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ZONE MEETING PERSONAL NEWS **OF LIONS HERE** NOTES WELL ATTENDED

ference Tuesday Night.

represented at the zone meeting with

the Merkel club, held Tuesday eve-

ning in the Community Center.

Twenty-four members were present

from the visiting clubs of Roscoe,

Roby, Hamlin, Anson, Abilene and

Sweetwater, while the Merkel club

had deferred their regular noon

luncheon meeting and combined it

In the absence of District Gover-

nor R. E. Gracey of Roscoe and Rob-

ert Cross of Anson, zone chairman,

Haskell Carter of Hamlin, deputy

district givernor, presided for a

them to work, finances, election of

officers and procedure of election of

delegates to district and Internation-

Plans for financing expense of

sending the Hardin-Simmons Cowboy

band to the San Francisco con-

vention were outlined by E. A. Un-

gren, past president of the Abilene

club and chairman of the Abilena

Lions committee to raise the fund.

Preceding the zone meeting. Presi

with the zone banquet.

al conventions.

there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harroll Clemmer and sons, Sidney and Cecil, of Mona- All Seven Clubs Represented. hans, spent the week-end with their varents, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Dudley of Trent and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clemmer of Merkel.

Mrs. J. L. Tucker has been visiting in Altus, Okla., with her daughter-in-law and grandson, Billy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Shannon of Lrownwood returned home Wednesday after spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon. Mr. and Mrs. James Shaver of Fort Worth spent the week-end in the Shannon home.

Mrs. R. F. Wright of Midlothian was a guest last week of Mrs. Boh McDonald and Mrs. Harry Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Elery Smith, Jr., and Dwanna were dinner guests Suntay of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin and Barbara. Little Dwanna Smith is a great-great niece of Mr. Martin.

Mrs. Lewis J. Adams and daughter, Diane, who visited in the homes of her uncles, Twyman and John Collins, left last Friday night to join her husband, Captain Adams, stationed at El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wren and son, Erwin Wren, and Mrs. Tom Morton, of Munday, and Mrs. M. D. Sherrill of Seymour, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hughes.

Harold Nichols and James Bollier dent Riggs Shepperd of the Merke of Fort Worth spent the week-end club held the usual business meetwith their uncles, John and G. A. ing of the local club. Reporting ici Oliver. the trustees of the Community Cen-

J. W. Latimer and son, Odell, of ter project, he said that contract had Douglas, Ariz., who were in Texas been let for \$1,550 for removal of on a business trip to Camp Hood, the Camp Barkeley building in one visited last week with his parente, unit and stated that it would prob-Mr. and Mrs. Jack Latimer, before ably be moved within a week or ten returning home Friday. i days.

Tom Spears returned last Fri-day from a 10-day visit with his chil-tion to be held at Brownwood Apr.

MERKEL, TEXAS, FRIDAY, AI RIL 18, 1947.

On the "Broadway of America"

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VETERANS POST PLANS SOFTBALL AGAIN FOR 1947

Merkel Post 5683, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will again sponsor a softball league this summer, probably consisting of four teams.

Details are being handled by a With Twenty-Four Present from Visiting Clubs, for Conspecial committee including Vernon Mansfield, John Hamner and Harold Reynolds. All seven clubs in the zone were

First workout is called for 2:30 Sunday afternoon at the Veterans field in the southwest part of town. to come in, the total up to Tuesday Junior Plays Scheduled

Reunion at Trent in E. Howell Home

Trent, Apr. 17 .- On Easter Sunday the children and friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. Howell met at their home for a reunion. Dinner was served to 52 people; seven of the children, 19 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren were present to enjoy the occasion.

round table discussion of interesting The smaller children enjoyed an club topics centering on attendance. egg hunt, pictures were made and a membership, goals, methods of regenerally good time was had. ceiving new members and putting

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Phillips and Jimmy, Mr. Vatlon Glenn, Susan and Phillip, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell, Doyle and Mary Sue. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Biles,

Mr. and Mrs. Woodie B. Howell. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Winter and Tommy Joe, Mrs. W. R. Grayson, Mary Ann, Jimmy. Tommy Earl and Robert Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Clayton Smith and Betty Jane. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fortenberry and Sandra, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Howell, Little Marie and Sarah Jane, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Howell, Gayle and Buddy Dale, Mrs. Roscoe Owen, Bobby, Janie and Glynda, Mr. and Mrs. Miller of Taylor, Wilford Miller and Miss Swartz of Lubbock.

