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PERSONAL NEWS **NOTES**

Mrs. Myrtle Boden recently visited in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Toombs, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Anderson Mrs. Sally Angus and three nieces and their families. She was met there by her granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs Ocie Day and their daughter of week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bicknell and children, Tommy and Mattie Lou, Lions club, sponsoring unit of the and Miss Ruby Phillips of Seagraves were visitors with relatives in Merkel the past week-end.

Mrs. Billy Joe White attended the State Board of Examiners for Nurses at St. Paul's hospital in Dallas Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Stails of Dallas were here for a week-end vis t with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stalls, Also over for the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Felix Stalls and ter group singing of "God Bless son, Joe Brent, of Abilene.

Miss Mamie Ellis of Abilene was a week-end visitor with friends hear Mrs. Wynona Scroggins and ser Sammy, of Abilene, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mis S. O. Patton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tipton have returned to Hobbs, N. M., after a week-end with their parents, My er members of the committee, Dee and Mrs. L. S. Tipton and Mr. and Grimes and Frank Breaux; Inth r Mrs. Emmett Ayers.

and son, Burl, of Kermit, visited and their leaders: Owl patrol, Kantheir parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Patten, Cook, and Panthers, Charles Neel last week. Other guests in the Pat-Dorothy and Shirley, and Mr. and Mrs. Neal Monroe and children, Leonard and McGlennon, all of

Visiting in the home of Mr. ard Mrs. J. C. Carson for the past two weeks are Mrs. Carson's mother, Mrs. E. O. Patterson, and son, Melvin, from Bakersfield, Calif. They are also visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Melton.

L. A. Dudley and his sister. Mrs. C. P. Perry, of Divide, attended the funeral of their sister, Mrs. L. E. Bush, which was held at Altus, Okla. Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Nall Cleveland, Miss., visited over the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton. Mrs. Nall is the former Delwee Melton.

Eert Melton, agent for the Abile is Reporter-News and Dallas News, lait Monday for the Veterans hospital at McKinney, Texas, for a check-up and possible medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Friend and children of Brownwood, who visited Sunday with friends in Trent, were Sunday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Seago.

Mrs. J. S. Touchstone returned to her home at Anson Saturday after spending the last three weeks with her daughter, Mrs. John Shannon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shaver of ing her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Norman S. King, senior Scout ad Shannon, and were present at the Iris Graham Memorial Dining Hall opening at McMurry Sunday.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Dee Grimes has bought the Fred Guitar home on Oak street, which he has occupied the past two years | Farland. as a tenant.

One of the old-timers, an early se tler of the 1888 days, was a visitor here one day last week-J. H. Caddell, who came to this area with the Higginses. He was returning to his home in Kirby, Mont, after visiting in Ranger and Coleman.

While Agent A. J. Graham is taking a much needed rest, his younger son, June, is substituting for his father as local station agent for the Texas and Pacific railway.

Heading the Texas delegation as president of the Texas Hereford as sociation, Roy Largent left Monday to attend the meeting of the American Hereford association at Kansas

City, Mo. E. O. Carson returned home Sunday night after an absence of about a month. He left here for Elgin, Okla., to attend the funeral of an aunt. Mrs. services, Rev. W. K. Horn will preach young voices drifted from song to Ada Stephens, and from there accorpanied a sister, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. at 10:30 a. m. Dinner will be served King, to Fort Sumner, N. M., where on the ground, with preaching servhe visited for some time, than back ices to follow in the afternoon. to Eunice, N. M., where he used to Members of neighboring churches with punch by Mrs. Stacy Bird and live for a visit before returning home, are invited to come and take part.

CHILI SUPPER FOR SCOUTS AT YOUTH CENTER

Approximately 100 persons, Chandler, Okla., who accompanied cluding members of Boy Scout Troop her back to Merkel and spent the 20 and prospective members and their parents were present for a Chili supper arranged for Friday night in the Youth Center by the Merkel troop, as a feature of the Boy Scout birthday celebration.

Frincipal speaker was Paul Ireland, Scout Executive, of Abilene who also showed a talking motion picture in color, "The Trail to Citizenship." Dee Grimes, committeeman in charge of advancement, was chairman of a court of honor, which climaxed the program,

Senior Patrol Leader G. H. Sub er acted as master of ceremonies. Af-America," led by Eddie Breaux, the invocation was given by Rev. D. S. Maintenance committee. Neel, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, and welcome was extended by the senior patrol leader. Led by Eddie Breaux and Donald Cook, the Boy Scouts sang four numbers, accompanied by Miss Christine Collins.

Earl Hughes, chairman of the troop committee, introduced two oth-Land, Assistant Scoutmaster, a d C. A. Farley. Scoutmaster, following Rev. and Mrs. A. V. Henderson which the latter presented the patrels neth Bowen, Flying Eagles, Donald

> Ernest Reynolds, woodcarving; Al- Arlington, \$2.50. planning.

Scoutmaster Farley announced that 32 troop members had registered for 1947 and presented cards " to those of the boys present. Universal Scout pins were awarded to members of the troop committee: Earl Hughes, Dee Grimes, Frank Breaux, Edwin Read and Clyde Bartlett, also to Supt. R. A. McCollum of the Merkel Public schools, who is institutional representative, and E. O. Carson, neighborhood commissioner,

In prefacing his talk preceding the showing of the mction picture, Sccut Executive Ireland complimented the Merkel troop on two scores: first, the fine singing of the troop, and second, he said: "In over 70 units of couting with which he came in contact in the seven-county area, Mer kel troop had the top Scoutmaster of them all (C. A. Farley.)"

In concluding the program short talks were made by Scoutmaster C. A. Farley, Assistant Luther Land, Committeemen Earl Hughes, Frank Breaux and Dee Grimes, and Supt R. A. McCollum, substituting for Edwin Read, committeeman who was otherwise engaged as co-director of a week-end basketball tournament then in progress. Final speaker was visor, who is organizing a new unit of Senior Scouts.

The supper of chili and crackers with pickles, coffee and fried pie, was prepared and served by members of the Fortnightly Study club. In the group of six who served the plates were Mesdames Wronn Durham, W. T. Sadler, Griffin Barnett. Paul

West, Earl Hughes and Elma Mc

To Issue Car License Tags Here Mar. 14-15

County Tax Assessor - Collector Trent on Saturday of next week, on Mar. 8.

