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MILITARY RITES TO BE HELD FOR HAROLD POWERS

Services for Douglas Harold Powers, 19, pharmacist's mate second class, U. S. Navy, who was killed Feb. 24, 1945, in action in the service of his country at Iwo Jima, will be held at 3 p. m. Sunday from the First Baptist church, with the pastor, Rev. E. M. Weathers, officiating. Burial will follow in Rose Hill cemetery, under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

The body of the Merkel boy, son of Mrs. O. N. Brewer, of Trent, was brought from the Pacific aboard the U. S. Army Transport Walter Schwenk, landing in San Francisco, Calif., on Mar. 22, and will arrive here on the T. and P. westbound Sunshine Special at 8:09 p. m. Friday, for re-burial at home with full military rites in charge of Merkel Post 5685, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Records Reveal School Lunchroom Inadequate

A recent survey of the official school records reveals that during the past five years about 45,000 pupil hours have been lost from regular classroom work because of the extremely small size of the Merkel lunch room.

The lunchroom will seat only about 60 pupils at one time, making it necessary to feed the pupils in four shifts. Grades 1-3 must eat at 11:00 each day, grades 4-5 at 11:20, grades 6-8 at 11:45 and the high school at 12:15. This staggered lunch period is responsible for the loss of about 9,000 pupil hours from classroom work.

In addition to the loss of time from the classrooms, there is a lot of inconvenience in waiting in a line in all kinds of weather. Pupils often have to stand out in a sandstorm, rain and snow, waiting to get into the lunchroom.

According to the recommendations of the State Department of Education, the local dining room should have 3,000 square feet of floor space for the 300 pupils eating daily. The present building has only 450 square feet of floor space, only about one-seventh as much as needed.

The kitchen has only 50 square feet of floor space for working room as compared to the 500 square feet recommended by the State Department of Education. It is pointed out by local school officials that it is very difficult for three women to get around in 50 square feet of space, prepare lunch for 300 pupils and serve it through a narrow door.

In spite of these and other difficulties, good wholesome lunches have been served for only 15 cents during the present school year, whereas most of the other schools in this area have been charging 20 and 25 cents for some time.

Bluebonnet HD Club Plans Political Rally

Every one is invited to the political rally at the Butman tabernacle on Friday night, Apr. 16. Sponsored by the Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club, the purpose of the rally is to raise funds for council.

Other than the candidate speaking, there will be a gay one-act play, "Petticoat Politics."

Construction Starts on Robert Hicks Home

Work of pouring foundations has been started on the new home of Robert Hicks, to be constructed of Austin stone, on the southeast corner of South 4th and Oak streets.

The structure will contain six rooms and two baths, with a double garage attached, ranch style. J. L. White is building contractor.

V. F. W. Auxiliary To Meet April 20

The V. F. W. auxiliary will meet Apr. 20 at 7:30 p. m. at the club house. All members are urged to be present. As Mrs. Pat Byrd, president of the Abilene auxiliary, will be there to give instructions.

DEATH CLAIMS RETIRED STOCK FARMER AT 89

Joe Holmes, West Texan for 40 Years, Passes Away; Had Belonged to Masonic Lodge for Almost 50 Years.

Joe Holmes, 89, retired stock farmer and a West Texas resident for more than 40 years, died Sunday morning at 4 o'clock at his home here following a 10-day illness.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Monday from the Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. R. L. Butler, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery by the side of his wife, who died May 7, 1908, under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Gravestone services were in charge of the Masonic Lodge. Had he lived until May 14, he was to have received a 50 year button award from the Grand Lodge of Texas for continuous membership in one lodge for 50 years.

Palbearers were John E. Walker, Dee Grimes, E. O. Carson, Kenneth Pee, H. G. Smith and Andy Shouse. All the friends of the family were named as honorary pallbearers.

Mr. Holmes was born Feb. 6, 1859, at Juno, Tenn., and came to Texas, as a young man in 1882, settling at Fulbright in Red River county. He was married there to Margaret Elizabeth Lindsay on Dec. 15, 1895, and the Holmes family moved to Merkel in 1906. He retired from stock farming about five years ago.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Florence Berry, of Merkel; two sons, Roy L. Holmes of Phillips and Joe C. Holmes, of Tucson, Ariz.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The grandchildren are: Mrs. E. L. Miller, Slaton, Roy Jack Holmes, student at Texas Technological college, Lubbock, Bonita Holmes of Phillips, and Reba and Donald Holmes, of Tucson; the great-grandchild is Nancy Berry Miller of Slaton.

Mr. Holmes was the last surviving member of a family of ten children.

Among those from out-of-town here for the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Killen, Tucson, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Castle E. Ellis and Glenn, Mrs. Kate Jones, of Comanche; Mr. and Mrs. Will Tucker, Mrs. Mack Glover, Bogata; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wilson and Margaret, Hamlin; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fugate, Notre-Dame; J. J. Russell, Jr., Wichita Falls; Misses Maxie Banner, Ruth and Dixie Howard and Mamie Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Bland, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bland and Owen Ellis, all of Abilene.

Rites Held Wednesday For Mrs. M. R. Holt

Mrs. M. R. Holt, 74, former resident of Merkel, died at 12:35 p. m. Tuesday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. L. B. Vantrees, in Abilene, following an illness of several years.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Wednesday from the First Baptist church here, with the pastor, Rev. E. M. Weathers, officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery beside the grave of her husband, who died in 1941. Elliott's Funeral home in Abilene was in charge.

Six grandsons, Howard, Mack and Horace Holt, L. V. Vantrees, Jr., Beauford Buntin and L. D. Bishop, served as pallbearers.

Mrs. Holt was born Havana Ophelia Shuptrine, Oct. 15, 1874, in Hays county. She was married there, May 14, 1895. The family moved to Merkel in 1935 and after her husband's death Mrs. Holt moved to Abilene. She was a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Vantrees, Mrs. J. W. Young, of Bernie, and Mrs. L. W. Self of Houston; three sons, Albert Holt of Trent, Henry Holt of Merkel and H. M. Holt of Sweetwater; one sister, Mrs. George Harrison of Kennard; two brothers, George and Charlie Shuptrine, both of Alto, and 18 grandchildren.

Merkel Couple's Son Reported Seriously Ill

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. George F. Smith that their son, Seaman I-C Edmund L. Smith, U. S. Navy, stationed at Guam, continues in very serious condition.

He underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis on Mar. 22 but still was no better and had undergone a second operation at the time of their last news from him.