Friends who called in the after: noon were Clyde Brown and Eunice "Appreciation Day" programs are Simp on of Brawley, Calif., Mr. and held each Wednesday at 4 p. m. Mrs. Morris Phillips of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Eimer McLeod of Mer-

DONATIONS FOR CEMETERY FUND EXCEED \$1800

rotal Contributions of \$1,811.-Civic Cause.

fund of Rose Hill cemetery continue having reached \$1,811.50, according to T. L. Grimes, committee chairman.

Out-of-town donors included in

\$ 3.00 5.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 1.00 2.00

TO MEET NEXT MONDAY APR. 21 The Merkel Parent-Teacher association will meet Monday, Apr. 21,

at 4 p. m. at the band house, with Chairman T. L. Grimes Reports Mrs. Herace Boney as the leader. For the school feature, Mis. 50 to Date for This Worthy Virginia Pope and some of her pupils will present a panel discussion, with Mrs. E. P. Shotwell of Contributions for the 1947 upkeep Abilene also present.

For Tuesday Night

Due to unfavorable weather and this week's list are: C. J. Howerton, other causes, presentation by the Mr. Dingle, who was employed by lene, \$5.00; J. M. Boney, Waco, of six one-act plays, scheduled for \$5.00, and Mrs. A. C. McGee, Fort the past Tuesday night, was postponed until Tuesday night of next week, Apr. 22.

The plays are: "Mushrooms Coming Up," "Noble David," "Mr. Bumpus," "The Happy Journey," "The Simpleton" and "Cinderella-2.00 Goldilocks."

Admission: Adults 30c and children 15 cents.

Funeral Held Sunday For Marshall Infant

Funeral services for Elvis Lee of his parents on Oak street, with harmed. Morris Howard of Abilene Christian college officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery, in charge of Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Pallbearers were Rex Martin, Willie Webb, Mitchell Walker and Boyd Scott.

Born at Sadler Clinic at 8 a.m. Friday, the child lived only about 24 hours.

Surviving are the parents, one sister, Bobbie Nell; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Manshall, and the maternal grandfather, no day services will be held. V. M. Nash, of Wheatley, Ark.

FORMER MERKEL MAN IS INJURED AT TEXAS CITY

Byron Dingle Reported in Pasadena Hospital, with Cuts on Head and Hands; Injuries Not Considered Serious.

Byron Dingle, formerly of Merkel and a brother-in-law of Mrs. Joe Boone, was among those injured in the chain of explosions at Texas City Wednesday morning which claimed an estimated 450 to 1,200 lives.

Alamo, \$5.00; H. B. Chambless, Abi- Junior class of Merkel High school the Monsanto Chemical company. huge war-built plant on the waterfront which was wiped out by subsequent blasts after the explosion of a nitrate-loaded French freighter, was taken to a Pasadena hospital. where it was reported that he sustained cuts on his head and on both hands but his injuries were not considered serious.

> Mr. Dingle's wife is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. English and a sister of Mrs. J. B. Winn, all of Trent.

A few hours after the series of explosions, Mrs. Twyman Collins received word from her sister. Mrs. Floy Massey, at Denton, that her son, Marshall, Jr., infant son of Mr. and Wickford Massey and his wife, and Mrs. E. L. Marshall, were held at her daughter, Mrs. George Derdon 2:30 p. m. Sunday from the home and her husband, had escaped un-

Clyde Minister to Hold Gospel Meeting

Harry E. Johnson, minister of the Church of Christ of Clyde, will begin a series of gospel meetings at the Merkel Church of Christ at the Sunday morning service, the meeting to continue through the following Sunday.

