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START LEAGUE WITH DOUBLE-HEADER

FUNERAL FOR CITY MARSHAL HELD MONDAY

Business Houses Close Out of Respect to Late Chester C. Hutcheson; Scores of Peace Officers Attend.

Funeral services for Chester Hutch. eson, 33, who had served as city marshal for the past two years and who with the fatal shooting of Chester C. was fatally shot shortly before midnight Saturday night, were held at urday night, is to be referred to the 3:30 Monday afternoon from the Methodist church.

Scores of West Texas peace officers, many of whom were personal friends and all of whom had come to know him personally since he had become city marshal, were included in the gathering that could have filled a building three times the size of the church.

Dr. W. M. Murrell, former presiding elder of the Abilene Methodist torney. district, officiated for the rites, assisted by Rev. John H. Crow, Methodist pastor. Interment was in Rose Hill cemetery, with Woodmen of the World camp in charge of the services at the grave.

As a token of respect Merke! businear houses were closed at 3:15. The funeral corters, one of the longest processions ever seen in Merkel, was led by four motorcycle officers-S. B. and he had refused, officers said. Covnes and M. R. Reed of the state highway patrol, and George Preston watchman J. E. Tucker, who had also and J. W. Woodard of the Abilene gone after receiving a call to that police department.

draped and carrying two wreaths, one did not hear any words that passed. from the city, the other from the de- They rushed to the aid of their felpartment, preceded the funeral car in low-officer and notified his wife and the line of procession. Seated beside the driver, Bill Callahan, was W. L. Assistant Chief Ross Ferrier, Bill Cox ing, less than two hours after the and Grisham Dowell.

Merkel's official family-Mayor W. W. Haynes and Dee Grimes, City Secretary Yates Brown and J. E. Tucker, nightwatchman, served as named honorary pallbearers.

In tribute to the memory of Mr. Hutcheson, the Taylor county commissioners court and the 104th district his head a .45-calibre single action court were adjourned Monday after- revolver, with five loaded shells and noon for the funeral.

ness, and later had been a truck op- water police department, and C. K. June 15, 1847, and in 1887 was mar- | His term as a member of the board erator. He was married Dec. 18, 1922, Russell. to Miss Abbie Ruth Darsey.

Mrs. Deway Holland of Dallas.

his brother's death.

from out of town for the funeral Tucker. were: Mrs. W. H. Warren and son, Ray Warren, Greenville; Mrs. J. T. (Continued on Page Five.)

Elect Leaders Soil Conservation Program

At a conference of community committees of the soil conservation program held last Friday afternoon at he court house in Abilene, J. Walter Hammond of Tye was named chairman of the county committee; H. S. Nail of Guion, vice-chairman, and J. P. classes of the Merkel High school vis- ental United States carried 41,300 pas-Keith of Caps, the third member of

Those elected were promoted from positions as chairmen of community local newspaper office, the students, committees, their places to be filled by who were accompanied by their teachcommunity vice-chairman, and first er, Miss Ayleen Ater, had the opporalternates of community committees tunity of watching many of the op- ren, 155 grandchildren, 222 greataffected were advanced to positions erations in the mechanical department grandchildren and 22 freat-great- 10 and 11, Grisham Dowell was select- company, Dr. J. P. Howard, Hughes Cafe No. 2, Vick Drug company, Dr. on the committees.

GRAND JURY TO PROBE CASE OF LOCAL SLAYING

Negro's Statement to Be Given 42nd Grand Jury Next Monday: Case to Go Direct to Investigating Body.

Case of Roy Lee (Lonnie) Mitchell, charged with murder in connection Hutcheson, Merkel city marshal, Satgrand jury in 42nd district court, which will open a new term next Mon-

Mitchell, who is being held in an unannounced West Texas jail, signed a statement Sunday afternoon admitting the shooting. The statement was obtained by J. R. Black, district attorney, and the murder charge was formally filed Monday in justice court at Abilene by Esco Walter, county at-

No examining trial has been set, and officers indicated the case will go direct to the grand jury, without a justice of the peace arraignment of the defendant.

The Merkel city marshal was shot through the left eye when he went to a dance hall and cafe, operated by Mitchell, near the west city limits. Preceding the shooting, the marshal had asked the negro to come outside,

Constable W. H. Laney and Nightsection, were only a short distance The city's fire truck, appropriately away when the shooting occurred, but parents.

The wounded officer was carried to Burns, past fire marshal, and riding the West Texas Baptist sanitarium, the truck were Chief N. A. Dowell, where he died at 1:01 Sunday mornfatal shot was fired.

Arrest of the negro, who made W. M. Elliott, the five aldermen, Fred good his escape in the subsequent ex-Baker, S. D. Gamble, Fred Hughes, citement, followed a tip as to his hiding place at 7:10 Sunday morning. Six officers and one posseman quickly surrounded the servant's house on pallbearers. All of his friends were the southwestern outskirts of the city, and at the command of Sheriff Burl Wheeler, Mitchell came out, his hands raised. He was holding above

one empty shell. Chester Hutcheson had lived in and In the arresting party were Sheriff born on a farm west of town, Feb. 11, Daniels of the highway patrol; Joe carried overland in Barrow's funeral ing of the city council on Monday man C Hill oil man was centenced becoming city marshal of the highway patrol; Joe carried overland in Barrow's funeral ing of the city council on Monday man C Hill oil man was centenced becoming city marshal of the highway patrol; Joe carried overland in Barrow's funeral ing of the city council on Monday man C Hill oil man was centenced becoming city marshal of the highway patrol; Joe carried overland in Barrow's funeral ing of the city council on Monday man C Hill oil man was centenced becoming city marshal of the highway patrol; Joe carried overland in Barrow's funeral ing of the city council on Monday man C Hill oil man was centenced becoming city marshal of the highway patrol; Joe carried overland in Barrow's funeral ing of the city council on Monday man C Hill oil man was centenced becoming city marshal of the highway patrol; Joe carried overland in Barrow's funeral ing of the city council on Monday man C Hill oil man was centenced becoming city marshal of the city council on Monday man C Hill oil man was centenced becoming city marshal of the city council on Monday man C Hill oil man was centenced becoming city marshal of the city council on Monday man C Hill oil man was centenced become the city council on Monday man C Hill oil man was centenced become the city council on Monday man C Hill oil man was centenced by the city council on Monday man C Hill oil man was centenced by the city council on Monday man C Hill oil man was centenced by the city council on Monday man C Hill oil man was centenced by the city council on Monday man C Hill oil man was centenced by the city council on Monday man C Hill oil man was centenced by the city council on Monday man C Hill oil man was centenced by the city council on Monday man C Hill oil man was centenced by the city council on Monday man C Hill oil man was centenced by the city council on the city council of the city counci 1903. Before becoming city marshal, Thompson of the Texas department of coach for interment Tuesday at Com- morning and assumed his duties at to four years in the penitentiary on Request numbers will be sung by he had been associated at one time public safety; Loran Barr, a Texas anche, his old home. with his father in the hardware busi- ranger; Alvey Bland of the Sweet- Mr. Adcock was born in Georgia on day morning.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, here took on a tense atmosphere, six of whom survive: L. A. Adcock, ing his resignation Monday, he was Billy Tom, 11, and Don, 10 years old; Feeling was running high as citizens Trent; W. G. Adcock, Stephenville; succeeded on the board by Dee Grimes, a daughter, Mary Ruth, 7; his par- organized an armed posse of 75 to Mrs. Alice Archer, Lawn; Mrs. Myr- named in the annual election for the ents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hutcheson; 100. The man hunt was continued all the Jones, May; Mrs. L. W. Dudley place, who took the oath of office Monand two brothers, Jerome Hutcheson night. Merkel residences were search- and Miss Emma Adcock, Trent. Eight day morning. Hutcheson of California, and a sister, ficers were sent to nearby points to children also survive. inspect trains. Officers assisting berived from Des Moines, Iowa, at 1 a. were: Sheriff Jim Lee Gordon of they resided for a number of years, city marshal. m. Monday, making the 1,200-mile Jones county; T. A. Hackney, assist- but the west called him and they mov- Having lived here a greater part of trip by automobile in less than 24 ant police chief, Abilene; W. E. Lowe, ed to Texas, settling in Comanche his life, during which time he was ashours after having been notified of Taylor county deputy sheriff, and county near the site of Comanche in sociated for the past several years in George Cooper, Jones county deputy, 1888. Among other relatives who came Constable Laney and Nightwatchman

Mayor W. M. Elliott arrived at the city hall shortly after the shooting come to Trent only a few years ago. approval. and remained several hours in close

touch with the situation. Sheriff Wheeler Monday publicly expressed appreciation for the co-operation given by fellow officers and citizen members of the posse.

Senior Classes Visit Plant of Newspaper

ited the office of The Mail on an edu- sengers and flew 3,957,795 miles durcational tour Thursday of last week. ing February.

As the day was "press day" in the of the plant.

INTER-COMMUNITY LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 18 Two Games Wednesday, April 22 Wednesday, April 29 Saturday, May 2 Wednesday, May 6 Wednesday, May 13 Saturday, May 16 Wednesday, May 20 Wednesday, May 27 Saturday, May 30 Wednesday, June 3 Wednesday, June 10 Saturday, June 13 Wednesday, June 17 Wednesday, June 24 Saturday, June 27 Wednesday, July 1 Wednesday, July 8 Saturday, July 11 Wednesday, July 15 Wednesday, July 22 Saturday, July 25 Wednesday, July 29 Saturday, August 1 Wednesday, August 5 Saturday, August 8 Wednesday, August 12 Saturday, August 15

Tye vs Truby Divide vs Noodle Trent vs Union Tye vs Divide Truby vs Trent Noodle vs Union Tye vs Trent Divide vs Union Truby vs Noodle Divide vs Trent Truby vs Union Tye vs Noodle Truby vs Divide Tye vs Union Noodle vs Trent Tye vs Truby Divide vs Noodle Trent vs Union Tye vs Divide Truby vs Trent Noodle vs Union Tye vs Trent Divide vs Union Truby vs Noodle Divide vs Trent Truby vs Union Tye vs Noodle Truby vs Divide

DEATH CLAIMS T. L. ADCOCK

Wednesday, August 19

Texas in 1888, Settling In Comanche County.