CITY ASKS BIDS FOR WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENTS

In this week's issue of The Mail appears the notice to bidders from the City of Merkel for the project of improving and extending the waterworks system, bonds for which were voted in a special election in December for the sum of \$80,000.

Proposals are asked for construction of clear well, filters, pump station, water softener, sludge beds, drainline, 5 new wells, 5 pump houses, pipe line from new wells to storage, water line extensions, labor, equipment and materials, etc., estimate cost of the project being \$83,000, as submitted by the French Engineering company. Bids are to be opened at 2 p. m., May 7.

All members of the city council were present for the called meeting held Monday night at the city hall, when Mayor A. J. Canon was authorized to advertise for bids. Also present were the three aldermen elect, Lendon A. Coats, J. L. White and B. T. Sublett, by invitation of the mayor, and old board, City Engineer W. A. French submitted his plans, blueprints, etc., for the proposed waterworks improvements, which were the basis for the advertisement for bids. Attending the meeting in an official capacity was J. Bryan Bradbury, of Abilene, who was employed Mar. 25 as city attorney of Merkel.

Returns of the city election held Apr. 6 were canvassed and the three candidates receiving the highest vote as previously reported in these columns, B. T. Sublett, J. L. White and Lendon A. Coats, were declared elected. They are to take their oath of office at the next meeting to be held Monday night, Apr. 19.

New Officers Merkel VFW Post Installed

New officers were installed by Merkel Post 5683, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at their regular meeting held Thursday night of last week. They are:

R. D. Ely, commander; Lester Dorton, senior vice-commander; L. A. Dudley, junior vice-commander; Vincent Barnett, quartermaster; H. R. Chaney, Jr., post advocate; Marvin Perkins, post surgeon; William R. Cypert, chaplain; trustees, Geo. T. Moore, 3-year term; N. C. Halbert, 2-year term, and Horace Boney, 1-year term.

H. P. Crimm, who had been re-elected as post commander, resigned because his business keeps him out of town during the week, and the senior and junior vice-commanders previously elected, were advanced to the next rank in each case. L. A. Dudley having been elected junior vice-commander, William R. Cypert was elected chaplain to take the place of J. Parker Sharp, who had resigned this position.

Members of Farmers Coop Gin to Meet

Notice of the annual membership meeting of the Farmers Cooperative Society No. 1, signed by the president, Comer Haynes, and the secretary, Jarrett Pinckley, was placed in the mails the first part of the week.

The meeting is to be held at the gin office in Merkel, Saturday afternoon, Apr. 17, at 2:30.

The annual report will be read and discussed, directors elected and any other business of importance transacted.

Dividend checks will be handed out at the close of this meeting.

Trent P-TA Banquet Scheduled for Apr. 27

Trent, Apr. 15.—The Trent Parent-Teacher association is having their banquet Tuesday, Apr. 27. All members are requested to come and enjoy the program and good eats.

Tickets will be on sale at Mrs. Hale's, Hank Brown's and several of the business places in Trent. No tickets will be available after the 24th. "Get yours early," Mrs. Zed Bright, president of the association, urges. "It's your school, your community and your banquet, let's go," she said. The public is invited.

Bill Teaffs Announce Open House Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Teaff announce open house Sunday, Apr. 18, at their new home northeast of Merkel. The interested public is invited to call between 2:30 and 5 p. m.

SERVICES HELD SUNDAY FOR T. C. JINKENS, 68

Well Known Trucking Contractor and Resident of West Texas Almost All His Life Succumbs To Six Weeks' Illness.

T. C. Jinkens, 68, well known trucking contractor and resident of this section practically all his life, died at 2:20 a. m. Saturday at the Sadler Clinic-Hospital after an illness of six weeks.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Sunday from the Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. R. L. Butler, officiating, assisted by Rev. L. B. Smallwood, retired Methodist minister of Sweetwater.

Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery by the side of his wife, who died Sept. 24, 1937, under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Pallbearers were John Shannon, Homer Patterson, Leon Scott, A. D. Fulton, Cramer Reynolds and C. K. Russell.

Thomas Coleman Jinkens was born June 25, 1879, in Ellis county and came to the Divide as a small child with his parents. He was married Mar. 16, 1899, to Mattie Bryson of Dora. He ranched for a number of years in the Divide community and later farmed in the Noodle community. He had lived in and around Merkel since 1920, engaging in trucking contracting.

He joined the Methodist church as a young man.

Surviving him are two sons, Lloyd and T. C. Jinkens, Jr., both of Fort Worth; four daughters, Mrs. W. A. Steele, Sweetwater, Mrs. Ted Bicknell, Seagraves; Mrs. Ruby McQuire, Fort Worth and Mrs. Troy Sloan, Merkel; 15 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. J. O. Steele, Sweetwater, Mrs. John Bryson, Brownfield, Mrs. Pearl McCoy, Abilene, and Mrs. Ford Wegenhoff, Columbus, and two brothers, Fred and Claude Jinkens, of Merkel.

John Mansfield Named Merkel Fire Chief

John Mansfield was re-elected chief of the Merkel Volunteer Fire department at the annual meeting of the fireboys held Monday night at the fire station. Ollie Berry was re-elected secretary, and Rev. A. T. Suskey, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, was re-elected chaplain.

Clyde Wurst was chosen assistant chief. Other officers elected were: Lester Dorton, president; Rhet Eidsen, Jr., vice-president; Jasper Howard, sergeant-at-arms; Rex Martin, foreman, hose company No. 1; Ollie Fox, foreman, hose company No. 2; Chester McWilliams, chemical foreman, and McWilliams and Jim Ve-Aninch, hose police.

Named as delegates to the State Firemen's convention to be held in San Antonio June 9-11 were Clyde Wurst and Rhet Eidsen, Jr., with Jasper Howard and Ollie Fox as alternates. Chief Mansfield goes as delegate-at-large from the organization.

Lester Dorton was elected a member of the Relief and Pension board for a three-year term. Holdover members of the board are: Ollie Fox, one year, and Clyde Wurst, two years.

F&M Bank Deposits Total \$2,860,092.61

Deposits of \$2,860,092.61 were reported by the Farmers and Merchants National bank at the close of business Apr. 12, in response to call for condition of national banks by the comptroller of the currency.

Loans of that date were \$384,626.46, and total assets, \$2,993,253.31. Deposits on Dec. 31, 1947, were \$3,005,236.10; loans, \$338,288.26, and total assets, \$3,133,544.94.