He makes the request that each car owner bring the registration receipt for 1946.

W. K. Horn to Preach at Shiloh Church Sunday

Marking the first anniversary of at the Shiloh Baptist church Sunday

SENIOR SCOUTS SPONSOR TACKY PARTY MAR. 7

The Senior Scouts at their meet ing Monday night voted to have a tacky party on Friday night, Mar. 7, Climaxes Week's Observance of beginning at 7:30, at the Youth Cen-Arniversary of Scoutdom; ter. All Teen-Agers are invited to Executive Ireland, Is Guest attend. Frizes will be given for the Speaker, Shows Sound Picture tackiest couple, for the tackiest bey and for the tackiest girl.

Also there will be bingo to play. darts to throw and pennies to pitch. with prizes to the winners of each that's all right, too," he said, "because we will have a sandwich booth

for your convenience." Admission, 15 cents for singles, 25 cents for couples.

Announces J. M. Salter **Employed at Cemetery**

J. M. Salter has been employed as care-taker of Rose Hill cemetery and will begin his duties Monday, it was announced Wednesday by T. L. Grimes, chairman of the Cemetery

At the same time, Mr. Grimes re ported that the total of donations received up to that date was \$1,019.35 including several subscriptions for cemetery upkeep from former residents, now living elsewhere.

Received direct by Mr. Grimes were the following donations: Mr. and Mrs. Burl Wheeler, Abilene, \$3.00: Mrs. P. T. Allday, Texline, \$2.00; H. H. Spears, Tucumcari, N. M., \$5.00, and M. R. Hail, Abilene, this newspaper: Mrs. J. M. Meek, who was absent; merit badges to ington, \$2.50, and Mrs. Ansel Coats, ors with 13 points each.

len James, woodcarving; G. H. Sub- The list remains open for any who er, music, forrestry, woodcarving, wish to make a donation for the upfiremanship, farm home and its keep of Rose Hill cemetery for the team, 42-30, but it wasn't easy. The year of 1947.

Rites Held Here for Mrs. S. J. Criswell

Mrs. Samantha Criswell, 73. died at 6:30 Saturday morning at the home of a son, Wilmer Criswell, in the Stith community, following ar illness of serveral months.

Funeral services, held at 2 p. m. Sunday from the chapei of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home, were conducted by Rev. Tom Carter of Comanche, who officiated at her husband's funeral service, assisted by Rev. E. M. Weathers, pastor of the First Baptist church. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were Fred Jackson, Ernest Spurgin, Curtis McAninch, Earle Watts, Charles Sherrell and Irven Thompson.

Mrs. Criswell's maiden name was Samantha Stogner, and she was born in Comanche county on Aug. 9, 1873. She was married there to S. J. Criswell on Nov. 30, 1892, and the family moved to Jones county in the fall of 1923. Mr. Criswell died in 1939.

Mrs. Criswell had been a member of the Baptist church since girlhood. Survivors are four sons, Albert, Wilmer and Wilber, of Merkel, and Elmer of Lubbock; two daughters. Mrs. Fred Hurt of San Antonio and Mrs. R. L. Matthews of Comanche; one sister. Mrs. Richard Moore of Haskell; one brother, Walter Stogner of Lamesa; 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Speaker Talks on "Citizenship" at P-TA

The Merkel Parent-Teacher association met Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 19, in the school band house. Raymond Petree will be in Merkel Sue Mayfield gave a musical reading Friday and Saturday, Mar. 14 and on "Founder's Day," accompanied by 15, to sell car licenses. He will visit | Sandra Sadler at the piano. Prayer was given by Supt. R. A. McCollum of the Merkel Public schools, and "God Bless America" was surg by the audience.

Mrs. W. T. Sadler spoke on "Citienship," outlining those points on What It Takes to Be a Good Citi-

Mrs. Comer Haynes and the Chotal club entertained members with a "Lovely Evening at Grandmother's." the resumption of regular preaching A delightful time was spent as the

In the social hour that followed angel food squares topped appropriately with cherry trees were served

BADGERS MAKE WAY TO FINALS: LOSE TO ACCHS

"P" Team Face the First String Consolation.

machine came back the last half to was borrowed from parents and inplay a "bang up" game after getting terested citizens by means of "floatgame, it is announced by James off to a slow start, but were down-Bartlett, press reporter. "If you ed 35 to 30 by the Abijene Christian respect to all landows by means of "float-ing" a bond issue. The money will be necessary in order to comply with a ed 35 to 30 by the Abilene Christian re-paid to all lenders by money-raishaven't time to eat before the party, High School Panthers here Saturday night in the championship game of tournament.

The Panthers led at the end of the 21-9, but the Badgers, led by Billy are being made for an "open house" Pat Nash, Robert Hodge and James program for the public, Land, came back strong the last team made 12 field goals, but the Abilenians made 11 free throws to 6 Area and County Shows Saturday, in order that their names for the locals.

Sweetwater licked Lawn, 41-30, for the consolation championship. The opening round Thursday night

went like this: Trent upset the heav-James Land with 10 points, whipped lot division of the area show. Sylvester, 34-27, and the Merket | Both the grand champion and the

Land with 16 points, rallied sharply the reserve champion. ge, to Ernest Reynolds; and Burneal Merritt, Sausaitto, Carif., 15-10 at the half. Robert Sledge and ond class badge, to Reuben Horte i, Calif., \$2.50; Mrs. J. E. Tucker, Arl- Jimmy Walker divided scoring hon-

> In one of the semi-final contests Saturday afternoon, the Merkel "A" team triumphed over the Merkel "B' "A" team led 19-16 at the intermission and 28-22 going into the last frame. Robert Sledge led the regulars with 15 tallies and Elbert Dean was high for the second stringers with 10 markers.

In the other semi-final game. Alilene Christian High nudged Hamlin. 37-32, in a very interesting scrap. vester, 37-16, in a second round consolation game.

The all-tournament team was composed of the following boys: Booth West, Trent: Robert Sledge, Mer-Rowland, Hamlin; R. H. Lamer, ACCHS; Jack Gillis, ACCHS.

Coach Carroll Benson stated that this, the first cage tourney here in several years, was very successful from most every point of view.

