



Condensed Statement of Condition

# The Farmers State Bank

Merkel, Texas, Close Business Dec. 31, 1928

RESOURCES.	
Loans	\$362,542.03
Overdrafts	121.32
Banking House	25,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,500.00
Other Real Estate	5,010.84
Due from Guaranty Fund	4,105.88
Due from City of Merkel	8,130.74
U. S. Bonds	\$ 41,300.00
Bills of Ex. Cotton	72,762.67
Cash and Ex.	132,769.55
Total Available Cash	246,832.22
	\$659,243.03

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits	5,284.86
Bills Payable	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
Deposits	603,958.17
	\$659,243.03

Upon the merits of the above statement we solicit your business. Our funds are loaned locally for the benefit of this community.

## THE FARMERS STATE BANK

### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

J. S. SWANN, President	HERBERT PATTERSON,
R. O. ANDERSON, V. Pres.	Assistant Cashier
DAVID HENDRICKS, V. Pres.	B. L. HAMILTON,
W. L. DILTZ, Jr., Cashier.	Assistant Cashier

## CHISHOLM TRAIL SCOUTS ACTIVE

L. R. Thompson and Herbert Patterson of Merkel Chosen Officials of Organization.

Looking forward to the greatest Boy Scout year in the history of the Chisholm Trail council under the leadership of Judge James P. Stinson Scouting in West Texas is under full steam.

Judge James P. Stinson, former president of the Abilene Rotary club, was elected president of the Chisholm Trail council during the annual meeting of the representatives of the council and will be assisted by the following officials.

Col. R. L. Penick, Stamford, vice president; L. R. Thompson, Merkel, vice president; Sim O'Neal, Coleman, vice president; G. E. Nicholson, Winters, vice president; Emory Menefee, Haskell, vice president; Geo. L. Patton, Jr., Abilene, treasurer Abilene council; Dr. R. A. Maddox, Abilene, commissioner; Herbert Patterson, Merkel, deputy commissioner; Tom Strickland, Coleman, deputy commissioner; J. E. Pirie, Albany, deputy commissioner; A. O. Strother, Winters, deputy commissioner; J. O. Shelton, council treasurer; Ed. S. Stewart, Abilene, camping chairman; Rev. E. B. Surface, Abilene, court of honor chairman.

Ed Shumway was highly complimented on the progress of the work under his leadership and employed for the third year as the executive for the Chisholm Trail council.

Special committees were appointed to perfect plans for a Boy Scout owned permanent camp; to advise ways and means for the attendance of Chisholm Trail council scouts at the world jamboree to be held in England, August, 1929.

Plans for 1929 call for the organization of new troops and then more troops.

George Minter of Abilene, one of the founders of scouting in Abilene and who designated the territory of seven counties now known as the Chisholm Trail Council, states that he believes that this Scout Council will be one of the most progressive in Texas and that he and all officials are greatly pleased at the renewed interest and advancement made throughout the seven counties under the leadership of Executive Shumway.

The executive board of the council will do everything possible to make Camp Tonkawa 1929 the best Boy Scout Camp in Texas. All their efforts will be devoted to making the summer program outstanding. All scout trips and tours that may retard attendance at the summer camp will be discouraged by the officials and no permits issued for any such trips unless based upon scouting advancement under scout leadership.

## NEW LAW BLOCKS LEASING OIL LAND

Austin, Jan. 17.—The Hornsby bill withdrawing from the market all of the 1,500,000 acres of University oil land, advertised for lease during January, became a law shortly after the House had passed it without one vote in opposition. The Senate Thursday adopted the measure by unanimous vote.

Governor Moody had the bill on his desk only five minutes, just time enough to glance through it, when he signed the measure and turned his fountain pen over to Senator John W. Hornsby of Austin, who introduced the bill the first day of the Forty-first Legislature. With Moody when he signed the bill were Hornsby, Senator Joe Moore of Greenville and R. L. Holliday of El Paso, university regent. In order to get the Governor's signature affixed at once it was necessary for the three men to "invade" a highway conference that was taking place in the Governor's office.

This bill not only orders that all advertised land be withdrawn from the market but directs J. T. Robison, land commissioner, to return all applications for every tract, together with bonus and rental remittances Robison had opposed withdrawal of 50,000 acres scheduled for sale Jan. 2, declaring under the law sales could not be stopped.