Following the shooting, the streets To this union was born eight children, did not stand for re-election. Follow-

Mr. Adcock professed religion and joined the Missionary Baptist church Fireboys Elect Bill at an early age. He had lived a devout Christian life and, while in his late years his health prevented his at. tendance at church, his interest in continuing the good work of the church never waned.

Heavy Aerial Traffic. Washington, Apr. 16 .- The 21 Two divisions of Senior English scheduled airlines operating in contin-

> She Has 415 Descendants. Charlotte, N. C., Apr. 16 .- Mrs. Floyd McCoy, fire police. Amanda Baker Belk, 88, has 16 childgrandchildren.

VAUGHN NAMED CITY MARSHAL

Tye vs Union

Noodle vs Trent

Native of Georgia, He Came to Former Alderman and Long-Time Resident Appointed to Place by City Council.

T. L. Adcock, 89, died at his home To fill the place left vacant by the at Trent Monday afternoon after an tragic death of City Marshal Chester one of Texas' 254 counties which never A vocal trio composed of Rev. John-

ried to Miss Mary Katherine Hefnier. of aldermen expired this year and he

of Des Moines, Iowa, and Floyd ed, highways were patrolled and of- grandchildren and three great-grand- Following the resignation of Vaughn and the completion of the With his family, he moved from council board when Grimes assumed Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Hutcheson ar- sides those in the arresting party Georgia to Mason county, Ark., where his duties, Vaughn was confirmed as

> the operation of Wheeler and His wife died in 1917 and since that Vaughn's market until about a month time he and his daughter, Miss Em- ago, the appointment of Doc Vaughn ma Adcock, have resided there, having as city marshal has met with general

truck, was elected president of the as- Collins Filling station, Cotton's Sand- Queen theatre, Reid's Variety store, sociation at the annual meeting of the wich shop, Curley's Repair shop, Houston Robertson, Dr. W. T. Sadler, Merkel Volunteer firemen hld Monday Dandy Bakery, Darsey Furniture com- John Shannon, G. C. Smith, Southnight at the station. William Neill is pany, Douglass Dairy, Paul Douglass, western Bell Telephone company, vice-president, and T. O. Neill, sec- Wrenn Durham, John Dunn, Economy Smith's Self-Serving landry, Joe retary-treasuer.

George E. Caple was the retiring ing station.

as also Assistant Chief Ross Ferrier. Fox Wrecking house, Joe Garland, J. Texas Utilities company, West Com-Bill Cox was named hose foreman and M. Garrett, W. F. Golladay, Conoco pany, Inc., Burl Wheeler, Wheeler's

KEEPING UP WITH TEXAS

Associate Justice John Speer of Denton was sworn in as a member of the second court of civil appeals to take the place of the late Judge P. A. Martin.

Governor Allred Tuesday granted clemency to J. R. Johnson, driver of a truck figuring in an accident which killed the governor's sister, Mrs. W. B. Stokes.

salesman for a Chicago clock com- of the Inter-Community league, sponpany, plunged to his death Wednes- sored by the Merchants Trade Extenday from the seventh floor of a San sion association of Merkel in connec-Antonio hotel.

Flood gates were installed Wednesday at the Red Bluff dam, \$2,884,000 PWA project under construction on the Pecos river, 45 miles north of the city of Pecos.

State Comptroller George Sheppard reports five per cent increase in gross receipts taxes in Texas for taling \$175.00 will be determined, as 1935 over 1934, total from all gross heretofore, by the Shaughnessy playreceipts taxes being \$2,326,755.

State Land Commissioner J. H. Wal- \$25.00. ker has announced that he will retire from office at the end of his present term. Major J. W. Hawkins, chief clerk of the land office, will make the race to succeed Walker.

negro, who served as General John B. Hood's body servant in the Civil war, died at Houston Monday. Born a slave, he served through at the Civil war fans. The price of seats for baseand latter set Texas.

David Harrison, Jr., 8-year-old son those desiring s of Mr. and Mrs. David Harrison of games is free and everybody is invi-Mineola, was drowned in Barber's ted. creek. While playing in the water The baseball committee, consisting with several little companions, he of Warren Smith, chairman, Joe P. slipped into deep water.

Robert Charles Drews, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Drews of Houston, was crushed to death beneath the wheels of an automobile as he sat beside the road watching his three sisters play baseball in a vacant lot.

Application of the Reporter Broadcasting company to install and operate a radio station in Abilene was granted Tuesday, it was announced by the broadcasting division of the Federal Communications commission.

Loving county, until now the only of Abilene and Delma Compton. once. He was officially sworn in Tues- conviction of theft of \$4,000 worth of the choir. Come and hear your fav-

SATURDAY MARKS OPENING DATE OF SCHEDULE

Twin Bill Presents Tye vs Truby, Divide vs Noodle; First Game Starts at 1:30; Bleacher Sections Provided.

A twin-bill, with Tye vs Truby as an opener and Divide vs Noodle for the nightcap, on Saturday of this Albert Victor Downs, 44-year-old week will inaugurate the 1936 season tion with their third summer program of free rodeos and ball games.

Six clubs will compete in the 30game schedule which permits each team to play around twice. Trent and Union, the other two clubs, will play their first game on Wednesday, Apr.

Winners of the three cash prizes tooff plan, first prize being \$100.00, second place, \$50.00, and third place,

First game of the double-header will start promptly at 1:30, with the second following at its conclusion. Charlie Hollis of Hawley, who so

successfully handled the indicator last "Uncle Billy" Hood, 103-year-old year, will again of iciate as umpire. BLEACHER SEATS. Two sections of bleacher seats have

been completed ready to accommodate ball is 10c, the double-header coming as a bargain day treat, but, except for

Self, Stanley King, L. J. Renfro and R. T. Gray, report everything in readiness, with the diamond and playing (Continued on Page Five)

"Ole-Time" Singing at Vesper Hour Sunday

Music lovers are cordially invited to attend a "Singing" at the Presbyterian church Sunday at the vesper hour, 5:30. There will be no preaching, but an hour of "ole-time" singing, with vocal solos by Mrs. Ernest Old

illness of a few days. The body was C. Hutcheson, Doc Vaughn was ap- had sent a man to the state peniten- H. Crew, Rev. C. R. Joyner and Rev.

LIST OF FIRMS SUBSCRIBING TO MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

One hundred and four firms, named Bros., Independent Ice company, Paubelow, have subscribed as 1936 mem- line Johnson, C. H. Jones, Magnolia bers of the Merchants Trade Exten- agent, C. M. Largent and Sons, R. B. sion association of Merkel:

E. B. Barnes, Barron Motor company, Barrow Furniture company, shop, Melton's Cafe, Merkel Drug Black's Radio shop, Blake's Dry Clean- company, Merkel Co-op Station, Merers, Bird and Swafford, Jess Bird, kel Ice company, Merkel Mail, Merkel Gulf agent, W. O. Boney, Booth gro- Motor company, Merkel Produce, Modcery, Bragg Dry Goods company, ern Beauty shop, S. H. McAdams, Mc-Buck's Shoe Repair shop, Bullock Coy's Barber shop, E. M. McDonald, Hardware company, Burton-Lingo McDonald's grocery, McDonald's Barcompany, R. A. Burgess, Campbell's ber and Beauty shop, Neill's Cafe, grocery and market, A. J. Canon, Car- Palace Barber shop, J. A. Patterson, Callahan President son grocery, Eli Case and Son, Church Jr., Patterson's market, Pence Cafe, Motor company, City Dry Cleaners, Petty and West Barber shop, J. D. Bill Callahan, driver of the fire City Barber Shop, City Shoe Shop, Porter, Sinclair agent. grocery, Ed's cafe, Odell Eoff's Fill- Stalls' creamery, Dr. Earl Thomason,

As delegate to the state convention pany, Warren Higgins, Hi-Way Ser- tion, Wood's store, Woodrum Fillir which meets in Fort Worth June 9, vice station, F. T. Hogan, Hood Ice station, Woozy's Cafe No. 1. Woozy Motor company, Hunter and Sublett L. C. Zehnpfennig.

Leach, Texaco agent, Liberty Filling station, W. E. Lowe.

Max Mellinger, Maurine's Beauty

Thompson and Risinger, Tom's Wreck-F. & M. National bank, Farmers ing yard, Toombs and Guitar, Joe Chief N. A. Dowell was re-elected, State bank, Ferrier's Service station, Bailey Toombs, W. W. Toombs, West. agent, Higginbotham-Bartlett com- market, Whiteley Bros. Filling sta-

TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell. Mrs. Jackson Bright. Mrs. Darby and children, who are visiting here from Borger, returned with them for a visit.

Mrs. Eva Parker of Post was guest a few days recently of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Perkins.

Edwin Dooley, who has been visiting with his sisters, Mrs. Carl Edwards and Claude Dudley, left Wednesday for his home at Linden.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Taylor and little daughter, Joe, of Junction, returned home Tuesday after spending several days visiting in the J. B. Winn

Mrs. Verna Barbour of Fort Worth and Mrs. James Waters of Colorado were called here the first part of the week on account of the illness and death of their grandfather, T. L. Ad-

Mrs. Robert Worth of Breckenridge is guest this week of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ams Nix and Mrs. Allen and Mr. Darby of Borger spent Monday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Bright.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Massey of Denton have received an- Hobbs, N. M. nouncement of the birth of a son on Monday, Apr. 6, named Kenneth Dan-

Mrs. Emma Gosnell of Quail was a recent guest in the home of her twin

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Sipe had as their guests over the week-end their son, Odell Sipe and wife, of Dallas, and a friend, Mr. and Mrs. Mauldin of Lubbock, and on Sunday their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Turnidge, and granddaughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin, of Abilene, were their guests for the day.

from Mineral Wells where he had been for the past several weeks. Mrs. Blanch Storey spent last week

A. Williamson returned Monday

visiting in the home of her brother. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wash, and family, of Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Steen and Mesdames J. F. Banner and Rutledge of Clyde were Friday guests here, the Steens visiting with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Steen, and in the home of their daughter, Mrs. John

for the day with Mrs. J. I. Leamon. Apr. 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Howell and Mr. and Mrs. Arch McWilliams of son of Lamesa were week-end guests a business visitor here Monday. Graham were week-end guests in the in the home of the former's parents,

> was guest last week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Estep.

