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PERSONAL NEWS NOTES

Mrs. W. W. Fambrough and Mrs. Ivan Lockheart of Abilene were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell Wednesday of last week.

Out-of-town dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Slean were: Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jinkens, Jr., of Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Strancker, Mrs. W. A. Steele and Ada Belle and Jasper Dee Clark, of Sweetwater, and Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Becknell, Mattie, Tommy and Ruby Phillips, of Seagraves. Other guests were T. C. Jinkens, Sr., Mrs. Ruby Jinkens, Dorothy, Gerrie and Bobby, and Lloyd Gilmore.

P. W. Miller of the local White Auto store was in Wichita Falls on business Monday.

Last week-end Mr. and Mrs. Clayton F. Knox of Norman, Okla., were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Russell, and Sunday dinner guests in the Russell home were Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Knox, of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Barnett and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson.

Mrs. B. M. Williams returned Sunday from a visit with her children and two sisters at Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker are spending several weeks in California, visiting the former's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Dye, of Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Steddum had as their week-end guest Mr. Steddum's niece, Miss Beatrice Burge, of Abilene.

Mrs. Norris Lineweaver and little sons, David and Kent, were due to arrive Thursday via plane to spend a few days with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Patterson. She will sail Mar. 26 from San Francisco, Calif., on the Le Jeune for Tsingtao, China, to join her husband, who is stationed there.

Visitors in the Artist Club home over the week-end were all their children: S-Sgt. and Mrs. John W. Cook and little daughter, Linda, from Biloxi, Miss.; Miss Pauline Cook from Ranger, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Heater and two sons, Marion and James, and Betty Joyce from Merkel, also Mrs. Wilma Ellison from Merkel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Swafford and son, Bobby Joe, of Abilene were Sunday dinner guests in the home of Mrs. C. V. Hall. In the afternoon they all visited at Blair.

With Our Boys

Clarence Melton, Jr., boatswain 2-C, is home on leave, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melton. For the past year he has been in Navy service in Japan and China. He is a grandson of Mrs. C. V. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Melton.

Lt. Lloyd R. Derrick, who has been overseas since July 23, is home on terminal leave, having reached the States on Feb. 10. With him are his wife and little 4 months-old daughter, Diana Sue, whom he saw for the first time on his arrival home. Lieutenant Derrick has been in service 10 years and 3 months but plans to re-enlist after his terminal leave.

Roy R. Berry, former machinist's mate second class, received his discharge from the Navy Feb. 5, and is now at home here with his wife and two children. He was in service five years and 10 months. His last duty was aboard the USS Brush.

LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Being welcomed as a new citizen is Albert Smith, office manager for the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., who has moved his family here from Garland and is occupying the Earl Beech cottage, north of Eager grocery. He was formerly with the finance division of the REA.

Bob Hicks accompanied F. E. Church to Houston last week for the Automobile show held in that city. He returned via Fort Worth.

Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Zee and son, Mike, left Saturday for El Paso where Dr. Zee will follow a two-weeks' course in oral surgery with Dr. O. J. Shafer.

In a matched calf roping at Wayne Boyd's place near Trent recently, S. G. Russell defeated Bill Guest of Abilene. The Boyd boys have a bunch of Brahma calves and are holding regular ropings.

RITE HELD FOR PIONEER JONES COUNTY FARMER

Death Claims "Uncle" Joe Winter, 75, Owner of Land Where Discovery Well in Noodle Dome Was Drilled in 1926.

Uncle Joe Winter, 75, pioneer Jones county farmer, on whose place the discovery well in the Noodle Dome oil field was drilled in 1926, died at 9:20 last Friday morning at his home in the Shiloh community.

He had suffered a heart attack three weeks before and remained in the Sadler Clinic here for a week. After returning home he had a brain hemorrhage a week later and was recovering when the second attack occurred Friday morning.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Saturday from Shiloh Baptist church, with Rev. W. K. Horn, the pastor, and Revs. J. E. Bradford and J. J. Gentry, former pastors, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery under direction of Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Pallbearers were three grandsons, Finis Winter, Breckenridge, Lewis Winter, Carlsbad, N. M., and Buddy Winter, Lamesa, and Karl Bonneaux, John E. Walling and Willie Thomas.

Born Feb. 6, 1872, in Besque county, Mr. Winter came to West Texas in 1889 with his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter, Sr., who lived in Abilene two years and then moved out on Sweetwater creek, 15 miles northwest of Merkel. He was married Aug. 5, 1892, to the former Cynthia Ellen Phillips, also descendant of a pioneer family, in the Phillips home at Goodman. After living in Abilene a few years, the couple moved to Sweetwater creek and in 1900, to the Shiloh community, where they had lived at the same home since.

Mr. Winter was active in church work and had been a deacon for more than 40 years in the Shiloh church, of which his wife is the only living charter member.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Jennings and Bud Winter, Lamesa; one sister, Mrs. Phoebe Green of Lamesa; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was the last of seven brothers.

Trent Goes Out Strong For Road Meeting

Trent, Mar. 6.—Trent turned out 40 strong for the meeting held at Sylvester Monday night to hear reports on a desired farm-to-market highway between the two towns.

The crowning point of the meeting was a resolution to send a large delegation to Austin to present their highway needs to the next monthly hearing of the state highway commission.

