PERSONAL NEWS **NOTES**

Dinner guests in the home of Mr and Mrs. A. B. Harris Sunday were Mr. Harris' niece, Mrs. Westley Floyd, of Mayfield, Ky., and his great-niece, Miss Helen Floyd, who teaches in Abilene Christian college

Miss Sue Pinckley, who has worked the past 18 months as stenographer at the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., left Moncay for Perryton, where she has accepted a similar position with the Communicy Public Service company.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rhoden and Mrs. O. L. Justice were in Fort Worth last week-end visiting at the Methodist hospital with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Justice, who are the proud parents of twin girls, born on Valentine Day. The babies are in an incubator and will stay for some time, but the doctors say they are in perfect condition. Mrs. Justice was carried Monday to her home in Arling. ton and is getting along fine. Also visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Toombs and Mr. and Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. Toombs remaining to be with her daughter.

Ray S. Bothwell of Corpus Christi spent two days last week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bothwell, in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Smith.

Mrs. Vernell Crow and two chilin Corpus Christi after visiting in

Wilson were her son, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson and children of Ada, Okla,, and her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hale of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wallace have from Scottish Rite hospital, Dalias, Merkel; J. J. Anderson, Trent F here he had been since Jan. 24. He is now able to walk some, after having had the cast removed at the hos

pital. Mrs. Glenn Abbott and daughter, Glenda, visited last week-end with her sister, Mrs. J. C. Horton, at Wichita Falls, where they were joined Sunday by Mr. Abbott and her mother, Mrs. Pat Addison, with whom they returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Derstine went to Austin for a week-end visit last week with their son, Sammy, also Derstine, and sister, Miss Mary Der-

With Our Boys

Master-Sgt. Noel D. Addy and his wife and daughter, Patricia, who have been residing at Chandler, Ariz., arrived here on Thursday night of last week. Sergeant Addy went on Sunday to Chanute Field, Ill., to which he is being transferred, while Mrs. Addy and daughter will remain with her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mathews, until her husband finds a place for them to live.

1st Lt. David Gibson has sent his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson, his commission in the Air Corps, Army of the United States, signed by the President, on Feb. 5, 1947, which is to continue for a period of five years from July 19, 1946. Lieutenant Gibson is stationed in Alas-

Houston. Along with 600 officers and men of the Naval Reserve, Coy B. Baccus, machinist's mate second class, arrived at New Orleans, Feb. 8, after Zone and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, aboard the destroyer - minelayer USS Shannon, according to a Navy press

Three Merkel Girl in **Graduating Class**

Merkel folks had a personal interest in three of the members of the recent graduating class at Hendrick Memorial hospital: Kathleen Walker Tucker, Betty Perkins Roberts and Louise Love Reynolds. The two former are Merkel girls, while the latter is the wife of a Merkel veteran

Orly Slight Damage

Only slight damage, mostly from smoke, resulted from an incipient fire last Friday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White on to be the cause of the fire.

PLANS FORMED FOR MEETINGS OF AREA COOPS

Members of Taylor Electric and ty Center, will be postponed until Annual Meetings Here; Committee Reports Nominations.

Annual meetings of members of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., and the Taylor Refrigeration Cooperative, Inc., will be held at 2 p. m. on Friday, Mar. 14, in the Mer kel High School gym. Registration will begin at 1 p. m.

Directors of both organizations are to be elected at the business session, which will include annual financial statements, reports of offi- the final game. cers and other details of the year's

progress. be a program, the appliance show, awarding of attendance prizes and concluding with refreshments.

Nine directors of the Electric coop are to be elected, and five direc- high scorer for Merkel with 10 points tors named for the Refrigeration

Merkel Tuesday afternoon to pro- with 12 tallies. pose directors for the two organizations, which will be voted on at gers to victory over Hermleigh in the annual meetings. Additional | the final consolation game Saturday nominations may be made at the

S. D. Gamble was chairman of the nominating committee for the Electric coop, which consisted c W. F. Jones, Tuscola; Claud Ca: dren returned Sunday to their bome penter, Nolan; B. F. Hartgrave Maryneal; C. G. Smith, Abilene; (the George Crow and Subjett homes. L. McLeod, Trent; L. W. Caldwei Clyde; M. H. Ely, Merkel, and J. I Week-end guests of Mrs. E. L. F. Jones, Merkel. They listed for nomination all the members of th old board, with the addition of Ke Kendrick, of Denton, Callahan county, in place of Lleyd Bynum de ceased. Others nominated we've: 1. brought their son, Colonel James, R. Roberts, Guion; W. C. Church, parents to the chili supper being Comer Haynes, Sam Butman Jr, Phillips, Maryneal; O. S. Mo Nolan, and C. F. Hill, Nugent,

S. D. Gamble was also chairman of the nominating committee for the Locker plant, which included Dee Grimes, M. H. Ely, J. H. F. Jones and Dewel McLean, all of Merkel. They listed for nomination: H. R. Roberts, W. C. Church, Comer Haynes, Sam Butman, Jr., and J. J. An derson, who constitute the presen!

The same officers serve both cooperatives: H. R. Roberts, president; visiting W. J.'s mother, Mrs. S. A. Comer Haynes, vice-president; W. C. Church, secretary-treasurer, and Riggs Shepperd, superintendent.

Group Attends Zone Rally in Sweetwater

A delegation from the Church of the Nazarene attended a zone rally at Sweetwater, Feb. 14.

Programs were given on three diff ferent phases of the church work; the Sunday School, NYPS and WFMS. These were very inspirational and all present enjoyed the programs and appreciated the help received.

Seven churches were represented. Merke! won the attendance banner.

Annual School Census **Now Being Taken**

The enumeration of scholastics in the Merkel Independent School Diska. His wife is with her parents at trict for 1947 has begun, according to C. A. Farley, census enumerator.

All children who will be six and under eighteen years of age on Sept. 1, 1947, should be enumerated.

This year all the pupils living in a 14-day training cruise to the Canal the nine districts which consolidated with the Merkel district last summer will be included in the local enumeration. If the election with the Merkel and his son, whose wife i Plair district Saturday carries, the children of school age in this district will also be counted in with but will move to Merkel as soon as the other 10 combined districts.

Family census blanks are being sent to the parents by the school children, and those parents who de not receive one within the next few days should call Principal Farley at the grammar school.

Attends Funeral of Mother at Rochester

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hester were called to Rochester, Texas, Monday morning to attend the funeral of his mother, who passed away that ber of commerce held Wednesday morning about 2:30 o'clock. Services were held Tuesday afternoon at the were Supt. R. A. McCollum, repre-Baptist church. Their sons of Mid- senting President Riggs Shepperd hit an all-time high of \$562,000,000 as well as efficient servant in this loway, Billy Cobb; Misses Deci Oak street. A leaky gas jet was said land and Brady attended the funeral of the Lions club, and Norman S. according to a survey by the Nation position. In fact, no postmaster ever Sharp, Azilee Gilbert and the hosrites with them.