Mrs. R. E. Dowdy of Odessa was a guest on Monday and Tuesday of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cal Hamner, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reed of Big

Spring spent Monday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Boyd, and attended the funeral of her cousin. Chester Hutcheson, at Merkel on

Mrs. E. K. Sorelle was guest Sunday in the home of Mrs. Lillie Patton. Charles Tipton of Merkel was attending to business here Monday.

John Burkett of O'Donnell was a passing guest Monday with friends

Mrs. Bob Martin and little son of Abilene were guests the latter part of the week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott.

Mrs. Mary Archer was a guest from Saturday evening to Monday of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Rado Archer, and MAN'S HEART SKIPS family of Abilene.

Tom Winter was a recent visitor to

vin Wilson of Merkel, attended a deal- gas and now he eats anything and er's meeting of the Ford Motor com- feels fine. Merkel Drug Co.

Strawn, while the ladies were guests pany in Brownwood on Wednesday,

Cletus Feazel of Sweetwater was

Mrs. L. H. Utley of Eskota and daughter, Mrs. Mattie Bankenship, Mrs. Raymond O'Neal of Abilene of Anson, were shopping here Friday. Complimenting from Markel, Mr. and Mrs. O iver Bright wake dinner hosts on Friday evening. Guests were Misses Beulah Spence and Billye Derr, Messrs. Morris Horton and George Caple.

CORRECTION

By error it was reported in the Trent news letter last week that Mesdames Jackson Bright and Darby Hale, Miss Edith Hale and Mrs. N. O. Bright spent the week-end in Breckenridge. The item should have read: "Mrs. N. Bright was a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Worth, of Breckenridge, while the rest of the party went on to Graham where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arch McWilliams."

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkel Mail office.

BEATS-DUE TO GAS W. L. Adams was bloated so with gas that his heart often missed beats Caz Lanford, accompanied by Mar- after eating. Adlerika rid him of ail

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comedy to be presented by the mem-

be absolute lack of sense. In conclu-

We haven't heard from the differ-

so sophisticated that they think it

urday night.

Friday night.

the girls.

MERKEL ENTRIES PLACE AT DISTRICT.

Alice Carey, essayist, won first by Mrs. Haynes. It will be accompan- wishing you a lucky life, Halbert. place in the essay writing contest at ied by a style show of the Gay Ninethe District Interscholastic league ties. The performance will be given on meet held in Sweetwater Friday and or about May 1. The gift by those Saturday. Willie Mae Nelson, extem- coming will be between five and five pore speaker, won third place in her hundred cents and the only penalty, contest. The other entries failed to or rather excuse for not coming, will

ed could have seen a smiling yet deter- Thank you. mined young lady seated with three Oh yes, I have a widowed wife and other writers at a small table in a nine children to support, so please hushed room. That person was none heed my supplications. other than Merkel's only first winner -Miss Alice Carey-writing her win- DEAD? ning composition, "Cheerful Liars I've Known." At about 2 o'clock p. m. the ent organizations in school in so long judges brought in the decision.

Both the extempore speakers survived to the finals, but only the girl speaker, Willie Mae Nelson, placed run a funeral notice in next week's third in a field of ten speakers.

There's many a slip 'twixt the toe and the heel.

ONE-ACT PLAYS.

Although Merkel's one-act play falled to place in the district meet Friday at Sweetwater, it did make a good showing. Four plays were presented Friday night. These were Merkel, Roby, Sweetwater and Abilene.

And, by the way, the rumor was passed around that Betty was mildly interested in a few of the stage boys.

Four more plays were given Satur- DID YOU KNOW? day morning. Mrs. Haynes carried most of the cast back to Sweetwater Saturday morning to see these. The results were announced 'at noon. They were Fluvanna first, Sweetwater second, and Abilene third.

Saturday night the two highest ranking plays were given over. Sweetwater staged a ninth inning rally and defeated Fluvanna.

The members of the cast wish to say that they hold no grudges against the judge.

TENNIS.

Bryan Higgins represented Merkel at Sweetwater in tennis Friday. Bryan drew a bye on the first round. The second round he drew Roby. They trotted out on the court. After a little warming up the game began. Swat, zing, zang, zam, wham, bang went the ball-in first one corner and then another-over the net, then under the net. Whoa, Merkel's point. But look at that Roby boy play. Tit for tat they went. Roby won the first set. Merkel won the second. Then things were getting hot. Then luck ran the wrong way. Roby won the third set. This put Merkel out.

INVITATIONS ORDERED AND SENT.

The Seniors have been practically snowed under with invitations of one kind or another. The present Senior, who at one time received a letter occasionally, can no longer carry all his mail home at one time, unless he has a truck. The statement may be a bit overdrawn, but we Seniors are receiving advertisements from the various colleges inviting us to further our scholastic career in some particular college or university.

We Seniors have received the invitations to the Senior day sponsored by Hardin-Simmons university. we are to see a football game, to listen to the world famous Cowboy Band, to be served lunch, and, on the whole, be entertained royally.

The Seniors have ordered their graduation invitations; consequently, the relatives and friends of this class may expect their mail boxes to be a bit stuffed in a short time. These invitations, as did our rings, carry out the Centennial theme.

Now, most interesting of all, the Seniors have received beautiful, handpainted invitations from the Junor class to attend the Junior-Senior banquet-the social highlight of the year.

Etiquette-A convenient code of conduct which makes lying a virtue and snobbishness a righteous deed.

ONE OF THE WORLD'S FAMOUS ORATIONS.

Mr. Chairman, Merkelites, hypocrites, gossips and friends: Mr. Case has kindly lent me a soap box to support my weight and Mr. Bragg has kindly lent me a corner of the sidewalk to support my box, so if you will kindly lend me your ears and support my advice, I shall proceed to articu-

My subject for this evening is the Senior play-"Cynthia's Candlesticks (or Heirlooms)." If you want to get a real laugh, I suggest, implore, beg and urge that you come and see this **Our Seniors**

Halbert Rister.

attended Merkel High school three proprietor, who bluntly asked him: years. During this time he has faith- "Do you ever tell lies?" fully worked at his studies and has improved himself to great advantage. replied hopefully. He has also acquired many new friends who shall not soon forget his companionship. This year he is a member of bers of the Senior class and sponsored the M. H. S. Players' club. Here's

Robert Higgins.

Robert is best known as captain of "Yes, sor," answered Oscar, "both the 1936 Badgers. This is his third av thim." year of playing football, and you may be sure that he is proud of that yellow sweater with three stripes and a hymn. Saturday morning anyone interest- sion, I say, "Be there!-or else!" star. He has also played tennis two years, representing Merkel in Interscholastic League tennis one year. This tions. Vick Drug Co. Night is his second year in the M. H. S. Phone 40. Players' club. Robert wishes to become a railroad engineer and we hope he will play the game as well as he has on the Badger football team.

> that we believe they must be dead. If many fellows, Jannel Black is rushing a senior they will send us a notice, we will

> > Mary Helen Mashburn went with a Junior Saturday night.

We haven't had any news from the That those that went to Sweetwater different classes in a long time. They Friday night had seven rattlers and a

must be dead also. We thought the button and a King Edward cigar. Murry Toombs has one more. Freshmen were so green that they Billie Woodrum got stood up Sunwouldn't die, but they, I guess, came day afternon.

into school dead. The Sophomores are Lucille had a good time Friday

is too sissy to watte for the paper. The night That one of the players that played Juniors are so fuli of unnecessary business that they don't have time to in Sweetwater Friday night was kisstend to necessary business. The Sen- ed on the way home. That is what she iors are too dignified to bend their got for sleeping on the job.

Horace wants his girl to go with no elbows and fingers to write a little one else (he said because he loved

Griffin lost a bet last week.

That Roy Hagler stepped out Sat-The reason why Jane Ferguson P. A. Diltz had started going with won't accept dates to the banquet is on account of Grafin. That John Malone went with Janet

Phyllis has been asked for a date to the banquet. That nobody loves me anymore (a Opal Buzbee has about two too

quotation from the post graduate) Roy can spell Sweetwater.

BITS OF HUMOR.

Vincent Barnett was applying for Halbert Rister, from Hill Side, has job and was greeted gruffly by the

"No, but I think I could learn," h

"Now Oscar," said the judge, "what brought you here again?" "Two policemen, sor," was the re-

"Drunk, I suppose?" queried the judge, in a matter-of-fact tone.

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ALLRED IS RIGHT. (Cisco Daily Press.)

There has been considerable criticism of Gov. Allred for his steadfast refusal to summon the Texas legislature into a special session to enact more taxes for financing old age pensions in Texas. While there may be much for which to criticise the old-age pension law as it now stands on the statute books of the state of Texas, unit plays a one-day stand at the there is no basis for criticism of Gov. Paramount theatre, Abilene, next family were shopping in Abilene Sat-Allred's attitude toward a special ses- Thursday. By far the most popular of urday. sion at this time. The governor has current radio programs, the Major adopted, and we hope maintains, a Bowes shows have given amateur talcommonsense, business-like attitude ent an opportunity to prove itself to Sunday toward this question. He has refused the American public. The nation's relature can know what that problem is. the amateur is here to stay. A business man sets no price upon the No legislature can be expected to enact be necessary to finance these pensions. The business of receiving and approving applications for these pensions gance and charges of political de-

The cost of a special session of the Texas legislature is approximately \$100,000. Allred's refusal to multiply this cost is a sensible and laudable stand. There is sufficient revenue in the state treasury from the liquor tax to pay immediate pensions. When the amount necessary to discharge the obligation of the old-age pension amendment is determined, it will be time to summon the legislators. But

session.

