

Your Home Town



Merkelites can start the New Year out right by joining together and making the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet a stirring success. It won't be much of an affair if only 25 or 30 or even 50 couples attend. There are a le more people than that around kel who are interested in the are and growth of this town. The banquet should see 200 or 300 people in order to get the spirit of boosting the area for

A remarkable program has been arrange and the food will be good. If you haven't given much thought to attending, tell the old man right now or tell the pretty wife that "we're going this year." You can't tell how much good it will do you to get out and mix with other business people of Merkel.

John C. White, commissioner of agriculture for Texas, will be the speaker. He is now serving his third term as commissioner, and is one of the youngest major office holders ever to be elected in Texas. We think Earl Hughes, Isadore Mellinger and Chester Collinsworth have made a good choice in selecting the speaker for the program, as this is primarily an agriculture community. We feel sure, too, that a great many of our farmer and rancher friends from throughout the area would enjoy coming to the ban-

have to wait until Fall before we start talking about the Texasrather than getting rid of Ed at the station. Price and taking on the ex-Oklahoma, ex-Maryland football coach. That one year at Oklahoma with Tatum was enough, and we don't know how much Maryland paid to all day Sunday. get him off the Sooners' back, but pened, for that was then Bud Wilkinson came to his own. We don't believe Texas needs Tatum.

ing the other fellows defenses. fey, district attorney. bring Nebraska out of the trenches back to big time football. He was recognized as a scout who him, only to drive off or say they Texas Tech may lose one of its or had posted a sign in his staassistant coaches to Nebraska, for rumors have it that Dee Andros, the one-time Oklahoma All- VFW Gives To American guard and former Sooner assistant, may go to Nebraska as line coach. Andros and Elliott Dimes, Cemetery were on Wilkinson's staff at Oklahoma before Andros went to

Girl Scouts In Need of Help

Officials of the Merkel Girl Scout organization issued a plea for help today aimed a drive for ing for another year.

A special meeting has been called at the Girl Scout hut at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Janpary 16, to Little League plan another money making project to finish raising the Girl Meeting Is Set

The Girl Scouts said they would appreciate encouragement and you want to ve.

Rites Wednesday

maker, 50, was held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church. Mrs. Shoemaker, a lifelong resident of Taylor County, died Monday in Fort Worth.

the Assembly of God Church in Merkel officiated, assisted by the Rev. A. D. Smith, pastor of the with the Fat Stock Show in Den- in Ellis County. He moved to Tye

Mrs. Wiley Massey, Denver, Colo., rive back at Tech for classes and Mrs. Alvin Smith, Merkel; Tuesday, January 17. two brothers, Arthur Braune of View and Edwin Braune of San Antonio; two sisters, Mrs. Claude McGehee, Wickenburg, Ariz., and Mrs. Erna Gallee of View, and five grandchildren.

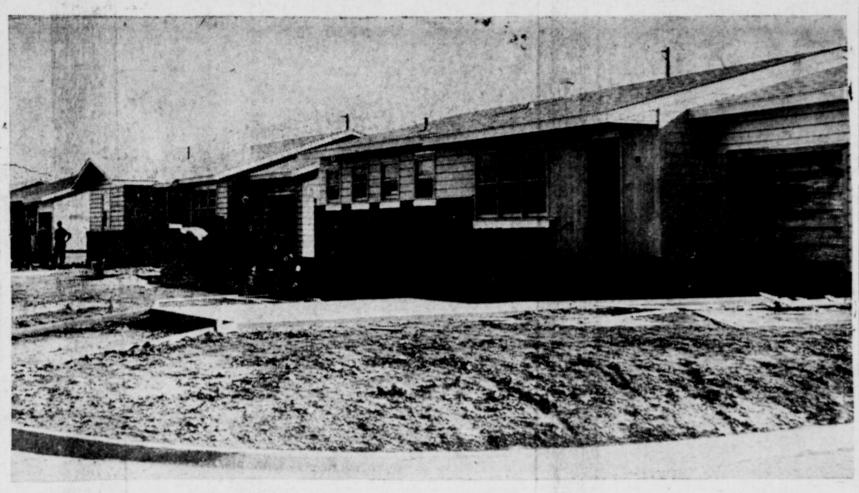
Allen will be remembered as an outstanding F.F.A. member in both local and district work, earning the Lone Star Farmers Degree while a Jh. in High School.

THE MERKEL MAIL

IN THE FRIENDLY TOWN

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1956

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ELDERLY TYE FILLING Now that Oklahoma has brushed aside Maryland, guess we'll STATION OPERATOR SLAIN

Oklahoma game to Newt Logan. lives southwest of Tye, was jail- at night. This means what it At least we are thankful for one ed late Sunday night on a charge says." thing to the University of Tex- of murder after E. G. Morris, 77, as and that is that they let North Tye filling station operator, was Carolina put up with Jim Tatum beaten to death following a fight

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Powell and Texas Ranger Jim Paulk after the two officers had tracked down a maize of clues

cated, a coroner, Dr. Jarrett E. vice station and barrels and oil Williams, who made an autopsy, cans were strewn over the drive-

ever came across, no doubt, will had been "aggravated" by per- and Mrs. J. M. Bryant, of Odas- for approximately 10 days to do making girls, under the direccould analyze the other teams didn't want anything. As a re- alone, then heard the crash of Hodge said today. plays, and then knew what to do. sult, the 77-year-old Gulf operat-

The Merkel Veterans of Foreign Wars has donated \$12.50 each to the Merkel Cemetery Fence Fund and the March of

The VFW, recently reorganized, is on a drive for members for 1956. R. D. Ely is the post com- side. It sounded like someone mander and Kenneth Purser is the quartermaster.

There will be a special meeting of the VFW at 7:30 Thurs- couldn't hear too much," he said. funds to keep the organization go- day night, and all VFW members are urged to attend.

