

Charles Pennington, 6, was killed last Friday night at Royse City and three other persons were injured when a northeast bound passenger train struck the car in which they were riding. Haul Swindall, 21, died Monday, second fatality of the collision.

W. W. Barron was killed and three fellow-passengers' in a car which turned over five times were injured last Friday in a crash five miles west of Weatherford on highway 80.

Application of State Comptroller George H. Sheppard for a place on "he democratic primary ballot as a candidate for re-election as state comptroller was forwarded with filing fee of \$100 to E. B. Germany. chairman of the state democratic executive committee, Saturday.

Coastal Corpus Christi led Texas cities in building permits for last week with a \$1,098,727 permit for construction of the second unit of a \$2,000,000 sea wall, but Houston, topheavy annual leader, was tops again the program which carried out the among larger cities.

Hubert C. Stipp, engineer for the railroad commission at Big Spring rection of their teacher, Mrs. R. L. for the past six years, was dismissed last week on order announced by in Austin.

ment was brought Saturday by the group of girls singing "In an Old Ward county grand jury against 29- Dutch Garden." In the group were year-old B. B. McCurry, missing as- Patsy Pomroy, Peggy Titsworth, sistant cashier of the First State Jean Rutledge, June Nalley and bank of Monahans, charged with Johnnie Wheeler. Miss Christine Coltaking \$17,429 from the bank's cash lins was accompanist for the songs. account.

tween two trucks that burned up er's Day pageant, using nine local claimed the lives of Frank Hill, 37, ladies and Miss Christine Collins to of Rogers, and Robert Sidney Pat- assist her. Mrs. Robinson made a terson, 26, of Houston.

Lee Brady, 51, vice-president of the First National bank at Mart, was appointed state banking commissionsucceed Fred C. Branson, who recently resigned.



Trent, Feb. 22 .- Mrs. Connor Robinson of Merkel was main speaker for the Trent P.-T. A. meeting when for the Trent P.-T. A. meeting when they observed National Founder's Death Claims Mrs. day Tuesday evening in the school auditorium.

Mrs. Joe Nalley was leader for theme of Founder's Day observance. The fifth grade pupils under the di-An indictment charging embezzle- piano solo by June Nalley and a fluenza and complications.

Mrs. Nalley introduced Mrs. Rob-A collision near Huntsville be- inson, who was leader for a Found-

very interesting talk on the organization, purpose and history of the National Parent-Teacher congress, emphasizing that each local unit is er by Governor W. Lee O'Daniel, to a part of the Congress. She presented the following ladies, Mesdames C. W. Edwards, Maurice Falkner, Charlie Seago, Alex Williamson, T. Antonio state hospital early last Fortune and Miss Hermal Glasgow, Saturday was followed by discharge each representing a letter in the

an immate of the state hospital since the candle-lighting carried out the In 1876 she was married to J. M. District Governor W. H. LaRoque, Bernie Opal Dean, Senior. November, 1933, hanged himself in minhom solve of the candle-lighting carried out the Reeves and to this union 13 children of Cisco, who had been expected as rainbow color scheme. Miss Collins, Reeves and to this union 13 children Robinson then presented the local was killed while serving as an of- to come. president, Mrs. Bud Winter, who ficer of this district in 1925, and two their achievements made during the died June 5, 1928. past 43 years of Parent-Teacher | Surviving children are H. K. work, both nationally and locally, by Reeves of Floydada, Mrs. L. L. Houslighting 43 candles on the three- ton, S. J. and Jacob Reeves, of Knox tiered birthday cake. She asked the City, Mrs. W. A. Tittle of Brownaudience to pay special tribute to field, Mrs. G. C. Burks of Lamesa, national founders and the local | E. W. Reeves of Texas City, Mrs. founder, the late Mrs. R. B. McRee, W. M. Whisenhunt of Edin, Mrs. Sr., by rising and standing in silence Aubria Ray of Abilene, Mrs. M. H. for one minute. Mrs. Winter con- Farmer of Merkel. 75 grandchildren. cluded the program by making a 45 great-grandchildren and one talk on "The Forward Look."

NEARLY FORTY MERKEL GAINS IN GOOD FIRE VISITORS FOR **RECORD CREDIT**

Merkel's good fire-record credit will be increased to 20 per cent for the coming year, effective Mar. 1, Beautiful Candle-Lighting Cere- it is announced by Marvin hall, state mony to Commemorate 43rd fire insurance commissioner. The Birthday of National Con- present credit is 15 per cent, which gress; Merkel Woman Speaks. was formerly the maximum good fire-record credit for towns under 10,000 population.

J. M. Reeves, 78,

Mrs. J. M. Reeves, 78, a pioneer Fortune, presented a musical pro- of Taylor county, died at 3:30 last gram which included a song, "God Friday morning at the home of a Jerry Sadler, railroad commissioner, Bless America," by the entire class; son, S. J. Reeves, of O'Brien, She a vocal solo by Johnnie Wheeler, a had been ill for three weeks with in-

The body was brought here for burial in Rose Hill cometery, funeral services being held at the First Baptist church at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, with Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, officiating, assisted by Rev. Cooper Waters, Baptist pastor.

Pallbearers were Watt Blair, Jack and Z. V. Moore,

member of the local Grove.

was received in February.

Takes Eastland Office

ZONE MEETING Merkel Lions Club Host for leges of American Citizenship.

> Thirty-eight visitors from three towns were present for the quarterly meeting of zone 5, Lions International, for which the Merkel club was host on Tuesday evening at the Lions hall. Principal speakers were R. E

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County Pioneer Gracey, president of the Roscoe club, and Joe Humphrey, assistant principal of the Abilene high school. The former centered his remarks on "The

Privilege of American Citizenship,' and the Abilene man added further constructive thoughts along the same line.

Preceding the general meeting, Emmett Landers of Abilene, zone chairman, presided for a meeting of presidents and secretaries of the four clubs, Abilene, Sweetwater, Roscoe and Merkel, and he also presided for the business meeting of the entire group later in the meeting.

Opening the program, a verse of 'America" was led by Superintendent Connor Robinson, with Gay West Latimer, Bob Malone, J. C. Wal- at the piano. Invocation was given by drop of Knox City, H. E. Campbell Dr. W. M. Murrell of Abilene,

At the conclusion of a barbecue Eight members of the Woodmen supper, C. J. Glover, president of to the Annual fund. Circle served as flower girls: Mes- the local club, welcomed the visitors dames R. H. Mathews, Jr., E. B. Wal- and ordered roll call of Merkel memlace, Claude Perry, Harry Barnett bers, as Tuesday night's meeting week, will remain a secret until the and W. A. McCandless, Misses Luna substituted for the regular luncheon White and Clara B. and Maurine of the club that day. Members of Suicide of a patient at the San B. Friend, Earl Strawn and R. L. White. Mrs. Reeves was a charter the visiting delegations were intro- place the crown on the head of the lock and Paul Douglas. She was born Minnie Patterson in O. O. Harris Sweetwater; R. E. of an attendant on a charge of "neg- word "Founders." They each lighted Georgia in 1861 and moved to Grimes Gracey, Roscoe, and Abilene, by L. class favorites voted on in the finals and Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig. Earl inche." The patient, who had been a candle as she finished her part; county, Texas, when a small child. R. Thompson, vice-president.



On the "Broadway of America"

Authorization to begin the WPA project for improving Merkel streets has been issued from the San Antonio headquarters, Mayor Henry Quarterly Gathering; Speak- West was notified Tuesday by Mr. ers Stress the Many Privi- Rogers, of Abilene, district director. The project, which will cost about

> \$18,000 and will employ 55 men for five months, will start Monday. Gravel will be spread on 70 blocks of 457 as the city's part.

Assignment of men to the work San Angelo, which has supervision ginning at 7:30. of this department of the work.

Elaborate Plans For Coronation of **High School Queen**

Carrying out a moon theme, with evening of this week. The time is

the finals on Wednesday of last directors assisting. duced by their respective presidents: young lady so designated as the most



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Merchants of City Will Gather At Lions Hall to Hear Suggestions. Discuss Plans for Summer Entertainment.

Annual meeting of the Merchants Trade Extension association, which street, with asphalt topping to be has so successfully sponsored a series applied on 21 blocks. WPA funds of free rodeos for the past six sumof \$11,249 will be augmented by \$7,- mors, with other special entertainment features and trade-promoting programs, will be held at the Lions will be made by the WPA office at hall on Monday night, Feb. 26, be-

Importance of the meeting need not be stressed, as it affords all the merchants, business and professional men of the town opportunity to get together, hear suggestions and discuss all phases of the trade extension objectives for which the association was organized.

Following the custom of last year. five new directors were selected by

preferential ballots, which were votthe stage set in tiers and each girl ed and tabulated Wednesday. The folin the coronation ceremony sitting lowing names were certified to take in a crescent, coronation of the High their places on the board of direc-School queen will be the center of tors at a meeting called for this interest in school circles on Friday | (Thursday) night: Booth Warren, Dee Grimes, E. Y. Bailey, Clyde 7:30, with an admission charge of Bartlett and Nathan Wood, Commit-10 and 15 cents. The proceeds will go tee in charge of the election consisted of R. T. Gray, John West and Identity of the queen, selected in Paul Douglas, with the other six

Retained from the old board will official coronation. As editor-in-chief be Roy Reid, current president; E. of the Annual, Billy Largent will O. Carson, W. O. Boney, W. H. Bul-

Directors whose terms expire are beautiful in High school. The two S. D. Gamble, R. T. Gray, John West were Sue Grimes, Sophomore, and Watts, who has moved away from Merkel, was the fifth director whose

a plumbing compartment.

At least two lives were claimed by the sudden blizzard which swept down on Northwest Texas Friday. The bodies of two farmers, Bill Walker, 37, and L. J. Martin, 22, were found in a snowdrift several miles from their stalled automobile south of Lubbock Sunday morning. They had been sought since Friday.