With this objective in mind, Supt. Ben W. Newhouse of the Trent Public schools, who is also president of the Trent Community club, stressed the importance of sending a large delegation to appear before the commission. "Let's be ready to go when County Judge Caffey gets confirmation of the date. It may be on only two days' notice, so let's make a mass trip to Austin."

Robert Scott of Sylvester and J. G. Wilks of Trent, of the right-of-way committees of the two towns, revealed that almost all right-of-way for the desired road had been promised free of charge by land-owners between the two points.

While reports from the district office of the highway department indicated that all federal funds for such roads in the present three-year program have already been allocated all the speakers as a unit favored taking all the preliminary steps as to right-of-way, etc., to get the project on file in a proper way when funds are available.

Among those from Trent attending the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McMurray, Mrs. Ola Lee (Continued on Page Two)

VFW Club Elects to Sponsor Senior Scouts

Merkel Post No. 5638, VFW, elected to sponsor the Senior Scouts by unanimous vote during the last meeting, and they will assist in every way possible to help the senior boys. Committee members are Lester P. Dorton, Horace Boney and David Gamble.

Expressing their desire to help in every way they can to make this a better community, the Veterans welcomed the opportunity to sponsor the Senior Scouts.

CITY TO CARE FOR UPKEEP OF MEMORIAL PARK

The shrubbery in Memorial park, which was practically a total loss last year, due to the hot summer and scarcity of water, will be replaced, using approximately the same type of shrubs, it was announced Tuesday by Riggs Shepperd as spokesman for the park board.

It was hoped to have the shrubbery set out this week, had not the bad spell of weather interfered.

At the request of a delegation from the park board who appeared before the city council Monday night, the city agreed to assume the maintenance of the park. In the group visiting the council were Riggs Shepperd, Lester Dorton, John Mansfield and Frank Breaux.

Farm-to-Market Road Contractors on Job

Beginning of actual construction work on the Noodle-to-Merkel farm-to-market road No. 126 awaits the arrival of equipment, which has been shipped, it was stated early in the week by Jim Carlisle, of Stamford, superintendent for Stone and Falls Construction company of Ada, Okla., but now of Fort Worth, who were awarded the contract of around \$60,000 by the state highway commission.

Contract for the 11.02 mile road provides for flexible base, single asphalt paving, and the job is expected to be completed in about 70 days.

The contractors have brought in a 16x48 barracks from Camp Parley and placed it on the lot just north of the Woodrum Service station, for highway and contractor's office. A crew of about 40 will be employed, with T. H. Brown, of Jayton, formerly with the highway department, as foreman.

Classes to Continue Friday at School

All classes will be held Friday in the Merkel Public schools, it was announced Thursday by Supt. R. A. McCollum.

Classes were held Thursday morning, but because of the very short attendance length of the periods was cut and school was dismissed at 11:45 a. m.

No session was held Monday because of the decreased attendance the last two days of last week due to prevalence of the "flu" but an effort was made to resume Tuesday. As attendance on that day was still further cut, it was decided to dismiss school Wednesday and await a second check-up Thursday.

Youth Center Not to Be Open Saturday

On account of the number of "flu" cases in the city, it was announced at noon Thursday that the Youth Center will not be open Saturday night.

VFW Officers to be Elected Monday Night

Monday night is the time for the annual election of officers of Merkel Post No. 5638, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The meeting will be held at the club house beginning at 7:30 p. m., it is announced by J. Parker Sharp, post commander.

Death Early Thursday Claims J. R. Baze

Funeral arrangements were incomplete at the hour of going to press for J. R. Baze, 80, who died at 2:30 a. m. Thursday at his home following a month's illness.

Garrison Funeral home of Abilene is in charge. Mr. Baze had lived in Taylor county for 31 years. Surviving are a wife, seven children, 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Appreciation Day Plans Discussed at Luncheon

The Merkel Junior Chamber of Commerce held their first luncheon meeting in the Youth Center on Thursday of last week, which was served by the Youth Project committee.

The business meeting was given over largely to discussion of the plan for an Appreciation Day program which is to be sponsored by the organization beginning early in April.

DEATH CLAIMS ANOTHER LONG-TIME RESIDENT

R. L. Newman, 74, Passes Away After Long Illness; Last Rites Held Tuesday from Funeral Home Here.

R. L. Newman, 74, long-time resident of Jones county, died at 2:45 p. m. Monday at his home here in Merkel where he had lived the past five years. His death followed an illness of seven months.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday from the chapel of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home, with Elder B. R. Howze, Primitive Baptist pastor of Big Spring, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery.

Pallbearers were grandsons: Melford McCoy, Melvin McCoy, Gerald McCoy and Dwain Jones, Merkel; Merle Owens, Dallas; Joe Owens, O'Donnell; Clyde Owens, Abilene, and Dick Gilmore, Big Spring.

Flower girls were: Mrs. Floyd Griffith, Kermit, Viola McCoy, San Antonio, and Darlene Gilmore, Big Spring, granddaughters, and Mrs. Lottie Lester and Mrs. Vivian Clark, Abilene, nieces.

