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DRIVE FOR CC BUDGET HOLDS ATTENTION NOW

Members of the nine-man steering committee selected at a February meeting of the merchants of the city to may plans for the proposed chamber of commerce to be organized here and to make a schedule of assessments for its support made a prelimenow convass Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday of a number

"Decision as to the feasibility of the project will depend on the re- ent-Teacher association in the school E. L. McLeod sponse from those firms who have gymnaseum Friday might of last week. indicated they wanted to give fur. it was reported by Mrs. Imogene running south the first block will a very few years. ther consideration before signing Henry, treasurer. up." R. (O Anderson, chairman of

In the meantime the drive will continue until each firm has been contacted but Chairman Anderson requests in hehalf of the committee that, should any of the merchants already contacted reach a decision before they are called on again, it will greatly aid the committee if they will notify him and help save their time, which of course is being donated as a civic undertaking.

Scouts Form Four Patrols in Troop;

troop of Boy Scouts will now boast as Grammar School chairmen, of four patrols. Leaders of these pa trols, elected at a troop meeting on Monday, are:

Lion patrol-Davis Tarpley, leader, J. C. Horton, assistant, and Richassistant, and Bobby Mayfield, scribe; ton, bingo. Flaming Arrow patrol-Billy Beaird, Objective of the carnival project Beaver patrol-Eddie Breaux, leader, Eilly Greenfield, assistant, and Dale Shugart, scribe.

Dale Doan is senior patrol leader and G. H. Suber, junior assistant Scoutmaster. Boyd Moore is troop satibe.

Rites Held Saturday For L. C. Murray

Lemuel C. Murray, 76, affectionately called "Uncle Lem" by all who cently planted just west of Kimbell knew him, passed away in Sadler Milling company on Highway 80 by hospital at 9:25 p. m. Thursday, Mar. | Mayor A. J. Canon. With the interest 11, after an illness of several weeks, of Merkel at heart, Mr. Canon paid

the First Baptist church at 10 a, m. himself. Saturday, with the pastor, Rev. E. M. Weathers, officiating. Burial was zens will follow his example," Mrs. in Rose Hall cemetery, under direc J. F. Miller, Garden Club president. tion of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral said. "Our city needs more trees and

Buster Edwards, W. C. Matthews and | mind to fill those vacant spots in the Carlton McLeod, of Trent, and Rob- city and around your home." ert Malone and Joe Cypert.

Mr. Murray was born Jan. 16, ing Army service in the Spanish-American war, the couple made their home in Trinidad, Colo., for 23 years during which time he was engaged as a locomotive engineer. In 1922 force. they moved to their ranch in Fisher county where they resided until buy- around the Community Center under ing a home in Merkel and moving here to live two years ago.

Surviving are his wife, one brother, Munroe Murray, a sister, Mrs. Boy Scouts Hike Cora Hale, both of Gatesville, and a number o fnieces and nephews.

Among out-of-town relatives and friends here for the funeral were the brother and a nephew, Perry Hale, to Laney's pasture Tuesday afterboth of Gatesville; Mrs. Riley Huie, Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Moseley, of Sweetwater, and their daughter, of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Burnis Dale Doan, Boyd Moore. Davis Tarp-Honea. Murray Cowsart, Mrs. ley. J. C. Horton, Richard Chaney, O'Neill Roberts, all of Anson; Jeff Roberts, of Nolan, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Doan, Johnny Hammond, Bobby John Catchings, of Lovington, N. M.

Jaycee Baseball

All of last year's Jaycee players are urgently requested to return the 1947 uniforms to Nolan Palmer at the Magnolia station as soon as possible, so that these suits may be cleaned and re-issued for the 1948 baseball team.

All players interested in the organization of a team this season are asked to meet Tuesday night, Mar. 23, at the Magnolia station, at 8

P-TA CARNIVAL NETS \$260 FOR SCHOOL PROJECT

Hour: Other Contests.

Several hundred, including the committee, stated Wednesday ents, teachers and students, turned odd on the left. The same plan will grade school unless some of the rooms which lived up to its billing 100 per

> Mrs. Tox Kerns and Frank Breaux were elected "Beauty" and "Beast", respectively, in the heated election, with four contestants in the first race and three in the latter.

In the amateur contest, with 23 entries, Barbara Sue McLeod, who appeared in song numbers, was declared winner; second prize went to Thantha Decker and Maxine Kerns, song and dance team, while runnerup was a boys' trio consisting of Dale Dudley, Joe Doan and D. C. Hen-

Because of illness, the P-TA president, Mrs. Louie Herring, was un-Leaders Selected Mrs. Carroll Benson, vice-president, optional. was general chairman. Mrs. Henry was High School chairman, with Mr Instead of two patrols, the Merkel Benson and Mrs. Judd McReynold

Committee chairmen were: Mr. Powell Miller, hot dogs; Mrs. Clyd Eager, drinks; Mrs. Sam Swann candy; Mrs. C. B. Rust, popcorn; Mrs Ray Wilson, games of "42" and "84" ard Chaney, scribe; Panther patrol- Mrs. Bud Toombs, "Beauty and Joe Doan, leader, Johnny Hammond, Beast" contest, and Mrs. Easter Hor.

leader, Louie Don Whitaker, assist- was the purchase of a ditto macrine ant, and Tommy Warren, scribe; for use of the entire school system. for use of the entire school system.