Four men were killed early Sunday morning near Mount Pleasant in an automobile collision on a slick highway. Al Bridges, 26, and L. E. Butler, 28, both of Paris, were killed instantly. Harry H. Weatherbee and Peter Ileson, both of Mena, Ark., died in a hospital.

Clarence Pritchett, about 22, was found dead, apparently from exposure, in a pasture north of Lindale. He was clothed only in his underwear.

Mrs. Anna Lehmann, 82, burned to death Tuesday in her home at New Braunfels. She was in bed and alone when firemen broke into the burning house.

Asserting he would not attempt to "outpromise the promisers," Harry Hines of Wichita Falls, member of the state highway commission and oil operator, Wednesday night announced his candidacy for the governorship of Texas.

C. E. (Pete) Jacobs, oil lease broker of Alice, died early Wednesday in a hospital there of injuries received early Monday morning when struck by a hit-run driver on the highway near Alice.

Hollis Scarborough, 50, World War veteran and scion of a wealthy West at the outset, but Trent soon over-Texas family, was found hanged to took the Merkel boys to march to death by a strand of wire Monday victory. Melton of Merkel and B. near the United States Veterans hos- Purser of Trent tied for scoring pital, Waco, where he was an inmate. honors, each pocketing 13 points. The body was sent to San Antonio for burial Wednesday in the national cemetery at Fort Sam Houston.

Miss Allene Propst of Anson high school was announced by the state department of education as winner Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock in in a drawing to select the Texas girl the home of Mrs. Norman T. Hodge entitled to make a good citizenship for an interesting program, which inpilgrimage to Washington under the cluded the following talks: "Is Child sponsorship and chaperonage of the Labor Vanquished?" Mrs. Connor Daughters of the American Revolu- Robinson; "Jack and Jill," Mrs. tion.

Record of Births.

shall, of Pleasant Hill, east of Abi- Hodge. lene, Sunday, February 18, 1940. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Marshall, 10 o'clock on Tuesday, Mar. 5, in

Sunday, February 18, 1940. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mat- at the home of Mrs. Hodge, at which on bid for 15 days, and in the mean-1940.

After the business meeting, the leaves to mourn her going, one birthday cake was cut and served brother, E. E. Patterson of Merkel, with coffee and punch by the room and three sisters, Mrs. Tom Malone, mothers to approximately 75 mem- Merkel, Mrs. Casey of Abilene and bers and guests.

Ovalo Wins Right to Compete in District

37 years ago. In the finals at the Abilene high school Monday night, the Ovalo Eagles successfully defended their Month's Rains Prove Taylor county championship by coming from behind to defeat Tuscola, 22-14. Ovalo will represent the county in the district meet at Sweetwater Friday and Saturday.

Lawn captured third place honors, beating Trent 33-16.

The latter team were victors over and winter rains to provide sub-surthe Merkel boys in the opening round face moisture has been more than of the county tournament played last recompensed. Thursday night, 37-26. Merkel led

Last Thursday night's precipitation, followed by Merkel's fifth snow on Friday night, amounted to 1 3-4 inches, according to the gauge of Volunteer Weather Observer Grover Hale, bringing the year's total to

Study Group Hears Interesting Talks

Local T. & P. Agent The place as agent for the Texas & Pacific railway here is again "for bid" since the removal of H. C. Adams, former agent, to Eastland, Clesby Patterson, and "Must Chilwhere he succeeded to the place as dren Obey?" Mrs. I. W. Walling. agent on bid. Mr. Adams has a home Others present were Mrs. Clyde there and expressed to friends that Be, to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Mar- Sears, Mrs. Grover Gilbert and Mrs. was the chief reason in making the

change, as he liked Merkel and Mer-The next meeting will be held at kel people very much. The Merkel agent's place will be the form of a covered dish luncheon

tingly of Tye, Sunday, February 18, time it is planned to finish up the time W. T. Daugherty, formerly of El Paso, is serving as relief man, work of the Study group.

accompanied by Mrs. Elsie Nash of were born, three of whom preceded the guest of honor, wired Tuesday the procession enters, including the Merkel, gave four vocal solos. Mrs. her in death: George Reeves, who that it would be impossible for him

General arrangements both as to represented her unit in paying trib- daughters, Mrs. Annie Lee Horton banquet and program features were Love." Other class favorites are: ute to the leaders, other workers and and Mrs. Mattie White. Her husband in charge of a committee, headed by Clarice Higgins, Freshman, and, A new test southeast of Merkel got Dr. L. C. Zehnpfennig, assisted by

> Connor Robinson and Byers Petty. Entertainment features, introduced by Supt. Robinson, included violin numbers by Will H. Grimes, "Till We Meet Again" and "Perfect Day," accompanied by Mrs. Richard Young, who also joined him in a violin duo three solos by Richard Young, accompanied by his wife. Mr. Young's selections were "Carnival of Venice," great - great-grandchild. She also "Dinah" and "Darktown Strutters' Ball."

Barbecued beef, prepared by Cotton Owens in his very best style, afforded the piece de resistance for Mrs. Whitfield of Dublin. the supper, augmented by gravy, red Mrs. Reeves was converted in early childhood and joined the Baptist beans, mashed potatoes, pickles and onions, with coffee and individual church and had lived a true, Chris-

pecan pies. Assisting in the service tian life. She came to Taylor county were Miss Neweta Cleveland, home economics teacher at the High school, and the following home ec girls: Tommy Grimes, Louise Patterson, **Boon to Small Grain**

Girl Scout Visitor Inspires Members of **Troops Here in Talk**

In the studio of Mrs. G. W. Wilhite at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Katherine B. Shankland of New York, member of the Girl Scouts national staff, lectured to the 3 9-16 inches, of which 3 1-4 inches of a Girl Scout Troop Committee." At 4:30 she inspired all three

troops of Merkel by showing them the widened field of Scouting and its great influence in the lives of yard.

Sam Butman, Sr., and his niece, guests.

will be announced later.

Mrs. Richard Young will play as four class favorites, the most popular girl and the best all-round girl, Louise Patterson, Junior.

As the most popular girl, Loudale Gray will be escorted by La-Moine Sherrill, most popular boy; Mildred McLean, as the best allround girl, will be escorted by Sampie McGehee, best all-round boy. for encore to the first number, and Each of the other girls will have escorts, and the queen and runnerup are to have four attendants. The other four girls will have two attendants each.

After the procession a short program will be given on the stage to include numbers presented by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Young, Mary Ellen Key, Euvalda Fox and Don Wood.

term expired this year.

Texas Pacific Company and Don Wood will sing "Moon Rigging Up New Test

under way this week when the Texas Pacific Coal and Oil company set up rig for a 3,000-foot wildcat on the N. A. Reidenbach tract.

The wildcat, located on a block of approximately 3,000 acres, has been contracted to Moutrey & King of Abilene and will be drilled with cable tools.

Band to Broadcast Over **KRBC** Friday, Mar. 1st

The Merkel band under the direction of Richard Young will be heard. over KRBC, Abilene, at 7 o'clock on Friday night of next week, Mar. 1. Broadcast will come from the Har-

din-Sintmons band hall. enconserver source

Merkel 20 Years Ago

(From the Files of Merkel Mail, February 6, 1920.)

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E. D. Tueton, who for some time the old press gang remember and has been assistant cashier of the love him. Being of a kindly and Trent bank, is now with the Farm- friendly disposition, he always had ers and Merchants bank of Merkel. a smile and a cheer for his fellow-He is a splendid young man of ex- workers. We liked Mary Jane, havcellent ability and we welcome him ing known him for thirty years. Goneto our city;

arrived yesterday from an extended newspaper business under Southvisit to old friends and relatives in western skies. He founded thirty or Merkel Girl Scouts committee and the states of Alabama and Georgia. forty weeklies and he edited twice other mothers on the "Duties of The Dr. reports a most enjoyable that number during his long career Parents to Children and the Duties time among his relatives, friends and in the harness. The Merkel Mail was boyhood haunts, which he has not a Cox newspaper for a time. Cox visited for 20 years.

Hon. Thomas W. Perkins, publish- was ever on the go, ever optimistic, er of the McKinney Daily Courier- ever planning big things for the girls. At 5:30 the girls entertain- Gazette, is a native Texan and for town, filling "long felt wants," ever ed her and the home leaders with a quarter of a century prominent had a good word for his fellows. a stew in the Mrs. Wilhite's back in political and editorial circles of He did not accumulate a fortune but the state. Speaking of a brother edi- he had lots of fun in his life and tor who recently crossed the great did not leave an enemy behind him Miss Amelia Ford, were special divide, the McKinney editor said, when he passed away .- Fort Worth "Mary Jane Cox is dead. He was a Record.

figure in Texas newspaperdom for Postpone "Hard Times" Party. a third of a century. For the past (Mary Jane) Cox established the The "hard times" party, which was few years he had not been attend- Merkel Mail about thirty years ago to have been held at Salt Branch ing the meetings as formerly. He and at that time published a splenlast Friday night, was postponed on died at San Marcos on the 20th, did paper, standing for the progress account of the severe cold spell, Date being engaged in the newspaper busi- and development of the town and ness at the time of his death. All surrounding country.

but not forgotten. Peace to his ashes." M. J. Cox spent more than forty Dr. Hendricks and wife of Stith years of a picturesque life in the

knew West Texas. He knew East Texas. He knew South Texas. He

According to "old timers," M. J.