Court Sets Criswell Trial for May 8th

Trial of A. F. Criswell of Noodle. who was indicted for murder with malice by a 42nd District grand jury last Friday, has been set for May 8 by Judge J. R. Black of the 42nd district court.

Mr. Criswell was indicted in the Jan. 21 death of A. C. Sosebee, Jones county commissioner, who died in Sadler Clinic in Merkel a week after an altercation with Mr. Criwell arising from an argument over the routing of the Noodle-tc-Merkel farm-to-market road.

Independent Tourney Scheduled at Noodle

Eight teams are entered in an independent basketball tournament scheduled at the Noodle high school gym Feb. 27, 28 and Mar. 1, according to Robert E. Spurgin, manage: of the Noodle Independent team. Play will be at nights only.

Engagement Postponed.

Scoutmaster C. A. Farley proper The Mail after noon Thursday that owing to a car wreck, the Stamps Quartet would not be able to fil' their engagement for Thursday night of this week, but would be here Wodnesday night, Mar. 5.

Same Penalty This Year.

The same 15 per cent penalty for bad fire record that was in effect here last year will continue for insurance written for one year from Mar. 1, it is announced by the State Fire Insurance commission.

MERKEL SCOUTS CAN NOW MEET IN OWN HOME

At last the Boy Scouts and Senior Scouts of Merkel have a meeting place of their own.

Last Monday a 16 by 48 hutment In Semi-Finals, but Meet De- was moved from Camp Barkelog and feat. 42-30; Sweetwater Wins placed on the west side of the Grade School playground.

The money with which to purchase The Merkel Purple and Gold care the building and move it to Merkel

ing projects sponsored by the boys The building will be repaired and the local invitational basketball painted in the near future and the inside renovated to meet the needs with the city secretary and posted of the Scouts. As soon as the work first period, 11-5, and at the half. on the structure is completed, plans the election.

half to outplay the Panthers. Each FFA Boys Win in Both candidates must submit their peti-

A Merkel FFA boy, Max Robbins, tion. showed the champion dry lot steen and reserve champion in the Area ily favored Loraine Bulldogs, 25-21; hene the first of the week, and with candidate must bear signatures of Colorado City had pienty of trouble two other Merkel boys, Dwain Jones in downing Lawn, 29-27, in an extra and Hollis McLean, showed the period affair; Merkel "B", led by champion group of three in the dry

"A" team won by default from Tus- reserve champion of the Taylor county competition were won by Merkel Second round games Friday night: boys, Lon McDonald showing the Merkel "B" team, paced by James grand champion and Hollis McLean.

in the last period to defeat Colorado | Oris Reynolds placed first in the \$2.50, while The Mail acknowledges City, 33-27, in the biggest upset of lightweight milk fed steers in the the following subscriptions sent to the tourney; Hamlin took Sweet- county show. He also showed the water, 4-25, and the Merkel "A" grand champion lamb in the courty the office of mayor. Loraine, \$1.00; Mrs. W. U. Beene, team came from behind in the last show. Billy Baze won the first pen It is also provided in the court last week. Other guests in the Patton home were their son, Mr and in a special court of honor: Fit Alexandria. Va., \$5.00; Mrs. Duncan Briggs, half to beat Trent, 45-33, in a thrilling and exciting battle. Trent led and T. J. Bird placed second in pen ed 20 days before the date of the

The Merkel FFA boys entered 15 steers, 15 lambs and one hog, according to Vocational Agriculture instructor, Chester Collinswortia.

School Board Elects Read for Three Years

The school board at its Tuesday night's meeting entered into a 3year contract, beginning with July 1, this year, with Edwin E. Read as Mr. Read returned to the schools at ACCHS had previously won by de the beginning of last fall's session tion, while Blair favored the merger fault over Eula, Lawn ran over Syl- after an absence of nearly four years by 28 to 6. in the Army Air Forces.

The board also voted to accept annexation of some 20-odd sections from the Elm Grove district, south tion. of I. X. L., as divided by the county kel; Edward Franks. Hamlin; Brad board at a meeting held last Saturday. There are no scholastics in the the past eight months. In August. territory annexed.

Attend Funeral of

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott attended the funeral services held at the Tye Methodist church Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. James F. Hill. long-time friend of the family.

Rev. J. F. McGregory, pastor the Methodist church at Tye, officiated, assisted by Rev. D. S. Neel Presbyterian pastor.

SATURDAY IS DEADLINE FOR FILING NAMES

Recent Court Ruling Specifies That Applications and Petitions for Candidates Be Filed 30 Days Before Election.

Revision of the time previously set for candidates for city offices to get their names on the ballot was made decision of the supreme court of

Texas in a recent case. The court held that the applica tions with the names must be filed by him 30 days before the date of

As date of the city election this year falls on Apr. 1, Mayor H. C. West stated Thursday morning that tions to the city secretary by 4 p. m. be posted within the 30 day limita-

Among other points brought out in the court's decision, it was stat-Junior Livestock show held at Abi- ed that the petitions presenting any qualified voters equal in number to 5 per cent of the votes cast in the last general city election, (which in the case of this city was 282). The petitions would, therefore, require at least 15 signatures for candidates

in the city election to be held here. While a number of petitions were in circulation, for b th the office of mayor and two aldermen, only one had been filed with City Secretary W. M. Eiliott before noon Thursday -the petition for A. J. Canon for

ing applies.

School Merger of **Blair-Merkel Voted**

In the special election held Saturday, consolidation of Blair Common School district No. 32 and the newly formed ten-school district known as the Merkel Independent School district was favored by a substant:a!

principal of the Merkel High school. All of the 64 votes cast in the Mer kel district were for the consolida-

Students of the Blair district had been attending Merkel all this seeson, pending the election on consolida-

Blair is the 10th school in the area to consolidate with Merkel in last year, nine common school districts voted to merge with Merkel. They were Warren, Castle Paak, Union Ridge, I. X. L., Cross Roads, Mrs. Hill at Tye Mulberry, Salt Branch, Stith and Mt. Pleasant.

Record of Births.

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Doan. Saturday, February 22, 1947. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Largent, Monday, February 24, 1947. Twin boys, to Mr. and Mrs. Holt Vaughn, Monday, February 24, 1947.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, March 4, 1927.)

CITY MARSHAL RESIGNS. After many years of almost con

stant service as a peace officer in this city! City Marshal John A. Woodard decided that it was time for min to take a rest and accordingly stepped down and out on last Monday night.