### BLACKSMITH WORK.

I have bought the Polly Blacksmith Shop and am prepared to do all kinds of Blacksmithing, Horseshoeing, Wood work and Acetylene Welding, with complete equipment. I am now installing a disc roller. I am prepared to give the very best of service and guarantee my work. I respectfully solicit the patronage of those in need of anything in my line.

J. H. MENGES & CO.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

## Statement of Condition

Close of Business Dec. 31st 1928.

# THE OLD RELIABLE Farmers & Merchants National Bank

MERKEL, TEXAS

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans, Time and Demand	Capital Stock
Overdrafts	Surplus
Furniture and Fixtures	Undivided Profits
5% Redemption Fund	Circulation
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	Borrowed Money
Bankers Acceptances	Bills Payable
Commercial Paper	Rediscounts
Bills of Exchange (cotton)	DEPOSITS
U. S. Bonds (owned)	
Cash & Sight Exchange	
<b>CASH AVAILABLE</b>	

We solicit YOUR business in 1929 upon the STRENGTH and LIQUIDITY of the above statement and upon our ABILITY to meet your requirements.

J. T. Warren	Booth Warren
G. F. West	Sam Butman Sr.
	F. Y. Gaither
Geo. L. Paxton	Owen Ellis

## Clears \$10 Daily From Sale of Cream

Big Spring, Texas, Jan. 17.—Sam H. Stamps, a farmer living eighteen miles west of Big Spring, sold to the Snowwhite Creameries here during fifteen days in December 1,050 gallons of milk, netting him \$336.33. Mr.

Stamps is milking twenty-nine cows and feeding forty, paying two men and clearing \$10 a day from his herd. He feeds one-half balance ration. The balance he grinds and mixes.

Wanted—To buy maize heads, \$18.00 per ton. Sam Swann

## KANSAS CITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Wishes its 38,500 Texas Policyholders and all its Texas friends a Happy & Prosperous New Year!

### TEXAS RECORD

Total Insurance in Force in Texas \$87,500,000.00  
 Policyholders in Texas 38,500  
 Paid Texas Beneficiaries on Policies, over \$10,000,000.00  
 Money Now Loaned by Company in Texas, over \$11,000,000.00

There are only 10 cities in Texas whose population exceeds the number of Kansas City life policyholders in the State.

Only one Texas bank has resources equal to the assets of Kansas City Life.

Kansas City Life believes in Texas, as evidenced by the amount of money loaned in the State; investments in Texas securities far exceeding the amount required by law.

### COMPANY RECORD

Total Insurance in Force \$390,000,000.00  
 Total Company Assets, \$55,000,000.00

The Kansas City Life Insurance Company is a strong and progressive legal reserve, old line life insurance company writing attractive policies at low net cost.

### The Company Announces—

The appointment of O. Sam Cummings, former partner in the Texas Agency and recently a member of the Home Office staff, as State Manager for Texas succeeding the late Orville Thorp.

### THE O. SAM CUMMINGS AGENCY

Successors to the Orville Thorp Agency  
 STATE MANAGERS FOR TEXAS  
 Magnolia Building, Dallas

Our Representative in Your Neighborhood  
**R. O. ANDERSON**

### Head in Wastebasket.

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 17.—The body of Pauline Russell, 21, was found here Sunday with the head in a waste basket and the receptacle made almost airtight by a pillow stuffed about her neck. A tube leading to the gas connection was inserted in the basket.

### Urges Claims of Texan.

Amarillo, Texas, Jan. 17.—The Republican organization of Texas, in a meeting at Houston Thursday, endorsed W. H. Holmes of Amarillo for appointment as governor of Alaska, Hugh Exum, executive committeeman from Amarillo, announced.

Mr. Holmes was Republican candidate for Governor in the last election.

Give us a chance to prove to you the superior quality of our meats and we believe you will become one of our regular customers. Wheeler and Vaughn Market.

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 GREASING, ETC.

Everybody's Garage  
 TELEPHONE 72

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Why waste your feed when you can get it ground and get the benefit of all of it with no waste. Makes better feed and goes further.

I have a feed mill installed at my gin and can grind any kind of feed you have.

I ask you to come by and see it work. Will be glad to demonstrate it at any time.

# SAM SWANN

## ROSE BUSHES

We are beginning the season by having a sale of fine two year old varieties at the low price of 35c each. Drive over to see us and select Rose Bushes. We are offering 2000 of these fine plants all your varieties. We will hold them until you are ready for them.

We also have two car loads of the most beautiful Evergreens ever brought to Abilene, at a price you can afford to pay.

