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On the "Broadway of America"

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Fund Drive Under Way For Scout **Meeting Place**

To complete the Scout house for the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts and the Cubs the sum of approximately \$3,000 is needed. No undertaking wer launched in Merkel could be more worthwhile than a meeting place for the youth of our community. It must and will be built.

Taking this as their challenge a group of public-spirited citizens. headed by chairman Keller Roberts. met at breakfast at the Community Center Tuesday morning, committees named and work started to sell building bonds of from \$10.00 up to raise this amount from the progressive business, professional and working people of the community.

You are asked to buy a bond-the larger the better-and these bonds will be paid off some time in the not too distant future. The sponsors public to understand and expect the bonds will be redeemed. The bonds amount you care to give will be thankfully received.

consider it a pleasure to have a part in the program that will mean so much to the boys and girls-your children and grandchildren-of Merkel and surrounding communities.

found the full amount will not be of this week. needed then an immediate retirement This annual affair was the high- mal Industry and Cooking. payment will be made on outstanding light of the observance of National

of the committeemen calls on you. as Masters of Ceremonies. What greater good could you do with A movie entitled "The Sc



PIONEER MEMORIAL DEDICATION SET

HERE'S THE NEW PIONEER MEMORIAL AS IT WILL LOOK ON DEDICATION DAY

Sunday, February 25, is the day who ventured into this country when birthday parties and which was the set aside for the opening an dedica- it was a wilderness to blaze the trails nucleus of the final building protion of the Pioneer Memorial Chapel for civilization, to set up homes and gram.

just recently finished and furnished. to raise their families. agree to that fact and they want the Located on the old Butman school Through the great love and appregrounds and at the Butman rodeo- ciation which Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butpicnic site stands the newly con- man had for their early day neigh- on the job until its completion. will be in denominations of from structed building pictured above bors grew a desire to erect a Mem-\$10.00 to \$100.00 and you may buy which was a dream of yesteryear, but orial in their honor. Several years of Abilene was awarded the contract just as many as you desire. If you a reality today. It is a memorial built ago ideas along this line were ex- which included the majority part of won't or can't buy a bond then any in honor of those men and women pressed at one of Dad Butman's the building. Some parts were retain- gold. Despite all the dangers pre- and started setting surface casing.

Some one of these committeemen will contact you within the next few days and it is expected you will Scouts Pot Luck Supper Fitting **Climax To National Scout Week**

125 parents, boys and guests were by Mayfield, Scholarship, Bird Study, Much of the building material has present at the Pot Luck Supper in Reading Civics, Farm Layout and been donated-more will be. If it is the school cafeteria on Monday night Building Arrangement, Farm Home and its Planning, Horsemanship, Ani-

Short talks were made by Glover Wright, Explorer Advisor; C. A. Far-Onds.Boy Scout Week in Merkel.Wright, Explorer Advisor; C. A. Far-
Dale Dudley and Jerry Jones acted
f the committeemen calls on you.Swastika and was drining a doker
Weight, Explorer Advisor; C. A. Far-
Icy, Scoutmaster; Fred Starbuck; Bob
Giew, of Abilene; Ben Seilers, Buri-
falo Gap.Wright, Explorer Advisor; C. A. Far-
Icy, Scoutmaster; Fred Starbuck; Bob
start at 10; Sunday morning, Feb-
ruary 25, with a special song service.Swastika and was drining a doker
Wednesday. The Roark and Hooker
No. 1 Roy Largent has set pipe in the
lower Strawn at 5150 feet.promoted from Pfc. to corporay. His
old friends in Merkel will be glad
to learn of his promotion.

Plans and specifications were drawn by Sam Butman, Jr., who later became building overseer and stayed

The Balfanz Construction Company

ed for personal construction which has been done by free labor from the community. The cost of the building have made gifts of pews and other ears will help them any here's a lot day. furnishings. The expenditures to date of it.

have been in excess of \$37,500.00. The property is deeded to and is Roark and Hooker No. 8 flowed 6 3550 feet as this paper goes to press. to be dedicated to the Methodist barrells per hour. Its twin Swastika church and will be under supervision test, No. 9, is drilling at 2300 Thursof the district superintendent. Its day morning, present board of trustees will be re-Taubert Drilling Co. No. 1 J. W.

tained until they are replaced by a church conference.

followed by a sermon by the Rev. R

Select Merkel School To Host District 7 Interscholastic Meet

At a recent meeting of school of writing; Mrs. Ruth Wylie, spelling ficials representing District 7 of the and plain writing.

