie that cannot be duplicated in ready-made models! Delicate little patterned crepes that are so smart for early winter wardrobes as well as others of daring colorings. Here are some!

SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY!

Our Best Grade \$2.90 Satin Back Crepe in all the latest colors, Per Yard.

\$2.50

Our Best Grade \$2.25 Satin, yd.

\$1.98

Our \$1.75 Grade Crepe De Chene, yd.

\$1.49

J. T. DENNIS



Now is the time to start the selection of Christmas Gifts. An Electrical Appliance is used most every day in the year, and is a gift not to be forgotten. Let us know your needs so that we may be able to serve you along this line.

Percolators, Waffle Irons, Toasters, Grill Stoves, Electric Heaters, Smoothing Irons, Sugar and Cream Sets, Table and Boudoir Lamps, and a good line of all Electrical Merchandise.

West Texas Utilities Company

Come to **RANGE** headquarters

WEST COMPANY

Cook a Whole Meal in the Oven

Think of the convenience—and the economy—of cooking an entire meal in the oven. You can do it on this Cole's Apartment Gas Range for the oven is two inches higher than the ordinary gas range.

The convenient cabinet below is a joy to every housewife. A wonderful place for cooking utensils, where they're always handy. There isn't a handsomer range on the market. The shining white panels are heavily coated with highest grade baked enamel—so easy to keep clean.

Have you heard of the Famous Cole's Cake Test?

Just to prove the wonderful baking qualities of this range, a cake measuring 15 x 13 1/2 inches—the actual size of the oven—was made and baked on a standard stock range of this type. Every part of the cake was perfectly baked—no variation—no under done corners—no part burned—absolute proof that this oven heats evenly at every point.



The patented Air-Vac burners provide perfect mixture of gas and air and insure a saving of about 1/3 in gas bills.

Grills and burners are black Japanese, baked on, making them easy to clean.

You can attach a Cole's Automatic Chef—the oven heat control—at any time.

COLE'S

GAS RANGE

AUBREY-MAYFIELD

Elder W. G. Cypert in his usual pleasant and appropriate manner pronounced the words that made man and wife, Mr. Aubrey Decker and takink place last Saturday evening Miss Fannie Mayfield. The ceremony at seven o'clock at the home of the minister.

TRADE with C. E. Connor and get your keys for the portable.

Mr. Harry Hamm, pioneer and wealthy cattleman of Midland was here the first of the week for a visit with his brother, Mr. F. P. Hamm and family. Mr. Hamm lived in Merkel away back when the first issue of the Merkel Mail was printed. "Mary Jane Cox", Editor.

Check the items on our Harvest of Bargains Circular and bring it with you to our store. **BROWN DRY GOODS CO.**

THANKSGIVING EXCURSION

TO **EL PASO**
the big excursion of the year

\$12.00 ROUND TRIP

SPEND THREE FULL DAYS IN EL PASO. VISIT JAUREZ, JUST ACROSS THE RIVER.

Leave Merkel 5:00 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd.

SPECIAL TRAIN

Standard and Tourist Sleepers, Chair Cars and Diner ARRIVE EL PASO 8-00 A. M. THANKSGIVING DAY

...RETURNING...

Leave El Paso Saturday, November 26th, 9-00 P. M. MAKE YOUR PULLMAN RESERVATION EARLY



J. C. CHILDRESS
Ticket Agent

THURSDAY CLUB

Mrs. Charlie Jones most graciously extended hospitality to members of the Thursday Club and a large number of friends in her lovely home on Oak Street on Thursday of last week. Autumn flowers were banked in gorgeous decoration of the house and every available floor space among the eight tables of guests happily engaged in games of progressive "42". At the culmination of the games Mrs. Jones was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Harbers and Miss Mona Margaret Jones in passing a most delectable salad plate to Miss Lucy Tracey and Mesdames R. O. Anderson, T. E. Collins, W. L. Diltz, Roy Adams, F. Y. Gaither, S. D. Gamble, R. I. Grimes, Dee Grimes, Tom Largent, F. C. McFarland, L. B. Scott, Booth Warren, Jno. West, Duff, E. M. McDonald, Geo. White, Emmett Grimes, E. Lowe, Harry Coolston, W. S. J. Brown, Roy Largent, S. W. Johnson, L. Huddleston, L. R. Thompson, Sam Swann, Holland Teaff, Brown, Earl Lassiter, C. B. Gardner, J. T. Dennis, Kirby Beckett and Mrs. Harbers, and Miss Mona Margaret Jones.

