

Methodists Start Tye Fete Saturday

The Tye Methodist Church homecoming and dedication service will be held this weekend. The program will begin at 7:30 p. m. Saturday. The service will start with singing by different quartets from out of the community participating. Rev. J. W. Hawkins of Tuscola will be the speaker for Saturday night. Beginning at 9:30 a. m., Sunday the regular schedule will be followed. Rev. H. Clyde Smith of Abilene, district superintendent, will deliver the sermon at 11 a. m. A basket dinner will be spread at the noon hour on the church grounds. The dedication service of the enlarged church building will begin at 2:30 p. m. The Tye Methodist Church was organized in 1892. The present minister is the Rev. Lynward Harrison, who has been pastor since 1949.

Rodeo Has Crowd Of 800 Spectators

The cutting and roping contests held here last weekend were a huge success, bigger in every way than had been expected, the first one held here since 1939. There were 500 spectators present on Saturday and 800 on Sunday afternoon.

It was announced that another cutting and roping contest would be held next month at the arena.

Bookman's Uncle Passes Away Friday

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bookman and Paula were in Lamesa Saturday and Sunday where they were called by the death of their 83-year-old uncle, O. L. McLendon. Mr. McLendon died Friday night and was buried Easter Sunday afternoon.

NO P-TA CLINIC

There will be no P-TA health clinic Friday, April 18.

Heartwarming Hit Will Be Presented

Universal-International's "The Treasure of Lost Canyon," which opens Thursday and Friday at the Queen Theatre, is an exciting and thoroughly captivating screen version of Robert Louis Stevenson's story, "Treasure of Franch."

The story concerns a backwoods philosopher who befriends a homeless boy late in the 19th century. The lad, in turn, stumbles across a long-forgotten buried treasure which changes the lives of everyone connected with the story.

Sid H. McAdams Out For Sheriff

Sid H. McAdams has authorized the Merkel Mail to announce his candidacy for the office of sheriff of Taylor County. In a statement to the voters of West Taylor county Mr. McAdams said: "I have lived in Taylor County for many years and was elected by the people of South Taylor County as their County Commissioner and served in that capacity for four years. In 1937 you elected me your sheriff and I served for six years in that office.

"As your sheriff I did everything I could to serve you honestly and efficiently and at all times maintained a deputy at Merkel in order to afford the people of Merkel and West Taylor County prompt and efficient service. "I believe in the honest and fearless enforcement of the law to all persons alike and I have had experience in the office and believe I know how to manage the affairs of the Sheriff's Office with courtesy and efficiency.

"My children have been reared in this County and I now reside at 2624 South 10th Street, Abilene, Texas and I promise you if elected that it shall be my purpose at all times to see that the people in all Taylor County have courteous and prompt service from the sheriff's department and that your laws shall be intelligently, honestly and efficiently enforced."



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Nazarene Church To Hold Revival

A revival meeting will be held at the Church of the Nazarene, beginning Monday, April 21, and extending through Sunday, April 27. Rev. and Mrs. C. B. McCaull of Brownwood will be the evangelists. The McCaulls are pastors of the Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Brownwood.

Rev. Mrs. Geneva Kilgore, pastor of the local Church of the Nazarene, extends a welcome to all to attend the services which will begin at 7:45 p. m.

Many Students Home Easter From Tex Tech

Among the students who are home for the Easter holidays from Texas Tech at Lubbock are Lon McDonald, Sandra Sadler, Sue Mayfield, Oris Reynolds and Billy Euell Tarpley.

GOODMAN H. D. CLUB REARS ABOUT "PREPARING FOODS"

The Goodman Home Demonstration Club met Friday in the home of Mrs. Frank Carter.

Mrs. Hosea Windham called the meeting to order. Roll call was answered by Mesdames Cal McAninch, Grover Blair, Karl Bonneaux, Frank Carter, T. E. Goode, B. T. Murfee, W. L. Phillips, J. W. Tiner, Hosea Windham and Jennings Winter.

The program was, "Preparing Foods for the Freezer," by Mrs. Frank Carter and Mrs. Hosea Windham.

While Mrs. B. T. Murfee played the piano, the hostess presented Mrs. Cal McAninch with gifts from the club and club members.

There were three visitors, Mrs. W. T. McAninch, Mabel McRea and Mrs. George Crow of the Union Ridge Club.

Lonnie L. Smith for Constable

Lonnie L. Smith has authorized the Merkel Mail to announce his candidacy for the office of constable of Precinct No. 5.

Mr. Smith is 60 years old and is a veteran of World War I. He has been a citizen of Merkel for 14 years. He is married and has six children, five grown up and one at home.

He solicits the votes of all the voters and will appreciate their influence in his behalf.

Mose Recalls When Buffalo Gap Was Co. Seat; Buffalo, Deer Ranged

J. M. (Mose) Brown, 77, has a good memory and can tell things about Merkel when there was no Merkel. He has lived in Mulberry Canyon for 50 years on the same spot. His place is located near the White Church.

"Why was it called White Church?" he asked. Then he answered himself, "Because it was the first building painted around here and it was painted white."

Mr. Brown was here before there was a Merkel Mail and he has taken the paper ever since it started. His father was one of the first settlers. He was C. L. Brown, called Uncle Charlie. He was killed at the railroad crossing here when he was 90 years old.

Mose came here in 1879 from Tarrant County. The county here was filled with many buffaloes and plenty of deer. "Dad killed many," he remarked.

There was no town here then. The railroad was not even here. Abilene was small and Buffalo



As the Tye Methodist Church Looks Today

KILL ABOUT 1,000 RABBITS AT TRENT HUNT

The annual rabbit hunt at Trent Monday and Tuesday drew about 150 hunters. Almost 1,000 rabbits were killed. The number of rabbits were fewer this year than last year.

Mrs. Durham's Father Is Critically Ill

Mrs. N. W. Durham was in Brownwood last week, where she was at the bedside of her father, Earl Clementh. He is critically ill.

Merkel Churches Sunday Radiate A Glorious Easter

Easter Sunday was a glorious day in Merkel. The sun shone brightly, the wind was calm and the air was mild and balmy. It was a wonderful day for the display of new Easter bonnets and finery.

The day was one of happy devotions, reflecting the new spirit of the Easter season, a season of awakening hope and the reality of immortality.

The churches here were filled with devout worshippers.

At the First Baptist Church the pews were all filled and extra chairs were placed in the rear of the edifice to take care of the overflow crowd. The Rev. Glen Braswell spoke on "Revelation From the Resurrection."

The main sanctuary of the Methodist Church here was filled and every seat in the balcony was taken. Rev. Hugh H. Hunt took as his sermon topic, "Because I Live Ye Shall Live Also."

Lumber Company Erecting Building

Higginbotham - Bartlett Company are putting up a one-story brick and tile office building across from the new post office building. Work started Monday when ground was broken. The building will be 40 feet by 60 feet. J. Lecil White is the contractor and Billy Joe White is the architect.

TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

Open house will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Sublett, 705 Oak Street, from 2:30 to 6 p. m. Sunday in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Moore of Boonville, Ark., who were married on the same day will also be present. All friends of both families are invited.

Mose Recalls When Buffalo Gap Was Co. Seat; Buffalo, Deer Ranged

Gap was the county seat and folks from here hauled groceries from there.

Prairie dogs were all around where the Hilton Hotel now stands in Abilene.

When the railroad came here, a little depot was built where about the present station is located. There was not a fence between here and Mulberry Canyon. "It just drove on a bee-line," remarked Mose.

"Dad once road from the farm to market after a rain," he continued, "and the tracks became a road." The first preaching ever done in Merkel was preached in the little old depot by Rev. M. M. Norris, Methodist minister, he recalled.

"The first saloon was on the corner where the bus station now is and did a thriving business," asserted Mose. "Then a preacher came to town and everybody got religion and took all the whiskey out of the saloon and burned it right on Kent Street. I remember that—though I was just a kid."

Boney Heads Lions In Election Held At Tuesday Noon

Horace Boney was elected president of the Lions Club Tuesday. Other officers elected were Mack Fisher, first vice president; Isadore Mellinger, second vice president; E. L. Horton, Jr., third vice president; Leon Walker, secretary-treasurer; Ralph Brady, Lion tamer; Herman Carson, tail twister.

Directors elected for one year were Herman Carson and C. F. Harlow; for two years Lester F. Dorton, Wayman Adcock and Ben Robert Hicks.

The nominating committee consisted of Fred Starbuck, chairman, Earl Hughes and David Gamble.

The club discussed the matter of drilling for oil within the corporate limits of the town. The club voted to invite Robert Meade, R. O. Anderson and J. L. Massey to the club to discuss the proposition further.

New Post Office Is 90 Per Cent Completed Tuesday

The new post office was 90 per cent completed Tuesday, announced J. Lecil White, contractor. It is expected that it will be completed by the first, he remarked.

Noodle School 7th Grade Enjoys Picnic and Party

The seventh grade of Noodle School was entertained with a picnic and skating Friday night by Mrs. John Horton, Mrs. Ernest Spurgis, Mrs. B. T. Murfee, Mrs. Forest Warner.

Those present were Myrna Murphy, Johnnie Mae Horton, Mildred Stevens, Melba Jo Carter, Robbie Goode, Judy Spurgis, Georgie Harris, Lloyd Warner. Guests were Billie Jean and Glenda Horton, Peggy Pace, Ann Murfee, George Murfee, Coral Spurgis, Jimmy Herring of Robstown.

Takes Part In The Operation Longhorn

Cpl. Troy Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Gregory of Colorado City, formerly of Merkel, was here last Friday, visited his sister, Mrs. E. L. Tarpley. Cpl. Gregory leaves Sunday from San Angelo for Camp Attabury, Ind.

He took part recently in the "Operation Longhorn" at Ft. Hood. He was behind the lines, maintaining trucks that were carrying troops and supplies to the front line.

NEWCOMERS TEA

Newcomers Tea and Guest Day will be sponsored by the Fortnightly Study Club in the Community Center at 4 p. m. Tuesday. A book review will be given by a guest reviewer, Mrs. Joe Bowen, of Sweetwater. Mrs. Bowen will review "Today's Children."

The club is vitally interested in the new people of the town attending the tea to become acquainted with their new friends.

OLD FASHIONED SINGING

Another one of those good old fashioned singing will be held at Shiloh Baptist Church on Thursday, April 24, at 7:45 p. m. Those who like good singing are invited.

CORRECTION

In the card of thanks that appeared in last week's Mail on the death of Twyman Collins, the name of Alma was left off though it was in the copy. The Merkel Mail regrets this very much and asks Mrs. Collins' pardon.

Methodist Meet Begins Sunday

The revival at the First Methodist Church of Merkel will begin next Sunday, April 20, and will continue through April 27.

The evangelist will be the Rev. T. M. Johnston, district superintendent of the Vernon District. Rev. Johnston is a fine evangelistic preacher, stated the Rev. Hugh H. Hunt, local minister.

From April 6 to 11 there has been visitations to members of the church. From April 13 to 18 evangelistic visitations have been made.

Each member will bring his membership card Sunday instead of just answering the roll. The



REV. T. M. JOHNSTON

cards will be taken up at the door as each member comes in.

There will be a prayer service Saturday from 6 p. m. to 10 p. m.

The public is invited to the revival.

Awards Are Made At Court of Honor

The Boy Scout Court of Honor was held Monday. Fred Starbuck, chairman of the court, presided. Spencer Bird was clerk and Tommie Odum presented the awards.

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Services Saturday night, April 19, and Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by Elder C. L. Casy of Cisco. There will be lunch Sunday.

Sandra Patterson Elected Officer Of Library Group

Sandra Patterson, Merkel High School, was elected vice-president of the Teen-Age Library Association, District 3, when the group met in Abilene. She will become president the next term of office and Mrs. Ruth Perkins, who also attended the meeting, will be counselor during Miss Patterson's term as president.

Mrs. Mack Fisher also accompanied the group of 16 Merkel students library assistants and library club members, to the meeting. Students in addition to Miss Patterson, were: Kay Sevartz, Geraldine Lindsey, Kay Wylie, Marilyn Kelso, Clydene Eager, Margaret Denman, Bertha Patterson, Elmer Lee Sandusky, Sherman Bradley, Irene Dishman, Patricia Eidson, Barbara Morgan, Kay Perry, Sue Sylvester and Donna Sue Scott.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Admissions to the Sadler Hospital the past week were:

As medical patients—Mrs. C. A. McCurdy, Mrs. J. H. Bishop, Mrs. Lee Bowen, R. L. Elliott, Mrs. D. B. Bowen, Fred Starbuck, Larry and Suzanne Howard, Mrs. Curtis Conley, Mrs. Ross McLean, Curtis Conley, J. V. Isom, Mrs. Alexander Niblo, Mrs. M. E. Trent, J. E. Boaz, Mrs. Dow Williamson and Flora Johnson.

NEW ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Taylor Rowe of San Antonio announce the arrival of a baby girl, born April 3. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Neff. A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leon R. Walker at the Sadler Hospital April 13.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Rogers are the parents of a baby boy born April 13 at the Sadler Hospital. A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. Y. Sipes at the Sadler Hospital April 15.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dill Gibson in Pecos April 6. Mrs. Gibson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Nichols.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stutts a baby boy on Thursday, April 10, in the Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene, named Gary Albert.

Good Trade Is Reported

As a whole the business picture in Merkel is a healthy one.

This is the view taken by a great number of the businessmen here. They are including the period covered from January 1 of this year up to Monday morning of this week and comparing it to the same time last year.