Wanda Dingle, Wanda McCoy, Jacquetta Palmer and Aline Cox. Ross Covey of Sweetwater, past February rains, providing the best seasonal conditions in years, have (Continued on Page Six). practically assured small grain farmers of an exceptionally good crop this year, while the lack of fall

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QUEEN THEATRE

CALENDAR

Friday and Saturday-Double fea-

Tito Guizar in "The Llano Kid;"

Saturday preview, Monday-Tues-

day-Priscilla, Rosemary and Lola

Lane, Gale Page and John Garfield

in "Four Wives;" News and short

"The Amazing Mr. Williams."

'Private Detective'

roles

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"Private Detective," Warner Bros.

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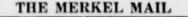


Several members of the Merkel Returning to the type of detective F. F. A. chapter will be heard over role she protrayed in "Torchy Plays station KRBC in a fifteeen minute with Dynamite," Jane Wyman uses program Thursday, Feb. 22. The sub- all her ingenuity to prevent boy ject will be a general report on the friend, Dick Foran, from arresting activities of the chapter during the the wrong man in the picture's puzpast year, with reports on projects zling murder mystery. by some of the boys. This will be the second radio program of the year share of laughs as Foran's assistant by the Merkel chapter.

The Merkel chapter was a heavy when he and his boss rescue Miss winner in the Taylor County and Wyman after she has been kidnapped West Central Texas shows the past by the murder gang. week and, with inclusion of prizes at the local project show, the chap- divorcee, whose ex-husband has been ter as a whole took some \$300 in murdered, and she and her boy premium money in the three shows. friend, John Ridgely, are accused of The boys of the chapter showed 15 the crime. calves, 10 pigs, and 40 lambs.

Glenn Robertson, with the lamb that won grand champion in both the local and county shows, placed as reserve champion in the West Central Texas Boys Livestock show at

Abilene during the past week. Glenn badman ever to appear in a film acwon about \$85 in premium money tion drama will be seen as the cenon all his lambs, with his reserve tral figure in the new Paramount champion selling in the auction ring picture, "The Llano Kid," showing for 35 cents per pound, netting him Friday and Saturday at the Queen \$52.05. The sale of his other lambs theatre. He's a character right out brought him \$193.28 which made a of O. Henry and played by that vertotal of \$332.60 for his entire proj- satile, romantic young actor, Tito lywood, from grimy "grip" to exect. He figured his expenses on the Guizar. lambs at \$155.83, leaving him a nice | For the Kid is not only a law-defyprofit of \$178.77. While this is ex- ing Western bandit-with one or two ceptionally good, some of the other unavoidable murders to his credit as projects,



ander Hall, for whom they made the Get New Lease on Life hectically sensational "There's Al-In "Four Daughters" ways a Woman" and "Good Girls

Go to Paris." The new Columbia Every day, in various ways, the comedy presents the blonde star as lives of popular screen characters a dumb-as-a-fox secretary who has are getting longer and longer. the ill luck to be engaged to Doug-Most characters, it is true, still las, a super-sleuth on the city's live but a single picture. They go police force who prefers murder to their adventurous and romantic marriage.

The all-comedy supporting cast is ways for seven, eight or nine thousheaded by Ruth Donnelly, Edward and feet of film, and pass into oblivion. Unless they are definitely kill- Brophy, Clarence Kolb, Donald Maced off, however, the exceptional fa- Bride, Don Beddoe and Dick Curtis. vorites may fare better these days.

The public has discovered it can Wednesday and Thursday - Melresurrect them by the simple expedvyn Douglas and Joan Blondell in ient of appealing to the studios who created them.

Consider, for example, the remarkthree Lane girls and Gale Page.

Daughters." The public wanted them thrilling melodrama, comes to the back, so they've been given a new and painting are completed. Queen Friday and Saturday with lease on life in "Four Wives," which Jane Wyman, Dick Foran and Maxie will be shown Saturday preview, "Adonis" Rosenbloom in the starring Monday and Tuesday at the Queen

theatre. As a matter of fact, the Warner Bros, scenarists were put to rather rain was falling at the time of their a problem in meeting the public demand for bringing the Lemps back to the screen because in "Four and visited with business men, while Daughters" they had killed John a sound-equipped bus was busy with Garfield, one of the key characters.

They solved that problem most ingeniously by writing John Garfield's "ghost" into the "Four Wives" story. Garfield appears briefly in the picture as a vision seen through Priscilla Lane's eyes. It is Priscilla's memory of him that provides the basis of the plot.

In "Four Wives," the writers were careful to avoid killing any more key characters.

Gentlemen--and Ladies Week's Screen Honors

> Gentlemen prefer Blondell. So do nost women.

One of the best-liked persons who ever set foot on a stage, Joan Blondell's sunny, sparkling charm has endeared her not only to millions of motion picture and stage fans the world over but to everybody in Holcitable executive.

Miss Blondell's screen triumphs mon her increasingly favorable attention. Next Wednesday and boys made good records with their well-but also a chivalrous hero in Thursday, at the Queen theatre, Joan spite of himself. He can hold up a is to be seen in what has been hailed

R. T. Gray, local manager of the West Texas Utilities company, has able Lemp sisters played by the purchased Mrs. J. H. McDonald's rent cottage, just back of her home Originally they were scheduled to on Oak street and formerly occupilive only through the film, "Four ed by Rex Myers. Mr. Gray will move in just as soon as some repairs

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Fort Worth Boosters, on their invitational tour of West Texas towns, stopped only briefly here last Friday morning, as a steady shower of arrival at 11:15. Several of the boosters got off the busses, however, announcements as to the forthcoming Fat Stock show.

The United States army recruiting station at Abilene reports the enlistment of John D. Sanders, son of W. H. Sanders, Merkel, Route 4. He has been assigned to the infantry, Presidio of San Francisco, Calif.

Connally Recovering. Washington, Feb. 22. - Senator Tom Connally was feeling well Sunday and was up and about for a while, a hospital attendant said. Con--- Prefer This Blondell nally was taken to the hospital Friday night after he had collapsed at a

banquet.

...... VOTE FOR ESCO WALTER For DISTRICT ATTORNEY 104th DISTRICT Composed of Fisher, Jones and

Taylor Counties



In observance of George Wash ington's Birthday Anniversary, this bank will transact no business on Thursday. February 22nd.

man who refused to recognize defeat and went on to victory; a man who enslaved himself in suffering that his countrymen might be free; a man whose courage, ideals, and wisdom helped mold the greatest nation on earth . . . George Washington.

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TRENT NEWS AND PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Scott of Abilene visited with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Williamson Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Arthur Goode was here last week to see her sister, Mrs. Herbert West, and then went to Coleman to visit her parents.

Mrs. W. P. Scott has been ill and during her illness Miss Vesta Scott

Carter Dyer spent a few days here with Mrs. Carter Dyer. His brother, Jeff, of Lawn, spent the weekend with Mark Williamson.

Mrs. Bess Keltz of Vernon was a recent visitor in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gafford.

James Strawn, student at John Tarleton college, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Strawn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McCaleb spent the past week-end in Abilene.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Little Sylvia June Taylor was made very happy on Monday afternoon, Feb. 19, when a number of her little friends gathered at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Taylor in North Trent to help her celebrate her fourth birthday.

Sylvia June, who was dressed in a beautiful pink taffeta frock, with a pink ribbon hair bow which greatly enhanced her brunette beauty, met and welcomed each little guest at the door.

After all had arrived, readings were given and a number of games were played. At the culmination of the games, the many lovely and useful gifts were opened and admired. Then the guests were ushered into the dining room where the birthday the Methodist church Sunday, Feb. cake with four candles centered the table. The candles were lighted and the cake was cut and served each little guest with hot chocolate and marshmallows and cookies with whistle-balloons as plate favors. In the late afternoon the little guests departed, each wishing Sylvia many happy returns of the day.

Those present were Janey Owens, community joins in sincerest sym-Barbara Edwards, Joy and Ruby Bil- pathy for the loved ones. lington. Beatrice Winter, Patricia Sue McRee, Donnie Nell Cox, Bobby Fortune. Bobby Owens, Joe and and Mrs. Tom Malone.

Cox, Bud Winter, Roy Williams, kel, visited Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Pruitt Formally Announces Earl Billington, R. H. Winn, Joe Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton and Boone, Nelson Bright, C. W. Edwards, Roscoe Owens, Morris and family visited the latter's parents, Robert Hail and Cecil Taylor; Misses Mr. and Mrs. Claude Doan, of Clyde, Mary Joe Hail, Lula May Hail and recently.

Estelle Gibson. real sick, is convalescing nicely at this writing. Mrs. Gardner of Asp-DISTRICT TOURNAMENT.

Trent School will be host to a disermont, a daughter, and children, are at her mother's bedside. trict basketball tournament for girls Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Teams participating in sick list, is doing nicely.

of Merkel has been staying with her. this unusual event are: Jayton, Lue-Mr. and Mrs. Grimes of Bronte ders, McCaulley, Noodle, Highland, were visitors the past week of Mr. Trent and Sylvester. H. W. Taylor and Mrs. T. A. Mitchell. of Sylvester is the director for this

meet. Trophies will be given the winning team and runner-up. Individual awards will be given al tournament teams. The winners of this tournament will be sent to the state meet in Waco.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY. Mrs. E. C. Brown. The young married women's class of the Missionary Baptist church met for a social at the home of Mrs. Rutledge Sunday. L. W. Ross, Jr., on last Thursday. members have drawn names The and gifts are exchanged. Games Bright home Sunday evening. were played and a Bible contest was conducted.

.Refreshments were served to Mesdames Claude Stribbling, teacher; P. B. Cooper, Carl Edwards, Foy Steadman, Earl Duncan, Roscoe Owens, Neal O'Rear, Joe Boone, Stoker and Elmer Hall. Next month the class will go to Mrs. Stribbling's for their monthly social. Mrs. Carl Edwards will assist Mrs. Stribbling.