Also Shade Trees, Flowering Shrubs, Hedge Plants, Fruit Trees, etc. Landscape Plans Free.

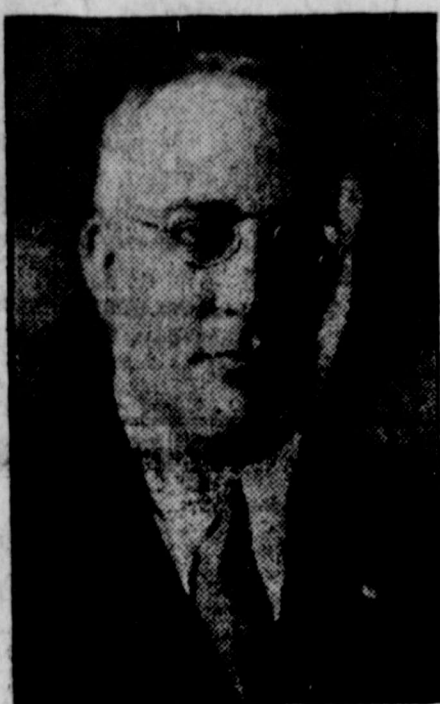
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MERKEL MAIL WANT ADS BRING RESULTS

**Sam Cummings New State Manager of Kansas City Life**



Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 17.—O. Sam Cummings, president of International Kiwanis, has been appointed state manager for Texas for the Kansas City Life Insurance company, according to an announcement made by J. B. Reynolds, president of the company. Mr. Cummings succeeds the late Orville Thorp, who established the Texas Agency for the Kansas City Life twenty-three years ago. Mr. Thorp, who died last year, is reputed to be the only man in the history of the life insurance business to build a ninety million dollar agency in a quarter of a century.

The new state manager is well known in Texas life insurance circles, having been a partner of Mr. Thorp for four years, and having been in charge of the Texas agency since Mr. Thorp's death last June. He resigns as one of the agency officials of the home company to accept his new position. Mr. Cummings has served as a member of the executive committee of the National Association of Life Underwriters; has established two life insurance schools; and has written a text book on life insurance.

The Texas Agency of the Kansas City Life is the largest life insurance general agency in the entire south, according to Mr. Reynolds, president of the company. Approximately 40,000 Texas citizens carry nearly \$90,000,000.00 of life insurance through this agency. Only ten Texas cities have

populations exceeding the number of Kansas City Life policyholders in Texas.

**Norris' Church at Fort Worth Burns**

Fort, Worth, Texas, Jan. 17.—The First Baptist church, largest structure in Fort Worth given over to religious worship, as well as the four-story Sunday school building, was wrecked by flames which were first discovered at 6 o'clock Saturday morning. Loss of buildings and furnishings is estimated at \$300,000 partly covered by insurance.

The Rev. J. Frank Norris, pastor of the church, was in Austin when the fire broke out. He started for Fort Worth in an automobile borrowed from a friend there immediately when his wife telephoned him shortly after the fire was detected. He arrived here at 1:20 p. m.

**Bible Marathon at Ranger.**

Ranger, Texas, Jan. 17.—A Bible marathon will be held at the First Methodist Church of Ranger. The Bible will be read through without a stop.

Dr. A. D. Porter of Mineral Wells will be the principal speaker. He is pastor of the First Methodist Church there.

Many people from surrounding territory will be present.

We appreciate your business, large or small, and endeavor to merit your patronage by always giving courteous service and quality meats. Wheeler and Vaughn Market.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

**Airplane Loses in Battle to Save Life**

Temple, an. 17.—A spectacular effort to save the life of Preston A. Childress Jr., grandson of Dr. A. C. Scott of Temple, by rushing an oxygen inhalation tent here from New York by airplane, proved of no avail when the lad died early Sunday.

The elements defeated Dr. Scott, a noted surgeon. Airplanes transporting the life-saving apparatus were forced down by snow storms in Ohio and Missouri, making it necessary to transfer the inhalation tent to a train. Had the apparatus arrived yesterday as scheduled by air, Dr. Scott believed he could have saved the child.

Swelling of the glands, resulting from influenza, caused the boy's death after a week's illness. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at Cotulla, Texas, home of the parents.

I am in the market for some good butcher hogs, and cattle. O. F. Weidenbach at Quality Market.