The Windmill Little League support, and donations are being will meet at 7:30 p.m., at the accepted at the present time. Call Community Center Thursday night for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year, Norman Winter, president, announced today.

Mrs. Shoemaker's Winter said that all parents interested in the Little League this year should attend.

Funeral for Mrs. Ella Shoe- Merkel Student

The Rev. H. E. Earp, pastor of the six students to represent families got to the station about Sweetwater Baptist Church. Bur- ver, Colorado. The boys will leave in 1905 and had operated the servia was in Rose Hill Cemetery Lubbock with their judging team ice station there for about 25 under direction of the Starbuck coach, Prof. Stanley Anderson years. Prior to that he was a farm-Wednesday noon, January 11. Survivors are one son, William They will judge car lot classes one married, he had been different Worth; three daughters, Mrs. John English of Fort Worth, and judge wool Sunday. They are J. L. Morris of Maryneal, near

Willie Jay McCartney, 27, who | tion which said "No getting up

It was learned that McCartney was well known to Morris, and at one time there had been some trouble brewing between a rela-He was arrested by Sheriff Ed tive of McCartney and Morris.

Morris was found lying in the drive way of his service station with his face bruised and cut and his arms and legs scratched. The McCartney was arrested at his attack occurred about 12:30 a.m. Oil ca.35 had been thrown To make the case mor compli- through the windows of the ser-

Oklahoma lost one of its main-stay assistant coaches in Pete Elliott, the youthful wizzard at solv- topsy was ordered by Wiley Caf- Investigators learned that Morris had closed the station before Pete, one of the finest scouts we It was learned that Morris aften dark and had gone to bed. Mr. ed that it will close February 1 Saturday when the local Home-

braken glass. The sheirff said a .22 calibre

automatic rifle was found in Mc-Cartney's home. The shells found at the scene of the beating will be compared to shells in the gun. Officers believed at least two shots were fired at Morris.

McCartney denied fighting with said he ran over a barrel and tertainment." "stuff" in front of the station. The Bryants were visiting Mr.

who operate a grocery store near- coming January 29, 30 and 31 is Neill: Cross Roads, Mrs. A. L.

"We heard a commotion outwas trying to get in.

"Dogs were barking and the house was closed up and we "but we did hear him saq "You boys better get on away from here and leave me alone."

This backs up some of the reports which indicated the elderly man had been annoyed by persons who would come to the station late at night.

Morris had lived alone in the Tye community for 25 years.

He was well known in the area, and would have been 78 years old on January 18.

Thompson, who is recovering from an illness, said Morris didn't turn on the lights Saturday night. visiting his brother, J. L. Morris, Morris had closed early after of Marypearl, near Fort Worth, who had been to see him for the first time in about a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Moore, who live about one block across the T. and P. tracks, also heard the noise and shots. Mrs. Moore said she heard two

Allen D. King Jr. is one of shots and some noise. Both the

Fort Worth, said.
Other survivors include two

MERKEL ON THE MARCH — Here is a glimpse at the four of the first five homes in the housing project of the Merkel Development Co. in Badger Heights, the start of a building boom in Merkel to take care of the expanding city. These 3-bedroom houses are on 70x75 foot lots, face Stewart St. and Trinity Street runs east of the development. There are 134 lots in this section in which lots can be built. At right are two of the boosters of the Grow with Merkel movement, Herman Carson, groceryman, left, president of the Merkel Development Co., and Horace O. Boney, insurance man, general manager of the company. They are shown on the porch of one of the houses. These photos taken by Bob Gulley in the Abilene Reporter-News.

Queen Theater To Close For **Short Period**

"May we at this time tell all our friends who have been attending the theater that we appreciate your patronage and may we invite you to see the movies remaining this month." Hodge stat-

"These movies make theater the filling station operator, but entertainment the best family en-

"Second Greatest Sex."

Dimes Drive **Gets Started** With Balloons

The Merkel March of Dimes The Queen theater has announc- campaign got off to a fast start some dedecorating and earlysold \$160.00 worth of Polio Fight-

Lester Dorton was the local director for this particular event. Merkel's quota for the 1956 Po lio drive is \$1,200.

During the month drives will also be made in the surrounding communities. Area Chairmen are: I. X. L., Mrs. A. D. Scott: Blair, Mrs. Mark Malone; Salt Branch and Mulberry, Mrs. Lawrence Bird; Stith and Warren. Mrs. C. B. Rust; Union Ridge Mrs. R. C. McAninch; Castle Peak Coming January 25, 26 and 27 and Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. W. B and Mrs. D. G. (Guy) Thompson is "Good Morning Miss Dove" and Toombs: Butman, Mrs. T. J. Cunningham.

Tickets for the annual Cham- ed by a committee comp ber of Commerce banquet are Earl Hughes, Chester Coll now on sale, and Merkel busi- worth and Isadore Mellinger. ness people were urged today Mrs. Margaret Hunter, ch to purchase their tickets this man of the food committee, The Chamber of Commerce to be served at the school

has secured John C. White, com- teria. missioner of agriculture, as White is now serving his



JOHN WHITE

The program has been arrang-

Hospital Notes

arranged for a wonderful dir

culture. He was born on a

County, Texas, Nov. 26, 1924. He spent his youth on farms

tenant farm near Newport, Clay

in the North Central Texas area

attended elementary schools in

Newport and Bellevue and grad-

uated from Iowa Park high

An F.F.A. achievement schol arship good for one year's sui tion gave White his start at

Texas Tech, graduating in 1946.

He married Mary Jean Prince, of

White went to Odell in Wil-

barger county where he started

the first Veterans Vocational

School in that area. He was ap-

pointed to the agricultural tring staff at Midwestern University, and later headed animal husbandry department.

Hunt County, also a student.

term as commi

school.