BLAIR ITEMS

Rev. J. B. Stewart, M. E. pastor, is to fill his regular appointment at 25. Every one is invited to the services. You will find a friendly spirit. Several from here attended the funeral services for Mrs. Minnie Reeves, held in Merkel Saturday. day on business. She was a long time resident of this community-a very noble character; she leaves a rich heritage, the example of a noble Christian life. The

visitors Sunday with their aunt, Mr.

Clifford LaMarque Eoff, Freddie Billie Nell, of Sterling City, were the semester. Miss Berry had an average Lee Boone, Robertus McRee, Kenneth house guests of her parents, Mr. and of 88.33.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. P. R. DEMERE. | which to live.

I wish to preface this announcement by expressing my thanks to all the people of precinct No. 2 for your generous support in the past and your hearty co-operation with me in carrying on the work as your commissioner.

At the earnest solicitation of friends I again announce myself as a candidate for re-election:

seen by those who travel the lateral roads in this precinct and by examining the records of the commisular appointment at the Shiloh sioners' court.

Divide spent Sunday with Mr. and kel, which will employ 55 men and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. James and Trent which will employ 35 men; sons visited Mr. and Mrs. Hardy and one north of Merkel which will Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Taylor and daughter were visitors in the Zed ects in connection with city officials,

family of Merkel, Henry Cooper and ry them to completion. son, Billie, and Emory Cooper of Breckenridge visited Mr. and Mrs. sioner has given me first hand W. O. Washburn and family Sunday. knowledge of the finances of the Morris Hale of Newman and Jack county which can only be had by ex-Davis of Golan visited Floyd Kinperience. On the basis of the above state-

sey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Freeman of Trent visited Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Washburn Sunday. Mrs. W. L. Mitchell of Sylvester

Mrs. J. W. Mayfield, who has been

J. L. McLean, who has been on the

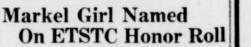
GOODMAN NEWS

church Sunday.

Sunday.

Brother Melvin Bird filled his reg-

and Lewis Kinsey visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Barnes. Mrs. R. D. Williams and son, Billie Roy, spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Taylor of Trent. Atlas Phillips was in Abilene Mon-



Commerce, Feb. 22 .- Miss Jessie Mr. and Mrs. Chat Burks and Margaret Berry, daughter of Mrs. Ann Beasley, Theresa Kay Beasley, family of the plains were passing Florence Berry of Merkel, was one of the 134 students enrolled in the East Texas State Teachers college Billie Scott, Claude Thomas Smith. Mrs. Charles Tipton and daughter, to make the honor roll for the first

For Re-election as **County Commissioner** To the Voter's of Precinct No. 2:

First: My record, which can be

Second: There are now approved three W. P. A. projects, one at Merwill be started at once; another at employ 100 or more men. As I have planned and worked out these proj-

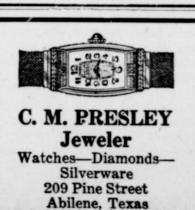
it is reasonable to say that the orig-Mr. and Mrs. Ted Washburn and inator of these plans could best car-

Third: My experience as commis-

Mr. and Mrs. Pratt Cox and fam- ments, I earnestly solicit not only ily visited Mrs. Cox's parents, Mr. the votes but the active support of and Mrs. Ed Gibson, of McCaulley, all who approve of the services I have rendered, as well as those that

are in prospect. Sincerely, A. J. CANON.

Bereavement acknowledgement engraved cards, with envelopes to match, 50 cents per dozen at Merkel Mail office.



To know her was to love her; al "Why should we weep, when the ways a good kind mother and neigh- weary are at rest, in the bosom of bor and always ready to stand for Jesus supreme?" In the arms of her what was right. She suffered much Savier, no harm can befall her, for during the past several years. We will always miss her, but would not

call her back if we could. We feel we cannot go on without our loved ones, but when God calls we have to be submissive to His will, and it just makes us more anxious to live true to our Savior, so that when our time comes and our work here is done we, too, will be prepared as was Mother Demere.

To her children we would say that, while we join you in sorrow, we can look at this life of patience and derive a great consolation from a knowledge that she did her part to make this world a better place in

death is no more than a dream. -Contributed

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WHAT A LIFE Jackie Cooper, Betty Field "What a Life" definitely establishes the Aldrich family of radio fame as promising movie characters.





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Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Elliott of

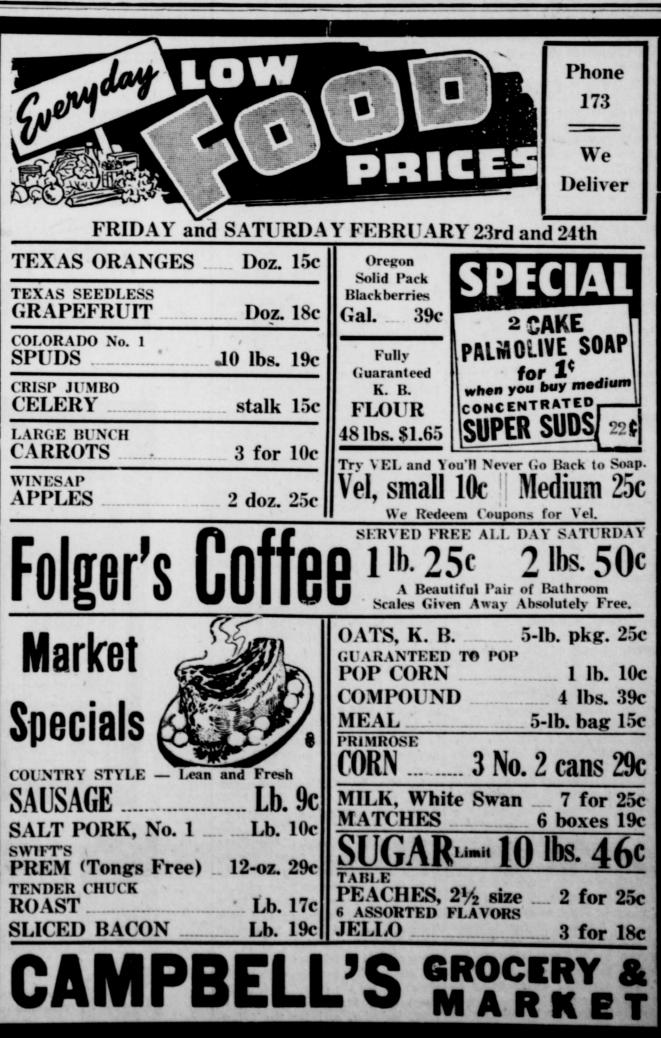
Young, Sonny Williams, Billy Roy Mrs. S. L. Scogin, the past week. Williams, C. W. Edwards, Jommie Winn, Weldon Beasley and the little hostess, Sylvia June Taylor. Grown-ups present were Mes-

Land of Abilene. Mesdames Frank Hail, A. W. Woods, Mrs. John Rosson and two daugh-Claude Smith, Clifford Eoff, Pratt ters, Misses Lois and Clarice, of Mer-

Requirements for the honor roll Misses Madlyn Brown and Louise are: Full schedule of not less than Addison spent the week-end with five three-hour courses, with general Miss Madlyn Addison and Mrs. Jack average of 88 or above, with no grade below B.

Office supplies-Mail office.





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THE MERKEL MAIL

LEGAL NOTICES

THE STATE OF TEXAS. Taylor County-Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to Wenmon Wash Gray and the unknown heirs, assignees, devisees, and two consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of trict, a municipal corporation; the District Court, 104th Judicial amount of taxes, penalties, interest District of Taylor County, to be Held and costs: \$67.22. Said taxes are due at the court house thereof, in the City of Abilene, Texas, on the 3rd or lots: three acres, being a part of Monday in March, A. D. 1940, same Lot 26, League 147, Grimes County being the 18th day of March A. D. School lands in Taylor County, Tex-1940, then and there to appear and as, described by metes and bounds defend the suit filed in said court on the 25th day of January, 1940. in cause numbered 3517-B, wherein the City of Merkel, a municipal corporation, is Plaintiff, and Mrs. Francis Frederickson, a feme sole, Wash S. W. Cor. of a 14 acre tract made Gray, and the unknown heirs, as- to G. R. West out of the said A. A. signees, devisees, and legal representatives of Wash Gray, deceased, W. B. line of said G. R. West tract: are defendants, and said plaintiffs thence W. 531 feet to a stake; thence have impleaded the Merkel Independent School District, the State of Texas, and Taylor County, Texas, the place of beginning. taxing units in said State, to appear in said cause and for each to file its claim for delinquent taxes against the property, or any part 1-2 acre tract heretofore conveyed to thereof, described in the petition of G. F. West; thence W. with the S. said plaintiff. The cause of action B. line of above 1st tract, 341 feet ary, A. D. 1940. being alleged as follows:

That suit has been brought by the 1938, inclusive, and for the following amounts of interest, penalties and costs, to-wit: \$271.38 and court costs allowed by law.

That certain taxing units have intervened in this suit and filed claims for taxes on all or part of the property described in plaintiffs' petition, as follows:

Name of Intervening Taxing Unit. the Merkel Independent School District, a municipal corporation; amount of taxes, penalties, interest and costs: \$163.89. Said taxes are due upon the following described lands or lots; lots 32 and 33, block 1. Miller addition to the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas.

Plaintiffs allege a prior and con--11 din stitutional lien upon said land for said taxes, interest, penalties and all

guent taxes for the years 1931 to To the Sheriff or any Constable of 1938 inclusive for the following amounts of interest, penalties and costs, to-wit: \$100.21 and court costs allowed by law.

