MERKEL WINS FIRST PLACE IN SINGING EVENT

cal Group Directed by Miss ing sickness. Sybil Smith.

In the Taylor county choral singing contest held Wednesday night in the Abilene high school auditorium, Mera field of seven choruses, with Elmdale ranking second and Wylie, third.

Union Ridge, followed by Salt Branch and Hillside in second and third positions, was first in rural school, division one, contests. With only two groups entering. Blair was awarded first and Hamby second, in the second division of rural schools.

school faculty is director of the win- skeleton death of H. L. McBe at Risning Merkel group; Mrs. Andy ing Star, was found slashed to death fathers or other interested persons Elleta Foster, of Blair.

Mrs. Andy Shouse of Union Ridge was general director for the program, which closed with a massed chorus Historian will speak. Mr. Moore is an experiof all schools singing two patriotic Centennial numbers.

Although not an official part of the league program harmonica and rhythm band contests were to be held er, youngest sistor of Governor James at 7:30 Thursday night at Abilene V. Allred, was killed and her husband -high school, with Miss Sybil Smth geriously injured when their automoof Merkel directing.

Members of the winning Merkel miles east of Mineola. chorus were: Anne Lee Blake, Mary Margaret Bowden, Bonnie Church, Laverne Douglas, Euvalda Fox, Fran. count Godfrey, John Boyle Chetwynd, ces Marie Foster, Dora Marie Gaither, 73. who as an engineer played a pro-Loudell Gray, Tommie Evelyn Grimes, minent part in the development of this Mayhall, Bonnie McAninch, Doris died Sunday at San Angelo. Clyde Miller, Theda Perry, Louise Patterson, Audavee Rutledge, Dorothy Lee Shannon, Aubrey Shouse, Billy Clyde Haynes, Billy Wood, Truett Perry, Fred Slayden, Cheetham Mc-

Farland, and Joseph Winter. In the first place Union Ridge Carey, Truman Freeman, and Herbert Stock show. Rogers.

Singers from Blair were: Joy Doan, Louise Addison, Madelyn Brown, Evelyn Latimer, Mary Lou Hughes, Rea McKay, Mildred Maddera, Marie Mc-Ever, Lucille Hampton, Fae Hampton, Louise McKay, Walter Mayberry, Junior Melton, Geraldine Cox, Denzel Ray Melton, Samuel Doan, Elva Hughes, Omer Nell Scoggins, Madlyn ford world and adjudged grand cham-Addison.

Goodman Showed in Nearly Every Event

Goodman school was well represen- March 31 Marks End ted in literary and track events at the Jones county meet in Anson on Friday and Saturday, placing in nearly every event that was entered.

In literary events in class B schools they received:

First place, junior boys' declamation, J. B. Campbell.

First place, junior girls' declamation, Dorothy Rutledge.

Third place, senior girls' declama-

tion, Loyce Campbell,

ing, Lorene Billings and Doris Butler. , be on the census. Each child missed spelling, Dorothy Rutledge and Char- the Merkel schools, All children of the lene James.

Third place, arithmetic, Leona Cox and Mattie Bell Spinks.

rel Woolam, Drusilla Brown and Dor- to it that their names are listed in the

TRACK EVENTS.

First place, in both class A and B should transfer to Merkel. grammar school relay, Paul Goode, burn and Oddie Washburn.

Second place, high hurdle, Fred | see that they are listed?

Third place, grammar school high jump, Oddis Washburn.

Oddie and Oddis Washburn.

places were won.

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

William J. Mays, 56, who had prac-Takes Title in Ward School Divi- ticed law in Fort Worth since 1911, J. sion Over Seven Choruses; Lo- died Saturday at his home from sleep-

> Clarence R. Fischer, 32, student flier, was fatally injured when his ship crashed near the Abilene municipail airport Sunday afternoon.

Aggregate collections of liquor and kel won the ward school division over beer taxes for the initial four months kel High shool. The new \$16,000 ad- citizens and organizations join in a taled \$1,962,739 through Saturday.

> Vidal Ybarra, cemeterv sexton of Grulla, near Rio Grande City, dropped dead of a heart attack while digging the grave of Julia Villareal, victim of a self-inflicted bullet wound.

> Jack Smith, 40, one of four persons

The dismembered body of Joseph Baxter Runyon, 65, one of the three agriculture in Abilene High school, Hice volunteer fire department, was enced teacher in this field, and will found along the M. K. & T. right-of- explain the nature of the course and way near Hico.

Mrs. W. B. Stokes, 26, of Gladewatbile was in collision with a truck eight nasium.

Baron Tathdown, the eighth Vis-Sybil Harris, Heken Heeter, Jessie Lee area of West Texas in pioneer days, court for next week includes the fol-

> Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Kelly of Rusk county, near Henderson, 107 and 105 years of age, respectively, who have been married 73 years, are believed the oldest married couple in Texas, and possibly the United States.

chorus were: Burnice Opal Dean, El- Dick Shelton, husky calf-roper and Brooks, T. C. Campbell, N. S. Wilberta Dean, Rena Mae Dean, Joyce bulldogger from Tilden, took special liams. R. L. Brown, J. W. Babb, Chas. Co. Patsy Ruth Cox, Doris Price, awards as best all-around cowboy for Dodd C. H. Ellison, C. R. Niblett, F. Theda Bell Williams, Frances Har- winning not only the calf-roping cham. L. Martin, Paul Smith, M. L. Hay, H. well, Wanda Lilly Douglas, Lassie pionship but the majority of day H. Williams, S. J. Plowman, R. E. Freeman, Billy Williams, Elbert money throughout the Fort Worth Long, Digby Roberts, P. G. Stephens,

> A decomposed body, found with a hook attached to the man's neck, in the Clear Fork river near Lueders Wednesday afternoon, was identified as Bill Jackson, farmer who had been missing from his home at Avoca since Friday, Mar. 13.

"The Twin," aristocrat of the Here. West, Winters. pion steer of the Southwestern Expo- Death Claims Joe sition and Fat Stock show, brought \$1.44 when he went on the auction block, netting \$1,498 to the owner, A. H. Duncan, of Oklahoma City.

School Census Period

Patrons of the Merkel schools are urged to help see that every child living in the Merkel School district gets on the school census, Carl Black is taking the census. If you know of any child missed by him you will be doing the school a favor by reporting such a child to him or to Supt. Burgess, Phone 174.

All children living in this school district who will be six or over and under First place, 4th and 5th grade spell- eighteen on next September 1 should Third place, 6th and 7th grade means that \$17.50 will be missed by above ages should be listed regardless Third place, high school spelling, of their plans for attending next Burneal Merritt and Jo McLaughlin. year, whether in school now or not, Second place, essay writing, Libby married or single. Being on the census has nothing to do with one's having to attend 'school,

Children who plan to attend the Mer- infantry of the 36th division. kel schools next year, and who live Second place, picture memory. Dar- outside the Merkel district, should see Big Time Concert district where their parents live. Then during the month of July they

Before Wednesday, April 1, Woody Brown Howell. Oddis Wash-children of the above ages should be on the school census. Will you help

Rabbit Drive at Goodman. Wednesday, April 1, will find the Third and fourth place, broad jump, Goodman community sponsoring a rabbit drive. Those intending to par-Third place, 100-yard dash, Leo ticipate are to assemble at the Good- Maurine Boyd, of Abilene, accord- pole constituted a real hazard. Tucker man school at 8 o'clock in the morning. ionist, and several other numbers will claimed the planes frightened his live. Tenn., are guests for an extended stay In addition to this several fourth Lunch will be served at noon on the also be on the progam. school grounds,

WILL TALK ON **VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE**

High School, to Explain Nature and Requirements of Such a Course.

at the Merkel gymnasium on next man. Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. To this meeting all the fathers of boys in High school will attend, but the the hour

J. I. Moore, teacher of vocational its requirements so that boys and their fathers may know more about whether they want the course or not. The hour is 3 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon at the Merkel High School gym-

List of Petit Jurors

The petit jury list in 104th district lowing names:

H. V. Novian, Ira Davis, B. H. Lan. caster, F. W. Reidenbach, W. W. Wozencraft, W. I. Burton, F. A. Mitchell, Merkel; W. B. Hampton, White Nesmith, John N. Carson, W. H. Bo-D. A. Calloway, Geo. W. Scoggins, W. H. Walker, E. B. Hilburn, C. G. Mc-Chure, Abilene; H. M. Alexander, B. W. Meeks, Lawn; John Gilford, J. F. Higgins, F. E. Parker, Guion; Carl Graham, J. O. Yoes, Tuscola; J. L. Tally, Buffalo Gap; G. W. Richards, S. Y. Reese, Tye; W. L. Dowdy, Trent; R. D. Shafer, Wingate; J. E.