WRITES FROM LAMESA

Lamesa, Tex., 10-26-1927.
Editor, Merkel Mail,
Merkel, Texas.

Dear Editor:
The Lamesa Country has for some weeks, been enjoying a spell of ideal weather, and the farmers have not been idle.

There is a great demand for cotton pickers and maize headers. Gins are busy and cotton is being thrown on the market very rapidly.

According to the public weigher's statistics, 752 bales were received here last Saturday. Up to Tuesday morning, 7600 bales had been weighed here. They are expecting to receive about 30,000 or 40,000 bales of Dawson county cotton.

Much of this cotton was planted as late as the 15th of June, and had but little rain on it.

Lamesa appears to be a very healthy place. I have heard of but one death in the city since I have been here and that was a little child.

This person has gained some five pounds in weight since coming here and other members of the family are holding their own.

J. E. Hendrix.

TRENT CHURCH OF CHRIST

Each Sunday sets a new and better record in attendance and interest. One hundred and twenty-eight in Bible Study last Sunday morning. Were you one of that number? If not, why not? Larger classes and deeper study is our slogan. New song books will lend interest to our services next Lord's Day. We will join Merkel in a Great Singing at the Merkel Church of Christ next Sunday at 2:30 p. m. You are always welcome.

Bible Study at 10:00 a. m. Sermon at 11:00 a. m. Text, "Behold the Man." Communion at 12 M. Young People's Service at 6:45 p. m. Sermon at 7:30, Subject, "A Young Man's Choice." Midweek Bible Study at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday. Carl A. Collins, Pastor.

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: "Give Me a Thankful Heart."—Leader, Gladys Copeland. Introduction by leader.
1. "Thanksgiving in Ancient Times" Dorothy Higgins.
2. "David Gives Thanks for Five Things."—Mae Lassiter.
3. "Gratitude Due to God."—May Ellen Ashby.
4. "Gratitude Expressed in Giving."—Ted McGehee.
5. "Thankful for These Things Especially."—Iris Garrett.
Everyone come to B. Y. P. U. Sunday afternoon at 6:15. Say, how about it? Come on and let's get a blessing out of it. We will get a blessing out of it if you come, so come on and bring your friends.

Intermediate League Program

Subject: "What Should be Done to Preserve World Peace."
Leader: W. A. Whitely
Song—Prayer.
Scripture Reading—Ps. 34:12-16, Matt. 5:9.
Talk 1. "Youth Can End Wars." J. T. Darsey.
Talk 2. "What Can Young People Do?" J. E. Boaz
Talk 3. "Conquer by Friendliness" Milton Case.
Talk 4. "Conquer by Outlawing War." O. B. Boden.
Talk 5. "Conquer by Recognizing the Heroes of Peace." Victor Smith.
Talk 6. "Conquer by Prayer." Lynn McSpadden.
League Benediction.

Mr. J. S. Thomas and daughter, Mrs. J. A. Millikin, and grand-daughter Miss Gladys Millikin visited Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Simpson at Sweetwater.

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ALTHEAN CLASS ENTERTAINED BY MRS PENCE

Mrs. Pence and Polly entertained the Althean Class Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Pence.

The hour was spent in business and social talks. A general business discussion was given by Mrs. Chas. West. Later Sunday morning the class concluded in a few minutes left over business at the church.

The following officers were elected. Mrs. Matlock, Sec-Reporter; Mrs. Mathews, Treasurer; Allen, Doughty Richie and Polly, Group Captains. Mrs. Brown-Teacher; Mrs. McDonald, Class-Secretary; Mrs. Allen, First Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Polly, 2nd Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Bradshaw, 3rd Vice-President.