Texas Interscholastic League, the Merkel School was selected to be the host of the literary meet which is to be held on April 14. Schools repre- of Colorado City schools, debate; senting District 7 are Colorado City, Mrs. Austin Poe of Hamlin schools, Snyder, Hamlin, Roscoe, Roby, Ro- number sense; Mrs. L. G. Anthony tan, Reagan Junior High of Sweet- of Roscoe schools, extemporaneous water, and Merkel. speech. The Snyder schools will send The following Merkel teachers will a director of one-act plays.

aid in the meet: Hoyt Byrd, Slyde Rule; Helen Plumlee, typing and Merkel schools, will serve as dirshorthand; Mrs. Lucy Haynes, ready ector of the literary events

Merkel Area Oil Drilling Continues **Despite Cold; Eight Rigs Now Going**

It takes more than cold winds, ice | The Texas Co. has three rigs runand snow to stop a driller and his ning in the Stanley Field having crew when they start after liquid moved in on Louie Herring this week vailing during the week not a rig in The Fannie Merritt is drilling at 3300 the Merkel area shut down and the feet Thursday and the Byron Pattercrews kept working, though all ad- son is drilling at 2900 feet Thursday. contract was contributed by Sam But- mit they got mighty cold. If sym- East of town, the J. R. Hester esman, Sr., while other individuals pathy for their cold hands, feet and tate was drilling at 2000 feet Thurs-

V. C. Perini, Jr, was drilling the On unofficial test, the J. M. Winter, Sam Swann No. 1 west of town at

MERKEL BOY RECEIVES ARMY PROMOTION

Frank K. Mundy, with the 395 Sta-Tiner has tested all pays through the tion Hospital and stationed in Nag-Swastika and was drilling at 3200 oya, Honshu, Japan, has just been

your money than to provide such a to Citizenship" was shown by Scoutcenter as this building will be.

Gets Insurance Credit Rating On Good Fire Record

Who said everything is getting The good news has just been re- Wheeler, Freddie Boone.

ceived here that effective March 1 amount because of this credit.

The rate is figured over a 5-year penalties are based on this 5-year per-

Need Clothing For Unfortunate Kids

There are a number of kids in Merkel in need of warm clothing. Don't pick them up and put them into the proud. hands of some less fortunate children. Your kind act will, we know, be thoroughly appreciated by all. Just call the VFW-Phone 9510. Or you can leave them at Adcock Cleaners or Merkel Courts.

Waymon Adcock Kenneth Purser R. N. Mosier

master C. A. Farley, after which a Court of Honor was conducted. D. B. Bowen was chairman of the court. Fred Starbuck presented 1951 membership cards to the following boys: Jimmy Jinkens, Bobby Jinkens, James Bird. Jimmy Doan, Edward Holmes, Billy Gilbert, Ned Watts,

Simpson, Wesley Marton, Joe Tucker, Tommy Standard, Larry Joyce, higher in price. Not true in Merkel. Lowell Moseley, Leon Wilburn, Bill

Second class badges were present-Merkel will receive a 15% good fire ed to Larry Joyce and Tommy Stanrecord, replacing the 15% bad fire dard by Truett Jones and Jay Greenrecord, a saving of 30%, which will field made First Class Badge presentreduce all fire insurance rates a small ations to Jerry Jones and James Simpson.

ing the 1945 figures, and credits and presented Merit Badges to the following boys: Billy Gilbert, Rabbit Raising; Tommy Warren, Plumbing, Art, Carpentry, Home Repairs; Dwayne Moseley, Home Repairs; Bob-

Dress Up Community Center With Pretty New Furniture

The next time you go to the Com- the Community Center last Thursday you have some clothes your children munity Center take note of the new night. Auctioneer Lester Dorton cahave outgrown, can no longer use tables and other furniture just placed joled the crowd into buying everyand possibly in your way? If so just there. You will agree it is real nifty thing collected by the women and call the VFW who will be glad to and everybody concerned is justly \$358.60 was raised. The collection Dub Derstine Buys

Of course it was bought by the Women's organizations through Star- Donations to Cemetery buck's who put it in place there last Fund Climb to \$1890.13 week.

SINGING AT GOLAN Sunday afternoon, February 18 at to \$1890.13. 2:30. A good singing is expected.