C. E. Conner Has Been Ill For Two Months GOODMAN NEWS

Friends here will regret to learn that C. E. Conner, who is now making his home in Hamilton, has been sick in bed for the past two months, one of which was spent in a Hamilton hospital.

He has recuperated sufficiently to be brought back to the home of his nephew, John Conner, and is much improved but still not able to be up.

Hodges Happenings.

Here we are again at last. The writer has had the "flu" along with most every one else in this community; so news has been hard to get.

Grandpa Haney is seriously ill at the home of his daughter and son-inlaw, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Daniel. His children from Arkansas, New Mexico, the Plains and Abilene have returned to their respective homes after spending several days at his bedside.

Our school is progressing nicely. The same teachers have been elected vide spent the week-end with her mothfor next term.

We are sorry to report the home of destroyed by fire last Tuesday afternoon. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson were gone from home at the time, but luncheon was served at noon. three of the neighbors got there in time to save part of the household body come. Also our BYPU is at 7:15. goods. Among the things burned We need your help to make it a sucwere a washing machine, cream sep- cess arator, several hundred cans of canned goods and over a hundred white leg- dle spent Sunday evening with Mr. horn chicks. The fire caught from and Mrs. Clifford Eoff. They all the brooder house near the house.

Hardin-Simmons university, spent the we will have a play, "Let Toby Do It." week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Walls are the It's all free. and baby have been moved to the home Johnson at Loraine. if the baby keeps improving. Mr. | Friday afternoon

Walls is one of the teachers here, The ladies WMS met at the Baptist church last Tuesday afternoon, with 22 present. Bible study included the next Tuesday, Apr. 21. 1936 (San book of Genesis and was enjoyed by Jacinto Day) as a holiday and will all. We invite all the ladies that will not be open for business. Customers tto join us and we are sure you would are respectfully requested to be govget a great blessing from these stud- erned accordingly.

Typewriter paper for sale at Merkei Mail office.



MAJOR BOWES

West Texans will be given an opportunity to see in person the famous Major Bowes' Amateurs, at least part of them, when the Major's fourteenth

When the Interstate theatres conarticle he sells until he knows the cost. tracted to bring these shows to Texas, Roy and Wayland, spent Sunday with it was only fitting that a special unit Mr. and Mrs. John Frazier. a just and sensible tax to finance old-should be organized and called Major Misses Fredia Farmer and Lena age pensions in the state of Texas un- Bowes' All-Star Centennial Amateur Mae Patterson attended the party givtil it knows just how much money will show. This is the outstanding group en by Mr. and Mrs. Pet Patterson of which plays the Paramount. Com- Blair Saturday night. posed of practically every type of entertainment one could wish to see, unit daughter, Esther, of Comanche, have has just been well begun. No one can fourteen features the Van Zandt Sis- moved back into our community. ed, or the amount of money required. tone; Art Waldman, musical novel- son of Abilene spent the week-end Mrs. O. B. Williams of Big Spring Texas Tech. Until these very essential factors are ties; Marion Thomas, personality sing. with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. is visiting her sister, Mrs. O. R. Dongdetermined, the governor of the state er; James Ingalls, yodelling guitarist; E. E. Patterson. of Texas would be inviting extrava- Norma and Marilyn, singers and dancers; Bill Boadway, boy soprano, and magoguery to call the legislators into Arthur Hartley, master of ceremonies. Incidentally, the Major does not travel with the various shows, but remains in New York as director of the radio

Due to the limited one-day engagement, the Paramount has arranged for as many performances as possible of the amateur show. There will be four complete stage and screen shows Thursday at the following times: 2:20, 4:45, 7:10 and 9:30. The prices including tax will be: matinee-40c and 55c; night-55c and 65c; all children, matinee or night-25c.

We are very sorry to learn that Grandmother Cade is ill at this writing. She is staying with her sons, Lyle and Allen Cade of Noodle.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Cooper had as their week-end guests her brother, Melvin Jones, and wife.

Burkburnett to be at the bedside of and being dinner.

her mother, who is ill. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cade spent the week-end with friends at Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Swafford and of Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, who had re- Nell Pressley. turned from New Mexico for a few

class to Sweetwater creek Sunday for and a rest, they hunted Easter eggs of Butman.

and all had a very enjoyable Easter. Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Rutledge visited in our midst Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Elliott of Di-

er, Mrs. E. C. Brown. Our Home Demonstration club met Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stephenson was Tuesday with Mrs. Seago. Besides the regular meeting, several foundation Sickle Phillips of the White Church

Mr. and Mrs. Naylor Eoff of Noo-

visited our singing. J. E. McCaleb, who is attending A week from this (Friday) night Come out and see Toby really do it.

proud parents of a five pound baby | The teachers spent the week-end at Boy, arriving Mar. 23 at the West home: Mr. and Miss Ferrell at Syl-

Texas Baptist sanitarium. The mother | vester, Miss Cook at Winters and Miss of Mrs. Walls' mother in Abilene and The teachers entertained their

plan to come back home in a few days rooms with an Easter egg hunt on

HOLIDAY NOTICE.

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White Church News

The community is grieved over the death of our relative and friend, Sickle Phillips, who passed away Friday. Relatives out of the community attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Phillips and family, Itaan; Mrs. Lena Thomas and childit and son and Mr. and Mr. Felix Posey and family, Throckmorton; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown and daughter, Earlene, and Buddy Bailey, Sweetwater, and Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Brown and baby, Loraine.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Wilson of Levelland came in to attend the funeral of Sickle Phillips and visit her mother, Mrs. Alice Brown, and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Mondel Rogers and

daughter, Gerry Ann, Misses Fredia Farmer and Fern Evans spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Brown. A large crowd attended Sunday School, and following Sunday School

munity attended. Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer and

children. Several from out of the com.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison and children visited in this community

to call the legislature into session to ception to this new type of entertain- Saturday night with her sister, Mr. ment has proved without a doubt that and Mrs. Mondel Rogers, of Sweetwat.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Evans and sons,

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Harris and

tell how many of these will be approv-ters, accordionists; Joe Garguilo, bari- Little Jumor and Lula Bell Patter- a nice time.

Mrs. Ada Belle Demere accompanied Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Malone of Elm to Brownwood to attend a birthday

celebration last Sunday. Mrs. Leon Toombs and son of Merkel visited her mother, Mrs. Fraze

Demere, Saturday. Mrs. S. A. Dwiggers of White Flat, Miss Marie Lynch of Brownwood and Mrs. Willis Evans and daughter, Fern, visited Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Pressley

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Russom and little son spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. Connell and family visited relatives near Trent Sunday. Junior Connell visited in Big Spring this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Patty Melton of Blair have been visiting her mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Berry.

Unde Sam Dennis is ill with the

J. M. Brown visited relatives in Fort Worth last week.

Cemetery working with dinner on the ground has been announced for Mrs. Marvin James has gone to May 29. Lveryone is invited to come

> Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Farmer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. M.

Mr. and Marvin Lindsey spent family of Ranger were week-end gusts Sunday night with her mother, Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Harris and family spent Sunday with Mr. and

Mrs. Barnes took her Sunday School Mrs. Willie Thomas of Mt. Pleasant. Miss Vivian Turner spent the weeka picnic. After a much enjoyed lunch end with her cousin, Bernice Lewis,

BLAIR FEMS

Little Jimmie Nell Horton, Mrs. Ellsworth Beil and J. H. Doan have been on the sick list but are reported convalescing nicely.

We regret to hear of the death of patterns were cut. A covered dish community, which occurred on the tenth of this month. Mr. and Mrs. Sam This week-end is church day. Every- Phillips, parents of the deceased, who reside here, are a most estimable couple and the sympathy of many friends is extended them and other relatives in their great loss and grief, Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Meeks and

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rination, getting up at night, puffiness nder the eyes; feel nervous, misera-Don't delay? Use Doan's Pills.
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Clarence Lackey of Post visited in the Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Biggs of Merkel. home of Mr. and Mrs. Mannie Barnes | Charlie Rogers of Marrs and Mr.

and other relatives recently. hear of the tragic death of Chester Rogers home Sunday afternoon. Hutcheson, city marshal of Merkel. Several from here attended the funeral Monday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. John Halbrooks of

ren, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Pett- Trent, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cavette, visited their old home in Comanche county Sunday.

The Methodist members sponsored an Easter egg hunt on Mulberry creek Sunday. Well filled baskets of good eats were spread and all that participated reported a very enjoyable af-

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Patterson graciously entertained a large crowd of young people in their home Saturday, Apr. 11, in honor of Miss Edith Akins.

Prof. and Mrs. Charles Gates had the misfortune to have their home destroyed by fire Saturday aftrnoon. A portion of the household goods were saved by the neighbors, as Mr. and an Easter egg hunt was given for the Mrs. Gates were not at home.

Attend State Sunday School Convention

For the sessions of the Baptist State Sunday School convention at Mineral Wells Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, the following were in attendance from the First Baptist church here: Rev. C. R. Joyner, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent, and Mesdames A. R. Bosth, Twyman Collins and Joe P. Self.

The latter was joined in Abilene by her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Self, Jr.

UNION RIDGE NEWS

young folks with a candy breaking E. Church, Misses Frances Marie and party of fishermen spending the week.

an essay witer this year, won first Oklahoma to spend several days.

daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Ben tin Tuesday. of Midland, were funday guests of daughter, Barbara, returned last with their parents here.

and Mrs. J. W. Rogers and son of This community was shocked to Clyde were visitors in the Arthur

Prominent Evangelist Coming to Abilene ton and Anne Ruth Givens.