Clinic during the past week: Mrs. R. N. Campbell, Merkel Sandra Couch, Abilene Rob Kirkpatrick, Brownwood Mrs. Reese Hail, Merkel C. E. Searcy, Merkel Mrs. H. T. Torance, Snyder Mrs. E. L. Martin, Merkel Ted McAninch Child, Merkel Mrs. B. L. Faulkner, Trent H. E. Cole, Anson Mrs. Bert Hayes, Merkel Mrs. Gene Gorgenson, Trent Helen Conley, Merkel Mrs. Yates Sipes, Trent Arthur Plunket, Clayton, New Mexico. C. A. Reid, Abilene

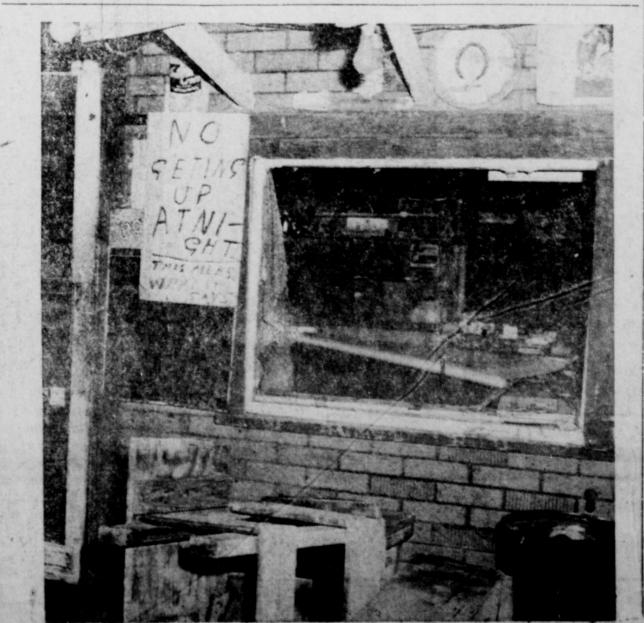
Mrs. Charles Tipton, Merkel.

Surgery. NEW ARRIVALS

Ronald Earl Logan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Newt Logan, Merkel, 6 pounds, 3 ounces, born January

CEMETERY FUND
J. J. Staven, Lockney, \$10.00
Lana Johnston, Santo 4.00
Mrs. W. A. Campbell, Merkel 5.00
Bessik Derstine Estate / 10.00
Mrs. Etta Abernathy,
O'Donnell, 2.50
Mrs. Maggie R. Wilson,
Merkel 2.50
McNeil Brothers, Kileen 5.00
John R. West, Merkel 10.00
Mrs. Golda Malone, Merkel 5.00
Mary Keny, Merkel 5.00
Ruth Howard, Merkel 10.00
Mrs. A. J. Graham, Staton 5.00
M. B. Bell, Merkel 5.00
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Anyone having or knowing



HE DIDN'T MEAN IT — The sign in the background says "No Getting This Means You," but Ed G. Moeris, 77, didn't abide by it. He died c'after an apparent fight about midnight Sunday. Willie J. McCart McCartney, who was shot by Morris about a year ago is being he he shooting Feb. 19 1953.

UP THE

head Sunday morning. tl could this is January 1956 and as far \$90 Millions as I know we are not losing many farmers out of the Canyon, most everyone is planning to stay another year.

Frank Brnovak has taken over place.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Reynolds of In January 1953, by executive forty foot fall from a steel build- fense against enemy attack. ing frame, caused by a welding torch explosion. We hope he will reported, more than 90 disaster soon be better.

tried plowing, but due to the land in Hawaii. being so dry, they have stopped intil it rains.

Livestock trading is slow at is time, Joe Swinney sold some eavy calves on the Abilene mar- Diane in the fall of 1955. ast week. Some classes of cattle were reported a little lower that a week ago.

Ther was a singing class or during the three-year period. ganized at Pioneer Church Sunday night. Joe Seymore is chairday night.

There are a number from our recommendation. church planning to attend the rea new preacher each night.

us cows and calves at a hunyon, has bought some Black

Clemer brothers worked their tisasters. cattle last week. They branded have running hundred and twenty head of cattle on their 800 acre When 12 inches of rain fell in up- plication should be made.

Spent in Aid By C-Defense

the M. Z. Bates farm in the west | The Federal Civil Defense Adend of the Canyon. Bates is plan- ministration today reported on dent's chief of staff or disaster re- ding. For this reason all memning to go back to the oil field three years of disaster relief op- lief recommended immediate aid. bers of the family that are inwork. The Bates place is better erations during which nearly \$90 Within a few hours, the Presi- fected should be treated at the knewn as the Charlie Brown home million in Federal relief funds dential disaster declarations be- same time. Remove all sheets and by social security - not on renthave been allocated to 38 States, gan. Alaska, and Hawaii.

Scabies Mite the Canyon were at Pioneer oderd, FSDA was assigned the Church Sunday. They reported responsibility of coordinating the their son, B. B. Jr., was to leave activities of all Federal agencies for Cleveland, Ohio, this week, for in natural disaster relief, in adsurgery. We will remember that dition to its function of organiz-B. B. Jr. was seriously hurt in a ing the Nation's non-military de-

Itchy, But Is

Hard to See

spasms of itching misery.

The next time Johnny comes

The mite mores into human

Scabies is spread when a young

female mite leaves one person's

Luckily, the treatment for

hand.

scratching at his wrist or ankles,

Since that time, the agency areas have received relief. The disasters involved 16 floods, 10 We noticed while driving over hurricanes, nine tornadoes, multiparts of the Canyon Sunday af- ple droughts, an earthquake, a ternoon some few farmers have forest fire, and a volcano eruption

The largest allotment of funds think of the "scabies mite," as for a single disaster - nearly \$30 | State Health Department entomomillion - went to the Northeast- logists call this permicious little ern States stricken by the record skin borer. floods which followed Hurricane

A good part of the total allocations - \$35 1.2 million - was surface to make its course. Evi for relief of multiple drought dis- dence of its presence is often first asters in 22 States and Hawaii, seen between the fingers, around the wrists or angles, but it can

The disaster funds are voted by and does show up first on other Congress on a continuing basis body parts. If left untended it man and F. H. Horton director and made available to the Execu- will spread over a large body of singing. We will meet each Fri- tive Office of the President to be area, bringing intense itching as used at his discretion. Money is it goes. alloted from the funds on FCDA's

Authority for the relief work is body and bores into the skin of vival at the Nolan Methodist the Federal Disaster Act (Pub- another. Sometimes the transfer Church next week, Jan. 18. It lic Law 875) which says it is the is made during a handshake, or runs a week. They plan to have intention of Congress "to provide close physical contact, or from a continuing and orderly means bedclothes. Sometimes it spreads of assistance" for any areas in through whole families from a E. Clemer, stockman in the which the President shall de- single small lesion on one child's clare a major disaster.