**Eats Sauerkraut Now, Feels Years Younger**

"Now I eat even sauerkraut and sausage and feel fine. Adlerika ended stomach gas and I feel 10 years younger."—Mrs. M. Davis.

Just ONE spoonful Adlerika relieves gas and that bloated feeling so that you can eat and sleep well. Acts on BOTH upper and lower bowels and removes old waste matter you never thought was there. No matter what you have tried for your stomach and bowels, Adlerika will surprise you. Merkel Drug Co.

You children change so fast that new impressions crowd out the old and you can't remember their cunning baby ways—unless you have a picture record.



Let us make that new photograph of your children today.

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**Ally of Man**

IT has been said by an eminent scientist that "electricity is life." Certainly today it is man's greatest ally in almost everything he does.

Electricity builds his skyscrapers, lights his home, turns the wheels of his industries, makes his clothes and afterwards washes and irons them, sweeps the floors of his home, makes his toast and coffee, milks the cows, pumps the water, cools the refrigerator, runs the fans, operates his transportation systems, bridges the ocean with his voice, and, in electrotherapeutics, actually becomes the giver or saver of life by making possible diagnoses, treatments and operations heretofore beyond the reach of science.

It is the happy privilege of this company to supply this modern partner of man in West Texas from gigantic generating stations and distributed over more than 2,000 miles of transmission lines.

**West Texas Utilities Company**

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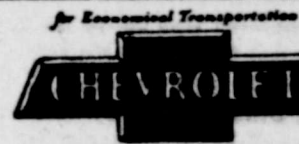
Since we have moved into our splendid new building, 768 Walnut Street, we have received many expressions of commendation. We appreciate all these and sincerely hope as the years go by, we may always maintain your good will. It is our purpose and desire to grow with Abilene and to serve acceptably at all times.

When you are in Abilene just drive down Walnut Street and see our new home.

**Abilene Laundry Company**

"Launderers and Dry Cleaners of the Dependable Kind."

J. E. Harris, Merkel Representative  
Phone 133J



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Day and night, through winter's cold and summer's heat, the incessant testing went on—until the present motor was developed and finally pronounced correct.

At the same time other Chevrolet engineers were perfecting other parts of the chassis. And another great automotive organization—the Fisher Body Corporation—was devoting its gigantic resources to the creation of the finest, sturdiest and most beautiful bodies ever offered on a low-priced automobile.

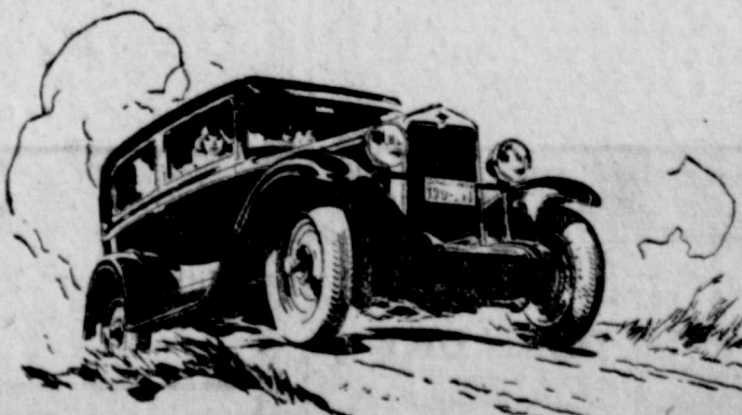
As a result, the Outstanding Chevrolet offers an

order of well-balanced excellence—a combination of performance, comfort, beauty and handling ease that is truly remarkable—with a fuel-economy of better than 20 miles to the gallon of gasoline.

You owe it to yourself to see and inspect this remarkable car. Come in today!

**The COACH \$595**

- The Roadster ..... \$525
  - The Phaeton ..... \$525
  - The Coupe ..... \$595
  - The Sedan ..... \$675
  - The Sport Cabriolet ..... \$695
  - The Convertible ..... \$725
  - Sedan Delivery ..... \$595
  - Light Delivery Chassis ..... \$400
  - 1 1/2 Ton Chassis ..... \$545
  - 1 1/2 Ton Chassis with Cab ..... \$650
- Prices f.o.b. Flint, Michigan



**Brackeen-Hughes Chevrolet Co.**

Merkel, Texas

QUALITY AT LOW COST



### CLASSIFIED ADS

**FOR SALE**

**FOR SALE**—Old papers, 15 cents per bundle of 100. Apply Merkel Mail.

**FOR SALE**—Jersey heifers, heavy springers, the good kind. At my place at Noodle. T. C. Jinkens.

**TWELVE** 2-year old Monthly Blooming Roses, \$3.00; money back, if not satisfied. Cash with order. A. C. Benge, Arlington, Texas.