COLONIAL PARTY FOR TEEN-AGERS RE-SET MAR. 1

The Colonial Party, sponsored by the Youth committee of the Fori nightly Study club at the Communi Food Locker Plant to Hold Mar. 1, because of the basketball tournament to be held this week-end and for that reason also, the You'd Center will not be open on Saturday night, Feb. 22.

William Shoemaker on All-Tournament Team

The Merkel cagers took consolation honors in the invitational basketball tournament at Trent last weekend by defeating Hermleigh 43-16 in

In their opening game on Thursday night the Badgers lost to the Following the business session will Abilene Christian High school, 38-3, in a real thriller. The locals were trailing by 14 points going into the last period but put on a splurge that fell short, William Shoemaker was

Highland was whipped easily, 45 5, in the first consolation round Nominating committees met in Robert Sledge took scoring honors

> William Shoemaker led the Bad-As the result of his fine play dur-

was named on the all-tournament Abilene Christian High won the teurnament, downing Trent 32-16 in

ing the tourney, William Shoemaker

Chili Supper Planned For Boys and Parents

the final game.

All boys between the ages of 12 and 14 living in the city limits of Merkel are invited along with their sponsored by the Lions club on Frilay night at 7:30 in the Community Center, according to an announce ment this week by Riggs Shepperd, Lions Club president.

Although the program has been planned primarily by the Boy Scouts and their parents, all boys in the age group mentioned above are urged to bring their parents to this affair. The food will be prepared and served by members of the Fortnightly Study club.

The short program will include ongs, several short talks and the presentation of a Boy Scout movie by Paul Ireland, Boy Scout Executive from Abilene. Dee Grimes will be chairman of a Court of Honor.

Members of the Lions club are invited to attend.

Mayor, Two Aldermen To Be Named Apr. 1

A mayor and two aldermen are to be elected in the annual city election, set for Tuesday, April 1. Mentbers of the city council whose terms expire are S. D. Gamble and H. W. Lemens, while holdover aldermen are O. B. Leach, Joe Cypert and Johnny Hammond. H. C. West is the incumbent of the mayor's office.

T. L. Miller and Son **Buy White Auto Store**

Effective Feb. 10, T. L. Miller formerly of Lubbock, and his son, Powell Miller, became owners of the White Auto store in Merkel, formerly operated by W. P. Cook.

The senior partner was for many years with Levine's at Lubbock, while his son, before joining the army, where he served three years. was geologist at the El Paso Gas company. T. L. Miller recently bought the I. F. Gilbert home in Southwest the former Nell Hughes, and family are living temporarily in Abilene the new home being built by W. N

Watson for them is complete. Mr. Cook, who owns his home here, will continue to make Merkel his home until school is out.

Musical at Stith. There will be a musical at the Stith school house Tuesday night, Feb. 25. Every one is invited.

C-C Banquet Guests. Among out-of-town guests for the annual banquet of the Abilene chamnight at the Windsor hotel, Abilene,

King, Lion secretary.

SCHOOL MERGER Residents of Blair and Merkel School Districts To Consider the paster, Rev. D. S. Neel. Issue of Consolidation In a Special Election.

BLAIR-MERKEL

VOTE FEB. 22

An election for the consolidation of Blair Common School district No. 32 and of the newly formed tenschool consolidated district known as the Merkel Independent School dis-

trict will be held Saturday, Feb. 22 Voting place in the Blair district subject is "Unoffered and will be at the Methodist churcithere; in the Merkel district, ballots will be cast at the city hall, temporarily located in the local wel- take part in the service. fare office.

All legally qualified voters are cligible to vote in the election and a majority of the voters in each district is required to carry consolida

On account of lack of time since the tax-paying period ended, Tax-, Collector Fetree has reported that he will not be able to furnish certified poll tax lists for the election judges; therefore, voters are requested to bring their poll tax receipt with them. To be eligible to the cost of purchasing and moving vote, one must have lived in the school district where voting for the past six months, and must have the two units of the Scouts.

Cemetery Maintenance Fund Nears \$900

Nearly \$900 had been contributed up to Wednesday night to the Cemetery Maintenance fund for the year | Wichita Falls, each morning at 7:15. of 1947, it was stated by T. L Grimes, chairman of the committee. The exact figure of donations so far received is \$898.89.

Included in this total are checks from three former residents, who read of the movement in last week's checks to either Mr. Grimes or The Mail. Miss Pauline Johnson, Grand Prairie sent \$3.00; J. S. Hutson. Fort Worth, \$1.00, and Guy Hamilton, Chickasha, Okla., \$10.00.

List of additional donors is printed on page 3, and nearly as many more have made contributions, which will be acknowledged in a later issue

Superintendent Given Past President's Pin

In behalf of the Lions club, Presi dent Riggs Shepperd at Tuesday's club luncheon presented Supt. R. A. McCollum of the Merkel Public schools with a past president's pir. in token of the club's appreciation of his loyal service as president of the club the past year.

Six Boy Scouts in four chorus numbers were presented by Scoutmaster C. A. Farley as a carry-over from the observance of Boy Scout Week. The boys sang with gusto: "Trail Eagle," "Camp Tonkawa." "Pink Pajamas" and "Scout Vesper." Accompaniment was played by Miss Christine Collins.

In the group were G. H. Suber who emceed the program, Kenneth Bowen, Donald Cook, Louis Don Whitaker, Eddie Breaux and Charles Neel.

Six women, members of the Youth Project committee, serving the luncheon were: Mesdames Wrenn Durham, Chester Collinsworth, Earl Hughes, W. T. Sadler, Elma McFarland and W. T. McAninch.

Choir to be Presented By Junior Class

The Sam Houston State Teachers College Choir will be presented in a program March 10 at 9:40 a. m. in the Merkel gymnasium, under the auspices of the Junior class. Price of admission will be 15c for school children and Soe for adults. Plan now to attend this program.

Formal Opening New Hatchery Feb. 22

The Donnelly brothers-George and Gene-announce formal opening of their new hatchery for Saturday. Feb. 22. Open house will be from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m.

The new hatchery is located Front street, next door east of the REA office.

Fire Losses Set Record. Eoston, Mass., Feb. 20 .- Fire losses in the United States during 1946 al Fire Protection association.