A. J. Canon Donates Four Cypress Trees To Highway Plot

The Merkel Garden club would like to call the attention of the public to the four Arizona cypress re Funeral services were held from for and had these shrubs planted

"We hope other civic-minded citishrubs, and it is not too late to plant Pallbearers were Tom Williamson, any tree or shrub you may have in

The four older cypress trees on the highway plot, it will be recalled, were 1872, in Milam county and was mar- planted there 12 or 14 years ago by ried to the former Nora Anderson a local Highway Beautification comon Jan. 1, 1894, at Anson. Follow- mittee, of which Mrs. A. T. Sheppard was chairman.

These older trees have been trimmed and the entire plot cleared of weeds by recent work of the city

Planting of shrubs and flowers sponsorship of the Merkel Garden club began Wednesday.

To Laney's Pasture

The Boy Scouts of Merkel hiked noon, set up camp and cooked supper. After supper, the campsite was cleaned up and games played.

The boys present were G. H. Suber,

Marvin Mashburn, Charles Bowles, Mayfield, Sessions Hammond, Claude Smith, Colonel Wallace, Thomas Bailey. Carmel Moreno, Billy Beaird, Louie Whitaker, Tommy Warren, Players Asked to Meet Tommy Cutler, Charlie Beaird, James Smith. Eddie Breaux, Dale Shugart, Jack Miller, Bruce Knight, Dale Dudley, Willie Winter, Ralph Bartlett, C. A. Farley, Frank Breaux and Luther Land.

> Record of Births Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ber-

ry, Monday, March 15, 1948. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Goza, Tuesday, March 16, 1948. enhunt, Tuesday, March 16, 1948.

TO START HOUSE NUMBERING JOB HERE APRIL 3

With approval by the city council and authorization from the Lions club, spensoring organization for the Patrons of School Present in Merkel groop, the Boy Scouts will Large Numbers for Evening begin the first Saturday in April Of Fun, Festuring Amateur the project of numbering the houses in the city, according to a plan evolved by the committee of Lions named The sum of \$20.15 was realized to prepare a map and work out defrom proceeds of the play game car- tails. This committee includes C. A. nival sponsored by the Merkel Par- Farley, chairman, Doyle Seifried and it is pointed out by Merkel school

> carry numbers in the 100 bracket. par- with even numerals on the right and streets running north.

On the east-west streets, the first for the pupils involved. house in the east part of town, beginning on Walnut, will be numbered lowed here

stallation. If mounting board is de sired, the cost for board and numbers combined will be \$1.50. The numbers, inches high

It is hoped by the Boy Scouts and every householder will know that able to be present, and in her absence buying of the numbers is entirely

Committee on Cub

Three committee reports and pointment of a new committee on Cub Scouting received attention at kel Lions club, presided over by absence of Earl Hughes, president.

Reporting for the committee on the Boy Scout project for numbering houses in the city, Principal C. A. Farley of the Grammar school stated that the city council had approved the plan and the boys would start work the first Saturday in April. Following his report, the club also voted authorization to

Approximately \$585.00 had been raised in the local Red Cross Fund drive, Chairman David Gamble announced. In behalf of the vocational agriculture boys of Merkel High school, Chester Collinsworth, instructor, expressed their thanks to club members and every one who contributed to the "pot" of \$370.00 to bring the boys at least an even break on the recent livestock show and sale at Abilene. As a result, all the boys were privileged to pocket at least a small profit.

Appointed to the new committee on Cub Scouting were Weldon McAninch, Chester Collinsworth, Traett Jones and Grover Gilbert.

Only guest of the club was Dr. James H. Chaney, Invocation was given by Supt. R. A. McCollum of the Merkel Public schools.

MHS Slide Rule Club Tops San Angelo

Five members of the Slide Rule club of Merkel High school journe ed to San Angelo Tuesday evening and came home with a pleasing victory. There were two tests taken.

In the first test Dudley Farr and Ralph Miller tied for first; Billy Reid and Earnest Reynolds tied for second place and Nelson of San Angelo grabbed third place. In the secend test, Farr won first place; Allen James, second place, and Ralph Mil-

ler took third place. Two members of the slide rule team could not attend but the members found the trip very successful and

First Baptist Revival Through Sunday Night

The spring revival now in progress at the First Baptist church will continue through Sunday night, Mar. 21. A large number is present each meeting to hear the pastor, Rev. E. M. Weathers, who is conducting the services.

Services are held twice daily at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Whis- Revis McGrew of Tylar have charge of the song services.

