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McMURRY BAND COMING FOR RODEO PARADE

TEXANS PLAN CAPITAL TRIP TO DEFEND AAA

Probably 250 Farmers Will Make Trip, According to Chairman of Advisory Committee; Endorse Process Tax.

Plainview, April 18.—Arrangements were being made Wednesday for a delegation of Texas farmers to visit Washington May 23 in support of the processing tax and other principles of the present AAA set-up.

C. H. Day of Plainview, chairman of the Texas cotton advisory committee, said about 250 farmers probably would make the trip. The committee represents about 300,000 cotton farmers. Day said representatives of the growers of other commodities and of other agricultural states would be invited to join in the trip.

He said he and two other committeemen would go to Washington this week to arrange audiences with President Roosevelt, Secretary Wallace and congressmen from agricultural states.

He said the trip was being planned as an answer to present organized opposition to certain basic features of the present set-up.

"We don't want to be put on the relief rolls," he said in explaining opposition to operation of the plan of Senator George for payment of agricultural benefits from the \$4,880,000,000 relief fund. "We feel that the processing tax is the best method of meeting benefit payments."

Homestead Exempted Only When Claimed

Any property owner, who has not made his rendition for county and state taxes, is urged to give attention to this before May 1.

County Tax Assessor-Collector Grady Parmley states that every effort has been made to see all property owners, but if any one has been overlooked he should render his property direct to the assessor's office in order to claim the homestead exemption. If property is not rendered and the valuation is fixed by the authorities, the homestead exemption is not known and hence cannot be included.

New Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dye are the proud parents of a baby boy, born at the Gipson hospital last Friday. He has been named Bobby Brooks and weighed eight pounds at birth. Mr. Dye is the book-keeper for the Foxworth-Gabraith Lumber Co. Mother and son are doing nicely.—The Pecos Enterprise.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, April 16, 1915.)

Tuesday evening men of affairs of Merkel and men who had the interest of the Merkel schools at heart met and devised plans for the correction of our school facilities. An election will probably be called asking the voters to issue bonds to the amount of \$18,000 for much needed school work. When this election is called it would be well for our voters to emulate the actions of the Trent voters in their election Saturday, April 3, at which time they voted the amount of \$3,000.00 in school bonds without a dissenting vote.

Beginning Saturday the Walker cottage will be under new management, according to a contract drawn up Wednesday between W. R. Walker, owner, and Mrs. M. R. Woodrum, formerly proprietor of the South Side hotel for a number of years.

The Merkel High School seniors were Wednesday afternoon guests of the science department at the Simmons college in Abilene. They were chaperoned by Prof. Witt and Miss Burkett, graduates of Simmons college of 1912. The autos were gaily decorated with purple and gold class pennants. The Senior song of the Simmons 1912 class "Purple and Gold," composed by Miss Burkett, was rendered with Miss Burkett at

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

T. A. Uhr of San Antonio was elected president of the Association of Former Students of Texas A. & M. college, succeeding T. B. Warden.

The thermometer at Kerrville read 30 degrees, two below freezing, Saturday morning. Ice formed in some spots, but no material damage resulted.

Ralph Fuels, youthful recent running mate of Raymond Hamilton, fell into a trap and meekly surrendered to officers at Lake Dallas early Wednesday.

At the concluding session of the annual meeting of the Broadway of America association at Nashville, Henry W. Stanley of Dallas was elected president.

Corey Hudson, one of four persons charged with robbery of the Citizens State Bank of Buffalo on January 16, was assessed a 50-year sentence on a plea of guilty.

Harry Hines, oil operator and church leader of Wichita Falls, was chosen Friday by Governor James V. Allred to succeed W. R. Ely of Abilene as a Texas highway commissioner.

Miss Mary Estus, 95-year-old invalid, was burned to death when fire destroyed the home of her niece, where she had made her home for the past 25 years, a mile northwest of Cleburne.

A mistrial was declared Monday night in the case of George S. Hamlin, former Oakland, Calif., fireman, charged with the hammer slaying of his 33-year-old bride in Amarillo on January 4.

Charles Heidingsfelder, Sr., white-haired Houston attorney, was delivered to the state prison at Huntsville Sunday to begin ten years imprisonment assessed for embezzling \$34,500 from a Beaumont woman client.

New refining units to produce motor oil will be added in a \$3,000,000 expansion program of the Fort Arthur plant of the Texas company, second largest plant operated by the company and employing 43,500 persons.

With the absence of Governor Allred in Washington, D. C., and Lieutenant-Governor Walter Woodul in Oklahoma on state business, Ken Regan of Pecos, president pro tem of the Texas senate, became acting governor for one day, (Thursday.)

the piano. A lovely two-course luncheon was served in the domestic science annex to Misses Olive Teaff, Marnie Ellis, Almeda Harris, Zora West, Beulah Garrett, Nell Tracy, Willie Tombs, Mollie Hall, Willie Swann, Mary and Jackie Jennings, Miss Burkett, Messrs. Sherlie King, A. McMurry, L. Howard, J. Tucker and Mr. Witt.

D. C. Herring and J. P. Sublett left Tuesday for Coryell county. They will make the trip through the country in Mr. Herring's car.

Mrs. W. B. Alsbrook of Rising Star, en route from Lubbock where she has been visiting her son, Reed, spent Friday with relatives here.

J. T. Williamson, C. T. Beckham, Sol Johnson, Chas. Hutcheson and James Bright were among a few of the visitors from Trent country during this week.

To Graduate from Tazieton, Stephenville, April 18.—Mildred Richardson, Merkel, is on the list of seventy-eight prospective graduates at John Tazieton Agricultural college for 1935. Miss Richardson is assistant business manager of the J-Tac, and a member of the A. W. S. council, Delta Tau club and Press club.

\$110 COWBOY SADDLE HUNG UP AS PRIZE



A \$110 cowboy saddle has been purchased by the Merchants Trade Extension Association of Merkel as grand prize for the rodeo season, and it is possible that the saddle will arrive in time Saturday to be placed on exhibit before the first rodeo, which starts at 1:30 p. m.

Second prize will be a \$15.00 pair of "chaps" and third prize, a \$10.00 Navajo blanket.

Prize winners will be determined on the highest markings in the most events through the season.

Tom Jenkins, arena manager, will be up town Saturday morning or can be seen at the corral later, and those wishing to enter events should see him before 1 p. m. for the opening show.

Events will be: calf roping, wild cow milking, steer riding and horse riding. Entry money will be divided among the winners in each show, as well as contestants having the right to compete for the grand prizes.

A list of the rules, adopted by the (Continued from Page One)

LIONS EXTEND DESERVED AID

Local Civic Club Votes to Take Care of Charge for Glasses For 7-Year-Old Boy.

One of the prime aims of Lionism is to render aid to crippled and disabled children, wherever possible, and, along this line, first work of the child welfare committee of the Local Lions club was approved by the club at Tuesday's luncheon at the American cafe by authorizing payment of \$7.50 for a pair of glasses fitted for Richard Sneed, age 7 and attending Merkel Public schools.

The Lions club will be represented in the opening day rodeo parade Saturday, a committee having been appointed for this purpose on motion of Booth Warren. Committee members are: W. W. Haynes, Benny Sheppard and Carlton Vick.

Absence from the city of several members accounted for a decided reduction in attendance, only 20 members having been present. Roy F. Reid, vice-president, presided in the absence of President Charlie Jones. The invocation was given by Byers Petty.

Letters in response to the stand taken by the club in endorsing the law enforcement measures of Governor Allred and Adjutant General Carl Nesbitt had been received from State Representative Bryan Bradbury and Mr. Nesbitt, and were read by Secretary Yates Brown.

Asks Censure for Hitler. Geneva, April 18.—France, Britain and Italy Tuesday asked the League of Nations to censure Adolf Hitler for re-arming Germany in violation of treaties, and punish nations which repudiate treaties in the future.

On McMurry Honor Roll. Abilene, April 18.—Frances Marie Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Church of Merkel, made the mid-semester honor roll at McMurry college where she is enrolled as a sophomore. Miss Church is a member of the Chanters, Thespians and Sigma Lambda Kappa.

PROGRAM FOR CHURCH NIGHT

Congregation of Presbyterian Church to Gather Thursday, April 25, Hear Reports.

Annual church night is to be observed Thursday, April 25, by the congregation of Grace Presbyterian church. The program, which is to begin at 7:45, will include congregational singing, special voice numbers and readings and reports of church activities for the past year and aims of the church for the coming year.