WILL OBSERVE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER HERE

In observance of World Day Prayer, a special service will be held at 4:30 p. m. Friday at Grace Pres byterian church, it is announced by

"The New Commandment" be the subject of a talk by Mrs. H. C. West, followed by a vocal duct "A Little Bit of Love," by Mrs. Sid ney Foy and Mrs. Vincent Barnett Mrs. Delma Compton will talk on "Great Faith," and the duo will sing "Beneath the Old Olive Tree." Third speaker is Mrs. D. S. Neel, whose answered Prayer.'

Congregations of the other churches in the city are invited to come and

Scouts Sponsor Stamps Quartet on Feb. 27

The Merkel Boy Scouts and Senier Scouts are sponsoring the appearance of the Stamps All Star Quartet of Wichita Falls in the gymnasium next Thursday night at 8

o'clock. The proceeds from the sale tickets by the boys will help defray a hutment from Camp Barkeley to be used as a meeting place for the

The admission will be 25 cents for children under 12 and 50 cents for all others, tax included.

The public is urged to purchase their tickets ahead of time from one of the Boy Scouts or Senior Scouts. The Stamps All Star Quartet appears on Radio Station KWFT

Red Cross to Hold Open House Friday

Residents of Merkel and the sur rounding communities are invited to issue of The Mail and forwarded inspect the new home of the Taylor Admission will be 30 and 15 cents Cross in Abilene at an open house Friday, Miss Geneva Voss, executive

secretary, has announced. The open house will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p. m. and from 8 to 10 p. m., with Mrs. Morgan Jones as

special chairman of the affair. Clyde Grant of Abilene is chapter chairman, one of the vice-chairmen of the chapter being S. D. Gamble of Merkel.

Buys 20-Acre Tract In Southwest Merkel

A visitor in Merkel last Friday was S. A. Kelly, of Hawley, out a former resident of the Stith community, who has recently purchased a very desirable 20-acre tract in the south end of town, west of Yucca street. Seller of the property was the J. R. Morrison estate.

Mr. Kelly plans to move to Mer kel and to build a home on part of his newly purchased property, which he acquired largely as an investment

New Home Being Erected. One of the many

being erected in Merkel at this time is the new 6-rooms and bath, which is being built by F. W. McHaney on lots west of the Merkel hetel, which he purchased from the city of Mer

TWELVE TEAMS TO COMPETE ON MERKEL COURT

Invitational Basketball Tournament to Be Staged Here on Thursday, Friday and Saturday Nights of This Week.

Twelve basketball teams will participate in an invitational bask-tball tournament here Thursday, Friday

and Saturday. According to tournament directors Carroll Benson and Edwin Read, the following quintets will take part: Sylvester, Merkel "B", Colorado City. Lawn, Trent, Loraine, Merkel "A" Tuscola, Sweetwater, Hamlin, Eula

and Abilene Christian High school. On the basis of their record thus far this season the Abilene Christian High school will be favored to cop this tourney. Hamlin, Merke. Colorado City and Eula are also given good chances of coming through with the championship team.

Trophies will be awarded to the first and second place winners and to the consolation champs. Goid basketballs will be given to the meni-

bers of the all-tournament team. Four games reeled off Thursday night as follows: Trent vs. Loraine at 6:30, Colorado City vs. Lawn at 7:30, Merkel "A" vs. Tuscola at 8:36 and Sylvester vs. Merkel "B" at

9:50. On Friday night there will also be four contests, starting at 6:30. Sweetwater will play Hamlin at 7:30, Abilene Christian High school will meet Eula at 9:30 and the other two games will be between the first round winners of Thursday night.

The two semi-final games will be held at 1:00 and 2:00 Saturday after noon. Consolation play-off games will start Saturday morning at 9:36. The championship game is slaten for 8:30 Saturday night, preceded by the consolation finals at 7:30.

Owen Thomas to Speak At Laymen's Program

Judge Owen Thomas of the 104th district court, Abilene, will be the principal speaker for the Laymen's Day program Sunday at the Methodist church, at which time the men will occupy the choir and do the singing. Laymen's Day is observed annually throughout Methodism.

L. R. Cade Buys Kent Street Store Building

Cyrus Pee, real estate agent, reports the sale of two homes and a business building in recent transactions. From Joe Cypert, L. R. Cade bought the store building on Kent street occupied by Fisher gro-

The Claude Perry home was sold to Edwin Orr, who moved here from Tahoka, and Bill Springer, moving from Trent, bought the home of Mrs. W. F. Stanford.

Record of Births

Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Cramer Rey-nolds, Wednesday, February 19, 1947. Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Mic Elmurray, Wednesday, February 19,

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

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

POSTMASTER DAVIS IS DEAD. He was a member of the Church of After an illness of several weeks Postmaster Taylor F. Davis died at after ten o'clock Thursday morning. Everything that human hands and temporary relief. However, for several days prior to the fatal hour. Mr Davis seemed to have improved and for several days had been at his post of duty as local postmaster. Growing worse again on Wednesday, the Grim Reaper very quickly tock his life and his spirit took its flight to

that eternal home. Mr. Davis, a young man of mes excellent character and splendid ability, well known and very popular throughout the entire community, had been serving as postmaster of this city for about one year. And a more courteous and accommodating ford, Joe Bailey Toombs, Tally Halhad a better record of efficiency. tesses.

Christ and a Mason. Funeral was held Friday at 3 p. m. at the Church the family home in this city shortly of Christ conducted by Elder W. G. Cypert. Besides an aged father, several brothers, a loving wife and three medical skill could do seemed of but small children are left to mourn his sudden departure.

STITCH-A-BIT CLUB. The Stitch-a-Bit club met at the home of Mrs. Irvin Lackey with Mrs. Doyle Pogue as joint hostess. Em broidering and pleasant conversation were enjoyed for about an hour. after which a contest was held, compliments of Mrs. Lackey and Mrs. Pogue, Miss Deci Sharp winning a beautiful handmade puff. Delicious refreshments of cream and cake were served to the following members: Mesdames C. B. Barnes, Floyd Hollet us say here that no town ever had loway, Grover Gilbert Earl Stan-

SOCIETY

The Women's Society of Christian thodist church. Mrs. D. II. chapter of Matth w

Mrs. Will Sloman gave an inter- Bradley, esting talk on Booker T. Washing-

Mrs. Vernon Hudson.

BAPTIST W. M. S. The Woman's Missionary society! Monday afternoon for a Royal Serv-Acts 2: 1-12. Mrs. E. R. Clack ied piano selections. the opening prayer and Mesdames gram. Mrs. Royce Eiland closed the meeting with prayer.