During the week, services will be held at 8 p. m. each evening, but

Worth, \$5.00. Other donations, not previously acknowledged, follow: Mary E. Provine Mrs. Jenia Graham A. W. Cook

L. A. Cook Mrs. R. E. Windham Mrs. M. H. Barker R. E. Bockman Mrs. Rex McLean Wilmer Criswell

"Appreciation Day" **Popularity Grows**

The cold spell, which arrived Sunday and was still holding on Wednes and Patricia, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis day, was no deterrent for the crowds of Merkel's neighbors and friends who came for the weekly "Appreciation Day" of the Merkel merchants, sponsored by the Junior chamber of

> commerce. The program, which is meeting with a genuine and happy response, was carried out successfully, with the feature as usual at 4 p. m. pro-

ving the best part of the day.

counted. Even married persons with-

in the age limit may be counted.

Mexican and negro children are also

Mr. Bird, former resident of the

Mulberry community, was survived

by his wife and several step-children.

his first marriage; one brother, W

T. Bird; two sisters. Mrs. Laura J.

Lindsay of Abilene and Mrs. Flora

Gardner of Omaha, Nebr., and nine-

eligible for enumeration.

Blair, Va.

snow.

neighbors.

teen grandchildren.

dren at Big Spring and on the Plains. 27-28, Chester Collinsworth, Milton kel. A'son, H. E. Spears, of Killeen, spent Saturday and Sunday with him here.

Dick Edwards, of Durango, Calif., who served in the Marines with June Graham, is here spending his vacation with his buddy.

Home for an Easter visit with their mother, Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford were Mr. and Mrs. Max Swafford and family, of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Don Swafford and family and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jones, of Hobbs, N. M., Dot, who flew in on American Airlines from Fort Worth. and Nedra and Dwight, students at NTSC, Denton, Nedra was accompanied by a schoolmate, Joe Russell, of Whitewright.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Harrison, of Duncan, Okla., were week-end guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Clack.

Mrs. Bowman Barlow and daughter, Becky, accompanied her husband, First Lt. Barlow, on his return to Camp Hood Tuesday and will occupy quarters on the post there.

First Lt. and Mrs. James J. Benshoff arrived the first of the week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Trammell, J. C. Penrod, H. T. Flem-Mrs. L. L. Murray. Lieutenant Benshoff went on to Dallas, where he has been assigned to the 10th Air Force on transfer from San Angelo, while his wife remains here until he secures a place to live. Mrs. Benshoff recently returned from a trip to Rome, N. Y., from where she drove home a new car, which they had contracted for while residing at Rome.

Misses Gerrie Jinkens and Annie Wade and Mrs. Edna Horton and nation, effective May 1, and will Mrs. Miriam Meeks left Wednesday morning for Austin where they will take their State Board examinations.

While Mr. Church is attending a National REA convention at Spokane, Wash., Mrs. W. C. Church will visit two weeks with her daughter and her husband, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Willingham, in El Paso.

Mrs. R. T. Pence, of Marshall, Mo., is visiting her mother, Mrs. H. C. Williams.

Mrs. W. R. Nichels and daughter, Linda Hope, of Johnston, Pa., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. West. They came by plane to Abilene, where they were med Monday night by her parents.

Mrs. John O'Donnell and two sons, J. A. and Hugh, from New Boston, are here at the bedside of her mothfriends, Mrs. John B. Long, from Fort Worth, is also here with her mother. Mrs. L. D. Summer from Christine, Texas, has returned home after a 10-day stay at the bedside of her mother.

S Parts

Case, Carroll Benson, Wrenn Durham and Norman King were named, with Lester Dorton, Joe Cypert, Norman T. Hodge, Dr. L. C. Zee and Nolan Palmer as alternates.

The banquet was served by members of the Fortnightly Study club, assisted in cooking by members of the Sewing club. The appetizing roast for the menu was provided from a club calf, bought from Lon McDonald at the recent live stock show in Abilene and donated to the ladies' committee by Dr. W. T. Sadler.