With L. L. Murray in charge, the evening will begin with a song by the congregation, followed by prayer by the pastor, Rev. R. A. Walker, with the scripture lesson to be read by Chas. Jones.

Report of the past year's church work will be made by John West, clerk; "Our Aims and Goals for This Year," will be outlined by the pastor, and "Our Job as Officers and Laymen" will be discussed by W. M. Elliott. Other reports will be: "Past Year's Sunday School Report and Goal We May Attain This Year," by C. J. Glover, superintendent; "Report and Aims of Basement Department," Mrs. M. A. Dunn; missionary society report by Mrs. Emory Jones and "Aims and Goals of the Society This Year," by Mrs. W. L. Diltz. Henry West will lead round table talks on "The General Needs of Our Church," Delma Compton and Miss Helen Heeter will be heard in special songs and Dorra Lee Shelton, Johnnie McDonald and Marvin Estes Jones will give readings.

Butman and Divide To Exchange Plays

Butman P. T. A. will go to Divide High school Friday night, April 19, to present play titled "Tony, the Convict." In turn, Divide P. T. A. will present at the Butman tabernacle on April 20 the play, "The Adventures of Grandpa." There will be the small admission price of 10c, 15c, or 50c for the whole family. A nice set of dishes will be given away, as an added attraction.

FIRST OF SERIES OF 1935 FREE RODEOS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Day to be Replete With Entertainment for Merkel's Neighbors From Surrounding Communities; Parade Promises to Be Colorful Affair; Baseball League Plans to Be Perfected At Meeting This Week.

Accenting the opening of Merkel's year, with the exception of this second rodeo season on Saturday of this week, the McMurry College Indian band, directed by Prof. J. K. Gwynn Silvey and including 30 pieces, will head the big street parade starting at 10 a. m. from the rodeo grounds. The rodeo starts at 1:30 p. m.

Arrangements for the band were perfected Wednesday by a special committee, appointed for the purpose, consisting of Booth Warren, chairman, Herbert Patterson and W. O. Boney.

Included in the parade will be scores of rodeo riders, ladies, girls and boys on horseback, baseball players, merchants' floats and exhibits, automobile displays, etc., as well as a school division, embracing representative groups from rural schools in Merkel's trade territory. Prizes have been offered for the two most cleverly presented schools.

O. R. Dye, chairman of the parade committee, reports all in readiness, with the various sub-committees having been active in enlisting a large number of entries. Should any merchant, however, not have been called on to take part in the parade, this merchant should get in touch with Chairman Dye so that arrangements to enter can be made.

A final meeting of club managers and the baseball committee of the association entrusted to arrange the Inter-Community Baseball league this summer was to be held Thursday night, April 18, it having already been definitely decided to start the season Saturday, April 27. Membership in the league and all other details will be settled at this meeting.

At a meeting of the central planning board of the Merchants association Tuesday afternoon, the amount of the admission charge to the bleacher stands was reconsidered and this charge fixed at 25c to all persons. Tickets will be on sale at the grounds beginning at 12:30 Saturday afternoon. While seats in the stands will be charged for, emphasis is placed on the fact that the rodeos and ball games will all be free, just as last year.

LEAGUE PERFECTED.

Other sources of income for incidentals of the local relief office are being supplied by the Merkel Independent School District board and by the county commissioners court, acting through Commissioner A. J. Cannon.

Expenditure of \$70.74 for materials and \$130 for budgetary labor was allowed, as originally outlined in the application for the project. Partitions for office space and other interior improvements were necessary.

Completion of the project is expected by Friday when the relief office will be moved to the new location, said Tom Durham, routing clerk and assistant administrator here, Thursday morning.

Plans for a sewing room to occupy parts of the same quarters are already well under way.

THE BOOK

... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures ...

by BRUCE BARTON

THE HEART OF DAVID.

We know that David solidified his kingdom and made it respected among the powerful nations of that part of the world.

Let us pass by, then, the record of his official life and touch on two incidents that reveal his heart. It was after one of the great battles with the Philistines when his little force was surrounded, cut off from supplies and even from water, that David, worn out and thirsty, thought of the clear pure water in his father's well which had cooled his lips in boyhood. His parched throat yearned for it.

And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!

And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David; nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the Lord.

And he said, Be it far from me, O Lord, that I should do this: is not this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it.

It is easy to understand why men worshipped a leader like that. The other incident occurred in the campaign against his son Absalom, the boy whom he loved more than all the world and who repaid his love by organizing a revolt and attempting to seize the throne. David gave orders that the boy was under no circumstances to be killed, but the zeal of a professional soldier was not to be curbed by such an order, and word was brought to the king that Absalom was dead. The revolt was broken, his throne was safe, he could go back to the security of the palace, but it all meant nothing. The feelings of the monarch were swallowed up in the heart-breaking anguish of the father.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

At a meeting of the board of the Trent Public Schools Saturday evening at the school auditorium, three teachers were elected: Mrs. R. C. Duncan, who is attending Abilene Christian college; Mr. Blankenship, who is now teaching at Eskota, and Miss Niclos of Abilene.

Mrs. Raymond Simmons and baby of Pampa are guests in the home of Mrs. Maggie Walker.

Little Miss Wilda Lee Bowles of Eastland is guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Pauline Freeman.

Joe Alexander of Eunice, N. M., was the week-end guest of relatives. His wife and son, who have been here for the past seven weeks, returned home with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Armour and children of Eastland returned home Sunday after spending several days here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Massey and children of Denton were week-end guests of Mrs. Massey's mother, Mrs. J. I. Leamon, Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Collins of Merkel were her guests also.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adrian were week-end guests of relatives in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Emmett Whiteaker and children were passing guests of friends here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cap McLeod are announcing the birth of a baby girl at their home Saturday. The little miss is named Willie Ray.

Mrs. Casey Wash is the guest of relatives here.

Mrs. R. B. Johnson returned Friday of last week from a four day visit to Childress where she was sent from the Trent M. E. church as a delegate to the women's missionary conference.

Earl Strawn returned Tuesday from Greenville where he visited with his mother. His wife remained for a longer visit.

Mrs. Lawrence Dowdy went to Fort Worth Saturday to join her brother, Mr. Fronabarger, for a month's stay.

Mrs. Ida Nebb of Midland came Sunday for a visit with her brothers, R. B. and G. C. Johnson, and sister, Mrs. Ann Boone.

Mrs. Alton Boone is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Welch, of Sweetwater.

Mrs. Stribling left Monday for a visit with her daughter at Floydada.

Mrs. Bessie Bryant and little daughter of Stith visited Saturday afternoon with Mrs. J. E. Bowers.

Mrs. Herman Rogge and little daughter, Billie Jean, of Tahoka, were guests last week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep. Her husband and son came over Saturday evening to join with others to celebrate the birthday of S. H. Estep at his home Sunday with a bountiful birthday dinner. Other guests were: Mrs. Lela Churchwell, Clifford Estep and daughter, Cliffla Gene, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. O'Neal and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. O'Neal and children of Sweetwater and the hostess, Mrs. S. H. Estep.

PHILLIPS-BROWN.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brown are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Daisy, to Morris Phillips, which occurred Sunday afternoon at Divide. The bride is a charming and accomplished young lady of a pioneer family and was reared here. She numbers her friends by her acquaintances. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Phillips, also of a

HER BOY HAD ALWAYS BEEN WEAK AND PUNY

"My four year old boy had been weak and puny since birth, and had constipation and indigestion. Nothing did him any good until we tried Milks Emulsion. Since using it, he can't get enough to eat and has outgrown his childhood trouble. He plays out with the children now, and he was never able to do that before." —Wm. Heart, 424 Bundy Ave., New Castle, Ind.

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pioneer family, and is a young man of sterling character and ability. They will reside in the Goodman community.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mrs. R. L. Reaves honored her little daughter, Ann, on her sixth birthday with a party. Birthday games were enjoyed and at the refreshment hour ice cream and angel food cake were served to: Troy and Wanda Lu Kegans, Mary Nell and Billie Wayne Shannon, Marjory and Weldon Beasley, Bobby Ruth and S. D. McLeod, Anna Joyce and Garland Fred Freeman, H. L. McRee, Elsie Bishop, Mary Sue Danley, Frances Louise Stevens, Jean Payne, Betty Jane Tittle, Billie Jo Billington and the honoree.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

Trent degree team performed the ceremonies of the Trent grove of the Woodmen Circle Tuesday night, April 4. Flag presentation and a business session with Hattie Gafford serving as guardian for Mrs. Roy Elliott, resigned. Mrs. O. L. Bishop, adviser, gave a brief report on the official business of the Waco state convention held recently.