Present were Mesdames J. K. Jones, H. R. Hicks, Don Riney, T.

the above mentioned. The next meeting will be by Circles. Blanche Rose Walker will meet with Mrs. Sam Swann.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Delmer McLeod underwert surgery at Sadler Clinic Feb. 13. Mrs. Walter Byrom was admitted Feb. 14 for medical attention. Patients received for treatment during the week were: Mrs. J. M. He! lums, Feb. 13; C. R. Rogers, Sr., Feb. 14: Mrs. Ray Reynolds, Feb. 15; Archie Freeman, Feb. 16; A. D. McCain, Feb. 19, and C. C. Floyd and C. A. Derrick, Feb. 20. The Ray Comfort child was admitted Feb. 15 for injury in a car accident. L. F. Crow was given first aid treatment Feb. 18. Mrs. Carl Carey entered the hospital Feb. 18 for surgery. H. C. Vancil received a tonsillectomy on Feb. 17.

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RURAL SOCIETY

MRS. HERBERT ROW COMPLE MENTED WITH GIFT PARTY. Mrs. J. F. McDonald, Jr., Mrs. Service met Monday afternoon in the Clyde Rushing and Mrs. C. R. Rogers, Jr., entertained with a gift par-Vaughn brought out a devotional or. ty in the McDonald home on Wednesthe 13th and 14th verses of the 7th day complimenting Mrs. Herbert Row, who was the former Paulene

Mrs. Paul Bradley greeted the ton, a chapter taken from the Read- guests and introduced the honoree who was wearing a black crepe dress The closing prayer was said by with a shoulder corsage of red carnations. Ada Marie Thompson and Virginia Lou Bradley presided at the register.

Mrs. C. R. Rogers, Jr., and Mrs. of the First Baptist church met on | Clyde Rushing served the refreshments from a lace-laid table centerice program. The topic for the month | ed with a miniature bride and bridewas "Jews and Arabians." As the groom. The napkins were engraved epening song, "Send the Light" was in gold with "Paulene and Herbert." sung. The program was in charge of The Valentine motif was used as the Floy Hawkins Circle, Mrs. P. F. other decorations. Mrs. Norman Harris gave the devotional from Winter of Abilene gave several

Guests were Mesdames Howard Mack Tucker, J. M. Steadman and Cook, Bill Dunagin, A. M. Evans, W. P. F. Harris gave parts on the pro- I. Burton, Carl Mashburn, Walter Kelso, John Malone, Rex Abbott, Homer Payne, Hoyt Ford, Alonzo Peterson, Lewis Peterson, Calvin, Peterson, Bob Mashburn, A. W. E. Collins and W. L. Johnson and Bailey, Wilmer Criswell, Curtis McAninch, Ed Vantreese, Charlie Mundy, W. L. Walsh, J. B. Browning, T. E. Butler, W. H. Little, Maggie Wilson, J. S. Varner, Wesley Mashburn, Fletcher Jones, Maurice Thompson, Alvin J. Byrd, Ina Kelso Lloyd Mashburn and Roy Kelso.

> Mesdames M. O. Row, Edna Lyc hand, Frank Priddy, Jim Johnson, Norman Bicknell, Clyde Jones, Earl Foster, A. Blackman, C. L. Sherrell, T. W. Vantreese, Bryan Dunagin, E. D. Stephenson, T. E. Woolsey, H. Arnwine, Earl Dwiggins, A. G. Bailey, T. J. Amason, F. L. Carr, Truett Thompson, E. H. Thompson. Edgar H. Bradley, Jr., H. B. Finch, H. O. Miller, M. E. West, C. S. Childers, J. D. Bradley, Sr., J. D. Bradley, Jr., and Boyce Barnard. Misses Louise Hudson, Nora Kelso, Dorothy Dunagin, Virginia Ann Criswell, Betty Bailey, Barbara Arn Bradley, Beth Dunagin, Margaret Bow, Linda Ann Winter, Sue Bicknell, Carol Sue McAninch, Lanajohn Malone, June Bailey, Doris Walsh, Pat McDonald, Vera Horner: Jack Barnard, Sherman Bradley, Lynn andy, Larry Lyhand, Frosty Wint er, Tommie McAninch, Larry Gaffey and Buddy Walsh.

TARPLEY-WHEELER. Mae, to Garvis Tarpley, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tarpley, also of

ormed at 3 p. m. Feb. 9, by Minis-D. Manning at the Noodle Church of Christ, in the presence the parents of both the bride and groom, and also a number of friends and relatives of Anson, Abilene, Merkel and Dallas. As a special guest from Dallas was the bride'. aged grandmother, Mrs. D. J. Gun

The bride wore a navy blue dress with black accessories and a corsage of white carnations. For something

ing to her aunt, Mrs. Lorena Beaty, of Dallas.

The brother of the groom, Joe F Tarpley, served as best man, The bridesmaid was the sister of the bride, Sara Beth Wheeler.

After a short wedding trip to Dallas the couple is at home at Noodle where the groom is engaged in farm ing and driving a school bus. Both attended the Noodle high school.

UNION RIDGE CLUB.

The Union Ridge Home Demonstration club met Feb. 7 in the home of Mrs. J. H. Clark.

Mrs. O. E. Harwell, president presided at the business hour. The county agent, Miss Myra Tankersley, gave an interesting demonstration on "Consumer Educacation: How to buy for Quality, Studying Labels, Construction Garments and Laundry Care of Lin-

In connection with the club meeting there was a lovely double shower given two recent brides. Mrs. Wayne Tipton and Mrs. Charles Harwell. Guests were invited in by Mrs. Clyde Irvin, who presided at the registry

Hostesses for this occasion were Mrs. Kenneth Pee, Mrs. Clyde New ton, Miss Mabel McRee, Mrs. Clyde Irvin and Mrs. Clark. Delicious jello, angel food cake and cokes were served.

Guests were Miss Myra Tankersley, Mrs. John Rister, Miss Lottie Butman, Mrs. Bill Sandusky, Mrs. Ed Sandusky, Miss Charolette Harwell and the honoree, Mrs. Charles Harwell. (In absence of Mrs. Wayne Tipton, her many lovely gifts were opened by Mrs. Lee Tipton, Sr.) Many gifts were sent.

Members present were Mesdames O. E. Harwell, Weldon McAninch, J. E. Jaynes, George Crow, Clyde Newton, Kenneth Pee, J. D. Jaynes. 7:00. J. H. Clark, M. L. Douglas, Lee Tipton, O. R. Douglas, Denzel Cox and Miss Mabel McRee.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Weldon McAninch on

GOLAN CLUB.

Mrs. Ollie Skidmore was hostess for the Golan Home Demonstration club when it met in her home Tues day afternoon, Feb. 6.