Suggs of Big Spring

Joe Suggs, 44, a son-in-law of Mrs. H. C. Barnett, died Sunday in Big Spring, his death being due to a cerebral hemorrhage, with which he was stricken on the previous Wednesday. Funeral services were held at Laugh, ter's chapel in Abilene at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. M. R. Pike of O'Donnell. Membership of the Abilene post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, served as pallbearers and

had charge of the graveside rites. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Floell Barnett, and five children: Joe Morrow, Billy, Bobby, Mary Nell and Jerry Leo; his mother, Mrs. W. A. Suggs, of Abilene; three broth-Suggs of Andrews and Perry Suggs etery.

Joe Suggs was born in Bell county, but had spent most of his life in Runnels and Taylor counties. He moved to Abilene in 1918 after his discharge from the army. He enlisted in San Antonio and served with the 144th

At Tye Announced

A concert of big time proportions and D. H. Vaughn. is announced for Friday night of this week at the Tye school.

Among tre feature acts scheduled to appear are: Odie L. Echols, manager of the All-Star Texans, formerly with Harley Sadler show; the Tucker

Price of admission is: 10c and 15c.

JURY FAVORS STRICT LAW **ENFORCEMENT**

I. Moore, Teacher in Abilene In Four-Page Survey of Investigation of Law Infractions In GET READY FOR County, Grand Jury Scores Prevailing Evils.

Room is now being provided for the Findings of a sweeping investigateaching of home economics and vo- tion of misdemeanor and felony law cational agriculture next year in Mer- volations and recommendation that all under the state's repeal control to- dition now under construction makes drive "to purge Abilene and Taylor it possible for Merkel to offer this county of the evil conditions outlined" work for the first time. To ascertain were included in a report of the 104th

Miss Sybil Smith of the Grammar charged with murder in the hanging course are urged to come. All boys of recreation clubs, the sale of beer with its accompanying suggestions: form as will be legal.

Twenty-two indictments were re- trash that is burnable.

W. O. Boney, foreman of the grand it off. jury, District Attorney Otis Miller "All trash, cans and other debris they are T. E. Brownlee, J. L. Kincaid, truck. J. Walter Hammond, B. H. Pritchard, "Remember that this is Texas Cen-Called Next Week E. L. Grant, J. C. Burleson, S. G. Oli-tennial year and we will have many

Motorcade to Divide Again Goes Over Big

trip to the Divide Fair, approximate- work. parth. R. O. Mullins, L. S. Munger, ly 125 merchants and business men of C. J. Collier, Howard Heath, Doyle Merkel formed a motorcade to this Budget-Raisers Meet thriving Nolan county school center on Friday evening of last week, the occasion being a Home Products show featured by the boys of the school, augmented by show cattle furnished

by their fathers. Delegations were also present on the same evening from Sweetwater, Winters and Roscoe, but the Merkel crowd, from the time of their arrival in a train of 25 automobiles until the final stunt on the program, were very much in the majority, the Merkel hatband being strongly in evidence every-

With Coach Emil Hutto of the High school singing "El Rancho Grande" to the guitar accompaniment of Winston Polley by way of entertainment, greetings in behalf of Merkel were brought to the Divide school and community by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church.

The committee serving so efficiently on arrangements included: Stanley King, chairman, S. P. Nesmith and Byers Petty.

Rites for Mrs. Ellis Freeman Said at Trent

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church at Trent Wednesday eration ten days ago.

ers, R. O. Suggs of Abilene, Arthur ated, with interment in Rose Hill cem- opean War."

Mrs. Freeman is survived by her husband and one daughter, age 10.

Three Aldermen, Two

Three aldermen are to be named in the city election to be held Tuesday, Apr. 7, and two members of the school board to be selected on Saturday, Apr.

Aldermen whose terms expire this vear are Fred Hughes, W. W. Haynes

Trustees whose terms expire are Herbert Patterson and C. P. Church.

Pole Stops Air Traffic.

Iowa City, Iowa, Mar. 26 .- Air liners don't land here any more bethe Harley Sadler show, and the NBC pole on his farm adjoining the city in his family. comedy quartette of Abilene, Miss airport. Air line officials said the

INTEREST CENTERS IN DATE OF COMMUNITY AMATEUR NIGHT, FRIDAY, APRIL 3

CLEAN-UP WEEK

Mayor Elliott Brings Out Some "Don'ts," But Urges All Take Part.

In a further effort to stir up interthe demand for vocational agriculture district court grand jury, presented est in Clean-Up Week designated by among boys, a meeting is being held late Wednesday to Judge W. R. Chap. proclamation of the mayor last week and being observed generally through-The report, a four-page moral and out the state as a Centennial meas- theatre. Honorable mention will be law enforcement survey, scored the ure-March 29 to April 4-Mayor W. who might be interested in taking the operation of pool halls under the guise M. Elliott makes the following appeal

and liquor, theatre bank night, petty "There should be much care," said theft and included a recommendation the mayor, "in regard to burning Shouse, of Union Ridge, and Miss in his cell at the Eastland county jail, are especially urged to be present for that Abilene junk law, recently void- trash on days when the wind is high. ed by a decision of the court of crim- As the City of Merkel is at the presinal appeals, be re-enacted in such ent time operating only one truck, it will be necessary for everyone to burn

turned, bringing the total for the term "The City will not have the equipto 30. Ten bills charged defendants ment for removing lot manure this with burglary, one with assault to year; so it is requested that none be murder, four with chicken theft and thrown in the alleys unless other artwo with driving while intoxcated. rangements have been made to haul

and the grand jurors present Wednes- that is not burnable will be removed, day signed the report. Besides Boney as heretofore, by the city dump

ver, Carl Hughes, J. A. Woodard and visitors. Let's let them remember S. M. Hunter. One member was ab- Merkel as one of the clean spots in Texas."

CEMETERY WORKING. Friday of this week has been designated for a general cemetery working. All those interested in making Rose Hill the place of beauty that it Duplicating the success of their fall should be are expected to join in the

until every one has been seen.

Forty Students Disciplined.

at Hardin-Simmons university, includ- manner of determining the winners ing 15 members of the football squad, and of awarding the prizes, the folwere subjected to disciplinary punish- lowing rules have been proscribed: ment as a result of a series of egg- 1. Participants must be of school throwings and fist fights with stu- age and live in school district repdents from Texas Technological col- resented. Transfer students may be

Contestants From Schools in Many Neighboring Communities are Entered; Applause to Designate Winners.

Determination of prize winners by the applause of the audience will make Community Amateur Night, Friday, Apr. S, a banner event for contestants and friends of contestants.

First prize is to be \$5.00 in cash; second prize, \$3.00 in cash, and third prize, a two-weeks pass to the Queen awarded fourth and fifth place.

As usual in these inter-community affairs, those residing in Merkel will not compete for the prizes, but patrons are assured of several high class numbers as a courtesy from Merkel

School leaders in sixteen districts surrounding Merkel have been contacted, with the assurance that there will probably be that many competing numbers on the program which is to be modeled somewhat after the style and manner of Major Bowes' amateur hour. Semblance of the radio will be evidenced with the usual radio announcer's technicalities. Merkel's Major Bowes, however, will be a doubles team: Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig and Yates Brown, who between the two will keep alive every moment of the evening, either in burlesque or in presenting real art.

The affair is being sponsored by the Lions club, the proceeds in turn to apply on repaying the cost of sweaters for 15 members of the Badger squad, the wherewithal for which was underwritten by the civic club.

The place is the Merkel gym; time, 8:15 p. m., Friday, Apr. price of admission: 25c for a 10c for children under 12

The ticket committee, consisting of Favorable Reception R. T. Gray, chairman, Stanley King and Wrenn Durham, went enthusas-Preliminary work of raising the tically to the task of selling ducats budget to finance the summer pro- Thursday morning. The talent comgram of rodeos and baseball games mittee, consisting of Dee Grimes, is advancing satisfactorily, according chairman, Supt. R. A. Burgess and to Dee Grimes, president of the Mer- Yates Brown, have contacted all hants Trade Extension association. school districts in the territory: the The major part of subscribers were publicity committee, C. J. Glover, canvassed on Tuesday by the entire chairman, S. P. Nesmith and Byers personnel of the board of directors Petty, complete the line-up under the serving as a finance committee, the supervision of Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig work to be carried on from day to day as general chairman. Booth Warren is treasurer.

RULES FOR CONTESTANTS.