Other members present were: Mrs. Ed Burks, past guardian; Mrs. Ed Bowers, chaplain pro tem; Mrs. John Payne, attendant; Hattie Gafford, captain and secretary; Mrs. Andy Shouse, musician. Team members were Mrs. T. G. Hamner, Mrs. H. G. Kegans, Mrs. Faye Burks and Gladys Hamner.

The Woodmen Circle of the Trent grove met at the W. O. W. hall on Tuesday night, April 2, for the regular session. The Merkel drill team and their captain, Ms. Sallie Gant, and musician, Mrs. E. B. Wallace, were special guests.

Ritualistic work was deemed for two Trent candidates, Mrs. Ed Bowers and Mrs. Andy Shouse, before which a colorful flag service was presented with local officers and the drill team demonstrating. Mrs. Gant then presented her team in a series of floor work, showing commendable effort, after which refreshments were served.

The following officers and local members attended: Mrs. Ed Burks,

guardian pro tem; Hattie Gafford, secretary; Lola Lee O'Kelley, past guardian; Juanita Fayne, chaplain; Lula Bishop, advisor; Lillian Matthews, Merkel, attendant; Mary Click, Merkel, assistant attendant; also Mesdames Faye Burks, T. L. Stevens and H. G. Kegans.

THE BOOK

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O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

Perhaps the most poignant cry in history from a father's bleeding heart.

The faults of David are set forth none the less clearly than his virtues; we feel the reality of him in every line. Yet no catalogue of his shortcomings can hide his essential greatness. He was a genius in war, in administration and in literature. He reorganized a government that lasted more than four centuries as a single dynasty and which lived as an ideal through thirty centuries.

Next Week: Jeremiah.

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The Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Merkel

Table with columns: RESOURCES, LIABILITIES, AVAILABLE CASH, DEPOSITS. Includes items like Loans, Time and Demand, Capital Stock, Surplus and Undivided Profits, etc.

Advertisement for West Texas Utilities Company featuring a Frigidaire '35 refrigerator. Includes text: 'THE Frigidaire '35 with the Super Freezer', 'SEE OUR SPRING PARADE OF NEW MODELS', and 'West Texas Utilities Company'.

Merkel Mail Want Ads For Results

THE BADGER WEEKLY

LAST MEETING THIS YEAR FOR DRAMATIC CLUB

There was a large attendance at the last Dramatic club meeting of the school year, Friday night, April 12. Everyone regretted to see these meetings come to a close because they have been enjoyed very much.

An enjoyable program was prepared by the entertainment committee consisting of Marizoe West, Ruth Kyle, Hazel Blair, Alice Carey, A. C. Sears, Alvin Wozenara, F. T. Hogan, Odell Latimer, Vondell Wood, Verner Hester, Truett Patterson, Tracy Wood and J. V. Patterson. Readings were given by Aline McAninch, Mildred West and Clifton Bellamy.

The important features were three clever one-act plays given in the Grammar School auditorium. A new president, Clifton Bellamy, was elected for next year with Eva Paye Bush as vice-president. Several speeches were made expressing regrets that the last meeting was over. Pop with delicious doughnuts was served to the club members and also several members of the faculty who were present for the first time.

The members of the club wish to express their appreciation for Mrs. Haynes and her untiring efforts and hope that the club next year with its new president will have as good a time as the one this year has had.

ABSENT MINDED???

We Juniors are so busy getting ready for next Friday night that we don't even know if the sand is blowing. Just to show you how it is affecting some of us:

The other night Oscar Atcock dreamed that everything he touched turned to wire. The next morning,

The Badger Weekly

Published weekly by the students of Merkel High School and sponsored by the Senior class of '35—Mrs. R. B. Irvin, Sponsor.

The Staff:

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Sports Editor—Lloyd Robertson.
Joke Editor—Tracy Wood.

Our Seniors

Frances Scoggin.

Although Frances has only been a member of our class for one year, we have grown to love her very much. Frances is a good sport with plenty of intelligence and wit mixed with her quiet reserved manner.

James Smith.

Among the boys in the Senior class we find James, a boy full of energy with a "happy go lucky" disposition. Everyone likes James.

Dot Swafford.

Why couldn't your name have been Adam instead of Swafford? If it had been all of our adjectives would have been fresh, but as it is our list of adjectives has become thread bare. Why worry about it? None in our list would fit you, Dot. The word we want is slightly above "extraordinary."

ABILENE FEVER.

Not so very long ago, Merkel discovered Abilene, that is the boys of Merkel.

It seems to me they should have discovered it lots sooner, being our nearest neighbor of any size but I guess they were like me, not having finished with all the beautiful daughters of Merkel yet.

With all these beauties infesting the streets of Merkel, I think the prodigal sons might stay at home for a change.

I wonder if Abilene has something Merkel doesn't?

Betty Lou was surprised to find Oscar on her front porch about daylight to know if she were all right.

Opal Buzbee was "keyed" up to such a high point the other day that she tried to unlock the lock of hair she prizes so highly with one of the invitations to the banquet. She tore up the hair in her effort. (Now Tracy will have to grow some more.)

Jack Stanford went to see Mary Helen the other night and when the radio started playing "The Man on the Flying Trapeze," he got up and before Mary Helen could stop him leaped to the chandelier and then swung gracefully over to the top of the piano in blissful glee. He quickly collected himself and approached Mr. Lancaster to pop the question; but, at the critical moment, forgot himself again and asked him for \$1.25.

Oh, well, everybody makes mistakes. That's why they put erasers on lead pencils. We'll see you next week at the banquet. Adios.

THE CATASTROPHE OF A GAMBILL-- IN TECHNICOLOR?

Bud's Broken Foot.

One bright cloudy morning in December, when the sun was shining through a blizzard, Bud Gambill opened his big blue eyes and stared at the ceiling. He happened to be in the front yard lying on his cot, and since the sun was so high and it was daylight, Bud just sat on the edge of the bed and played with his little pink toes. Betty Agnue happened to have made a quick trip from Abilene in order to ask Bud for a date. Bud being too bashful to ask her. Being unclothed or clothless, Bud saw Betty at twenty feet distance coming to his house.

Now as Bud was in a hurry to get to the house, he started running. All was in vain; Bud dived for the cot again. Upon missing the cot, Bud lay in the grass and started changing color. First, a brilliant pink appeared; then it turned slowly to a darker shade. Bud's face (and body) were fever hot. His toes even turned red; in fact, redder than anything else. Bud reached for a quilt, wrapped himself up, and started toward the car. But lo, his left foot wouldn't (or couldn't) take it. It cracked because of being so hot and having so much weight on it. Therefore, we see Bud on crutches.

ASK--

Jack L. how many negroes he counted Saturday night, April 6th?

Joe Cook where he, Eussie, Jr., and Waymon R. went Friday night, April 5th?

Phyllis S. what's wrong with her and Jack D.?

Truett P. whom he has a date with after the banquet?

Mildred W. whom she had a date with to the banquet?

Miss Patterson if there's gonna be a banquet?

A. C. whom he has cornered in Abilene?

Felix S—where he goes on Friday and Saturday nights?

Leslie W. what's happened to Lois' and his case in the last three weeks?

Sylvan M. what happened to the crease in his pants Friday night, April 5th?

Joe, what he has against fence posts and why he picks cedar trees?

"Chokes"

Willie B. T.: "Did you tell the doctor what you had?"

Stanley T.: "Nope, he just took it!"

"Eliza, what fo' did you buy dat udder box ob shoe-blackin'?"

"Gwan! Dat ain't shoe-blackin'. Dat's mah massage cream."

Billie B. G.: "Have you read Freckles?"

Opal B.: "Goodness no! Mine are light brown. Can't you see?"

"How long does this train stop at Merkel?" asked Cleo Hensley of a fellow passenger.

Edgar Bradley: "Just four minutes, Cleo—from 2 to 2 to 2-2."

Cleo turned to Edith Neil and said: "I wonder if he thinks he's the waistline on this engine?"

Leslie Walsh: "Let's get married. It wouldn't be much trouble. You know my father's a minister."

Lois Whiteley: "It's O. K. with me. We might try it anyway. My dad's a lawyer, you know."

Try I Sometime!

Jack Moore walked into a hardware store to buy some nails. While making his purchase the clerk asked: "Why don't you buy a bicycle?"

Jack M.: "Because I have to buy a cow."

Clerk: "Ha, you sure would look funny riding a cow."

Jack M.: "Not any funnier than I would look trying to milk a bicycle."