The program was on "Remodeled Garments." Mrs. W. P. Skidmore, a visitor, demonstrated how to make a fringed bedspread out of feed sacks Year books were filled out and the nesday evening. following ladies were appointed to attend the training meetings to be held in Anson: Mrs. Woodrow Lawlis, Mrs. Cecil Stevens, March 6. Route 2, Merkel, are announcing the May 8; Mrs. V. P. Byrom and Mrs. marriage of their daughter, Wills P. D. Skidmore, Oct. 9. P. D. Skidmore, Oct. 9.

Refreshments were 'served to one visitor, Mrs. W. P. Skidmore, and the following members: Mesdames I. D. Vancil, P. D. Skidmore, F. E. Sipes, W. C. Hill, B. R. Vancil and

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In The

Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

There were 753 present at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday, as compared with 684 on the previous Sunday, and 769 on the same Sunday a year ago.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday: Bible School at 9:45 a. m.; preaching 10:50 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting at 7:00

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

Reporter.

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

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday School 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Children meet at 6:15

p. m. No evening service Sunday. Mid-week prayer meeting 7 p. n. on Wednesday.

D. S. Neel, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preach

ing at 11. NYPS at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 7. Prayer meeting at 7 p. m. Wednesday. Mrs. J. D. Roedler, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School at 10:00 a. m Morning sermon at 11:00. Training Union at 6:00. Evening sermon at

Prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday

Merle Weathers. Pastor

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No title is reeded with this picture. Everyone knows it is George Washington; everyone knows the part he played in American history; everyone knows of his reputation for honesty, his love of freedom and independence. May February 22nd anniversary of Washington's birth, be a reminder to us to do our share in preserving the type of government conceived in Washington's time.

In observance of George Washington's birthday anniversary, this bank will transact no business on Saturday, February 22nd.

THE OLD RELIABLE

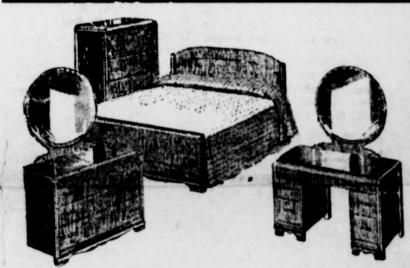
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Weeping lovegrass is a relatively

new plant to this section of the state.

This grass was introduced into this

country from South America in an effort to provide a perennial high forage producing grass adaptable to the semi-arid conditions of the Southwest. In other sections of Texas this

grass has shown considerable promise

from the standpoint of making a rapid and vigorous growth, ease of

establishment, wind and water eros-

ion control, and for forage produc-

Weeping lovegrass is a bunchgrass producing a great quantity of leaves standing from 1 to 1 1-2 feet tall when mature. The seed stems reach a height of 2 to 3 feet. The grass clumps have a diameter at ground level of

from 8 to 10 inches after two or three years growth. Weeping lovegrass as-

sumes a typical "weeping" or "drooping" aspect as the leaves are flexible

and tend to droop as maturity ap

proaches. This grass has been suc-

cessfully grown under varying cli-

mates' conditions. The Amarillo Conservation Experiment station re-

ports that lovegrass has been grown successfully in areas ranging from 15 to 23 inches annual rainfall and in areas with temperatures ranging from 17 degrees below zero in winter to 108 degrees summer maximum. Winter killing of this grass in this soil conservation district is very unlikely unless we experienced an ex-

treme summer drought preventing

the plant from making adequate sea-

son's growth followed by a record low winter temperature. Some wint-

er killing might result under these

conditions; however, volunteer plants would likely maintain the stand.

Weeping lovegrass has a wide

range of soil adaptation. It will

grow on most all well drained soils:

however, from local results it ap-

pears to be better suited to the sandy loams and sandier soils. It has been grown on clay loams, silty clay loams.

sandy loams, sandy, sand dunes,

gravelly and caliche soils. It has

made good growth on all these soils;

however, it made more vigorous

growth on the more productive soils

Weeping lovegrass has many ad-

vantages and to our thinking 't has

a place not only in providing more

supplementary pasture for farmers

in this area, but for erosion control

regrassing eroded land, for hay, for

seed, and for providing a long time

crop rotation. In regrassing barren

or eroded land it is one of the easiest

grass plants to establish and it makes

a good thrift; growth the first seas-

on. By fall an excellent cover is established and can be grazed to a good

advantage in late fall and winter

months. The plants have an exten

sive rest development often pene-

trating the soil to a depth of 4 to 5 feet. Because of this character it is well adapted to control blowing and



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grass for waterways and channels.

Many different opinions have been expressed concerning the grazing qualities of weeping lovegrass. Some stockmen report it is grazed in preference to buffalo grass while others report cattle prefer the native grassian.

stockmen report it is grazed in preference to buffalo grass while others report cattle prefer the native grasses. This varying opinion is probably due to grazing this grass at various seasons. This grass is especially relished in early spring by cattle during its succulent growth stage. During mild winters this grass stays green at the base most all winter. It becomes green in the spring about 2 weeks earlier than buffalo grass and remains green in the fall from four to six weeks later. Following good grazing management this grass can be fully utilized. (Con-

gulleying and makes a desirable

Many district cooperators are taking advantage of the fair weather to build new terraces on their farms.

tinued next week.)

About ten or 12 terracing machines are now operating in this area. New terraces are being built on these co operating farms: Henry A. Tillett, Jr., Mt. Pleasant Conservation group, A. W. Murphree and Tommie Patterson of the Castle Peak Conservation group, W. B. Toombs of the Blair group, Mrs. J. D. Porter of North Merkel group, M. M. Thomasson and Hoke Propst of Northwest Noocle Conservation group.

District cooperators interested in growing Madrid or Hubam sweet clover this year should secure their

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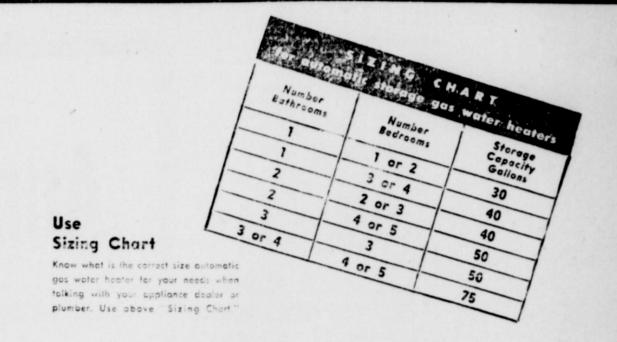
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seed as soon as possible as the planting date is at hand. Local seed sources are being developed which will assist cooperators in locating planting seed. Let us urge as many as will to try some sweet clover this year. This croy will improve your soil and fit into your cropping system.