Last Conference Basketball Game Tonight With Snyder Tigers As Foe Names of donors and amoun already acknowledged, follow:

local Badgers will be playing the 2.

final 6A standings for 1951.

four lost and in the full season have led the Merkel scorers with 7 tallies a record of 11 wins against 12 de- each. feats.

slated to end for the local round-ball- sters, paced by Kelton Williamson ers at Coleman next Tuesday night. with 22 markers, racked up a fairly

some kind of local scoring record Gregory garnered 12 points, Moore 9, o'clock. this season, scored 31 points last Fri- A. Harris 6 and Chancey 1. day night to lead the Badgers to a Coach Benson's "B" boys took their well-earned 55-44 victory over the second straight licking of the week Hamlin Pied Pipers at Hamlin. The in losing a close 28-27 contest to the Merkel. locals took a 13-10 lead at the end Roby reserves. Bobby Owen was high All fi of the first period and were never for Merkel with 12 points.

ant Free

In their last conference game of headed. Williamson canned 8 points, the season here Friday night the Chancey 6, Arlan Harris 8 and Moore Snyder Tigers for third place in the Hamlin evened the count for the

night, however, by taking "Big B's"

On Tuesday night of this week over The 1951 basketball schedule is Roby way, the Purple and Gold hoop-

Mack Fisher gave the invocation. L. Butler of the Munday First Meth-At the Taylor County emergency odist church. There will be a basket mobilization last Saturday night, the picnic lunch at noon. local troop and explorer post won The afternoon program will start third place by having 50 per cent of with a recognition service under dirtheir boys in Abilene within the one- ection of Sam Butman, Jr., who will hour time limit. 20 boys and leaders were in at- superintendent of the Methodist endance at the Church of Christ church, who will conduct the final Jerry Jones, Eddie Higgins, James last Sunday night.

introduce Rev. H. C. Smith, district dedication service.

March of Dimes Drive Reaches Thousand Dollar Mark With March 1 As Deadline

The March of Dimes drive in Mer- taken up from the crowd at the kel has been more fruitful of results Lion's Club Minstrel was \$142.23, the Bob Glew, Scout Executive of the than at first thought possible. Up to schools turned in the sum of \$131.98, period-1946 through 1950-eliminat- Chisholm Trail Council, of Abilene, Thursday morning a total of \$1028.16 mounted to an even \$100.00 and the had ben turned in to Dime Chair- V.F.W. made a donation of \$50.00. man Booth Warren. This despite the

> been circularized by the Abilene their dimes, nickles and pennies. committee and many had sent their They will be left until March 1 and donations there instead of turning the sum will be swelled with the dothem in to the local committee.

The largest single amount turned in was by the women's organizations as a result of their "Fun Night" at

Donations during the past week to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund over Monday. Not only does Mr. Der-There will be a singing at Golan amounted to \$42.50, bringing the total stine solicit a continuance of all the

Those wishing to contribute to this fund may leave checks or donations at the teller's windows of the Farmkel Mail office.

Names of donors and amounts not Previously reported \$1,847.63 .. 10.00 Mrs. Geo. F. West ...

Patterson Grain Co. 10.00 John R. West 10.00 Mrs. James H. West 5.00 J. J. Smith 5.00

Total \$1,890.13 **Founding of Merkel**

Feature P-TA Meeting The P-TA meeting scheduled for Mack Tucker, Feb. 14. rs at Coleman next Tuesday night. with 22 markers, racked up a fairly last night has been postponed until Joe Dell Gregory, who is setting easy 50-39 win over the lowly Lions. next Tuesday night, Feb. 20, at 7:30

o'clock. Mrs. Clyde Bartlett is in charge of the program which is on Founder's day and will feature the founding of Merkel. All first grade pupils will partici-pate in the school feature. TALK HERE MONDAY Juri Nov, a student at McMurry and whose home is far away Esthonia, will be in Merkel next Monday. He will give a lecture before the W. S. C. S. meeting at the church at 2 p.m. to which all are invited.

The coin containers placed in the fact a number of Merkel citizens had business houses have yet to yield

nations they contain. Several citizens made donations of

\$20.00, \$10.00 and \$5.00 and if there are more who desire to contribute to the polio fund any one of the committee will be glad to receipt you for

"66" Service Station

W. J. (Dub) Derstine has purchased the Lemens Phillips Service Station on East Highway 80. He took

old customers to this business, but asks all friends to come see him.