LACK OF SCHOOL **FACILITIES IS** MARKED DAILY

cates Absolute Need of Providing Additional Class Rooms

In view of the increasing birth rate and influx of oil company employees, On Oak street and other streets strained to the bursting point within

In fact, next fall there will be no room for about 60 pupils in the local out for the scheduled evening of fun, be followed on the north side for the can be made to house 50 to 60 pupils, which is a very unhealthy condition

Due chiefly to the increasing number of beginners each year and gradustarting at 600 and advancing to the ating only forty 8th graders this west city limit. The same series of spring, the grammar school will have even and odd numbers will be fol- an enrollment of about 655 pupils The charges will be: \$1:00 per, require 22 rooms, but there are only house for the numbers, including in- 20 rooms in the grade school now including the first grade building.

It is observed by Supt. R. A. Mc-Collum that over the entire United made of stainless steel, are four States the number of six-year-olds is increasing steadily. In 1945 there were 2,130,000 six-year-olds; in 1947 the sponsoring organization that there were 2,365,000 six-year-olds, and in the 1953 there will be 2,922,000 six-year-olds.

"Estimates of the total elementary school enrollment in the U.S. for the next 10 years tell the same story -more children. In the next 10 years the elementary schools of the U.S. Scouting Announced will have to provide teachers, buildings, supplies and equipment for ers for these children must be planned now," stated Superintendent Mc-Collum.

this figure next year and for at demned for burial purposes; the Principal Edwin E. Read of the Mer- least six or seven years to come. In Farmers Coop Society No. 1 owns a kel High school, vice-president in the checking over the local birth records tract of 7.5 acres, lying between Elm it is revealed that the rate has been street and the highway.

crease in enrollment?"

Many parents are asking the question: "Will our children have to attend classes in groups of 50 to 60 in rooms intended for no more than 30 pupils?"

Bobby Joe Bland Distinguished Student At A. & M. College

College Station, Mar. 18 .- Bobby Joe Bland, Merkel High School graduate of 1946, is a distinguished student at Texas A. and M. college. He is attending the college as winner in a state-wide competition of a fouryear Jesse H. Jones Agricultural Scholarship, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bland, Route 3, Mer-

The scholarships program of the college was started in 1946 by the Ex-Student association and has been expanded by gifts from Mr. Jones and others. Applications are now being received by the Registrar's office of the college from candidates for twenty-eight additional awards available to boys graduating from high school this spring. Winners are chosen by a faculty committee on scholar-

Census for 1948 First

All parents in the Merkel school district who have children who will be first graders in September should be sure that they fill out a school census blank within the next few weeks, if they have not already done so, according to C. A. Farley, census enumerator for the district.

A special effort is being made to general average of 91 points. secure the names of those beginners | The Merkel club appeared third on who do not now have a brother sister in the Merkel schools.

of age before the first day of Sept. by Fredric Logan and "Morn Rise" 1948, before he may be enumerated. by Czibulka, the last number emphasthe grammar school office by calling tone. in person or by phoning number 112.

To Present 3-Act Play. present a 3-act play, entitled "The chorus. night, commencing at 7:00 o'clock. | April 13th.

MAP PLANS FOR CLEAN-UP WEEK HERE MAY 3-8

With Clean-Up week set as May to 8, Mayor A. J. Canon urges the cooperation of every citizen in Mer-Increased Number of Beginners kel so that a complete clean-up of In Prospect This Year Indi- the alleys and vacant lots may b

It is proposed during that week to provide enough city trucks to pick up and haul off all the trash, broken tree limbs and every obstacle that now obstructs the alleys. Every houseofficials that local facilities will be holder is urged to gather up all trash, of Foreign Wars, at their regular dead limbs, etc., and have all their up on the following schedule:

ide and east of Kent. Wednesday, May 5-On south side,

east of Oak street.

west of Oak street . In the business section, a

makes regular systematic rounds for

Oil Leases Signed On 20-Acre Block East Part of Town

Contract was entered into Thursday morning whereby Tom Largent will have to provide teachers, build- and the West Central Drilling company secured oil lease on two tracts nearly 2,000,000 more children than of land in the eastern part of the By Lion President they do now. The kind of buildings, city, just west of Rose Hill cemetery, the qualities and training of teach- totalling 20 acres plus and unitized for lease purposes.

One tract comprising 12.59 acres lying north of Elm street, was pur-The enrollment in the first grade chased by the Merkel Cemetery asso-

increasing steadily since 1940 and Test was being made Thursday of will increase for several more years. | the Geochemical Surveys and Twin Unit. The Merkel administrators and Oil Co. No. 1 T. J. Bird, new Taylor teachers are asking the question: County Dothan section sand produc-"Can our present staff, buildings and tion discovery, which, on the basis equipment stand a 20 per cent in- of drillstem test, was estimated at four barrels per hour.

Merkel Man's Brother Dies in Arkansas

Clarence Hester was called to Little Rock, Ark., Wednesday of last week due to the sudden illness of his brother, who passed away Sunday. and whooping cough. Funeral services were held there or

Monday.

Issues Oil Line Grant To Onyx Company

Right-of-grant for an oil line across the city-owned property at the disposal plant was issued to the Onyx Refining company by the city council by the Roden ranch of Westbrook. at their regular meeting Monday \$7.40 for 488 feet.

\$100 SUBSCRIBED TO UPKEEP FUND OF CEMETERY

Merkel VFW Post Votes to Send Check at Last Meeting; Officers Elected Also by Veterans For Ensuing Year.

