

S-Year Old Child Is Fatally Shot **And Buried Here**

Charlie Dean Loper, 9, was fatally shot Saturday in a firearms ac-

Charlie Dean was killed when a .22 calibre rifle discharged after it had been stood upright in a corner by his 11-year-old brother, Elvin Myrel Loper

Charlie Dean was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Loper, Sr., of Ira, formerly of Merkel.

Burn was in Rose Hill Cemetery headquarters to be in Abilene.

NAMED ON RELIEF BOARD

first out-of-Abilene member of

the commission. He succeeds May-

At the close of enrollment Tues-

day night figures show that this

year' enrollment of 611 in the

Merkel Puble Schools is in excess

of that on the same day last year

by 34 pupils. In grammar school

The high school showed an in-

Eleven of Merkel High Seniors

of the class of 1934 have either

entered college or will enter at

the beginning of the respective

Manager Wood of the Palace

schedule: Friday and Saturday-

LEAVE FOR COLLEGE

work as upper classmen.

OFFER VARIETY

or C. L. Johnson of Abilene.

ENROLLMENT UP

high school.

Taylor Electric Is Celebrating cident while playing at a neighbor's house near his parents' home in Ira.

were Johnny Cox, president; Sam and warehouse. Butman, Jr., vice president, and Survivors include the parents, W. C. Church, secretary-treasurer; with up-to-date working facilities. three sisters, Sherry Kay, Bar- Ed Gist, O. S. Moore, A. W. Mc- A central heating and cooling bara, and Mrs. Wanda June Mer- Kee, N. A. Estes, Mrs. Tom Rus- system makes ideal working conritt; and five brothers, Elvin My- som and Comer Haynes held their ditions the year around. Also on Jesse Joel, William Robert, meeting in the office of Bryan the grounds of the cooperative is William R. Jr., and Lonnie Loper, Bradbury, cooperative attorney, in a garage where a full time mech-Abilene.

Fuleral was at 2 p. m. Monday. It was the original plan for the hicles. However, local business men and

Fifteen years ago this month, in citizens put on a great campaign September, 1939, the Taylor Elec- and were successful in getting the tric Cooperative, Inc., was official- cooperative headquarters in Merly organized. The officers and di- kel. The cooperative now occupies nessee. rectors of the cooperative, who its own modern office building

> The offices are well equipped anic services the cooperative's ve-

Construction of the electric distribution lines was begun in 1940. The first lines were energized the monthly consumption was 35 KWH. As of Dec. 31, 1953, the co- no insurance. operative had 1,700 miles of line, serving 3,600 consumers with an average monthly consumption of

In April, 1941, the cooperative had three vehicles which were lief commission Monday by the Mail, had reached 3,193 bales up driven 4,859 miles for the month. In December, 1953, they had 12 16,113 miles. Of the 12 vehicles, nine of them are radio equipped Mrs. Wood died at 7 p. m. Wed-Noodle will open Monday, Sept. counties in which the cooperative 17, it is announced by Waldo Cox, has lines. Those eight counties being Taylor, Callahan, Jones, Nolan, Fisher, Shackleford, Eastland and

In 1953 the cooperative had 34 employees with a total payroll of were driven for the year and \$4,

871.01 was paid for fuel. In 1953 the cooperative made to the Rural Electrification Administration principal payments of \$27. 721.10. Interest paid to the REA and accrued for the year was in the amount of \$31,850.03.

The present board of directors are H. R. Roberts, president; C. F. Hill, vice president; Sam Butman, Jr., secretary-treasurer; U. S. Akens, J. J. Anderson, Elmo Jones, at Camden, Ill. She was married Rev. R. A. Walker, pastor of the Comer Haynes, O. S. Moore and to N. E. Wood in 1887. Grace Prebytery Church, returned Oma Thomas. These men serving Wednesday afternoon from the on the board of directors are refall meeting of Abilene Presby- sponsible to the members of the Mrs. G. M. Sikes of Huntsville. tery at Baird. Charlie Jones at- cooperative for the successful op- Ark., Mrs Rosebud Smallwood of eration of this approximately \$3,- Lawn, Mrs. B. W. Merrett of Mer-000,000 business. Nine people are kel! N. E. Wood, Jr., of Merkel: 17 elected by the members each year grandchildren and several greatat the annual members meeting to grandchildren.