The future plans for H. W. Lemens, former owner of this station, ers and Merchants National Bank, at are not yet complete, he says, except Bragg Dry Goods Co., or at the Mer- he will continue handling his wholesale oil business.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler hospital the past week were reported as follows:

As medical patients - Bill Stockbridge, Feb. 8; T. R. Smith, Feb. 9; Weldon Seymore, Mrs. Gene Cade, 2.50 Mrs. C. O. Harris, Feb. 10; W. C. Kelley, Feb. 11; Mrs. Box Murphy, Feb. 12; Mrs. Walter Byrum, Feb. 14. For surgery - Mrs. Alf Walla, Feb.

8; A. A. Holt, Mrs. S. G. Russell, Feb. Charles Rathmell, Feb. 10; Mrs.

ESTHONIA STUDENT TO TALK HERE MONDAY



DEWEY THOMAS DIES ation. He is survived by his widow,

a 15-month-old daughter, his mother, four sisters and four brothers, His funeral was held Tuesday from the Methodist Church with the local Scouting the Merkel Boy Scouts will Masonic lodge in charge of the ser- honor their dads with a banquet next vices at Rose Hill cemetery.

NAMED ELECTION JUDGE

At a meeting of the commissioners they honor their dads on this occourt Monday Sam Swann was named casion. election judge for Merkel for all reg-

ular and special elections that may be held during the year.

AGAIN IT RAINED

rained in Merkel, the rainfall totaling is secretary and is being swamped 1½ inches during Saturday night and with entries for the show. Sunday, according to B. M. Black's register.

CLASS PARTY

Scott and Booth were co-hostesses to with Rev. E. L. Yeats officiating. members of the T. E. L. Sunday school class. Refreshments were served to twenty guests.

FORM MINISTER ALLIANCE Rev. J. T. King of the Baptist Eighteen members and former memchurch and Rev. R. A. Walker of bers thoroughly enjoyed the excelthe Presbyterian church were elected lent four-course dinner.

What Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago TAKEN FROM THE FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL 40 YEARS AGO

Mrs. W. A. Moon died at the fami- sell. He says the insurrectos in the ly home last Sunday morning of Mexican army have appropriated pneumonia. Her husband and five most of his cattle and saddle horses. children survive her. The death of

the entire community.

the families of W. Parten and I. S. Allen of Merkel and W. C. Calvert

of Trent.

the marriage of Miss Margaret Hall, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. E. Hall, on February 15 to W. T. Clifton of Waco. The ceremony was at their

performed the ceremony.

of cattle on a ranch in Old Mexico has abandoned all hope of ever shipping any of them to this country to visit to Temn

president and secretary respectively Death came Monday morning to of the Merkel Ministerial Alliance Dewey H. Thomas, 32, at a local sani- when it was formed Monday morntarium following an emergency oper- ing. The local ministers are to meet once each month.

FATHER-SON BANQUET

Celebrating the 21st anniversary of Thursday evening at the Lions Club hall. An enjoyable good time is being anticipated by the Scouts when

> . . . POULTRY-RABBIT SHOW

All is in readiness for the Merkel Poultry and Rabbit Show which is to get under way next week and is to For the sixth straight week-end it last for three days. Robert H. Hicks

DEATH OF CHILD

Funeral services were held Sunday for little Patty Jo Salter, 5, the The home of Mrs. L. B. Scott was daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Saltthe scene of a gay valentine party er, who died after a week's illness. last Wednesday when Mesdames Interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery

VALENTINE DINNER

The Home Economics class honored the former members with a Valen-

tine dinner at Trent last Monday.

this good woman brought sorrow to The recital by the music pupils of

Miss Laura Jennings at her home on Oak Street Saturday afternoon was a Mrs. Ed J. Rhoades and children perfect success and reflected much left Sunday for Mexico after visiting credit on the ability of the teacher.

C. W. Harris and Jack Provine have returned from a prospecting trip to the Fort Stockton country. It The social event of the season was | was thought they might locate in that section.

Hon. J. C. Mason, a prominent citizen of Lamar county, is in Merkel on Oak Street home and the Rev. Saffle a prospecting trip and says he may decide to make some investments

> Mr. and Mrs. Lanier Brown have returned to Merkel after an extended

W. R. Bigham who has a number

SOCIETY

RUTH MARIE STEVENS, CHARLES EDGAR TIPTON MARRIED IN ABILENE

Edgar Tipton exchanged wedding Latham and Miss Christine Collins. vows in a candlelight service in the bride's home, 1212 Hickory St., at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening, Feb. 7.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Stevens and the daughter of Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford, bridegroom the son of Mr. and Mrs. was married to James Pilant of Dal-Charlie Williams Tipton of Merkel. las Saturday evening, February 3, in

The mantlepiece was bedecked a single ring ceremony read in the with greenery and white stock. White home of Rev. Earl Cresswell at 1601 tapers in crystal candelabra were Ave. F in Snyder. lighted by Joe Mack Hughes, cousin of the bride.