UTOPIA.

This life would be a merry jaunt, From woe we'd all be free, We'd be as honest as we want All other men to be.

And all of us would now wear wings, Like birds that pierce the blue, If we would only do the things Our neighbors want us to.

A happy world we'd make of this, One free from fret or fuss, If all the people here would take Their good advice from us.

We'd store up treasures in our vaults And throw away the key, If all our friends could see their faults, As quick as do we.

Don't Forget Big FREE RODEO Saturday.

April 20th

Condensed Statement of Condition of

FARMERS STATE BANK IN MERKEL

At Close of Business March 4, 1935.

RESOURCES

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Loans | \$114,955.68 |
| Banking House | 15,000.00 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 6,750.00 |
| Other Real Estate and Live Stock | 8,312.25 |
| Fed. Dep. Ins. Cor. | 733.70 |
| CASH & U. S. SECURITIES | 91,171.72 |
| Total | \$236,923.75 |

LIABILITIES

| | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| * Capital Stock | |
| Surplus and Debentures | \$ 67,500.00 |
| Undivided Profits Net | 3,124.16 |
| DEPOSITS | 166,299.59 |
| Total | \$236,923.75 |

Deposits in this bank are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in the manner and to the extent provided under the terms of the Banking Act of 1933, covering each deposit 100 Per Cent up to \$5,000.

* Includes proceeds of \$25,000.00 debentures sold to Reconstruction Finance Corporation which debentures are subordinated to the rights of creditors and depositors.

DEPOSITS INSURED BY The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation WASHINGTON, D. C. \$5000 MAXIMUM INSURANCE FOR EACH DEPOSITOR \$5000

FARMERS STATE BANK IN MERKEL

OFFICERS

Dr. M. Armstrong, Pres. Virgie Mae Campbell, Assistant Cashier.
Herbert Patterson, Cashier.

DIRECTORS—Dr. M. Armstrong, Herbert Patterson, W. W. Toombs, J. A. Patterson, Jr.

BLAIR ITEMS

We are still having our part of the dust storms and a good rain would be appreciated. Feed crops are coming along in most places, and some cotton is being planted.

Prof. W. E. Sheffield of Los Angeles, Calif., is visiting friends here for an indefinite time.

Mrs. L. R. Meeks of Post visited with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. Barnes and son, Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks, recently. Mrs. Meeks returned home last week-end and was accompanied back by Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks and family and Mrs. Tommie Patterson of Castle Peak.

Brother Harvey Carroll of Abilene

delivered interesting discourses at the M. E. church Sunday.

Mrs. L. R. Meeks and H. E. Campbell attended the council meeting at the city hall in Abilene on Saturday, April 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Derrington entertained the young people with a social Saturday night.

Mrs. R. B. Horton and children, Jimmie Nell and Reuben, visited with Mrs. Joe Ramsey in Merkel Friday evening.

Miss Margaret Thomas spent the week-end with home folks at Bronte.

Alfred Meeks and two children, Ray and Melba Fae, and his son-in-law, Charlie Brown, of Post, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Meeks Sunday.



Come to the Rodeo Saturday

and visit with us in one of the most complete Stocks of New Furniture we have ever shown in Merkel.

Special showing in Bedroom and Living Room Suites.

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Honor Roll

BLAIR SCHOOL.
The following students of Blair school made the honor roll for the fourth six weeks term:

First grade—Jo Dean Bryan, 91; Delwee Melton, 91; Stanley Peterson, 90.

Second grade—Orvel Brown, 92; Jimmie Campbell, 91; Donna Dean Doan, 92; Carlene Hughes, 91; Howard Mayberry, 91; Billie Jean Melton, 91; Willis Dean Patterson, 90.

Third grade—Samuel Doan, 91; J. H. Lowery, 91; Denzel Ray Melton, 92; Donnie Melton, 93; Joyce Patterson, 90; Betty Joe Peterson, 93.

Fourth grade—Jessie M. Brown, 94; Billie Campbell, 91; Geraldine Cox, 92; Billie D. Doan, 90; Bennie Patterson, 90; Bill Russell, 91.

Fifth grade—Madlyn Brown, 93; Mary Lou Hughes, 92; Mildred Maddera, 91; Luther Patterson, 90; Frances Peterson, 90.

Sixth grade—Madalene Addison, 95.

Seventh grade—Joy Doan, 95; Clayton Doan, 90.

Eighth grade—Opal Lowery, 94; Doris Mitchell, 93.

Ninth grade—Elwenna Doan, 93; Margie Melton, 90; Lina Mae Patterson, 93.

WARREN SCHOOL.

The following pupils are on the honor roll for the sixth week of the Warren school:

First grade—Melvin Cross, 91.

Second grade—A. C. Brewer, 94.

Third grade—J. R. Baker, 93; Lou Jane Land, 92; Motion Cross, 92; Mickell Chancey, 90.

Fourth grade—Wilma Staffa, 95; Jeanette Neff, 94; Orval Ely, 93; Frances Mae Baker, 91.

Fifth grade—Winnie Cross, 91.

Sixth grade—La Moine Sherrill, 92; Carl Cross, 92; Bernice Thorne,

ION RIDGE NEWS

Those who visited in the Arthur Rogers home Saturday night were Jap Rogers and two sons, Otis and Carl, of Clyde, C. R. Rogers and Miss Grace Ramsey of Salt Branch, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wheeler and family of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pancell and family and Miss Vada Gabbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie West of Merkel spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker and two children, Francis and J. R., of Warren, spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas.

We are glad to report that Mrs. E. M. Dean has returned home from the sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Douglas visited relatives in Abilene Saturday night.

J. C. Brewer of Goodman and Carl Rogers of Clyde were visiting this week with A. L. Rogers, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and two daughters, La Vern and Gwendolyn, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ross Baker and two children, Francis and J. R., attended the singing at Abilene Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Smith and two children of Cross Plains were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Carey and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carey of White Flat.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Hobby, Mrs. Marr of Abilene and Mary Bell and Levena Douglas were Sunday dinner guests of Misses Alice and Ruby Carey.

Big Peach Crop Likely.

Weatherford, April 18.—Peach growers and authorities in Parker county are predicting the largest crop for this county that has been produced in several years.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends for the many kindnesses shown us in our recent sorrow and the loss of our loved one and for the beautiful floral offerings and words of comfort spoken.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Clarence Duncan,
Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones and Family,
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Duncan.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. George Sharp of Fort Worth were week-end guests of the former's father, G. M. Sharp, and family.

Messrs. Paul West and George White and Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig were a trio of Merkelites enjoying Arlington Downs Tuesday.

J. A. Meeks, accompanied by his two sons, and Charlie Brown, of Post were visiting relatives here and in Abilene the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Haynes of Stamford and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Weir of Abilene were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Harlow of Brownwood were guests last week of the latter's sister, Mrs. Homer Patterson, and mother, Mrs. Dora Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Haynes and two children, Peggy Marie and Bobby Lee, of Clyde, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Webb.

Upon receipt of news that his father, D. L. Teague, was seriously ill at his home at Clyde, Earl Teague left Thursday afternoon to be at his bedside.

Fred Hughes attended the zone meeting of Chevrolet dealers at Dallas Tuesday, chief feature of which was a luncheon at noon at the Adolphus hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg, accompanied by Mrs. Bragg's sister, Mrs. Clark Jones, and little son, Jerry, of Chillicothe, were week-end guests of relatives.

C. D. Whatley left Saturday morning for Waco where he has accepted the position of secretary of the Heart-of-Texas club of the American Automobile association.

Roy Holmes of Borger was here last week for a visit with his father, Joe Holmes, and was accompanied home by his wife and two children, who had been here for several weeks.

Mrs. Ernest Higgins of Coahoma visited a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Mack Buzbee. On her return she was accompanied by Miss Opal Buzbee, who visited her until Sunday.

Mrs. Robert McBean of Dallas and Mrs. Ralph Gidden of Venus visited Wednesday night in the homes of Dr. M. Armstrong and Mrs. Spencer Bird, on their way to Big Spring to visit a sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eoff were visitors Sunday in the P. E. Harkins home at Colorado, being accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eoff. Mr. Harkins was seriously injured in a car wreck near Austin a week ago.