Present from out-of-town were Hamlin-D. D. Shelburne, president. Clarence Bailey, secretary, and Haskell Carter.

Sweetwater-Pat Gerald, president, Payton Weaver, secretary, and Don Smith.

mentary school children. Anson-Roy Mays, president, Joe Breed, secretary, Everett Beaver, John Sosebee and Jim Heidenheimer. Roby-- C. O. Bragg, president, Odis Brown, secretary, S. Lee Hall and C. J. Dalton.

Abilene- E. A. Ungren and W S. Wagley, past presidents, Newell Thompson, vice-president, Clyde ing and B. F. Horton.

Roscoe- Hugo Zetzman, president. Clyde Jay, secretary.

To Open New Garage Here About May 1st

Stacy Bird, shop foreman of the Merkel Motor company, who has been in the employ of the company Latest Spring Frost for 15 years, has tendered his resigengage in business for himself in partnership with Wright Dishman, who is also resigning at the same

time as mechanic for this firm. Stacy has bought the building, corner of Front street and Lamar, more recently occupied by Hendrix garage, and after remodeling changes will open the new business about May 1 Former owner of the building was Mrs. J. N. McNay Dingle, of Weatherford.

Trent Queen, Escort Attend Yucca Festival

Trent, Apr. 17 .- Betty Oliver, Trent queen, and her escort, Andy M. Beasley, have accepted an invitation to be members of the royal party er, Mrs. J. B. Rosson, Mary Lois at the Yucca Festival to be held in Rosson, accompanied by one of her the Mustang bowl in Sweetwater, to rid the house of rodents. Monday evening, Apr. 21, at 8 o'clock Crowning of the Yucca Festival queen will be the initial phase in the program. The queen is to be chosen stone, Wednesday, April 16, 1947. from the three class nominees in a democratic election.

Attends Conference on Elementary Education

C. A. Farley, principal of the Merkel Grammar school, attended the annual Conference on Elementary a loss of \$55 to the school for next Education at Austin last Thursday. vear. Friday and Saturday.

Over 350 elementary principals of the State were in attendance at the conference, the theme of which was "Leadership in Elementary School

Improvement Programs," Important sessions were held connection with curriculum revision. new school buildings, administrative and organizational changes and planning summer programs for the ele-

Noodle Students Rate Attends Funeral of In Literary Events

Several representatives of the Noodle school were included in the list of winners in literary events in and their wives, attended the funeral Area 2. Region 2, class B Interscholastic league, held in Abilene Satur-

Among the winners were: Senior boys declamation, Willie Lee Spurgin; boys' extemporaneous speech, Omer Bishop; girls' extemporaneous speech, Fredia Jo Bartlett; type- all of Blair, Va.; seven children by writing, Glennis Satterwhite, third. and Joyce Williamson, fourth.

In Area Since 1927

Extent of the damage from Thursday morning's frost remains to be determined, in the opinion of most of those who expressed themselves. It was, however, the latest spring frost recorded by the Abilene weather bureau since Apr. 22, 1927. The drizzling rain that fell Monday was gauged at one-eighth of an inch by Volunteer Weather Observer J. I. Ford, to bring the year's total to 1 11-16th inches.

Fire Destroys Hen House.

The hen house in the back yard of the premises of Mrs. W. A. Wozenwater and friends here. craft was destroyed by fire around 9 o'clock Thursday morning, but surrounding property was not damaged. The structure caught by accident Apr. 18, there will be a "bingo" parfrom fire which the owner was using ty, sponsored by the Bluebonnet Home

Record of Births. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Touch-Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Robinson, Wednesday, April 16, 1947.