There have been three general managers. Johnny Cox was the day—Claudette Colbert and Clark viting all singers and lovers of first one. He was followed by Gable in "It Happened One Night." music to attend. Class singing, Riggs Shepperd. The present genquartets and duets will fill the eral manager is Lester F. Dorton,

> ing was discussed at the last school board meeting. It was stressed that the lives of the children and grownups are being endangered by the wild driving in town.

nance Monday night prohibiting the use of water for washing auto-

mobiles for 30 days, ending Oct. 6. THE CITY COUNCIL Adv. The P.-T.A. will hold its first

meeting Sept. 16 at 7:30 p. m. at the school auditorium. Theme for the year, "We, the People." Who are the people? Let's get

J. Hamp Campbell Home, Furniture **Destroyed by Fire**

The 60-year-old home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell, who live three miles south of Merkel, burned to the ground early Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell had lived in the house for 60 years, ever since they came here from Ten-The fire was started by a kero-

sene stove. Mr. Campbell who is 82 was lighting the stove about sunup Monday when it exploded. His wife was still in bed.

Campbell tried to fight the blaze but was burned on the right hand, arm, shoulder, and the right side first game tonight, Friday, against of his face. Mrs. Campbell, awakened by the flames, came to help field. The starting lineup, anher husband and was slightly nounced Coach Daniel B. Nixon, burned on the right arm.

Neither had serious burns, how-

furniture were destroyed. The car 549 consumers whose average tact, but the couple's 1948 Chev-

Last Rites Held For Mrs. N. E. Wood

Funeral for Mrs. N. E. Wood was held at 3 p. m. last Friday at vehicles and for the month drove the Starbuck Funeral Home Chap-

nesday of last week. She was 83 years old.

Rev. Aubrey F. White of the First Methodist Church officiated at the funeral. He was assisted by Professor Rex Kiker of Abilene Christian College.

Following the service here bur-\$95,827.50. A total of 211.064 miles | ial was in the Colorado City Cemetery with Rev. John Ferguson, pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Methodist Church, conducting the graveside rites.

Grandsons were ballbearers. Mrs. Wood was preceded in death by her husband, who died in 1930 and a son, the late W. W. Wood, and a daughter, the late Mrs. J. P. Stoker.

Mrs. Wood was born Alice Almada Hammond on April 5 ,1871.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Belle Fishel of Abilene,

W. J. Largent Will Serve as Judge At National Show

Willie Joe Largent will serve as judge of the annual 1954 National Polled Hereford Show and Sale, Nov. 1 2 and 3, at the state fairgrounds, Columbus, O.

D. W. Chittenden, American Polled Hereford Association executive secretary, who announced the selection of Mr. Largent by the association's board of directors added that Mr. Largent is one of the nation's leading beef cattle

Mr. Largent has judged at many of the nation's foremost livestock shows, including previous National Polled Hereford Shows.

SINGING AT PIONEER There will be singing at the Pioneer Memorial Church at 2 p. m. Sunday. Everybody is wel-

Oppose Wylie Team For First Time

open the football season at 8 dogs wanted very much to win o'clock last night, Thursday, this game. against Wylie Bulldogs at Wylie. This change in schedule was made were to be there to cheer the boys Jacobs, Edwin Mewburn. and Dallas Highland Park. The first game. Wylie people thought that fans from Abilene would like to see ball. both games and the change was

in the history of the schools. The local coaching staff knew nothing end, Freddie Boone, back. of the strength of their first op-

Trent Gorillas Play Tonight At Aspermont

The Trent Gorillas play their Asperment at their opponents'

Gary Tittle, RG, 150 pounds; The five-room house and all the Horton, C, 150; Jerry Estep, RHB, Stops Washing amounting to 397 miles serving shed near the house remained in- my Hobb, LHB, 155; James Casady, FB, 160; Ronnie Freeman, LG, rolet was scorched. There was 140; Jerry McWilliams, RE, 175; Tommy Toliver, LE, 165; Sherman Driggers, RT, 200. Others in the squad are:

Charles Bright, HB, 130; Buddy Tittle, QB, 110; Tommy Young, water for washing automobiles. G, 140; Gerrald Duncan, E, 140; Buddy Carter, G, 140; Joe Christ, LT, 170; John Stowe, G, 140; Sid Ross, T, 170.

The managers are Ronnie Cade and Jerrell Butman. The cheer leaders are Betty Payne, Nancy Jones, Barbara Washburn. The drum major is Kay Beasley.

T. L. Miller Dies **Sunday Morning**

T. L. Miller, 75, died Sunday morning. He had suffered a stroke earlier in the morning.

Funeral was at 5 p. m. Monday at the First Methodist Church with Rev. Aubrey White, pastor in charge, and Rev. Hugh Hunt, Stanton, preaching the message. Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery. Mr. Miller was born in Boon County, Ark., Aug. 24, 1879, and moved to Granbury and lived there most of his boyhood. He married the former Anna Volina Miller of Cheyenne, Okla., May 4,

chant in Chevenne until the early 1930- until 1942. He moved in Kerrville in 1942 and retired in 1947. He moved to Merkel in 1947. where he was associated with his son in business for one year.

the Methodist Church and was a was Alec Gamon, 3002 Douglas, former choir director at Cheyenne Dallas.