After a very enjoyable program given by the music class of Miss Mary Pence Friday afternoon, refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to those present.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank each and everyone for their kindness shown us during this sad hour and death of our loving husband and father. Also for the beautiful floral offering. May God bless you is our prayer.
Mrs. W. L. Barbee and children.



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Senior Epworth League Program

Subject: "What Should Be Done to Preserve World Peace."

Leader: Imogene Hays.

Scripture: Ps. 34:12-16; Matt 5:9.

Part 1. "Youth Can End Wars"—Page 169—Tom Allday.

Part 2. "What Can Young People Do?"—Page 169—Floyd Dowell.

Part 3. "Conquer By Friendliness"—Page 169—Coralee Hulsey.

Business.
Benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walker were called to the bedside of Mr. Walker's brother Mack, last week.

Mack has been suffering great pain for over a week, which was caused from a bone felon and blood poisoning in his right hand.

Mack is now living in Abilene but resided at this place for more than seven years.

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FOR SALE-Some O. I. C. Pigs. Will be on the streets of Merkel Saturday. A. V. Dye. 1t.

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We wish to thank the good people for their assistance during the illness and death of our daughter Stella which occurred on October 22, 1927. We cannot find words to express our thanks, but as we go from your midst we go praying God's Blessings upon every one. W. F. Howard and Family and J. H. Roberts and Children.

Rev. and Mrs. W. R. McCarter have as their guests this week, the latter's father, Mr. B. R. Eaves and brother and family, J. S. Eaves of Grapeland, Texas.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to every one who in any manner extended help and favors during the recent illness and death of our beloved mother, Mrs. N. E. Norris. Especially do we thank those providing the beautiful floral offerings and those bringing the lovely lunch. Her Sons, Daughters and Grandchildren.

Mr. Frost Holler, of Gail, was here the first of the week for a visit with his sister, Miss Addie, one of the valuable employes of the Farmer's State Bank.

Armistice Day November 11th. will soon be here. It will be a holiday, you will want your clothes cleaned and pressed neatly for the occasion. We will be closed that day, so bring us your work in time to have it out the day before. Our work speaks for itself, ask our satisfied customers Modern Dry Cleaners We call for and deliver Telephone No. 3

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Travels and Travails

By Wilkes Filibuster Yamroot and Jeremiah Darius Camshaft

The first golden rays of the eastern sun the next morning found us in a small town in New Mexico, many miles west of El Paso. We had left El Paso in the early hours of the morning and were now stopping for breakfast.

About the middle of the meal a cry of delight was heard from one of the corner tables where Roy and Sterling were sitting. Roy was waving a newspaper and talking excitedly. He rushed over to the table where Mr. Jackson and Miss Bird were sitting and showed them the paper.

Mr. Jackson glanced at the paper and then look inquiringly at Roy who pointed to an advertisement on one corner of the page. Mr. Jackson read it over and then laughed loudly. Then he read it out loud. It was an announcement of a movie contest to begin in Hollywood on the next Monday. Anyone who had never been in a motion picture could enter the contest. For the one who was considered by the judges the best actor there was a prize of five thousand dollars and a contract with a large movie company.

All the girls were immediately interested in the newspaper. An enterprising newsboy sold his entire stock of papers in a few minutes.

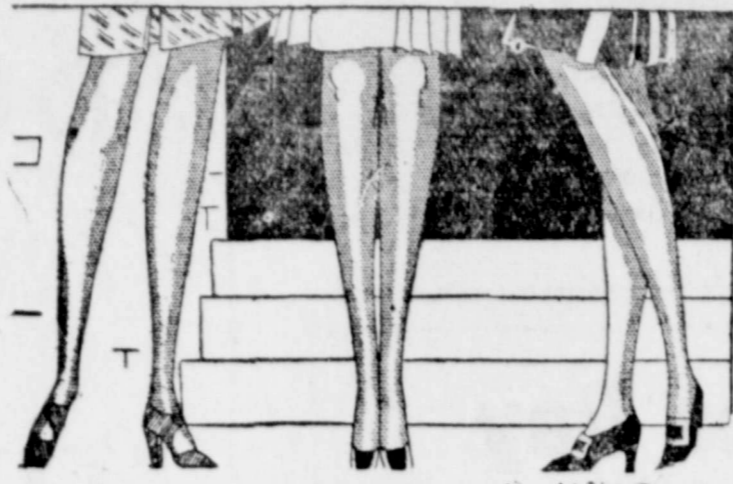
Everyone was very anxious to go on to Hollywood, so as soon as breakfast was finished we again started on our journey.