District Missionary for the Baptist with gardenias. Her only attendant Church and a long time friend of the was Miss Louise Garlick of Snyder, Wylie, Jimmy McAninch, Clydene

the bride wore a gown of blue Chan- Snyder served as best man. wore a heirloom locket of her moth- North Texas State College in Denton. Mrs. Billy Toombs, of Trent. The time of her marriage. bride carried a yellow throated orchid on a white Bible.

Mrs. Toombs was matron of honor. ed Radio schools in Omaha, Neb., and She wore a dress of sunset pink linen Dallas. He is now Chief Engineer

with a white carnation corsage. Ralph Russell of Merkel was best the couple will make their home. man.

Wedding music was given by Joy Ann Reeves of Portales, N. M., who sang "Because'

bride served punch at the reception. Thursday afternoon, February 8. a miniature bride and bridegroom. expects to pick it up at the Texas

Out of town guests were Mr. and border. B. Stevens of Sylvester.

at the Farmers and Merchants Na- delabra with six red candles. tional Bank of Merkel.

and Messrs. Charlie Russell, Jeff Chancey, Herbert Patterson, Raymond Ferguson, Earl Hughes, John-Ruth Marie Stevens and Charles ny Cox, F. Y. Gaither, Mrs. Lizzie speaker.

> NEDRA SWAFFORD AND JAMES PILANT MARRY

Miss Nedra Swafford of Merkel,

brown and beige tailored gabardine bara Lou Morgan, D. L. Bowen, Ger-The Rev. J. Henry Littleton, 17th suit. She carried a white Bible topped aldine Lindsey, Jerry Wayne Russell, family, read the double ring service. who wore a brown suit with a corsage Eager. Roy Madison, Kay James, Given in marriage by her father, of gardenias. Walter Jacobsen of

tilly lace over blue satin with a lace Mrs. Pilant is a graduate of Merkel Whitaker, Gail Lyday, Ann Bakar, juliet cap. For something old she High school and later attended Betty Kaye Chancey, Bobby Elliott, er's which had also been worn at the She was employed by Pan American Marquitta Cook, Janey Owen, Glenda wedding of the bride's twin sister, Production Co. in Abilene at the Pangle, Mary Perkins, Frankie Sul-

Mr. Pilant was graduated from CeVene Neil, Jane Tipton, Johnnie North Dallas High school and attend- Tipton and Deloris Wilburn.

with Station KSNY at Snyder where

GARDEN CLUB MEETING

Mrs. Calvin Stevens, sister-in-law of Mrs. Twyman Collins, the club's she is a candidate for cheer leader Cypert, sister of the bridegroom, of meeting. She reported that the Gar- and best wishes. Merkel, registered guests. The bridal den Clubs of Texas are sponsoring a table was covered with an Irish lace Redbud Trail extending from Laredo cloth over pink. The centerpiece was to Denton across the state. Oklahoma

Mrs. Charlie Tipton, Janice Patter- The program opened with a discusson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cypert and son, sion of Peonies and their culture by Merkel, were married at 3 o'clock Danny Joe, all of Merkel: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller. "Annuals that Grow Saturday afternoon in the parsonage Mrs. Jarvis Tipton and Billy Joe in the West" was the subject of Miss of Paul Rogers, Church of Christ Toombs of Trent; Virginia Ann Spra- Nora Foster's talk. Mis Christine minister, who read the ceremony. berry of Anson; and Mr. and Mrs. T. Collins told how to "prune for Summer Bloom.