Under the act, the relief sysd and twenty-five dollars a tem quickly marshals help and scabies is well known and effecresources from every department live, and can be prescribed by e bought them from his mo- of Federal government, if neces- the family physician at Hamby. Clemer says young sary. Before this, Federal offic- The person involved should s are good property to hove ials keep a careful eye on natur- take a hot bath, after which the al conditions that could become medication should be applied to

the entire body, except the face, gainst when they fill out their The Northeast floods resulting with a cotton swab while the Schedule C: and dehorned their calves. They from Hurricane Diane are a good skin is moist from the bath. Fifexample of the system in action. teen minutes later the second ap- earnings correctly. List and de-

> Government experts already on patient should take a cleansing of operating your trade or busithe siene knew a disaster was in bath, using plenty of soap and ness - depreciation, insurance water. Clean underwear which and taxes on any property or On August 19, bfore the down- has been boiled should be used. pour ended, they were reporting Wear outside clothing which has your business, as well as salaries, to the White House. Governors in either been freshly dry cleaned wages, supplies, lighting, heat-

> the area made direct applications or ironed with a hot iron. to the President for aid, certifying | While treatment usually clears expenses. Don't, however, deduct that damage had outrun their up scabies promptly, there may any salary you pay yourself as States' resources. FCDA Adminis be reinfection from the same owner of the business or any pertrator Val Peterson, the Presi-I source or from clothes or bed-sonal expenses.

Schedule C A tiny eight-legged creature so **Important To** small it can't bee seen with the naked eye can make a red-eyed Self Employed insomniac out of a sound sleeper or send a strong boy or girl into

Self-employed people can avoid future trouble and delay in getting their social security bene. your name on Schedule C-a befits if they will take care to fill cause you're the one who has the out correctly Schedule C of their self-employment income. If you Federal income tax return on and your wife are genuine busifor social security purposes.

skin to lay its eggs, leaving a R. R. Tuley, manager of the raised, zigzag track near the skin Abilene social security office, sugployed people should check a fewer clothes these days.

1. Be sure to figure your net duct from your gross business inper watershed areas of six States, Twenty-four hours later, the come all the allowable expenses equipment you own and use in ing, telephone, and other business

2. Report and pay the social security tax on only your self-employment income which is covered pillow cases from the bed and als from real estate, dividends, or boil them. Bed clothing not boil- interest from securities, unless ed should be ironed with a hot you operate a real estate business or are a dealer in securities and Children with scabies should be such income is in the course of excluded from school until they your business. Also do not report income not covered by social security.

3. Be definite in stating the nature of your business. Use descriptive terms such as "retail krocery," "barber shop", "insurance broker." — not "sole owner," "partner," "barber," "sales," "odd

4. If you and your wife file a joint return, but you own and operate your business, put only which they report their earnings ness partners, then prepare Schedule C-a for each of you.

Just look at the figures if you gested four points which self-em- don't think women are wearing



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69¢

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43c

2 for

29c

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FORMERLY CAMP BELL GRO. & MKT.

For Commission Water Program

The West Texas Chamber of from drying up completely. Store Comerce will support seven of in a cool dark place to carry it the 15 recommendations on water resources and powed advanced by the Hoover Commission, WTCC President Ray Grisham of Abilene announced.

of testimony prepared by its wa- grees warmer than room temter resources committee for pre- perature. sentation in Austin during the hearing of a Congressional subrecommendations.

In other actions during the lowed to dry out completely. meeting, the WTCC board set The Jerusalem cherry and oreighth annual meeting, to be held atures, high humidity and plenty in Mineral Wells, heard reports of sunshine. Smoke or gas in the on work of the 132-county region. room will cause leaves to drop. al chamber, and agreed to ask the safe driving at higher speeds.

Frank H. Kelley of Colorado City, chairman of the WTCC's water resources committee, pre sented the resolution concerning the Hoover Commission recommendations.

It was agreed that the Commission's very first recommendation contains a statement which "fair ly represents" the "attitude and philosophy" of the West Texas Chamber.

The statement was quoted in the resolution:

"That the Federal Government should assume responsibility when participation or initiative is necessary to further or safeguard the national interest or to accomplish broad national objectives where projects, because of size or complexity or potential multiple purposes or benefits, are beyond the means or the needs o local or private enterprise. Ur der other circumstances the responsibility for developme should be discharged by State or local governments, or by local organizations, or by private en-

County Home Demonstration Agent Texas A. & M. College Extension Service

With proper care those potted Christmas plants can give you home a colorful holiday ai throughout the winter months.

Here are some pointers on hov to keep them looking lovely long-

Plants often fail because the are drowned with too much wa ter or allowed to dry out in the warm dry atmosphere indoors. If the pot is wrapped in metal foil plants may suffer from lack of drainage unless a small hole is cut in the bottom of the foil cov-

A potted cyclamen will bloom for several months if kept at a temperature of 65 to 68 degrees where it can get morning light. Never allow soil to dry out completely while the plant is bloom-



over a second season. African violets need a sunny window during the middle of win ter but can be put in the shade about the last of February. Let Grisham said the organization's the soil get dry before watering, board of directors voted approval and then use water several de-

Primroses need abundant light in winter and do best at about 65 committee on Hoover Commission | degrees. Too much watering rots them, but they should not be al-

March 28-30 as dates for its thirty. namental pepper like cool temper-

Poinsettias will stay attractive State Legislature to raise speed for most of Janpary if kept at limits on four-lane and other temperatures around 65 degrees. highways where conditions permit Let them dry down gradually and plant outdoors.