Mrs. Miller died in October,

He also served as Sunday School superintendent and had taught not amount to much compared to Sunday School for many years. He was active in the Merkel Methodist choir until his health forced him to give up the work 18 months ago. He was a member of

the Masonic order for 43 years, with present membership in Mér kel Lodge 710. Masons conducted the graveside rites. He is survived by two brothers,

Will E., San Jose, Calif., and M. D., Cleburne; one son, P. W. Merket; and three grandchildren. Starbuck Funeral Home was in

charge of arrangements.

FOR RURAL FIRES! The new Merkel Fire Truck is now available at all times for rural fires, announced Fire mother was in despair. re Department, said the chief. child kept hiccuping and hiccup-

to avoid a conflicting date at Abi- to victory. The new band uniforms lene between Abilene High School did not arrive in time for the

Merkel Badgers

There are 30 boys out for foot-

regulars last year. They are This is the first meeting of the George English, tackle, Wesley

termen but who were not regu- stated Coach Carroll Benson. The Wylie School was dedicat- lars. They are Robert McLeod, end, Phillip Pursley, back, Terry O'Brien, back, Larry Joyce, cen-ter who has been shifted to full-

Three reserve lettermen make up the rest of the experienced boys. They are Gene Hargrove. tackle, Grady Knight, guard, Earl

team members and first year freshmen. They are: Ends - Jimmy Neil, Jerry Mil-

City Council

the City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting the use of city The ordinance ends Oct. 6.

"The reason for doing this," explained Mayor Henry West, that school started and did not have water for the children to drink and not enough water for sanitary purposes in the rest

"By means of this ordinance we hope to have enough water for school requirements."

SAM BUTMAN HOME

Sam Butman, Sr., was brought of Buffalo Gap is his night

MAX MELLINGER IS ILL Max Mellinger became ill

has circulatory troubles. It was issue. the hospital in a few days.

Tackle - Payton Scott. Guards - Carl McKeever, Bill The band and the pep squad Horton, Berry Scott, Charles. Centers - Gail O'Brien, Leon

Kelso, Chester Collinsworth, Jr., Eddie Higgins. Backs - Kermit Rutledge, Jackie Russell, Kenneth Moore,

Only four of these players were Lloyd Shughart, Riley Seymore. "The lack of experience, depth in reserve and team speed will go Wylie and Merkel Football Teams | Morton, tackle, Billy Mack Gilbert, against the team this year but the guard who has been shifted to attitude of the players and their desire to play football could off-The Badgers have four other let- set some of these weaknesses."

Is for FFA but Not as Screen O'Brien, tackle. The rest of the boys who make up the squad were last year's B Says Rufe Tittle

"I'm for the FFA boys," asserted Commissioner Rufe Tittle, but I am not for putting over a big scheme for Abilene with the FFA boys as a smoke screen."

This statement was made by Commissioner Tittle at the meeting of the Lions Club this week when the bond issues to be voted on Sept. 18 came up for discus-

Leon Walker, secretary-treasurer of the club, presided in the absence of the president and the vice

The delicious dinner with chicken and all the trimmings, was served by Woozy's Cafe.

Raymon Adcock, chairman of the broom sale drive, reported that the club netted \$144.50 from the project. He also brought up the matter of sponsoring a Pony League. No action was taken.

Tommy Odum talked about organizing a chamber of commerce and hiring a paid man to run it to to get more industries for Merkel. The club voted that the president appoint a committee to look into

"Some folks have taken the home from the hospital last Fri- wrong attitude toward my stand day. He underwent major sur- on the county fair bonds," began gery. He is gaining a little Commissioner Tittle in his restrength. Mrs. Parker Hendricks | marks. "It looks to me like somebody will get his nest feathered by the development of the land adjoining the proposed fair grounds.

"The 30-cent tax raise that was Sunday and was taken to the recently put into effect included Sadler Hospital on Tuesday. He 15 cents to take care of the bond

reported Wednesday afternoon; "So we see that the bond issue that he was expected to leave has already increased the tax rate. It has already done it."

Mr. Miller was a dry goods mer- Smiles and Hiccups and Magic 1920s. He was also in business in Silverton and in Lubbock from Mingle in Baby Photo Contest

But the photographer who took the children's pictures at The Merkel Mail office last Saturday had a way about him that was more Mr. Miller was a member of than magical. It was mystical. He

> No child cried, at least it did other places, said Alec. "They were wonderful!" he remarked enthusiastically.

> All Alec used to perform his magic trick of keeping the child interested was to wave his magic wand — beg pardon, just show his little toy rabbit and Donald Duck and the smiles broke out all over the faces of the children.