For many years he served honestly and faithfully as nightwatchman and for the past year or two has held the position as city marshal. In Texas the same year they were merboth positions he made good and it ried with quite a group of other is with regret that he saw fit to 1csign his position.

At last Monday night's meeting of the city council Constable King was appointed to the position. He has had many years experience as a peace officer. However, to give the community the service that a needed and should be expected of an officer he must have the support and cooperation of the citizenship.

ANOTHER OLD TIMER GONE TO HER REST.

Feb. 23, Mrs. Mary Lou Berry West

heard the call to come up higher and join the throng of those that are resting from the labore of this life. Funeral service was held from the Merkel Baptist church. It lacked only one day of being four years since her husband had been buried from the same building.

She was born in Jasper, Ga., Der, 26, 1850. In 1869 on Sept. 2, she married Mr. J. V. West, they came to venturesome settlers. The only survivor of that company is Mr. Harvey West, a brother of the late J. V.

West. There were born to this union three children, one son and two daughters, who were all present at the begside when she was called away. They are Mr. Chas. West of Merkel, Mrs. Beulah Tipton of Wichita Falls and Mrs. Houston Clark, Merkel.

Mrs. Geneva Robinson, Mrs. La Plant, Mrs. Hester Groene and Miss Shortly after noon on Wednesday, Dota Garoutte attended divine worship in Abilene Sunday.

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Tempting, Appetizing, No. 2 can,

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SWEET POTAAOES, lb.

GREEN BEANS, Scarlet King, 2 for

FOOD SPECIALS

FISHER GROCERY and MARKET

FRIDAY -:- SATURDAY - FEB. 28 - MAR. 1

Store Owners Agree On 6 O'Clock Closing

Ten groceries and feed stores have signed an agreement to begin 6 o'clock closing every day except Saturday. effective Monday, Mar. 3.

Those signing the agreement were. Fisher Grocery, Campbell Grocery, Carson Grocery, Clyde Eager, Scogin Grocery, West Company, Claude Smith, Case and Son, R. D. Bigbee, D. C. Doan.

WITH OUR BOYS

J. D. Fox, sen of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox, who volunteered at the Abilene Recruiting office early in the month, was sent to San Angelo and then while home on 48-hour pass was taken sick and remained in bed nere week. Later he was taken to a hospital at San Angelo and upon his reease last Friday from the hospital was sent to Fort Ord, Calif., Monday. Davey Lee Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Denzel Cox, who volunteered at the same time, is also stationed at Fort

Hospital Notes

C. C. Floyd, of Lamesa, who was dmitted Feb. 20 to Sadler Clinic, inderwent surgery on Feb. 22. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foy Steadman was received Feb. 21 for treatment. Mrs. Willie B. Toombs underwent surgery Feb. 25.

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RURAL SOCIETY

GRIFFIN-BROWN

In a double ring ceremony performed in the home of Rev. G. N. Goldston, pastor of the First Christian Butman school house hurch in San Angelo, on Feb. 1 of Joel B. Griffin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Griffin, Sr.

For her wedding the bride wore : white Wragge suit with black accessories. She were twin gold bracelets belonging to her grandmother, the late Mrs. J. M. Brown, and carried hand-made lace handkerchief gre en to her by the late Miss Minnie Hall of Richland Springs. Her corsage was of orchids.

The bride was attended by her aunt, Mrs. D. Lee Jones, as matron of honor. She were a plum-colored suit and hat with black accessories and her corsage was of gardenias D. Lee Jones attended the bridegroom as best man.

The couple left on a short wedding trip to San Angelo immediate ly after the ceremony where they visited the bridegroom's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cagle, and other friends. For traveling the bride wore an aqua suit with black

accessories. The bride is a graduate of Richland Springs high school and John graduate of Noodle high school and to serve you. attended the San Antonio Aircraft school. He served three years in the Air Forces, spending 22 months in North Airica and Italy. He is now an aircraft inspector at Tinker Field.

The only out-of-town guest was the bride's mother, Mrs. Hollie L. Brown,

f Richland Springs. On their trip enroute to Oklahoma, where they will make their home at 205 Rickenbacker, Mid-West City, the couple visited a short while with Mr. Griffin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Griffin, Sr., and daughter, Betty, of Merkel.

HAY-TEAFF.

Miss Nettie Lee Teaff, daughter of G. W. Teaff, and Robert Dean Hay, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hay, Route 3, were married on Feb. 16 in the home of Rev. Fred R. Cole in Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blanks attended the couple.

Mrs. Hay is a graduate of Merke! High school and attended business college at Draughon's. She is now employed by the W. S. Wagley Realty company in Abilene. For her vedding she wore a white wools dress with brown accessories and a orchid corsage.

The bridegroom served three years in the Navy. He is now employed the West Texas Utilities company in Abilene, where the couple is a home at 1518 South 9th street after short wedding trip.

BLUEBONNET CLUB.

The Bluebonnet Home Demeastration club met Feb. 18 in the club house with Mrs. E. J. Patterson a. Mrs. Bill Wallace as hostesses. Th

meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Wade Ensminger Mrs. F. E. Healer led the members in the recreation hour and announced that every third Friday of every month will be recreational night at

Mrs. Arlton Farmer was added Miss Patsy Rae Brewn, daughter of to the club roll as a new member. Mr. and Mrs. Hollie L. Brown, of The hostesses served cold drinks and Richland Springs, became the bride assorted chocolate bars to the following: Mesdames Ford Butman, Artist Cook, Tom Russom, Adrian Farmer, Arlton Farmer, Wade Ensminger, F. E. Healer, six children and the hos-

The next meeting will be March 4 with Mrs. A. R. Toombs and Mrs. Joe Swinney as hostesses. A demonstration on "Accessories" will be given by Mrs. A. L. Farmer and every member is urged to be present and bring some one with you.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.. The next meeting of the Union Ridge Home Demonstration club will be held in the home of Mrs. O. E Harwell on Mar. 7. Each member i asked to bring an old hat for a hat

THANKS PAST PATRONS In announcing the sale of our business to W. B. Thomas, we wish to take this occasion to thank all our friends and customers for their ley al cooperation. We appreciate very much your fine patronage during Tarleton college. Mr. Griffin is a the many years we were privileged

> Irven Thompson. Joe Risinger.