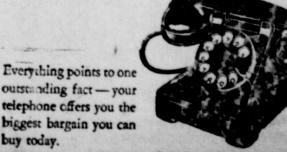
Scores With Girls



Francisco 49ers pro-football team, gives his shoulders a pleasant workout at the St. Mary's Campus training camp. Seated on them are Marilyn Becker (left) and Sharon Williams, who are competing for queen of the Walnut Festival

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ARBARA BARTLETT VALTER WISENHUNT IARRIED DECEMBER

can do

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. B terkel are announcing mar-College and is employed by Nell inge of their daughter, Barbara, Crimin Beauty Shop. walter Earl Wisenhunt, son The bridegroom also attendbunt, also of Merkel.

Methodist parsonage. Rev. Cloy Merkel

Lyles, pastor of the First Methodist Church read the vows. The bride attended Merkel it of High School and Abilene Beauty

of Mr. and Mrs. Wriley Wisen- ed Merkel High School, spent two years in the U.S. Army, and The wedding took place Decemis now employed with the REA.
ber 31, at 10:30 A.M. in the They will make their home in



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SUNDAY, MONDAY & TUESDAY - JANUARY 15 - 16 - 17



WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY — JAN. 18-19-20



COMING ATTRACTIONS DURING JANUARY "SECOND GREATEST SEX"

Son of Merkel In Fort Worth

Bobby Cecil Popham, 45, of Fort Worth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Popham of Merkel, died in Fort Worth last Wednesday in

a hospital. He had been ill since October and underwent surgery only five days before his death.

Popham was city salesman for Armstrong Packing Co . and would have been with the firm 27 years in April.

He was born in Taylor county and lived in Fort Worth 21 years. Popham was a member of the Trinity Methodist Church and Stockyards Masonic lodge.

Survivors are his wife, a daughter. Gweldolyn Gav Popham. a high school student; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Popham, or Merkel; two sisters, Mrs. M. H. Dildy, of Houston, and Mrs. William Shafer, of Hamburg, N. Y., and four brothers, W. B. of Wichita Falls, G. B. of Houston, R. T. of Sweetwater, and E. O. Popham of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Fikes spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reddin.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mankins visited Mrs. Mankins parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Grissom of Turby.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rogers had as guests this week Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Ramsey of Tahoda and Mrs. Rogers parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ramsey of Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. Jom Cook and children of Mr. and Mrs. T. Han-

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. McRae of Amarillo visited their neice, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dunagin. They all went to Clyde to visit Mr. and Mrs. Walter Linscum.

Mrs. Jewel Dunagin of Merkel visited Mrs. J. M. Dunagin and Mrs. A. M. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Haney visited in Stephenville over the

Mrs. Walter Vantreese and Mrs. . M. Dunagin are on the sick list

Mrs. Wanda Maxwell and baby of Abilene is visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Babe Tarpley, Mrs. Tarpley's cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Harris of New Idea, La., was here for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker of Anson visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Childress was in Morgan. Texas last week to attend the funeral of Mr. Childress's brother, Cal Childress.

Mrs. E. A. Chick's of Rt. 3 who had a serious fall in her home some weeks back is doing nicely so far, but still is not able to be up and about.

Mrs. Patterson and Mrs. R. B Johnson of Merkel were visitors in the Mt. Pleasant community last week.

Jay A. Greenfield Jr. spent Tuesday in Midland.

Mrs. Eli H. Cordill is recovering nicely. She had a serious illness and was a patient for three or four weeks in Sadler Clinic.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas. accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Don Douglas, and daughter, CleJuan, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Douglas in Graham Sunday.

Herbert Swinney took the Joe Swinney family to Abilene Sunday to spend the day with the Joe Bickleys, Mr. Bickley taught the Butman School for years. Mrs. Swinney was one of his pu-

pils. Mr. Bickley also used to be a cotton farmer so last year he planted one row of long staple cotton, the stalks grew to be be 10 to 12 feet high and each bole only has three locks of cotton.

Oh yes, that was an Mexican steer, he belonges to Jack Boyd, that has a ranch in Nolan County. When Joe Seinney roped him, he thought he was a goner. The steer's mouth was wide open, snorting and bellowing and pawing the dirt, tongue out about a foot, his eyes looked like light bulbs and his tail was popping like a whip. Two men came from the ranch to get the steer, they had two good horses that helped to load him, they put two ropes on his horns one around his neck and one around his back to keep him from jumping out of the

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Mrs. Clenenger and son, Gary, of

Mrs. Ted McAninch and chil- Rev. and Mrs. Alexander of dren of Big Spring spent last Abilene attended Church at the Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cook were week-end in the home of her Baptist Church Sunday. Rev. Alexgrandparents, Mr. and Mrs. ander preached Sunday and Sunmit, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Davis George Cooper, Dayna was in the day night. They were dinner Diane and Tommy of Amherst

Mr. and Mrs. Criswell Doan and family of Wareka, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Billy D. Doan and family of McCamey, Texas, Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Sloan and Mrs. Don Doan and children, Mr. son, Billy, and Edwin Dixon spent and Mrs. Jack Schenit of Stama few days last week with Mr. ford, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Harold Bails at Ft. Hood. Clayton Doan and family attended the family reunion in the Guest Sunday in the J. E. home of their parents, Mr. and

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Mr. and Mrs. Homer Daniel of Albany visited relatives of Hodges over the week-end.