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Additional List of **Donors to Cemetery Maintenance Fund**

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CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks to our friends and the Woodman Circle and Woodmen of the World for their many kind deeds and sympathy shown us in our sickness. May God's richest blessings rest

on each and every one. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Derrick

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Gilmer Proposes Bill Relating to Strikes By Utility Employees

Among the many bills dropped in al names of donors to the Cemetery | the legislative hopper at Austin seek | ture program: Jean Parker, Russell Maintenance fund, which is being ing to cure the evils inherent in Hayden in "Rolling Home" and Johnraised by a special committee, with strikes is one relating to strikes by ny Mack Brown, Raymond Hatton in T. L. Grimes as chairman, and the utility employees introduced by the "Trigger Fingers;" proceeds of which are to be expended Honorable Claud Gilmer of Rock Crimson Ghost serial by this committee in the upkeep of Springs, speaker of the house of Rose Hill cemetery for the year of representatives during the last regu- Derothy McGuire, Robert Young in

Mr. Gilmer's bill applies only to Time" featuring Tex Beneke \$12.06 water, gas and electric utilities and the Glenn Miller orchestra, cartoon 5.90 proceeds on the theory that the main- and latest News events. 2.00 tenance of water, gas and electric 2.06 services is absolutely essential to the Muni, Anne Baxter, Claude Rains in 10.00 life, health and safety of the people, "Angel on my Shoulder;" Para 10.00 and that it is the duty of the state mount's 20th Anniversary News : 5.00 to prevent any person or group of sue. 1.60 persons from wilfully destroying or 2.00 damaging the facilities used in rem

His bill further provides that service may be maintained.

Under the terms of the Gilmer bill. it is a felony punishable by a penitentiary sentence for any person to wilfully wreck, destroy, or sabotage any plant, equipment or facility of a 5.00 water, gas or electric utility.

Mr. Gilmer's bill applies to utili ties furnishing water, gas and electric service whether the utility be a private corporation, a municipality or a state agency, such as a River Authority.

ations as happened to the L. R. C. A. this past year when service to a good many towns there was interrupted 1.00 and also such situations as the Pitts 2.50 burgh power strike.

> CARD OF THANKS. To the neighbors who met at n. home one day and plowed my lanwhich I had been unable to do account of illness, I want to expres my sincere thanks and appreciation This evidence of loyal friendship an brotherhood will be long remember

O. H. McSpadden.

DAUGHTER BEATS MOTHER

Mo-Rub, the modern Guiacel-Camphor ment over Mother's old-fashioned Eucolyp-tus style salves. Try Nu-Mo-Rab for croupy coughs. Double the perchese price re-funded if you do not find Nu-Mo-Rab

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When your cold brings on a nasty troublesome bronchist cough, spend 45 cents at any
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Called a story of perpetual emi "Claudia and David" unfolds the hilarious and exciting marital adventures of uninhibited, unpredic able Claudia, who couldn't let love just happen, and of David, her be-

though patient and loving husband. How they unwittingly became involved in a quadrangle that leads to a fabulous series of sequen ces-and with what hilarious results -is said to make for one of the gay est, most refreshing screen triumphs

LEGAL NOTICE

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kel, Texas, notice is hereby given said estate on the 4th day of Februthat an election will be held at the ary 1947, by the county court of City Hall in said city on the first Taylor County, Texas, and all pe Tuesday in April, 1947, same being sons having claims against said the 1st day of the month, for the purpose of electing a mayor and two (2) aldermen, to serve for the period of two years.

Said election shall conform nearly as possible to the State law regulating elections and a City Ordi nance requiring all candidates file their name with the City Secre tary, naming the office for which they are to be a candidate for, together with \$1.00 filing fee at least ten days prior to said election.

lection judge.

Polls shall open at 8 a. m. and clos at 6 p. m. Given under my hand and seal

this the 17th day of Feb. A. D., 1947. as. (Seal) H. C. West, Mayor of the City of Merkel.

NOTICE OF EXECUTRIX. Notice is hereby given to all per sons having claims against the cs tate of J. D. Hilton, deceased, that By virtue of the authority vested the undersigned has been duly as in me as mayor of the City of Mer- pointed and qualified as executrix of

T. L. Grimes is hereby appointed tate, are required to present same to the undersigned within the time re quired-by law, whose residence and post office address is 2146 South 3rd Street, Abilene, Taylor County, Tex-

Bessie M. Hilton.

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\$1.00 Discount on Every Hundred Chicks Booked on Opening Day

Highest Prices paid for Eggs and **Poultry**

Our Slogan "A FEED FOR EVERY NEED"

We Will Handle a Complete Line of ABTEX FEEDS

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JOE SEYMORE

Business Changes

W. B. Thomas, former owner of the Merkel Ice company, has purchased the oil and gas business of Thompson and Risinger, Onyx distributors, and will continue to operate the wholesale agency himself. He Higgins, Jr.

Claude Smith, who has bought the interest of his partner, Geraid MILK COW for sale, A. J. Wright, Derrick in the Derrick and Smith grocery store, announces that the FOR SALE-'40 Ford special deluxe. new name of the firm will be Claude Smith's Food Store.

Mrs. Mary Outlaw has opened the Midget cafe on Front street and will specialize in home-cooked meals and home-cooked pies, besides featuring hamburgers and sandwiches.

The coffee shop adjacent to the H. and H. laundry is now under the management of Velma Horton and Imogene Beaird and is to be known hereafter as B. and H. Coffee shop.

Being welcomed as new residents of Merkel are Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Buck, and daughter, from Coleman. Mr. Buck is the new owner of the Merkel Recreation club. C. C. Conley, former owner, stated that his future plans are not definite, but he will remain in Merkel for the present.

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has leased the retail station to Oilie BOWER 300-chick size brooders. \$23,50. Farm and Home Supply.

C. C. Conley.

TIRES! TIRES! TIRES! -Good old Firestone tires; all kinds of passenger tires. West's Auto Supply

4-room, three lots, gas and lights cutbuildings, good well and windmill, on south side.

5-room, S. side, 2 lots, gas, lights, plumbing available, near school. NICE 4-room, completely modern, hardwood floors, new water heater, this ideally located, worth the

Good 6-room, two lots N side, gas, lights, commode, lavatory, kitchen built-ins but no tub, nice place and close in.

Old 5-room house to wreck or move, \$800.00. Good 50x140 ft. business lot, well lo-

cated. 189 acre farm, a bargain at \$4.000.

Vernon B. Simpson Phone 90

HAVE PLENTY left and right hand bath tubs for sale; no priority; also the new E-Z Tone demountable fishing boat; come in and see them. Bowles Plumbing Shop. Phone 286.