So that both the contestants and Abilene, Mar. 26 .- Forty students the audience may be familiar with the

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MERKEL20 YEARS AGO

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, March 31, 1916.)

afternoon for Mrs. Ellis Freeman, 30, ing to Abilene on Saturday night for Carr, Messrs. Chas. Jones and W. L. who died at Houston, following an op- the purpose of listening to the forensic Diltz were social visitors in the coun-Rev. W. W. Riley, the pastor, offici- Bryan, who will speak on "The Eur- ford last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Grisham and little daughter of Haskell have been recent visitors with the family of J. T. Howard; on the departure of the parents for Sweetwater little Lillian Trustees to be Named Perry remained for a longer visit class in piano. We wish this talented with her grandfather and family.

> Charlie Williams, son of Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Williams, has returned from Kansas City where he attended El Paso, Mrs. Bigham will join him a medical college.

Ralph Bigham came in the first of the week from San Antonio where he attended Peacock's Military Academy during the winter months.

Manager J. F. Holdridge of the (Uncle John) Toombs, who fills the Southwestern Telephone company has returned to his duties after an absence | O. W. Williams. Twins, of Winters, also formerly with cause Frew Tucker erected a 24-foot of some two weeks caused by sickness

The Miss Adkissons of Medina,

Several from here are talking of go. | Misses Zelma Fletcher and Willie eloquence of Col. William Jennings try home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stan-

> Thos. Causseaux was down from Trent Tuesday attending to various business matters.

Miss Bess Touchstone left Sunday young lady much success in her work at that place.

Fred Bigham came in Sunday from some time during the coming month and they will again make this their

New aldermen of the recent election are J. P. Sharp and J. L. Harris, retained, with the addition of J. R. place made vacant by the removal of

\$10 FOR ONE CHICKEN.

W. E. Justice received an express money order for \$10 Wednesday morning from T. E. Webster of Sugarstock and clipped branches off the in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Geo. land as purchase money for one game cockerel from the pens of Mr. Justice.

\$549,711.50

66,733.17

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

surgery recently at the West Texas lot just north of the J. B. Winn home, Baptist sanitarium, Abilene, returned tinue her visit with her parents.

and Fred Hale made a business trip | well's home. the last of the week to Fort Worth | We are glad to see these new homes, visited with relatives, returning to follow their example. their homes on Sunday.

Sweetwater lake spent a few hours to it. Sunday afternoon visiting their Brother Bailey has recently purdaughter, Mrs. Ellen Duncan.

their week-end guests Mrs. Hale and him. dren of Ropes.

Mrs. C. R. Tittle visited several sandwiches and coffee were fine. who is attending school at Austin. a visit with Mrs. J. H. Harrison and

Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Head of Eskota W. W. Eason of Rivera. were shopping in town Saturday. Stribling were shopping in Abilene Mr. and Mrs. H. Poor,

Monday. Colo., are guests of the former's sis- the home of Mrs. R. L. Reaves.

his father, W. Y. Steen, of Clyde. Bob Howell left last week for New W. T. Ivy of Sweetwater. Mexico where he has employment.

and Mrs. Ed Burks, Friday night, be- ers and Dave Boyd. La., Saturday.

Hardware company, has purchased a daughter, Ruth Merle Murdock, who home in Merkel and plans to move is very ill with pneumonia. there at an early date.

children of Hermleigh were Sunday and Mrs. L. C. Murray. guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English J. P. Abernathy of Merkel attended and other relatives.

Among those from here attending preaching at the First Baptist church in Merkel Sunday morning were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Foy Steadman, John Halbrook, Mrs. A. Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. our sincere appreciation for the beau-Bowers.

Jimmie Scott of Breckenridge visited several days last week with his and death of our son and brother. other, Mrs. W. A. Abbott.

R. Shannon left Monday for Fort urne, where he has employ-

Mesdames Tom Harlison and Tude Keltz of Vernon spent Saturday night as guests of their sister, Mrs. W. F.

Steadman, and Sunday as guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gaf-

C. C. McRee has purchased a modern Mrs. Fay Burks, who underwent five room house and moved it to his Garnet Wilks also purchased one

here Saturday, where she will con- of the five-room modern oil field houses and has moved it to the south Messrs. Earl Strawn, John Crain side, just opposite Mrs. J. C. Church-

and attended the Stock show. They as we have long been in need of more returned via Greenville where they houses here. We wish others would

E. C. Smith purchased the old J. K. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyd of P. Winn home and will soon move

chased the Blue Front Filling station Mr. and Mrs. James Bright had as and invites the public to come and see

daughter, Miss Edith, of Eskota, also Burkhart and Smith grocery report Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Moore and chil- a very satisfactory business Saturday and, take it from one who knows, the

days last week with her son, Weldon, Mrs. R. B. Johnson left Monday for

Little Miss Nina Pearl Poor of San Mesdames J. B. Winn and C. C. Angelo is guest of her uncle and aunt,

Mrs. Jannie B. Garner of Colorado Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Steen of Denver, was a guest Monday and Tuesday in

ter, Mrs. John Strawn, also visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs.

Among those from here attending Buddie Burks, who was called to the Stock show at Fort Worth last Abilene on account of the illness of week were Earl Stevens, Orion and his wife, visited with his parents, Mr. Cullen Tittle, Wayne Boyd, Jack Bow.

fore returning to his home in Vivian, Mrs. Mary Archer, who has been visiting in Dallas for the past several Jay Causseaux, who has for some weeks, returned home Monday to be time been an employee of the Star at the bedside of her little grand-

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Huie of Anson Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dingle and were recent guests in the home of Mr.

to business here Monday. O. L. Bishop is remodeling his home.

CARD OF THANKS.

To our many friends, Dr. Sadler and his assistants, we wish to express tiful flowers and the tender kindness shown our family during the illness Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whatley

and Family. Advertise in The Merkel Mail.

Use The Mail Want Ada.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

Miss Mary Bell Douglas is visiting relatives in Stanton, Odessa and Mid-

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ponder and two sons were week-end guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moore of

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Carey and family attended the fair at the Divide Friday night.

family were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. William Henson of Stan- tractive little son of Abilene were the

Mrs. J. W. Taylor is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jim Jorden, of Abilene.

We are glad to report that Arthur Rogers is recovering nicely from burns he received several weeks ago. M. L. and O. R. Douglas, on their

return from Longview, attended the Fat Stock show. Mr. and Mrs. Truett Meeks of Mer

kel were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Carey and family. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Austin and

dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey and family.

thur Rogers. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Williams hours.

and family of Big Spring were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas and family.

On March 5 the children of Mrs. W. M. Carey surprised her with a birthday supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Carey. All of the children were present. Mr. and Mrs. Truman Carey and Clements Carey from Lamesa, who came for the occasion, remained over for the week-end.

REMOVAL SALE.

Dr. Wm. M. Gambill, Abilene, Texas, announces the removal of his office from 418 Citizens National Bank Bldg. to 309 Alexander Bldg.

Adding machines rolls 15c, or two for 25c; regular retail price everywhere. For sale at Merkel Mail office.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

Constipation ADLERIKA

Merkel Drug Company

BLAIR ITEMS

Billie Harrison Malone and Mrs. Will Campbell have been on the sick list since our last letter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Davis and little daughter of Merkel spent the mast week with their sister, Mrs. Alonzo Peterson, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Doan and little con of Clyde spent the past week-Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and end with Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton. Mr. and Mrs. James Farr and atinfore-ting guests of Mr. and Mrs.

> John Neighbors recently. Mrs. Hap Henly and daughter of Castle Peck attended services at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mrs. A. L. Farmer and family of Butman spent the week-and with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell and other

Sam Provine spent the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Boss Williams of

Herring and Touchstone have opened son, Louis, of Anson were Saturday a nice stock of merchandise in our little village, and the patronage of the public is solicited.

Carl Rogers of Clyde spent Friday | Rev. Lloyd Mayhew, Methodist pasnight in the home of his brother, Ar- tor, delivered interesting discourses at the Sunday morning and evening

> Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

FOR HAIR AND SCALP JAPANESE OIL The Antiseptic Scalp Medicine-

Different from ordinary Hair Tonics — Oc & SI. FEEL IT WORKI At All Druggist

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TOTAL ASSETS

Reserve District No. 11 REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK

Of Merkel in the state of Texas, at the close of business on March 4, 1936

ASSETS 1. Loans and discounts \$173,782.88 2. Overdrafts ... 3. United States Government obligations, direct and or fully guaranteed 22,950.00 f 4. Other bonds, stocks, and securities 26.886.50 6. Furniture and fixtures _ 6.000.00 7. Real estate owned other than banking house 7,000.00 8. Reserve with Federal Reserve bank ____ 28,390.84 9. Cash, balances with other banks, and cash items in process of collection ____ 13. Other assets-Int, in F. D. I. Corporation

LIABILITIES

14. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corpora-\$384,263.90 15. Time deposits of in lividuals, partnerships, and corporations = 68,531.50 16. State, county, and municipal deposits 20,696.65 18. Deposits of other banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding 9,486.98 Total of items 14 to 18, inclusive: (a) Secured by pledge of loans and or

investments \$ 20,696.65 (b) Not secured by pledge of loans and or 462,281.48 (c) TOTAL DEPOSITS

30. Capital account: Common stock, 500 shares, par \$100.00 per share \$50.000.00 Undivided profits-net TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT

TOTAL LIABILITIES MEMORANDUM: Loans and Investments Pledged to Secure Liabilities 31. United States Government obligations, direct and or fully \$ 15,000.00 TOTAL PLEDGED (excluding rediscounts) ____ ----\$15,000.00 34.