**PURE BRED** Rhode Island Red eggs; 15 for 75 cents. W. F. Hamblet.

**O. K. USED CARS.**

Three days' trial. If not satisfied can put car in on any new or used car for price paid.

- 1927 Chevrolet Roadster, good rubber
  - 1924 Chevrolet Roadster, good condition \$85.00
  - 1925 Chevrolet Touring—O.K. (License Paid) \$200.00
  - Good rubber, new paint, new top
  - 1927 Chevrolet Touring, a dandy (License Paid) \$275.00
  - 1926 Chevrolet Coupe, runs good (License Paid) \$225.00
- FORDS**
- 1927 Ford Tudor, serviceable car —
  - 1925 Ford Touring \$90.00
  - 1927 Ford Truck, stake body-cab \$225.00
  - 1927 Essex Four Door Sedan, (License Paid) a good looking, clean serviceable car \$475.00

BRACKEEN-HUGHES CHEVROLET CO.

Home of O. K. Used Cars.

**FOR SALE**—Bundle feed, My place 2 miles West of Noodle, E. C. Richards, Merkel, Texas.

**FOR SALE**—Fordson with breaking plow and planter attached; also good milk cow with young calf. See Red Fleming at Texaco Service Station.

**WHITE** Leghorn chickens for sale, or will trade for good team. Homer Patterson.

**RED TOP** Sorghum for sale; 4 cents at the rick. G. F. Turner, Merkel, Texas, Route 1.

**FOR SALE**—A number of young brante tom turkeys. Choice \$5.00 each. Mrs. Angus Garvin on Warren ranch, three miles east of Merkel.

**FOR SALE**—A few more nice Nagssett Turkey Goblers at \$6.00 Mrs. W. E. Petty, Route 4.

**WANTED**

**BOYS**, bring your skunks and o'possum furs to McDonald Grocery Co. Wats.

**WANTED**—To buy a good milk cow; must be a good one; good horse for its feed; 50 brown leghorn hens and 5 roosters. J. O. Hallmark. Merkel, Texas. Route 5.

**WANT** Representative. Southland Life Insurance Co. would like to get in touch with ambitious man or woman to learn the Life Insurance business. We teach you the business, earn while you learn. All or part time. Rex Shanks, Field Supervisor, Abilene, Texas.

**LOST AND FOUND**

**LOST**—Scotch Collie pup three months old. Reward for return to Herbert Patterson.

**LOST**—Pair double vision glasses in Merkel. F. M. Reddin. Finder please leave at Merkel Mail office.

**"FEDERATED"**



This Means—  
Good Goods for  
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**FOR RENT**

**FARM FOR RENT**—80 acres close to town and school, 55 acres in cultivation. Apply Booth Warren at F. & M. National Bank.

**FOR RENT**—Three upstairs rooms, with all modern conveniences; near school and churches. Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

**TWO ROOMS** to rent; water in house, lights, gas, phone, bath. B. M. Black.

**FOR RENT**—Six room house furnished or unfurnished in Southland addition. See Mrs. Helman.

**FOR RENT**—Two furnished rooms, gas and lights; north of Guitar Gin. Mrs. Fred Deutschman. Phone 241J.

**FOR RENT**—Light housekeeping rooms, modern conveniences, close in. For information, see J. F. Holloway, White House Cafe.

**FOR RENT**—Large unfurnished house, south of Grammar school. H. H. Toombs.

**PROGRAM FOR JAN. 20.**

- Song.
- Prayer.
- Roll Call.
- Scripture, Acts 20; 24, 28, by leader, Eloise Manscill.
- Song.
- The Church is to Serve, by Billie Bernice Gamble.
- My Responsibility to the Church, by Lois Whiteley.
- Church Loyalty, by Opal Huskey.
- Discussion: My Idea of the Church; My Church Vows, by Imogene Middleton.
- Bible Story, by Nell Hughes.
- Song.
- League benediction.

**Wanted**—To buy maize heads. \$18.00 per ton. Sam Swann

**NOODLE NEWS**

Some few have been sick with the flu the past week but most of them are able to be up again.

Mildred Bird is sick with the flu and pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvis E. Gilbreath were called to Dublin on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Gilbreath's grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thomas are visiting Mrs. Thomas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Beene.