The bank confirms by facts the statements made by the retailers. Monday of this week The Mail made a survey to determine the over-all picture.

First of all it was found that the bank deposits for April 10 were greater than in December. The deposits amounted to \$3,513,902.62 compared to those on December 31 of 3,498,868.38. Ordinarily we would expect deposits to decline on account of seasonal reasons and the paying of income taxes, said Booth Warren, president of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

In the retail trade it was found that the ladies' wearing apparel sales were ahead of last year while the men's apparel sales were equal to that of the same period a year ago.

All the new car dealers reported that they could sell more cars if they could get them.

Grocers stated that as a whole business was the same as last year or a little better. Variety stores are doing better than last year. Electric stores are doing the same as last year.

The feed stores reported that business is better than last year and one dealer stated that his business in this line is the best he has ever had. The dry cleaning industry reported that business is holding up good and is the same as last year.

What is the reason for this healthy state of business as reported?

"Deposits are a good barometer of the economy in this area," stated Mr. Warren. "Oil is one contributing factor to our healthy economy. Not only the oil money but also the employment that is available for citizens of the community helps keep retail trade up. Many farmers are temporarily employed on the oil rigs or in the oil field. These farmers have not gone too much into their savings.

"Oil money is derived from lease bonuses, from delay rentals on existing leases and royalties from producing leases," continued the banker.

"Then too deposits have been held up by the proceeds derived from sale of livestock. Some are sold out of the feed lots and others off the ranges on account of the drought condition. Note that in both

cases the price has not suffered, which is unusual.

"Finally I would call attention to the fact that last year we got our rain in May and one does not have to be too optimistic to expect rain again this year in May—in time to plant row crops," concluded Mr. Warren.

John Mansfield Is Re-elected

John Mansfield was re-elected chief of the fire department at the election held Monday night at the fire station. This is his 14th year as fire chief.

Other officers elected were: Rhett Eidson, president; Ollie Fox, vice president; E. B. Wallace, re-elected secretary and treasurer; Frank Mundy, chaplain; Bryan Mundy, sergeant-at-arms; A. P. Wozencraft, assistant chief; Frank Mundy, Capt. hose Co. No. 1 Clyde Wurst, captain hose company No. 2; W. T. Mosley, hose police; Ray Holmes, assistant hose police; Chester McWilliams, chemical foreman.

The delegates elected to the state firemen's convention to be held in San Antonio June 10-11 and 12 are: A. P. Wozencraft, Rhett Eidson alternate, Ollie Fox, Clyde Wurst alternate. Chief Mansfield delegate-at-large, Jim McAninch alternate.

In the absence of the president, Buck Leach, J. Parker Sharp, life honorary president, presided. After the meeting the ladies' auxiliary served sandwiches, cookies and coffee.

As the volunteer fire department serves without pay contributions will be welcomed to help pay delegate expenses to the convention. This money may be left with the chief or secretary of the fire department.

A Cappella Choir To Sing Here Wed.

On Wednesday, April 23, at 8 p. m., the Hardin-Simmons A Cappella Choir of 55 voices will bring a program of sacred music at the First Baptist Church here, directed by Euell Porter.

This choir has been invited to sing on the Southern Baptist Convention program in Florida in May.

There will be no admission charge to the program here, but a love offering will be received. Everyone is invited.

Merkel 20 Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1932 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

TO GIVE LIVELY COMEDY

Next Thursday night, April 21, at 8:15 o'clock the curtain will rise on "The Wild Oats Boy," a lively three-act comedy drama, to be presented by local talent at the Cozy Theatre. The co-directors are Mrs. J. Olin Lusby and Miss Christine Collins.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME

About 2 o'clock Thursday morning the home of Claud Comegys in Bettis Heights with its contents was almost totally destroyed by fire. No one was at home Wednesday night, Mrs. Comegys being in Sweetwater and Claud and their son, Bill having gone to Dallas Monday.

This Happened in Merkel Forty Years Ago

TAKEN FROM THE 1912 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

During the last few days the automobile industry has increased to some extent in Merkel. Ben H. Moore, the rural delivery carrier, has a Liberty Brush. R. L. Bland of the Anchor Hdw. Co., has a new Ford. Dr. Armstrong is using a car in his profession.

M. W. Picklesimer and family left for Washington, D. C., Wednesday morning where they go to make their home.

Miss Gertrude Thornton is in San Antonio this week as a delegate to the State Praetorian convention.

Mrs. Comer Clay and Master Comer Clay, Jr., are visiting Mesdames Jud Sheppard, Asa Sheppard and other Merkel friends.

Eva Darline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Williams, died Monday morning.

D. G. Huddleston was in town Tuesday to get the latest dope on the rate of the Allan outlaws back in his old stamping grounds and the progress of Hon. Cone Johnson's candidacy for United States senate.

On last Thursday morning Mr. Jno. Burfield of the White Church community died. Mr. Burfield had been a resident of the Merkel community for a long time, having owned and operated the Storey Wagon Yard.

Homer Rainbolt left Merkel for Stamford Tuesday morning where he will enter Stamford College.

Mona Madolyn Robertson Becomes Bride Of Dwain Jones In Baptist Rites

The First Baptist Church was setting Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock for the wedding of Mona Madolyn Robertson and Dwain Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett and Mr. and Mrs. Oddie O. Jones are parents of the couple.

Calla lilies and fern decorated the church.

Grace Dossett, organist, accompanied Jean Hampton, who sang "Always," "O, Promise Me," and "Bless This House." "I Love Thee" was played during the double ring service, read by the Rev. Joe Allen. Miss Hampton and Miss Dossett were bride's roommates at Baylor University.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an ice blue tulle and imported chantilly lace gown. It was fashioned with a fitted strapless lace bodice accented with tulle and topped with a lace weskit applied with a rose and leaf motif of the lace. Long sleeves edged with tulle tapered to deep petal points over her hands. The very bouffant skirt of layers of tulle defined with lace panels was worn over double hoops and was floor length.

Bridal veil was of matching French illusion caught to a half hat of illusion accented with a band of pearls. It was fingertip-length.

Dinky Roberts, Hardin-Simmons University student and cousin of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Wanda Stephens of Buckeye, Ariz., student at Arizona State College, Tempe, Sandra Sadler and Sue

Mayfield, both students at Texas Tech.

Attendants wore gowns of dream blue net over hooped taffeta. Bodices were curvaceous triple tucked. Diagonal aprons were worn over full skirts. Each carried a bouquet of white candytuft centered with an orchid.

Flower girl was Jean Read. Her twin brother, John, was ring bearer. Jean wore light blue net dress and a corsage of shattered carnations.

Best man was Elbert Dean of Colorado City. Ushers were Ralph Bartlett, brother of the bride, Gerald student at Texas Tech, and Brandon Wade.