Mrs. W. L. Diltz, R. A. Walker, C. H. Jones, John West, Marvin Smith and Emory Jones were among those from Merkel who attended the annual spring meeting of the Abilene presbyterial, of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A., at Albany Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Harris of Corona, Calif., who were returning home from Washington, D. C., stopped over here Thursday night for a visit with his cousin, W. A. Harris, and family. The visitor, it will be remembered, was formerly in business here as a partner with the late W. L. Harkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tucker and son, Bobbie Ray, of Borger, spent the week-end in the homes of C. L. Tucker and Mrs. V. L. Merritt. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker, accompanied by Mrs. Merritt, C. L. Tucker and Roy Tucker, attended the funeral of Mrs. Isaac West of Borger, which was held at Roby Saturday afternoon. Mrs. West, who was close friend of the Tuckers, died at her home in Borger Friday morning.

Theft of Hens Reported.
John S. Hughes has reported to officers the loss by theft of 12 or 15 hens from his premises in the Hughes addition. No clues have as yet been found, but investigations in this case and others similar are being made.

Six More CCC's in Texas.
Austin, April 18.—Six new citizens' conservation corps camps are being located in Texas, adding 1200 young men to the state's "tree army," State Parks Board Chairman D. E. Colp said Monday.

Planning Board Called.
Austin, April 18.—Secretary of State Gerald C. Mann has called an initial meeting of the state planning board for Thursday.

NOTICE.
We have bought the insurance business of the late Judge W. W. Wheeler and will appreciate your continuance of this business with us.
W. O. Boney.

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If you have any visitors. Phone 29 or 61.

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COMPERE NEWS

My, my, such weather. We are wondering how everyone is enjoying this "dust."

Farmers in this community would be glad to see a good rain.

Mrs. Ralph Ramsey entertained her home in the Zion chapel community with a party for the young folks, which was well attended, and everyone reported a nice time.

Little Leon Adkins, who has been on the sick list, is well enough to be back in school.

Mrs. Vincen, formerly of this community but who has moved near Anson, has been seriously ill, but we are wishing for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Merritt were visitors Sunday in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Ollie Bigham, of the Cross Roads community.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ramsey and little daughter, Betty Lou, were week-end visitors in the home of their son, C. W. Ramsey, of Eastland.

The Home Demonstration club meets in the home of Mrs. T. K. Marshall Thursday afternoon. Every lady in the community, who is interested in H. D. work, is urged to be present and bring the necessary equipment to cut foundation patterns.

Miss Pauline Ramsey entertained at her home Saturday night with a "midnight" supper. Ice cream, devil food cake and punch were served to the following: C. R. Rogers of Warrs, Miss Bernice Merritt, Bedford Vincen of Anson, Ross Merritt, Miss Grace Ramsey, Miss Cynthia Rister of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Ramsey.

The school is progressing nicely. We have, however, heard some sighs on the part of the pupils, but "babies" will get restless.

We will ring off here and let someone else broadcast for awhile, but before closing we want to tell about how bad the sand has been. One fellow said the sand blew in at a keyhole in his back door as fast as he could sweep it out the front. Well, of course, we don't believe it, do you?

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THE FARMERS STATE BANK.
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Read the advertisements in this paper. There's a message in every one of them that may enable you to save money. At least you will know where to find what you want without doing a lot of hunting and asking questions and you also know the merchants appreciate your patronage because they solicit your business and make special offering of their goods.

NEW CLUBBING OFFER.

Abilene Morning News, by mail from date of subscribing until October 1, this fall, and the Merkel Mail, a full year, either new subscriber or renewal, for only \$3.45. The quicker you take advantage of this special clubbing rate, the more you get for your money.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We will appreciate the privilege of sending in your subscriptions to the leading magazines. On a great many of them, if you want to include your subscription to The Mail, we are in position to make special clubbing offer. See us before you renew.

Nearly 1,100,000 bags of coffee were shipped from Brazil in January.

Dublin, Irish Free State, is opening free allotments for people who have been dispossessed.

Japan's 1934 rice crop totaled 259,000,000 bushels.

Standard Typewriter Ribbons 75 each at Merkel Mail office.

Typewriting and carbon paper at Mail office.

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Leading varieties; hundreds daily; free catalog.

Also Dixie Baby Chicks.

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

J. L. Bannor, one of Merkel's oldest citizens, celebrated his 87th birthday on Thursday, April 11th, at his home here. Weather conditions prevented children from distant points coming to help in the celebration.

Reports received by the family are to the effect that H.E. Spears of Valera, who underwent an operation recently at the Santa Fe hospital in Temple, is able to sit up in his hospital room.

C. D. Whatley, formerly in partnership with Spencer Bird in the operation of a Sinclair Filling station, has accepted a position in Waco and has disposed of his interest here to Stacy Bird, the firm, in future, to be known as Bird Brothers.

Paxton Hayes, who underwent an appendix operation at the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, on Tuesday, is reported "doing nicely."

Cal-Tax Oil Co. Walter Smith No. 1, in section 23, block 19, T. & P. railway survey, four miles north of Trent, is reported drilling at 2,500 feet, with prospects continuing very favorable.

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FOR SALE—Windsor gas range, given beds, mattresses and springs, fibre living room suite and some chairs. Mrs. L. C. Rea on Oak Street.

FOR SALE—Tomato plants, geraniums, snapdragons and ferns. Mrs. J. J. Russell, second door south of Baptist church.

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FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Six room house, also three room furnished apartment. Mrs. S. F. Haynes.

LOST AND FOUND

STRAYED—9 head of stock, 5 mules, 2 mares and 2 horses, from my place, 2 miles east of Noodle. Ed Martin.

Rodeo Rules

(Continued on Page Five.)
association at the suggestion of the rodeo committee, follows:

RODEO RULES.

COW MILKING—Must catch cow by head or horns; contestant must throw first loop; either man can milk cow; must have some milk in bottle and take it to judge; must have neck rein on horse and rope through it; must not bust cow; must milk cow standing up.

CALF ROPING—This is catch as catch can; rope must be read when name is called or next roper will be called and he loses his place for that show; horse must have neck rein and rope run through it; must stay behind barrier until flag drops; 10 seconds fine for breaking barrier; if calf is thrown down by horse, it must be let up and then thrown down by hand; can tie any three feet, but must stay tied until passed on by the judges; not necessary to turn calf over.

HORSE RIDING—Must be ready when name is called; must come out of chute with both spurs in horse's shoulders and then kick back; not touch horse or saddle with free hand, or disqualified; must ride 10 seconds or until whistle blows.

STEER RIDING—Must be ready when name is called or not ride in that show; must come out of chute with spurs in steer's shoulders and then kick back; must get off when whistle blows; must have one hand in the air and not change hands; must ride 8 seconds.

We fill all doctors' prescriptions. Vick Drug Co.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

TELEPHONE THE MAIL

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

Important Visitors At Council Meeting

Mrs. V. L. Merritt, secretary of the Jones County Home Demonstration council, announces that at the regular council meeting to be held in the district court room at Anson on April 27, Mr. Kyle, field representative of this district, will tender a program on "Farm Property Improvements." Any person, whether a club member or not, if interested, is invited to attend this meeting.

A demonstration on preparation of a meat dish will be given by Mrs. Chandler of Stamford and Mrs. Key of Anson, delegates to the district meat show held in Lubbeck recently. Teams from the various clubs over the county will be selected to compete in similar demonstrations at the tri-county fair, early in May.

Record of Births.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McLeod, Trent, Saturday, April 13, 1935.

Three Merkel Students Win Place in District

While Merkel did not win any firsts in literary events at the district meeting of the Interscholastic league at Sweetwater April 5-6, three representatives of Merkel's schools did place.

Dorma Lee Shelton ranked second in girls declamation of the ward school division; Ainsworth Gates, second in junior boys declamation, and Betty Grimes, third in junior girls declamation.

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Red and White No. 2 1-2 can Each 17c

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Sun Up

COFFEE lb. 17c

Red and White

COFFEE, glass jar, 2 lbs. 60c

Folger's

COFFEE, 1 pound 30c

Dried

PRUNES, 2 pound 19c

Red and White

MEAL, 5 pounds 19c

Red and White

CORN, No. 2 can, each 15c

Blue and White

TOMATOES, No. 2 can, each 9c

EXTRACT Vanilla 2 oz. bottle 5c

Red and White

CATSUP, 14 oz. bottle 17c

Pure Cane

Sugar, 10 lbs. 53c

Supreme

PEANUT BUTTER, 24 oz. jar 29c

Sun Spun

Salad Dressing Pint 23c

Quart 34c

32 Piece MADRID PATTERN GLASS

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Lunch

MEATS, pound 29c

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LEGAL NOTICES

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Taylor:

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Taylor County, of the 2nd day of April, 1935, by Belle Wellborn, Clerk of said District Court, for the sum of One Hundred Forty Nine & 96/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor of The City of Merkel, a public municipal corporation, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 2120-B and styled The City of Merkel, a public municipal corporation, vs J. F. Holloway and Farmers State Bank in Merkel, Texas, a banking corporation placed, in my hands for service, I, Burl Wheeler, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 6th day of April, 1935, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: First Tract: All of lot No. 1, in Block No. 16, of College Addition to the town of Merkel according to the plat of said addition as same appears of record in the official records of Taylor County, Texas. Second Tract: All of lot No. 9, in Block No. 24, in the town of Merkel, according to the plat of said town as same appears of record in Book "L," page 639, Deed Records of said County, Texas; and levied upon as the property of J. F. Holloway and Farmers State Bank in Merkel, Texas, a banking corporation, and that on the first Tuesday in May, 1935, the same being the 7th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. F. Holloway and Farmers State Bank in Merkel, Texas, a banking corporation.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 6th day of April, 1935.