School Loses \$55 for Each Child Not Listed **Plan to Attend REA** It is pointed out by C. A. Farley,

Meeting at Spokane school census enumerator, that every child of scholastic age who is miss-W. C. Church, secretary-treasurer, ed in the annual enumeration means

5.00

Comer Haynes, O. S. Moore and Sam Butman, Jr., directors, and Riggs Shepperd, superintendent of Some parents do not know that the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., their children are eligible to be plan to leave Friday for Spokane, enumerated. Every child who will be Wash., to attend the meeting of the at least six and under eighteen years National Rural Electrification Coof age on Sept. 1, 1947, should be operative association, which convenenumerated as soon as possible. It es Apr. 21 and continues through is not necessary that these children the 24th. be attending school in order to be

Membership Meeting, Farmers Coop Apr. 19

Annual membership meeting of the Farmers Cooperative Society No. 1 will be held at the gin. Saturday. **Brother in Abilene** Apr. 19, at 2:30 p. m., it is announced in notices sent to members by W. T. Bird, accompanied by his Comer Haynes, president, and Jarthree sons. T. J. Spencer and Stacy. rett Pinckley, secretary-treasurer. Three directors are to be elected in Abilene Monday afternoon of his the annual report will be read and brother, J. H. Bird, 77, who died on discussed and other important busi-Thursday of last week at his home in ness transacted.

Officers Installed **At VFW Meeting**

The following new officers of Merkel Post 5683, Veterans of Foreign Wars, were installed at Monday night's meeting at the club house: John Hamner, commander; Robert Higgins, senior vice-commander; R. D. Ely, junior vice-commander ; Vincent Barnett, quartermaster; Lem Dudley, chaplain; Geo. T. Moore, post advocate, and N. T. Hodge, trustee for a 3-year term.

Installing officer was N. T. Hodge, a past commander. J. Parker Sharp is the retiring post commander.

Trent Baseball Team Plays HSU Sunday

The Trent baseball team will play Hardin-Simmons university Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Trent ball park. A game is also scheduled for Saturday afternoon at 3 when Trent meets Abilene Christian college at Abilene. Every one is invited to attend these games.



(From Files of The Merkel Mail, April 15, 1927.)

TRENT FIRE LOSS ESTIMATED | pulpit the first Sunday in May. \$100,000; 10 BUILDINGS

Fire which originated in a sandwich shop on Front street at Trent Tuesday morning at about 2 o'clock. destroyed ten business houses before it could be stopped. The estimated less is around \$75,000.00 to \$100,-000.00. Fire departments from Merkel, Abilene and Sweetwater responded to the call for help and are reported to have aided very much in stopping the disastrous blaze. The destruction of this important block Mrs. Leo Huff accompanied them is indeed a severe blow to the thrivhome to visit her parents in Sweeting little city of Trent and this paper joins the entire country in extending

PRESBYTERIANS CALL NEW PASTOR.

Demonstration club. Every club mem-Following the tendering of the ber is asked to bring an article of resignation of the pastor, effective some kind for prizes in the game. There will also be cold drinks and expected will be here to occupy. the men."

Rev. Walker has been pastor of the church at Bearstown for the past nine years and omes to our city highly recommended as a very able minister. He has a family and will move them to our city

Rev. Chas. H. Little, for the past two years the very able and popular pastor, has not yet decided just where he will locate, having a number of invitations to different pastorates. It is with regret that Rev. Little and family have decided to leave and we join many friends in wishing for them the very best in life.

LOCAL NATIONAL GUARD UNIT GIVEN O. K. BY FEDERAL INSPECTOR.

The local National Guard Unit of the 131st Field Artillery this week was visited by Captain Mays, regular Federal Army Inspector, and af-May 1, the members of the Presby- ter careful survey of the unit gave terian church of this city have called the commanding officers, Lieutena number of entertaining features. to the work here, Rev. R. A. Walk- ants Emmett T. Grimes and Lake Come and enjoy yourself with your er, of Beardstown, Texas, who it is J. Renfro, a splendid rating for 42

regrets over their misfortune. Bingo Party. For recreation night at Butman,

Visits Three Sons on BURN. New Mexico Ranch

Mrs. Charlie Huff and Buddy and Mrs. Herman Doan and Sammy had an enjoyable trip the past week-end to Greenville, N. M., to visit Mrs. Huff's three sons, who bought a ranch there last fall. When they left Merkel it was a hot day, but when they got to Greenville everything was covered with

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C. J GLOVER, Editor

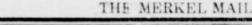


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Former Merkel School In The Head Goes to Alaska

Capt, Connor Robinson, former uperintendent of the Merkel schools, eft Monday for Hamilton Field, Calif., where he is to report Apr. 25. He had been visiting in Abilene with his wife and her parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Surface, and in Snyder with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Robinson.