Mr. Newman was born Apr. 1, 1872 in Mississippi, moving to Texas in 1908 and settling in Jones county. On Jan. 11, 1909, he was married to Mrs. Viola McCoy and was actively engaged in farming in the Warren community until he retired 10 years ago. He had been a member of the Missionary Baptist church since young manhood.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Willie Jones, of Merkel; two step-sons, Arthur McCoy and Hollis McCoy, both of Merkel; two step-daughters, Mrs. Emma Owens, of Abilene, and Mrs. Ester Gilmore, of Forsan, and eighteen grandchildren. Also surviving are three brothers and one sister, all residing in Mississippi.

Attends Funeral of T. P. Walker in Paris

Mrs. R. A. Walker and daughter, Mrs. Delma Compton, went to Paris last Saturday to attend the funeral of a brother of the late Rev. R. A. Walker, T. P. Walker, which was held at 3 p. m. Sunday. Mr. Walker died at Brenham, where he had for many years been a professor in the Blinn Junior college.

Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Compton accompanied Mrs. Comer Patterson of Lawton to attend the funeral. Also going were Ralph Walker and Miss Velma Walker of Abilene.

This was the second of the Walker brothers to die within a few months, as W. T. Walker died at Amarillo on Dec. 10, last.

Surviving are two brothers and five sisters.

New Machine Shop Open for Business

With equipment capable of doing practically any kind of machine and build-up work, C. A. Redmond, formerly of Abilene, announces the Merkel Machine and Body shop, located in the Garland building, is now ready for business. They are also equipped to repair all makes of cars and tractors, with two experienced mechanics, Gas Glencwink and Gene Benningfield, on duty.

The body and paint shop, in charge of the Chastain brothers, Ollie and Doyle, had been open since the first of the year.

Will Present Program Here Monday Morning

En route on its first tour of West Texas, the Sara Houston State cappella choir, of Huntsville, will present a program of sacred and secular music here, Monday morning, Mar. 10, at 10 o'clock in the Merkel High School auditorium.

The program is to be presented under the auspices of the Junior class. Price of admission will be 15 cents for school children and 20 cents for adults.

Hospital Notes

Foy Steadman underwent an appendectomy at Sadler Clinic Feb. 28. Oscar Johnson was admitted to the hospital Mar. 3 for first aid, minor surgery and treatment. Patients received during the week for treatment were: A. D. McCain, Feb. 28, and Mrs. Frank Carr, Mar. 4. Mrs. W. K. Bonneaux underwent surgery Mar. 4.

DONATIONS TO CEMETERY FUND EXCEED \$1200

Receipts for the 1947 maintenance fund for Rose Hill cemetery had reached \$1,234.00, it was reported on Wednesday by Chairman T. L. Grimes of the Cemetery Maintenance committee.

A fourth list of donors to the fund is printed on page 4 of this issue of The Mail, and still an additional list is waiting to be printed next week.

The following donations from out-of-town are acknowledged: W. J. Ely, Snyder, \$25.00; Bud Sears, Abilene, \$25.00; J. H. Caddell, Dermott, \$5.00; Miss Johnny Sears, Abilene, \$20.00; Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Jones, Bagwell, \$5.00; Mrs. Ruby J. Madderra, Marin City, Calif., \$2.50; Mrs. J. Willie Moore, Cisco, \$1.00; Ray J. Massey, Dallas, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Winter, Lamesa, \$2.00; Mrs. A. C. Terry, Trent, \$5.00.

Members of Two Coops To Meet Here Mar. 14

Notices of the annual meetings of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., and of the Taylor Refrigeration cooperative, Inc., went in the mails Tuesday to members of the two organizations.

Annual meetings of both cooperatives will be held at 1 p. m. Friday, Mar. 14, in the Merkel High School gym.

The order of business for the Electric Coop includes reports of officers, directors and committees, the election of nine directors and any other business that might come before the meeting.

The following members have been nominated for directors by a nominating committee: H. R. Roberts, of Guion; O. S. Moore, Nolan; Sam Butman, Jr., Merkel; Roy Kendrick, Clyde; C. F. Hill, Nugent Route, Abilene; Comer Haynes, Merkel; W. C. Church, Merkel; J. J. Anderson, Trent, and Ford Phillips, Maryneal.

The same order of business will be followed at the meeting of locker plant members, when five directors will be selected. The following members have been nominated by the nominating committee: H. R. Roberts, Guion; W. C. Church, Merkel; Comer Haynes, Merkel; J. J. Anderson, Trent, and Sam Butman, Jr., Merkel.

Additional nominations for directors may be made at the meetings.

Riggs Shepperd is superintendent of both cooperatives.

In addition to the business meeting, it is announced there will be an entertainment program, together with appliance displays, and refreshments will be served.

Lions Club Meeting Deferred This Week

As the first meeting of the Lions club for the new month, scheduled for Tuesday, was deferred until Thursday, the customary report on the club luncheon in The Mail will be carried in the next issue.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, March 11, 1927.)

ANOTHER PIONEER PASSES AWAY.

After an illness of several years but more acute for the past three weeks, E. D. Coats, 67 years, eleven months, sixteen days old, one of the community's earliest settlers, passed away at an early hour Thursday morning, March 10, 1926.

Deceased was born March 24, 1859, was married to Miss Georgia Ann Florence, Dec. 25, 1878, in Dallas county and to this union, six children were born, four of which survive as follows: D. D. Coats, J. T. Coats, Mrs. L. W. Cox, Merkel, and Mrs. M. D. Daniels of Del Rio, Texas, all of whom were present during their father's last illness and death.