FOR SALE-Butane plants and appliances; 150 gallon plants installed, \$198.50; includes filling of gas first time, five openings. No-

200 acre farm, about 30 acres in pasture, balance in cult.; half mineral rights to be retained; located 4 mi. NE of Merkel. CYRUS PEE, Agent

FOR SALE - Two lots and a half; some improvements, no houses; on Rose street. M. P. (Jack) Lati-

FOR SALE- Model "A" coupe, \$200.00. See it at Doan's Feed

NORTH PARK NURSERY West Texas' Own Nursery Fine fruit trees, flowering shrubs, evergreens of all kinds, rose bushes,

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My headquarters are at my home; for dependable Plumbing and Repair Service, Phone 220-W.

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Shipment of Certified Martin Seed and Sudan Seed

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UST RECEIVED -Shipment of Marquette home freezers, 8-ft. Palmer Tire and Appliance Co.

FOR SALE -4-room house and S lots, 4 blocks of business district; city lights, water and gas. Inquire at Merkel Mail office.

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START a Rawleigh business; real opportunity now for permanent, profitable work nearby. Write to Rawleigh's, Dept. TXB-506-K, at Memphis, Tenn.

WANT to buy a windmill and tower; also a steel tower for tank. See J. W. Seymore.

PLOWING WANTED- Gardens yards and patches plowed; fertiliz er for sale, J. E. Miller, northwest

IF YOU NEED building rock, gravel, sand or fertilizer, drop a card

to A. J. Wright, Route 2. WE PAY \$1.50 for junk car bat-

teries. Dudley's Radio Service. CLEAN COTTON RAGS wanted: will pay 10 cents per pound. Badger

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SEE Lendon A. Coats for water well drilling. Phone 281W.

WATER WELL DRILLING - I Just say you saw it in The Mail have 2 machines; all work gcaranteed. B. T. Sublett, Box 206

AGENT for Abilene Reporter-News and Dallas Morning News. Bert Melton, office on Kent street. Phone 282.

LODGE CALLS

Regular meeting of Merkel Chapter 212, Order of Eastern Star, will be held, Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to atfurniture upholstering; located at tend. Visiting members cordially in-

Mrs. Bill Dunagin, W. M. Mrs. Aurra Johnson. Sec'y.

FOR SALE

Limited amount of Harper and McClung Pedigree Registered Cottonseed.

Better get them at once, as this is all I can get.

D. C. DOAN

Merkel, Texas

NOTICE

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

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

R.O. ANDERSON

Specials for Friday & Saturday

FEBRUARY 21st and 22nd

	Oranges, lb. 71/20	
Lemons, doz. 25c	Grapefruit, lb. 3½c	
	Carrots, bunch 5c	

Purasnow 10 pounds \$1.83 25 pounds \$3.63 50 pounds Utility pitcher free with purchase of 25 pound or larger

NO. 1-IDAHO-Potatoes, 5 pounds 23c Juice, No. 2 can 14; 46 oz. 30c RED and WHITE-Oats, small 12c; large ... 25c Toasties, 13 oz. 12; 18 oz. 15c HOMEMADE PEACH— Preserves, 2 lbs. Roseland Syrup, 5 lbs. ...59c Pinto Beans, lb. Pint - Red and White- RIPE-Olives, small 35c; med. 39c

STAR- PLUM-Preserves, pound DOODLE DANDY BITS-O-DILL-Pickles, 24 ounce Tastit Vanilla, 2 oz. Purex. qt. Washo, box PALMOLIVE-Soap, reg. bar ... KUNER-OLD FASHION Pickles, 14 oz. SUN SPUN-Luncheon Meat, 12 oz. 39c | Salad Dressing, 8 oz. 19c

Clinton Pudding, bx. 8c

Red & White COFFEE

1 pound

-:- MEAT MARKET DEPARTMENT -:-

ORIOLE-SLICED-Bacon, lb. 58c Star Sausage, lb. Luncheon Meat, lb. 48c Margarine, lb. Meirose Franks, lb. 35c Pork Ham Roast, lb. 45c Dry Salt Bacon, lb. 36c Beef Chuck Roast, lb. 33c

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Bird's Store NOODLE

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STUDY CLUB ENJOYS FINE ARTS PROGRAM.

Members of the Fortnightly Study club and their guests enjoyed a Fine | with a Valentine party in the home Arts program at the Youth Cen. of Mrs. Henry L. Howard, Mrs. Ba ter Tuesday afternoon, with 'Mrs. W. T. Sadler as hostess.

After a brief business Christine Collins introduced Mr. and Adamson sang "Indian Dawn," "The of gifts, Wren" and "Russian Nightingale, the flute obligato.

Mr. Bynum, who is director and teacher of band at McMurry coilege. demonstrated the different sound productions of the flute and played "Lieberstrom," by Kriesler, accounpanied by Mrs. Bynum.

Lillian Eubanks, of Abilene, was accompanied Mrs. Homer Patterson Tosca, by Puccini, and "Aria" from Bizet's opera Carmen.

giving an informal lecture on tie Beaird, W. W. Webb, Alonzo Peterand water color paintings that she Wiley Outlaw, Wallace Doan, Ruby exhibited: "Yellow Dahlias," "Ja- Jinkens, Waymon Adcock and Miss ponica," "September," "Old Land- Dorothy Jinkens. mark" (Merkel), "Poplars in Autumn," "Susan" and "Carnival and Snow." She also showed some of her prize-winning etchings: "Lone Pine," "Calla Lilies," "Ancient Grill work" and "Oyster Boats in Harbor."

Those present were Mesdames Wrenn Durham, W. T. Sadler, Chester Collinsworth, David Gamble, J. C. Gregory, M. C. Church, Herbert Patterson, Owen Robertson, Will White. Sloman, John West, Johnny Cox, Judd McReynolds, Griff Barnett Carl Weichmann, P. C. Wylie, Earl Hughes, Homer Patterson, their favorite recipe. Ross Ferrier, W. S. J. Brown, Jack Miller, S. D. Gamble, Dee Grimes, ate games and contests until every Weston West, J. W. Jennings, Con- one was asked to read their fortune er Haynes, Elsie Nash, Edwin Read, when Mrs. Beaird found hers to be West, Weldon McAninch. Carroll Benson, John Shannon, Paul ry Adamson, Raymond Bynum, Era- served the guests. est Teaff, H. B. Robertson, D. H. Vaughn, Mary Eula Sears Morris | sent. Misses Lillian Eubanks, Christine Collins and Gwyndolyn Vaughn and Mr. Raymond Bynum.

McANINCH-YARBOUGH.