A donation of \$100.00 to the upkeep fund of Rose Hill cemetery was voted by Merkel Post 5683, Veterans meeting Thursday night of last week, rubbish placed in the alleys for pick- and a like amount was voted to the Butman GI school.

Monday, May 3-All the area on Officers for the ensuing year were the north side and west of Kent elected, to be installed at the April meeting on the second Thursday night Tuesday, May 4- Area on north in April. They are: H. P. Crinni, commander, (re-elected); R. D. Ely, senior vice-commander; Lester Dorton, junior vice-commander; Vincent Thursday, May 6-On south side, Barnett, quartermaster, (re-elected); H. R. Chancey, Jr., post advocate; Marvin Perkins, post surgeon; J. satisfactory plan is already in effect Parker Sharp, chaplain; trustees, whereby the sanitary department Geo. T. Moore, 3-year-term; N. C. Halbert, 2-year-term, and Horace collecting all sorts of trash and rub- Boney, 1-year-term. N. T. Hodge

was appointed adjutant. From a group of 25 charter members at organization, the Merkel Post starts its third year with a total of 200 active members-a good healthy growth that speaks volumes as to the fine spirit of comradeship that these boys with service records all over the globe enjoy with each other. Commander Crimm emphasized that all overseas veterans are eligible to

Annual Immunization Program Friday, Apr. 2

The annual immunization program, sponsored by the local P.-T. A. for pre-school and school children, will be held in the grammar school on

Friday, Apr. 2 All serums will be furnished fre of charge by the State Health department and immunizations will be administered by registered physicians of Taylor county and by staff nurses of the Taylor County Health

All pupils have been given blanks for parents to sign, requesting the desired type of immunization. No child will be given a serum unless the parents have signed this blank. All pre-school children must have the signed request. These blanks may be obtained through the pupils or at the grammar school office and should be returned not later than Monday, Mar. 22.

The immunization program will include smallpex, diphtheria, typhoid

Largent Entry Wins at **Odessa Hereford Show**

L. S. Model Domino 4th, an entry of Roy Largent and Sons, won the grand championship of the Sand Hills Hereford show at Odessa last week. Reserve champion was shown

The champion bull sold for \$1,300, night. Consideration of the grant was to top the sale. Buyer was H. S. Foster o f Midland.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, March 23, 1928.

MERKEL CHORAL CLUB WINS! SECOND PLACE IN CONTEST. Twenty members of the High School Graders Being Taken Choral club, under the direction of Miss Christine Collins assisted by Mrs. Yates Brown, entered the Mid-Texas Teachers' association at Coleman Friday, winning second place with an average of 94 points. The much coveted prize was a beautiful loving cup, going to Coleman for first place with an average of 93 points. Ballinger was third with

the program, wearing regular uniforms of white sweaters and skirts. A child must be at least six years and gave two numbers, "Pale Moon" Census blanks may be secured from | izing distinction and clearness of

Misses Collins and Mollie Shannon, Mesdames E. Yates Brown, Vernon B. Sublett, Twyman Collins and The Dramatic club of Hodges will Supt. I. L. Jackson accompanied the

The club was second place winner in class "B" at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention at Wichita Falls last May and expects to be among the contestants at the June convention in Fort Worth.

Chorus personnel: Estelle Terry, Gladys Watts, Berdelle Adcock, Monetta Adcock, Eunice Bird, Venice Bell, Lucille Cole, Elizabeth Harkrider, Alpha Howard, Velma Holder, Nola Neill, Mary Pence, Bessie Westenhover, Tulia Miller, Vivian Berger, Iris Garrett, Norma Shannon, Patsy Lewis, Doris Brown, Fannie Bell Boaz, Addie Faye Patterson, Euna Lea Gilmore, Helen Compton and Frances Frederickson.

Mrs. John Childress returned home Monday from Waco, where she spent the week-end with ber daughter, Miss Aileen, who is a student in Baylor university.

Mrs. G. F. Wood suffered a nervous breakdown last week and was carried to the Baptist sanitarium at Abi-Scarecrow Creeps," (2½ hours long), The club has accepted an invitation lene where she remained to go at the Hodges school house Saturday to sing over WBAP, Fort Worth, on through the clinic. She is reported lene where she remained to go

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Additional Donors To Cemetery Fund

during the month of January to the maintenance fund of Rose Hill cometery, the following subscriptions were received by Chairman T. L. Grimes of the upkeep committee during the month of February, (and in succeeding issues of The Mail other donors will be listed)

Will be listed):	
Mrs. G. R. Dunlap Mrs. A. R. Toombs	\$ 5.00
Mrs. A. R. Toombs	5.00
nerman hughes	5.00
Sale of cordwood	9.00
S. L. Scogin	1.00
Paul Oshorn	2.00
max Swallord	25, 1313
Merkel Drug Co.	19.00
V. P. Byrom	7.50
Geo. T. Moore	9 00
G. W. Moore	4.00
Andy Shouse	2.00
J. M. Toombs	3.00
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Mrs. P. T. Allday	2.00
D. E. Higgins	2.06
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W. Wilson	5.00
H. H. Anderson	1.00
Farmers Coop. Gin Co.	2.00
Doyles Variety & Gift Shop	2.50
Merkel Mail	10.00
Mrs. J. E. Tucker	2.00
Mrs. Ada Mae Johnson	5.00
Max Mellinger Mary Anna Mayfield	2.50
Mary Anna Mayfield	6.00
Helen Mayfield	6.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fugat	5.00
J. T. Warren Estate	25.90
Carson Gro. & Mkt.	10.00
D. C. Doan	4.00
J. L. Douglas	1.90
W. R. Adeoek	5.00

W. C. Church

Vergie Campbell

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Sharp



POSTOFFICE.....