The Baptist of Hodges are mak ing plans to build a new parson-

Mrs. Nelda Patterson of Winters has been released from Anson Hospital and returned home.

Mrs. Bess Bagley is visiting relatives in California.

The Community Club met on Tuesday at the Community Center. This was their first meeting

Washington

By OMAR BURLESON

With the opening of the 2nd Session of the 84th Congress, this column will again be written each

matters of interest in Congress which do not appear in the daily newspapers, but at the same time to call attention to legislation and discussions under consider-

From time to time it has been irged that people write their Constamp, and can be assured your lene, over the weekend. opinions will be appreciated and respected.

tion, including our two Senators, being Chairman of the group for 1956. Congressman Jim Wright of Fort Worth was elected Secretary-Treasurer, and we hope to do justice to our responsibilities in these positions.

Always in an election year there is more tension in Congress ises to be no different. There are numerous issues to be dealt with in this Session and no doubt it will be strenuous.

the Congress is what to do about the farm situation. Something should have been done about it last year which would have brought about better conditions for 1956. It is now likely that whatever is done will not be applicable to this crop year, but will apply to 1957. This likely means that the farmer is not going to be any better off this year insofar as production and prices are concerned.

A Highway Bill is almost certain in this session, but it will be a long, drawn-out proposition. should be done, and particularly to you.

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> Mr. and Mrs. Odis Doan and At the opening of this Session family of Blair have moved to of Congress, the Texas Delega- Whiteface, Texas, and was accom-FOR SALE-My six room house on Oak Street. Three lots, two panied by the latter's mother, bestowed upon me the honor of Mrs. Herman Doan, for an indefinite time.

as to how the cost will be paid. The President has outlined long list of recommendations to the Congress. If all the matters which he has mentioned in his Message are dealt with, it means and the lines are more tightly that hard work lies ahead and drawn than usual. This year prome the Congress must not waste time if it is to adjourn before the elec-

> About the best remark I have heard on the President's Message came from a colleague, who said was "about everything you were for and everything you were

against. May I say again that as the issues develop, your comments and views on any of them will be wel-

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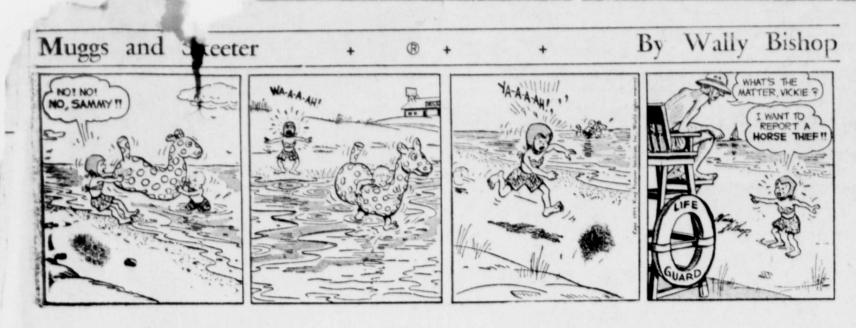
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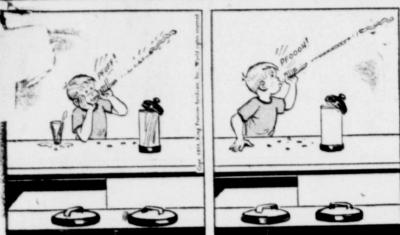


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The Chief Aquatic Biologist

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ulations of non-game fish are curbed, adding that sometimes

fish are not interested in fisher-

men's baits simply because they

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"The selective kill of gizzard

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Molasses Found For Beef Cattle

Tests conducted to obtain a different kinds of molasses being fed to livestock have been com- ing made in the effort to control shad by rotenone," he said. "is pleted by the Texaxs Agricultural excessive forage and rough fish being continued and a promising Experiment Station. The tests in Texas fresh waters, reported new method of applying prowder were supervised by J. K. Riggs the Chief Aquatic Biologist for ed cube in its dry form into the

Blackstrap, citrus, corn, dried, He said reduction of these ex- "One project concerns the and wood molasses were compar- cesses is desired as a part of Woodville Fishing Club Lake ed as substitutes for the ground the perennial program to keep which was drained during 1955. sorghum grain fed as the only fresh water fishing on the up- A survey before the lake was carbohydrate concentrate in the grade. ontrol ration.

Average daily grains for all calves fed molasses was 2.32 bounds as compared with 2.41

ration. In other five rations, a different type of molasses was substituted for sorghum grain on a pound-for-pound level. They were substituted on a basis of 13 and 26 percent of the concen-

Calves fed 13 percent molasses gained 2.40 pounds per head daily; those fed 26 percent gained 2.24 pounds. Except in the test using dried molasses, all calves ed 26 percent molasses gained ess than those fed 13 percent. This difference was most noticeable for corn and wood molasses, whichwhich appeared less palat-

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able than the others. Wood molasses appeared to be the least palatable of the five types tested and also produced

The molasses was mixed with the protein supplement, ground grain, cottonseed hulls, minerals, and Vitamin A concentrate. Atlas time to get several of the para- sargo silage was fed as balance of the roughage.

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removed at the time of the training and revealed that large tractive home of Mrs. Dave Andmouth bass were plentiful, since erson, Wednesday afternoon. 2063 bass or 44.8 per cent of these Woth Mrsrs. Pick Allen and Clint

weighing two pounds or more.

"Furthermore, 11,225 crappie mostly fingerlings were removed. These comprised 22.10 per cent Josie Hanks, secretary-treasurer ed, but their percentage of com- fifteen members present. position was dropped to 12.73 per cent of the total fish present.