On Nov. 2, 1892, his first wife preceded him to the grave and on Aug. 2, 1893, he was united in marriage to Miss Alice Tucker, to whom were born five children. Four with their mother survive as follows: Mrs. M. R. Hall, Mrs. B. F. Clark, John D. Coats, all of Merkel, and Roy Coats of Albany, Texas.

Miss Ona Johnson, in company with Miss Ruth Howard of Abilene,

FOUR IN RACE FOR MAYOR IN CITY ELECTION

Aldermanic Race, (With Two to Be Elected), Also Includes Four; Absentee Voting Begins Mar. 12.

Four candidates had filed for the office of mayor of the City of Merkel and four others had filed as candidates for two aldermanic positions before the filing deadline at 4 p. m. last Saturday for the April 1 city election.

The following names were officially posted by City Secretary W. J. Elliott, listed in the order in which applications and petitions were received:

For Mayor: A. J. Canon, L. L. Murray, W. A. Harris, Lester F. Dorton.

For aldermen (two to be elected): Earl Hughes, Robert Hicks, W. D. Gamble, Marvin B. Higgins.

Of the eight candidates, Dorton, Gamble and Higgins are veterans of World War II.

Outgoing officials are H. C. West, mayor, and S. D. Gamble and H. W. Lemens, aldermen.

Absentee voting will begin Mar. 12.

Funeral Held Sunday For Accident Victim

Funeral services for Margie Euthe Boone, 6, daughter of Mrs. Oliver Freeman, Route 1, Trent, who was fatally injured about 5:30 p. m. Friday when struck by an automobile on Highway 80, four miles west of Trent, were held at 3 p. m. Sunday from the chapel of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Rev. D. S. Neel, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, officiated assisted by Rev. Rufus Kitchens, Trent Methodist pastor. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery.

The accident occurred after the child, her brother and several sisters had got off the school bus and were walking to their home about 100 yards away, according to state highway patrolmen. They reported that Margie was running across the highway when hit by a car driven by Albert Christian Smith of Sweetwater. The child was brought to Sadler Clinic and died shortly after arriving.

Besides her mother, survivors are the step-father, Oliver Freeman, of Trent; four sisters, Mrs. Leonard Woodson of Merkel, Hattie, Alice and Martha Boone, all of Trent; two brothers, Daniel Boone of Merkel and Granville Boone of Trent, and five step-brothers and step-sisters.

Senior Scouts Sponsor Tacky Party, Mar. 7

Friday night, Mar. 7, is the big night for the tacky party, sponsored by the Senior Scouts.

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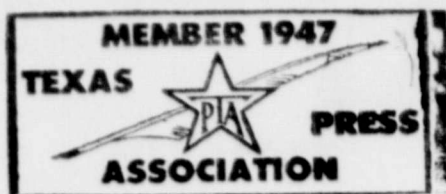
T. O. LACKEY WINS IN FORD MILEAGE CONTEST.

In the Ford mileage gasoline contest held here last Saturday by the Ford Motor Co., Mr. T. O. Lackey won the prize offered in the closed car class. He drove a Ford coupe of the late improved model and made 38.6 miles on one gallon of gasoline. Bob Dennis was second in mileage with a coupe and made 37.3 miles on a gallon of gas.

In the open car class Mr. A. V. Dye, driving a roadster, won first place, making 35.6 miles on one gallon. Mr. M. Densmore took second place, driving a touring car, and made 31.5 miles on a gallon. Other contestants were Z. Johnson, coupe, 34.9; Mrs. R. M. Diltz, coupe, 33.0; H. L. Fewell, touring car, 27.5; C. W. Simpson, roadster, 26.5; Ed Heiler, roadster, 25.6; R. E. Windham, 4 door sedan, 20.2. Messrs. Lackey and Dye will participate in the Abilene contest.

Mrs. S. F. Annis is a convalescent after several weeks illness.

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Road Meeting.

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Winn, Mrs. Reuben Reeves, Miss Maggie Payne; Ben W. Newhouse, J. G. Wilks, Rev. B. L. Higdon, J. B. Winn, W. C. Matthews, J. M. Stowe, Delton Jones, Tom H. Williamson, Harold Brown, L. H. Utley, Luther Little, Dow Williamson, Rev. Rufus Kitchens, John Strawn, Clifford Estep, Joe Lowery, H. A. Purser, A. C. Terry, L. B. Whitaker, Sam Swann, C. W. Edwards, T. G. Hamner, Louie McRoe, Hale McRoe, W. P. Scott, Lesley Beasley, Mr. Graham and possibly several others.

Father of Former Merkel Man Dies

Elmer M. Hester, 69, of Margerum, Ala., father of Clarence Hester, until recently of Merkel and now of Sheffield, Ala., passed away on Sunday, Feb. 16, in the Colbert County hospital, Sheffield, Ala., where he had been for the past two months.

Visiting near Merkel for some time last summer, he made many friends, who learned to know and admire his Christian character.

Other survivors include three sons, two daughters, six grandchildren, one brother and a sister, all residing in the states of Alabama, Arkansas and Michigan.

Box Supper at Butman.