A graduate of Noodle high school, Red Gladiolas decorated the manthe bride attended Hardin-Simmons telpiece of the lovely Hicks home. University and has been employed in Mrs. Dee Grimes planned the table bride and Buddy Hunter, Merkel, the office of the Lone Star Gas Co. arrangement around a Valentine mo-Mr. Tipton, a graduate of Merkel tif. The centerpiece of red and white the couple. high school, attended Abilene Christ- carnations was interspersed with ian College. He is assistant cashier hearts and lace, and flanked by can-

Lime sherbert and red frosted Mr. and Mrs. Tipton will live in heart-shaped cookies were served to

THE MERKEL MAIL

West, Paul West, P. C. Wylie, Hugh L. Johnson, J. S. Swann, J. O. Castles, Hunt, and Miss Christine Collins. Lucy Ford, W. M. Hayes, Bill Hayes, The next meeting will be held in Austin Robinson, Ollie Higgins, Geo. the Community Center, February 27, T. Moore, Buster Horton, R. T. Blair. with Mrs. Bowman Barlow as hostess. Don Riney, Sam Swann, J. L. Stan-Mrs. L. E. Dudley of Abilene will re- dard and H. O. Boney.

view "River's Parting" by Shirley The next Floy Hawkins meeting Barker, and all members are urged will be February 26 in the home of to bring guests to hear the charming Mrs. Don Riney.

MERKEL AND TRENT STUDENT ENROLL AT MCMURRY ENTERTAIN FRIENDS

Three students from Merkel and

two from Trent have enrolled in

1951 spring semester. They are Bob-

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Misses Johnnie Tipton and Delores Wilburn entertained friends last Friday night with a Valentine's party Abilene Christian College for the in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Tipton.

by Gilbert, Mary Nell Winter and Games were played with lively in- Burl McCoy, all of Merkel; Holland terest and refreshments of cold LaVelle Boring and Martha Ann drinks and Valentine candies, with Winn of Trent. Valentines as favors were served to Jackie Hogan, Eddie Glenn Sandusky, For her wedding, the bride chose a Paka Newby, Robert McLeod, Bar-

Patricia Palmer, Dwain Higgins, Kay Billy Mac Gilbert, Joyce Kay Toombs, Larry Joyce, Colette Springer, Bobby Billy Jean Horton, Jimmy Oliver, livan, Freddie Boone, Leon Wilburn,

1965 CHEER LEADER

Those of you who have been noting the extra big smile on the face of Assistant Coach Tommy Ellis recently now know the reason why. Yes Mrs. Robert Hicks was the leader it's a girl, born to Mrs. Ellis at a hosand hostess in her home to the Mer- pital in Abilene, and was brought to Lillian Hughes, an aunt of the kel Garden Club's monthly meeting, Merkel this week. The young lady will be known as Deborah Lea and the bride, served cake and Mrs. Joe president, presided for the business in the class of 1965. Congratulations . . .

BRYANT-HUNTER WEDDING

Barbara Bryant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bryant, 625 Cedar St., Abilene, and Bobby Joe Hunter,

son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hunter of The bride wore a suit of dusty rose with brown accessories. Her cor-

sage was of orchids. Sue Bryant, Abilene, sister of the brother of the bridegroom, attended

Both attended Merkel High school and are now employed in Abilene

by Crow Construction Co. ... BLANCH ROSE WALKS CIRCLE



Thank you, Mr. Washington

It's been a long time since you championed the cause of a new nation-but you are not forgotten. Your perseverance under difficulties, your sterling qualities as a soldier, businessman and statesman, still provide us with the ideal pattern of a true American. Mr. Washington, we thank you.

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Friday, February 16, 1951

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Merkel. . . .

RACE RUNNER CLASS

The Race Runner class of the jun- The Fortnightly Study Club enjoyior department of the First Baptist ed the hospitality of Mrs. H. C. West Church met Friday night, February when it met in her home Tusday af-9 in the home of Mrs. G. D. McCon- ternoon to hear Mrs. Paul West renell. The evening was enjoyed by view "Peace in Earth" compiled by playing games and singing songs. Robert Sherwood. Each chapter of Refreshments of spiced tea and the book deals with a different phase

Patsy McSpadden, Delores Reece and prayer for the United Nations. Carolyn Rister.