PERSONALS

Mrs. Gertie Pee returned Monday from a visit with her daughters, Mrs. William F. Hunt of Lubbock and Mrs. C. W. Guthrie of Big Spring. Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott visited Sunday afternoon with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Elliott, in Abilene.

C. M. Bell of Fort Hancock, who was a recent visitor with his mother. Mrs. M. F. Bell, has returned home. Mrs. Doss Sheppard of Dallas accompanied her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Reagan, as far as Merkel and visited with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Elma Mc-Farland, and other relatives. The Reagans, who went on to Lamesa to visit his folks, stopped by Tuesday and Mrs. Sheppard joined them on

heir return home. Week-end visitors with their par ents, Mr. and Mrs. Booth Warren and Mr. and Mrs. D. Grimes, were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Warren from

Artist Cook has accepted employ ment at Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, and Mrs. Cook and Betty Joyce will join him there later.

While her husband, Captain Lewis Adams, of El Paso, is on special duty for three months in California, Mrs Adams and daughter, Diane, will visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Jones, in Bagwell. Her father went out to El Paso to drive back with her and they stopped over the week-end for a visit in the Twyman and John Collins homes.

After an extended visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Myrtle Boden Mrs. Ocie Day and little daughter. Ann, returned Saturday morning by American Busline to their home in Chandler, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shouse, formerly of Trent, where they have liv ed many years, have bought a home here at Third and Marion streets and moved over Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Mathews, of Midland, who visited severa! days this week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews and Mr and Mrs. Watt Blair, were accompanied on their return home Thursday night by Mr. Mathews mother, Mrs. R. H. Mathews, whom he will take to El Paso, to be with her granddaughter Patricia Addy, in Beaumont General hospital. Her mother, Mrs. Noel Addy, is with her there

Jones County Resident Buried Here Saturday

Funeral services for Carl H. Wade , long-time resident of Jones coun-, were held at 2 p. m. Saturday rom the First Baptist church of Anon, with Rev. Dick Allen, of Ropes

10.00

lle, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemeter

Anson in charge. Mr. Wade died Thursday in a rownfield hospital. He was born an. 31, 1908, in Jones county, where had lived until moving to Ropes lle last August.

Survivors include four children, Cathryn, Robert, Patsy and Junior, ill of Ropesville; seven brothers, loyd, Bonnie and W. T., of Stamord; Obie and Jim of Merkel; J. W. f Lubbock, and L. C. of Ropesville; hree sisters, Mae Wade, Stamford; Mrs. D. G. Johnson, Stamford, and Mrs. G. W. Maxwell, Lubbock.

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Reports Local School **Needs Auditorium**

In the official report of the state supervisor, Clive Pierce, who recently visited the Merkel Public schools, it is pointed out very forcefully that the local school badly needs an auditorium. Mr. Pierce said: "The Merkel school auditorium is entirely too small.

A number of local people discovered the fact that the auditorium the aisles and outside the doors. The auditorium will seat only 350 people.

Mr. Pierce also stated that better artificial lighting is badly needed in the classrooms.

The official report made to the State Department of Education noted that the general program of the local schools is well-organized and that the staff is composed of well-qualified P. teachers. Mr. Pierce also observed that efficient teaching was being done in the classrooms and that the response of the pupils was good.



A new bonnet may get you in the Easter parade but your participa-tion in the Payroll Savings Plan or the Bond-A-Month Plan will put you the Security Parade. For the wage earner, payroll savings where you work enable you to acquire Savings Bonds on the partial pay-ment plan. For the self-employed, your local bank maintains the Bond-A-Month Plan. U. S. Treasury Department

In The

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday Schools last Sunday was 676 as compared with 636 on the presame Sunday a year ago was 707.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

nesday evening.

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

Worship 10:50 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Young People's meeting 6:45 p. ri. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 Troy M. Cummings, Minister.

Church School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11. Youth Fellowship 7:00 Mondays, 2 p. m. Mid-week prayer Wednesdays, 7:00 p. m.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. No other

ASSEMBLY OF GOD Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preach-

NAZARENE CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11. NYPS at 7:00 p. m.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

SALT BRANCH CHURCH. Preaching every first and third Sunlays, morning and night. Every one

Churches

Attendance at the seven reporting vious Sunday. The attendance on the

METHODIST CHURCH

R. L. Butler, Pastor

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ervice Sunday or during the week. Reporter.

m. Services Thursday 7:45 p. m. H. S. Earp, Pastor.