An Ole Fashioned box supper will be held at Butman New Live Oak Baptist church Friday night, Mar. 7, for the benefit of new class rooms and installation of butane gas in the church. The Young People's Sunday School class is sponsor for the occasion, which will present a contest for the prettiest girl and ugliest boy. There will also be games for every one to enjoy. Come one, come all. Every one is invited.

More than half the students in Texas Technological college this spring are veterans. Of 5260 persons who have registered, over 3000 are ex-service men.

Has your subscription expired? Come in and renew at next time you are in town. Special club rate on Pathfinder and several Magazine Offers.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

The siege of "flu" which has so noticeably affected public school attendance also had its effect in Sunday School attendance last Sunday, which dropped to about 500, approximately 60 per cent of normal.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Sunday. A representative of the Gideons will talk at the 11 o'clock hour. Children meet at 6:15 p. m. No evening service. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7 p. m. Wednesday.

D. S. Noel, Pastor.

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 p. m.

Reporter.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. MYF and Juniors meet at 8 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7 p. m. Wednesday.

L. M. Brown, Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Morning sermon at 11:00. Training Union at 6:00. Evening sermon at 7:00.

Prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.

Merle Weathers, Pastor.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD.

Sunday School at 2 p. m. Preaching services at 4 p. m. and 8 p. m. Services every Thursday night.

H. S. Earp, Pastor.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

B. W. Wallis, Pastor.

NAZARENE CHURCH

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

Mrs. J. D. Reedler, Pastor.

NUBIA METHODIST CHURCH

The Nubia Methodist church takes this method of extending regret to each and every illness in the community and wishes for each one a speedy recovery, and may the Spirit of God be with you!

Preaching services: each first and third Sundays, and in alternate Sundays, Sabbath School and singing. Attend these services.

Reporters.

PRIMITIVE BAPTISTS.

The Primitive Baptists assembled a church here at their meeting in January, organizing with 16 members. The meeting place is the school band house (temporarily) and the time, the fourth Sunday each month. Every one is invited and welcome to attend these meetings.

Elder B. R. Howze, Pastor.

Box-Pie Supper at Stith.

There will be a box-pie supper at the Stith school house Mar. 7, sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service. A short program will be given. Every one is invited to come and bring pies or boxes.

Official Highly Praises Grade School

Anthony Hunt, deputy state superintendent of the State Department of Education, paid a high compliment to the local Grammar school when he visited the building Tuesday afternoon of last week.

Mr. Hunt said: "There are evidences that indicate that the Merkel Grammar school is the best organized school that I have visited."

Principal C. A. Farley added: "I think that the teachers of the grade school are doing a fine job, considering our crowded conditions and lack of many adequate educational facilities."

New Arrival.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Miller are parents of a son, named John Lee, born at Hendrick Memorial hospital, Abilene, on Feb. 27. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Miller, and maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hughes, all of Merkel.

Spring semester registration at the University of Texas totals 16,543 students.

MISCELLANEOUS

REPAIR WORK wanted; both carpenter and painting; no job too small; all work appreciated. Lee Ward, Route 1, Merkel.

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Mr. Pannell has resided many years in Merkel, and is widely and favorably known in this region. Recently returned from four years in the A.A.A.F. as Night Engineer Instructor, he has graduated in a comprehensive Home Office course in Life Underwriting in our Company, and has joined our Abilene Agency. He made a high A in both his studies and in his aptitude tests, and is well qualified to serve every individual family, and business insurance need in the Abilene territory.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF MERKEL:

We, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of The United States, who fought for the rights of all free men, believe it is our duty to have an interest in the welfare of our community and the future of our country in democratic freedom. We feel that democracy can never be handed down, but must be born in communities such as our own. Young men, properly schooled in judgment and the ideals of democracy, should be the mainstay of our progress. With these thoughts in mind, we respectfully present the following candidates for your approval and support in the city election April 1, 1947.

- For Mayor: LESTER F. DORTON
- For Alderman: BRYAN HIGGINS
- For Alderman: WM. DAVID GAMBLE

Veterans of Foreign Wars

POST NO. 5683, Merkel, Texas

PLANTING SEED...

Your Martin's Combine Milo, the Harper's Cotton Seed also the Northern Star Cotton Seed are here now and we would very much appreciate it if all that have given us orders or want any of these seed would get them or pay for them as soon as convenient for you to do so, so that we will know just how many we will have yet to sell.

THANKS

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Second: I am against the pool hall (and as you know we have a state law against them.) For the interest of the boys and girls I am against that which will lead them astray. So I appeal to the people who want a cleaner community for your support.

I promise, if you elect me your mayor, these practices will be done away with; with your co-operation we can get the job done. If there ever was a time that we need men to serve in public places that have the courage to stand alone, if needs be, for the principles that will make this a better community, it is now, and on these principles I ask your support.

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Commercial hatcheries in Texas turned out 1,700,000 baby chicks during December. Total 1946 hatch was 47,043,000 chicks.

QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR

Friday - Saturday — Double feature program: Lanny Rees, Tom Neal in "My Dog Shep" and Charles Starrett, Smiley Burnette in "Laud-rush;" Crimson Ghost serial and cartoon.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday — Larry Park, Evelyn Keyes, Bill Goodwin in "The Jolson Story;" cartoon and latest News.