Merkel HD Club Plans Rally and Fun Night

The Merkel Home Demonstration club is sponsoring a political rally and fun night for every one on Monday, Apr. 26, at the Community Center, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Archie Jefferies and his Butane boys will furnish entertainment during the evening. A bubble blowing contest will be sponsored for children. A country store will be inside with anything you want to eat, wear, etc. All are invited to come and enjoy the evening. Admission, 10 and 25 cents.

LOCATION MADE FOR TEST ON GIN PROPERTY

Location on the northeast corner of the gin property has been made for the test to be drilled by West Central Drilling company, under terms of the oil lease secured by Tom Largent and the drilling company for the 20 acres plus embraced in the two tracts, unitized, just west of Rose Hill cemetery, owned by the Merkel Cemetery association and the Farmers Cooperative Society No. 1, respectively.

Following new Dethan sand production discovery in the Geochemical Surveys and Twin Oil Co., No. 1 T. J. Bird, one mile east of town, which the railroad commission gauged at 228 barrels in six hours, leasing of town lots and home sites got underway and has continued with increasing momentum until there are probably 300 or more leases of individual pieces of property inside the city limits.

On Apr. 5, railroad commission gauge of 112 barrels in 16 hours was filed on the S. C. Herring No. 1 H. W. Hester, southeast extension of the Patterson pool.

Badger Nine Tackle Rotan Here Friday

The Merkel High School baseball team opened its home conference campaign last Friday afternoon by dropping a long drawn-out 21 to 18 decision to the Roscoe Plowboys.

The local diamond crew led by a 3-1 count for the first three innings, but the visitors exploded with a nine-run barrage in the fourth and kept the lead until the seventh frame, when the Badgers chased across 5 tallies and led by a score of 16-15. The Plowboys mustered 6 more runs in the last two innings to 2 for the Purple and Gold.

James Shuler, Plowboy hurler, gave up 12 hits and struck out 13 Merkel batsmen. Jimmy Floyd chunked for Merkel until the last inning when Robert Sledge took over. Floyd gave up 14 hits and got credit for 8 strikeouts.

Don Dudley and Roger Bailey led the hitting department with 3 safe blows each.

The Badgers will take on the Rotan Yellowhammers here Friday afternoon at 3:00. Next Tuesday will be an open date. The next home game after Friday will be on Apr. 27, with Ansen furnishing the opposition.

Former Merkel Girl to Join Husband in Japan

Mrs. Jarold A. Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Peterson, left Tuesday for Seattle, Wash., from where she was to ship for Japan, to join her husband, T-Sgt. Johnson, who has been overseas about 2 months.

Her brother, Stanley Peterson, will drive through with her to Seattle, as she is taking her car with her to Japan.

Until about a month ago, she had been employed at the Red Cross office in Abilene.

MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO

(From Files of The Merkel Mail, April 6, 1928.)

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

A surprise birthday party was given for Mr. Will F. Patterson at his country home three miles north of the city on last Saturday night, Mar. 31st. Mr. Patterson was detained by friends in Merkel until the home was beautifully arranged.

When he arrived home he was greeted by about 35 relatives and friends who had gathered to celebrate his birthday. Games of "42" and pitch were played until a late hour when a two-course luncheon consisting of sandwiches, potato chips and iced tea, ice cream and angel food cake was served. Mr. Patterson received many beautiful and useful gifts.

Mrs. Daugherty, the hostess, was assisted by her sister, Mrs. C. R. Armstrong, of Abilene, and Miss Opal Patterson. The guests present were: Messrs. and Mesdames A. B. Patterson, J. A. Patterson, O. B. Boden, Bob Conder, F. A. Polley, Tom Coats, Homer Patterson, Emmett Patterson, Floyd Hutcheson, Dr. Gambill, Andy Brown, Mrs. Herbert Patterson and Mrs. and Mrs. C. R. Armstrong of Abilene, Messrs. John Sears, Marlow Douglas, S. E. Gilmore, Lester Patterson and the hostesses, Mrs.

OVER 1200 HERE FOR MEETINGS TWO AREA COOPS

Officers and Directors of Both Electric and Refrigeration Cooperatives Re-Elected; Over 2700 Rural Homes Served.

All officers and directors of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc., and the Taylor Refrigeration Cooperative, Inc., were re-elected at annual meetings of members of the two organizations held in the school gym here Friday of last week, with an estimated attendance of 1,200.

Officers of the Electric coop are: H. R. Roberts, Guion, president; Roy Kendrick, Clyde, vice-president; Roy C. Church, Merkel, secretary-treasurer; directors, J. J. Anderson, Trent, C. F. Hill, Nugent route, Abilene, O. S. Moore, Nolan, Ford Phillips, Maryneal, and Sam Butman, Jr., and Comer Haynes, Merkel.

Officers of the other coop are: H. R. Roberts, president; Comer Haynes, vice-president; W. C. Church, secretary-treasurer; directors, J. J. Anderson, Sam Butman, Jr., Riggs Sheppard is superintendent of both cooperatives.

In revising figures in the annual report for 1947, President Roberts reported that the Taylor Electric Cooperative now had 1,130 miles of energized lines and 2,715 rural homes as consumers. "We still have 650 applications waiting, which we hope to reach as rapidly as material and labor are available," he said.

Report of W. C. Church, treasurer, showed income last fiscal year was \$116,062 on operation, with \$388 on other revenue. Total assets are \$1,034,000.83, against federal advancements of \$954,321.81. Expenses were: cost of power, \$20,293; other operating expense, \$41,646; taxes, \$1,983; interest on long-time credit, \$15,635; depreciation and amortization \$17,430.19.

A total of 250 miles were built this year. Supt. Riggs Sheppard announced, in reviewing construction progress. Another 69 miles, serving about 100 consumers, is to be energized in the Blackwell area about May 1. A sub-station, sixth in the system, is to be erected also in the Blackwell territory, he said.

The plant of the Taylor Refrigeration coop was erected at a cost of \$34,226, and began operation in November, 1944. President Roberts reported, on a loan running 10 years. This coop has 116 members and 360 lockers, practically all rented.

A musical program from Harlin-Simmons university delighted the crowd, and light refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program.

Record of Births

Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Rogers, Thursday, April 8, 1948.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Farmer, Saturday, April 10, 1948.
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. James Carey, Saturday, April 10, 1948.
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holmes, Sunday, April 11, 1948.