He will go from California to Anchorage, Alaska, where he will receive further assignments. He expects to be in Alaska two years on duty with the 27th Statistical Control Unit of the AAF located at Anchorage.

Since Christmas he had been stationed at Langley Field, Va., and at Services every Thursday night. Bolling Field, Washington, D. C.

cards of thanks, etc., are classed as dreve with him to California and advertising, and will be charged for plan to return to Abilene after he

Back Again After Left End Position Churches At Hardin-Simmons

Abilene, Apr. 17 .- James (Breezy) Attendance at the seven reporting Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cox Sunday Schools last Sunday was 634, of Merkel, has once more donned the purple and gold football togs of the Hardin-Simmons university Cowboys, this time for a pre-season session of work-outs with the Abilene team.

Cox was one of 79 candidates who answered the call of Head Coach Warren B. Woodson and appeared for issuance of equipment in preparation for the spring-time activities.

A letterman on last year's undefeated and untied team, Cox is back again this year after his same left end position. About ten men are trying to give Cox a tussle for the start. ing honors, but he is showing up well in scrimmages and should make his presence fully known by the time final selections are made.

The Ranchers will play only three home games this coming season and each one will be on a Saturday night. Games are scheduled for Abilene'. Fair Park stadium with the University of Arizona on Oct. 11, with the University of New Mexico on Oct. 18, and with Texas Mines on Nov.

Poland, as tentatively defined after World War II, is a little larger than New Mexico.



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NAZARENE CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preachng at 11. NYPS at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 7. Prayer meeting at p. m. Wednesday.

Mrs. J. D. Roedler, Pastor.

PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS. Preaching fourth Sunday in each month at 11 a. m., Saturday 2:50 p. m. and night, at the band house.

PROMPT, FRIENDLY SERVICE

Friday, April 18, 1947

Appreciated more than ever

In periods when personal financial matters run more or less smoothly of their own account, people give less thought, as a rule, to the quality of a bank's service.

But, when as is the case today, problems and perplexities increase, the little extra attention given, and the effort made by officers and employees, is noticed.

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as compared with 891 on the previous Sunday and 777 on the same Sunday a year ago.

METHODIST CHURCH Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. MYF and juniors meet at 6:30 p. m. L. M. Brown, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD. Sunday School at 3 p. m. Preach ing services at 4 p. m. and 8 p. m

H. S. Earp, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST Sunday: Bible School at 9:45 a. m.

preaching 10:50 a. m. and 7:30 p. m Young Folks class at 6:50 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m

Reporter.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morn ing sermon at 11. Training Union at 6:30 p. m. Evening sermon at 7:50. Prayer meeting at 7:15 Wednesday evening.

Merle Weathers, Pastor

NEW LIVE OAK CHURCH. Sunday services as follows Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Every one is especially invited. Reporter.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

6:15 p. m. No evening service. Mid-

nesday evening.