35 Pledged: 15,000.00 (b) Against State, county, and municipal deposits _ (h) TOTAL PLEDGED __ _\$15,000.00

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 25th day of March, 1936. Mary Collins, Notary Public

CORRECT-Attest:

J. T. WARREN. H. C. WEST. W. S. J. BROWN.

Directors.





The Automatic Electric Range Is the Answer!

Every member of the family appreciates wholecome, well-cooked food. It's necessary to health! However, few people realize, except the housewife, the toil and drudgery necessary to prepare three meals a day. Just think of preparing over a thousand meals a year beside the many other laborious duties of a housewife.

Many West Texas homemakers have found a happy solution in the elimination of unnecessary toil in the kitchen. Today, the modern mother can place an entire meal in the oven of her range, set the oven control and time control and return home hours later to find a "piping hot" meal ready to serve. This is the marvel of automatic electric cookery!

West Texas Utilities Company



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CLIFTON BELLAMY AND WILLIE MAE NELSON AGAIN WIN HONORS.

On Saturday, Mar. 21, Mrs. Lucy Tracy Haynes, head of Merkel High School's speech department, sponsored a group of speech contestants in dience for Merkel speakers.

was seated in Sewell auditorium lis- journey through life, Garth. tening to the opening remarks of Mr. Don Morris, vice-president of A. C. C. By 2:30 p. m. he had assigned the more than one hundred-sixty contestants to their various rooms.

In the preliminary round four Merkel contestants placed among the highest three in their respetive divisions. Juanita Huskey, story-telling; Pearl Mathews, poetry reading; Willie Mae Nelson, girls' extempore speech; Clifton Bellamy, boys' extempore

Saturday evening, 7:30 o'cock, the survivors of the afternoon rounds asto be given final instructions. Three speakers were left in each division, assuring these speakers of at least a third place honor. Two of our speakers, Clifton Bellamy and Willie Mae Nelson, extempore speakers, survived to these finals.

Willie Mae Nelson won second girls' extempore speech, rating a silver meda! and a fifty dollar scholarship. Clif. ton won first boys' extempore speech, receiving a gold medal and a one hundred dollar scholarship to A. C. C.

All of our entries made excellent showings, and we are very proud of them, even though some were not fortunate enough to place. Vernell Bland, Weldon Davis, Sylvan Mellinger and Billie Wood were the other Merkel entries.

Work hard for the approaching county meet, students, we are watching you.

DECLAIMERS.

On Wednesday of last week the student body assembled in the High School gym. Teachers from Grammar school were selected to judge the declamations. The following students declaimed: Billy Wood, Ben Ferguson and James Hagler, junior boys' division; Margie Melton, Wilma McAninch, Mary Jo Russell, Mabel Murray, ONE-ACT PLAY TO SALT Pauline Brown, Maurine Huddleston, Mary Jo Garland, Dorma Lee Shelton and Pearl Mathews, junior girs' division; Weldon Davis, Sylvan Mellinger and Cline Satterwhite, senior boys' division.

Those winning first place were: Billie Wood, Pearl Mathews and Weldon Davis. These declaimers will represent Merkel High school at county meet in Abilene Mar. 27. We are back- the cast. ing you declaimers. Come on and win!

The essay writing contest was also MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM. held last week. Alice Carey won first place and is busy now writing each three students from the High school conceivable kind of essay.

showing up well. It is composed of mer Night's Dream." Approximately Ora Derrick, T. L. Reid and Lela Hig- the same number saw the evening per-

CHAPEL.

On Thursday of last week the studat body assembled in the gym. It was an outstanding event of the year thusiastic along with the "Badgers". The Lions club men were there also. Well, the "Badgers" received their football sweatrs and were they proud? They were so proud of them they put them on right then and there. And did are proud of these boys and sweat- Naturally, he felt he had not lived his made possible the sweaters.

Hardin-Simmons presented a oneact play, and the male quartette sang, sets, which he had planted beneath the several numbers. We surely did appreciate their excellent program and his father saw them, he would be we want them to visit us again.

SPORT NEWS.

Tennis: Merkel was well represented at county meet with her tennis of corn. squad. There was an entry in almost every event. The singles for the boys was played off first, then the doubles. Some of the contests were held on the clay court that Vines, Bell and

Soffen played on the night before. Robert Higgins and Sylvan Mellinger played doubles in the senior boys' division, and Bobby Woodrum and Clyde Sears played doubles in the junior. Jack Sublett was the singles

Our Seniors

Garth Odom.

Garth hails from Stanton High school and has attended Merkel High Abilene Christian College's second an- for one year. He has been a good mual speech tournament. Mr. Mathews worker in the M. H. S. Players' club and Mrs. Paul Douglas aided greatly this year and played basketball two by taking several of the contestants years. Garth has been a worker and and equally by being a favorable au- M. H. S. will certainly miss him next year. We've been told that he wishes By 2 lo'clock practically everyone to be a farmer. Good luck on your

Lou Ella Hughes.

Lou Ella, from Castle Peak, has been in Merkel High three years. This year she is in the M. H. S. Players' club and the Pep Squad. Lou Ella wants to go to college next year. "Snooks" is a very friendly, cheerful person and though she may be little she is still loud enough to have penty of friends. Come on, Lou Ella, and do your best.

player of the junior division. Janet Hayes, the single player, had the hardsembled again in Sewell auditorium est competition at the first and lost to Tuscola. She had been sick for the last week and had been unable to practice. Bryan Higgins played singles in the senior boys' and won first place. The hardest competition was from Tuscola and very little was offered from the rest. Bryan will represent Merkel in the district. Lola Higgins and Lorene Whisenhunt played and won second in the girls' doubles. The junior boys lost to opposing teams.

Playground ball: The boys' team, sponsored by Mr. Meyers came away from the meet with second place. The girls were not so lucky since they lost their first game.

Volley ball: County meet in volley ball was held Saturday, Mar. 21, at the Abilene Hi gym. In the first match the Merkel girls defeated Potosi. The second match, which was the semi-fin. als, was lost to Elmdale. The girls then defeated Buffalo Gap to win third place. Merkel is looking forward for better luck next year. Those ta ing part in these games were: Janet Hayes, Nell Pruitt, Thelma Patterson, Lorene Whisenhunt, Pauline McAninch, Nell Arnwine, Mattie Lou Ford. Cohrene Morrison, Opal Buzbee, Jannell Black, Mildred Humphrey and Earline Kelso.

BRANCH.

Friday evening Mrs. Haynes took her cast for the one-act play, to be given in the county tournament, to Salt Branch to present before the P. T. A. meeting.

The cast presented their roles excellently. Harold Morgan, Opal Buzbee, Juanita Huskey, Betty Lou Grimes and Elma Mae (Sis) Gamble are

On Thursday afternoon twentywere given permits to go to the Para-The High school spelling team is mount to see the drama-"Midsom-

A NEW DISCOVERY.

The history teacher of Merkel High school is not Mr. Coffman. No, it is for the "Badgers" Every one was en- just his spirit. (No, your reporter is not out of her head). The truth is, J. Lee Coffman was killed by a train between Abilene and Elmdale when he was fourteen.

When Mr. Coffman was a youth he they look swell? We, the student body, was very ambitious and enthusiastic. ers. We appreciate what the Lions life at the age of fourteen. So he plead. club men have done. We realize they ed with St. Peter to let him return to earth. At first St. Peter refused to do so. Then he remembered some onion ground in one big hole. He knew when very, very angry. So he plead and plead and finally got permission to return and thin out his onion sets. No wonder he is able to eat five bushels

> In fact, he was really beautiful when he was really he. Now that he must use another corpus or body, he must be satisfied with what he isn't.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL ENTRIES.