A. M. Daugherty and Miss Opal Patterson.

A SURPRISE DINNER.
Mr. Will Eoff was complimented with a birthday dinner Sunday at his home near Noodle. Much to the surprise of Mr. and Mrs. Eoff, their children began to arrive about the noon hour with well filled baskets of good things to eat. Dinner was spread on a long table in the yard with a birthday cake with its 71 blue candles in the center. It was baked by Mrs. Clarence Eoff. Those enjoying this dinner were Elder and Mrs. Cypert of Merkel, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harkins and two children of Roscoe, Mrs. Clarence Eoff, Mr. and Mrs. Will Eoff, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eoff, Mr. and Mrs. Naylor Eoff and Mr. and Mrs. Odell Eoff and little daughter, also a sister of Mr. Will Eoff, Mrs. Morgan.

After many years of faithful and efficient service with the Southwestern Bell Telephone company as manager in this city, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Partridge announce their resignation with this company to take effect at the end of this week. Their many friends regret their action.

RURAL SOCIETY

BLUEBONNET CLUB

The Bluebonnet Home Demonstration club met Tuesday, Apr. 6, in the club house with the president, Mrs. E. J. Patterson, presiding. The group read the Woman's Collect and sang two songs.

The secretary, Mrs. A. L. Farmer, read the minutes of the last meeting. Mrs. Joe Swinney told about the THDA pins. These are for club members to wear. She also quoted the prices. They have to be ordered from San Angelo.

Mrs. Ford Butman gave the council report.

Miss Myra Tankersley, the home demonstration agent, brought her program on underpinning and some planning and foundations. She then brought blueprints on floor planning.

Two new members were welcomed into the club, Mrs. Pat Traummel and Mrs. T. K. Whitesides.

After adjournment refreshments were served to 12 club members, and Miss Tankersley.

GOODMAN CLUB

The Goodman Home Demonstration club met Apr. 8 in the home of Mrs. Shaffer, with 15 members and 2 visitors present.

With Mrs. H. H. Windham, the president, presiding, a short business session was held. Games were played, led by Mrs. Karl Bonneaux. An interesting debate on "Winter and Summer" was carried on by the Goodman debaters.

A delicious plate of punch and cake was served.

The club will meet with Mrs. Dan Butler on Apr. 23. Every one is asked to come. The Golan club will bring a demonstration on "Pressing." Club pals will be revealed and new ones drawn. Each one is to bring her club pal a gift.

THANK YOU.

We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors, who have been so thoughtful and kind in the illness and death of our beloved father. We also wish to show our appreciation to the doctors and nurses of Sadler Clinic-Hospital, who were so faithful, and for the beautiful floral offering.

The T. C. Jinkens Family.

See our special deal on mattresses Barrow - Shepard Company.

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Summer is Here
COOL OFF
At Our Fountain

Tall Cold
Frosty Drinks

Air-Conditioned
Building

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Flash Lights
Flash Light Batteries
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Plastic Tinker Toys
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"The Car Owners
Since 1914"
Merkel, Texas

Rites Held Here for George M. Crow, Jr.

Funeral services for George M. Crow, Jr., 40, former Merkel resident, who died at 1 a. m. last Thursday in a Lubbock hospital after suffering a heart attack at 6 p. m. Wednesday, were held at 2 p. m. Friday from the Methodist church here, with the pastor, Rev. R. L. Betler officiating, assisted by Rev. D. D. Denison of Crowell, former pastor here. Burial was in Rose Hill cemetery, under direction of the Barrow-Sheppard Funeral home.

Six nephews, Laverne Moore, C. W. McCall, Joe Dillon, W. B. Toombs, Stanley Toombs and J. R. Lassiter, served as pallbearers.

Flower girls were Mesdames J. L. Meek, Frank Carter, James D. Denison, Stanley Toombs, Willie B. Toombs and Vernell Crow.

Brief funeral services were held at the Overton Methodist church in Lubbock at 3 p. m. Thursday, after which the body was brought here in a funeral car of the Plains Funeral home.

Mr. Crow was born at Oenaville, Bell county, on Aug. 25, 1907, but had lived in Merkel almost all his life, moving to Lubbock less than two years ago.

Survivors are his wife, the former Opal Dillon of Lubbock; three children, Ray, Mary Jean and Johnny, all of Lubbock; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Crow, Sr., of Merkel; three sisters, Mrs. Dee Moore, Mrs. Grover Blair and Mrs. Will Toombs, all of Merkel, and two brothers, Bernell Crow of San Antonio and Odell Crow, Corpus Christi.

Among out-of-town friends and relatives here for the funeral were: J. M. Dillon, Brownfield; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dillon, Seagraves; J. E. Dillon and Jerry, Littlefield; Mrs. L. A. Dillon and Willie, Lubbock; Mrs. Lee Current, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Current, Hamlin; Ervin Carter, Lubbock; Ray King, Big Spring; Mrs. Vernelle Crow, Corpus Christi; Odell Crow, Corpus Christi.

Merkel P-TA Has Best Meeting of the Year

One of the best P-T. A. meetings of the year was held on Friday night of last week when Mrs. T. R. Odell, assistant professor of education and psychology at McMurry college, brought a most interesting talk on "Building of a Sound Mind," discussing the subject from several angles.

She was accompanied to Merkel by Mrs. Holland Holt, also of Abilene, president of District 16 of the State PTA.

School feature was brought by the 2th and 5th grade pupils, who presented a program on health and safety under the direction of their teachers. Mrs. Carroll Benson, Mrs. Hazel Pargament and Miss Lydia Norcross.

Mrs. Carroll Benson presided for the meeting, for which Mrs. Bud Toombs was program leader.

Relatives Attend John Hart Rites in Dallas

Mrs. H. R. Chancey was called to Dallas Monday morning to be at the bedside of her brother-in-law, John Hart, who passed away at 8:30 p. m. Monday.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the Shamrock Shores Church of Christ in Dallas. Burial was in the Lake Side cemetery there.

Mr. Hart will be remembered by many friends around Merkel. In 1906 he bought a farm in the Salt Branch community and for the past 40 years has visited here in the home of Mrs. Chancey and in the home of his father-in-law, the late C. T. Whitescarver.

Going down with Mrs. Chancey for the funeral were H. R. Chancey, Jr., and Albert Chancey and her daughter, Mrs. Loyd Reece. They returned on Tuesday afternoon.

More than 160,000,000 tons of steel have been used in America's 400,000 miles of railroad track.