week prayer meeting at 7:30 Wed-

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST

CHURCH

D. S. Neel. Pastor.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morn ing sermon at 11. Children meet at



| riday, April 18, 1947. | THE MERKEL MAIL | | | | PAGE THREE |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|
| Andy Shouse | RURAL SOCIETY SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY. A surprise birthday party consist- ing of games of "42" and Flinch was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. | Methodist church. Mrs. W. H. Ensminger presented guests to the bride and her mother, Mrs. Frank Roane. Mrs. W. S. He dricks presided at the registry, Mrs. Leroy Riney had charge of the games and Mrs. Donald Latimer, the music. | Chevrolet Turns Out Millionth Vehicle Since the War Detroit, Apr. 17.—With the assem- bly of its 1,000,000th post-war ve- | Chevrolets on the road today, Mr. Dreystadt added, Chevrolet repre- sents approximately one-fourth of all motor vehicles in the service of the American motoring public. | REAL ESTATE LOANS in Merkel Low Interest—Fast Service CASSLE & CASSLE 1140½ N. 2nd—Phone 2-1381 ABILENE, TEXAS |
| Life Insurance Real Estate | F. E. Healer, honoring F. E. Healer on his twenty-fifth birthday and Ar- tist Cook on his fifty-first birthday, on Apr. 9 by their wives. Also the | The church was decorated with white spring flowers carrying out the Easter theme. After the display of many beauti- fil mittee a refreshment plate consist- ing of sandwiches, Easter cookies and punch with plate favors of min- iature baskets filled with Easter ergs | hicle Apr. 9, Chevrolet Motor divis- ion became the first single producer in the auto industry to build a mil- lion vehicles since the war, it was an- nounced here by Nicholas Dreystadt, general manager of this largest Gen- eral Motor division. The unit, a 1947 model sedan was | We want to thank every one for your kind expressions of sympathy. We shall ever hold dear the memory of those thoughts and deeds. May God's richest blessings abide with you always. Mr. and Mrs. James H. West. Gerald and Gloria | Jackson & Carey Steam Laundry Pickup and Delivery |
| If You Plan To remodel that bath or kitchen, we have a nice line of fixtures and ma- terial to install them. | pink, white and green, iced with white icing and decorated with "Hap- py Birthday F. E.," "Happy Birth- day Artist" was made for each of them by Mrs. F. E. Healer. Candles were placed on the cake and taken to the honorees, when they finished opening their many nice gifts. to | carrying the names, Elmer and Jean, was passed to the following guests: Mesdames B. B. Reynolds. R. L. McLean, Wick Perry, L. Shaf- fer, R. G. Toombs, Ernest Meeks, A. R. Toombs, A. D. Scott, Bill Wal- lace, F. E. Healer, Artist Cook, A. | produced in the Janesville (Wis.) assembly plant, one of nine across the country whose combined output has established numerous post-war production records for Crevrolet, in- cluding first quarter output of more than 250,000 vehicles and a March total of 101,107 units, making Chev- | and the Relatives of Jimmy West. Close to 50,000 U. S. schools, serv- ing from 7 to 8 million children, will participate in the National School Lunch Program this year. | Service Wet Wash Phone 116 Located NW of Church of Christ |
| Also have Gould and F & W jet pumps in any size. Call us for an estimate. We will be glad to help you determine what you | make a wish and blow out the can- dles. Every one joined in the celebra- tion by singing "Happy Birthday." A refreshment plate of ice creata and cake was served to the following: Messrs, and Mesdames Tom Russom, Bill Perry, Monroe Whisenhunt, Houston Martin, Een Butman, Adrian | Farmer, Monroe Whisenhunt, Rex McLean, Joe Seymore, E. W. Turner, W. H. Ensminger, H. G. Neill, E. J. Patterson and Tom Russom; Misses Sadie Perry and Mae Bradberry. Several sent gifts. | rolet the first producer to build move than 100,000 cars and trucks in a single post-war month. Completion of a new assembly plant in Flint, Mich., in the near future and of a similar plant in Van Nuys, Calif., next fall, will further | DEAD STOCK REMOVED FREE Call Collect 4001 for Immediate Service | |
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| Patterson Bros. PLUMBERS Phone 35 | Bill Wallace, Arlton Farmer; Messrs. George Anderson, Walter Earl Whis- enhunt, Eddie Whisenhunt, J. B. Whisenhunt, thirteen children and the honorees and hostesses. Those sending gifts were: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Farmer, and Misses Paul | | eller og e | | |
| SWEET SUDAN \$12.50 por 100 lbs | ine and Betty Cook. BRIDAL SHOWER. On Apr. 3 Mesdames E. H. Cordill, A. D. Barnes, Dewel McLean, W. S. Hendricks, Leroy Riney, R. F. Whis- | E | asy is t | he Me | al |

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Bill Herring, cooperator in the Northeast Noodle Conservatio group, has recently planted about 1' acres to Madrid sweet clover. This was planted in regular width rows with use of small seed planting at tachment. Mr. Herring planted at the rate of about 2 1-2 pounds of seed per acre. This clover is being planted for soil improvement, graz ing and for seed harvest. . . .