That certain taxing units have inlegal representatives of Wash Gray, tervened in this suit and filed claims deceased, by making publication of for taxes on all or part of the propthis Citation once in each week for erty described in plaintiffs' petition, as follows:

Name of Intervening Taxing Unit: the Merkel Independent School Disupon the following described lands as follows:

FIRST TRACT: Containing two acres out of a 54 1-10 acre survey made for A. A. Spring, as follows: beginning 114 feet north from the Spring survey, at a stake on the north 184 feet to stake; thence east 531 feet; thence south 164 feet to

SECOND TRACT: Being a part of the said A. A. Spring survey, and beginning at the N. W. corner of a to corner; thence S. with the W. B.

line of said Spring survey; 104 ft. plaintiffs for the collection of delin- 8 in.; thence east 341 feet to corner; quent taxes for the years 1929 to thence north 104 feet 8 inches to the beginning.

THIRD TRACT: Beginning at a stake on the line between G. R. West and W. J. Ozee tract 16 feet north

of the G. R. West S. W. corner and the Thos. Hollis N. W. corner; thence west parallel with the S. B. line of the A. A. Spring survey, 75 rrs to a stake; thence N. 37 1-2 vrs to a stake: thence east 75 vrs. to a stake on the G. R. West W. B. line; thence south with line 37 1-2 vrs. to the beginning containing 1-2 acre. Plaintiffs allege a prior and constitutional lien upon said land for said taxes, interest, penalties and all costs allowed by law, and pray for the foreclosure of said lien and sale of said lands for the satisfaction of Monday in March, A. D. 1940, same

the same. Each party to said suit shall take

costs allowed by law. That certain taxing units have inas follows:

Name of Intervening Taxing Unit: \$102.12. Said taxes are due upon the husband, E. O. Battles, record own-

costs allowed by law, and pray for file its claim for delinquent taxes 1940. the foreclosure of said lien and sale against the property, or any part (Seal) of said lands for the satisfaction of thereof, described in the petition of the same.

Each party to said suit shall take being alleged as follows: notice of, and plead and answer to, all claims and pleadings now on file plaintiffs for the collection of delinquent taxes for the years 1930 to and hereafter filed in said cause by all other parties therein.

ing amounts of interest, penalties Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of and costs, to-wit: \$31.30 and court the next term thereof, this writ, costs allowed by law. That certain taxing units have in-

with your return thereon, showing tervened in this suit and filed claims how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and the seal for taxes on all or part of the propof said court in the City of Abilene, erty described in plaintiffs' petition, Texas, this the 7th day of February, as follows: A. D. 1940.

ROY SKAGGS. (Seal) Clerk of the District Court, Taylor County, Texas.

Issued this the 7th day of Febru-

Clerk of the District Court, Taylor County, Texas. Be Birdie Wilson, Deputy.

THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any Constable of

Taylor County-Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon I. S. Simpson and the unknown heirs, assignees, devisees, and legal representatives of I. S. Simpson, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for two consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court, 104th Judicial District of Taylor County, to be held at the court house thereof, in the City of Abilene, Texas, on the 3rd

and costs, to-wit; \$127.17 and court being the 18th day of March, A. D. stitutional lien upon said land for 1940, then and there to appear and said taxes, interest, penalties and all defend the suit filed in said court costs allowed by law, and pray for tervened in this suit and filed claims on the 25th day of January, 1940, the foreclosure of said lien and sale for taxes on all or part of the prop- in cause numbered 3509-B, wherein of said lands for the satisfaction of erty described in plaintiffs' petition, the City of Merkel, a municipal cor- the same.

poration, is plaintiff, and H. D. Each party to said suit shall take Simpson, I. S. Simpson, and the unnotice of, and plead and answer to, Merkel Independent School District, known heirs, assignees, devisees, all claims and pleadings now on file a municipal corporation; amount of and legal representatives of I. S. and hereafter filed in said cause by taxes, penalties, interest and costs: Simpson, deceased, Lera Battles, and all other parties therein.

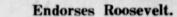
Herein fail not, but have you be following described lands or lots: all ers of the hereinafter described prop- fore said court, on the first day of of Lot C of F. J. Smith's subdivi- erty are defendants, and said plain- the next term thereof, this writ, sion of Block 14, college addition to tiffs have impleaded the Merkel In- with your return thereon, showing the City of Merkel, Taylor County, dependent School District, the State how you have executed the same.

Plaintiffs allege a prior and con- of Texas, and Taylor County, Texas, Given under my hand and the seal stitutional lien upon said land for taxing units in said State, to ap- of said court in the City of Abilene, said taxes, interest, penalties and all pear in said cause and for each to this the 10th day of February, A. D. ROY SKAGGS,

Clerk of the District Court, Taysaid plaintiff. The cause of action lor County, Texas. By Birdie Wilson, Deputy.

Issued this the 10th day of Febuary, A. D. 1940. ROY SKAGGS.

Clerk of the District Court, Tay-1938, inclusive, and for the followor County, Texas. By Birdie Wilson, Deputy.



Portland, Ore., Feb. 22 .- Governor Culbert L. Olson of California endorsed President Roosevelt for a third term in an address before the Oregon commonwealth federation, a "liberal" organization.

Friday, February 23, 1940.

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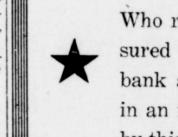
Name of Intervening Taxing Unit: the Merkel Independent School District, a municipal corporation; amount of taxes, penalties, interest and costs: \$72.32. Said taxes are due upon the following described lands or lots: Lots 7 and 8, block 22, college addition to the City of Merkel, Taylor County, Texas.

Plaintiffs allege a prior and con-

That suit has been brought by the

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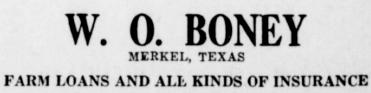


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By Birdie Wilson, Deputy. ROY SKAGGS.

costs allowed by law, and pray for the foreclosure of said lien and sale of said lands for the satisfaction of the same.

Each party to said suit shall take all claims and pleadings now on file and hereafter filed in said cause by all other parties therein.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of of said court in the City of Abilene, the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how

you have executed the same. Given under my hand and the seal of said court in the City of Abilene, Texas, this the 8th day of February,

A. D. 1940. ROY SKAGGS, Clerk of the District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Birdie Wilson, Deputy. Issued this the 8th day of February, A. D. 1940. ROY SKAGGS. (Seal) Clerk of the District Court, Tay-

lor County, Texas. By Birdie Wilson, Deputy. Taylor County-Greeting:

THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County-Greeting:

By Birdie Wilson, Deputy.

lor County, Texas.

You are hereby commanded to by making publication of this Citasummon the heirs, unknown heirs, tion once in each week for two conassignees, devisees, and legal rep- secutive weeks previous to the reresentatives of C. B. Smith, and Mrs. turn day hereof, in some newspaper C. B. Smith, deceased, by making published in your County, to appear publication of this Citation once in at the next regular term of District each week for two consecutive weeks Court, 104th Judicial District of previous to the return day hereof, Taylor County, to be held at the in some newspaper published in your court house thereof, in the City of County, to appear at the next regu- Abilene, Texas, on the 3rd Monday lar term of the District Court, 104th in March, A. D. 1940, same being Judicial District of Taylor County, the 18th day of March, A. D. 1940, to be held at the court house there- then and there to appear and defend of, in the City of Abilene, Texas, on the suit filed in said court on the the 3rd Monday in March, A. D. 25th day of January, 1940, in cause 1940, then and there to appear and numbered 3512-B, wherein the City defend the suit filed in said court of Merkel, a municipal corporation, on the 25th day of January, 1940, is Plaintiff, and the unknown heirs, in cause numbered 3511-B, wherein assignees, devisees, and legal repthe City of Merkel, a municipal cor- resentatives of W. Z. Harris, and poration, is Plaintiff, and Will wife, Mrs. W. Z. Harris, deceased, Smith, and the heirs, unknown heirs, A. C. Bailiff, and wife, Mrs. A. C. assignees, devisees, and legal rep- Bailiff are defendants, and said plainresentatives of C. B. Smith, and Mrs. | tiffs have impleaded the Merkel Inde-C. B. Smith, deceased, are defend- pendent School District, the State ants, and said plaintiffs have im- of Texas, and Taylor County, Texas, pleaded the Merkel Independent taxing units in said State, to ap-School District, the State of Texas, pear in said cause and for each to and Taylor County, Texas, taxing file its claim for delinquent taxes units in said State, to appear in said against the property, or any part cause and for each to file its claim thereof, described in the petition of for delinquent taxes against the said plaintiff. The cause of action property, or any part thereof, described in the petition of said plaintiff. The cause of action being alleged as follows:

plaintiffs for the collection of defin- ing amounts of interest, penalties

notice of, and plead and answer to, all claims and pleadings now on file and hereafter filed in said cause by all other parties therein. Herein fail not, but have you be-

notice of, and plead and answer to, fore said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and the seal

Texas, this the 30th day of January, A. D. 1940. (Seal)

ROY SKAGGS. Clerk of the District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Birdie Wilson, Deputy. Issued this the 30th day of January, A. D. 1940. ROY SKAGGS, Clerk of the District Court, Tay-

THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any Constable of You are hereby commanded to

summon the unknown heirs, assignees, devisees, and legal representatives of W. Z. Harris, and wife, Mrs. W. Z. Harris, deceased, being alleged as follows:

That suit has been brought by the plaintiffs for the collection of delinquent taxes for the years 1926 to That suit has been brought by the 1939, inclusive, and for the follow-