Preaching at 8:00. Prayer meeting at 7:00 p. m. Wednesday.

Sunday School every Sunday.

s cordially invited to attend. Johnny Ivy, Pastor.

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union was too small at the last P.-T. A. at 6:30 p. m. Evening sermon at meeting when they had to stand in 7:30. Prayer meeting at 7:00 Wed-

Merle Weathers, Pastor.

p. m. Evening wership 7:30 WSCS

ing services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p.

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nesday evening. A. T. Suskey, Pastor.

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Carl Jackson, cooperator in the plowing. South East Noodle Conservation group, is making his first plantings of soil improving crops on his farm Compere Conservation group, has this year. He has recently planted recently planted 10 acres to Madrid 10 acres to Madrid sweet clover for sweet clover as a soil improving crop soil improvement and for summer and for grazing purposes. This grazing. This clover was planted with planting was made with a grass drill a grass drill in 3 foot rows at the at the rate of 2 pounds seed per acre rate of 3 pounds seed per acre. He and planted in 3 foot rows to perhas also planted 3 acres to alfalfa mit several light cultivations. This for a hog pasture. This alfalfa was planting was made on very tight redplanted with a grain drill at the rate dish soils which had washed and of 15 pounds of seed per acre. Mr. gullied. He terraced this area last Jackson is a strong believer in chisel summer to prevent further soil losstype plowing on his tight land farm. es by washing. Mr. Allred is complet-Last year was his first year to do ing terracing on his farm this spring. deep plowing and he states his yields He started this work last spring and show some improvement over regular the work he is completing now will type plowing in spite of drouthy be the third session of terrace conconditions which prevailed most of struction on his farm. last year. He believes that a deep plowing every 3 to 4 years on tight heavy soils should be helpful in increasing the rate of water absorption. Moisture tests made last December after a 4 to 5 inch rain on Mr. Jack- Ranch yellow bluestem grass on a son's farm show that there was a 30 to 35% greater moisture depth of made with a grass drill and planted penetration on land which had been chiseled as compared to regular type



H. N. Allred, cooperator in the

W. H. Kelso, cooperator in the West Truby Conservation group, has planted a 1-aere seed plot of King shallow soil area. This planting was in 3 foot rows at the rate of 3 pounds seed per acre. Mr. Kelso has about 7 to 8 acres of shallow soils which he plans to retire from cultivation and reseed to adapted grass. He is hopeful that this seed plot will furnish sufficient seed to reseed this area to be retired and possibly have seed to sell to other cooperators with similar problems. This type grass has done remarkably well over most of Texas and seems to stand considerably heavy grazing and makes a rapid growth. Mr. Kelso has completed the terracing work on his farm recently.

This is an opportune time for district cooperators to start planning supplemental and temporary pastures

n order to improve their native pastures. Most native pastures in this area have been overused during the past 5 to 10 years and need resting during the illness and at the time of order that the grass plants might have opportunity to develop vigor, root growth and seed. Ordinarily about 70 to 80% of the grass growth made in a growing season is made prior to July 15. It follows that in order to get best results by deferment that the deferment should cover the first half of year in order to accomplish the objectives desired. A good way to have sufficient temporary pastures during the summer is to plant 11/2 to 2 acres of sudan or 2 to 3 acres of sweet clover for each animal unit you plan on carrying during the summer. A combination of the 2 crops provides variety of grazing, rotation grazing, and soil improvement with the sweet clover

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NOTICE IN PROBATE The State of Texas. No. 3759

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To all persons interested in the estate of Maude S. Thornton, deceased. J. C. Jacobs, Administrator, has filed in the County Court of Taylor County an application on the 1st day of March, A. D., 1948, for an order to sell the following propert of said estate, situated in Taylor County, Texas, to-wit:

Lots Nos. 5, and 6, in Block No. 11. Original Town of Merkel, Tayor County, Texas, Which said apcation will be heard by said Court Monday the 29th day of March 948, at the Court House of said County, in Abilene, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said sale are required to appear and show cause why such sale shall not be made, should they desire to do so.

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Witness my hand and official scal, Mrs. Chester Hutcheson,

Clerk of County Court, Taylor County, Texas

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEYAS.

W. White. Greeting: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 19th day of April, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

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and E. W. White as Defendant. The nature of said suit being subtiff and Defendant were legally man ried on or about the 15th day of De cember, 1927, and lived together until on or about August 1, 1947. No child or children were born of said Subscribed and sworn to before union and no community property

> Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruel treatment.

If this Citation is not served with n 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 6th day of March. A. D., 1948.

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[Re-Election.] For County Clerk: MRS, CHESTER HUTCHESON [Re-Election.]

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Stated meeting of Merkel Chapter 212, Order of Eastern Star, will be held, Tuesday, Mar. 23, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting members cordially in-

Mrs. Bryan Dunagin, Acting W. M. Mrs. Howard Carson, Sec'y.

NOTICE MASONS Stated meeting of Merkel Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., Saturday, Mar. 20, at 7:30 p. m. Summons meeting. Visiting brethren cordially invited. C. B. Rust, W. M. Andy Shouse, Sec'y.