Walter Phillips, cooperator in the Goodman Conservation group, has planted about 11 acres to Madrid sweet clover. This was planted at rate of 3 pounds per acre. Mr. Phillips is planning to use this sweet clover for grazing and soil improve ment and for erosion control in a terrace outlet waterway. Mr. Phillips made a trial planting of sweet clover last year but due to lack of rain to germinate seed he failed to secure a stand. He believes this sweet clover crop has possibilities in this area.

planted a terrace outlet waterway to and Frank Latimore. Famed song er seeding attachment at rate of 1-2 as might be expected, has put extra pound of seed per acre

. . .

Ollie Higgins and Fred Perry the Salt Branch community have made sweet clover plantings. Perry planted about 4 acres of Mid rid sweet clover at the rate of 2 pounds of seed per acre. Mr. Higgins planted about 5 acres to hubam clover.

W. C. Lee, cooperator in Salt Branch Conservation group, has re-

QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday - Saturday -- Double feaure program: Mona Freeman, Richird Denning in "Black Beauty" and Johnny Mack Brown, Evelyn Brent n "Raiders of the South;" cartoon and Chick Carter serial.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday-June Haver, George Montgomery, Vivian Blaine in "Three Little Girls in Blue;" color cartoon and latest News. Wednesday - Thursday - "Butch" Jenkins, Peter Lawford in "My Brother Talks to Horses;" selected shorts.

"THREE LITTLE GIRLS IN BLUE.

June Haver, Vivian Blaine and Vera-Ellen are the "Three Little Girls in Blue," in 20th Century-Fox's technicolor musical tale of three sis-Doyle Seifried, cooperator in the ters who inherit a farm and sell it Blair Conservation group, has re- to go on a millionaire husband-huntcently planted 2 acres to weeping ing expedition on the broadwalk at lovegrass for supplemental pasture, Atlantic City. The film also stars seed and for erosion control. He George Montgomery, Celeste Holm lovegrass for erosion control, This writer Mack Gordon makes his debut was planted with use of cultipack- as a producer with this picture, and special emphasis on the film's mosi-Eight new songs are introduced in the gay and romantic hit.

Abilene Business Man Heads Hereford Group

Abilene, Apr. 17 .- The West Texas Hereford association in annual session here Friday, re-elected D. H. Jefferies, Abilene business man and cattleman, president. Jefferies is al-

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cently completed a new farm nond to furnish additional live stock wat er. Mr. Lee has about 5 acres of hairy vetch in combination with wheat as a nurse crop which he reports has furnished considerable grazing for his milk cows.

terraces on their farms at this time are: Henry Tillett, Jr., of Mt. Pleasant Conservation group, Mrs. T. C. Smith, of South Merkel group, Tom Russom of Butman group, R. N. Lawn; Lee Atkinson, Throckmorton Campbell and R. E. Dowdy of Salt Branch group, W. O. Boney, of the North Stith group and C. N. Hatfield on May 13-14-15, with Arledge namof Northeast Noodle group

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so president of the Re-elected also was Mrs. Rupert Harkrider as secretary-treasurer, a position she has held since organization of the association. Henry Arledge, Seymour, was re-named first and W. J. Largent, Merkel, second vice-president, respectively. Bob Bo-District cooperators constructing | wen, Coleman, is third vice-president. Three-year term directors are Roy

Largent, Merkel; E. A. Sheppard, Abilene; Jack Idol, Benjamin; Henry James, Abilene; Dorothea Griffin The association will sponsor an other Hereford tour of three days ed arrangements committee chairman. Other members are Dorothea

Griffin, Bowen, Paul Turner of Sylvester, and Jefferies. The tour includes trips southward the first day. northbound to Stamford the second, and Eenjamin, Knox City and other areas the third day. The association favored a Hereford

show in connection with the West Texas Fair during its exhibition on Sept. 15-20.

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