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Friday, February 23, 1940. THE MERKEL MAIL **ANNOUNCEMENTS New Officials Head** Wall Street Favors **Earl Daniel Pledges** Lone Star Gas System To Do Full Duty, if Classified **Present Regulation** POLITICAL Elected Constable tected against lawlessness of every A native Texan, born on Friday New York, Feb. 22 .- The New character. -:- Ads -:the thirteenth, whose business career York stock exchange finds that 47 To the Voters of Precinct 5: per cent of its member firms' cus-(Subject to action of the Demo started with a humble job for the I hereby announce as a candidate cratic Primary in July.) International and Great Northern tomers evidently favor present govfor the office of constable of this railroad in East Texas, has been ernment regulation or more, while For County Commissioner, Precinc FOR SALE precinct. elevated to the head of the Lone less than one out of six think there No. 2: FOR SALE-Five choice Jersey H. B. (Hob) ROBERTSON. I have lived in Taylor county fifty Star Gas System, one of the larg- should be no regulation at all. years, and have had a great deal of cows; one fresh cow, exceptionally A. J. CANON (Re-election.) est gas companies in the country. Little more than a third want some experience as a peace officer. heavy producer. See R. A. Walker. W. R. (Bill) SUMPTER. government regulation, but less than BUSTER HORTON. I worked for J. V. Cunningham, now SEE THESE BARGAINS BEFORE L. A. (Lem) DUDLEY. John Bond, J. P. Darden and Chief These were among results of a poll W. R. COX. YOU BUY! John J. Clinton, and always tried of 1,000 stock exchange customers-D. J. (Dave) ANDERSON. 1959 Chevrolet Master Coupe, extra to do my full duty. 900 men and 100 women-selected to \$595.00 C. R. (Rufe) TITTLE. clean ___ "fairly represent a cross-section of I favor law enforcement, and have 1938 Chevrolet Master Tudor Sedan. For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4. the vast body of American stock and always tried to be on the right side Low mileage _. \$500.00 Jones County: of every public question and moral bond buyers." 1938 Chevrolet Deluxe Sport Sedan, T. A. TUCKER. The poll was conducted by Elmo issue. Radio, clean \$550.00 For Constable, Precinct No. 5, Tay-If you will elect me constable, I Roper, scientific opinion sampler, 1938 Chevrolet 11/2 ton truck. Extra lor County: whom the exchange, worried by slack give you my solemn pledge that I C. K. RUSSELL. good \$595.00 business and trying to see itself as will co-operate with every public of-1937 Ford 1/2 ton pickup __ \$325.00 P. F. WEST. ricer and law enforcement agency to others see it, retained to make a sur-1933 Chevrolet Coach, good, \$195.00 EARL DANIEL. vey. 1933 Plymouth Sedan, extra For Sheriff, Taylor County: - \$250.00 W. E. (Elmer) LOWE. clean **COUGHING MAN LOSES 1940 Models Received:** Many Other Cheaper Values! SID H. McADAMS (Re-election). W. T. McQUARY. See us for lots of good used tires, Now On Display Here For County Judge, Jones County: tubes and wheels; also new tires, tubes and batteries. See your Chev-GILBERT SMITH. New 1940 Frigidaires have been rolet dealer. For Justice of the Peace, Precinct Don't Let a Cough from a Cold Mulsion has become such a big fa-vorite. Mentho-Mulsion contains not received here, according to R. T. GRABLE MOTOR COMPANY D. A. HULCY No. 5: Gray, West Texas Utilities local N. D. COBB (Re-election). He is D. A. Hulcy of Dallas, last Phone 123 "Tear You to Pieces" manager, who said that price reducweek elected by the board of directions on all models are effective imtors to the presidency of Lone Star FOR SALE-Good young 4-year-old Coughs from colds can be eased mediately. **Big Business Earnings** Gas corporation, succeeding the late team, filley and horse; also some quickly with Mentho-Mulsion. Men-In addition to the "Cold Wall' good mule colts and brood mares; to . B. Denning who died Feb. 6. tho-Mulsion aids the release of tick-Show Gain 62 Per Cent model introduced last year, the 1940 ling phlegm which causes muscular With the elevation of Mr. Hulcy sell right. B. B. Reynolds, Route 4, reaction and the coughs resulting Frigidaire line will feature a new it was announced that Elmer F. Merkel. from your body's action in trying to get rid of this phlegm. Mentho-Mulsion is scientifically designed New York, Feb. 22 .- Profits of low-cost refrigerator in the widely Schmidt of Dallas, operating manthe first 230 large companies to reager of Lone Star Gas company, had popular six cubic foot class to retail IF YOU want some good milk cows, port results for 1939 were nearly a been elected a vice-president of the at \$117 in Merkel. This is a \$35 refor this purpose. springer Jersey heifers or white face half-billion dollars, or 62 per cent duction under any comparable Frig-Don't let simple coughs make you bulls, see Clesby Patterson. corporation. greater than in 1938. lay off from work due to sleeplessidaire model of last year. Mr. Hulcy since 1936 has been exness and nerve-tension. Get a bot-A compilation of the Associated New models are on display in the FOR SALE-Good horse mule, 9 ecutive vice-president of the corporatle of fast-acting Mentho-Mulsion. Press placed earnings for the group The first dose proves why Mentho- | Lee-Bailey Drug. years old; wears 20 collar; cash or tion. As president he will preside company's show room. at \$1,152,061,000, compared with over the destinies of companies servapproved note; also windmill for \$704,806,000 in the previous year. ing more than 300 towns in Texas sale. M. P. Latimer. The year's improvement was and Oklahoma, the system including traceable in considerable part to a Community Natural Gas Co., Texas FOR SALE-Two mules, two smoothwar-stimulated boom in the final Cities Gas Co., Dallas and County mouthed horses, double row cultivathree months of 1939, when indus- Gas companies, Fort Worth division tor, double row planter and double trial production reached a ten-year disc breaking plow; will consider

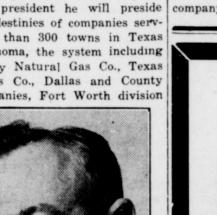
good note or security. W. R. McBride, peak. Route 3, three miles southeast of Merkel. FOR SALE-200 bushels Qualla cot-

tonseed, first year from pedigreed seed: 75 cents per bushel loose, or 80 cents sacked. E. F. Vantresse, Hawley, Route 1, (near Hodges).

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Profits for the year as a whole disclosed two remarkable comebacks -by the railroads and the steel industry. Heavy fall traffic, plus strict control of expenses, enabled 28 roads



the end that the law may be enforced as written, and that the good people of Precinct No. 5 will be pre-

Respectfully submitted, Earl Daniel

Mrs. Arthur Passes Away. Mrs. Sarah C. Arthur, 57, die Sunday at the home of a son-in-law, Pierce Horton, who resides north Compere. The body was taken overland to Bomarton for burial.

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FOR SALE or Trade-Several good young work mares and mules; also twenty good young Jersey milk cows and springer heifers. Pierce Horton.

MY FARM for immediate sale; reasonably priced; cash. Mrs. A. H. Thornton.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT-Five room house on Oak street. See Earl Baze.

FOR RENT-The J. L. Banner fiveroom house on West Elm street. See R. A. Ellis, next door north.

FOR RENT - Modern three-room furnished apartment. Dr. M. Armstrong.

FOR RENT or SALE-4-room stucco house, all conveniences; plenty of garden space, room for cow; immediate possession. See F. M. Simpson or phone 200.

and bedroom; all conveniences. Mrs. voters. A. H. Thornton.

WANTED

WANTED-Prospects for cars; will give \$5.00 cash for prospects where sale of over \$200 is made. O. C. Shouse at Merkel Motor Co.

TO THE PUBLIC-We are now equipped for first class repair work on cars, tractors, washing machines, motors, etc. Give us a trial. Irl Walker and Odell Crow, West Side Wrecking Yard. All work guaranteed.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks to each and every one who assisted in any way during the illness and death of our dear mother and grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Reeves. We especially thank the Woodmen Circle for their kindness and all who remembered us with the beautiful flowers. May God bless all of you is our

prayer. Reeves Children and Grandchildren.

CARD OF THANKS.

Words cannot express our thanks to each and every one who so kindly helped in every way possible during the illness and death of our beloved mother, also to Dr. Sadler and the nurses who gave her their tenderest care.

May God's blessings abide with all

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Ashby. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cutler.

to show a net income for the year of \$70,376,000, compared with a deficit of \$454,000 in 1938. The steel industry's 16 companies which have reported so far increased their income more than a hund-

red fold, from \$1,211,000 in 1938 to \$114,558,000 in 1939. During the fourth quarter near-capacity operations enabled these companies to roll up profits of \$66,064,000 against \$13,-902,000 in the same period of 1938.

Thirteen manufacturers of various types of machinery benefitted from greater industrial spending, earning \$7,704,000, more than double their 1938 net of \$3,736,000. Public utilities and chain stores

showed more moderate gains.

Not to Oppose FDR.

Washington, Feb. 22 .- Senator Wheeler of Montana, in a statement tion he was advanced to assistant to widely interpreted as meaning he was President Denning in November, determined not to be drawn into any 1929, and in 1935 was elected a vice-"stop Roosevelt" movement, said that he would enter no primaries where Gas corporation. All of Mr. Hulcy's FURNISHED two-room apartment the president's name is before the business activities have been in the Southwest.

> Demos to Convene July 15. democratic convention will meet in Chicago beginning Monday, July 15, vice-president. Previously the republicans, had selected Philadelphia, where they will meet June 24.



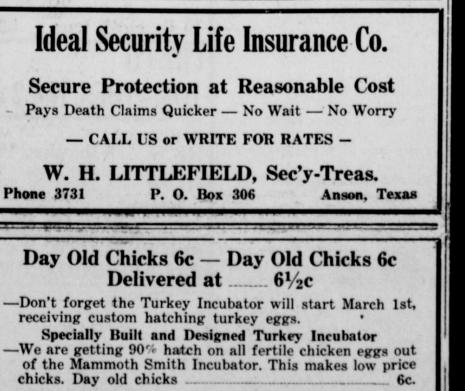
ELMER F. SCHMIDT of Lone Star, the Lone Star Co.,

which is the pipe line division of the system, Lone Star Gasoline Co. and the Council Bluffs (Iowa) Gas

> Born near Franklin, Texas, Mr. Hulcy first worked for the I. & G. N. railroad. From 1912 to 1919 he was with the Texas State railroad in Palestine and Rusk. His career with Lone Star started in 1920 in the accounting department. Four years later he was chief clerk of the department. In 1927 he was named assistant comptroller. From this posi-

president and director of Lone Star

Mr. Schmidt has been with Lone Star since 1918 when he helped or-Miami, Fla., Feb. 22 .- The 1940 ganize the gas measurement department. In 1919 he was appointed chief engineer and in 1920 became general to pick nominees for president and superintendent of the company. In 1936 he was elected a vice-president of the pipe line company and in 1937 he was also made operating manager of the company.