> Why, one child even had hiccups, but that did not detract from the magic skill of the photographer. Before he led the mother and child from The Merkel Mail office into the back room where the pictures were being taken the child began to hiccup. The

Chief Waymon Adcock. To get But not Alec. He smiled and he this service, just call the Merkel smiled and he smiled. And the

One has to be a magician to ing and hicupping. "What can we do?" said

mother desperately. "That's all right," said Alec

calmly. "Just bring him in." The mother did. Alec placed the baby in a chair. The baby kept

hiccuping. Getting the child's at tention, the photographer clicked

"Did you get the picture?" asked the mother.

"How did you do it?" she ask "Oh." replied Alec nonchalant

And one mother paid Alec the compliment that he was the first otographer to be able to take her baby's picture while the baby

Over 60 children had their pieture taken. They started comin with their mothers at 10 a.m. at cept coming even after closing time at 6 p. m.

DOLLAR DAY NOTE

As the next issue of The Merkel Mail will carry Dollar Day ads it will be appreciated if copy is made up as early as possible.

THE RUNNERS The following list of contestants those whose names have Campbell, been entered in the World's Fair Amandie Alexa er, Delia Mccontest of the W. D. Woodroof Clain, Mattie Bird, Carrie Shancompany of this place. They are non, May I assiter,

Ethel Finsminger, Beulah Whet-

Mary Massey, Armedia Browning,
ller, May Reynolds,
lty Stonecipher, Gertrude
ley, Emma Braune, Cleo BarMrytle Farris, May Wilson, JewMrytle Farris, May Wilson, JewMrytle Farris, May Wilson, Jew-Vers Hogan, Mary Boothe, Hes- el Tipton, Ida Taylor, Genevieve or Snow, Irene Swann, Lillie Warnick.

Sally Moore, | nbre Neighbors, Clark, Frankie

Emma Mashburn, Emma Tipton

Merkel 20 Years Ago TAKEN FROM THE 1934 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL five plants in Merkel and those 211.61 KWH. Merkel man, Henry West, was at Stith, Noodle and Blair, includat pointed to the Taylor County re- ed in the weekly tabulation of The

county commissoners in regular to Wednesday night. The current session, thereby becoming the week accounted for 1,526 bales. NOODLE SCHOOL OPENS The Cross Roads School at for better service in the eight

member of the school board.

LARGENTS SHIP HERD C. M. Largent, Jr., left Tuesday night with a load of exhibition cat-366 were enrolled while the high tle for the Tri-State fair at Amarilschool registered 245 students. lo. These cattle will be joined there by the show herd, which had crease of 19 students, the biggest made several of the big northern enrollment in the history of the shows including Sedalia, Mo., Springfield, Ill., Columbus, O., and Indianapolis, Ind. Willie Joe Largent, who had gone with the herd, returned home

> Sunday and will leave later in the week for Amarillo.

ATTEND PRESBYTERY schools of their choice, while some 15 or more other Merkel boys and girls will continue their college tended Tuesday's session as dele-

Theatre announced the following gate from the local church.

Ever Since Eve" with George SINGERS MEET AT BLAIR O'Brien and Mary Brian; Monday Taylor County Singing Conven- serve on the board. and Tuesday - "George White's tion meets in called session Sun-Scandals"; Wednesday and Thurs- day at Blair. The officers are in-

TO 3,000 BALES O 3,000 BALES Ginnings for the season at the gin at 2 p. m. This Pappened in Merkel Forty Years Ago TAKEN FROM THE 1914 FILES OF THE MERKEL MAIL

Anderson, Sallie Ander-Carrie Horton, Georgia Moore, Cogburn, Beatrice Powell, Gertrude Dowdy, Selina Teaff, Alice Smith, Mer-tie Rogers, Ennis Ford, Ruby

WARN OF WILD DRIVERS The matter of careless driv-

The City Council passed an ordi-

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Earl

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliott visit-

Mrs. Raymond Neal and daugh



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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

daughters, Becky and Susan, left orado Springs, Colo. for their home Wednesday in Provo, Utah, after a two weeks' Baze and Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Bodvisit with her mother, Mrs. Ada en on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Heeter, her aunt and uncles.

Misses Mary Collins and Vivian Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Morris and Davis spent Labor Day weekend three daughters of Wichita Falls; in Dallas visiting Mr. and Mrs. on Sunday there were Mrs. Bernie end with their son Gerald and L. G. Shafer, Judy and Mrs. Seth Dowdy and H. C. Fronabarger of

Mr. and Ms. Ward Berryman and baby of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. ed his sister, Mrs. Richard Fagan Boyd Moore of Lubbock were and husband in Haskell Sunday. Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rutledge. Also Charlie Bak- ter Margaret of McKinney visited er of Abilene was a visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Knox and daughters of Dallas visited Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Russell the past week. They returned home Mon-

in the Woodrum home last week. Mr. and Mrs. Jud Sheppard spent all last week in Big Spring with their son Bill and family.