After a wedding trip to Hobos N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Ted McAninch are at home on the McAninch farm north of Merkel. The couple was married Feb. 8 at the First Methodist church in Abilene, with Rev. Marvin L. Boyd, a former Mcrkel pastor, officiating. Their attendants were Miss Dorothy Stevens and Arthur Newton.

Mrs. McAninch is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Yarbrough, or Knox City, while the bridegroom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McAninch, pioneer family of Merkel.

On Thursday afternoon, Feb. 13 Mrs. Booth Russom was honored James, Mrs. H. E. Childers and Mrs Hollis Mitchell joined Mrs. Howard in hostess duties.

Appropriate games were directed Mrs. Raymond Bynum and Mrs. by Mrs. James until as a climax Mrs. Larry Adamson, all of Abilene. Mrs. Russom was surprised with a basket

Refreshments of hot chocolate and accompanied at the piane by Mrs. Valentine cookies were served. The church and quilted two quilts for Bynum, with Mr. Bynum playing, guest list included Mesdames Clar- Reynolds Presbyterian home. Those ence Perry, Pearl Ash, Troyce Bagley, Claude Perry, John Perry, Wayne Boyd, Chock Hutcheson, H. M. Spurgin, J. L. Tucker, D. S. H. Jones, D. B. Bowen, R. H. Math- Neel, Etcyl Spurgin, Bill Teaff, S. presented by Miss Collins, and and Truett Berry, Tillman Rutledge. swered questions pertaining to her Robye Johnson, Earl Beech, Buch career as a former opera singer. Sie Leach, Frank Riek, Lonnie Beaird, Billy D. Doan, Delia Ritchie, L. B. who sang "Love and Music," "These Whitaker, Spencer Bird, Riggs Shep-Have I Lived For," from the opera | perd, Barney Douglas, E. R. Clack, W. A. McCandless, Joe Dougias, Clyde Eager, Robert Denson, Don-Mrs. C. B. Gardner played a piano ald Barbee, L. T. Derington, Metsolo, "Aufschwung," by R. Schu- ford Noster, Curtis Conley, Mitchell Walker, Ollie Fox, L. B. Gibson. Mrs. Mary Eula Sears Morris, of Jess Russom, Buddy Derington, Imo-Abilene, concluded the program by gene Williams, J. H. Beaird, Howard following prize-winning oil, pastel son, Calvin Peterson, J. W. Cole,

BRIDAL SHOWER.

Mrs. Lonnie T. Beaird, nee Marie Rodgers, was honored with a brida shower on Friday, Feb. 14, from 3 till 4 c'clock in the home of Mrs. Henry L. Howard. Hostesses for this shower were Mrs. Roy H. Mathews, Mrs. E. R. Clack, Mrs. Alf Walla, Mrs. Howard and Miss Maurine

When all of the guests arrived they registered in the hand-made Valentine bride's book by writing

Mrs. Mathews directed appropria room full of gifts.

Dainty refreshments of Valentine West, Joe Cypert, Earle Watts, cookies with the names, "Lonnie and Nancy Terrell, C. B. Gardner, Lar- Marie," on them and ice cream were

Approximately 85 invitations were

FIREMEN ENTERTAINED. On Thursday night of last week, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox entertained the Firemen, former Firemen and prospective Firemen and their wives

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ith a Valentine "42" party.

Table favors were "Valentine Hearts," with partners being selectd by matching hearts jig-saw puzzle style. At the conclusion of the games, delicious sandwiches, coffee or hot chocolate, and cookies were served. Attending were Messrs, and Mesdames Clyde Shouse, Bob Fowler, lee, L. L. Miller, David Reidenbach Homer Newby, Claude Perry, L. B. Whitaker, J. W. Mansfield, Bill James, Clyde Wurst, Mitchell Walkr and R. H. Mathews; Messrs. Ollie Berry and Parker Sharp, little Miss Paka Newby, Master Roy Kent Mathews, Master Dale Walker and

WILLING WORKERS CLASS. The Willing Workers class of Grace Presbyterian church met for a covered dish luncheon on Tucsday of last week in the basement of th enjoying the sumptuous noon meal were Mesdames L. L. Murray, J ews, Watt Blair, Joe Boone, A. A., G. Russell, Jr., C. V. Greenlee. Sel-McGehee, A. P. Petree, Sam Swann. ma Russell, Edwin Orr, Harry Merle Weathers, Dent Gibson, Den Barnett, Lem Dudley, J. H. Witcher, Riney, J. C. Carson, Eldon Reeves, W. J. Derstine and W. W. Lincecum and Miss Jennie Keny.

In the afternoon bottled drinks were served by the pastor, Rev. D. S.

MERKEL HD CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon of last week in the home of Mrs. John S. Hughes, with Mrs. Don Riney, the president, presiding.

Mrs. Carl Weichman gave the council report. Mrs. S. G. Russell, Jr. was elected representative for the THDA. "The Texas Home Demonstration Association" was the sub-

'Hospitality and Courtesy; Planning Use of Your Time." Mrs. W. J. Derstine conducted a 10-minute recrea-

tion program. Refreshments were served to four visitors: Mesdames Claude Green

and E. L. Miller; three new members, Mesdames Mack Tucker, H. C. Reynolds and A. W. Bailey, and the following members: Mesdames J. Ben Campbell, Carl Wiechmann, W C. Lee, J. O. Castles, Stella Cutler, Eldon Reeves, L. B. Whitaker, W. J. Derstine, Rhett Eidson, Jr., it Walker, S. G. Russell, Jr., Harry Barnett, J. W. Bryan, W. A. Harris,

the hostess. The next meeting will be on Fet 28 with Mrs. Harry Barnett.

Don Riney, Miss Lottie Butman and

WOODMAN CIRCLE MEETING Woodman Circle Grove No. 563

ject of a talk by Mrs. Wiechmann, met in the home of Mrs. Ed Turner and Mrs. J. O. Castles discussed on Thursday evening, Feb. 6, with Mrs. Harry Barnett, the president, presiding.

> New officers were installed, with Katie Kidwell of Abilene as installing officer. Officers installed were: Mrs. Harry Barnett, president; Mrs. Chas. Seago, first vice-president; Mrs. Sally Gant, second vice-president; Mrs. Ed Turner, past president; Mrs. Roy Mathews, captain; Mrs. A. D. Barnes, auditor; Mrs. E. B. Wallace, attendant. Some of the new officers who could not be there, will be installed at a later date.

Mesdames Reuben Reeves, Claude Perry and R. H. Mathews and Mr. Kidwell were also present.

Plans were made to attend the state convention in Mineral Wells Mar. 25, and Mrs. Ed Turner was elected as a delegate to attend the convention from the Grove.

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