Mrs. S. T. McNay of Fort Worth is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. C. Jinkens, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Huston Scott of Abilene visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sloan Sunday.

There will be preaching at the Christian church Sunday and every one is invited.

M. and Mrs. W. J. Bicknell and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bicknell Sunday.

There will be preaching at the M. E. Church every first Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Every one is invited to come and be with us.

The choir practice Friday night was enjoyed by a large number, there being some especially good singers among them. Those present were Gene Spurgin and Ray Hasten of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sason of Truby, Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Garner of

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For Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headache, Constipation, Stomach, Liver and Kidney Disorders

Satisfaction Guaranteed by

Hamm Drug Company  
The Dr. N. F. Tate Medicine Co., Waco, Texas

Merkel and Huston Robertson of Salt Branch.

**Former Resident Buffalo Gap Dead**

Mrs. J. T. Sowell, former resident of Buffalo Gap, died Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ada Black, at Hallsville. Mrs. Sowell and her husband, who died several years ago at Amarillo, were among the earliest settlers in the Buffalo Gap community, and lived there until about 25 years ago, when they moved to Gorman.

**Preaching at Noodle.**

E. B. Wallace of Abilene Christian college will fill his regular appointment Sunday with the Noodle Church of Christ. Large crowds have been attending these services and all are invited back for the Bible studies and the song services. "Go to church Sunday, you need the church and the church needs you."

**Wanted**—To buy maize heads. \$18.00 per ton. Sam Swann

Every Wednesday and Thursday

**MERKEL CASH GROCERY**

F. E. Drummond, Manager

We have bought out the Grocery Department of Dunn Bros. Store.

We are going to carry a full line of Staple and Fancy Groceries, Fruits and Fresh Vegetables.

To cut grocery costs, consistently low prices are assured. We hope their former customers will continue to give us their patronage.

F. E. DRUMMOND

**DUNN BROS. MARKET**

While we have sold our Grocery business, we will continue to operate our Meat Market at the same stand, where we will carry at all times a full line of Fresh and Cured Meats, at prices as low as consistent with high quality. We cordially solicit a continuation of your meat business.

DUNN BROS. MARKET

Charter No. 7481 Reserve District No. 11

**REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE**

**FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK**

Merkel, Texas

In the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 31, 1928.

**RESOURCES**

1. Loans and discounts	\$413,597.26
2. Overdrafts	1,486.45
3. United States Government securities owned	111,300.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	2,250.00
5. Furniture and Fixtures	6,750.00
6. Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	36,261.89
7. Cash and due from banks	124,189.69
8. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$696,147.79</b>

**LIABILITIES**

15. Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
16. Surplus	25,000.00
17. Undivided profits—net	14,344.10
18. Circulating notes outstanding	6,050.00
19. Due to banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	33,152.38
20. Demand deposits	480,818.21
21. Time deposits	86,783.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$696,147.79</b>

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 9th day of January, 1929.  
Rosie Laney  
Notary Public.

(Seal)  
CORRECT—Attest:  
J. T. WARREN,  
G. F. WEST,  
SAM BUTMAN,  
Directors.

## Auction Sale

Farm Implements, Cattle, Hogs, Tools, Chickens, Three Horses, Eight Mules, Feed and Miscellaneous Items.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23, 1 P. M.

Three Miles Southwest of Merkel, on Thornton Place.

## S. R. Fleming

**\$655**

AND UPWARDS  
F. O. B. DETROIT

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New  
Lower Prices

## A Triumph of Value Giving

Plymouth Prices Effective December 20th — f. o. b. Detroit.

Coupe . . . . .	\$655	2-Door Sedan . . . . .	\$675
Roadster . . . . .	675	De Luxe Coupe . . . . .	695
	(with rumble seat)		(with rumble seat)
Touring . . . . .	695	4-Door Sedan . . . . .	695



Chrysler Motors' great cardinal principle in designing and building the Plymouth is to give the highest possible quality, the greatest possible value, dollar for dollar.

If you will compare the Plymouth, feature by feature, with

the few other cars in the lowest-priced field, you will need no salesman to point out Plymouth's many superiorities.

Plymouth is winning on the score of greater dollar value — and you can prove that fact to yourself in far less time than it takes to tell you.

**Maverick Motor Company**  
Chrysler-Plymouth Sales and Service

### WHAT'S DOING In West Texas

A deal whereby \$14,400 was the price for a five year lease on the building at the corner of Eighth street and Hutchinson avenue in Ballinger was paid recently by G. A. Ladig. Mr. Ladig intends to make big improvements in the inside of the building.