Miss Denta Gibson visited in Lake. Crane over the weekend with Miss Betty Kannal.

Mrs. Earl Stanford, Mrs. Marie Leverich and son Jimmy spent the weekend in San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stanford. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hickman

and child of Los Angeles, Calif., visited recently with his sister, Mrs. L. E. Ford, Jr., and family. Mr. and Mrs. Whit Farmer of Ira were here the first of the week

to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamp Campbell. Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Carson went to Monahans Sunday and returned Monday after visiting her niece.

Mrs. Troy Phillips, and husband. Mrs, Joe Risinger and daughter Mrs. Joe Winter, and family of Odessa spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Toombs, and Mrs. Irven Thompson. Other visitors Sunday night were Joe

Risinger and son Jimmy Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Corn and two sons of Roswell, New Mex., spent Friday with her sister, Mrs. Ben Hicks, and family,

Mr. and Mrs. John English and son Mike of Ft. Worth spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. English Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Barnes of

Paducah spent the weekend with his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Buchanan

and her daughter and husband Cpl. and Mrs. Paul Baccus, of Ft. Sill, Okla., who has been visiting here spent Labor Day in Midland visiting their other daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Swinney

Mrs. Melvin Evans of San Antonio who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stanley, for the last few weeks has return-

THE ROMAN V-LINE SPACE CUT

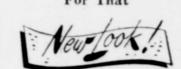
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NORMA'S BEAUTY SHOP

PHONE 19

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Buford over the weekend were his niece, Mrs. Bill Edwards, and husband of Ft. Worth and her sister, Mrs. Tom Allday, and husband of Lubbock.

Mrs. Geta Williamson and her sister, Mrs. C. C. Stribling, return-



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PHONE 27

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Nook Grocery D. A. Lee Station (CAMP FAIR)

OTHER FIRMS WILL BE

LISTED LATER.

ed to her home. Mrs. Stanley is

mproving after having an operaion a few weeks ago. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. spent the holiday weekend in Lub-

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Satterwhite

and Mr .and Mrs. Weldon Holmes visited in Clare, Okla., over the holiday.

J. B. Davenport of Norman, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Renfro and son Edwin visited over the weekwife in Odessa and with Mr. and Fort Worth. They all left Monday. Mrs. Clovis Harrison in Pyote.

Mrs. J. W. Dowdy and daughter Gertrude of Abilene were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Dowdy Monday.

Ross Ferrier, Jr., and son Ronnie of Ft. Worth visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Sr. They caught many fish at Phantom

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sledge of El Paso visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Glenn Bowen of Ft. Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bowen and daughter of Lubbock spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Scott and his family held a fish fry Saturday evening. Among those were: Mr. and Mrs. Coleman O'Brien and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brnovak.

W. O. Earl Mashburn, Jr., stationed in Georgia, wife, son and daughter, Marvin and Joy, of Rising Star visited in the home of his cousin, Ernest Hendricks, and wife before sailing for France.

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HOSPITAL NOTES

T. J. Amason, Tommy Largent,

who fractured his arm playing

For surgery - Tom Drennan,

Mrs. A. B. Patterson.

is sponsor.

Sept. 17

Sept. 24

Oct. 1

*Oct. 8

Oct. 22

Oct. 15

*Oct. 29

Nov. 5

kel School.

Ford Butman.

observation.

INJURED IN WRECK

DENSONS BUY STORE

have bought a store.

LEAVES HOSPITAL

just fine.

Nov. 12

EMERGENCY SHOWER

Trent Gorillas'

Is Announced

Football Schedule

(Home Game)

(Home Game)

(Home Game)

(Home Game)

(Home Game)

*Conference Game

Home Games 8:00 p. m.

Mrs. Pat McGonagill, 46, sister

and Mrs. Lee and attended Mer-

T. J. Bird, Jr., son of Mr. and

Night with a game party at the

Mrs. Charles Davis, 79, was

Abilene Thursday of last week.

The R. L. Densons have moved

Mrs. Lee Stanley was discharg-

ed from the Sadler Hospital last

Friday morning. She underwent

major surgery and is improving

to Ft. Phantom Lake where they

SISTER OF D. A. LEE

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DIES LAST WEEK

T. J. BIRD, JR., IS

Asperment

Loraine

Hermleigh

football.



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Mrs. Chean Yandell Former Merkelite, pital the past week were:

Is Buried Here Funeral for Mrs. Chean Yandell, 83, former Merkelite, was held at 9:30 a. m. last Friday in the Crest Freda Williams, David Watkins, Hill Church of Christ in Brown-

Mrs. Yandell died in Brownfield early Thursday morning of last week. She moved there six years ago to live with a son, W. Fred Yandell.

Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel directed burial in Merkel Cem-

Her survivors are her son of Brownfield; a brother, Ira L. Pate. of Quanah; five stepdaughters, Mrs. Beulah Henry of Odessa, Mrs. Florence Robinson of Abilene, Mrs. Ida Belle Walker of Brown field, Mrs. Jo Willie Montgomery of Orange, Calif., and Mrs. L. R. Cockerell of Breckenridge; and three stepson, T. J. Yandell of O'Donnell, S. Yandell of Brownfield and H. J. Yandell of Snyder.

State Delegates To Convention Are Designated

cratic Convention from Merkel to be held in Mineral Wells Sept. 14. starting at 9:30 a. m., are:

Messrs. and Mesdames W. J. Largent, Tom Largent, Ford Smith Paul Honeycutt, Booth Warren. Bob Hicks and Dr. and Mrs. C. B.

'Laughing Anne' **Packs Laughs** At Pioneer Theatre

green-eyed Magaret Monday in Cotton Wood, Ariz. Lockwood, after several years of She was buried on Thursday of retirement from the screen, makes last week. Her daughter, Colleen, Studios' magnificent Technicolor production "Laughing Anne." opening Sunday and Monday at he Pioneer Theatre.

The brilliant offering, which DISCHARGED FROM NAVY co-stars Wendell Corev, Forrest AFTER 4 YEARS' DUTY Tucker and Ronald Shiner, presents the "new" Margaret Lock- Mrs. T. J. Bird, Sr., has been diswood - singing, laughing, loving charged from the Navy and is her way from the gay night clubs now at home. He was in the Navy of Paris of the eighteen-eighties about four years and was for 18 to a sordid jungle settlement - months in the Far East touching and her exciting portrayal of the Korea, China and Japan. title role has already won her the critical acclaim of the British TO HONOR MASONS

WOODY WILSONS ATTEND GIFT SHOW IN DALLAS THIS WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. Woody Wilson at tended the gift show in Dallas Sunday and Monday.

MRS. ALLEN D. KING'S AUNT, MRS. LEE SHORES, DIES LAST WEEK

Mrs. Allen D. King was notified last week of the death of her aunt. Mrs. Lee Shores, in Pulaskie. Tenn, Mrs. Shores was the former Lura Reed, sister of the late O. W. Reed, Her sister, Mrs. G. C. Frazier, and brother, Robert Reed, attended the funeral.

BUDDY McKEEVER WINS PROMOTION IN ARMY WHILE IN JAPAN

Pvt. Buddy McKeever has been promoted to private first class. Buddy is now stationed in Japan. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. McKeever.

KATY HUNTER IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF EIGHTH GRADERS

Mrs. Winter's eighth grade class of Merkel Elementary School met on Tuesday, Sept. 7, and elected officers for a term of 6 weeks. The officers were: President, Katy Hunter: secretary-treasurer Dixie Wade, and reporter, Sarah Salter.

BILLY SLOAN IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NOODLE CLASS

The Noodle eighth grade held an election. The class officers were: Billy Sloan, president; Jerry Goode, vice president; Ann Patterson, secretary; Shirlene Lucas, treasurer, and Donald Adair reporter. Room mothers were: Mrs. Troy Sloan, Mrs. Newell Lucas, Mrs. Link Adair. They met in the homemaking building on Monday, Sept. 6.

SUE PAYNE IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF TRENT CLASS

The Seventh Graders of Trent ool held a class meeting Thursday morning of last week with Miss Proctor, the home room teacher. The following officers

were elected: President, Sue Payne; vice president, Syra Swinney; secretarytreasurer, Gailyn Steadman; reporter, Ida May King; parliamenarian, Urban Bright: song leader, Janie Robinson; Halloween room mothers, Mrs. Allen D. King and Mrs. Sherman Driggers.

CARD OF THANKS

For each prayer on our behalf Admisisons to the Sadler Hosfor the many kind words of sympathy, the gracious deeds and the As medical patients - Mamie beautiful floral offerings, we de-C. Allen, Henry L. Howard, Bill sire to express our humble thanks. Williams, Leon Kelso, Grady Bis-May God bless each of you abunhop, Mrs. J. H. Bishop, Mrs. Jess Russom, Mrs. F. H. Rutledge, Mrs.

> The Children of Mrs. N. E. Wood, Sr.

JIMMY EAKIN HEADS LONE STAR CLUB FOR MONTH OF SEPT.

An emergency shower will be Mrs. Andy Shouse's seventh held at 9:30 a. m. to 10:30 a. m. grade Lone Star Club had its first Monday at the First Methodist church for Mr. and Mrs. J. room 8. The purpose of the meet-Hamp Campbell. Everyone is in- ing was to elect officers for the vited to participate. The King's first month and to make plans for Daughters Sunday School Class the new year.