Rites Held Sunday for Diana Lynn Woodson

Funeral services were held at p. m. Sunday from the Barrow-Sheppard chapel for Diana Lynn Woodson, little 2-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Woodson, who died Saturday night. Rev. D. S. Neel, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, officiated, and burial was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Besides the parents, a brother, Den Woodson, age 6, and a sister, Irhne. age 4, survive.

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NOTICE

Due to the fact that many of my clients find it difficult to pronounce or spell my name and to the further fact that my brother, Dr. U. H. Zee, of Lamesa, has changed his name, I have petitioned the district court and have received authorization to change my name from L. C. Zehnpfennig to L. C. Zee, which will be used hereafter.

L. C. Zee, D. D. S.

LEGAL NOTICES

ELECTION NOTICE

By virtue or the authority vested in me as mayor of the City of Merkel. Texas, notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the City Hall in said city on the first To the Sheriff or any Constable of Tuesday in April, 1947, same being the 1st day of the month, for the purpose of electing a mayor and two (2) aldermen, to serve for the period of two years.

Said election shall conform as nearly as possible to the State laws 1.00 regulating elections and a City Ordinance requiring all candidates to Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. 12.00 file their name with the City Secre-1.66 they are to be a candidate for, together with \$1.00 filing fee at least 1.00 ten days prior to said election.

T. L. Grimes is hereby appointed election judge. Polls shall open at 8 a. m. and close at 6 p. m.

Given under my hand and seal this the 17th day of Feb. A. D., 1947. H. C. West, (Seal) Mayor of the City of Merkel.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greeting:

E. E. Hollingshead, Administrator of the Estate of Mrs. Louisa Elizabeth (Pierce) Moore, Deceased, having filed in our County Court his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said Mrs. Louisa Eliza beth (Pierce) Moore, Deceased, numbered 2903 on the Probate Docket of Taylor County, together with an application to be discharged from said Administration.

You Are Hereby Commanded, that by publication of this writ one time and said publication shall be not less 2.00 than ten days before the return day hereof, March 17th, 1947, in a Newspaper printed in the County of Tay-1.00 lor, you give due notice t o all per 1.00 | sons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on Monday he 17th day of March, A. D. 1947, c the Court House of said County, in Abilene, Texas, when said Account and Application will be acted upoby said Court.

Given Under My Hand and seof said Court, at my office in the City of Abilene this 20th day of Feb., A. D., 1947.

(Seal) Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, Clerk, County Court, Taylor County I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Original Writ now in my hands.

H. T. Fleming, Sheriff, Taylor County. By R. H. Ross, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION. THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Taylor County, Greeting:

Harvey Baker, Administrator of the Estate of Beulah Herrington Deceased, having filed in our County Court his Final Account of the cor. 1.00 dition of the Estate of said Beulah 1.00 Herrington, Deceased, numbered 3394 on the Frobate Docket of Taylor County, together with an application to be discharged from said Administration.

You Are Hereby Commanded that by publication of this Writ one time and said publication shall be not less than ten days before the return day hereof, March 17th, 1947. in a Newspaper printed in the County of Taylor, State of Texas, you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account of Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear an i contest the same if they see proper so to do, on Monday the 17th day of March, A. D. 1947, at the Court House of said County, in Abilene, Texas, when said Account and Application will be acted upon by said

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February, A. D. 1947. (Seal) Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, Clerk, County Court, Taylor County. I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy

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H. T. Fleming, Sheriff, Taylor County. By R. H. Ross, Deputy.

NOTICE IN PROBATE

No. 2599 THE STATE OF TEXAS Taylor County-Greeting:

You are Hereby Commanded to cause to be published once, and said publication shall not be less than ten days before the return day hereof in some newspaper published in Taylor County, the following notice:

To all persons interested in the estate of Elizabeth Vaughn, Deceased: J. F. Vaughn, Administrator. tary, naming the office for which has filed in the County Court of Taylor County an application on the 18th day of February, A. D. 1947, for an order to sell the following property of said estate, situated in Callahan County, Texas, to-wit:

Lot No. 21, Block No. 46, Original town of Baird, Cal-

lahan County, Texas, Which said application will be heard by said Court on Monday the 17th day of March, 1947, at the Court House of said County, in Abilene, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and show cause why such sale shall not be made, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, at the time aforesaid, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Abilene, Texas, this 18th day of February, 1947.

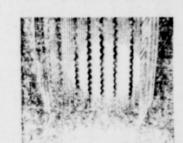
Mrs. Chester Hutcheson, Clerk, County Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Birdie Wilson, Deputy. I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original writ now in my hands.

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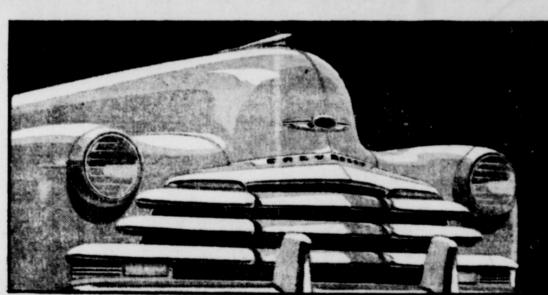
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ly twice as high as those of native

grasses. It also reports that steers

Weeping lovegrass may be broad

vesting is impractical or not desired,

seeding in grass mixtures may be

preferred. Grasses of each used in

the mixture will vary depending

upon the nature of the site and the

purpose for which it is to be used.