PERSONALS

Mrs. John Malone and Lanajohn are visiting this week in Lubbock with Mrs. Malene's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Boe Roberts.

Visiting Mrs. Edd Ash Sunday were a brother, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Eldridge, and son, Frank, of Desdemonia; a niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. McMillion, of Gorman; a sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Clardy, of Clyde, and son, Eric Ash, wife and boys, Leo Allen and Joe Michael, of Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church and Rev. R. L. Butler, pastor of the Methodist church, and Mrs. Butler left Tuesday for a trip to the Rio Grande valley. En route they were to visit the Methodist Orphans home in Waco and to stop in San Antonio, for a visit with Miss Elizabeth Butler, daughter of the Butlers.

Mrs. Fred Stovall and little daughter, Glenda, of Dallas, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Chancey.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Patton the past week-end were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Monroe and children, Leonard and McGlenon, from Odessa.

Mrs. Twyman Collins and Mrs. Dewel McLean were recent visitors with Mrs. Collins's sister, Mrs. Floy Massey in Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swann, Patsy and Bobbie Nell Jinkens and Wanda Tipton spent the week-end in Ruidoso, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert I. Grimes of Alice and Luther Grimes of Georgetown were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete West.

Dr. Jim Carter returned Tuesday from Fort Worth where he attended the annual convention of the Texas State Dental society.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. King and children visited the former's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. King, in their ranch home near Bakersfield the past week-end.

Passing guests one day this week with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds were Mrs. Reynolds' cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brown of Comanche and Mrs. Julia Wagner of Rising Star.

Mrs. O. W. Reed and Georgie Mae Reed recently returned from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Athol O. Holder and son, of Tulsa, Okla.

C. A. Farley, principal of the Merkel Grammar school, left Wednesday for Austin to attend a state meeting of elementary school principals.

Charlie Webb of Dallas is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John R. Coomer and other relatives here. He is a brother of the late Mrs. P. R. Demere, Sr.

Mrs. L. C. Zee and son, Mike, of Midland, visited with Mrs. Elma McFarland here, while Dr. Zee attended the convention of the Texas State Dental society at Fort Worth. He returned to Abilene by plane Wednesday and they returned home the same day.

Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Billie Chambliss is recuperating nicely from her recent illness. Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg were their daughter, Mrs. Paul Marr, and their niece, Mrs. R. C. McElroy, both of Stephenville.

After an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Owen Robertson, Mrs. Wm. Bradford has returned to her home in Vallejo, Calif.

Number of Visitors Inspect Ferguson Home

During open house from 3 to 5 p. m. last Sunday, scores of interested visitors inspected the modern new home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson on the Merkel-Noodle farm-to-market road, just recently completed.

J. L. White, building contractor, was in charge of construction of this substantial, bungalow-type home of six rooms and bath.

In telling the time of day, the initials p. m. mean past meridian.

Mary Jo Armstrong Named; Attend Oxford

A nation-wide honor has come to Mary Jo Armstrong, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Armstrong of Fort Worth and granddaughter of Mrs. Marvin Armstrong of this city.

She has passed a competitive examination and has been selected as one of a group of 150 from all colleges in the United States to go to Oxford university this summer. She sails June 16 and is to come back in time for school work this fall. The examination and selection were under the auspices of the State department, Washington, D. C.

An honor graduate of the Fort Worth high school, she is attending Sweetbriar college, at Sweetbriar, Va., her fourth year and gets her B. A. degree in June. She has registered at the University of Texas for work toward her Master's next year.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to express our sincere thanks to friends and neighbors, who were so thoughtful and sympathetic in our recent bereavement in the loss of our loved one. We appreciate very much all the assistance rendered and the many acts of kindness of our friends, and we also wish to express our thanks for the lovely flowers.

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"SPECIAL FARMERS MEETING"

The Annual Meeting of the Farmers Cooperative Society No. 1 of Merkel, will be held Saturday evening, April 17, at the gin office, time, 2:30 P. M.

We cordially invite every one interested to attend this meeting.

Directors are to be elected and Dividend checks will be handed out at the close of the meeting.

Farmers Cooperative Society No. 1

Merkel, Texas

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As you probably have heard or noticed announcement last week, we have opened our completely modern and fully equipped Dry Cleaning plant in its new and permanent home, location stated below. We wish to express sincere appreciation for the fine opening patronage shown us and to solicit old friends and the public in general for any part of their [Dry Cleaning only] business they see fit to turn our way in the future.

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Merkel High School Participants in Interscholastic League Literary Events at Albany Saturday.



Truett Jeffrey, cooperator in the North Golan Conservation group, has recently planted 5 acres to Madrid sweet clover on bottomland soils for grazing and as a conservation crop. This planting was made with a small seed planting attachment, and seeded in 3 feet rows at the rate of 2 pounds seed per acre. Mr. Jeffrey is also trying hairy vetch and abuzzi rye as a conservation crop on a sandy land farm which he operates.

G. C. Bond, cooperator in the Comper Conservation group, has planted 7 acres to Madrid sweetclover. This planting was in 3 feet rows at the rate of 2 pounds seed per acre. Mr. Bond is planting this crop for summer grazing and as a soil conservation crop. This planting was made on very tight reddish soils and

it should prove beneficial in aerating this type soil. Mr. Bond has constructed about 4 miles of terraces this year.

Buck Cook, conservation group leader of the Carpenter's Gap group, has recently planted 1 acre to King Ranch Yellow bluestem and 4 acres to little bluestem grass. These plantings were made in 3 feet rows with a cotton planter. Mr. Cook seeded this grass at the rate of 3 pounds seed per acre. Both of these grasses are well adapted to sandy soils and furnish considerable high quality grazing. Mr. Cook seeded about 8 to 9 acres to lovegrasses last year. He is planning to retire a sizeable area of his deeper sandy land as a part of his coordinated conservation plan. These plantings were made this year for seed increase plots. Mr. Cook's 32 acres of hairy vetch and abuzzi rye have proved very valuable this winter and spring for grazing and for preventing wind action. He stated his cattle had done better while grazing vetch and rye this winter than at any other year except when he had an abundance of feed. His field of vetch and rye has stabilized the soil and he has had very little to no sand movement on this area this spring. He is hopeful to increase his vetch and rye acreage to at least 100 acres this fall.

Fred Baker, cooperator in the Warren Conservation group, is having the mesquite eradicated on about 34 acres of pasture land as a step in placing this land in cultivation. This eradication is being done with a root cutter type plow attachment to a crawler type tractor. Mr. Baker has about 70 to 80 acres which he plans to utilize.