Abilene, Apr. 16 .- Dr. John W Ham, prominent evangelist of Atlanta, Ga., will begin a revival meeting at the First Baptist church here Sunday, Apr.19. The church has been making extensive preparations for the meeting for the past month, according to the pastor, Dr. Millard A. Jenkins. Twenty committees have been appointed to care for differet phases of the

two weeks evangelistic campaign. Being an outstanding revivalist of national recognition, Dr. Ham is expeeted to draw an attendance from many communities in this section.

The music for the revival will be under the direction of J. D. Riddle, local choir director.

PERSONALS

Miss Dota Garoutte attended Good Friday and Easter services in Abi-

Among the many Easter vacation ed with them for a visit. Briggs of Austin.

Mrs. J. F. Hill, old time friends, of

Miss Cora Johnson entertained the with their parcits, Mr. and Mrs. F. ton West and David Gamble were a last Saturday night. Every one had Bessylea Church returned Tuesday to Lutbock where they are attending

After visiting over Easter with their daughter, Miss Mary Kate We are very proud that Miss Alice Campbell, at Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Carey, who is representing Merkel as J. Ben Campbell have gone on to place in Sweetwater last Saturday. ployed at Austin, made an Easter

week to their home at Port Arthur, after spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burns.

Miss Billie Gardner, who was home from the University of Texas for the Easter holidays, had as her guests two schoolmates, Misses Cecilie Hamp-

Miss Duncan Briggs, who is em-Mrs. George F. West has as her guests her sister, Mrs. J. E. Stephenson, and daughter, Miss Mildred Stephenson, of Augusta, Ark.

Mrs. J. L. Tucker returned last Thursday from a visit with her son, Rev. Charles Tucker, and family, at Haskell, where she welcomed a new grandson, Rev. Mr. Tucker is moving to Cordell, Okla., where he has a fulltime pastorate. Returning home, Mrs. Tucker also visited with old friends, Rev. C. C. Dooley, and family, at Rule.

Mrs. W. L. Johnson of San Antonio, who spent several days here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Golladay, and daughter, Mary Fay Johnson, returned home Monday.

Mrs. H. C. Harbers returned home Tuesday after a visit with her niece, Mrs. E. K. Williams, in Temple.

Mr. and! Mrs. J. M. Collins and lene; while there, she was the guest daughter, Ann, of Pampa, spent the of Miss Minnie Wilson and the Misses week-end here with his mother; Mrs. J. M. Collins, and Mrs. Collins return-

visitors in the home of Miss Dota Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Farrow of Olney Garoutte were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh were Easter week-end visitors with Taylor of Snyder and Miss Duncan her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lar-

Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Elliott had Miscas Winter Dean and Jannell as their guests Easter Sunday Mr. and | Woodrum of Abilene spent the weekend with their aunts, Mrs. Adah Hee-

ter and Miss Sadie Woodrum. After spending the Easter holidays Postmaster Wrenn Durham, Wes-

and at Paint Rock. Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble visited in Waco and Dallas last week.

Mrs. Thelma Smith of DeLson is the guest of Mrs. Gladys McClain. Gordon Murray, student at West Texas State Teachers college, Canyon,

was home for the Easter holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Ray King of Big Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Douglas and visit to her mother, returning to Aus- Spring, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dye and two children of Pecos, Briggs and daughter, Shirley Ann, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Burns and returned home Sunday after an visit.

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Coffee

1 pound package

Onions, white Bermuda, lb. Yams, pound

Salt

Lettuce, head

Lemons, dozen

2 pound Texaco Iodized

2 boxes

Pound

5c

24c

Spinach, Libby's, large can 12c Pork & Beans, per can

Peas, Mission, No. 2 can Beans, cut stringless, No. 2 10c

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Merkel Visited by Two Inch Rainfall

In the Midland section high winds day. and thunderstorms did considerable property damage, but no loss of life nor injury has yet been reported, although the storm reached proportions 67 a tornado just east of Midland.

Prior to this date, rainfall for the total now standing at 3 5-8 inches.

General Hagood Reinstated.

Washington, Apr. 16 .- Maj .- Gen. Johnson Hagood, who was relieved of command of the 8th corps area,because before an investigating committee he called PWA funds "stage money," was reinstated as commander of the 6th The public is cordially invited. corps area, with headquarters in

To Present Play at Noodle. The Noodle school faculty will present a four-act play, entitled "In Happy Valley," on Friday night at 8:15, and it is announced that there will be special entertainment features between the acts. Admission, 5c and 10c. Everybody come and enjoy themsel-

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P. A. DILTZ. For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4, Jones county:

E. F. VANTREESE. L. R. CADE.

For County Clerk: (MISS) VIVIAN FRYAR. CLARENCE L. DARDEN. E. D. (Dean) DAVIS.

For Sheriff: S. H. (Sid) McADAMS. BURL WHEELER. MERVYN MEEKS.

W. B. HALE.

ROSS L. MILLER. For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 5: CLYDE SHOUSE (Re-election.)

For District Clerk: MISS BELLE WELLBORN (Reelection.)

For County Attorney: ESCO WALTER.

W. H. LANEY.

For County Tax Assessor-Collector: C. O. (Pat) PATTERSON. W. P. BOUNDS.

For Justice of the Peace Precinct No.

S. C. VICK. N. D. COBB. For County Judge: A. A. HEATHINGTON. JOHN CAMP (Re election.) For Constable, Precinct No. 5;

Double-Header

(Continued from Page One.) field in A-1 condition. OFFICIAL SCHEDULE.

Playing schedule for the season is printed in this week's issue of The

In case of postponement because of rain or other reason, the baseball committee has adopted this rule: the presents. postponed game, either from Saturday or Wednesday, will be played on the following Tuesday, and in case of a will be set by the committee.

FIRST RODEO NEXT WEEK. Other rodeo dates are: May 9 ing candy eggs except three. and 23, June 6 and 20 and July 19.

It will be noted that no baseball game is scheduled on rodeo days, or both the rodeo and ball game and the ed. FOR RENT-My home, completely new arrangement will make this pos-

ATTENTION CONTESTANTS.

As has been announced, entry lists 12 o'clock noon on each show day. For Jinkens will make headquarters at the F. & M. National bank from 8 to 12 on Saturday, Apr. 25.

City Marshal

(Continued from Page Ones Coming at a most opportune time | Skillern and Mr. and Mrs. Dutch | for planting as well as proving highly Dressler, Sweetwater; Guy Darbeneficial to pastures and small grain, sey and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dar-Wednesday night's fainfall totalled sey, Jr., Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Wade two inches here, according to the Darsey, San Angelo; Miss Willie Dargauge of Volunteer Weather Observer sey and Mrs. Mattie Fields, McGregor, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Guinn, Mun-

> He was a member of the Methodist church and of the Woodmen of the

A fearless officer, a man who was known for his strict sense of right and his great love for his fellowman, he year had been only 1 5-8 inches, the had naturally attracted a wide circle of friends. His tragic death leaves a feeling of gloom over the entire community and section.

> Singing at Salt Branch. Owen Taylor will have a quartette from Lamesa for the singing at Salt

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RURAL SOCIETY

Hudson was enrolled as a new member. The club voted to meet at 2:30 L. McRee home with the county agent eral children were also present. each time.

Miss Vara Crippen, county demonstration agent, gave an interesting talk on "Good Bedding."

Ruth Pinckley and the hostess.

26 in the home of Mrs. T. C. Allen. The vice which was held at his home Easprogram for the meeting will be "Safe ter morning at 10 o'clock. in the Home."

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

and Mrs. Bill Mashburn entertained work in McMurry. with a surprise party on Friday, Apr. 3, at their home at Stith.

thy and Joyce Mashburn, Helen Nix- in Sweetwater. on, Oleta Woolsey, Jo Alice Dunagin, Jeffie Lee Stegner, Dorothy Dunagin, Messrs. Woodrow Walden, Jack Davis, bert Evans, Bill Nixon, M. J. Shaw, les Gates, whose home was dester McCartney, T. E. Woolsey, Bill to: Dunagin and the hosts.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED.

Jack Pannell, Jr., was entertained at his home on his eighteenth birthday, Apr. 7, with a party. Punch and cake were served to the following: Misses Alice Russell, Pauline, Burnie and Boots Dean, Clara Joyce and Patsy Cox, Cora Johnston, LaVerne Fay and Mary Belle Douglas, Doris Price, Sybil Harris, Veda Pannell; Messrs. Cullen Price, James and Billy Williams, Junior and Woodrow Clark, Leo Harris, Herbert and Woodrow Rogers, Otis Rogers of Clyde, Mail. Clip it and preserve for future Guyn Pannell, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Burleson, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rogers,

The honoree received many nice

EASTER EGG HUNT.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr entersecond postponement, the new date tained Sunday afternoon with an Easter egg hunt. Families represented at the hunt were: Clarks, Harrises, First rodeo of the 1936 season Deans, Ponders, Newtons, Prices and

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge club met Friday vice versa, which is an innovation this in the M. F. Carey home with the season, as it has often been the case president in charge. After a business that Merkel's guests wanted to see hour, safety in the home was discuss-

Birthday presents went to Mrs. Lige Harris and Miss Mabel McRee. Those present were Mesdames O. E. Harwell, J. H. Clark, Lee Tipton, S. for all events will close promptly at G. Russell, Jr., M. L. Douglas, O. R.

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The Salt Branch Home Demonstra- Mary Bell Douglas, Mrs. Fred Guitar Carl Doan, John McEvers, Clarence ic enjoyed during the evening hours. tion club met Thursday, Apr. 9, with of Merkel, members; Miss Blanche Melton, Pat Addison, Johnnie Lati- Then the basket of gifts was present-Mrs. Bill Hays as hostess. Mrs. Vernon Carey and Mrs. J. W. Taylor, visitors. mer, J. Hamp Campbell, Kenneth Mc- ed.

to be present.

WEATHERS-RUSSELL.