In a few days we arrived in Los Angeles, the city of dreams. As soon as we had secured rooms at a hotel, the entire class rushed to contest headquarters, and, after waiting for two hours in a long line of aspiring actors and actresses, registered as candidates in the contest.

We remained in Los Angeles for several days during which time we were given many tests by the contest managers. Finally they announced that they had decided on a winner and that the result of the contest would be announced at nine o'clock the following morning. Roy kept awake half the night talking about what he would do with the money if he won the contest. We were all present with hundreds of others at the contest headquarters the next morning.

The announcer mounted the platform, and as soon as the crowd could be quieted, began, "The judges, after long and careful consideration, have chosen as the winner of this contest. To be continued.

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Mrs. Len Sublett has sent us the accompanying picture of the Gleaners Class of Merkel with the following interesting write-up of the class activities.

"This class, which is composed of the younger married ladies of the Church, was organized in 1921 with Mrs. L. R. Thompson as teacher. Mrs. Thompson served the class as teacher for about four years, with the exception of one summer, when her place was filled by Mrs. Len Sublett, who has been the assistant teacher for the greater part of the time since the class was organized. Mrs. Bishop

Hunter followed Mrs. Thompson as teacher of the class, and she in turn was followed by the present teacher, Mrs. W. R. McCarter, wife of the pastor. Under Mrs. McCarter's leadership the class has had a remarkable growth and now has about fifty members. It is impossible for anyone to listen to the wonderful lessons taught by Mrs. McCarter without being fired with a desire to live a truer Christian life.

"The motto of the Gleaners is 'Service,' and in keeping with the motto, the members of the class have tried to aid the Church, the Sunday School, and the community. Quite a number

of teachers have been drawn from the class, and, although it is a loss to the group, the members are glad to help the Sunday School in this way. Still others, realizing the need for better-trained teachers, have enrolled in the teacher's training class.

"The class has also helped the Church and Sunday School in a financial way. One very successful method for raising money has been the compiling of a cook-book by the Gleaners and their friends under the direction of Mrs. Fred Guitler. The first edition of this cook-book sold so rapidly that a second edition was printed,

and a nice sum was realized from both editions.

"A business and social meeting is held once each month, when the work of the class is discussed and planned. Believing that what it does during the week is of more importance than what it thinks and says on Sunday, the group has taken as its special charge for the coming year the clothing of a little girl in the Methodist orphan's home."

Taken from The Wesley Bible Class Forum in the Adult Student.

The Badger Weekly

The Badger Weekly is published each week and sponsored by Mrs. Young. The officers are:

Addie Fae Patterson, Ed-In-Chief. Norma Shannon, Literary Editor. Patsy Lewis, Society Editor.

Gladys Watts, Misc. Editor. David Cannon, Humor Editor. Paul Causseaux, Sport Editor.

Senior Reporters: Sterling Shepard, John D. Coates, Rubyjo Higgins, and Fred Yandell.

Sophomore Reporters: J. T. Darsey, Frances Frederickson.

Freshmen Reporters: Louise Booth Eris Ash, and Margaret Turner.

McMURRAY COLLEGE vs. MERKEL HIGH

On last Wednesday afternoon the local fans had the first opportunity to see the high school football team in action. The McMurray College second team came over and invaded the

local grid iron—and carried off the big end of a 33 to 2 score.