Burl Wheeler,
Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas.
By E. D. Davis, Deputy.

W. M. Boden, placed in my hands for service, I, Burl Wheeler, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 6th day of April, 1935, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: First Tract: Lots Nos. 22 and 23 in block 5, Miller Addition for the years 1929, 1931 and 1933; Second Tract: 20 feet across the east end of lots Nos. 7 and 8, block 14, T. P. Addition to the town of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas, for years 1929, 1931, 1932 and 1933; and levied upon as the property of W. M. Boden and wife, Mrs. W. M. Boden, and that on the first Tuesday in May, 1935, the same being the 7th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. M. Boden and wife, Mrs. W. M. Boden.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Taylor:

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Taylor County, of the 2nd day of April, 1935, by Belle Wellborn, Clerk of said District Court, for the sum of One Hundred Fifty Six & 92/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor of The City of Merkel, a public municipal corporation, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 2106-B and styled The City of Merkel, a public municipal corporation, vs B. F. Yates, placed in my hands for service, I, Burl Wheeler, as Sheriff of Taylor County, Texas, did, on the 6th day of April, 1935, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being 1 acre, Abstract 72, Block 32, League 198, Grimes County Land, Taylor County, Texas; and levied upon as the property of B. F. Yates, and that on the first Tuesday in May, 1935, the same being the 7th day of said month at the Court House door, of Taylor County, in the City of Abilene, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said order of sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said B. F. Yates.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Merkel Mail, a newspaper published in Taylor County.

Witness my hand, this 6th day of April, 1935.

Burl Wheeler,
Sheriff, Taylor County, Texas.
By E. D. Davis, Deputy.

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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.
With 863 present last Sunday the total was one more than on the previous Sunday at the six reporting Sunday Schools here. On the same Sunday a year ago 822 were present.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor with special Easter music by the choir under the direction of Miss Christine Collins. No preaching Sunday evening on account of Methodist revival. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

On Thursday evening members of the church and congregation will gather for annual "church night," the program for which appears elsewhere.

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH.
Next Sunday at 9:45 we want 325 in Sunday School. Come and be with us. The revival is still on and interest good. Will you not join the services throughout the meeting?

Services next Sunday 9:45 and 11 a. m. Night services 7:45.

P. H. Gates, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. RTS at 6:45 p. m. WMU at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. YWA at 4:30 Monday afternoon. Prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

BAPTIST WMS.

Brother Dean brought a wonderful Bible lesson on "The Holy Spirit" last week. Next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock we have our Royal Service program with Mrs. Booth as leader. Why not make Monday a little more pleasant by coming to WMS? We need you.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Services right on as usual and we are glad to have any one who will to attend church with us. Come to Bible study Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and preaching at 11. The young people have a program at 7 p. m. and there will be a service of some kind at 8 p. m. Come out Wednesday evening for Bible study, prayer and song service.

O. J. Adeock.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.
The Lord is blessing our radio broadcast every Monday from 12 to 12:30 and from 1 to 1:30 p. m. over KFPL at Dublin. We invite every one to tune in and hear our messages. We have a six months contract over this station.

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RURAL SOCIETY

BLAIR DEMONSTRATION CLUB.
The Blair Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. D. C. Doan on Thursday, April 11, with the president, Mrs. John Russell, presiding. Minutes were read by the secretary and recreation directed by Mrs. Luther Orborn. In the business session each member was assessed 25c for council fee.

Mrs. John Russell offered her resignation to the club, which was accepted. A new president will be elected at the next meeting to be held at Mrs. Harry Riney's on April 25. Mrs. Box Murphy also offered her resignation as poultry demonstrator, which was accepted.

The program on the subject of "Killing and Dressing Poultry" was discussed by the county agent, Miss Vera Crippen. Mrs. I. V. Garrett was awarded the gift basket, and Mrs. I. V. Garrett and Miss Ruth Lowery, the club quilt.

The club members will meet with Mrs. E. J. Orsborn on Wednesday, April 17, for "Usage of the Foundation Pattern." All members are urged to attend these meetings and visitors invited.

Following the business hour a dainty refreshment plate of cake, punch and bananas was served to 17 members by the hostess.

NOODLE D. C.

The Noodle Home Demonstration club met in regular session at the Baptist church April 10. Mrs. J. M. Williamson, club chairman, presided during the business session. Mrs. C.

C. Bristow was appointed chairman of the expansion committee.

Mrs. Carl Bonneaux gave the March council report and two meetings of importance were announced. All club members in the county are invited to the regular council meeting April 27, when several things of importance will be brought before the council.

A recreational program is to be rendered at the Anson gym at 8 p. m. on April 22.

Mesdames Bonneaux and Seago report extensive work being done in the wardrobe department, of which they are demonstrators. They have a schedule with other communities for four pattern schools within the next few days.

Mesdames Bristow and Merritt attended a meeting in Mrs. T. K. Marshall's home at Comper where they gave demonstrations in tile-making and organization. There has been much interest taken in sub-irrigation and several hundred feet of tile have

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boards, show similar variations in the amount saved.

But the important point, clearly indicated, is that Western's prices are appreciably lower to us than open market prices.

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been made in the Noodle community, both by club members and non-club members.

The club is getting up a play entitled "The Man in the Green Shirt." Notice these columns for announcement soon of date and cast of characters.

The next meeting will be on April 24 at the Baptist church. Miss Faulkner will demonstrate "Clothing Accounts."

UNION RIDGE P. T. A.

On Friday night, April 19, Union Ridge P. T. A. meets at the church house at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. C. R. Joyner, pastor of the First Baptist church of Merkel, will lecture on

"Safeguarding the Child from Physical Harm."

Reports of delegates to the Big Spring convention, April 11-13, will be given and also list of chairmen elected at a recent meeting of the executive board will be read.

Executives are asked to meet at 7:15 o'clock.

NOTICE.

We have bought the insurance business of the late Judge W. W. Wheeler and will appreciate your continuance of this business with us.
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Merkel, Texas

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK
Of Merkel in the State of Texas, at the close of business on March 4, 1935

ASSETS

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Loans and discounts | \$260,121.29 |
| 2. Overdrafts | 797.97 |
| 3. United States Government obligations, direct and or fully guaranteed | 29,200.00 |
| 4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities | 35,797.02 |
| 6. Furniture and fixtures | 6,500.00 |
| 7. Real estate owned other than banking house | 8,584.25 |
| 8. Reserve with Federal Reserve bank | 29,185.92 |
| 9. Cash in vault and balances with other banks | 102,457.52 |
| 11. Redemption fund with United States Treasurer and due from United States Treasurer | 312.50 |
| 14. Other assets—Payment to F. D. I. Fund | 935.96 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$478,892.43 |

LIABILITIES

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 15. Demand deposits, except United States Government deposits, public funds, and deposits of other banks | \$340,056.77 |
| 16. Time deposits, except postal savings, public funds, and deposits of other banks | 51,330.00 |
| 17. Public funds of States, counties, school districts, or other subdivisions or municipalities | 12,291.68 |
| 19. Deposits of other banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding | 5,343.57 |
| Total of items 15 to 19: | |
| (a) Secured by pledge of loans and or investments | \$ 12,291.68 |
| (b) Not secured by pledge of loans and or investments | 396,730.34 |
| (c) TOTAL DEPOSITS | 409,022.02 |
| 20. Circulating notes outstanding | 6,250.00 |
| 32. Capital account: Common stock, 500 shares, par \$100.00 per share \$50,000.00 Undivided profits—net 8,620.41 TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT | 58,620.41 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$478,892.43 |

MEMORANDUM: Loans and Investments Pledged to Secure Liabilities
33. United States Government obligations, direct and or fully guaranteed \$ 21,250.00
36. **TOTAL PLEDGED (excluding redemptions)** \$21,250.00
37. Pledged:
(a) Against circulating notes outstanding 6,250.00
(c) Against public funds of States, counties, school districts, or other subdivisions or municipalities 15,000.00
(i) Total Pledged 21,250.00

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.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of April, 1935.
Mrs. Floyd Davis,
Notary Public
(SEAL)
CORRECT—Attest:
J. T. WARREN,
G. F. WEST,
GEO. L. PAXTON,
Directors.