Additional Donors To Cemetery Fund

The following list of additional donors to the maintenance fund of Rose Hill cemetery is announced by T. L. Grimes, chairman of the upkeep committee:

- N. T. Hodge 10.00
- Earl Worthan 6.00
- Riggs Shepperd 2.00
- Mrs. N. Causseaux 5.00
- Austin Petty 1.00
- Comer Haynes 5.00
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- Mrs. J. M. Ashby 2.00
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- Mack Buzbee 1.00
- E. M. McDonald 5.00
- Mrs. Bob Malone 10.00
- Mrs. R. L. McLean 2.50
- Dewel McLean 2.50

Noodle P-TA to Give Comedy Play Tuesday

Hollywood lost some marvelous talent when these girls decided to become farmers wives. If you don't believe this then come and see for yourselves.

A three-act comedy, "Say It With Music," will be presented by the Noodle P-T. A. The time Tuesday night, Apr. 20, at 8 o'clock. The place, the Noodle school auditorium. The cast of characters: Mrs. Nancy Kernan, an adoring mother, Mrs. Vessie Justice; Phoebe Kernan, a daughter, Mrs. Ernest Dixon; Lauriette Kernan, second daughter, Mrs. R. B. Vancil; Shirley Kernan, third daughter, Mrs. Fred Jackson; Clara Bell, who insists on singing, Mrs. Newell Lucas; Ophelia Ward, housekeeper, Mrs. Chester Lucas; Ursula Wharton, wealthy and important, Mrs. Carl Jackson; Della Dawes, a business woman, Mrs. Lester Hopper; Leila Merkle, a newspaper woman, Mrs. R. O. Payne; the prospective tenant, Mrs. Hix Goode. Admission price is 25c for adults and 15c for children.

MOVIE CALENDAR

QUEEN
Friday - Saturday - Double feature program: The Hoosier Hot Shots, Patricia White in "Rose of Santa Rosa" and Robert Young, Susan Hayward, Jane Greer in "They Won't Believe Me;" color cartoon and "The Vigilante" serial.
Sunday, Monday and Tuesday - Lana Turner, Van Heflin, Donna Reed in "Green Dolphin Street;" color cartoon and latest News.

Wednesday - Thursday - Ronald Reagan, Shirley Temple in "That Hagen Girl;" Special Short Subjects.

"THAT HAGEN GIRL"
Two against small-town gossip is the general theme of Warner Bros. strong drama, "That Hagen Girl," which co-stars Ronald Reagan and Shirley Temple. This is from the novel by Edith Roberts, a story which offers both stars very demanding

Sponsor Present When Trent 4-H Girls Meet

Trent, Apr. 15.—Mrs. Tom Russon, the sponsor, met with the Trent 4-H club girls in the school lunch room on Thursday, Mar. 25. All the girls that were trying for a pin reported what they had made.

A short program including two songs, the club motto and the club pledge, was closed with prayer.

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mately clear of timber and enter in cultivation.

Herbert Patterson, cooperator in the Warren Conservation group, secured the services of a tree eradicating machine to clear the rightway for a diversion terrace which was being constructed on his farm. Mr. Patterson had about 4 acres of pasture land eradicated of mesquite while he had the services of the machine.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION.
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Paul Trihey, Greeting:
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 10th day of May, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.
Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 25th day of March, 1948.
The file number of said suit being No. 15,708-A.

of the marriage.
Plaintiff sues for divorce on the grounds of cruelty and also sues for the restoration of her maiden name.
If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
Issued this the 25th day of March, A. D., 1948.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 25th day of March, A. D., 1948.
(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Martha Trihey as Plaintiff, and Paul Trihey as Defendant.
The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and defendant were legally married on September 25, 1946, and lived together until on or about January 1947.
There is no community property involved and no children were born

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: E. L. Brown, Greeting:
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 17th day of May, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of

Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.
Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 14th day of Jan., 1948.
The file number of said suit being No. 15,646-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: M. E. Brown as Plaintiff, and E. L. Brown as Defendant.
The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:
Plaintiff and defendant were married on July 28, 1930, and continued to live together until June 3, 1946. No children have or will be born to said marriage. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.
If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
Issued this the 2nd day of April, A. D., 1948.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 2nd day of April, A. D., 1948.
(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas By Grace Jenkins, Deputy.


CITATION BY PUBLICATION.
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Elizabeth C. Grinnell, Greeting:
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 24th day of May, A. D., 1948, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.
Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 10th day of April, 1948.
The file number of said suit being No. 15,728-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Elvin Grinnell as Plaintiff, and Elizabeth C. Grinnell as Defendant.
The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:
Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about the 4th of November, 1942, and lived together until on or about February 5, 1947. No child or children were born to said marriage and none were adopted and there are no property rights to be adjudicated. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.
If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
Issued this the 10th day of April, A. D., 1948.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 10th day of April, A. D., 1948.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 10th day of April, A. D., 1948.
(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk,

Football Games Here Thursday With Anson
Tentative arrangements have been made for a big double-header grade school football session against the Anson grammar school boys here next Thursday night at 8:00.
Present plans call for Coach Benson's eighth grade double-wing hot shots to tangle with Coach Moon Mullins' eighth grade "T" specialists in the curtain raiser.
The finale will be between the Merkel sixth and seventh graders and the Anson sixth and seventh graders.
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RUFÉ TITTLE.

For Commissioner, Precinct 4, Jones County:
C. H. (Connie) OTTO.
W. O. RAINWATER.
A. J. BARBEE, JR.

For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 5:
MRS. DORA T. COBB.
[Re-Election.]

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

For Sheriff, Taylor County:
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(Re-Election.)

For County Judge:
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LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS
Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., Saturday, Apr. 18, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.
C. B. Rust, W. M.
Andy Shouse, Sec'y.

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals, addressed to A. J. Canon, Mayor Merkel, Texas, for the construction of clear well, filters, pump station, water softener, sludge beds, drainline, 5 new wells, 5 pump houses, pipe line from new wells to storage, and water line extensions, all labor, equipment, materials, etc. and necessary incidentals for a complete project according to the plans and specifications, for the City of Merkel, Texas, hereafter called "Owner", in accordance with plans, specifications and contract documents, prepared by and which may be obtained from French Engineering Company, Engineers, will be received at the office of the City Secretary of the City of Merkel, Texas, 2 p. m., May 7, 1948, and then publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after the closing time will be returned unopened.

A Cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidders bond, payable to the Owner, in an amount not less than five per cent (5%) of the largest possible total for the bid submitted must accompany such bid.

Attention is called to the fact that there must be paid on this project not less than the general prevailing rates of wages which have been established by the Owner as the following:

Mechanic, Workman or Type of Laborer	General Prevailing Wage Based on 8-hour working day	General prevailing rate hourly
Form setter-Dams	8.00	1.00
Electrician	10.00	1.25
Operators		
Ditch-Trenching Machine	8.00	1.00
Dragline-Clamshell	10.00	1.00
Painter	8.00	1.00
Reinforcing Steel Worker	8.00	1.00
Apprentices All Trades		
First Year	4.00	.50
Second Year	4.50	.60
Third Year	6.40	.80
Caulker—Pipe	4.50	.60
Kettlemen	4.00	.50
Hydrant or Valve Setter	4.50	.60
Operator		
Air Compressor	4.50	.60
Bull Dozer Tractor	6.00	.75
Backfiller	6.00	.75
Jackhammer and-or Drill		
Runner	4.80	.60
Machine Road Grader	6.00	.75
Mixer Over 10-S		
Mixer Over 10-S and under Zi-E	6.00	.75
Mixer 10-S and-or 10-E or Smaller	4.80	.60
Pump	5.20	.65
Roller-Road	6.00	.75
Truck-1 1/2 Ton and-or Over	6.00	.75
Under 1 1/2 Ton	4.00	.50
Tractor	6.00	.75
Pipe Layer	4.80	.60
Pipe Joint Material Worker	4.80	.60
Shorer-Trench, Bracing	4.00	.50
Common Laborer	3.20	.40
Pipe Handler-Water	4.00	.50
Teamsters-Less than four up	3.20	.40

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating prices in the proposal, the Owner reserves the right to adopt the prices written in words, or to reject the proposal.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.

Plans and specifications may be examined without charge in the office of the Engineer, and may be procured from French Engineering Company, Engineers, 223 Citizens Bank Bldg., Abilene, Texas, upon a deposit of \$25.00 as a guarantee of the safe return of the plans and specifications, the full amount of which will be refunded to each actual bidder, upon the return of the plans and specifications within ten (10) days after receipt of bids. Additional sets of plans and specifications may be procured from the above upon a deposit of \$25.00 each, as a guarantee of their safe return within thirty (30) days from date of opening of bids, in which event \$10.00 (amount of deposit less actual cost of reproduction) of the deposit will be returned.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids, for at least thirty (30) days.

City of Merkel, Texas
By: A. J. Canon, Mayor
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Kuners		Betty Sweet	
Pork & Beans No 2 can	16c	Pickles, 8 oz. jar	19c
Red and White		Red and White	
Fancy Corn, No. 2 can	22c	Brooms, each	1.39
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Vienna Sausage, 2 for	35c	Paste Wax, 16 oz. can	59c
Goblin Fancy—White		Matchless Furniture	
Hominy, 300 can, 2 for	17c	Polish, 32 oz. bottle	24c
Red and White		CLOROX or	
Sliced Peaches, 16 oz. can	19c	Purex Bleach, qt. bottle	16c
Sun Sweet Dried		TREND, lg. box, 2 for	33c
Peaches, 11 oz. pkg.	23c	SPIC & SPAN, box	23c
Georgia Peeled			
Pimientos, 7 oz. jar	22c		

Red and White OR 10 pound bag 79c
AUNT JEMIMA FLOUR 5 pound bag 42c

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GRIMES-HUNTER.

The many friends of Robert Grimes, Jr., former Merkel boy, will be interested to read of his marriage on Mar. 13, to Miss Marjorie Hunter at Alice, Texas.

Rev. J. J. Mason, pastor of the First Methodist church of Alice, read the ceremony in his study at 8:30 p. m. Mr. Reburn Norris served as best man and Mrs. Norris, who was formerly Miss Ruth Calloway of Merkel, attended as matron of honor.

The lovely bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Hunter of Carrizo Springs, Texas. Following graduation from school in Carrizo Springs, she lived in Laredo where she was employed at the time of her marriage.

The bridegroom is the only son of the late Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Grimes. He graduated from Merkel High school after which he served six years in the Navy as chief radioman. He is now employed by McKesson and Robbins of San Antonio, with headquarters in Alice, where they will make their home.

A reception was held immediately following the wedding, which was attended by 40 relatives and friends in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norris. Luther Grimes, uncle of the bridegroom, was present and he also accompanied the happy couple to Merkel this past week-end for a visit in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Pete West.

PRICE-CLEMMER.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clemmer are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Lois Marie, to Billy Joe Price, son of Mrs. P. W. Price.

Rev. E. M. Weathers, pastor of the First Baptist church of Merkel, read the ceremony on Apr. 3 at the Lula Belle parsonage. The couple's only attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Dee Price of Abilene. Mr. Price is a brother of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Price is a graduate of Noodle high school. The bridegroom, a graduate of Merkel High school, is now employed by the State Highway department, and the couple is making their home in Abilene.

ALATHEAN CLASS.

The Alathean Sunday School class of the First Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. H. P. Crimm Tuesday afternoon, with Mrs. G. M. Sharp, Mrs. A. H. Zollinger and Mrs. O. B. Tatum as hostesses.

After the meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. F. F. Hamm, the opening prayer was led by Mrs. J. O. Castles. Mrs. H. R. Hicks brought the devotional.

During the business meeting, the minutes were read by Mrs. W. L. Johnson and Mrs. T. E. Collins made the treasurer's report. The quarterly report was given by Mrs. Castles. Mrs. P. F. Harris was elected assistant teacher. The closing prayer was led by Mrs. J. S. Swann.

After the business session, a dainty refreshment plate of chicken sand-wiches and pimento cheese sandwiches, cookies and bottled drinks were served to the following members: Mesdames E. M. McDonald, P. F. Harris, W. W. Wheeler, T. E. Collins, O. B. Tatum, H. R. Hicks.

Charles West, J. S. Swann, W. L. Johnson, Frank Hamm, J. Ben Campbell, E. O. Carson, J. O. Castles, S. R. Dwiggins, A. H. Zollinger, G. M. Sharp and Hugh Campbell.

T. E. L. CLASS.

The T. E. L. class of the First Baptist church met in the Booth Warren ranch cabin Tuesday for an all-day meeting. Sandwiches, pie and drinks made up the noon meal.