The officers elected were: President, Jimmy Eakin; vice president, Fernando Moreno; secretary David Watkins; treasurer, Marie Foster, and reporter, Larry Sey

There were 31 pupils enrolled in the room.

Legal Notices

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within the State of Texas GREETING: You are hereby commanded to

Bronte week for 4 consecutive weeks, the Rochester first publication to be at least Open twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper print ed in Taylor County, Texas, the Hobbs accompanying citation, of which Robert Lee the herein below following is true copy

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

To: Ora Elizabeth Lackey, De fendant, Greeting:

ARE HEREBY COM-MANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse of D. A. Lee, died last week on thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of a triumphant return in Republic lived here for two years with Mr. forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 18th day of October A. D., 1954, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 2 day of September A. D., 1954, in this cause, number 20,043-A on the docket of said court and styled J. B. Lackey, Plaintiff, vs. Ora Eliza-

beth Lackey, Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about the 5th day of January, 1931, and lived together until on or about the 5th day of March, 1931. Plaintiff and defen-The Eastern Star will entertain the Masons in honor of Mason dant did not have any children and did not aequire any community property. Plaintiff sues for di-Community Center Tuesday at vorce, as is more fully shown by 7:30 p. m. The affair will be under the direction of the worthy patron. Plaintiff's Petition on file in this

If this citation is not served JAMES C. HORTON within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned injured in a two-car collision in unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same ac-She was taken to St. Ann Hoscording to requirements of law. pital where she was admitted for and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand

> and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this the 2nd day of September, A. D., 1954. Attest: J. Neil Daniel, Clerk.

42nd District Court Taylor County, Texas By C. Bower, Deputy

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D. R. Butler, W. M. Truett Thompson, Sec'y.

WANTED

meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 1, in WANTED - Man for part time Job. See at DeLue Laundry.

WANTED - Up ground Butane Tank, 100 gallon or more. See Mrs. D. W. Ashby, Route 4, Box 205, Abilene, Texas. 1t26p. WANTED - Will make button

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1	3:44	a. m.	12:10 a. m.	
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1	6:47	a. m.	2:54 a. m.	
1	11:30	a. m.	5:54 a. m.	
1	2:57	p. m.	9:09 a. m.	
1	5:05	p. m.	11:40 a. m.	
1	8:56	p. m.	2:55 p. m.	
1	10:51	p. m.	7:25 p. m.	

COMPLETING TRAINING

AT LACKLAND BASE James C. Horton is completing his Air Force basic military training course at Lackland Air Force Base. James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Horton, Abilene. They used to live here and James graduated from Merkel High School.

CEMETERY FUND

Since the last report the following have donated to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund: Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walton \$10.00

H. E. Seago, Plainview \$5.00 Mattie J. Swafford, Estate .. \$5.00 T. L. Holloway \$5.00 Mrs. S. O. Owens \$5.00 Geo. T. Moore \$2.50 Mrs. E. V. Satterwhite \$2.00 G. W. Moore, Estate \$2.50 Mrs. A. C. Rogers, Abilene \$2.00 For Water System:

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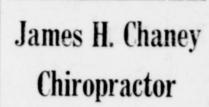
scription to the good old Merkel Mail. When I read it I feel like I've been home again for a little while. I miss my friends, there

'Hell, High Water' Is 1st Spy Drama At Queen Theatre

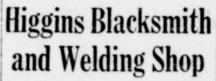
The silent underwater collisions of warring submarines, the suspense of secret landing parties in vading a forbidden Arctic islandand the staggering realism of an atomic explosion represent the powerful action in "Hell and High Water," plays Sunday and Monday at the Queen Theatre.

The film is the first spy drama in CinemaScope with its startling action filmed below as well as above the Arctic Sea

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By LORETTA ALLEN The state meeting of the Texas is past history now, but I'm still is a very high honor. enjoying it. It was all very good, but you should have heard Miss Liso Sergo of Constock, Va. She was born in Florence, Italy, and began as a news commentator at the age of 17. She was interpretor for Mussolini until she saw that was not the right kind of government. She was sentenced to prison

but escaped. She is now an international news analyist. If you would like to know more about her and her talk talk and other things of importance that happened at the meeting, attend the home demonstration club nearest you. They will be having a report of the meeting soon. Contact club member for

the exact date. Miss Mabel McRee, Mrs. O. E. Harwell, Union Ridge Club; Mrs. John Hughes, Merkel Club; Mrs. Sam Butman, Jr., and Mrs. Dewel McLeon, Blue Bonnet Club, attended a leader training meeting recently in Abilene. They will soon be giving a demonstration to their club on 'Cooking and Serving Frozen Meat." They would like to have club members and visitors for their demonstration.