Wednesday - Thursday — George Raft, Sylvia Sydney in "Mr. Ace," 2 reel special "Okay for Sound" and Travel Adventure.

"THE JOLSON STORY" — Filmed in technicolor, Columbia Pictures' "The Jolson Story," with Larry Parks, Evelyn Keyes, William Demarest and Bill Goodwin, is the long-awaited extravaganza based on the music, the magic and the times of America's greatest entertainer.

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Dallas Symphony to Give Concert at ACC

The Dallas Symphony orchestra, under the direction of Antal Dorati, will present a concert at 8:15 p. m., Mar. 7, in Sewell auditorium on the Campus of Abilene Christian college.

Tickets for the concert, priced from \$1.80 to \$3.00, may be secured from the office of the bursar of Abilene Christian college. All seats are reserved.

Program for the performance by the 80-piece group has been set as the Brahms Symphony No. 1, Tchaikovsky's Romeo and Juliet Overture, and Daphnis and Chloe, by Ravel.

The concert will be the first performance by the Dallas Symphony orchestra in the West Texas area.

Guyn Pannell Joins Ralph Coats Agency

Guyn Pannell, a resident of Merkel for many years and graduate of the local high school, has been named special representative of the Republic National Life Insurance company of Dallas and has become associated with the Ralph B. Coats agency of that company in Abilene, serving a

large area of West Texas. He served four years in World War II as an AAAF flight engineer instructor, and upon his return to civilian life enrolled for special courses in life underwriting under direct supervision of the home office of Republic National Life, and made top grades in both his study courses and his aptitude tests.

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Through the years, kites also have been used for meteorological and military purposes. Carrying small cameras to great heights, kites have been flown over forts to obtain "bird's eye" view photos of enemy installations. In 1894, Captain B. F. Baden-Powell of the Scots Guards constructed a series of kites fastened together, with which he lifted a man 100 feet! And in 1905, the Prussian aeronautical observatory flew a kite which attained a height of four miles!

It is not known when or where kite flying was first introduced in America, but the sport has become widespread. The kite-flying season is here again. Youngsters who want to enjoy the sport in safety, should carefully adopt the four good rules urged by Reddy Kilowatt.

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Burleson Speaks in Behalf of HR 2143

Washington, Mar. 6.—Congressman Omar Burleson of Texas made his second address to the 80th Congress Feb. 26, speaking in support of his bill (HR 2143) which was introduced on Feb. 21, to amend the Articles of War and the Articles for the Government of the Navy. His bill provides for the services of enlisted men on court martial boards, whereas at present only officers are eligible. He says that the antiquated court martial system (still existent) should be revised to "at least give the boy in service, who may be charged with an offense, the same chance to defend himself as is given the common criminal in our civil courts."

The measure affords certain fundamental legal rights, such as the presumption of innocence until guilt is established; the reasonable doubt theory of law and the taking of confessions, and other basic principles which, Congressman Burleson says "are not adequately recognized in military court martial procedures."

In his address to the house, Mr. Burleson said, "I believe the changes proposed in HR 2143 will correct some of the present gross inequities and I hope I may have your support in the passage of this bill."

Additional List of Donors to Cemetery Maintenance Fund

When the list of donors to the maintenance fund for Rose Hill cemetery was printed in The Mail last week, it was stated that the remaining list of names to be printed carried fully that many more names. Families with loved ones buried there are responding so generously, many from out-of-town, that besides the following list of donors — fourth group to be published in The Mail—probably that many more still remain for a later list:

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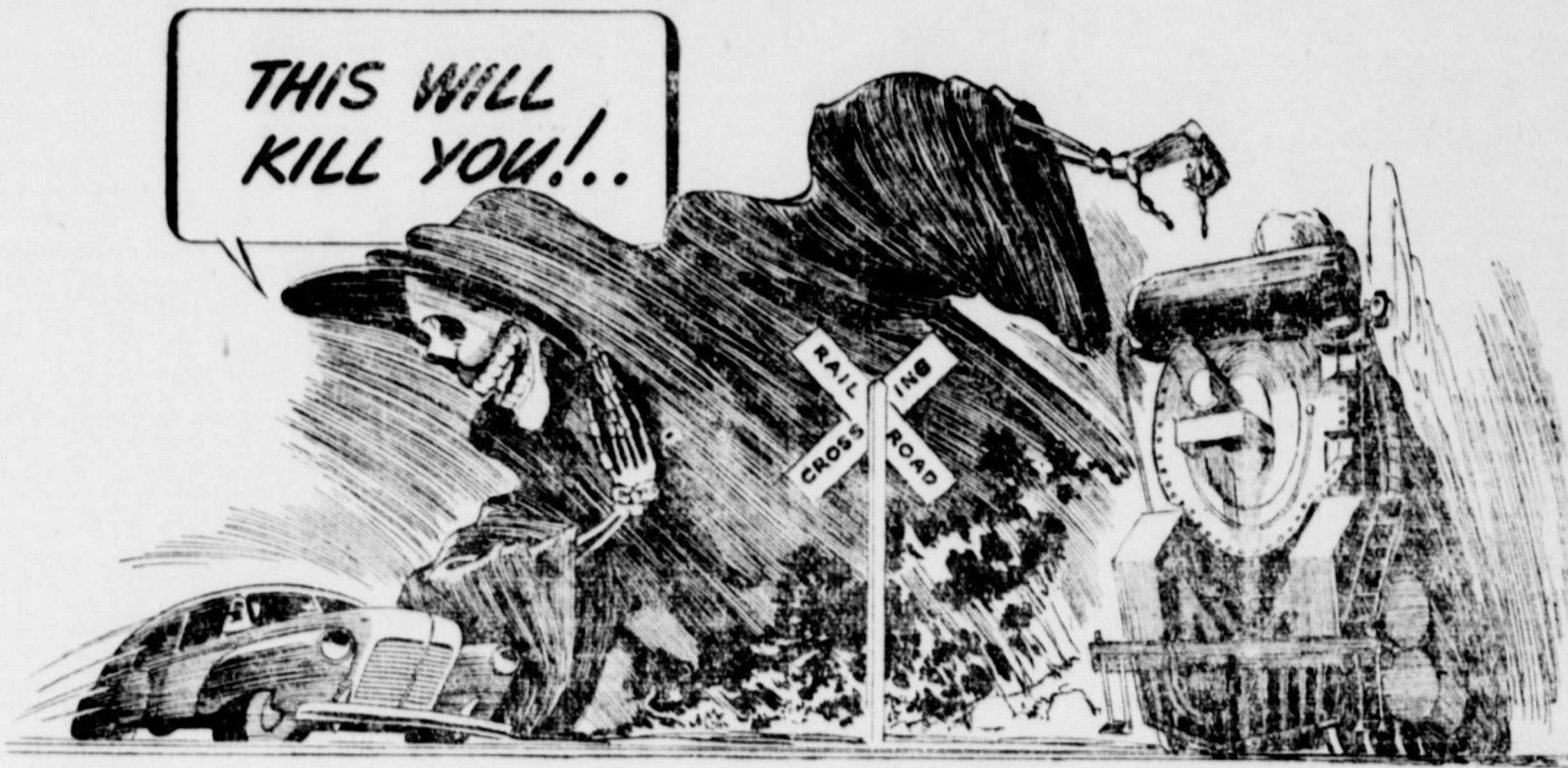
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FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB
"Future of the British Empire" was the program theme for the Fortnightly Study club when it met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Carroll Benson.

After the business session, Mrs. Griff Barnett gave a biography of Princess Elizabeth, and Mrs. Riggs Shepperd spoke about "The Future of the Possessions of the British Empire."

The following members were present: Mesdames Paul West, Wrenn Durham, Will Sloman, Henry West, S. D. Gamble, Elma McFarland, David Gamble, Weston West, Griff Barnett, Johnny Cox, Riggs Shepperd, W. T. Sadler, Edwin Read, Chester Collinsworth, Comer Haynes and Carroll Benson and Miss Christine Collins.

KING'S DAUGHTERS SOCIAL
The King's Daughters class of the Methodist church met in the hospitable home of Mrs. T. G. Bragg in their monthly social. Mrs. Bragg was assisted by her sister, Mrs. E. M. McDonald.

The meeting was in charge of the president, Mrs. C. K. Russell. Scripture reading was given by Mrs. Gertrude Pee and prayer was led by Mrs. George West. A theme of St. Patrick's Day was carried out. Mrs. Leroy Brown rendered a beautiful Irish song. A lovely plate of salad, cake, olives and spiced tea was served to the following class members: Mesdames J. M. Dry, M. Armstrong, J. M. Collins, L. A. Watts, Gertrude Pee, Tom Coats, C. K. Russell. Visitors were Mrs. Nancy Terrill of Xenia, Ohio, George West, J. T. Warren, Leroy Brown, Dee Grimes and E. M. McDonald.

GLEANER CLASS
The Gleaner Sunday School class of the Methodist church met Wednesday afternoon, in the home of Mrs. W. C. Church, with Mrs. Herbert Patterson, Mrs. Eli Case and Mrs. Roy Baccus as co-hostesses.

Mrs. Tom Largent gave an inspiring devotional, followed by prayer by Miss Lottie Butman. It was decided for the church to send a box to Japan each week through March. Mrs. Will Sloman gave a helpful talk on "The Life of David."

A dainty plate of open face sandwiches, cookies, ice cream and coffee was passed to Mesdames C. B. Gardner, Ross Ferrier, Sallie Moore, Carl Baccus, Jack Miller, Dee Grimes, John Shannon, Robert Hicks, W. S. J. Brown, Lue Petty, Tom Largent, Miss Lottie Butman and the hostesses.

MERKEL HD CLUB
The Merkel Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon of last week in the home of Mrs. Harry Barnett, with Mrs. Don Riney, the president, presiding. Mrs. Carl Wiechman gave the council report.

Mrs. W. J. Derstine was elected secretary to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Eldon Reeves, who resigned. Miss Myra Tankersley, county home demonstration agent, presented a discussion on "Buying Hosiery and Underwear." Mrs. Derstine conducted a ten-minute recreation period.

Refreshments were served to three visitors, Miss Tankersley, Mrs. E. L.