Mrs. Booth Warren, Mrs. Earl Teague and Mrs. Dent Gibson were hostesses to the class.

Mrs. Irl Walker gave the devotional on the subject of "Homes."

Those present to enjoy this lovely ranch spot were: Mesdames Earl Lassiter, John Walker, A. R. Booth, E. R. Clack, Claude Warren, Dent Gibson, J. W. Willingham, T. J. Bird, Lake Renfro, Irl Walker, Ernest Teaff, Earl Teague, Sam Swann, J. A. Kuykendall, Lucy Ford, A. D. Fulton, Earl Baze, Ruby Jenkins, Robert Harris and W. T. Sadler.

SEWING CLUB.

The Sewing club met Wednesday afternoon at the Community Center with Mrs. Riggs Sheppard as hostess.

Attending were Mesdames Carroll Benson, David Gamble, Bill Largent, Murray Toombs, Vernon Mansfield, Lester Dorton, Earle Watts, J. E. Boaz and Grif Barnett. Visitors were Mesdames Spencer Bird, R. L. Elliott and Ray Wilson.

The next meeting, Apr. 28, will be at the home of Mrs. W. J. Skiles.

FIDELIS MATRONS CLASS.

The Fidelis Matrons class of the First Baptist church met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Bob Fowler, with Mrs. Gordon Pursley as co-hostess.

After the opening song, Mrs. Buster Horton led the prayer. Mrs. Pursley brought an interesting devotional on "Living a Christian Life."

After the business session, refreshments were served to one visitor, Mrs. Homer Newby, and the following members: Mesdames Buck Leach, Buster Horton, Ralph Tarpley, Billie Chambliss, Ed Sandusky, L. B. Whitaker, Leon Bigbee, Edith Mae Wright and the hostesses. Seven children were present.

MERKEL HD CLUB.

The Merkel Home Demonstration club met Apr. 9 at the Community Center for an all-day meeting. Lunch was served to thirteen members and one visitor.

Cleaning and repairing sewing machines was demonstrated by Mrs.

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Former Merkel Girl Wins in Radio Contest

Mrs. Derwood Langston, 1810 No. Ninth street, Abilene, who was the surprised recipient of a vacuum cleaner and waffle iron as winner in her first entry in a radio contest, is the former Billie Byrom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Val P. Byrom, Trent, Route 2.

On Feb. 29 she mailed five questions to the "Win at Home" program, which is broadcast over KRBC, Abilene. The questions were selected to be read on the program Sunday, Apr. 4; for questions answered correctly the contestant on the program won prizes—but when he missed, Mrs. Langston was to receive the award. The contestant missed two.

Farm Home Destroyed.

Fire, which it is thought started from a defective wire in a clothes closet, almost completely destroyed the farm home of Carl Baccus, 1 1/2 miles east of Noodle, at 7 a. m. Sunday, but nearly all the furniture and clothing was saved.

Harry Barnett and Miss Myra Tankersley, county HD agent. Members discussed tree budding but the budding demonstration was put off until a later date, to be named.

The club planned a political rally to be held at the Community Center Monday night, at 8 o'clock, Apr. 26. There will also be entertainment for every member of the family. All the county candidates have been invited to speak.

The regular club meeting will be held as usual the 4th Friday, Apr. 23, at 2 o'clock with Mrs. Bob McDonald.

In The Churches

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the seven reporting Sunday Schools last Sunday was 702 as compared with 694 on the previous Sunday. The attendance on the same Sunday a year ago was 634.

METHODIST CHURCH

Church School 10 a. m. Morning worship 11. Youth Fellowship 7:00 p. m. Evening worship 7:30 WSCS Mondays, 2 p. m. Mid-week prayer Wednesdays, 7:00 p. m.

R. L. Butler, Pastor

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Training Union at 7:00 p. m. Evening sermon at 8:00. Prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.

Merle Weathers, Pastor.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.

A. T. Suskey, Pastor.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Services Thursday 7:45 p. m.

H. S. Earp, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible School 9:45 a. m. Sunday. Worship 10:50 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Young People's meeting 6:45 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

Troy M. Cummings, Minister.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday School at 10 a. m. No other services Sunday or during the week. Reporter.

NAZARENE CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting at 8 p. m. Wednesday.

R. T. Smith, Pastor.

Hospital Notes.

Robert Rogers underwent an appendectomy Tuesday at Sadler hospital. Patients received during the week for treatment were: Mrs. R. L. Whetsel, Abilene, Gaither Isenburg, Apr. 8; Mrs. Odell Eoff, D. M. Pannell, Hulda Beebe, Apr. 9; Mrs. Geo. Denman, Mrs. H. Buller, of Breckenridge, Apr. 11; Mrs. Herbert West, Trent, Mrs. C. E. Giles, Apr. 12; Fenton Boyd, Trent, Apr. 13. Receiving tonsillectomies were Randell McNeill and Mrs. C. R. Rogers.

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Fresh GROUND BEEF, lb. 49c

Cube STEAKS, lb. 69c

Bacon SQUARES, pound 43c

Coffee FOLGER'S pound **49c**

Red Seal—Spiced Luncheon MEAT, 12 oz. can ... 43c

K. B. MEAL, 10 lb. sack 75c

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10 lb. sack 83c

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1 1/2 pound can 59c

GOLD BAR—No. 2 1/2 Can FRUIT COCKTAIL 37c

PURE CANE SUGAR, 10 pound sack 83c

Mary Lee Taylor's Corn Fritters

Broadcast: April 17, 1948

1 cup sifted, all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
4 teaspoons sugar
2 tablespoons shortening

1 well-beaten egg
3/4 cup Pet Milk
1 1/2 cups drained, whole kernel corn, cooked or canned
10 1/2-oz. can frozen tomato soup

Mix together flour, baking powder, salt and sugar. Work shortening into flour mixture with fork. Mix beaten egg and milk, then add all at once. Mix quickly but thoroughly. Fold in corn. Drop by teaspoons into deep fat hot enough to brown an inch bread cube in 35 seconds (360° F.). Fry a few at a time until brown. Drain. Heat soup slowly. Serve over the fritters. Makes 2 dozen.

Note: To cook fritters in 1/4-in. of hot shortening, allow 1/4 cup batter for each. When edges are cooked, turn and brown other side. Makes 8 large fritters.

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HART'S APPLE SAUCE, No. 2 can 10c

WHITE CREAM STYLE CORN, Regards, No. 2 can 13c

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