I visited Mrs. J. Ben Campbell recently. She has a beautiful rocker that has been in her family over 100 years. Sept. 17 I will show her how to put a cane bottom in the chair. If you would like to see this demonstration I'll bet Mrs. Campbell wouldn't mind having you come.

Mrs. Clarence Hollinghead, Mrs. 23 Years of Faithful Service Allen King, Mrs. Clint Stewart, Mrs. P. L. Kendall (Three E Com-

mittee of Council Smith, former 4-H g reta Allen, Miss Beth (Mrs. Guy McCarty visite girls who were candidate Gold Star Award. Mrs. Mc gives \$100 to the girl selected.

The candidates were Patricia Yost, Linda Stockton, Nita Harvey, Janice Evans and Ruby Stephan. Watch KRBC tonight at 6:45 and you will see the girl the group selected as the most outstanding 4-H girl in Taylor County. She can re-Home Demonstration Association ceive this award only once and it

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The school enrollment at Merkel was off a little from last year, from 691 to 679

was also off a little from last year, counting 141.

The school enrollment at Noodle was about the same as last year, numbering 141.

rounding communities are in a sturdy condition.

The oil activity has helped out when we are in their company. very much and the building of the Abilene Army Air Base at Tye will be a great stimulus to increased prosperity in these parts. At that though, Supt. Mack Fisher, Supt. W. B. Williams and Supt. A. J. Hill look forward to a

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This was to be expected, the lived the allotted three score and drought being what it is. It is sur- ten years and have come to this prising that the enrollment did not age gracefully. They keep busy fall off more. Yet, when you and have a keen interest in the alyze the economic conditions things about them and in the from all sides Merkel and its sur- | world around them. They radiate youthful energy and enthusiasm. There is never a dull moment

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They recently wrote: "We have had good rains off and on during August with hot humid days in between. It brought the grass, roses and zinnias to life. There are huge tomato vines but no tomatoes and the grasshoppers are still with us. We have spent the summer fighting them but still they come.'

Well, we too still have the grasshoppers and we too still are fighting them.

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The fact is that an antenna that is properly installed and a good installation made acts the same as a lightning rod and is really

People should investigate and erly installed. Even the insurance companies encourage proper installation of the antenna as safety precaution.

The time to look after the proper installation is before the lightning strikes again. The time to do

WHITE-ICISM

That's ALL - and the Sage of Figfield adds that the best insurance is to look for protection be fore the lightning strikes, before the horse is stolen.

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LEGAL NOTICE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TAYLOR

We, the subscribers, have this day entered into a limited partnership agreeably to the provision of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas relating to limited part nerships; and do hereby certify that the terms of our said partner ship are as follows, to-wit:

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F. A. Lee, special partner, Lawton. Oklahoma The amount of capital which the aforesaid said special partner

has contributed to the common stock is \$12,600.00 in cash. Said partnership is to exist for

the term of five (5) years from the date of these presents. This 16 day of August, A. D.

/s/ Lynn A. Lee Lynn A. Lee, general parnter /s/ F. A. Lee F. A. Lee, special partner THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TAYLOR BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the County of Taylor, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Lynn A. Lee, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration there

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County, Texas THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY OF COMANCHE

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GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, This 23 day of August, A. D. 1954. /s/ W. C. Capshaw

Notary Public in and for Comanche County, Oklahoma

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/s/ Lynn A. Lee SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, by the said Lynn A. Lee, this 16 day of Auggust, 1954, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

/s /Ellison F. Gerlach Notary Public in and for Taylor County, Texas. Adv. - Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24

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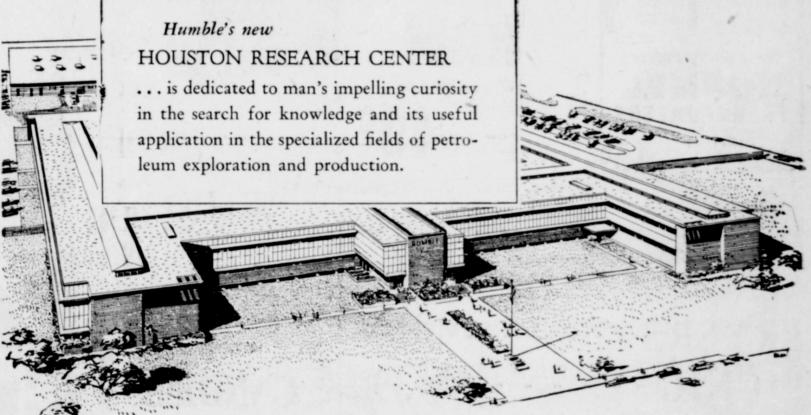
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