Seeding of lovegrass may be dore

WEEPING LOVEGRASS

There is an apparent need for a

grass that is suited to varying sites on full feed eat the hay readily. The in the Middle Clear Fork Soil Conprotein and calcium content of love servation district. Such sites may grass pasture was found to be great be cultivated areas above diversion er than in buffalo or blue grama terraces. Here a grass is needed that Phosphorus content, however was will hold the erosive soil in place. It should also be able to catch and hold silt washed from higher elevations cast by hand or cyclone seeders It is often profitable to seed abanddrilled with grain drills having alfa! aned cultivated land to an adapted fa attachments or planted in rows grass since natural revegation is of forty or forty-two inches. When usually very slow. Such areas are seed production or competition by often droughty and infertile. Here weeds are factors, rew planting may a grass is needed that can be es be preferred. When seeded in water tablished easily and economically. way channels or terrace outlets, pro-Sand in some areas of the district is tection from erosion is greater when so deep as to make terracing impracbroadcast. A 1/2 to 1 pound A seedtical, yet the slope is too great for ing rate may be sufficient when the land to be tilled without terrac planted in rows. Charles Cope of the ing. Here the sand is moved down Wichita-Brazos Soil Conservation the slope by wind and water and district reports success in seeding rains otherwise productive land for weeping lovegrass by mixing it with cultivation. Where this condition cracked grain sorghum seed at the exists, the answer to the problem is rate of 1 pound of lovegrass seed to probably revegatation to an adapted 10 pounds of grain sorghum. By grass. Again many areas of fertile using small seed attachments ob pasture land are lacking in grass tainable by cooperators from the cover because of last summers soil conservation service office and drought or from overgrazing. These suitable plates it can be seeded alone. grasses may be made productive Blank planter plates may be bored again by reseeding to a grass that with 1-8 inch holes. The number of holes needed varies with the type of able use On some farms and ranches planter used. The seed are so small there exists a need for a grass that that one may have difficulty in pregrows tall enough to be cut for hay. venting a larger amount of seed be Hay from such a grass should be ing used than necessary. When palatable and high in nutritive valbroadcast, two pounds of seed may give better results. Where seed har-

Weeping lovegrass is a grass nav ing all of the above needed quali ties. It has a deep root system and is drought-resistant. It may furnish grazing for as much as ten month: of the year. The Amarillo Experiment station reports that stocking rates on weeping lovegrass in that from approximately Mar. 10 to June

ng has been done with success and may be preferred if weed competition is a threat. Soil moisture conditions should be considered in determining the best time of seeding. Seed should not be covered to a

10 if seeded in the spring. Fall see

greater depth than 1/2 inch. It should ture program: William Elliott, Vera be as near to 1-4 inch as possible. Broadcast seedings may be covered with a spike-tooth harrow with the teeth set to prevent dragging of soil der;" serial and Little Lulu caror trash. A small chain may be drawn or a press wheel may be used to cover seed when a row planter is

When seeded on sandy land su ject to wind erosion, a good plant residue mulch should be providec, | prior to seeding. This may be done by raising a crop of sudan on the land the preceding summer. Any other sorghum may be used. The cover crop should be moved before the seed is ripe and the hay left on the land. If one has a small planting of lovegrass and wishes to use it as a seed source, it may be done by cutting the grass when the top two inches of the seed head is ripe. This hay may then be scattered over the area to be seeded.

Weeping lovegrass is usually ready torrid love-making between Bogart for harvesting early in July. It can be harvested with a thresher of combine but should first be moved and allowed to dry. If harvesting in the field with a combine, the seed should be spread out and allowed to

dry for a few days. care of the emell amount available seed, farmers and rancher. wishing to seed lovegrass this spring are urged to procure their sand as

soon as possible. W. A. Daniels of the South Trent Conservation group is seeding approximately 35 acres of hubani clover. Cooperators building terraces are W. H. and C. C. Smith of the North West Noodle group, Hoke Propst of North East Noodle Conservation group, Zeb Moore and Will Toombs of the Blair group, Ben Butman of the Butman group, W. T Curb and D. P. Moore of the Mci kel group and Orien Higgins of the

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Sunday, Monday and Tuesday Humphrey Bogart, Lizabeth Scott in 'Dead Reckoning;" Bugs Bunny cartoon and latest News.

Wednesday - Thursday - Gail Russell, Claire Trevor, Ann Dyorak in "The Bachelor's Daughters;" latest March of Time, "Nobody's Children;" and cartoon.

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If you put tough-fibred Humphrey Bogart and luscious Lizabeth Scott in the same picture, you've really got an explosive combination of man and woman dynamite. The nearest comparison, and that's understating it, is atomic fission. The screen fairly sizzles in those sequences of

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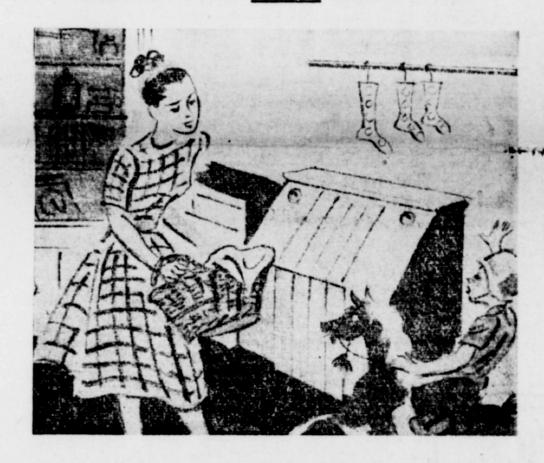
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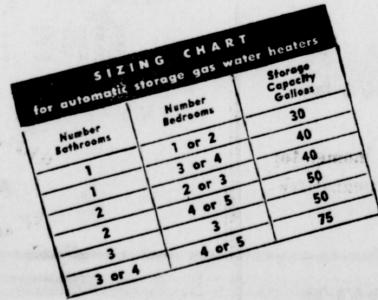
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you are planning to build, remodel or modernize your water service, use sizing chart at left and make sure the heater you buy will be large enough to meet your



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NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., Saturday, M arch. 1 at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged hoist, with eye beam carriage; a to be present. Visiting brethren cordially invited

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF EXECUTRIX.

Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the cstate of J. D. Hilton, deceased, that the undersigned has been duly appointed and qualified as executrix of aid estate on the 4th day of February 1947, by the county court of Taylor County, Texas, and all persons having claims against said estate, are required to present same to the undersigned within the time required by law, whose residence and post office address is 2146 South 3rd Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Tex-

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NOTICE

Less than one month left in which to file your 1946 Return

All single persons having a GROSS income of \$500.00 and married persons having a GROSS income of \$1,000.00 are required to file their return by Mar. 15, 1947.