Following the wedding, guests were received by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bartlett in their home. Pink and white were used in the floral decorations. Ann Booth registered the guests. Gifts were displayed by Mrs. Elbert Dean and Mrs. Cress Stephens. Mrs. Brandon Wade played the piano. Punch was ladled by Mrs. Harry Bullock and Miss Laurel Sherrell and cake was served by Bobbie June Riney and Jean Hampton.

Others in the house party were Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed Bartlett, Mrs. Elma McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. Keller Roberts and Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler.

For the wedding trip to the Davis Mountains, the new Mrs. Jones chose a grey suit trimmed with white linen and wore a matching hat with black patent accessories. Her corsage was a white orchid.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Jones are graduates of Merkel High School.

Mr. Jones is a graduate of Draughon's Business College, Abilene, and Mrs. Jones was a sophomore student at Baylor University. She plans to enroll in Hardin-Simmons University in June.

They will live at 1642 Sycamore St., Abilene. The bridegroom is employed by the Texas Natural Gas Co. at Stith.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Cress Stephens and Wanda of Buckeye, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed Bartlett and Mrs. Frances Everett of Santa Anna; David Robertson of Farwell, uncle of the bride, Gerald Norton of Farwell, and his sister, Alta Norton, Grace

Dossett and Jean Hampton of Baylor University, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Willett and family of Fort Worth.

The rehearsal dinner was given in the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Sadler Friday evening. White daisies formed the table and room decorations. Co-hosts were Mrs. Elma McFarland, Mrs. Harry Bullock and Mrs. Keller Roberts.

The wedding party was made up of Messrs. and Mesdames Jones and Craig, Clyde Bartlett, Elbert Dean, Brandon Wade, Edwin Read, John and Jean, Cress Stephens, Rev. and Mrs. Joe Allen, Misses Wanda Stephens, Dinky Roberts, Sue Mayfield, Sandra Sadler, Grace Dossett, Jean Hampton, and Alta Norton, Ralph Bartlett and Gerald Norton.

MARY SMITH BECOMES BRIDE OF SGT. FORKNER

Mary Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith of Trent, became the bride of Sgt. Robert Forkner, son of Mrs. John Graves of Abilene in a single ring ceremony Saturday at 4 p. m. The service was read by the Rev. G. C. Calloway in the Trent Baptist church.

The couple was attended by the groom's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Washburn.

The bride wore a dress of blue imported linen. Her waist length veil was attached to a linen straw hat with lilies of the valley. Mrs. Washburn wore a blue imported linen dress.

For the present the couple will live in Sherman where Sgt. Forkner is stationed. The groom is a graduate of Trent High School and the bride was a junior in the Trent School.

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT OF MARY JOHN CARR

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Carr of Noodle announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary John to Vance A. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jones, of Anson.

SEWING CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. HOYLE LEMENS

The Sewing Club met with Mrs. Hoyle Lemens Wednesday, April 9. After spending an enjoyable afternoon a sandwich plate was served to the Mesdames David Gamble, Vernon Mansfield, E. L. Horton, R. L. Elliott, Cliff Barnett, Woodrow Wilson, Lester Dorton, Tommy Ellis, Murry Toombs and Pete West.

The club will meet next Wednesday, April 23, at the home of Mrs. Vernon Mansfield.

SUE MAYFIELD HONORED WITH GIFT TEA FRIDAY

Miss Sue Mayfield, bride-elect of Oris Reynolds, was complimented with a gift tea Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Booth Warren. Invitations were extended to 350 guests with calling hours from 4 to 7 p. m.

The hostess group was composed of Mesdames S. D. Gamble, Elma McFarland, Roy Largent, H. P. Crimm, Harry Bullock, Carrol Benson, Sam Swann, Pete West, Paul West, Clyde Bartlett and Earl Hughes.

Mrs. Booth Warren headed the receiving line, presenting Miss Mayfield, her mother, Mrs. Helen Mayfield, and the bridegroom-elect's mother, Mrs. Cramer Reynolds.

The lovely entertaining rooms were decorated with beautiful spring flowers in pastel shades, depicting the season. The tea table was laid with a large round crystal bowl which held a bridal bouquet of sweetpeas and painted daisies, accented with white lace and flanked with white candles and crystal holders. Also adorning the table was a pair of crystal love birds.

Assisting Mrs. S. D. Gamble and Mrs. Roy Largent in serving refreshments were Misses Laurel Sherrell, Ann Booth and Jerry Freeman of Roscoe.

Presiding at the register were Mrs. Pete West and Misses Dinkey Roberts and Bobbie June Riney. Musical numbers during the afternoon were given by Misses Sandra Sadler and Mona Robertson and Mrs. Brandon Wade.

Mesdames Harry Bullock, Carrol Benson and Pete West presided over the gift display of china, crystals, silver, pottery and linens, attesting to the popularity of this fine young couple.

Mrs. H. P. Crimm and Mrs. Elma McFarland said the goodbyes.

CELEBRATE EASTER SUNDAY AND WEDDING DATE

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Dickerson had as their Easter Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. Charles Washburn, H. P. Washburn and Barbara Washburn, Mr. and Mrs. Odell Dickerson and children of Trent, Mrs. Leroy Thomas of Midland, Messrs. and Mesdames H. E. Dickerson and children of Seminole, L. A. Luttrell and boys of Lovington, N. Mex., Roy Dickerson and son Billy, Loy Dickerson and son, Donnie.

They all enjoyed an Easter egg hunt and taking pictures. The H. E. Dickersons and the Troy Dickersons also celebrated their wedding anniversaries.

The out-of-town guests visited in Merkel and Trent.

HOWELL ANNUAL REUNION BRINGS FAR-OFF VISITORS

The Howell annual reunion was held at the Trent High School Cafeteria Easter Sunday for the 24th time. The day was spent in singing, piano playing, Easter egg hunting, making pictures and visiting.

Many came from Winters, Abilene, Merkel, Fort Worth, Austin, Hamlin, Odessa, Lamesa, Midland and Lubbock.

The battle between the Monitor and the Merrimack took place at Hampton Roads, Virginia.