Miller and Mrs. Ray Holmes, and the following club members: Mesdames Den Riney, J. Ben Campbell, W. A. Harris, Carl Wiechman, Stella Cutler, W. C. Lee, J. O. Castles, S. G. Russell, Jr., W. J. Derstine, J. W. Bryan, Roy H. Mathews, Bob McDonald, Irl Walker, Mack Tucker, Miss Lottie Butman and the hostess.

EASTERN STAR
Regular meeting of Merkel Chapter No. 212, Order of the Eastern Star, was held Tuesday evening, Feb. 25, at the Masonic hall, with Mrs. Bill Dunagin, presiding.

Following the usual routine of business several good talks were made by members as well as from the visitors from the Anson chapter. The chapter was indeed glad to have these visitors.

A very profitable evening was spent by all present and it was pleasing to have so many officers in their places.

Mrs. Ralph Tarpley and Mrs. Ross Pratt served a delicious refreshment plate to the following: Mesdames Walter Cook, Jimmy Cooley, Gere McCoy and Mason Barker from the Anson chapter. Members present were Messrs. and Mesdames Bill Dunagin and J. B. Griffin; Mesdames G. M. Sharp, Craig Humphreys, Bryan Dunagin, Melvin Loader, D. S. Neel, C. E. Rust, Wade Ensminger, H. R. McKeever, C. W. Seago, H. C. Reid, Howard Carson, C. O. Harris, W. L. Johnson and Roy Miller.

SEWING CLUB
The Sewing club met Feb. 26 in the home of Mrs. George T. Moore. Those enjoying the afternoon were Mesdames H. W. Lemens, Giffin Barnett, W. J. Skiles, Mason Gamble, Earle Watts, Royce Eiland, Riggs Shepperd, Horace Boney, Doyle Seffried, W. L. Harkrider and David Gamble.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Nolan Palmer on Mar. 13.

WCS MEETS
The Women's Society of Christian Service met in the Methodist church on Mar. 3 at 3 p. m. The business session was conducted by Mrs. Vernon Hudson.

An unusually interesting program was brought out at this meeting. Af-

ter reading the first verse from the Bible Mrs. Ray Wilson started the society's study which is on "Christianity and Race." Following an enjoyable discussion the meeting was closed with a song and a Scripture reading.

The next lesson of this study will be given Mar. 10 in the church.

RURAL SOCIETY

BRIDAL SHOWER

Mrs. Lewis Farmer, nee Faye Armstrong, was honored with a bridal shower on Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 2 until 4 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Frank Brnovak. Mrs. F. E. Healer directed the social hour. After the many nice gifts were viewed the hostesses served ice cream, cake and heart-shaped cookies to Mesdames J. O. Armstrong, Allen K. King, Sam Butman, W. M. Whisenant, Artist Cook, J. B. Whisenant, John Coomer, Frank Demers, Walter Hunter, Don Castleberry, R. D. Bigbee, Leon Bigbee, Julius Smith, Bill Wallace, A. D. Barnes, Wade Ensminger, Frank Brnovak, Columbus Riggan, F. E. Healer, Arlon Farmer and Adrian Farmer.

Children present were Darlene and Annette Bigbee, Alethea Dale Scott, James Edward Healer, Beth Ann Damm, Shirley Farmer and Ted Weston.

GOLAN CLUB

The Golan Home Demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. I. D. Vancil on Wednesday, Feb. 19. "Foundation Shrubs" were discussed. A shag rug was demonstrated by Mrs. P. D. Skidmore and crochet pieces were shown by Mrs. V. P. Byron and Mrs. I. D. Vancil.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames J. C. Jeffrey, B. R. Vancil, P. D. Skidmore, V. P. Byron and the

hostess, Mrs. I. D. Vancil. The next meeting will be Mar. 7, in the home of Mrs. B. R. Vancil. Mrs. Cecil Stevens and Mrs. Woodrow Lawlis are to bring a demonstration on "Recreation in the Home."

UNION RIDGE CLUB

The Union Ridge club met in the home of Mrs. Weldon McAninch on Feb. 21, with Mrs. O. E. Harwell presiding. Mrs. J. H. Clark gave the council report.

"Planning the Use of Your Time," "Food From South of the Border" and "The Gracious Hostess" were discussed by the members.

Refreshments were served to one visitor, Mrs. A. J. Cannon, and the following members: Mesdames Kenneth Pee, M. L. Douglas, J. H. Clark, George Crow, O. E. Harwell, Weldon McAninch and Clyde Newton and Miss Mabel McRee.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. O. E. Harwell on Mar. 7. Each member is asked to bring an old hat for a hat sale.

D. S. Neel Invited to Serve as Moderator

Rev. D. S. Neel, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, has been invited by Dr. E. B. Surface, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, Abilene, to serve as moderator for the congressional meeting to be held at that church Sunday at 11 a. m. to call a pastor, to succeed Dr. Surface, who has resigned after a long and useful pastorate.

As previously announced, the Gideons will hold the morning service at the local Presbyterian church Sunday.

Scouts Express Thanks For Help Received

The Boy Scouts and Senior Scouts of Merkel wish to thank the following individuals for extending special help in getting the Scout Hut ready to use: Frank Breaux, B. W. Merritt, Jay Greenfield and Clyde Bart-

lett. Frank Breaux and B. W. Merritt installed the gas system; Jay Greenfield installed the lights, and Clyde Bartlett donated five gallons of paint.

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