Grammar School entries for literary events at county meet are as follows: 1. Arithmetic: Helen Heeter, Fran-

cis Hester, Doris Gay West. 2. Junior girls' declamation: Dora Marie Gaither. 3. Junior boys' declamation: Billie Heeter, Jessie Lee Mayhall, Bonnie

Clyde Haynes. 4. Picture memory: Cheetham Mc- Perry, Louise Patterson, Audavee

Farland, Jim Sublett, Margaret Rutledge, Donothy Lee Shannon, Tag Sharp, Billie Wood, George Mack Shouse, Billie Clyde Haynes, Billie Owens, Marjorie Joe Fulton, Doris Wood, Truett Perry, Fred Slayden, Mae Lepard, Matilene London.

5. Music memory: Doris Clyde Mil-, Winter. ler, Don Wood.

€. Story telling: Joy Sue Self. 7. Spelling for grades IV and V: Wanda McCoy, Willie Sue Morgan, 8. Spelling for grades VI and VII: Mildred McLean, Doris Gay West. 9. Essay writing: Betty Jo Reid.

PLAYGROUND BALL.

Saturday Merkel junior girls wor second place in playground ball. The junior boys will play Potosi, tions. Vick Drug Co. Night

Wylin or Trent, to decide first place. Phone 40. The junior boys are entering all track events which will be played next

The following Choral club members will sing Wednesday night at Abilene or 61. High school building: Anne Blake, Mary Margaret Boden, Bonnie Church, Laverne Douglass, Euvalda Fox. Frances Marie Foster, Dora Marie Gaither, Loudell Gray, Tommie

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Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof, Customers' bonds held for safekeeping	30,215.42
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures	15,000.00
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Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	141,705.78
Time Certificates of Deposit	
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	266.90
Customers' bonds deposited for safekeeping	1,300.00
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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Rankin and baby, Janice Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Clawson and Mr. Cooper McCraney, of Big Spring, spent the week-end and other relatives in Waco, and rewith Mrs. I. C. Holden, erecting a 100- turning she will visit Miss Katherine barrel tank for irrigation purposes.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. George White were Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. Wesley Edwards, of Maryneal. and an aunt, Mrs. Charles Edwards, and daughter, Miss Jerra, of Midland.

Since the death of her husband, Mrs. A. Q. Cooper of Odessa has come to make her home with her daughter and sen-in-law here, Mr. and Mrs. E. Clyde Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Melton and daughter, of Point, Texas, have returned home after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Melton.

Bussie Boaz and Cal McAninch, students at John Tarleton college, were home for the week-end holiday.

W. A. Little, employed in the state headquarters office of the pension bureau at Austin, was a passing visitor Tuesday with his brother-in-law. C. J. Glover, and George Caple, of The

Manager S. P. Nesmith of the Queen theatre and Mrs. Nesmith spent Sunday and Monday as guests of her brother, J. Howard Hodge, at Mid-Band.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Doss Sheppard and daughter, Miss Marian Sheppard, of Dallas, paid a week-end visit to his company and sponsored locally by the in Rose Hill cemetery. mother, Mrs. S. W. Sheppard. They Hughes Motor company, Chevrolet were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. dealers. A large truck with sound Patterson, J. D. Sandusky, R. B. Hor-Sterling Sheppard, also of Dallas,

Mrs. c. Nesmith joined her parents, story of much interest. The series in. lone, John Latimer, Price Melton, H. Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hodge and grand- cluded special points on safety in op- H. Windham, Box Murphy, son, J. C. Foster, of Abilene, in spend- ration and driving. ing the day at Winters Sunday, Mar.

Saturday form Duncan, Ariz., where Irving of the Abilene Hatchery makes | Horton, they had been in the CCC camp for his trips to Merkel and other points (Written by Mrs. Hugh Campbell.) the past six months.

Weston spent the week-end at Sterling eggs. The cabinet has its own ventil-City visiting their children, Mr. and ating system. Mrs. Joe Weston and babies. They were happy to be guests in the home of Mrs. Jim Henshaw in Sterling when she celebrated her daughter, Peggy Jean's birthday and also Stanley Joe Weston's birthday.

Mrs. Robert Terrell has returned to her home in Xenia, Ohio, after an extended visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Hunter, accompanied by Mirs Wanda Hunter. Miss ness as a partner-owner of the Econspent Sunday in Lubbock with their two other daughters.

Mrs. P. T. Allday left at moon Wednesday for Wichita Falls to attend the know that I gave you my very best. funeral of her brother-in-law, G. H. Bradley.

Mayor W. M. Elliott and Mrs. Elfiott visited Sunday with his brother, G. W. Elliott and family, Mulberry street, Abilene.

Mrs. W. F. Patterson had as her guests Monday night her son, Rev. E. K. Dougherty, and grandson, Ernest Dougherty, of Dallas.

Guest last week of Mrs. George F. West, Jr., was her sister, Miss Alva Ruth Kinsey, of Sweetwater,

County Commissioner A. J. Canon, in company with other members of the commissioners' court, Judge John Camp and Commissioners Luther Webb, Rex Dillard and H. H. Webb, attended the meeting of West Texas county judges and commissioners at Wichita Falls last week.

Mrs. Homer Patterson, her mother, Mrs. Dora Harris, and brother, Ellis Harris, have returned from Jacksonville where they had been with her sister, Mrs. E. D. Rouse, during her serious illness. They were accompanied by Mrs. Hattie Harlow, another

sister, of Brownwood. After taking in the Stock Show, Fire Chief N. A. Dowell and Mrs. Dowell and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dunn went on to Royce City to visit relatives. All except Mrs. Dunn returned | . the last of the week, but she remained |. there because of illness, Mr. Dunn returning to be with her.

Miss Iris Garrett left Wednesday for an extended visit with her two!

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cards of thanks, etc., are classed as when "The Cobra," an unidentified Banner and Mary Collins, advertising, and will be charged for murderer, begins to make life very invide plenty of comedy.

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The Buick funeral coach, just purchased by the Barrow Furniture company, has been the cause of much favorable comment from the citizenship generally, the new motor vehicle representing the last word in beauty, style and modern improvements and versal sorrow and regret, and the equipment in the field.

A large crowd gathered on Edwards street at the intersection of Elm on First Baptist cherch in Merkel, con-Monday evening for the talking pic- ducted by Rev. O. B. Tatum and Rev. ture released by the Chevrolet Motor C. R. Joyner, pastor, Interment was equipment and its own cinema screen, ton. Carl Hughes, D. C. Doan, Buster To visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. in charge of G. L. Glenn, was used for Eason; honorary, John Hughes, Hugh the exhibition, which pictured the con. Campbell, Bob Malone, R. N. Camphe occasion of the birthday of struction of Chevrolet cars and at bell, Guss Ward, A. B. Harris, R. E. er, Homer Hodge, Mr. and the same time presented a running Windham, Jim Campbell, Mark Ma-

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Merkel Group Attend G. A. P. Banquet

At the annual March banquet of the ent a three-act mystery comedy, "The G. A. P. and the Junior Business Black Derby," Friday evening, Mar. Girl's clubs of the Abilene Young 27, at the Noodle high school audi- Women's Christian association, held at the Hilton hotel, Abilene, on Tues-The play is centered around an old day evening, Merkel was represented ountry estate that had been bought by Mesdames W. W. Campbell and by the Bronsons. Ted and Jane Bron- Florence Berry, Misses Imogene Hays, sor began to think life decidedly dull Ruby Jinkens, Lois Whiteley, Maxie

The event was part of a nation-wide teresting, Micky, a country boy, and program of business girls' clubs, all Wimple a hair-brained detective, pro- programs being devoted to the theme, "Peace Around the World."

Guest speaker for the occasion was speech department of Hardin-Simmons university, whose topic was "The Will to Peace."

OBITUARY

TRUETT D. WHATLEY.

Truett Dexter Whatley was born Mar. 10, 1915, became ill Feb. 21 and died Mar. 22 at 10:30 p. m. He was converted and affiliated with the Hebron Baptist church in the year of

The deceased leaves, besides his father and mother, three brothers and one sister, Colon, Reed, John Henry and Gladys Whatley. Out-oftown relatives, who attended the fun-Waco, Mrs. E. M. Cox and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Yoakum, Buf-

Truett was a devoted son and brother; fortunate in his disposition, he was always cheerful and loved every one who had occasion to be with him. His never failing courtesy and encour. agement made him many friends, and it is very sad for him to be taken in the bloom of young manhood. His sudden demise is the occasion of unigrief-stricken family have the tenderest sympathy of the community.