"In a search for suitable pre- DORCAS CLASS HAS PARTY dacious fishes that could be introduced, the inland fishery di- Street opened her home at 2:30 vision has been working in close o'clock on January 5 for a meetconjunction with the marine division and plantings of channel First Baptist Church. bass and spotted squeteagues have Mrs. L. C. Murry, class presimonths duration. Seven fish have approved, and adopted. been taken thus far by anglers out of a plant of 27 channel bass. class members. Visitors were Mrs.

ed the work of contract fishermen one half of the state's waters clos. Swann. ed to netting yielded 1,171,495 as a factor in rough fish removnounds of gar, suckers, buffalo and carp during the year.

of the fish population was shad. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Actual counts were made of fish TEL CLASS HAS PARTY

The TEL Class of the First Baptist Church met in the atters, returned home with her to fish per acre were counted, many Allen as co-hostesses.

Presiding over the meeting war Mrs. J. T. Bird, opening prayer was given by Mrs. A. R. Booth. devotional was given by Mrs. of the population. In addition, Miss Selena Teaff. The minutes 27,658 sunfish or 54.43 per cent were read and adopted, New of the population were removed. Year's Resolutions were made The selective kill conducted on After the business session a lovethe lake didn't kill all o fthe giz- ly refreshment plate of cookies. zard shad since 6,468 were count- coffee, and punch were served to

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Mrs. Charlie West of 304 Kent ing of the Dorcas Class of the

been made, particularly in inland dent, in charge called the class to akes having a fairly high chlor- order. Prayer by Mrs. Sam Swann. ne content. Channel bass releas- Devotional by Mrs. W. M. Hays ed in Lake Kemp (near Wichita was First John the four chapters Falls) have shown excellent on "Love." Prayer by Mrs. H. R. growth over a period of several Hicks. The minutes were read, Roll call was answered by 18

The Chief Aquatic Biologist cit- Pearl Harris, Mrs. Hester Groene. The next meeting will be Febal, reporting that approximately ruary 2 in the home of Mrs. Sam

> Mrs. Dent Gibson attended the Baptist Minister's conference in Ft. Worth this week.

Mrs. Norma Bond went to Big Spring Monday. Her daughter, Mrs. Norman English and daughspend the remainder of the week.

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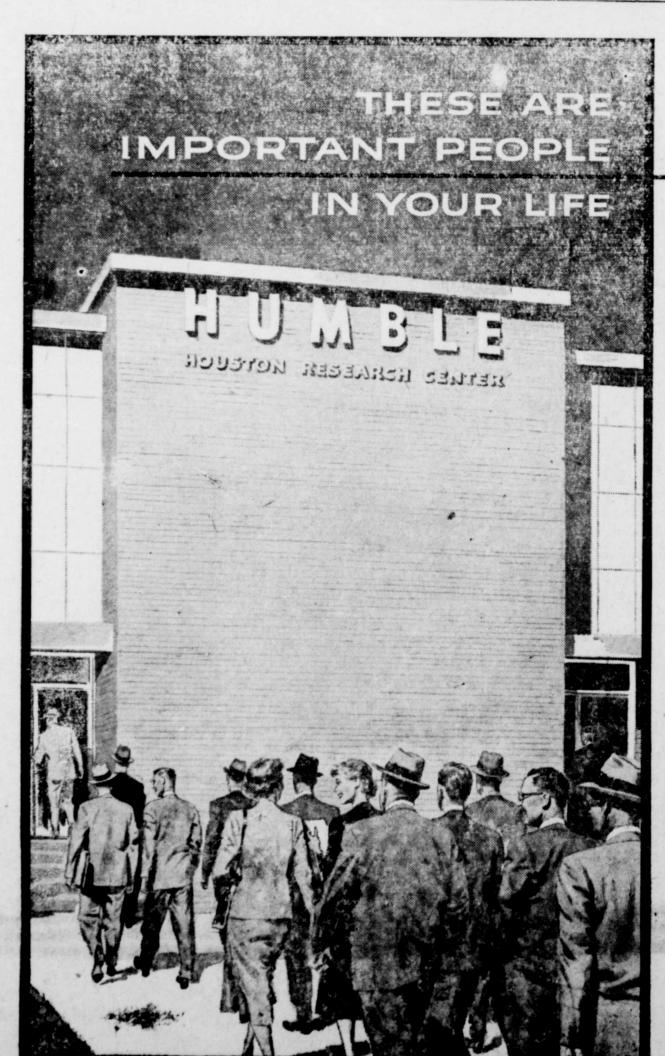
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ing it a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION filed in said court, on the 23rd day Survey Shows THE STATE OF TEXAS: To Samuel David Blackwell, Defendant, Greeting:

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the first publication to be at least ing a written answer at or before Plaintiff and Defendant were martwenty-eight days before the re- 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Mon- ried on or about 1950 and lived lation increase compared to last Plaintiff shows there is no community property to be adjudicated and Fish Commission. which the herein below follow- being the 5th day of February and no children born of said mar-

A brief statement of the nature

Petition on file in this suit.

of its issuance, it shall be returned

hall promptly serve the same ac- year. ording to requirements of law,

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of December A.D. 1956, in this cause, numbered 21,053-A on the docket of said court and styled Quail Numbers Willie E. Biackwell, Plaintiff, vs.

All but one of 192 quail proof this suit is as follows, to-wit: ducing counties covered in a moderation this year in Texas." statewide survey showed a poputogether until on or about 1952. vear, according to the Director of Wildlife Restoration for the Game

"Texas quail, hard hit by drought from three to six years, Plaintiff sues for Divorce on this fall have continued the popgrounds of Cruel Treatment, as is ulation revival begun in moderamore fully shown by Plaintiff's tion last season," said the Direc- were in a position to weigh the tor. "Of the 192 quail producing If this citation is not served counties where population trends hand harvesting and to select the white Christmas there. The boys within ninety days after the date were determined and reported by method that would yield the

and the mandates hereof, and ties showed increases in quail nake due return as the law di- population while 33 remained about the same as last year.

hand and the said court at Abi- best hunting since the phenomeene, Texas, this the 23rd day of nal season of 1951-52. Substantial complete the harvest by machine. south through Central East Tex- time over. as. Other areas with substantial the west-central section of South the 1951 and '52 surveys as an land between Galveston and Cor-

> the same in Central Texas and in while the tenant profits from the the extreme southern and south- lower harvesting costs. Recent eastern portions of the state.