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RESOURCES

Loans	\$ 623,056.01
Overdrafts	298.17
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	4,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,500.00
AVAILABLE CASH AND QUICK ASSETS:	
United States Bonds and Securities	\$ 1,448,597.00
Other Bonds and Warrants	19,633.21
Cash and Due From Banks	1,582,244.02
Total	3,050,474.23

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	75,000.00
Surplus	75,000.00
Undivided Profits	58,531.50
DEPOSITS	3,472,296.91
Total	\$3,680,828.41

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personals

Mrs. Welton Willingham of Amherst is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Billy Pat Nash and husband. Mr. and Mrs. Troyce Perry of

Houston were Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Perry. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hicks were the guests of her mother, Mrs. J. R. Stratton, in Lubbock over the Easter holiday. Mrs. Jack D. West and son Sidney Jack of Midland visited over the Easter holiday with her hus-

band's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. West. Mrs. W. D. Webber was a visitor from Amarillo over Easter, bringing a load of asphalt tile to cover the floor of the Nook Cafe. J. T. Darsey visited in Abilene Easter Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Chester Hutchinson, county clerk of Taylor County. Mrs. W. T. McAninch and Mrs. Bessie McClung are spending a few days at San Angelo, visiting their nephew and son. Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Knight of Wichita Falls spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Clesby Patterson, and husband. Jerry Robinson, a student at Sam Houston State College, Huntsville, spent the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orwin Robinson, in Trent. Mr. and Mrs. Burton McNeal of Abilene visited her father, O. D. Clark. Also his daughter, Mrs. Lula May Lawhon of Dallas was here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Malcom Ollar and son of Indianapolis, Ind., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Ely. A big family dinner was spread Sunday for all the relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Norman King and family visited over the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King, and her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bertram of Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Mack Fowler of Port Aransas are visiting a few days with her mother, Mrs. Claude Holmes, and his brother, Bob Fowler. On their way home they will stop off at Ft. Worth and visit with his mother, Mrs. T. M. Fowler. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Newton had as Easter guests: son, Kermit of

Camp Cook, Calif.; son Alton and wife of Abilene; father, I. W. Newton; sister Gladys, brother Theo and wife of Tye; Mrs. R. M. Jones and daughter, Mrs. John Laddy, and husband of Westbrook; Mr. and Mrs. Arch Teaff; Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Teaff, Mr. and Mrs. John Teaff; Glen and Loneta Teaff all of Tye; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dean Hay of Abilene. Visitors in the J. M. Carr home Easter Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deutschman and son, Freddy of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Grimes and boys, Loyd and Eugene, of Sweetwater, Buddy Jones of Anson. Mrs. George Dooly came to accompany her daughter, Wanda Merel, home. She has spent the past few days with her grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Richardson and daughter of Houston spent the Easter holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Fulton. Principal and Mrs. C. A. Farley visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Earthman, at McLean. Major Frank V. Quillin of Amarillo was here overnight Monday, visiting his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. C. Walton. Major Quillin is an instructor of the National Guard Units of the 142nd Infantry. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hill spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Drew Hill, at Cross Plains. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McKeever of Abilene were Sunday visitors of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever. Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford has as weekend guests her children: Max and family of San Antonio, Don and family of Hobbs, New Mexico, Mildred of San Angelo and Dot of Fort Worth. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Tiede and sons, David and Carroll of Snyder spent the Easter holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Renfro. Mrs. Ross Ferrier is visiting her son, Ross Ferrier, Jr., and family in Fort Worth.

ed on the 3rd day of April, 1952. The file number of said suit being No. 18,147-A. The names of the parties in said suit are: Elizabeth Virginia Crosby as Plaintiff, and James Slaughter Crosby as Defendant. The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married September 27, 1941 at Conway, Ark., and lived together until July, 1951. To this marriage one child was born, Andri Ann Crosby, in Conway, Ark., October 28, 1943, and Plaintiff requests custody of child. 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 3rd day of April A. D., 1952. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 3rd day of April, A. D., 1952. J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, Court Taylor County, Texas. By Dorothy H. Dickerson, Deputy Adv. April 11, 18, 25, May 2.

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Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 20th day of March, 1952. The file number of said suit being No. 18,115-A.
The names of the parties in said suit are:
Hattie Threeekes as Plaintiff, and Jim Threeekes as Defendant.
The nature of said suit being substantially as follows to wit:
Hattie Threeekes and Jim Threeekes were married in Greenville, Mississippi in the year of 1915 and continued to live together as husband and wife until the year of 1919. That no children have been born to this marriage and that there is no community property.
Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.
If this Citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
Issued this the 24th day of March A. D., 1952.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 24th day of March A. D., 1952.
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Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 5th day of April, 1952. The file number of said suit being No. 18,150-A.
The name of the parties in said suit are:
Polly Ebilene Thompson as Plaintiff, and D. S. Thompson as Defendant.
The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:
Plaintiff and Defendant were married Oct. 15, 1949 and lived together until Jan. 1, 1950. Plaintiff alleges that there was no child or children born to this union. They have no community property either real or personal. Plaintiff's maiden name before their marriage herein was Luton, which maiden name she asks the Court to restore to her. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruelty and harsh treatment.
If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.
Issued this the 7th day of April, A. D., 1952.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene Texas, this the 7th day of April, A. D., 1952.
J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, Court Taylor County, Texas. By Dorothy H. Dickerson, Deputy Adv. April 11, 18, 25, May 2.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To: James Slaughter Crosby Greeting:
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M., of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 19th day of May, A. D., 1952, 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 3rd day of April, 1952. The file number of said suit being No. 18,147-A.
The names of the parties in said suit are:
Elizabeth Virginia Crosby as Plaintiff, and James Slaughter Crosby as Defendant.
The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:
Plaintiff and Defendant were married September 27, 1941 at Conway, Ark., and lived together until July, 1951. To this marriage one child was born, Andri Ann Crosby, in Conway, Ark., October 28, 1943, and Plaintiff requests custody of child. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment.
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CANCER DRIVE

By the time this appears in print the cancer drive may be over as the committee can cover the town in two days, according to a report. It should meet with complete cooperation. The quota for Merkel is \$500. Last year it was \$300.

There is no question that the causes for which the money is raised is a good one. Cancer is a sneak. It comes upon one before he knows it and deals a deadly blow.

No one knows where cancer will strike. It hits in high places, it strikes in low places. Rich and poor alike are its victims.

Slowly science is trying to discover facts about cancer that will aid in its control. The money raised in the campaign helps in research work along this line.

Medical men are trying their best to make contributions in fighting the deadly enemy. Dr. W. R. Sadler stated that the Taylor-Jones County Medical Association members are cooperating with the tum-

or detection center at Hendrick Memorial Hospital.

The fight on cancer is a fight that should engage the financial and scientific resources of all of us. Everyone should contribute toward this humanitarian cause.

THE PATIENT YEARS

That was an interesting subject that the High School and Teen-Age Mothers discussed at a recent meeting. Their theme was "The Patient Years for Parents."

The discussion developed the need for adult education, the need of parents to study and be prepared for the requirements of adolescent children, schools to direct and guide and counsel our youth. It is a noble purpose and one that does take a world of patience.

The mothers of the local organization believe in the motto, "Force never changed anybody's mind, but education, study and understanding have won a lot of victories, even though they take longer."

The mothers certainly do have their hands full. They have a noble undertaking in watching and directing the growth of our children, the future citizens of our country.

REA RECORD

The Taylor Electric Cooperative and the Taylor Refrigeration Cooperative drew the largest crowd on record at its annual membership meeting. The huge crowd was estimated at 1,600 by Manager Lester Dorton, while last year there were only 900 present.