A recently discovered area of pure sand and gravel near Hamlin will be the incentive for the building of ten mile lines to it from the Abilene & Southern, the Orient and the M. K. & T. railroads. The sand and gravel area is about three miles square and 100 cars of sand a day for several years can be shipped from it.

For the second time in one year the postoffice at Albany has had to be enlarged. Each time one hundred and fifty boxes were added. Albany citizens consider this a good sign of progress. The total number of boxes is now 1366.

A contract has been let for the building in Coleman of a 50x120 foot brick building to house the Whippet-Willys-Knight agency under the direction of W. A. Forgey. A fifty foot space next to this building will be used by Mr. Forgey also.

The Midland courthouse was remodeled this week to handle the vastly increased land and lease sales in Midland and the Midland oil field area. Two new abstract offices and chambers for J. M. Gilmore, corporation judge, were created.

Citizens of the fastbuilding residential section in the south part of Big Spring are launching a movement to bring about a sidewalk building program so that free delivery of mail may be extended to that portion of the city. The service will be extended as soon as the property owners meet requirements.

A building of buff brick, concrete and steel, 75x140 feet, is the home of the Ford Motor Company in Plainview. The building has 10,500 feet of floor space which has been utilized for the best possible service to patrons.

The office is easily accessible, conveniently arranged, and entirely modern.

Farm demonstration week in Wheeler county during 1928 resulted in a profit or saving of \$10,320.90 on dairy cattle, swine and poultry, according to T. R. Broun, county agent. He reports that 518 farms adopted improved practices in poultry alone.

An up-to-date hatchery for O'Donnell is practically assured, according to H. H. Williams, who intends to install a 18,000 egg capacity Peterman Electric incubator by the 20th of the month. Custom hatching will be done, and a complete line of chicken feed will be handled.

A bond issue of \$150,000 for street improvement was carried at Graham recently. Work is expected to start on the streets as soon as the bonds are sold and will include paving, and the hard surfacing of highways leading into the town.

Twenty carloads of Kimble county pecans have been shipped by the Schriener-Hodges company from Junction lately. The last two cars had 33,000 pounds each. The firm has shipped about six hundred thousand pounds a large quantities are being received daily.

Archer City is experiencing an improvement boom. A new Baptist church costing \$25,000 is being built, and \$80,000 worth of water and sewer extensions being installed. Work is under way on the new city hall and Masonic temple, to cost some \$20,000.

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### Judge Ely Named For Six Year Term on Highway Body

Governor Dan Moody has appointed Judge W. R. Ely of Abilene to a new term of six years as a member of the state highway commission. Judge Ely has just finished serving a two-year term.

Appointment of Judge Walter R. Chapman, Abilene, of the 104th judicial district, to be presiding officer of the seventh administrative district in charge of transfers of judges to expedite court business, has also been sent to the senate for confirmation. Judge Chapman will succeed Judge W. O. Woodward of Coleman, who retired Jan. 1 as presiding judge of the seventh administrative district.

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### Merchants Loan Bank Breckenridge Plan

Breckenridge, Tex., Jan. 17.—Definite steps toward the organization of a Merchants Loan Bank were taken when 25 business and professional men of Ranger, representing practically every kind of business and profession in town, met in the directors' rooms of the Commercial State Bank. A committee consisting of O. C. Peavy of the Sivalls Motor company, H. Burgower of the Hassen company, and W. W. Paschall of the S. & H. Store, was appointed to canvas the merchants who were not present and get an estimate of the amount of stock they would take in the new organization.

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### Nocona City Marshal Killed Raiding Home

Nocona, Jan. 17.—Albert R. Gooch, 45, city marshal here was shot and instantly killed when he went to raid the home of Carl Goodspeed, 38. Goodspeed was charged with the murder in a complaint filed by District Attorney Temple Yarbough.

According to Yarbough, Gooch, in company with another officer, went to the Goodspeed home, armed with a search warrant. A short time afterward his body was found, death having been caused by a bullet wound in the neck.

An inquest was held by Justice of the peace D. M. Painter, who rendered a verdict to the effect that Gooch had died from a gunshot wound inflicted by Goodspeed.