The local boys were no match for the heavier and more experienced college men—as McMurray brought along enough of the first squad to average the 14 to 0 score that the high school boys gave them last year. They used them up until the last few minutes of the game, then sent in the four or five men of the team we were supposed to play.

The game was well played, clean but hard, fast ball being characteristic of both sides. Few penalties were called and the game was fast. McMurray scored early on a fake play, and again in a few minutes on a series of end runs and bucks.

Most of the scoring was done in the first half as the Merkel defense seemed to tighten as the game wore on. Henshaw was the outstanding back field man for McMurray. He made several long runs, making one return of a punt for 100 yards and a touchdown. The Merkel offense was carried out by McClain and Boaz. Wyatt Miller bore the brunt of the defensive work in the line, frequently coming around the opposite side and downing a McMurray man for a loss.

Merkel scored in the third quarter when a bad pass from center went to the goal line and was recovered by Henshaw, who was tackled behind his goal line for a safety and two points.

McMurray was unable to score as rapidly in the second half and although unable to put over a score they carried the ball deep into the McMurray territory. McMurray, of-

ten punting from near their own goal. Taking everything into consideration, the high school boys played a very good game showing a great improvement over previous games.

MERKEL vs. CLYDE

Tuesday afternoon the Clyde "Bad dogs" came to Merkel and administered a 16 to 0 defeat to the Badgers. Although this is the second time Clyde has beaten Merkel in the history of the school the score was larger than before. The previous defeat being by a score of 7 to 6.

Coach Camp was trying out a new combination Tuesday with a view to strengthening next year's team. He knows as do all the fans, that our team is unusually weak this year and although the boys have not won a game they have played a harder schedule than even Abilene has. We could not expect to win these big games.

The game was called at 4 p. m. Clyde received and ran the ball back to their 35 yard line then on an end run advanced 15 yards, but fumbled when tackled. Swafford of Merkel recovered. Merkel failed to gain. The punt was blocked and recovered by Clyde. On a series of line plays and end runs Clyde carried the ball to the 8 yard line. The Merkel line held them for down and Clyde tried a place kick. On the play both sides were off side. The play was called over and Clyde kicked goal. Score Clyde 3 and Merkel 0.

Merkel came back strong and in a few minutes completed some passes which put the ball on Clyde's 10 yard line, when they were held for down. Clyde punted out but again Merkel threatened and again failed. This was Merkel's greatest drive. McClain had been doing most of the work, passing and running, his interference was of no value to him, more often getting in his way than taking some one out. Smith had stepped through center for several nice gains of 6 to 10 yards. Proctor was off on his pass catching or we should have had a touchdown or two.

In the second half Clyde came back strong and pushed Merkel back against the goal line but lost the ball on downs. The punt by Merkel was returned for a touchdown by Clyde due to the poor work of the whole Merkel team rather than the extra work of Clyde. The punt was short and the ends should have had him. The line did not try and the Clyde player dived over the goal line for a touchdown. Clyde kicked goal.

Soon after Clyde scored again when their full back swept right end and ran thirty yards for the final touchdown. Try for a goal was blocked. Score, Clyde 16, Merkel 0.

Merkel tried vainly to score by passing in the last quarter, but with McClain and Boaz out with injuries their luck was good.

For Merkel McClain, Boaz, Williams and Swafford did most of the work. Proctor saftied on several plays. Swafford recovered two of three fumbles and made several good tackles. His passing work was fair.

Again the Merkel team was outweighed. Several of the Clyde boys weighing 175 to 190 pounds.

The Merkel boys are to be commended for their efforts and we are sure to be rewarded with a better team next year as most of the boys on the team this year are just starting in football and are in the 8th and 9th grades.

Officials of the game were, Dillingham, Referee; Cookston, Umpire; Hunt, Head Linesman.

The Basket Ball Girls have their new uniforms and are very proud of them. We have been practicing hard but from now on the practice will be harder than ever. We would like to play a practical game every day night if possible just to see what the team can really do. Of course, almost all of the players we have are beginners, there are only one or two of last years players on the team this year, but we can have a good team provided we work hard and long enough.

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