GAME CLUB ENTERTAINED which time officers for 1951-52 were

cream pie, sandwiches, olives and Barlow. hot drinks were served to Mesdames

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twenty-four members and guests. The Blanch Rose Walker Circle met in the home of Mrs. Gordon FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB Pursley Monday, February 12 for Bible study with Mrs. Keller Roberts

Valentine cakes were served to one of the United Nations and was writvisitor, Mary McConnell and the fol- ten by a different author. Mrs. Hugh Fowler, Wright Dishman, Jim Kuylowing members: Sandra Pursley, Hunt opened the meeting with a

> Mrs. Comer Haynes, president, presided for the business session, at

Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither enter- elected. They are: president, Mrs. H. tained their game club Monday eve- C. West; vice-president, Mrs. Judd ning with a Valentine party. They McReynolds; recording secretary, were assisted in entertaining by their Mrs. Hoyt Byrd, corresponding sec'y; daughter, Becky and Mrs. Ruby John- Mrs. Mack Fisher; treasurer, Mrs. son. Games of 84 progressed until a David Gamble; critic, Mrs. Powell late hour and during the games Val- Miller; parliamentarian, Mrs. Johnny entine candy was served. At the re- Cox; historian, Mrs. Geo. T. Moore; freshment hour delicious pecan and press reporter, Mrs. Bowman

A delicious refreshment plate was served to the following: Mesdames Bowman Barlow, Griffin Barnett, Carroll Benson, Hoyt Byrd, Johnny Cox, Mack Fisher, Comer Haynes, Earl Lassiter, Powell Miller, Geo. T. Moore, Elma McFarland, Judd Mc-

Reynolds, Edwin Read, W. T. Sadler,

Andy Shouse, H. C. West, Weston

as the leader. After the lesson refreshments were served to one visitor, Mrs. H. A. Deavers, and the following members: Mesdames J. E. Jaynes, E. W. King, W. W. Wheeler, W. T. Sadler, Bob

Keller Roberts, W. J. Higgins, Davis Hobdy, L. B. Whitaker, Henry Hicks and Gordon Pursley.

First Baptist church met Monday, February 12 for Bible Study in the home of Mrs. Sam Swann. Mrs. H. O. Boney taught the Bible lesson on Judgement For Those Who Reject God's Call" and " Rewards For Those Who Accept God's Call.

for the Royal Service Program.

kendall, Earl Lassiter, E. R. Clack,

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All Circles will meet next week

Those present were Mesdames W.

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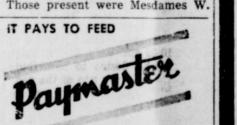
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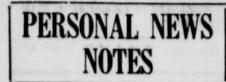
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Mrs. Allie Lee Lippard of Route One, Tye has returned to her home after a weeks visit with her grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Genewinkel, Jr. of Midland.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Douglas the past week was their son, Billy Bob Douglas of Graham and Mrs. Douglas' sister, Mrs. R. A. Elder of Big Spring.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Collins over the week-end were Mrs. J. C. Hart and Ed Jones of Clarksville, V. D. Jones of Bagwell, Mrs. L. J. Adams and two daughters of Snyder.

Private Kermitt Newton, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Newton, Route route where just the reverse was the 2, Merkel, is now at Camp Garden, Georgia, where he is in training. He is a member of Co. C, 303rd Signal Service Battalion.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allday of Dalhart were in Merkel last week visiting with Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Buford and other friends. Mr. Allday left FOR SALE-Girl Scout uniform with Merkel in 1937 and while here he was associated with Mr. and Mrs. Lake Renfro in the City Dry Cleaners.

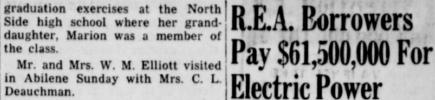
Mrs. W. L. Johnson has returned to her home after a three weeks visit at Fort Worth in the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Dunn. While there, Mrs. Johnson attended the



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Total & March

SPECIAL OFFER



Sandra Kay Higgins, the daughter Operators of rural power systems of Mr. and Mrs. James Higgins of Dallas, spent last week with her

Higgins. Sandra Kay was accomp- seven billion kilowatt-hours of elecanied by her aunt, Lola Higgins Griffith, who is associated with the Neiman-Marcus store in Dallas. They returned via Pioneer air lines.

son Wayne, and Mr. and Mrs. Omer as was purchased in fiscal 1940. Bishop have returned from a vacation trip to several California cities. They went to the coast via Ruidoso and other New Mexico resorts where they encountered considerable snow

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partment of Agriculture has an-Mr. and Mrs. Truett Thompson and nounced. This is 171/2 times as much Total cost of purchased power was \$61,500,000; an average of 0.86 cents per kilowatt-hour, down fractionally from 0.89 cents in fiscal 1949. Fiftyseven percent of the energy purchasand ice. They returned the southern ed was supplied by commercial utility companies which were paid \$37, 822,820; an increase of nearly \$7 million over the amount they received in fiscal 1949. Another 36 percent of the purchased power came from public agencies, and seven percent from the plants of REA borrowers.