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### Anti "Monkey Bill" Before Legislatur

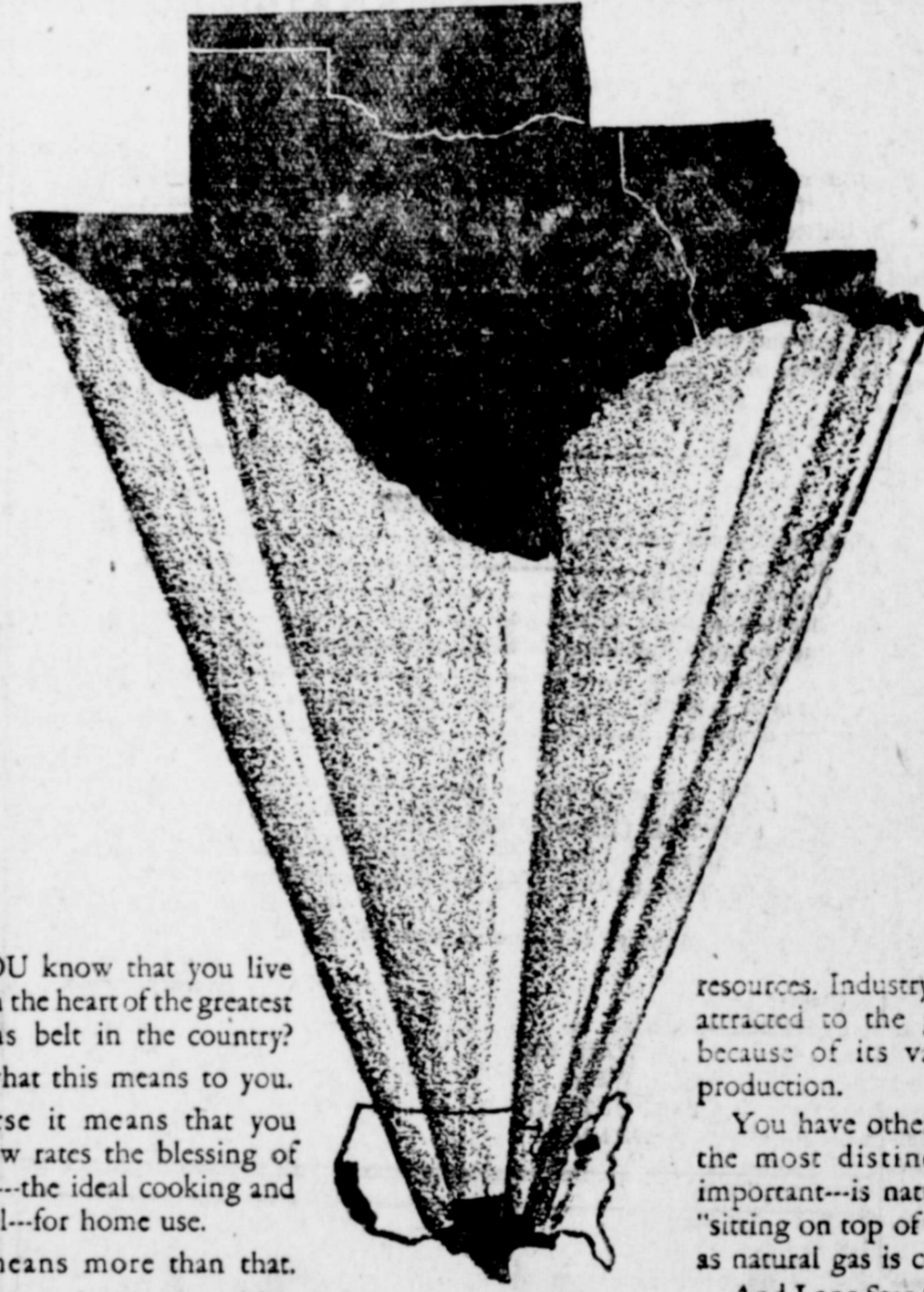
Austin, Jan. 17.—A so-called "ant-evolution" bill, forbidding instructors in state-supported schools to teach that "mankind evolved from a lower order of animal," has been introduced in the Texas house by Representatives J. W. Harper, Mt. Pleasant and W. T. Graves, Stephenville. The measure is similar to one in effect in Tennessee. It proposes a misdemeanor fine of not exceeding \$500 for violation.

#### Abilene Woman Dead.

Mrs. J. J. Robertson, 83, died at her home at Abilene last week. She had been a resident of Abilene for ten years, having formerly lived at Breckenridge. She is survived by her husband, two daughters and two sons.

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