The following were present: Mes- Mount Pleasant announce the mar- ing meeting on Tuesday of last week dames Sam Martin, W. C. Lee, J. S. riage of their only daughter, in the home of Mrs. Ramsey, with 15 hour. Pinckley, Johnny Cox, Vernon Hudson, Frances, to Travis Weathers of Misses Vara Crippen, Celia Hester, Sweetwater. Rev. Melvin C. Wise, racks were made and recipes were pastor of the North Side Church of The next meeting will be on Apr. Christ, Abilene, officiated for the ser-

Ray Kanna crepe suit with access- you might be interested; come and see. ories in white and corsage of sweet Complimenting their daughter, Al- peas. Graduate of the Abilene High leen, on her fifteenth birthday, Mr. school, she has been doing junior

Son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Weath- night, Apr. 8, complimenting Mr. and each at Merkel Mail office. ers, of Abilene, the bridegroom was Refreshments were served to the educated in Abilene High school and following guests: Misses Doris, Doro- Christian college. The couple will live

KITCHEN SHOWER.

An outstanding social event of the Carl Woolsey, John Berry, Frances spring season was a kitchen shower Bowen, Quincy Garner, Marvin Ber- Monday afteroon in the home of Mrs. ry, Frank Mundy, Elmer Woolsey, Al- W. A. Campbell honoring Mrs. Char-Roy Mashburn, Lester Garner, R. C. troyed by fire on Saturday. Some Mashburn, W. M. Dunagin; Messrs. twenty-two guests were registered, and and Mesdames R. C. Mashburn, Wal- delightful refreshments were served

> Mesdames W. A. Harrison, Carl Hughes, R. E. Windham, J. A. Neighbors, Elie Brooks, E. J. Orsborn, Jack

Douglas, W. A. Harris, Lige Harris, Latimer A. F. Patterson, Luther Ors- Mrs. A. L. Rogers, Jr., at the home W. C. Burleson, Kenneth Pee, J. L. born, Claude Derrington, T. A. Mitch- of Mrs. Harris. McRee, Misses Mabel McRee and ell, J. H. Maddera, Noma Neighbors, Games were played and string mus-The next meeting is to be in the J. Crary, the honoree and hostess. Sev-

COMPERE CLUB.

Members of the Compere Home Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Russell of Demonstration club held an interestmembers present. Several magazine exchanged.

Miss Faulkner, the county agent, will meet with the club next Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Marshall and will The bride wore a navy blue Dee show how to dress up a bed. Ladies,

> IN-HONOR-AFFAIR. Mesdames Lige Harris and O. E.

Punch and cake were served to about 75 guests.

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& DIVORCE COURT

phia. A master hearing in the divorce save him." by her lawyer brother, Mr. Willard; Campbell shortly, what good will self and-" are the six persons. There is a new at all." nesses and resist the suit. Judge Daw- of Adele's intentions in that direc- by, she went in to see the floor and gossip and give evidence. If I here you followed your wife and evidence. son overules the heated objections of tion than I had until my spying Mr. Willard, and orders the witness brought results." brought in. Rowland's lawyer goes to He paused, and after a brief get the witness but finds her dead- moment for reflection, Rankin acchloreformed. She is Mrs. Barbara quiesced. Keith, wife of a prominent Philadelphia business man, Judge Dawson what did you discover by watching phoned for the police. Detective Tom- Mrs. Rowland?" my Rankin is assigned to the case. He is now questioning all of the parties involved in the case, NOW GO ON wednesday evening after the last WITH THE STORY.

the diobolical effectiveness of the Campbell was back in town; and for late Tom Marshall's measures.

management of the estate," he sum- Wednesday, May twenty-fourth, marized. "But I thought Harvey Finley reported he had been dis-Willard had means. Both he and missed for the evening and also your wife inherited from Peter Wil. added this significant item: Adele's lard's estate. Why should be need maid had casually informed him that The trusteeship?"

The young man shook his head, night bag for her." "He's not rich any more, and any- "Well, right after supper, I took how Adele was willed most of it. up my watch by the entrance of the Willard's share all disappeared in Willard estate. Campbell, driving poor investments and the stock mar- a Cadillac coupe, arrived at eight ket. And Marshall's will permitted o'clock, and Adele joined him with him to spend for his own benefit the her overnight bag. But for the early thirty per cent he didn't need to part of the evening, they did nothing transfer to his sister-about fifty more censorable than on other occathousand annually. I happen to sions. First, they went to the Forknow he is hard pressed by credi- rest Theatre. At eleven o'clock. tors. Unless he can obtain plenty they visited the Organdy Club on of funds before July first, he's a Broad Street, but I didn't dare folruined man; they will close in and low them in. Instead, I parked near

force him into bankruptcy. Adele Campbell's car, looked into it and

"Yes, I can understand that. Now,

"Two weeks ago I obtained the evidence I needed," Rowland rehearing. I had learned several days Rankin nodded, in appreciation of before from the chauffeur that some evenings I continued my usual "So, with the divorce goes the watch and trailed them. Then that she was instructed to pack an over-

woman in her position, the story this . . ." didn't ring true. I didn't question her, as it was none of my business' and beside the point. I was too thankful for her appearance just shaking his head dolefully. An when I needed a witness to worry awkward silence followed until Ranabout it."

"You were well enough acquainted with Mrs. Keith to enlist her aid in such a personal matter?"

The young man made an apologetic gesture. "I'm afraid I wasn't SYNOPSIS . . . Six persons are in an is too smart to throw good money saw that he too had brought an fair to her and took advantage of her Palm Beach, though, like all Philason, McQuire and Locke at Philadelson, McQuire and Locke at Philadelonly a prompt divorce decree can remained in the night club until suasively. "You see, I asked her to Double Among Mortimer Keith. She stayed at the midnight. And perhaps twenty join me, but didn't tell her why I Royal Arms Hotel, where Adele "Still," the detective pointed out, minutes before they appeared, Mrs. wanted her; I only said it would be and I were; and because he was der way. Mrs. Rowland, represented "if your wife intends to marry Keith came out of the place by her- an important service to me and ur- too busy to join her, she was a gent. I was excited and that made grass widow and needed company. Mr. Rowland, the defendant, and his that do him? As her husband, he Rankin's interruption was abrupt. her curious and desire to help me. That, her social position and her attorney, Mr. Trumbull; the court then becomes the Marshall executor "All alone?" he demanded sharply. It wasn't until we were already trail- attractiveness made her welcome clerk and Mr. Dawson, the master, and Willard's situation isn't bettered "She was at the Organdy unescort- ing my wife and Campbell away with all the young men at the refrom the club, toward city limits, sort. I did my share to entertain development in the case. After failing "Even with temporary control of "Yes, and it puzzled me too," Row- that she fully realized the predica- her; I rode and visited the casino to defend himself against the charge the state," Rowland returned, "he land replied. "I called her and she ment I placed her in. But it was with her, and several times attended of adultery in earlier hearings, Mr. might manage to slide out from explained that she had been to the too late then and she was sporty the dog races. Even Adele acted Rowland digs up evidence and asks under." He extinguished his cigar- opera for which Mr. Keith did not enough to see it through; for my fairly cordially toward her." the court's permission to produce wit- ette. "Besides, he had no more idea care. Because the club was so close sake, she agreed to risk the publicity "Well, what happened the night

He left the sentence unfinished,

compressing his lips with a sigh, kin asked:

have you known her?'

"I met her two winters ago, a

show. I realized, for a married had ever dreamed it would end like Campbell?" the detective prompted. 'Where did they lead you?"

> "Out the Park Drive and left on the Ridge Pike," Rowland said. "We passed through Roxborough and Norristown. At Collegeville we caught up and followed them off to the right, along the narrow "Then you and Mrs. Keith were country road paralleling Perkiomen good friends, Rowland, How long Creek. At the end of five miles, they halted finally at a substantial (Continued on Page 7.)

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CENTENNIAL

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APRIL 15-21-EL PASO-Schools' Centennial. (Historical pageantry and pano-ramic exhibition devised to stimulate interest of school children in Texas his-

APRIL 17—TEMPLE — Bell County Music Festival. (Miss Central Texas and her court of honor to be acclaimed in splen-did presentation.)

KINGSVILLE-Historial Celebration. (South Texas city in heart of world's greatest cattle domain, the King Ranch, turns back the pages of his-

RAYMONDVILLE — Texas Cnion Flesta. (Harvest festival will ac-quaint Texas visitors with another of State's great products.) APRL 17-18-DECATUR - Wise County Centennial Carnival. (Schools and civic organizations contribute in two-day colorful celebration.)

APRIL 18-GEORGETOWN-Agricultural and Cultural Fete. (Economic and edu-cational advancement portrayed in his-toric Texas community.)

FORT WORTH-'Texas Under Six Flags" Pageant, (Pageant, featur-ing massed chorus of 3000 voices, presented at T.C.U.) APRIL 20-25-SAN ANTONIO - Fiesta de

San Jacinto. (Gay festival of San Jacinto annually attracts many thousands of visitors. Climax comes in the Battle of Flowers parade on April 24.)

APRIL 21—Anniversary of Battle of San Jacinto observed in colorful Celebra-KILGORE-Centennial Pageant and

> SAN FELIPE DE AUSTIN - Colonial Capital Centennial Celebration BOWIE—Centenial Folk Festival DENTON-"Texas Through the Years"

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BIG SPRING -- "Rose Window" RALLS - Crosby County Centennial

SNYDER-Heart of West Texas Centennial Pageant.

LULING — Caldwell County Centennial Round-Up.

For dates beyond April 21, write State Headquarters
TEXAS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Divorce Court Murder

(Continued From Page 6.) stucco bungalow along the creek. It was then one-thirty."