Then too Sam Butman, secretary of the electric group, released figures showing the gross business done last year was \$258,799.97 for his division, which equals the record previously made. It was one of the biggest years.

It is always good to make rec-

AND THE FACE OF EDITOR WHITE IS BLANK!

Editor Hy White casually remarked to N. T. Hodge, theatre owner, that he had never been inside a drive-in theatre. Mr. Hodge was struck with surprise, recovered his composure and invited and insisted that the editor go in and see the inside. He did. He did. He drove in, found a place reached for the speaker on the hook and lifted it. He held it in his right hand. He shifted it to his left hand. He got tired holding it. He didn't know what to do. Finally, Mr. Hodge came along, saw the trouble and then told the editor to hang the speaker on the door window. The editor is smarter now!

ords and to equal records when they are good ones. And these were good ones.

HORRORS OF WAR

Last week we told about the war situation in Korea as revealed by Pfc. W. D. Lively. We also chronicled the horrors of war as pictured at the Fortnightly meeting by a young student from Japan. The pretty woman told of the havoc wrought by the atomic blast at Hiroshima. She pleaded for help for the many horribly maimed and burned countrymen who survived.

No matter how you look at it war is never pretty. As one writer put it, "The Battle Is the Payoff." And battle means the wounded and dead. There are no victors in the modern war. We all lose.

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That's All—and the Sage of Piffeld adds that the fight on cancer is a fight to protect ourselves.

Merkel Students Are Invited to Attend Senior Day Program

Students of Merkel high school are among representatives of 23 Texas schools invited to attend the 28th annual Senior Day program to be held Saturday, April 26, on the Hardin-Simmons University campus.

Parents May See School Work Done By Their Children

Next Thursday and Friday afternoons, April 24-25, will be the last opportunity of the current school year for parents of pupils in the elementary school, grades 1-3, to come to school to see work done by the pupils during the past nine weeks and to confer with the teachers concerning the progress of the child.

Parents may come at any time either afternoon between the hours of 1:15 and 3:45.

"If you are in doubt as to whether your child is in danger of being retained, now is the time to have a conference with your child's teachers," suggested, Principal C. A. Farley.

Local Teachers To Attend Annual Banquet Tuesday

A large delegation of local teachers is expected to attend the annual banquet of the Taylor County Teachers Association in Abilene next Tuesday night.

A business session will be conducted in the auditorium of the administration building of Me-

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C. A. Farley, principal of the local elementary school, is first vice president of the organization. Mrs. Ellen McReynolds, high school history teacher, is chairman of the nominating committee.

Elmer Adcock and family of Mertzon were here Friday and Saturday, visiting his parents, Mr.

and Mrs. O. J. Adcock. Elmer Adcock is minister of the Church of Christ at Mertzon.

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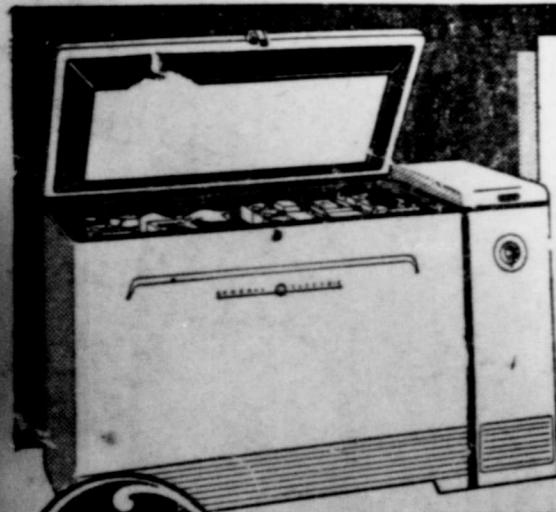
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J. M. Heatley of Trent placed third in the 440-yard dash.

Tommy Scott of Trent, traveling along in a heavy, rain-covered field, took fourth place.

Trent is a B school. Competing against it were AAAA, AA, A and a few B schools. There were larger schools like Abilene, Stamford, Brownwood, Midland, Wichita Falls, Frady, San Angelo, Hobbs, Big Spring and Sweetwater in the meet.

Trent equaled Sweetwater in its total points of 10, placing 15th in a field of 24 schools.

High School Band Rehearses Numbers In Behrens Chapel

The High School Band rehearsed in Behrens Chapel at Hardin-Simmons University on the morning of April 16, as that will be the location of its contest renditions on April 26.

Several soloists will attend the festival at San Angelo today, Friday. In addition to the soloists who played here in the two concerts last week Stacey Ann Martin, Paka Newby, Beth Thomas, Jane Tipton, Barbara Wilson and Denta Gibson will make the San Angelo trip.

Easter Egg Hunt Delights Children At Amity Church

The Amity Baptist Church had an all-day meeting Easter Sunday. Dinner was served at the church and children had an Easter Egg hunt in the afternoon. After the hunt the crowd all gathered in the church and sang for a while.

Every one had a nice time. Rev. James Williams is the pastor.

Warren Blair Has Surgery Last Week

Warren Blair, son of Kyle Blair of Lubbock, was operated on a week ago at Mayo Hospital and is getting along nicely. He is the nephew of Mrs. Dewey Hutchins.

MRS. ERNEST JOYCE COMES DOWNTOWN THIS WEEK

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Pete Swinney and children visited Easter with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Riggan at White Church. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Elliott visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Elliott, Sr., in Baird Easter. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wright and daughters, Hope and Faith of Lub-

bock and Mrs. Clayton Coats and children Danny and Sherry of Big Spring visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Diltz Easter. Bobby Mayfield spent the Easter holiday on the ranch at Kermit with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Buford spent

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Brown and daughter of Garden City spent the weekend visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee Sweetwater visited Sunday with his brothers, J. K. and Cyrus Pe-

er, Mrs. Lorinda Campbell, and sister, Mrs. Bettis Borwig, and husband. Willie E. Toombs spent Saturday at Weatherford, looking after his cattle there. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cross and daughter, Kaylyn of Abilene and Mr. and Mrs. Melton Cross of Abilene visited Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pope of Abilene were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Spurgeon. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gentry spent Easter in Champion in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Black. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Strawn of Trent spent the Easter holiday with their son, James and family of Florey.

Miss Jo Denton of Wayland College at Plainview visited her mother, Mrs. Bill Brown, over the weekend. Wayne McLean of Cisco Junior College spent the weekend with his grandmother, Mrs. J. A. Milliken. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gibson of Petersburg were weekend visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dent Gibson.

James, Nancy and Joe Mike, all of Breckenridge, her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Collins of Abilene, her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. Glenn of Big Spring, niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence and sons Sides and Glenn of Lubbock.