KNOW YOUR OWN SHOPS

By CHRISTINE COLLINS

THE EASTER PARADE.
Can you remember when girls spent hours, days, even weeks . . . getting ready for Easter? I just barely escaped being born thirty years too soon, thank heaven . . . WHAT beauty parlors OAN do for the plain girls today! . . . Mrs. Costephens, proprietor of the NOMA LEE BEAUTY SHOP, offers as her Easter suggestion "CLAIRROL" . . . brightens and makes more attractive the dulled, drab most colorless head of hair . . . with special Easter prices, and also one guaranteed oil permanent for \$1.00.

New Easter bonnets and frocks are as necessary to a complete Easter as the lilies with their serene return to life and flower each Eastertide . . . Each has come to symbolize the season . . . BRAGG DRY GOODS COMPANY are meeting this Easter rush of business with one-third off on their spring suits and greatly reduced prices on all their latest dresses and hats. The high point of all BRAGG'S merchandise is their nice tailoring and suave fit . . . You have to see and try their frocks on to appreciate them! And "in your Easter bonnet, with ribbons on it, you'll be the grandest lady in the Easter parade."

There's something incongruous in sitting down to an every day meal in your lovely new Easter clothes . . . More often you've wished you could get away from the same old seven and six in menus . . . May I suggest that you eat at the lovely new place of WOOLZY'S with its redecorated interior, such a roomy, cool atmosphere as to make savory viands truly delectable . . . With Woolzy, the genial proprietor and chef, and Myrtle the gracious and capable hostess that she is, patrons are assured of perfection in foods and service, American plan or short order.

Special Attention, Kiddies . . . I've found headquarters for Mr. and Mrs. Rabbit! REID'S VARIETY STORE have bunnies in every conceivable shape, form and fashion . . . Bobby duck that quacks, bunnies that hop and baby chicks that eat out of a pan . . . Easter is such a big event in the lives of children that every detail that will add a thrill should not be overlooked . . . And, mothers, if you're planning an Easter egg hunt, go to REID'S for your eggs this year, already beautifully speckled like robins' eggs and wrapped in cellophane.

HOUSEWIVES . . . Let the DANDY BAKERY give you leisure to enjoy Easter . . . Mr. McGehee is turning out a special baking of Easter cakes and pastries . . . Typifying the highest in culinary art always, these cakes are sure to be luscious as well as decorative. Merkel should be justly proud of the new bakery; sanitary, with all modern equipment, it rates with the big towns.

This squib is for everybody interested in hunting, tennis, baseball, fishing and kindred sports . . . even picnickers . . . The latest and best of everything you need is to be found in the sporting goods department of BULLOCK HARDWARE COMPANY. I've "heard tell" of the organization of about three teams of soft ball as a first harbinger of spring . . . Here these players will find paraphernalia aplenty, with prices ON so little . . . The cunning little red and yellow bugs that are used to lure the finny tribe nowadays had me in a dither and brought to mind a fish yarn. It seems Mr. Bragg and Booth Warren had invested in boxes of the latest, most improved tackle, flyrods and reels, etc., and repaired to their dude ranch with high hopes and ambitions . . . Now it seems Uncle Billy Sheppard felt the reputation of his milk-fed worms after having been spit on generously with brown mud was at stake, and George Woodrum had the greatest of faith in his beef liver. So, backed up by Asa Sheppard and Lee Cox, the four set their cane poles and watched the antics of the fly fishers . . . The city slickers won to the tune of the nigger fishers having to cook supper . . . Now, no matter in what class you qualify, you'll find the personification of all of your dreams at BULLOCK'S, and remember good equipment is half the battle.

The arrival of Easter is the annual signal to step out and greet Mother Nature in all her Spring-time Glory . . . If you will co-operate with

BLAKE'S DRY CLEANERS. they can make that spring or summer suit or dress of yours look almost new again . . . Blake's afford "Mr. Old Married Man" an opportunity to infuriate his wife with "never saw you look half so pretty before, never saw you dressed quite so lovely," what's more, that sweet young thing "can hardly wait, to keep that date, this lovely Easter morning." And, fellows, you mustn't be no slouch yourself . . . Should your wardrobe be composed of luxurious silks, fine woolsens, or the chic little Cottons, you can entrust them to Blake's . . . They'll retain their silhouette and at the present ridiculously low prices, it would be the height of foolishness to try to do them yourself . . . Save the wear and tear on your disposition and add life to the garments, or vice versa . . . Here's a pacifying thought, just in case you're one of those many Beau Brummels who didn't make the grade for a new Easter suit . . . let Mr. Blake, style adviser for gentlemen, take your measurements and outfit you correctly.

My fingers have just been itching to describe THE MERKEL BEAUTY SHOP ever since I quit this column so cold January first . . . Coughing it in Easter phrases, it's a positive little Alice-in-Wonderland place . . . you know "she stepped into a rabbit hole and down she came upon the most AMAZING things" . . . You'd never dream so much could be accomplished in this small space . . . All black and white and modernistic, you'll LOVE it . . . If you haven't been, it's worth a trip in just to see . . . Edna and Maurine never seem to step on each other . . . Edna did a good "rabbit out of the hat" act and showed me a new line of cosmetics, the MARROW people put out . . . The facials are heavenly and the goods surprisingly low priced . . . Keep in mind the fact that this full line is here to stay and can be replenished at a minute's notice. I bring what I took to be Easter greetings from Maurine.

Don't watch enviously the Easter parade go by . . . Get in it . . . Nothing could be dressier or swankier than the newly arriving models in cars . . . THE MERKEL MOTOR COMPANY unloaded a gunmetal Ford V-8 touring car today that is a B-E-A-U-T with possibilities far exceeding my wildest dreams . . . Summer and THAT car, a car that sings of the open road (it must be the gypsy in me).

A commodious built-in trunk adds to its beautiful proportions and, as if that's not enough to turn me green with envy, "it's equipped with a RADIO!" Center Poise (a "front seat ride" for "back seat" passengers,) this year's pioneering step by the ever alert Henry Ford . . . New weight distribution, new seat positions and new springs give you remarkably easy riding, especially in the back seat . . . Not much left of the old original Ford idea, and certainly a far cry from the back seat of that old Model T touring I used to pilot over gravel pikes fifteen years ago. The BEAUTY of the new Ford is something you can SEE, as you "watch the parade go by." Something you will even realize more fully when you drive the Ford V-8 yourself.

It is an ascertained fact that beauty parlors will lead in the Easter parade . . . In frills and furbelows, even a riot of color . . . Carmen fingernails to match the lips . . . A mop of very blond, henna or black hair, blue eye shadow against dead white . . . I might be describing Miss Floesie Henstep or Easter eggs, but I'm just being silly . . . In my honest opinion there is no profession that adds so much real, yes and lasting beauty to the world as the beauty parlor business . . . We've something entirely new in Merkel, a "man operator." Bob McDonald is responsible for

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this phenomenon in his new BARBER AND BEAUTY SHOP with Clarence George Armstrong operator . . . He comes highly recommended from the Gunter hotel shop, San Antonio. I know a good many of you discriminating ladies are going out of town to get your hair cut. Please give Mr. Armstrong ONE chance . . . He's really very, very good. In discussing permanents with him, he certainly sounds like he knows his business . . . He waxes enthusiastic over the better \$10 waves (who couldn't!) Several of these waves I've seen and they've turned out marvelously . . . Here's a real Easter present from Bob to you . . . A guaranteed \$3.50 oil permanent for only \$2.00 . . . Mr. Armstrong's contribution to the Easter parade is the latest in spring coiffures . . . Gels, he specializes in 'em . . . Happy Easter.

ADD KNOW YOUR SHOP
I had a personal preview of the Easter Parade in MELLINGER DRY GOODS this morning and, if the fashions in this store are any criterion, WHAT AN EASTER it's going to be! In their collection you will find all the stunning styles of the moment, both in tailored and dressy types . . . All at exceedingly low prices for their excellent quality! All his lovely new shoes and hats at special Easter sale prices . . . Brims turned up or brims turned down . . . in all summery shades . . . as pert or demure as you wish . . . And a rare value . . . Here's looking you over Sunday.