R.O. ANDERSON

Specials for Friday & Saturday

February 28 and March 1

GRADE DELICIOUS APPLE	S RED, pound 13c
EMONS, doz. 23c	Grapefruit, lb. 4c
ORANGES, Ib. 7c	YAMS, lb. 10c
8's LETTUCE, hd. 12c	CARROTS, bunch 6c

Red and White TOMATO JUICE	No. 2 Can 14c 46 ounce Can 30c

Red and White-PINEAPPLE-Juice, No. 2 can 22c; 46 oz 48c Beans, No. 300 ... GRAPEFRUIT-Juice 3 No 2 cans 23c, 46 oz 18 Katsup, 14 oz. 25c KERN'S-Chili Sauce, 12 oz. HOMEMADE PEACH—

Preserves, 2 lbs. Red and White-CUT-Green Beans, No. 2 can 23c MARVENE, 10 oz. Peas, No. 3 Sieve, No. 2 22c Salad Dressing, 8 oz

Shortening, 1 lb. RED and WHITE-Hot Sauce, 6 oz.

BROWN BEAUTY-Fresh Prunes, No. 10 59c WORLD OVER-Relish, 14 oz. SWEETHEART-Soap, bar 59c 33 BLEACH, qt. 43c Mayonnaise, 8 oz. Our Value-WHITE CREAM Style-14c Corn, No. 2 can

Red & White FLOUR

25 pounds

-- MEAT MARKET DEPARTMENT --

DEXTER'S Sliced-59c SAUSAGE, pound BACON, pound Dry Salt Bacon, lb. 35c Melrose Franks, lb. 35c Beef Chuck Roast, lb. 33c Longhorn Cheese, lb. 55c

THE RED& WHITE STORES

WEST COMPANY HAROLD BROWN MERKEL

TRENT Scogin Grocery and Market, Merkel

Bird's Store NOODLE

Knight of this city, were bot! Mo:

day at 11 a. m. from the Corinth

Baptist church in Abilene, with Rev.

L. T. Grantham officiating. Burral

Survivors are his wife; one son,

Puford, of Abilene; nis mother. Mrs.

Molly Knight, of Tye, and three

ther brothers besides the Mernel

man, Clylas of Amarillo, Hugh of

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of Tye.



PROMINENT FAMILIES UNITED | charming daughter-in-law, and the IN SANTA FE RITES FEB. 16 | guests were invited to register A wedding of wide social interest Mrs. G. C. Gilbert. Mrs. J. H. Mewas solemnized on Sunday, Feb. 16, Donald, grandmother of the groom. in Santa Fe, N. M., when Miss Joan presided at the tea table, from a sil-Seligman Scott became the bride of ver service, before an attractive flor-Roy Rust Largent, Jr. The charming al center which decorated the laceyoung lady is the daughter of Mr. laid table. Mrs. Judd McReynolds and Mrs. Larken Buri Scott and a and Miss Johnnie McDonald served granddaughter of the late Gov. and tea dainties and Mrs. Clyde Eager Mrs. Arthur Seligman. The groom invited guests to view a beautiful is the older son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy display of gifts. Largent, nationally known cattle

was an arrangement of spring flowers in wrought iron baskets and white tapers in wrought iron candelabra before the living room fireplace. Mr.

Evan Wilson gave the pre-nuptial

music, playing the bride's grandmother's rosewood melodion. Miss Nancy Jean Scott, student in tendant. David Largent served as his

brother's best man. The bride were a gray gabardine suit with aqua accessories and carried camellias and stephanotes or a satin prayer book. She is a former student at the University of New Mexico where she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

The bridegroom is associated with his father and brother, David, in the registered Hereford firm of Rey Largent and Sons, operating ranches at Merkel and Las Vegas, The couple will live on a ranch near Las Vegas. The bridegroom was graduated from Brownwood high school and Kemper Military Academy, Boor the Mo., and attended Texas Christian university. Fort Worth, after having served two and a half years in the U. S. Army Air Corps, as first lieu

Mr. and Mrs. Scott were hosts for a wedding reception, entertaining 130 guests. Nancy Scott served the wedding cake from a table overland with a hand-cut Italian cloth and decorated with gardenias and smilax. Also assisting with the serving was the bride's aunt. Mrs. James Seligman, who poured coffee from a family heirlcom service which was handed down from the bride's greatgrandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Largent. Mrs. Largent's sister, Mrs. Harry Firstbrook of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. David Largent attended the wed-

MRS. DON WOOD COMPLIMENT-ED WITH GIFT PARTY

Mrs. James McDonald Wood, of Gainesville, who was the former Nancy Pugh until her marriage in January, was introduced to Merkel society on Friday of last week at a pretty gift tea in the home of Mrs. Joe Douglas, The following ladies combined hostess duties in complimenting this popular couple: Mesdames George Woodrum, Joe Naliey. Clyde Eager, O. W. Paine, D. A. Lee, G. C. Gilbert, Bcb McDonald, Judd McReynolds, O. L. Justice and Joe Douglas. Red carnations were used in profusion to decorate the entertaining suite,

Mrs. Douglas greeted guests and Mrs. Nathan Wood presented her

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the table.

Hudson.

on the program.

Hot chocolate and individual cakes

WSCS MEETS.

Service met Feb. 24 in the home of

several Scriptures and also gave a

Mrs. Leroy Brown gave an inter-

esting talk on "Children of One

World," and Mrs. Roy Berry spoke

on "Peoples of New York." A clos-

ing prayer was said by Mrs. Vernon

Delicious refreshments were serv-

Jack Miller, Tom Largent, W. S. J.

Brown, T. L. Miller, William Sie-

man and Clark Church, besides these

BAPTIST W. M. S.

cht by Mrs. H. R. Hiers, Mrs.

It! Walker led the occurre prayer

Present were Mesdanies J. S.

The Women's Society of Christian

were extended to 65 guests.

short talk on the negroes.

A delightful program by family of this city. Rev. Joe B. Comer Haynes, Misses Joy Lansford, Scrimshire, Methodist minister, read Ima Ruth Shouse, Vada Campbell, the double ring ceremony at 3 o'clock, Joy Nalley and Mary Nell Winter in the home of the bride's parents. | interspersed calling hours from 5 un-Background for the wedding scene | til 7 p. m. Invitations were extended to approximately 150 guests.