ABILENE HATCHERY, FEED and SEED

Abilene, Texas

318 Mesquite Street

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FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB. The Fortnightly Study club met in the home of Mrs. H. C. West on Tuesday afternoon.

was program leader for the after- Texas, families given at the meeting noon, making a very informative as of the Merkel Home Demonstration well as interesting talk on "How Our club, for which Mrs. Holt Vaughn City Taxes Are Spent." She pre- was hostess in the home of Mrs. Bob sented her talk in the form of a McDonald. Mrs. O. B. Leach brought school room discussion, giving each a very interesting report of the Ofmember a chance to answer questions asked about our city govern- in Abilene, and stressed the importment and how city tax is spent.

business session. Final plans were made for the "silver tea" to be given any matter before an assembly. In by the club in the Lions hall on Sat- the absence of Mrs. Hughes, the urday afternoon, Feb. 24, at 3:30. Mrs. Nora Everton from the speech department of Hardin-Simmons university will read a modern drama, "Twilight." All the ladies of the tend the tea.

A report from the beautification committee, given by their chairman, Miss Mamie Ellis, was accepted. The report outlined plans for this club to ask the co-operation of the other clubs of the town and the mayor in sponsoring a clean-up week campaign some time soon.

Members answering roll call were Misses Vinnie Heizer, Christine Collins, Julia Martin, Mamie Ellis, Mildred Holt; Mesdames Elma McFarland, S. D. Gamble, Elsie Nash, Connor Robinson, Johnny Cox, H. C. West, G. W. Wilhite, Owen Robertson, J. T. Warren, Comer Haynes and Bud Winter.

JUNIOR STUDY CLUB.

ture.

Mrs. L. C. Zehnpfennig opened her home to members of the Junior Study Donald, Dent Gibson, E. B. Wallace, Carl Baccus on Feb. 29. club on Thursday, Feb. 15. Mrs. O. B. Leach, Andy Shouse, T. C. Wrenn Durham presided for a short Humphreys, Walter Teaff, Grover business session, after which "Types Gilbert, A. P. Peterson, Clark Mun-Collins.

Present were Mesdames J. E. hostess, Mrs. Holt Vaughn. Boaz, Jr., Wrenn Durham, Chester | The next meeting will be with Mrs. Collinsworth, Pat Davis, R. M. Fer- Walter Teaff when Miss Tacker will throughout the afternoon, under the their niece, Mrs. Mattie Clark, of guson, Norman Hodge, Pete West, demonstrate the making of a frame direction of Mrs. C. B. Lucas and LaJolla, Calif., here visiting a few Elmo Collins, Andy Shouse and garden.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB. "Unusually interesting" were the

nett, Pearl Hollingsworth, Ruby words used Friday in speaking of Barnett, Lillian Mathews, Rossie The president, Mrs. Johnny Cox, the program on the food needs of Mae Howell, Edith Perry, and Misses Betty Lou Howell, Clara B. and Maurine White. funeral were Mesdames Harry Barnett, R. H. Mathews, Jr., Claude Ferry, E. B. Wallace, W. A. Mcficers Training school held recently Candless, Misses Luna White, Clara B. and Maurine White. Mrs. Reeves ance of the use of parliamentary was a charter member of the local Mrs. Cox also presided for the rules in all business procedure, giv-Grove of the Woodmen Circle. ing eight steps for properly putting

council member, Mrs. Gilbert, gave the council report, Mrs. Grover Gilbert, the club president, was elected as a delegate to the county council, Thursday afternoon of last week to the Salt Branch Home Demonstration there to possibly be-chosen as one town are especially invited to at- of the three to represent the county club, when Mrs. Roy Harrell presentat district meeting.

Miss Amelia Ford, substituting for Tub Garden." Mrs. J. S. Pinckley was nominat- las. Lottie Butman, shared with Mrs. C. P. Church, the subject of "Food ed to represent the club at council, Needs for Texas Families," and they from which three voting delegates pointed out that from 40 to 60 per will be elected for the meeting of cent of the diets of Texas families district 7 in April. With only two absentees, the folneed improving, and that a proper knowledge of dietary values would lowing members were present: Mesbe a great step in this direction. dames Jess Higgins, Bill Hays, Bus-Mrs. Andy Shouse, program direc- ter Horton, Joe Higgins, Roy Hewtor, taking Mrs. Roy H. Mathews' ett, Ollie Higgins, W. U. Beene, J. granddaughter, of California. Mr. subject, told of several ways to save S. Pinckley, Vernon Hudson, Roy Campbell and Mr. Creed were raised Prayer meeting Wednesday evening on prices without sacrificing food Harrell, Johnny Cox, Ada Higgins, on adjoining farms in Lamar county, at 7:15 o'clock. value, and also distributed several Mason Barker, J. E. Smith; Misses Texas. They were school boys togethleaflets on food standards which Ruth Pinckley and Lena Faye Har- er back in the eighties and hadn't were prepared by co-operation of rell; two new members, Lola Hig- seen each other for forty years.

Texas A. and M. college and the gins and Mrs. Carl Baccus, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent will United States department of agricul- three visitors, Mrs. T. L. Grimes, leave Friday to take their grand-Sandwiches, hot cocoa and cake strong.

were served to Mesdames Bob Mc-Next meeting will be with Mrs.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

The seventh birthday of Ella Fay Abilene were guests of Supt. and of American Novels" was discussed dy, Bill Sumpter, Paul Blackaby, C. Lucas proved to be a very happy oc- Mrs. Connor Robinson from Saturby Mary Collins and "Interesting P. Church, Fred Baker, Sr., Harry casion, when a party was arranged day over Monday. Bits about Various Types of Ameri- Barnett, B. H. Bryant, Norris Bar- in the home of Mrs. M. D. Lucas, can Novels" was given by Mrs. Elmo nett, two visitors, Mrs. Homer New- Feb. 11. About thirty guests called their guest over the week-end a preaching at 10:45, young people's by and Miss Amelia Ford, and the to help make the party one to always niece of the former, Mrs. F. M. meeting 6:30, preaching at 7:30 p. m.

to look back and remember. A series of games was kept alive Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Frazier have

Mrs. Odell Vick. All little guests took days.



national president, Mrs. Dora Alex-A. B. C. Rains left Tuesday for ander Tally, pertaining to the 1941 his home at Mound City, Kans., after Golden Jubilee celebration. It was spending three months with his mothvoted to send a "get-well" card to er, Mrs. R. B. Rains. Miss Norma Patton. The next meet-

THE MERKEL MAIL

21, to be initiated by the local Grove.

lingsworth, read a letter from the

ing, Mar. 7, is gift basket day.

Those present were Mesdames

Katie Kidwell, Abilene, Lillie Bar-

Flower girls for Mrs. Reeves

RURAL SOCIETY

SALT BRANCH CLUB.

The secretary, Mrs. Pearl Hol-

Mrs. E. N. Brown is visiting with a daughter, Mrs. Victor Tippett, and amily, in San Angelo.

Mrs. H. C. Williams spent most of last week visiting with friends in Abilene.

Mrs, Barbara Wall returned Sunday to her home at Midland after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Yates Brown. A brother of Mrs. Wall, J. M. Waddell, and Mrs. Waddell, of Odessa, spent Sunday in the Brown home and Mrs. Wall accompanied them as far as Midland on their return.

Mrs. Clint Allen returned Monday from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Vestal Hicks, at DeLeon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Childress, who stopped here only for a few hours after spending several weeks in Mrs. Johnny Cox was hostess on Fort Stockton and Weslaco, left Tuesday for Tampa, Fla., where they will spend the rest of the winter.

House guests for a few days this ed a very interesting program on "A | week in the Tom Largent home are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yingling of Dal-

> Miss Margaret Deutschman, who nesday to her home in the Horn com- terson. munity

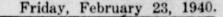
Mr. and Mrs. J. Ben Campbell had Sunday School at 10 a. m. As pasfor their guests last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Paston Creed, a daughter and tor will be at Baird there will be no preaching service, morning nor night. Every one is cordially invited to these services. Strangers welcome. FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST

at 7:30. Sunday School 10 a. m. returned from a trip to New York Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening

Mr. and Mrs. Herring Bounds of at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Shouse had as Reneau, of Big Spring.

You are invited to attend.



Church of Nazarene Revival Shows Much Interest Manifested

Good interest is being manifested in the revival at the Church of the Nazarene, which began last Sunday, and crowds are rapidly increasing. Services are conducted each evening by Rev. and Mrs. Odell Brown of Electra, and they also render special music in song each service. The public is invited to attend these services. The revival will continue two weeks, closing Mar. 3.

Visiting Speaker to **Review "Our Bibles"**

Members of the Gleaners and Comrades classes of the Methodist church will hear a review of "Our Bibles" given by Mrs. Bryan Bradbury of Abilene at the regular Sunday School hour next Sunday. "Our Bibles" is an anthology of eight world religions.

Mrs. Bradbury, who is a graduate of McMurry college and is working toward her M. A. from Hardin-Simmons university, is a former widely traveled.

Hospital Notes.

Henry Horde of Winters had a consillectomy at the Merkel hospital on Thursday, Feb 15. On the same day Bob Steakley of Odessa, injured in a car wreck west of town, was received with a fractured pelvis.