> particularly during this year's ter of harvest time rather than nesting season, plus increased in- of the method used. The earliness the comeback. Fall populations of vest would be used.

"Habitat is the most important long-range factor. Quail have amazing ability to survive poor con-

ditions at least in small numbers, | bulk of their crop. and these few are able to repopulate an area with astounding rapidity once conditions are right. Thus, habitat improvement and favorable weather often induce rapid repopulation from small brood stocks of native quail, such as the revival experienced in

Tenure Factor In Harvesting

High Plains farmers in 1952 economics of stripping versus Commission wildlife technicians highest return. The early killing and wardens, only one showed a frost made machine-harvest prac-The officer executing this writ decrease as compared to last tical. Their decision was neither to handharvest their entire crop "A total of 158 of the 192 coun- nor to harvest it all by machine. Instead, says a study incl.

leased by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, most farm-"The Panhandle promises the ers chose to first go over their good acreage by hand and then increases also were reported east- Low yielding acreages were ward along the Red River, then stripped by machine the first

Tenancy, report W. G. Adkins rises were in the Trans-Pecos, in and W. H. Metzler, appear in both Texas, and along the coast and in- obstacle to the use of mechanized harvesting. Landlords object to machine-harvesting on the basis "Populations remained about of grade losses and lower returns studies, say the economists, indi-"Improved weather conditions, cate that grade losses are a matterest on the part of owners and of a killing frost was also found landowners in improvin g quail to be an important factor in dehabitat are factors credited with termining which method of har-

on hatching success, of the pre- all bales were machine harvested ceding spring. Usually from 60 on the High Plains. Only 8 per to 80 per cent of fall shooting cent of the farm operators hand-Acetylene and Electric Welding populations are young of that pulled all of their cotton in both 1951 and '52, but 16 percent stripped all their cotton in 1952 against 8 percent in 1951. The combination of hand and machine harvesting was used by 84 per-

> by 76 percent in 1952. Full owners cut back on machine-harvesting while tenants increased their use of machines. In 1952 owners machine-harvested 45 percent of their cotton compared with 68 percent the year before. Tenants on the other hand jumped their use of machines from 26 percent in 1951 to 41 percent in

cent of the farmers in 1951 and

The research workers report that apparently little effort is made to use strippers to their potential. Strippers were used by most farmers for cleanup work rather than for harvesting the

The complete study is given in B-813, "Tenure and Mechanization of the Cotton Harvest, Texas Plains" and is available from the Agricultural Information Office, College Station.

Allen D. King Jr. returned to Texas Tech Monday after spending part of his Holidays with his family, Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King, Ida May, Buddy, and Sue. He had an enjoyable trip with a class mate Bob Dunn and family, Dr. Dunn and others to their mountain home near Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Dunn's Phone 201 for appointment said it was the first time in ten years that they had not had a found plenty of snow higher up in the mountains for sleighing, etc. Also accompanied Dr. Dunn to Denver one day.

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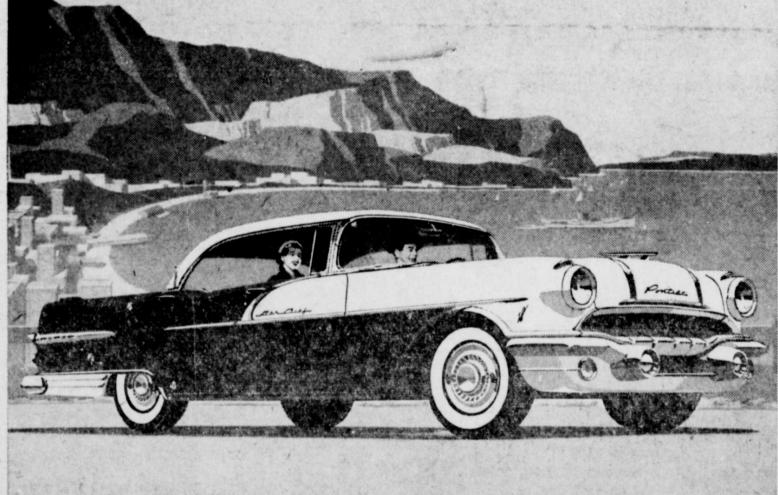
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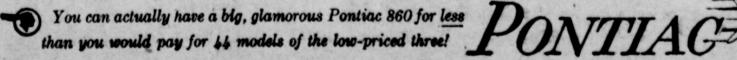
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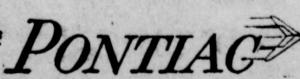
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Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Perry and son, Butch, of Palm City, California, have returned to their home after spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Perry and Mrs. Tommie Smith.

Bartie Reynolds Jr. has returned to Cleveland, Ohio, for further treatment for injuries received several months ago. He has been convalencing at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Reynolds.

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. Cash, balances with ohter banks, including reserve balance and cash items in process of collection \$ 867,937.65 and United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed ... 383. Obligations of States and political subdivisions 5. Corporate stocks (including \$6,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank) 6. Loans and discounts (including \$340.29 overdrafts) 1,242,023.62 7. Bank premises owned Do not own,

furniture and fixtures .

\$3,691,605.90 LIABILITIES 13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and cooperations 15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings) . 16. Deposits of United States and political subdivisions 329,898.73 18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.) 13,789.15 TOTAL DEPOSITS ... TOTAL LIABILITIES \$3,450,776.91

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS 25. Capital Stock: (e) Common stock, total par Undivided profits TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$3,691,605.90

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Corporation, and certificates of interest representing ownership thereof I, Geo. T. Moore, (cashier) of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. T. MOORE, Cashier

CORRECT-Attest: W. S. J. BROWN H. C. WEST BOOTH WARREN Directors

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