Jimmy Brown of Fort Worth spent last week with his grandmother, Mrs. J. P. Sharp. Mrs. R. E. Freeman of Los Angeles, Calif., is visiting her mother.

Mrs. W. V. Harris of Ft. Worth was a weekend guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Bullock, and husband. Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Fleming of Big Spring visited Sunday with her sister, Mrs. H. R. McKeever, and husband. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cochran has as out-of-town guests Sunday D. A. Dickey of Sweetwater and Mrs. J. C. Berman and son of Anson. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miller, Mrs. Josephine Miller and Miss Annette Johnson visited relatives in Edgewood during the Easter holiday.

Mrs. A. L. Farmer has returned home after two weeks' visit with her grandson, William Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Farmer of El Paso. Easter visitors in the home of Mrs. J. C. Walton were her sons and wives: Messrs. and Mesdames John L. Turner of Grand Falls and Ike Turner of Lubbock. Polly Villiant of Pampa spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. W. O. Boney, and cousin, H. O. Boney, and wife. Sunday afternoon visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boney and three children of Colorado City.

Charles Ray Cantrell, SN, United States Navy, has gone to San Diego, Calif., for active duty, after spending a week with the family of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Huffstutler of Mulberry Canyon. Cantrell, whose home is in La Grange, Ga., has been in the service since 1950. He went to Korea in March 22, 1951, and returned to the United States on March 23, 1952. Visitors in the W. A. Stock-

bridge home Easter Sunday were Mrs. Stockbridge's mother, Mrs. Mamie Glenn, her brother and wife and four children, Dolores, and Mrs. A. Glenn of Big Spring, niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence and sons Sides and Glenn of Lubbock.

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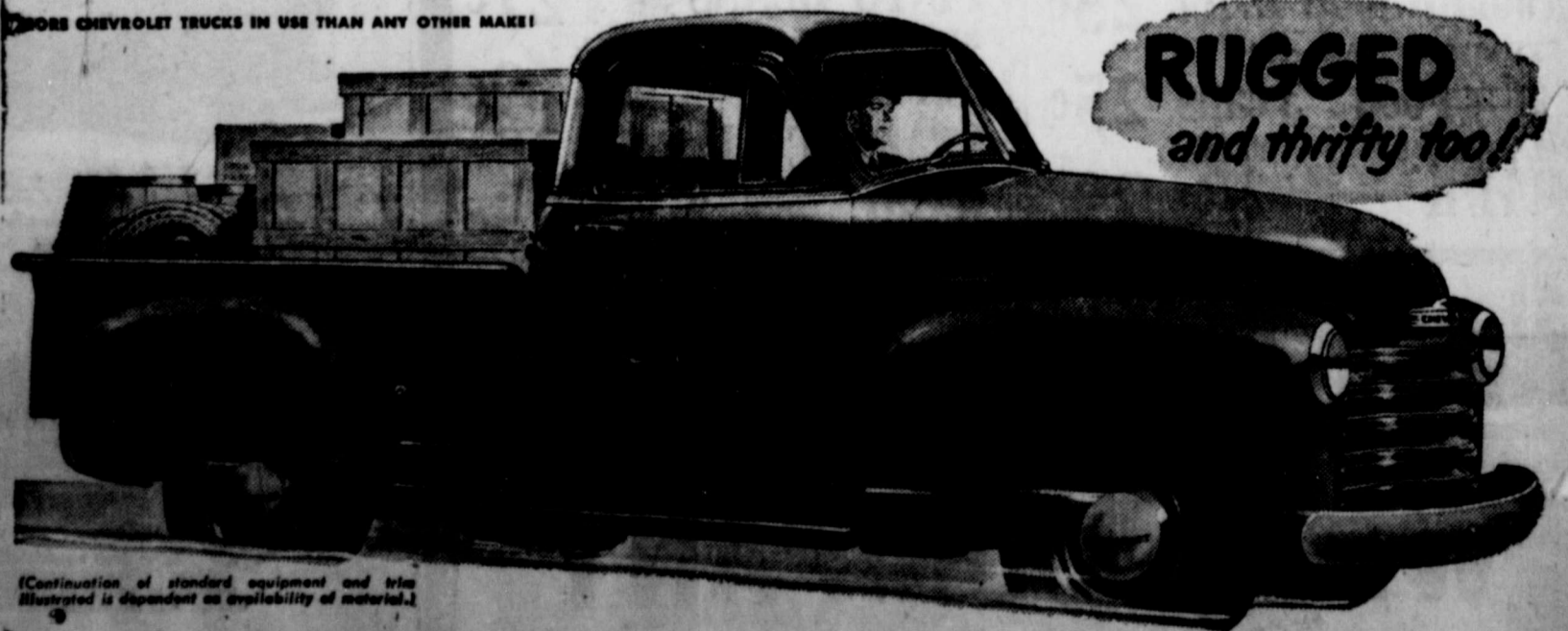
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Rev. Alexander will take the place of the local pastor, the Rev. Glen Braswell, who will be the evangelist at the revival meeting at the Portland Avenue Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, Okla., for two weeks. However, Rev. Braswell will be in his pulpit Sunday, April 27.

Funniest Kettle Comedy Will Play

Funniest and by far the most heart-warmingly human of Universal-International's famous Kettle comedies to date is "Ma and Pa Kettle at the Fair," which opens Sunday and Monday at the Queen Theatre.

There is more action and suspense in this home-spun comedy than has been noted in previous Kettle films and the laughs are more frequent.

Attend Celebration Of 100th Birthday

Mrs. Dewey Hutchins, Mary Jo Clark and daughters, Linda and Vicki accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Claude Smith and Miss Ina Henderson Sunday evening to Sweetwater where they attended the 100th birthday celebration of Frank Woodson. "Uncle Frank," as he is called, is the father of Mrs. Clark and the great grandfather of Linda and Vicki.

L. F. Dorton Meets Riggs Shepperd

Manager Lester F. Dorton of the Taylor Electric Cooperative met Riggs Shepperd, former manager here, in Abilene last Friday. Mr. Shepperd is now assistant administrator of the rural electrification administration in Washington, D. C.

personals

Jimmy Walker of Texas Western University at El Paso is home for the Easter holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irl Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wurst, Dale and Arlene spent the Easter holidays with their son, Clyde, Jr., airman 3/c at Scott Field, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Wurst reported that they could have enjoyed the trip more if it had not rained all the time they were there.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shaver and son, Jimmy of Fort Worth, spent the weekend visiting Mrs. Shaver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon.

Lieut. and Mrs. W. I. Wozencraft and their three daughters, Joann, Linda and Janice, of Alexandria, La., were here for Easter, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wozencraft and his brother, Alvin and family, his sister, Mrs. Esther Collins, of Dallas were also here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lige Harris had as their guests for the past ten days their granddaughter, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Stevens and daughter, Marla of Dallas. On Tuesday Mrs. Harris, Mrs. S. G. Russell, Mrs. Curtis Stevens and daughter, Marla visited Mrs. Jean Roberts and Mrs. Patsy Hayes and new baby daughter in Coahoma.