Funeral services were held at the

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Flower girls were: Mesdames Hugh

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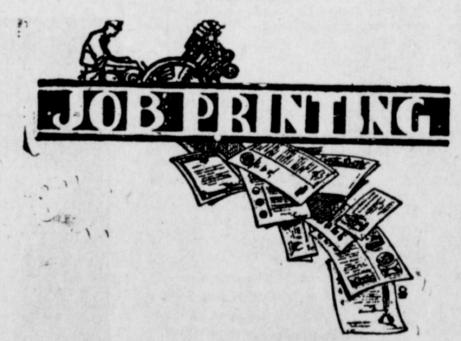
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For County Commissioner, Precinct

No. 4, Jones county: E. F. VANTREESE.

L. R. CADE. For County Clerk: (MISS) VIVIAN FRYAR.

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ROSS L. MILLER.

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MISS BELLE WELLBORN (Reection.) For County Attorney:

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For Justice of the Peace Precinct No.

S. C. VICK. N. D. COBB. For County Judge: A. A. HEATHINGTON.

Income Taxes Over Billion.

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DORA DOINGS

Windy!! is the kind of weather we

are having now, warm and mild. was the center of attraction both Fri- turning Sunday. day and Saturday. The boys had a condition, going for \$75. C. H. Price nice showing of calves, goats, sheep and pigs, and some of the older farmers showed some fine milk stock.

Oliver, who has been quite sick, but is improving at this writing.

Mrs. Rose Perry and daughter, Jew. Whisenhunt, at Butman Sunday.

day after a week's visit with her time. Mr. and Mrs. Jess Anderson of Mt. Pleasant were visitors with Dave Anderson and family over the week-end. Doyle Clayton shipped a load of fat calves Monday.

Among those attending the Fat Stock show at Fort Worth last week were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCoy, Mr. W. Glyde Reid, Merkel, Texas, Route and Mrs. Hardy Hamilton, Robert Jones and wife and Dave Virden.

> Mrs. Raymond Cross has recovered enough to be brought home from the Sweetwater sanitarium, where she had been for nine days. The baby daughter has been named Wanda Ruth.

Mrs. H. Phillips returned home Sunday after an extended visit with relatives in Eastland and Oklahoma.

Adding machine rolls at Merkel Mail office.

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STITH NEWS

Hello, Everybody, how do you like ing fine. It may not look so fine after these sandstorms though.

Paris White of Anson visited in the family Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beard and daughcash at time of service, balance when ter, Wanda Joyce, and Miss Johnnie of section 6, to her home chapter. Burns left for Waco Monday to visit their brother, Henry Burns, who got his foot mashed working in the Cameron mills at Waco.

Daisy L. Shaw, Annie Mae Burns, Johnnie Burns, Roxie Shaw, Barney Berry, all motored over to Compere Friday night to the farmers meeting and enjoyed some good music.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Decker and family and Mrs. Carl Mashburn and child-The Stock show put on at the Divide ren went to Bomarton Saturday, re-

Stith Wildcats and Truby Tigers played ball here Saturday. The Stith Wildcats are Annie Burns, Daisy Shaw and John Shaw. The Truby Mrs. Marvin Rutherford of Spur is Tigers are Warren Shaw, J. T. Burns here visiting her mother, Mrs. E. G. and Wade Shaw. Stith Wildcats beat, the score being 28 to 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sherrill entertained the people of Stith with a musical Monday night, Jack Frost and son of Abilene were among the Mrs. L. V. Magee came home Mon- guests. Everybody reported a good

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Church and son, Mc, motored down to Fort Worth to the Fat Stock show,

Goodbye, we'll see you next week.

Second sheets for sale at Merkel Mail office

Visit in Sweetwater

Eighteeen members of Merkel Chapter No. 212, Order of the Eastern Star, attended the Sweetwater chapter meeting Tuesday evening, Mar. 17, the occasion being the official visit of Mrs. Nina Headrick, deputy grand matron

Members of Abilene, Rotan, Hamlin, Blackwell, Roscoe and Merkel chapters were represented at the meeting.

On Apr. 1 a school of instruction residing north of town, Tuesday, Mar. will be held in Sweetwater. Every 24, 1936. study the work and attend the school. Thursday, Mar. 26, 1936.

Eastern Star Members | Fifth Sunday Meeting To be Held at Stamford

> The Fifth Sunday meeting of the young people of the eastern part of Abilene presbytery will be held at Stamford next Sunday, starting in the afternoon and continuing that

> An interesting program has been arranged.

Record of Births. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ashford,

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FIFTH INSTALLMENT.

SYNOPSIS . . . Six persons are in an either of them enter fifteen-o-five virility was, thick hands and a inner office of the law firm of Dawson, McQuire and Locke at Philadelphia. A master hearing in the divorce case of Rowland vs. Rowland is under way. Mrs. Rowland, represented by her lawyer brother, Mr. Willard; Mr. Rowland, the defendant, and his attorney, Mr. Trumbull; the court clerk and Mr. Dawson, the master, are the six persons. There is a new development in the case. After failing to defend himself against the charge of adultery in earlier hearings, Mr. Rowland digs up evidence and asks the court's permission to produce witnesses and resist the suit. Judge Dawson overules the heated objections of Mr. Willard, and orders the witness brought in. Rowland's lawyer goes to get the witness but finds her deadchloroformed. She is Mrs. Barbara Keith, wife of a prominent Philadelphia business man, Judge Dawson the lawyer replied slowly. phoned for the police. Detective Tom- Rowland had rejoined me over three my Rankin is assigned to the case. He minutes before she came back. Then is now questioning all of the warties involved in the case. NOW GO ON

"If you don't mind, Mr. Trumbull," said the detective, "I'd first like to straighten out what occurred a signal to conclude the interview. companion-the man with whom to come in next?" you claim she is involved."

WITH THE STORY.

he receive due notice of the libel, the chair he had vacated. A bronzed so he may be represented if he de- giant, still under thirty, Allen Rowsires to defend himself. I don't need land had the broad shoulders and his evidence and hardly intended to stalwart physique of an athelete. He call on him. Naturally, he'd be a had silky and blond curly hair, a hostile, difficult witness; he'd never broad nose and full lips, which with willingly confirm Mrs. Keith's story a twist might easily relapse into and admit an illicit affair with my client's wife."

"Is he here? Did he answer the interceptational answer the summons or disregard it?" Rankin

"I noticed him in the outside ofumbull stated. "But I've had no son to speak to him. If the tragedy was discovered, he should still be there."

lines on a sheet of paper. "And who is he, Mr. Trumbull?"

"I know little more about him than that his name is Hugh Campbell. He isn't a Philadelphian; he from New York and has sort of connection with night clubs. I believe he supplies talent and produces entertainment for them."

Had he been watching Rankin carefully, he might have observed that he gave an abrupt start.

"Hugh Campbell?" Abruptly he changed the subject. "With regard

Mr. Trumbull pondered. while Mr. Rowland and I remained pearance. out there, she came out again and question. rather hurriedly left the suite altogether, by the center door."

Have you any idea how long she stayed away?"

"More than five minutes, tainly-closer, perhaps, to eight," "Mr. she spoke to Mr. Campbell again and re-entered the library. Willard stayed in here throughout and did not come out."

Rankin pushed back his chair as

"Thank you, Mr. Trumbull, that this afternoon. I understand * you will be all now," he dismissed him. also summoned Mrs. Rowland's . . . "Will you please ask Mr. Rowland

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> H. W. BECKHAM, President. L. E. ADRIAN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of March, A. D. 1936.

J. G. WILKS (SEAL) Notary Public, Taylor County, Texas.

ORRECT-ATTEST:

T. L. STEVENS. T. H. WILLIAMSON. A. WILLIAMSON.

queried; "as far as you're aware, did sullenness. Attractive though his

while I was phoning my own office arette, and waited for the first her again."

"I realize this is a most regrettable Trumbull's account "She went into the corridor? affair to you, Mr. Rowland. But I ments. must ask you to bear with a few "I think that covers the points inquiries, mainly about Mrs. Keith's I'm interested in at present," he movements this afternoon. You ac-said. He turned to Mr. Simpkins: companied her to the meeting, "Be good enough to request Mrs. didn't you?"

drove to town in her car, with Mr. chamber. She was a large woman, Keith's chauffeur; the trip took us in both body and features, yet perabout half an hour."

"Did Mrs. Keith ever say any thing, either then or before, to suggest she anticipated any danger to herself? Or that she had reason and dominating, Rankin clearly per to fear some one?"

"No, I had no warning anything mand. so terrible might happen. Naturally, she was a bit anxious about the hearing; but otherwise she seemed perfectly normal."

before the meeting, if only for a heavy neck betrayed a natural queried casually, "did you remain there?" asked Rankin. crudeness and uncouthness. He was with her the entire time until the "Not fully cognizant of his pleasant ap- hearing started at three o'clock?"