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The average wholesale price paid to publicly-owner suppliers, including municipalities and such Federal agencies as TVA, Bureau of Reclamation, Southwestern Power Administration and Bonneville Power Administration, was 0.63 cents per kwh, compared with 0.67 cents in fiscal 1949, and privately-owned suppliers were paid an average of 0.99 cents, a drop from the 1.02 cents paid in 1949. As in past years, the lowest averages of wholesale costs were in Tennessee, Nevada, Washinton, Dakotas, Michigan and New York. Consumers connected to REA than 4½ million. The 1,070 REA borrowers include 980 coopera-

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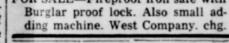
FOR RENT-Three room furnished apartment with private bath. 1412 South 5th; phone 282. -te FOR RENT-Duplex, four rooms and bath. Also large stucco garage. Paint and Body Shop, close in. Joe Garland. 402 Edwards Street. ctf YOU CAN buy any kind of electric appliance easier than you can rent one. Just see them at Badger Chev-

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pital. USED Ford, Chevrolet and Plymouth parts, Badger Chevrolet. ctf

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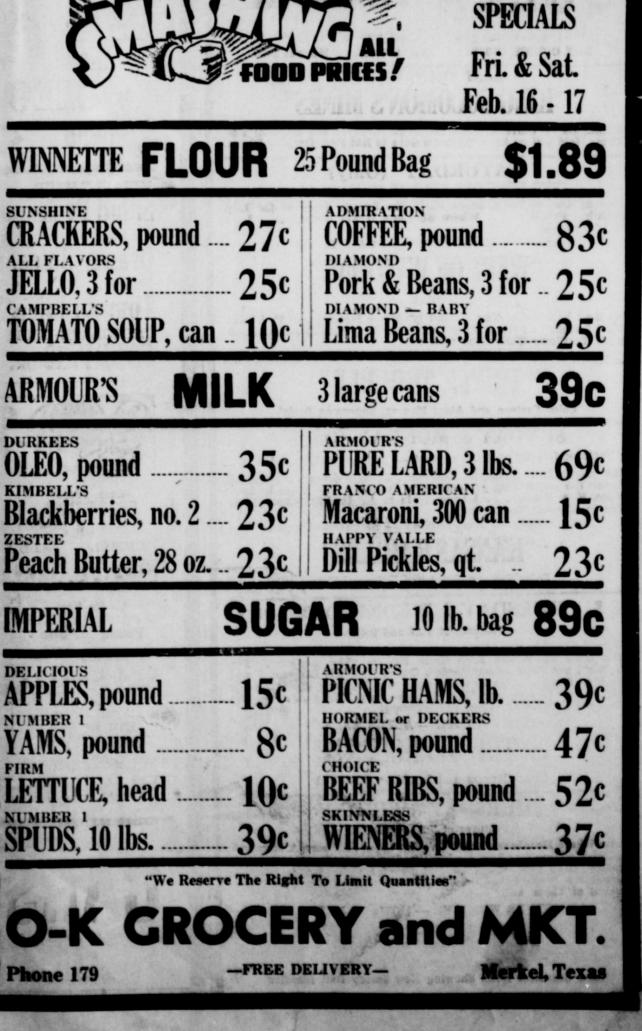
FOR SALE-Slightly used floor waxer and polisher. Heavy duty type suitable for home or store use. Original retail price \$159.95. Will sell for \$75.00. Taylor Electric Cooperative.

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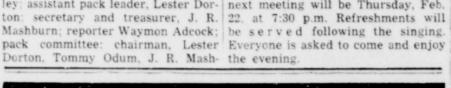
WANTED-Used refrigerators. Will pay top prices on new General Electric and Philco 1951 models. Palmer Motor Co. tf BRING US your Eggs, We pay highest price. West Company. tf MISCELLANEOUS FOR RENT - Electrolux vacuum cleaner with attachments. White Auto store. For MONUMENTS, see J. T. (Tom) Coats. Phone 131. P. O. Box 314, GET MY PRICES on brake service Phone 66, Fox Repair shop. SEE Lendon A. Coats for water well drilling. Phone 287 WATER WELL Drilling and Clean-Outs. Higgins & Malone, Box 267, Merkel. Phone 26W. WATER WELL DRILLING. Can give quick service. Have two machines. B. T. Sublett. 705 Oak St. Merkel, Phone 106.

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