Put on your OLD gray bonnet . . . Re-blocked by RENFRO & ALLDAY, if you're "really" smart, and it will be a grand Easter . . . Freedom from huss will increase the pleasure of the Easter Parade and with their present exceptionally low prices, we should be giving our old clothes a great rush in preparation for Easter. RENFRO & ALLDAY need no introduction to people of Merkel . . . With rare finesse, they've handled your cleaning problems for years, and if you "hanker" to be the cynosure of all eyes Sunday, give them a chance at one of your ensembles . . . Here's a summer precaution to carry over Easter . . . Before putting your heavy clothes away, have the perspiration and sand (NO!) taken out of them; they'll last longer . . . That's Economy for you.

HEADLINE—
Cotton and Ruth are back! . . . A little tardy perhaps in making the front page, but still something to shout about at that . . . They just never should have gone, that's all . . . Cotton's sandwiches were missed from Fort Worth to El Paso and, besides, what about our favorite hanging-out-place evenings? But they're back, thank goodness, "Bigger and Better than ever" in their new lodgings east of town on the highway this time . . . Any time you feel sociable, or hungry, just drop in, for Cotton and Ruth are the friendliest of souls and, as for the FOOD . . . par excellence every time . . . It's always been a mystery to me how Cotton could stay in business and still keep pilin' up the extra fixin's on everybody's order . . . Satisfied patrons can search for the choicest ingredients used under the most sanitary conditions always in the preparation of his wonderful sandwiches. My guess is, that he'll get his share of the Easter motorists' trade Sunday and here's a tip for year round . . . Make a "bite at Cotton's" a part of your evening out.

ANNOUNCING—A timely array of Easter showing in furniture . . .

SOCIETY

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.
Miss Julia Martin was hostess Monday evening to members of the Fortnightly Study club. The lesson was on Latin America and the United States, with Mrs. F. C. McFarland leading, using as her topic "The Origin, Purpose and Influence of the Monroe Doctrine." Mrs. W. S. J. Brown gave interesting discussions of "The Attitude of the Latin American People Toward the United States."
Miss Martin substituted for Mrs. R. A. Burgess by reading her paper on "The Attitude of the Latin American Peoples Toward the European Nations." "Concrete Instances of the Effect of the Monroe Doctrine in South American History" was given by Mrs. C. H. Jones. "Senses of the Enemy of South America Toward the U. S." was brought to the club by Mrs. Lige Gamble and the "Means by Which Better Relations Might be developed" was discussed by Mrs. R. O. Pearson.

Plans for an open-house, guest-day program for next meeting were formulated and final vote was taken on year book and programs for next year. The following members answered roll call: Mesdames Brown, Diltz, Burgess, Gamble, Gardner, Grimes, Irvin, Jones, Largent, Lusby, McFarland, Pearson, Sadler, West, Hughes, Duke, Misses Evelyn Curb, Helen Patterson, Julia Martin, Stell Ledger, Dora Garoutte and Christine Collins.

DELAYED CLUB NEWS.
On Monday, April 1, the home of Mrs. J. O. Lusby was open to members of the Fortnightly Study club with Mrs. W. L. Diltz the leader. "Chile of today" was the lesson and

The Easter Parade STARTS at BARROW'S . . . A newly arrived group of classic modern bedroom suites are positively "the most gorgeous . . . beautifulst . . . words fall me . . . The thought of one of these suites keeps buzzing hopefully and expectantly round in my brain and it will be a decided relief when I can satisfy these hopes . . . Styles front every period, "Early American" in finest maple, to the most modernistic in bone white and black . . . as exquisitely as the old traditional French styles, yet with in-built service quality that distinguishes fine modern furniture . . . Just to prove to you that BARROW'S prices have NOT advanced . . . The suite I have a "special yen" for, came in here marked \$90.00 . . . the "Easter price" is \$49.50 . . . Guess I'm waiting for them to make a REAL cut on it . . .
A positive dream in living room suites just came in . . . Rust, with the handsomest wood carvings . . . go in and see it . . . I believe it's the prettiest thing that's EVER been in the store.

EASTER IN THE CHURCHES
Going, from the ridiculous to the sublime, my choir Sunday morning will sing the beautiful Easter anthems, "Alleluia," "Christ is Risen" and "Hosanna to the Lord" . . . Mrs. W. L. Diltz will sing "I Come to Thee" as the offertory solo. I'm sure the other churches will have Easter music, too, in commemoration of the Resurrection. So, without even meaning to be funny, I'LL SEE YOU IN CHURCH.

Mrs. Diltz discussed the "Government and International Importance." "Geographical Features, Climate, Industries and Commerce" was listed by Christine Collins. "The People and their Culture" were paid tribute by Miss Dora Garoutte. A resume of "Political Developments in Chile for the Last Ten Years" was given by Miss Jeanie Sears, and Miss Helen Patterson outlined "The Resources of Chile from an Economic Standpoint."

The club voted to assist in the Abilene City Federation "Bed-Spread-Show," the money to be donated to permanent Sixth District headquarters, Austin.

WILLING WORKERS.
"The Resurrection of Christ" was the theme of the meeting of the Willing Workers class of the Presbyterian Sunday School at the home of Mrs. J. R. Walling at Noodle Dome on Wednesday afternoon of last week. The devotional was led by Mrs. W. M. Elliott; Mrs. S. A. Derstine read a paper on "Importance of a Belief in Christ's Resurrection;" "April Gardens" was the title of a poem read by Mrs. Walling and Miss Dora

Garoutte gave as a reading, "Walks in and About Jerusalem, the Holy City."

The hostess served a lovely refreshment plate to Mesdames W. M. Elliott, R. A. Walker, J. L. Baker, A. A. Baker, Ethel Tucker, L. L. Murray, S. A. Derstine, S. G. Russell, Marvin Smith, J. H. Witcher, Fannie McConnell, Misses Dora Garoutte, Mary Keny and Alice Russell.

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

On account of San Jacinto Day, a Texas holiday, falling on Sunday, the undersigned banks will observe Monday, April 22, 1935, as a holiday and will not be open for business. Customers will please take notice and make their arrangements accordingly.
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| Strawberries | South Texas Pint boxes, | 2 FOR 25c |
| Large Firm Heads | | |
| Lettuce, each | 5c | |
| Large Bunches | | |
| Carrots, each | 5c | |
| Fancy Pinks | | |
| Tomatoes, 2 lbs. | 25c | |
| Nice and Tender | | |
| Beans, 2 lbs. | 25c | |
| Large Yellow Fruit | | |
| Bananas, doz. | 15c | |
| Sunkist | | |
| Oranges, doz. | 15c | |
| Fancy Winesaps | | |
| Apples, 2 doz. | 25c | |
| Extra Fancy Delicious | | |
| Apples, lg., doz. | 40c | |
| Compound | 4 lb. carton Vegetole | 55c |
| | 8 lb. carton Vegetole | \$1.05 |
| FEEDS OF ALL KINDS | | |
| 14 oz. bottle | | |
| Catsup, 2 for | 25c | |
| Hearts Delight | | |
| Prune Juice, 12 oz. | 10c | |
| Schillings, a good one | | |
| Tea, 1-4 lb. pkg. | 20c | |
| Prepared | | |
| Mustard, qt. jar | 15c | |
| Fancy Pinks, tall cans | | |
| Salmons, 2 for | 25c | |
| No. 2 can | | |
| Corn, 2 for | 25c | |
| Syrup Packed No. 2 1-2 can | | |
| Peaches, 2 for | 35c | |
| Campbell's 14 oz. can | | |
| Tomato Juice, 3 for | 25c | |
| Crackers | | |
| A-1 Saltines | 19c | |
| 2 Lb. Box | | |
| Crackers | | |
| A-1 Graham | 21c | |
| 2 Lb. Box | | |
| Chocolate Candy | Cream Centers | 2 LBS. 25c |
| Hams | Armour's Star fixed flavor Skinned, Half or Whole | LB. 27c |
| Grape Fruit Juice | | |
| Full | | |
| No. 2 size | 15c | |
| Tomatoes | | |
| Gingham Girl | | |
| Tall Cans | 25c | |
| 3 for | | |
| Pork & Beans | 16 OZ. CANS 5c | |
| Syrup, pure ribbon cane, gal. | 63c | |
| Soap Flakes, 5 lb. package | 33c | |



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