Nick Alberti, the manager of the trigue?" Organdy Club, a friend of Camp- But as Jill Edmond had done, the The officer shook his head. "No, sidered I had gathered enough evi- tary's description of the incident. Rankin pursed his lips in disapdence against Adele to enter a de- Concluding his questions on this pointment. "Washington? I supfense to her suit; so I retraced the circumstance, Rankin thanked Row- pose you discovered what business trail with Mrs. Keith back to the land and dismissed him.

picious of your presence?"

lowed."

no idea in advance with whom they at present came to less than one. ness before she arrived at the hearing this afternoon."

Allen Rowland pondered a moment." "That's right, unless Adele noticed her at the night club," he offered at length, "and she probably didn't; her arrival there that night must have been one of the reasons Mrs. Keith left without waiting for her date."

"Yes, I suppose that's possible." Rankin frowned uncertainly. "And you have no other proofs of your wife's indidelity? Your entire case

"Mrs. Keith's death doesn't leave

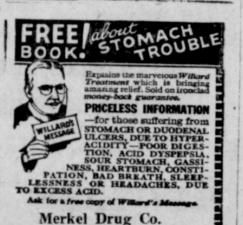
me a leg to stand on," Rowland sums. One check had been drawn with the people he went to see, "Finished, Johnson?" asked Rankin. replied, a harsh note in his voice.

Abruptly, the detective shifted past Thursday-for two thousand the subject. "Now, just one more and three thousand dollars, respecpoint, Mr. Rowland," he said. tively. The only clue to the reason "About the night of Wednesday, for these withdrawals was the word "Again I drove my car past, February first, when Mrs. Rowland "personal" written on each stub. locked the door; then he turned on me how he came to be there or and entered the room. the lights. I have inquired about what his connection was with . . ." "Yes, Cottman?" Rankin greeted it since and learned it belongs to he paused delicately, "your in- him. "You've been gone long

bell's. Adele was then cautious young man professed to be unable I haven't found him; he isn't in enough to pull down all the blinds. to account for the manufacturer's town at all," he replied. "It was Still waching silently in the dark- appearance. He had never met too late to visit his offices, so I ness, Mrs. Keith and I could make Mortimer Keith, he said; though, called at the Aldwich Apartments out they were drinking in the living having seen him several times, he and learned from his butler, Stanroom. At two-thirty they started to had recognized him when he en- ley, that he had gone away-on retire and a half hour later Camp- tered the room. He could add no business, he thought, to Washingbell turned out the lights. I con- explanation or detail to the secre- ton."

His next stap was to examine the The speaker concluded his narra- dead woman's checkbook. Except tive and fell silent until Rankin for two stubs, her accounts seemed in perfect order; her expenditures, "And at no time did your wife or with the date, purpose or name of Campbell see you or become sus- payee and amount, were carefully audited. The sums she spent were "I'm practically certain they comparatively small and far from never realized they were being fol- commensurate. Rankin wondered at her low balance, which never "Then they and Mr. Willard had exceeded five thousand dollars, and

had to reckon? Mr. Trumbull felt The two check-stubs which were reasonably sure they hadn't iden- not identifiable as to purpose, howtified Mrs. Keith as your chief wit- ever, indicated exceptionally large



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about three months ago, and the Cottman?" the detective inquired.

about two hundred feet, and parked caught you and Miss Edmond to- Before the detective could ponder where a clump of trees fringed the gether at the Sunset Inn. I've the significance of these entries, a road and hid us from the cottage. found out that immediately after knock interrupted him. At his com-the interruption, Mrs. Keith's hus-mand, the policeman he had sent to Campbell produced a key and un- band arrived there. Can you tell locate Mortimer Keith opened it

time. Is Mr. Keith with you?" give him a chance to turn up ac-

took him there and communicated

"No, I didn't, although I tried to; that's what took me so long.

to do with the New Ray Silk Com-Keith might stop, tonight."

"Hotel? Then he isn't expected back today?" The policeman shook his head,

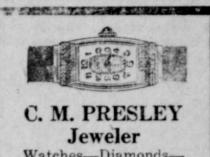
"No, not until tomorrow," he answered, "when he's completed his "Well, I imagine we can wait and

cording to schedule," Rankin said, dismissing Cottman. Johnson entered as Cottman left.

Johnson did not reply until the officer had gone. "I've taken The secretary said it had something everybody's fingerprints, Tommy," he said, "but I can't make a depany. Neither he nor the butler tailed report until I've had time to had any idea at what hotel Mr. study them-say tomorrow morn- Let us give your car a thorough

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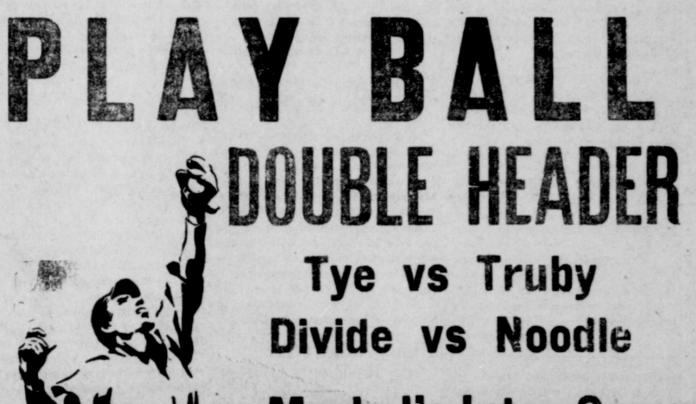
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FIRST RODEO OF 1936 SEASON SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1:30 P. M.



The Fortnightly Study club met Monday evening in the home of Mrs. Sam Swann. After a business session, in which Mrs. Joe P. Self was received as a new member, an interesting Texas history lesson was presented by Miss Alyeen Atar.

In a program of outstanding features, Mrs. U. Jones Wheeler of Abilene, who was introduced by Mrs. Tom previous Sunday. On the same Sunday side Baptist church. After the mes-Largent, gave a brief resume of a year ago 863 were present. "Poets and Their Works." Following this Mrs. Sam Swann presented Mrs. Morgan Jones, also of Abilene, whose talk on "Federated Club Work and the True Meaning of a Club Woman" was most inspiring.

The following members and guests Jones, U. Jones Wheeler, J. D. Perry ing. and Ernest Old, Abilene; R. I. Asa Sheppard, Tom Warren, W. T. come. Sadler, S. D. Gamble, Tom Largent, Tom Durham, George West, Jr., Roy Reid, Frank McFarland, W. S. J. Brown, Sam Swann, J. P. Sutphen, ren. Dec Grimes, Comer Haynes; afternoon. Prayer meeting at 7:45 study Saturday evening at 7:45. Misses Evelyn Curb, Alyeen Ater, Wednesday evening. Stell Ledger, Christine Collins, Julia Martin and Dota Garoutte.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS OUTING.

Members of Miss Vera Walker's each Wednesday evening. Sunday School class and their friends went to the Diltz pasture for an Easter egg hunt from 5 to 7 o'clock Saturday. After all the eggs had been played.

Those present were: Helen Heet- program 7 p. m. er, Ann Lee Blake, Jannell Woodrum, ray, Dorma Lee Shelton, Doris Gay the young preachers from A. C. C. West, Bonnie Church, Dorothy Lee Shannon, Ina Mae Berryman, Robbie and Vera Walker, Billie Tom Diltz and Delma Compton.

"G. U. M." CLUB.

Miss Joyce Fulton was hostess to ing at 11 o'clock.

many others, the guests were seated to an elaborately set and beautifully Moore, Phyllis Smith, Frances Hig- conference of the P. T. A. to be held in Sosebee, Noodle, Friday, Apr. 10, decorated table. Favors were Easter

Those present were Anne Lepard, Lou Grimes. Mildred Bird, Dorothy Sue Bird, La-Verna Harwell, Grovene Ford, Joyco Hayes, Mary Nell Morgan, Pearl Mathews and Wilma McAninch.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB.

Mrs. Lake Renfro. Miss Crippen gave able supper. an interesting talk on warm bedding.

the highway for the beautification of and Janet Hayes were absent,

Senior banquet.

Refreshments were served to Mes- Crow and William Hughes. dames C. P. Church, E. B. Wallace, Chester Hutcheson, Harry Barnett, after nine o'clock. Bob McDonald, E. O. Carson, F. A. Polley, George White, Watt Blair, Lake Renfro, Misses Maurine and Clara White, Lottie Butman. Visitors were Misses Connie Pogue, Mary Keny, Vara Crippen, Mrs. C. J. Har-

rison and Mrs. W. Johnson. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Harry Barnett on Apr. 22.

EASTER EGG HUNT.

Miss Ruth Pinckley entertained her Sunday School class and several others with an Easter egg hunt Sunday afternoon. Misses Fay Walker and Ina May Burns hid about two hundred eggs which the children found much pleasure in discovering.

The following children were present: Grace Lee and Glendell Lang, Bobbie Nell and J. T. Reagan, Foy and Glenn Westenhover, Junior and Billy Jean Greenfield, Harrell and Burl McCoy, Bettie and Bobby Glenn Gilbert, Sue Pinckley, Ima Ruth Shouse, George Mack Owens, Dorothy

Nell Groene and Charlotte Overton. Mothers and others present were: Mesdames W. F. Hamblet, Jay Greenfield, Hollis McCoy, Clyde Shouse, Grover Gilbert, G. F. Holloway, Jesse Reagan, Flora Westenhover and J. S.

Bobby Nell Reagan and Jarrell Mc-Coy were awarded prizes in the eggs they found.

EASTER PARTY.

Members of the "Three 'F' Club" were most delightfully entertained on Saturday afternoon a week ago in the ome of Miss Bettye Lou Grimes. An Easter theme was employed in all

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Union Ridge PTA

Sweetwater Apr. 23-25.

The program included a talk or

"The Meaning of the Summer Round-

up" by Mrs. O. E. Harwell, and a one-

act play "As We Like It," wth musical

Barn and Its Contents

The barn and contents, consisting

Heights, was completely destroyed by

Saturday afternoon the four-room

house, known as the Johnny Ray house

at Blair, was destroyed by fire, with

a loss of a large portion of the house-

The house, which belonged to A. W.