Mrs. J. H. Hobbs of Stith was brought to the hospital Friday with a fractured arm, sustained when she slipped in the mud and fell in the yard at her home.

Wilbur Thomas entered the hospital Sunday for major surgery.

Mrs. R. L. Power of Trent received minor surgery Wednesday. Bill Horton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Horton, was admitted Wednesday for treatment.

Two babies, both boys, were born Sunday at the hospital. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ira Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mattingly.

Distinct Honor Comes To Local Technician

In having been selected as one of a group of eight technicians in the state for a two-day postgraduate course, sponsored by the state health

Mrs. J. D. Newton and Mrs. M. Arm- daughter, Carla Lou Imes, back to Tulsa, Okla. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Imes, Carla Lou's parents, have just

and Washington, D. C.

at 7:30 o'clock.

In The Churches SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 435 present at the six reporting Sunday Schools here last Sunday, as compared with 577 the previous week. On the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 646.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Young people's meeting at 6:45 p. m. Evening worship at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. John H. Crow, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. Training Service 6:45 p. m. Evening sermon 7:30. Cooper Waters, Pastor.

W. J. Largent, Sunday School Superintendent. Will H. Grimes, B. T. U. Director.

BAPTIST W. M. U.

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist church will meet in Circles Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. May Belle Taylor Circle will meet teacher of McMurry college and is with Mrs. Alvin Wozencraft. Blanche

Rose Walker Circle will meet with spent the past week visiting in the Mrs. Sam Swann. Elkin Lockett Cir-O. B. Tatum home, returned Wed- cle will meet with Mrs. W. F. Pat-

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

CHURCH.

Saturday night preaching service

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Sunday services: Pible classes 9:45,

Wednesday evening Bible study

R. A. Walker, Pastor.

R. U. Rister, Pastor.

E. W. Key, Minister.

Byron Patterson, and Mrs. I. W Walling, a new member; Misses Mary Collins, Agnes Clark, Mildred Hamm, Helen Reddell, Imogene Schulze and Billie Gardner and the hostess.

SILVER TEA.

The lovely home of Mrs. Tom Largent was opened to members of the Woman's Missionary societies of the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches on Monday afternoon when she entertained with a silver tea. was Miss Amelia Ford of Searsport, Maine. Miss Ford is a house guest in the Sam Butman home here. She talked on a most interesting subject, "Seafaring Life in Maine." Musical selections were given by Mrs. Andy Shouse. At the tea hour Mrs. Largent was assisted by Mrs. Ross Ferrier in serving special tea and pastries from a beautifully laid table centered with red carnations flanked by lighted tapers.

JOLLY NEIGHBORS CLUB.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cox entertained members of the Jolly Neighbors club on Friday evening of last leaf rolls, glazed pickles, cookies and nuts was served with spiced tea to lie Barnett. Messrs, and Mesdames John Grable, Spencer Bird, Raymond Ferguson, Andy Shouse, F. Y. Gaither, Miss Pauline Johnson and the host and hostess.

COMRADES CLASS PARTY. Mesdames Herbert Dunn and Pinky Cypert were hosts Monday night for a lovely party entertaining the Com-

rades class of the Methodist church. refreshments.

Newby and the hosts.

T. E. L. CLASS.

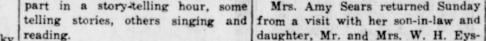
Booth as co-hostesses.

At the refreshment hour, cherry pie topped with whipped cream, Mrs. M. D. Lucas. olives and coffee were served to Mesdames Walker, Warren, Clack, Bird, Ford, Collins, Brown, Largent, Fulton, Mansfield and Miller.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

The local Grove of the Woodmen week. Games of "84" progressed Circle had two new members, Mrs. ings to be held at Sweetwater May happily as the evening's diversion, Rossie Mae Howell and daughter, 26, 27 and 28. President Gracey of after which a delicious refreshment Betty Lu, transferring from Trent the Roscoe club spoke for the next plate of pressed chicken, hot clover at the last meeting, which was pre- zone meeting, the date to be announcsided over by the guardian, Mrs. Lil. ed later.

Mrs. Katie Kidwell, district manager, reported two new Groves to be organized in her district, Westbrook Grossley, E. J. Worthy, C. D. Maand Hylton; the latter has been in- lone, R. E. Harwell, Hugo Zetzman, vited to bring its members here Mar.



Refreshment time brought cake and hot chocolate, with "sucker Val- Miss Claire Tate of Abilene was the The George Washington motif honoree and Joan Sloan, Harold Sears. was used both in games and in the Dean Sloan, Larry Sloan, Ida Beth Adkins, Jeanette Lucas, Brooksie Twenty members were present for Ann Rodhen, Bettie Lu and Maxine the occasion: Messrs. and Mesdames Justice, Buddy and Christine Mar-Johnny Cox, Raymond Ferguson, tin, Jimmie Dan Vick, Peggy Lu and John Grable, Ray Wilson, Vernon Dorothy Goode, Peggy Ann Bicknell, Hudson, Terrell Mashburn, Elmo Ella Dora Eoff, Joneal Allen, Geral-Guest speaker for the afternoon Collins, Homer Newby, little Paca dine Stanley, Yvonne Horton, Jonell Lucas, Wilma Lee and Lonnie Loven, Doris and Billie Caldwell, Bobby Amason, Robert Ray Johnson, Keith Members of the T. E. L. class of and Billy Tarpley; Mesdames Odell the First Baptist church met on Wed- Vick, Odell Eoff, Ernest Lucas, Bill nesday afternoon with Mrs. Earl Caldwell, T. K. Marshall, Henry Teague, with Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tarp-

ley, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Adkins, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lucas and Mr. and

Zone Meeting

(Continued from Page One)

district governor, called attention to the combined district and state meet-

Registered from out-of-town were: From Roscoe: R. E. Gracey, V. I. Blocker, Wade Forrester, W. B. B. B. Daily, Roy Pearce.

From Sweetwater: O. O. Harris, Alex Crowder, Ross Covey, John Aycock, Dr. P. T. Quast, Kirby Kinsey, Adolph Eberle, Ennis Hartgraves, Don Smith, Howard Yates, R. C. Lacy, Leonard Weaver, E. A. Dann, E. L. Duncan,

From Abilene: E. M. Landers, L. R. Thompson, Tom E. Roberts, Joe Humphrey, Joe Williamson, Sim O'Neal, R. L. Bland, Dr. W. M. Murrell, Judge Carl Hulsey, E. T. Brooks, Chief of Police T. A. Hackney, H. J. Moorland, Ray Clark, W. W. Haynes.

To Attend Leaders' Course Mrs. G. W. Wilhite and Mrs. Hob Robertson are planning to attend a leaders' course offered by Miss Katherine B. Shankland, of the New York office of the Girls Scouts, in the Blue room of the Hilton hotel, Abilene, on 25c or 25 for \$1.00, at Merkel Mail Friday evening, Saturday morning and afternoon. Any one interested in going is asked to call Mrs. Wil-

Mrs. Amy Sears returned Sunday

ciated.

ter and aunt to us.

Thursday evening.

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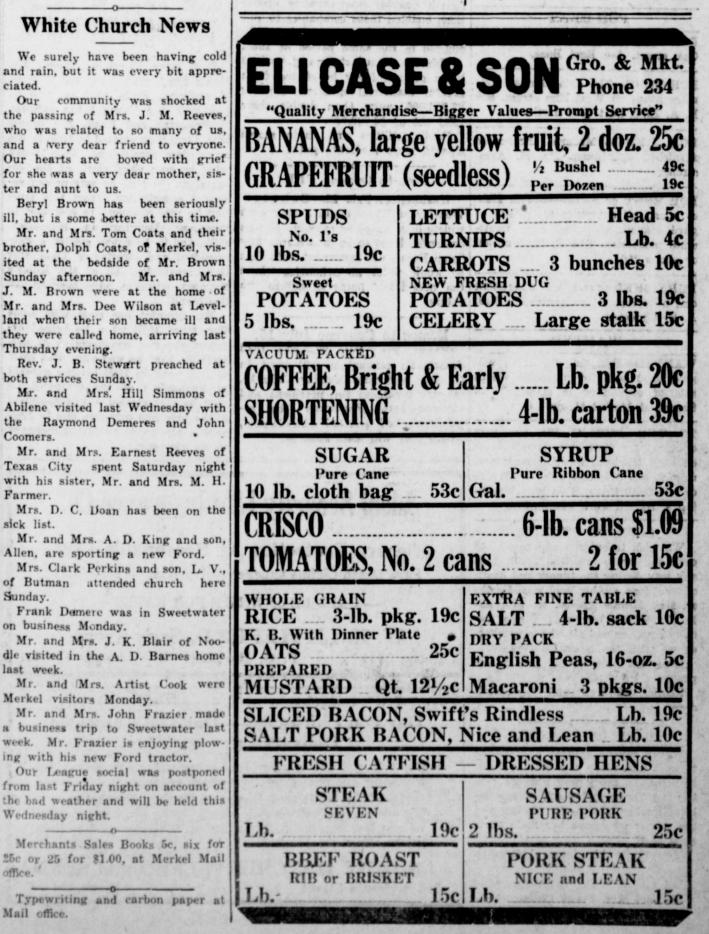
both services Sunday.

daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eys- Gaskill, 23-year-old rodeo performsen, at Houston. While she was away, er of Casa Grande, Ariz., died Frientines" for plate favors, to the week-end guest of Miss Mary Eula afternoon while attempting to ride

Brahma Kills Cowgirl. Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 22 .- Dorothy day night of injuries suffered in the a brahma bull in the Phoenix rodeo.

department, Miss Vivian Davis, technician at the Sadler Clinic, was accorded a distinct honor. The two-day course was given at Austin last week.

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The sent the draft with