Pfc. Doyle Nichols was home last week from the Air Force Base in Austin, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Nichols.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Winter visited their daughter, Mrs. Gerald McCoy, and husband last week in Bartlesville Okla. They also traveled through Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, visiting their son, Joe, Jr., and wife in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Derington and children of Midland visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Derington, on the Easter holiday.

CHILDREN ENJOY EASTER EGG HUNT AT PARK

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Le-la Lawson over the Easter holidays were Messrs. and Mesdames Joe Lawson, Kay and Harold, Lovington, New Mexico; Frank McHanev and Jerrill, Snyder; Henry Zavala, Yuma, Ariz.; Earl McHanev and Judy, Abilene; Johnny Campbell and Sue, Wallace Frazier and Linda, Mrs. Raymond Lawson, Mrs. Lynn McSpadden, all of Merkel; Mrs. Velma Williams and Brenda, Fort Worth; Mrs. Ruben Avila and Junior, Yuma, Ariz.

An Easter egg hunt was enjoyed by the children at the road side park in the afternoon.

Two Band Concerts Are Well Received

The Merkel High and Elementary School Bands played two concerts on April 8 and were well received. Both bands showed outstanding progress.

The Grade School Band received a hearty round of applause after each selection. The High School band program included the contest numbers the group will play on April 25 at the Interscholastic League Contests in Abilene.

Soloists for the contest were Sandra Patterson, Bertha Patterson, Carolyn Teaff, Marolyn Teaff, Betty Wylie, and Iris Verner. Accompanists were Barbara Wilson and Betty Wylie.

SACRED AND COMEDY SONGS PLEASE CLEANER CLASS

The Gleaner Sunday School Class met in the Methodist Church parlor April 9 at 3 p. m., for its regular monthly social. The table was beautifully decorated with a handmade lace cloth and centerpieces of salt cedar blossoms and tulips.

Mrs. Dee Grimes, president, presided. Mrs. John Shannon read the minutes and roll call. Miss Lottie Butman brought the devotional, taken from Corinthians 15-1-12. Mrs. Denzel Cox led in prayer.

Mrs. Homer Patterson accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Robert Malone sang "The Prayer Perfect" and "The Holy City." Mrs. Homer Patterson accompanied on the accordion by Mrs. Robert Malone sang "Ciribiribin" and "La Paloma."

Comedy songs, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Paul Honeycutt, were presented by Mesdames Ben Hicks, Robert Malone, Andy Shouse and Miss Betty Tittle. Closing prayer was given by Mrs. George Crow, Sr.

A refreshment plate of vanilla ice cream and angel food cake with Easter eggs as plate favors was served to the following members:

Mesdames John Shannon, L. F. Bookman, F. Y. Gaither, J. R. Ingram, W. S. Brown, H. N. Odum, Lu Petty, Denzel Cox, Roy Bacuss, Dee Grimes, Herbert Patterson, Tom Largent, Wade Ensminger, Frank Galladay, Homer Patterson, Winnie Cypert, O. E. Harwell, Misses Lottie Butman and Mable McRee, visitors: Miss Betty Tittle, Mesdames George Crow, Sr., Ben Hicks, Andy Shouse, Robert Malone, Paul Honeycutt, Master Jerry Honeycutt, hostesses, Mesdames W. W. Toombs, Dee Moore and D. H. Vaughn.

MRS. E. B. WALLACE IS NEW PRESIDENT OF AUXILIARY

The Ladies' Firemen Auxiliary met Monday night at the fire station for its regular meeting. Six members were present.

New officers were elected: President, Mrs. E. B. Wallace; vice president, Mrs. Chester McWilliams; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. W. F. Mosley; reporter, Mrs. Clyde Wurst; assistant reporter, Mrs. Rhett Eidson; mother, Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

After the meeting they met with the fire boys in the business room where coffee and cookies were served to the following:

Messrs. and Mesdames John Mansfield, Chester McWilliams, E. B. Wallace, Ray Holmes and family, W. T. Mosley and family, Alvin Wozencraft and daughter, Terry, Messrs. Parker Sharp, Jim McAninch, Rhett Eidson, M. E. Randolph and Frank Mundy.

Chancey Attends John Deere School

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I wish to thank all for their help during and after my fire. Also I am deeply grateful for the shower. May God's richest blessing be on each and everyone.

C. R. Rogers and family.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my deepest gratitude to all for their kindness shown me and flowers given me while I was ill in the Sadler Clinic, especially the Church of Christ in Noodle. I also wish to thank those who plowed my land.

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LODGE CALLS

NOTICE MASONS

Stated meeting of Merkel lodge No. 710, A. F. & A. M., Thursday, April 17 at 8 p. m. All members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

Zed H. Bright, W. M. C. B. Rust, Sec'y.

Stated meeting of Merkel Chapter No. 212 Order of Eastern Star, Tuesday, April 22nd, at 7:30 p. m. Members urged to be present and visitors welcome.

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For State Senator **HARLEY SADLER** **STERLING WILLIAMS**

For Sheriff **R. H. (BOB) ROSS** **TROY TATE** **SID H. MCADAMS**

For County Clerk **MRS. CHESTER HUTCHESON**

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2 **CHAS. ORR** **RUFÉ TITTLE** (reelection)

For Justice of the Peace, **Mrs. N. D. COBB.**

For Constable, Precinct 5, **LUTHER L. LAND.** **James Edwin Vanlandingham** **LONNIE L. SMITH**

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Mrs. J. M. Cook, 92, Is Very Ill in Hospital

Mrs. J. M. Cook, 92, of Noodle is in the Hendrick Memorial Hospital in Abilene. Mrs. Cook is very ill.

Tickets to Cugat Show Are Now on Sale

Xavier Cugat, the concert star and violin virtuoso who has popularized the folk music of the Latin-American republics, will bring his orchestra to Abilene Monday night.

The show will be given in Rose Field House.
Seats are on sale at Hardin-Simons University business office and the Melody Shop. Admission price is \$1.20, reserve seats are \$1.80.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK

By Mary Lee Taylor

Meat Succotash

- 1 1/2 cups diced lunch meat (1/2 lb.)
- 1 1/2 Tablespoons hot fat
- 4 teaspoons flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 cup liquid off corn or lima beans
- 1/2 cup Pet Milk
- 1/2 cup drained, whole kernel corn, cooked or canned
- 1/2 cup drained, lima beans, cooked or canned

Brown meat slowly in fat. Sprinkle over meat, then blend in a mixture of flour, salt, and mustard. Stir in corn or bean liquid. Boil slowly and stir 2 minutes. Then stir in milk. Add corn and lima beans. Heat until steaming hot, but do not boil. Makes 4 servings.

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