Hunter and which was insured for

Deport "Woman in Red."

issued by a federal court for the de-

"woman in red," credited with put-

THE ROUNDING REPORTED TO THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE PARTY O

Merkel, Texas

Showing the Pick of the Pictures'

Friday-Saturday

Richard (Dick) Forsan, the

Singing Cowboy in

"MOONLIGHT ON THE

PRAIRIE"

Also "Fighting Marines" No.5

and Comedy

Saturday Night Preview 11 P.

M., Menday and Tuesday

Kay Francis and Sybil Jason in

"I FOUND STELLA PARRISH"

Also Two One-Reel Shorts

Wednesday-Thursday

William Powell and Rosalind

Russell in

Also Two-Reel Comedy, "Bum

Don't Forget Thursday Night

"RENDEZVOUS"

THEATRE

Chicago, Apr. 16 .- A mandate was

fire about 8:30 Friday night.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. A total of 776 was present at the

Sunday, as compared with 729 on the secration and dedication for the North-

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preach- with tear-filled eyes and said he had quest numbers by the choir.

You are cordially invited to all of to live closer to the Lord." Grimes, A. R. Booth, Henry West, these services. Strangers always wel-

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

NAZARENE CHURCH.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 o'clock. NYPS at 7 p. m. Preaching 7:45 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bible study 10 a. m. Lord's day, announce that he will be a candidate searched out, outdoor games were preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by for this office at the July primary. Brother A. J. Rollins, young people's Having been a resident of Merkel

For the Wednesday evening service a prominent stockman of this section, Miriam and Mickey Diltz, Mabel Mur. at 8 o'clock, we will have one of Bill Laney needs no introduction to the voters of Merkel and precinct No. 5 in asking for their influence and You are cordially invited to all of these services.

The Elders.

table appointments for games and for the serving of refreshments. Miss Fannelle Gray was high point player Mrs. O. R. Douglas and Mrs. Lige the G. U. M. club on Saturday morn- in games of "animals" and at the cul- Harris were re-elected officers of the mination of the game hour dainty Union Ridge Parent-Teacher associamagrams, I Love My Love" and ter bunnies as plate favors, were ser- the school building. Mrs. M. F. Carey day, Apr. 10, 1936. ved to Misses Hollis Perry, Verne was selected as delegate to the annual gins, Jane Ferguson, Sis Gamble, Fannel'e Gray and the hostess, Bettye

PALETTE CLUB.

The Palette girls went to Castle selections concluding the program. Peak on a weiner roast Friday evening, Apr. 10. After taking kodak Fire Destroys Breeden pictures, climbing the peak and play-Miss Vara Crippen, Taylor county ing games, they roasted weiners and home demonstration agent, was prin- marshmallows, to which were added cipal speaker at a meeting of the Mer- sandwiches, pickles, potato chips, of maize, cane and other feedstuffs, kel club held recently in the home of cakes and other edibles for an enjoy- belonging to H. C. Breeden of Bettis

All the members were present ex-The club has bought 400 feet of cept two. Opal Buzbee, who was at water pipe to be placed on its plot on Sweetwater in the play tournament,

Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Paul During the business session mem- Douglass, Misses Maggie Stuart, hold goods belonging to the occupant, bers discussed serving the Junior- Fredia Farmer, Messrs. Voncil Wood, Prof, and Mrs. Charles Gates. Tracy Wood, Woodrow Barnes, Odell

The group returned to town shortly \$1.000, was a total loss.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kind- portation of Mrs. Anna Sage, the ness and words of sympathy in the recent loss of our beloved husband, ting the desperado, John Dillinger, father and son, also for the beautiful "on the spot" for federal officers. floral offerings.

May God's richest blessings rest upon you all.

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Pay Tribute to Life Of Late City Marshal

At a special meeting of the city the life and service of City Marshal ance of his duty, were adopted:

city marshal of the City of Merkel respectively, and one of our loyal and efficient officers, lost his life in the performance

"Whereas, Officer Hutcheson was a man beloved and respected by all in tion of Christ," the invitation was extended and a fine young man came the community; therefore,

"Be it resolved by the city council ing at 11 a, m. by the pastor. The not shown his appreciation for what of the City of Merkel that we deplore vesper service at 5:30 will be given Christ did for him and wanted to re- the tragic circumstances that led up over to a "singing," with a number dedicate his life to the Lord. Wo all to his untimely death, and, further, of solos and specials, including re- rejoiced and praised the Lord that our that in his death the City of Merkel prayer was answered and then every has lost a staunch and upright citwere present: Mesdames Morgan Prayer meeting Wednesday even- one came and gave him and the pastor izen as well as a valuable peace oftheir hands and said, "We, too, want ficer; and

"Be it further resolved, that we ex-Crowds and interest are growing. press our sympathy and condolence Largest crowd Sunday evening we to his family and relatives for the loss have had for over a year. Follow the sustained by them and us; that copies people to the Northside Missionary of this resolution be mailed to the Baptist church and hear the old-time members of his family, forwarded to Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preach- gospel preached. Our subject for Sun- the Merkel Mail and Abilene Reporter Silas Jones, Johnny Cox, Ross ing at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. BTS at day evening will be"The Doom of Civi- for publication and spread on the min-Ferrier, E. N. Brown, Booth War- 6:45 p. m. WMU at 3 o'clock Monday lization." Come! Come! Bible utes of this body, which are preserved by the city secretary.

"Passed unanimously on this the 13th day of April, 1936.

"W. M. Elliott, Mayor, "City of Merkel."

Office of Constable Yates Brown, City Secretary."

In connection with the resolutions, Mayor W. M. Elliott added the following formal statement thanking all the peace officers of the county, state and adjoining counties for their as-

"In behalf of the city council as well as myself, I desire to express my deepest appreciation to all officers of the law, both county and state and of the adjoining counties, for their persistent and untiring efforts to track down the slayer of City Marshal Hutcheson and for their vigilance in removing the prisoner to an undesignated jail, Re-Elects Officers not because of any threats but as a precautionary measure."

Record of Births.

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Land-After enjoying games of authors, sandwiches, mint ice cream with Fast tion at a meeting held Friday night at reth, residing on Big-10 ranch, Fri-

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey

CROSS CHILDREN MAY HAVE WORMS

Merkel Drug Company

New R & R Texas Theatre

Sweetwater "West Texas' Finest"

Friday-Saturday Fredric March in "Dark Angel"

Sunday-Monday Mae West in "Klondike Annie"

Tuesday-Wednesday Ronald Colman and Joan Bennett in

"The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo"

Thursday Only "Preview Murder Mystery"

R. & R. RITZ Friday-Saturday Tim McCoy in

"Bulldog Courage"

FLOWERS

ALL OCCASIONS

MISSIE'S FLORAL SHOP

Returns of Trustee Election Canvassed

shot Saturday night in the perform- school board, was re-elected, and C. bytery at Stamford, returned home C. Briggs and R. L. McLea.f were Wednesday afternoon. "Whereas, Chester C. Hutcheson, elected trustees of precincts 1 and 2,

On the face of returns available, The Mail stated in its last issue that it appeared D. I. Shelton had been elected from precinct 2, but the official figures gave R. L. McLean of Nubia 51 ballots, to 24 for Shelton.

Expresses Thanks To Neighbors. of Breckenridge, alternate. Prof. Charles R. Gates and Mrs. Gates of Blair have asked The Mail to express their sincere thanks to the save some of their household goods in the fire that destroyed their home. They also appreciate the shower of gifts bestowed upon them by neigh-

Read Merkel Mail Want Ads.

Cross Plains is Next Host for Presbytery

When the votes were canvassed by Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace council, the following resolution on the county commission on Tuesday, it Presbyterian church, and L. L. Murwas found that James E. Freeman, ray, representatives from the Merkel Chester Hutcheson, who was fatally trustee-at-large on the Taylor county church to the spring meeting of pres

Rev. William F. Grogan, pastor of the Stamford church, was named mod-The vote for Freeman totaled 310 erator, and Cross Plains was selected to 216 for M. A. Williams, former for the meeting place of the fall session, Oct. 13.

> Delegates to the general assembly to be held in Syracuse, N. Y., in May, & were named as follows: Rev. E. H. Surface of Waxahachie, with Rev. H. G. Markley of Breck-nridge, alternate. E. B. Mullican of Baird was named elder commissioner, with W. R. Lee

Birthday Party at Abilene. Mrs. S. P. Nesmith was honored

friends and neighbors who helped with a birthday party on Wednesday, Apr. 8, in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hodge, in Abilene. Others present were: Mr. Nesmith Homer Hodge of Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Hodge of Midland and Mrs. W. D. Scales and son, Leonard, of Ballinger.

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Large Yellow Bananas Fruit, Per Dozen

Mustard Greens, large bunches5c Turnip Greens, large bunches ___5c Sweet Potatoes, Kiln Dried, pk. .. 35c

Grapefruit 2 for

Beets, Carrots, Radishes New Potatoes, fresh dug, lb.

White Bermuda Onions, lb. Winesap Apples 2 Dozen 19c

Beans, Red Kidney, No. 2, 3 for Peanut Butter, 2 lb. qt. jar Apple Jelly, pure, qt. jar

Salad Dressing Elfood Plain or Mixed 29c

Mustard, Shilling's 6 oz., 2 for ____15c Strawberry Short Cake Cups pkg 10c Pickles, sour mixed, qt. jar 15c-

Flour 48 Pound Sacks

Calumet Baking Powders, 4 oz. ...5c Salmons, fancy pinks, 2 for Candy, Sugar Stick, lb. pkg.

Fruit Juices Orange, Prune, Pineapple, 25c

Strawberry Preserves, gallon \$1.69 Wheaties, pitcher free, 2 pkgs. 25c

Crackers, A-1 Saltines, 2 lb. box 19c Maxwell House Coffee 3 Pound Can

Pork & Beans, 16 oz. can.

Mackerel, tall cans, 3 for