> MRS. DONALD RUTLEDGE HON-ORED AT BRIDAL SHOWER. On Friday afternoon. Feb. 12 Mrs. Donald Rutledge was honored The Blanche Rose Walker Circle with a lovely bridal shower, with of the First Baptist church met on Mrs. Fraze Demere as hostess and Monday afternoon in the home of

Hardin-Simmons university, flew to Mrs. Buzz Oliver and Mrs. John Mrs. Sam Swann. The devotion, "Ye Santa Fe to serve as her sister's at- Oliver as co-hostesses. A Valentine are my witnesses," Acts 1:8, was prayer meeting at 7 p. m. Wednestheme was stressed in games and re- | br Present were Mesdames Blanche After a very interesting program that Rutledge, Orvin Robinson, Artist | meeting closed with Mrs. Som S ann Cook, W. H. Ensminger, F. E. Heal- leading with prayer

er, Bill Wallace, A. L. Farmer, A. D. Barnes, Doyal Barnes, Lewis Swenn, J. O. Castles, J. T. Warren, Farmer, Ernest Mecks, W. A. Har- P. F. Harris, A. R. Booth, J. M. risen, J. H. Swinney, D. W. Rodgers. Stephens, A. D. Fulton, Hugh Camp-Pat Trammell, Frank Brnovak; bell, W. W. Wheeler, J. J. McNicce Misses Dorothy Rutledge, Jean and the above mentioned. Brown, Jackie Toombs, Janice Pat- . The next meeting will be for busi terson. Children present were Janie ness at the church, Monday, Mar. 3. Robinson, Royce Rodgers, Marion and James Healer, Johnnie and Syrah Swinney, Donnie and Patsy Oli-

Those sending gifts were: Mesdames C. W. Seago, Phillip Cole, Lewis Butman, Calvin Peterson, Ed Blackburn, Joe Weston, E. J. Patterson, Lonnie Beaird, H. E. Farr er, G. W. McReynolds, Leon Toomb M. L. Rutledge, J. R. Johnson, J. C. Rodgers, Elgin Riggan, Dewey Sandusky, Burl Brown; Misses Betty Oliver, Betty Cook, Betty Seymore, Betty Toombs, Jean Rutledge, Mabel Denton, Sue Cole and Blanche Farmer.

BRIDAL SHOWER.

On the afternoon of February 5, Mrs. C. W. McCall, Mrs. James Dickey Denison, Mrs. J. L. Meeks and Mrs. J. R. Lassiter joined hostess duties in honoring Mrs. Dee Laverne Moore with a bridal shower in the home of Mrs. Jim Moore,

Presiding at the register was Mrs. J. L. Meeks. As the guests entered the entertaining rooms they were greeted by Mrs. Dec Moore, who introduced her daughter-in-law, Jane The entertaining room was decorated

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th red gladicluses and in the din In The ig room the centerpiece on the ace-laid table was red gladioluses Churches and Valentines reflecting on a mirror with red candles on each end of

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 698 present at the sevinscribed with "Dec and Jane" were served. Candy hearts and arrows en reporting Sunday Schools last open Saturday night. were used as plate favors. Invitations Sunday, as compared with 753 on the previous Sunday, and 785 on the same Sunday a year ago.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School at 10:00 a. Morning sermon at 11:00. Training Mrs. Eli Case. Mrs. Ray Wilson read

Prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday

Merle Weathers, Pastor.

CHURCK OF CHRIST

Sunday: Bible School at 9:45 a. m.; preaching 10:50 a.m. and 7:00 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting at 7:00 ed to Mesdames Virgil Patterson, p. m.

Orval Filbeck, teacher in Abilene 7 p. m. Wednesday. Christian college, will serve the church temporarily, while we are without a minister.

Reporter.

METHODIST CHURCH Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. MYF and juniors meet at 6 p. m. Mid-week

L. M. Brown, Pastor.

PRESBYTFRIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Offer ing for Reynolds home. Morning sermon at 11. Children meet at 6:15 No evening service. Mid-week praye: meeting at 7 p. m. Wednesday. D. S. Neel, Pastor

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH

Youth Center Not to Be Open Saturday

On account of the number of ir was in an Abilene cemetery. Mr. cipient "flu" cases in the city, it Knight died at 4 a. m. Sunday at was announced at noon Thursday his home, that the Youth Center will not be

Brother of Merkel Man Passes Away in Abilene San Antonio and Lawrence Knight

Funeral services for Otto Knight. Union at 6:00. Evening sermon at 46, of Abilene, brother of Charlie

> ing at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Midweek prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening. B. W. Wallis, Paster.

NAZARENE CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11. NYPS at 6:30 p. m.

Preaching at 7. Prayer meeting at Mrs. J. D. Reedler, Pastor.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD. Sunday School at 3 p. m. Preach ing services at 4 p. m. and 8 p. m Services every Thursday night. H. S. Earp, Pastor.

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31/2 oz. can

SPECIALS for FRIDAY and SATURDAY -:- Feb. 28, Mar. T.

VINEGAR, gal

PURE PEACH or

PRESERVES

Potted Meat Spread

APRICOT-

LEED'S-

SYRUP, ½ gallon 45c | PURE APPLE CIDER-BLUE KARO-

HEART'S DELIGHT- Stokeley's PURE TOMATO-CATSUP, 14 oz. bottle 23c

-TIN or JARS-COFFEE pound

-11/2 Ounce Can--15 Ounce Jar-

PRUNES. Ready to Eat MARVENE SOAP box

K. B. or GLADIOLA White Cream

5 pound sack 10 pound sack

3.5c 59c W-P or PUREX

1/2 gallon Quart bottle

25e 15c

DRIED, FANCY PEACHES 30 lb. box \$3.59 HEART'S DELIGHT NO. 21/2 CAN

EXTRA FANCY WHITE

Cream Style

NO. 2 CAN-

N No 2 can __ 19c

ORANGE- Adams- 46 oz. can

WHOLE—SOUR Pint Jar

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RUITS AND VEGETABLES

CALIFORNIA-ORANGES, pound

9c LARGE- CRISP-ICED LETTUCE, head 10c WASHINGTON STATE-APPLES, pound TEXAS-CARROTS, 2 bunches U. S. No. 1-DAHO-

UDS, 10 pound bag 39c

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Friday and Saturday

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with William Elliott -:- Vera Ralston -:- Gail Patrick

and

James Oliver Curwood's

"North of the Border"

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Also: Scrial and Little Lulu Cartoon

Sunday -:- Monday -:- Tuesday HUMPHREY BOGART -:- LIZABETH SCOTT

> "Dead Reckoning" Added: Bugs Bunny-Latest News

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

YOU SAVE WHEN YOU