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HOLDS GUEST DAY.

members are privileged to invite was brought by Mrs. Ollie Fox. guests and this year the program by

ing program: ing home life by the following meni- Butman and the hostesses. bers of the speech class was introduced by Choral Club president, Geneva Carr: Sue McWilliams, the understanding mother; Betty Joan Service met Monday afternoon at the James, the ambitious daughter; Bet- Methodist church. After the business ty Buchanan, Jane's chum; Buddy session, presided over by Mrs. Ray McKeever, their boy friend; Don Wilson, Mrs. Owen Robertson in very Dudley, the father, who is easily interesting manner reviewed "Behold managed by a few compliments. The the Jew." by Ada Jackson, with musi-

playlet was very much enjoyed. "America's Best Loved Songs" were presented in a charming manner by the Choral club. They were accompanied by Mrs. Haynes at the piano, and Mrs. Edwin E. Read play- Neill (nee Odyene Clark), Dr. and ed a violin obligato to many of the Mrs. James H. Chaney were hosts numbers. The club personnel includes for a gift party Friday evening, Mar. Misses Nena Joyce Best, Geneva 5. Many beautiful and useful gifts Carr, Vivian Gasio, Della Gilmore, were received and after an enjoyable Charlotte Harwell, Beatrice Hoh- evening of entertainment a delicious hertz, Treva Marton, Barbara San- refreshmnt plate was served by Mrs dusky, Billie Seymore, Laverl Stout, Chaney, assisted by the co-hostesses, Bina Brown, Jean Kemper, Patsy Mrs. H. S. Earp and Mrs. V. H. Hor-Thomas, Glenna Clifford, Laurel ton. Sherrell, Joy Lansford, Jane Hughes Mona Robertson, Patsy Swann and Wanda Tipton.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hicks opened their lovely new home on Oak street on Thursday evening of last week to members of the Jolly Neighbors Game club, entertaining with a most enjoyable party. Games of "84" progressed until a late hour when delicious sandwiches, olives, pecan pie and coffee were served to the following: Messrs. and Mesdames Cyru-Pee, Spencer Bird, Johnny Cox, Forrest Gaither, Herbert Patterson, Raymond Ferguson, Miss Christine Collins, Messrs. C. J. Glover and Ernest Joyce.

FIDELIS MATRONS CLASS. First Baptist church met Tuesday of last week in the home of Mrs. Geo. T. Moore with Mrs. Hoyle Lemers as co-hostess.

Opening prayer was led by Mrs. Buck Leach and an interesting nevotional on "Prayer" was given by

Mrs. Ed Sandusky. Those present were Mesdames Jarrett Pinckley, Vernon Horton, Aus-Higgins, Gordon Pursley, Leon Bigbee, Buster Horton and the hostesses.

MERKEL HD CLUB. The Merkel Home Demonstration

week at the Community Center, with Mrs. W. J. Derstine and Mrs. Bill Henager as co-hostesses.

After the business meeting, presided over by Mrs. Rhett Eidson, Jr., Mrs. W. C. Lee talked on Mrs. Jesse Horn.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. vegetables with true flavor. Mrs. Comer Haynes was picked for John Shaw, a visitor, several chilthat occasion. Mrs. Haynes present- dren and the following members: all of us should not have a good gar- dill, sage, fennel, summer savory ed her Choral club and a select few Mesdames Mack Tucker. Ollie Fex, den this year, she continues, for it and, of course, mint, for the iced tea from her speech class in the most de- S. G. Russell, Jr., W. C. Lee, J. Ben is not too late to plant the seeds that on hot days. lightful program of the year. Mrs. Campbell, Gordon Pursley, Bernard do well in this climate. English peas Paul West was hostess for the after- Clark, Don Riney, J. O. Castles, J. are "out," of course, but Irish rotanoon and all business was dispensed W. Bryan, Bob Fowler, Margaret toes are "in" still. with to give full time to the follow- Eidson, John S. Hughes, Harry Barnett, Stella Cutler, Rhett Eidson,

WSCS MEETS

The Women's Society of Christian cal accompaniment by Sandra Sad-

GIFT PARTY Complimenting Mrs. Burton Mc.

Farm Folk in Annual Farm-Ownership Meet

Twenty-four of the Taylor County amilies who have participated in the tenant-purchase plan met Saturday in the basement of the First Methodist church in Abilene for the annual Farm-Ownership meeting

Wallace W. White, state field representative for this district, and Elizabeth Hoffman, Home Economics supervisor, of Dallas, spoke to the

The program was under the direction of John Crain. Introductions were made by Mrs. John Crain and Mrs. Alesa Kincannon, who for many vears served as home supervisor in the Abilene office. Special music was The Fidelis Matrons class of the given by Mrs. Burl King. John Crain,

Humphrevs. Total income of the 29 families. which were in the program at the beginning of the fiscal year, Clarence Symes of the Abilene FHA office reported, was \$142,012.84. Of this total income, 41 per cent was spent for farm operations, 31 per cent for

family living and 14 per cent, or a tin Petty, Nim J. Teaff, Buck Leach, total of \$19,634.16, on repayment of Ed Sandusky, Bud McKeever, Dean F-O loans. He pointed out that 41 per cent of the loans granted in this county since the program began have been repaid.