Mr. Rowland's answer accorded with Mrs. Keith, I'm certain. Of He carried himself with perfect with that of the lawyer. "Oh, no. course, I can't say what happened ease, yet Rankin sensed that his Mr. Trumbull and I both left her after we left the library and Allen poise was acquired. He was not in that empty office next door, after I never went near Mrs. Keith; they went below. As I recall, Mrs. Row- "to the manner born." Mr. Daw- about ten minutes. She wanted to land preceded us into the main of son introduced them; and appreci- be alone and preferred not to wait fice and talked briefly to Mr. Camp- ating the gravity of the situation, outside. Then I went below to disbell. Then she returned to this he acknowledged the detective's miss her chauffeur, since Mr. Trumroom for about two minutes, I sup- greeting somberly. Then, his face bull had consented to escort her pose to rejoin her brother. And pale and anxious, he lighted a cig- home in his car; I didn't return to

> Rankin was satisfied at this Rankin 'opened sympathetically, check, through Rowland, of Mr.

Rowland to come in."

"Yes, I called for her at the Ald- With a nod, the court clerk rose wich Apartments at two o'clock," to do his bidding. Adele Rowland Allen Rowland answered. "We followed him from Mr. Dawson's

fectly proportioned; and, without being beautiful, was extremely handsome and striking. Wilful ceived she was accustomed to com-

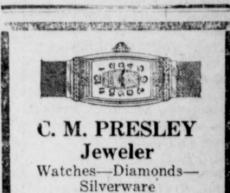
"I only wished to ask, Mrs. Rowland, if you entered the office where Mrs. Keith met her death, after Mr. "And after you arrived," Rankin Trumbull and your husband left her

> Taken unawares, at the abrupt query, as though to gain time to recover her poise, she repeated it

"Did I enter that room? No, had closed this door between, and I

stayed in here with my brothe waiting for Mr. Dawson." "How about the outside door

the corridor, when you quit the suite altogether? That was un-(Continued on Page 7.)



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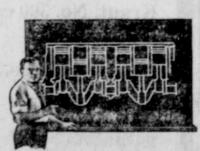
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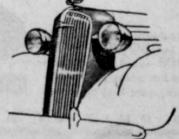
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Divorce Court Murder

(Continued From Page 6.)

locked; why did you go out?" Mrs. Rowland caught her breath tion to import liquor from Canada nervously. "I went below to the to a chain of roadhouses and stand in the lobby to purchase . . . a newspaper," she answered.

"That was the only place you him, Rankin knew he was no went?" the detective asked in- gangster; on the contrary, urbane, credulously. "That little errand shrewd and well-bred, he traveled took you the eight minutes or more in good society, a picturesque and you were gone?" somewhat mysterious indivdual. He

"No . . . on the way back, I had influence in political circles and stopped in the lady's retiring room never personally participated in the

Though the reply came too glibly But it was his audacity and ambito be convincing, Rankin appreci- tious management that developed ated her self-possession in produc- an effective and profitable smuging an excuse he could neither in- gling ring, controlled the racketeers vestigate nor disprove.

"I believe you are acquainted ceptance of his wares and paid the with Mr. Hugh Campbell. Before necessary protection. you left these offices, you spoke to Then this was the man Adele him and then returned to the Rowland had chosen, her husband library. Could you tell me what claimed, to be her lover, If she you talked about?"

Haughtily and disdainfully, the ture, her new choice, the detective woman drew herself to her full reflected in grim amusement, was

kin," she replied scornfully, her shall or her present incubus. mouth curled. "I don't care to dis- He received quietly enough cuss my connection with Mr. Jenks' announcement of Campbell's Campbell, which is wholly private departure. and has nothing to do with Mrs. "Did he leave any message to Keith's unhappy death."

Rankin nodded, unabashed. "As indicate where he was going?" you wish, of course," he agreed, un- "No, he didn't," Jenks replied. pleasantly amiable. "Then I may "All I learned is that some chap as well have Mr. Campbell in next rang the office and inquired for and question; perhaps he will be him; and the phone clerk sumess reticent."

He observed a sudden flash of was a connected instrument, to alarm and fury illumine her eyes. take the call." They hardened and she had to bite Rankin's interest quickened. "At her lip to restrain a resentful retort, her desk? Then she might have as Rankin stepped to the office en- caught some of the conversation." trance, still smiling provocatively.

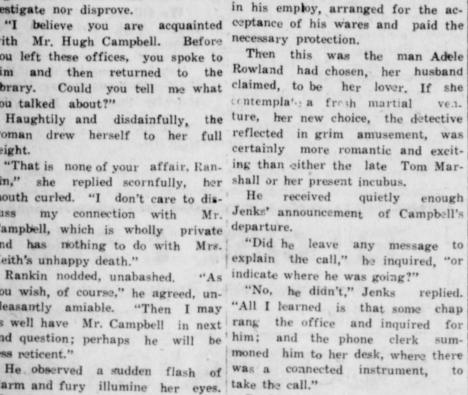
detective approached, he said, "I said, he spoke so loudly and . . . think there is a Mr. Hugh Campbell well, violently. First he shouted, waiting out there; ask him to join 'What?' and then, very much us, please."

tive frown.

"Hugh Campbell?" he repeated. his eyes lighted. "Oh, yes, the woman, "can offer a reason for his phone clerk did say a Mr. Campbell disturbance or has an idea where he arrived for the hearing just around went." two-forty. But he isn't here any more. A few minutes before three fident manner, whether she was rehe got a phone call; he left the joint

right away and hasn't come back." Tommy Rankin was more than

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Island. Though he had never met

aggressive activities of his agents.

"Yes, she could hardly help hear-"Jenks!" he called, and when the ing several things this Campbell alarmed, 'Oh, my God!' Next he For a moment, his assistant's fea- cried, 'You fool!' and said he'd join tures puckered in a puzzed reflec- him; he hung up, greatly upset, and hurried out without a word."

"Perhaps Mrs. Rowland," Ran-"There's no one . . ." Abruptly, kin turned inquiringly toward the

He could not judge, from her dif-

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Rankin drew his assistant into the central office, but beyond the hear-"joints" in Connecticut and Long ing of both the staff and those concerned in the divorce.

(Continued Next Week.)

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The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Dubose; she at Woozy's cafe.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Palmer of Stith and it was at Stith where he received his education. At present he is carrying a newspaper mail route out of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer will be at home at 2102 Hickory, Abilene.

PUPIL COMPLIMENTED.

ted Miss Thelma Mathews on Satur- School superintendent, W. J. Largent, day evening with a muscale in her is with us again; let us show our loystudio. Miss Mathews, who is a voice alty to God and to our superintendent and piano pupil of Miss Collins, is by coming to Sunday School next Sunleaving shortly for Lubbock to enter day. You are cordially invited to meet training as nurse.

Musical numbers, which included vocal, piano and tap dancing were enjoyed and as star-performer Thelma sang "Some Day I'll Find You," by ing at 11 a. m. by the pastor. Vesper Noel Coward, and played "Idillio" and "Simple Confession." She also appeared in duet with her sister, Miss Pearl Mathews.

A delicious salad course was passed at the refreshment hour to Misses Thelma and Pearl Mathews, Walderine Huskey, Hollis Perry, Frances Higgins, Nadine Hollingshead, Thelma Patterson, Elna Tucker, Helen Heeter, Dorothy Lee Shannon, Gertie Lou Pee, Mrs. Homer Patterson, Mrs. W. A. McSpadden and Carl Mathews and the hostess, Miss Collins.

COMPLIMENT FOR RECENT BRIDE.

Mrs. W. A. McCandless entertained with a shower in her home Wednesday afternoon in honor of a late bride. Mrs. Dowling Mathison, who was, until her marriage recently, Miss Ona program 6:45 p. m. Fay Derrington.

in contests and games appropriate of the young preachers from A. C. C. or the occasion. Guests registered in ttractive bride's book, with toasts to the "bride."

Gifts were displayed, after which a refreshment plate of angel food cake and hot chocolate was passed to Mesdames Dowling Mathison, W. P. Derrington, H. B. Chambless, Emerson Derrington, C. P. Church, Ettie Har- ed Rev. Bill Doell as their pastor. ris, Bill Derrington, Claude Derrington, E. C. Richards, J. L. Tucker, Len Sublett, W. A. McCandless; Misses Lillie Mae Mathison, Ruth Hickman, Susie Mary Hickman, Eunice Richards, Geneva Derrington, Betty Jean as Brother Dowell stood and looked Derrington, Barbara June Derrington, Bonnie Church.

FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB.

club learned with much pleasure at forc I will see the devil's crowd take their meeting on Monday evening in possession.' the home of Mrs. Tom Largent of the donation by Dr. C. B. Gardner of the lot south of his office on Oak street as a site for a club house.

As it was the time for the regular business meeting, there was no special program for the evening.

Members present were: Mesdames Fred Hughes, W. S. J. Brown, W. T. Sadler, J. T. Warren, S. D. Gamble, C. B. Gardner, Sam Swann, H. C. West, R. A. Burgess, E. Clyde Smith, Frank McFarland, A. R. Booth, Tom Largent; Misses Dota Garoutte, Christine Collins, Alyeen Ayter, Stell Ledger, Julia Martin, Evelyn Curb.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB. Members of the Merkel Home Demonstration club enjoyed an all-day meeting Tuesday in the home of Miss Lottie Butman.

Following a mattress demonstration, one group completed a 50-pound mattress for Mrs. Joe Sweeney of Butman, who furnished the materials, and another group engaged during the morning in planting more roses in their plot on the highway, bringing the total number of roses in this section to 105.

Miss Vara Crippen, county agent, was present during the morning session. Other visitors were Mrs. John Russell, Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. John Payne, Mrs. Charlie Howell and Mrs. Lura Jones, Trent; Mrs. Joe Sweeney and Mrs. Tom Russom, Butman.

A covered dish lunch was served at

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evening on "Merkel and Sodom,"

Regular services the came as usual

Bill Dowell, Pastor.

Don't miss the message next Sunday

Amateur Night

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2. Time of rendering number must

3. Number must not include more

4. Judging will be by popular ap-

5. Prizes will be: \$5.00 cash, first;

Queen theatre, third; honorable men-

6. All entrants must be at Merkel

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than four persons.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE | great and powerful message on Phil.

Attendance at the six reporting 3:13-14. Following this, as the crowd Sunday Schools here neared 700 last burst forth in song, every member of was a very popular member of the Sunday, with 698 registered present. the church came weeping and promis-1935 graduating class, Merkel High This compares with 640 on the preschool. Lately she has been employed vious Sunday and with 807 on the same Sunday a year ago.

> FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. BTS at 6:45 p. m. WMU at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, Prayer meeting at 7:30 |

Wednesday evening.

We had a larger attendance at Sunday School last Sunday than we Miss Christine Collins complimen- have had for some time. Our Sunday with us.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a, m. Preachservice at 5:30, with special numbers to be arranged by the music commit-

Prayer meeting Wednesday even-

You are cordially invited to all of these services. Strangers welcome. R. A. Walker. Pastor.

NAZARBNE CHURCH. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. NYPS at 7 p. m. Preaching 7:45 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting each Wednesday evening. Come

and worship with us. R. T. Smith, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 10 a. m. Lord's day, preaching 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. by tions. Vick Drug Co. Night Brother A. J. Rollins, young people's Phone 49.

For the Wednesday evening ser-An enjoyable afternoon was spent vice at 7:45 o'clock, we will have one You are cordially invited to all of these services.

The Elders.

NORTHSIDE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Last Wedresday night the Northside Baptist church unanimously call-After much praying on the part of the church and Brother Dowell, he accepted the church Sunday morning amidst shouts of joy and tears of gladness. It was a time never to be forgotten, the great crowd square in the eyes and said, "Against all outside opposition and all the devils in hell and Merkel, I accept the call of this church and Members of the Fortnightly Study will give the last drop of my blood be-

That statement was followed by

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RURAL SOCIETY

at 10:30 in the home of the sponsor, Mrs. W. H. Kelso, with 14 members present and 3 absent, those present Jessie Orsborn, J. H. Maddera, W. J. being as follows:

secretary-treasurer; Euveta Smith, born, J. P. Swafford, Howard Brown, clothing demonstrator, and Margie Zuma Fulton; Misses Dora Mae Meeks Isenburg, Lyla Hobbs, Winnie B, and Ruth Lowery and nineteen child-Croes, Frances Mae Baker, Jeanette Neff. Dessie Marie Baker, Alvarie ed the pastor that they would stand Smith Loyce Chancey, Molee Isenby him and uphold him as long as they

Mrs. W. H. Kelso suggested that the girls plant their radishes, beets and squash the coming week, as, because of Miss Faulkner's absence, it was demonstrations of the spring cover, not known what she had planned for mattress cover, mattress pad and pilthe meeting. The sponsor, Mrs. Kelso, judged the cuptowels, after which the hour, and showed patterns for making girls played outdoor games.

The next meeting will be at the home of the sponsor, Mrs. W. H. Kelso, on Apr. S at 10:30 o'clock.

BRIDAL SHOWER.

Mar. 12 to an elaborate affair in her plause of audience after three secret home honoring Mrs. Kenneth Mcjudges have picked the five best num-Querry with a bridal shower. Many bers. These five will receive first, pretty gifts were received by the honoree, which were generally admired.

second, third, fourth and fifth places After a social hour, Mesdames Clarence Melton, J. P. Swafford, Jessie \$3.00 cash, second; two weeks pass to Orsborn and Luther Orsborn assisted the hostess in passing dainty refresh-

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> M., Menday and Tuesday Margaret Sullavan and Randolph

Scott in "SO RED THE ROSE"

Wednesday-Thursday

Tobin in CASE OF THE LUCKY LEGS And Two-Reel Comedy

Don't Forget Thursday Night and the same and t

"Thirteen Hours By Air" With Fred MacMurray and Joan Bennett

> Tuesday-Wednesday Miriam Hopkins in

"Too Many Parents"

R. & R. RITZ Friday-Saturday

Sunday-Monday

"Call of the Wild"

Wednesday is Ritz 10c Day

April 1st is the DEADLINE

To those remaining delinquent tax-payers who as yet have not been filed on by an attorney and as yet have not made arrangements with the City Tax Collector for payment of all delinquent taxes on the partial payment plan as recently offered by the City Council, April 1st at 5 P. M. is the DEADLINE for signing this agreement.

WARREN 4-H CLUB.

The Warren 4-H club met Mar. 20

Jones, vice-president; Winona Kelso, Campbell, Pat Addison, Luther Ors-

Mrs. Will Campbell was hostess on

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Mesdames Nora Pruitt, Wi.banks, April 16. J. B. Jones, Carl Hughes, John Campbell, S. S. Scoggin, Blanche Bell, Mar. vin Melton, Eli Brooks, T. A. Mitchell, Virgil Patterson, Halie Melton, D. H. Goodman school, accompanied by tea-Jones, J. C. Horton, Charles Gates, Smith. M. E. Provine, Clarence Mel-

Muriel Kelso, president; Wanda ton. Bert Tittle, Jim Campbell, Will children took part in games and

BLAIR HDC MEETS.

the Blair Home Demonstration club on Thursday, Mar. 19.

Miss Crippen, county agent, gave low protector during the business Phone 40. candlewick bedspreads.

Members adjourned and refresh ments were served to Mesdames Hugh Campbell, Brooks, Spears, Clack, L. Orsborn, E. W. King, H. C. King, Mail office. Miss Crippen and the hostess.

The next meeting of the club will be

Light Crust

48 lb. sacks

Hill Billy

48 lb. sacks

48 lb. sacks

Shortening

ment plates to the following guests: in the home of Mrs. Mayfield on GOODMAN SCHOOL NOTES. The junior and senior classes of

> chers, had a chicken fry at Sweetwater lake Wednesday of last week. All reported a very enjoyable time. The first through the seven grades of Goodman school were entertained with a picnic Monday afternoon from 2:30 to 4 o'clock. All

thoroughly enjoyed them. At 3:30 they were generously ser-Mrs. Charles Gates was hostess to ved with ice cream by members of the P. T. A. Needless to say, the children enjoyed the outing very much.

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Fancy Mexico Tomatoes, lb. 15c Fancy Winesaps Apples, 2 doz. Delicious Apples, doz. Medium Size Calif. Oranges, doz. Seedless, Med. Size

Large yellow fruit

Bananas, doz.

Grapefruit, 3 for 10c Large Size Limes, dozen 27c

Gold Dust, big 24 oz. package 15c.

K. C. Baking Powder, 25c size 18c A-1 Saltines or Graham Crackers

2 lb. boxes

Beans

Catsup 14 oz. bottle

2 for ____25c

Milk

Small Size 3 for _____10c

Coffee White Swann

Oats Full 3 lb. box Salmons Fancy pinks Tall can, 2 for

Quaker's

Tomatoes

Red Kidney

No.2 can, 3 for

Pickles

Mackerel

79c Pork & Beans, 16 oz. 5c 3 lbs.

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