Thirty-nine families have received loans, three special real estate loans. club met Friday afternoon of last Fourteen of the F-O borrowers and two real estate borrowers have fully repaid their loans, five of which were paid out the past fiscal year. These five families are: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baccus, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bird, Mrs. Gordon Pursley brought inter- Mr. and Mrs. Craig Humphreys, Mr. esting information on "Poultry Rais- and Mrs. Robert Riney and Mr. and

Garden Hints

from Merkel Garden Club.

When the ground has warmed up, er, too. another planting, Nancy Richey Ran- beds with this graceful savory plant monstration Council," and Mrs. Don ing" in the Dallas News, Most of and along the sides of the beds, both The Fortnightly Study club annual- Riney on "Parliamentary Procedure." them, even though discouraged, will for sprightliness and for the zest Charles, a freshman student majorly holds one open meeting to which "My Family's Favorite Magazine" want to try again, looking ahead to the green seed pods and tender leaves having an abundance of home-grown add to a salad.

In fact, there is no reason why

"Sugar and Spice," a skit concern"Sugar and Spice," a skit concern"Sugar and Spice," a skit concern"If he the following many and the hostesses are set out as soon as possible, especially onions. They will be ready to eat nesday for surgery. Theldon Rhynes zel Cex and Miss Mabel McRee. in about six weeks, so plant plenty underwent an appendectomy Satur-

> Plant beets, carrots, mustard, ten dergreens, radishes, turnips, hokl- Martin, Lula Mae Clark, Mar. 12; rabi and parsley. Both sweet and Mrs. W. H. Roys, Mar. 13; Mrs. W cold weather (in case we are in for C. W. Seago, Mar. 17. more) and can go into the ground as soon as it is workable. Also plant asparagus roots for next year's bear-

nourishment. Do not forget to roll the beet seeds with rolling pin to break up the tight little clusters. They will produce stronger plants if not crowded, and the thinning job will be light-

after this late plant-damaging blast, Soak parsley seeds over night to first sergeant in the cadet corps of which time the county agent will be gardeners will have to rush to get in speed up the young plants. Edge the North Texas Agricultural college, with the club. son writes in her column on "Garden- Plant some nasturtiums in corners

Plant other herbs in the back vard | Merkel. for savory seasoning: Sweet basil

Hospital Notes.

Cabbage and onion plants should be gery Monday at Sadler hospital. Mrs. day. Patients received during the week for treatment were: Mrs. Lero; field corn can go in, the sooner the C. Berry, Mar. 16; Garth Odom, better, Pinto beans stand a lot of Grady Bishop, Mrs. Selma Russell,

Between Jan. 1, 1946, and Jan 1, 1947, the American Telephone and songs sung. Telegraph Co. installed telephones in Dig well-rotted barnyard fertilize: the United States at the average rate into the soil to give the seedlings of 25 per minute every working day.

Charles Joe Douglas Promoted to Sergeant

Arlington, Mar. 18 .- Charles Doughere, Colonel Edgar H. Keltner, professor of military science and tactics, has announced.

ing in business administration, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Douglas of

RURAL SOCIFTY

UNION RIDGE CLUB. The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs O. E. Harwell, with only a few mem-Mrs. Bill Fugat underwent sur- bers present, due to bad weather. A dainty refreshment plate was served to Mrs. J. H. Clark, Mrs. Den-

The next meeting will be in the nome of Mrs. J. E. Jaynes on Friday, Mar. 9. At this time pals will be re-

GOODMAN CLUB. The Goodman Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. J. A. St. John on Mar. 12 with 9 members present. Games were played and

A program on "God Grooming." given by Mrs. H. H. Windham and Mrs. St. John, proved very interest-

ing. Plans were made for a sale, A refreshment plate with green punch and cookies was served to 9

members and 3 children. The club will meet next time with as, of Merkel, has been promoted to Mrs. C. P. Hodges on Mar. 26, at

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the Ladies in Waiting!

BOB HOPE -:- SIGNE HASSO -:- WILLIAM BENDIX "Where There's Life"

Color Cartoon-Sports Reel

Turn on oven; set at moderately slow (350° F.). Mix together ham, crumbs, 2 cup milk and mustard. Shape into 8 patties 3 x 5 in. Put carrots across patties. Fold meat over, pinching to secure. Put into greased pan, folded side down. Dot with bits of shortening.

PET MILK, can

Mary Lee Taylor's Vegetable **Ham Rolls** Broadcast: March 20, 1948

1 tablespoon shortening 2 tablespoons flour ½ teaspoon salt few grains pepper ½ cup water 2 cups drained peas, cooked or canned teaspoon dry mustard medium carrots, cooked and cut lengthwise

Bake 45 min., or until brown. Remove rolls. Measure 2 tablesp. drippings into saucepan. Blend in flour, salt and pepper. Stir in water. Boil and stir I min. Add ½ cup milk and peas. Heat, but do not boil. Serve over rolls. Makes 4 servings.

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