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ROGERS

Sgt. Marion L. Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Rogers of Marble, Rt. 1 is serving with the Aviation Engineer Force of the United States Air Force in Texas. Rogers is training at Walters Air Force Base with one of the newest commands of the Air Force.



CPL. JONES

Preparing food for U. S. Soldiers on Okinawa is Cpl. J. R. Jones of Columbus, Ga., a cook in the 29th Regimental Combat Team. Jones, whose wife, Essie, lives at 2938 Baldwin St., arrived overseas last June. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Frances L. Jones of Andrews, N. C., he completed basic training at Camp Gordon, Ga.

Over the past five years droughts in the United States caused more losses under the federal crop insurance program than any other single hazard.

Sgt. Doyle Clay Stationed in Raleigh

Sgt. Doyle L. Clay, son of Mrs. S. G. Clay of Rt. 3, Murphy, N. C., is reported for duty with the North Carolina Military District and will be assigned in Raleigh, N. C.

Prior to his new assignment Sgt. Clay was stationed at Fort Jackson South Carolina.

Sergeant Clay graduated from Murphy High School with the class of 1940. He first entered the service in 1943 and served in Europe during World War II.

The Sergeant is a veteran of the Korean conflict having served with the 772nd Military Police Battalion for 16 months.

NEAL IN JAPAN

BEPPU, JAPAN—Army Sgt. John M. Neal, whose wife, Fionnie Mae, lives in Murphy, N. C., is serving in Japan with the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team.

Veterans of two combat jumps into Korea, the 187th "Rakkasans" fought as infantrymen with nearly every UN division and are now stationed in Japan as a security force.

Sergeant Neal, son of Frank E. Neal, Marble, N. C., is a truckmaster in the team's Service Company. He has been in the Army since 1944, and his decorations include the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Good Conduct Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal.

Mrs. Wells Hostess To Methodist Circle

LAST WEEK

Mrs. Harold Wells was hostess to Circle No. 1 of the First Methodist Church Friday at her home on ... road.

Roscoe Wilkins, chairman presided and Mrs. W. F. Elliott gave the program on "Why I Go To Church."

Newly elected officers are: chairman, Mrs. William J. Wells; vice-

chairman Mrs. G. H. Farley; program chairman, Mrs. Harvey Hinchshaw; secretary, Mrs. Gordon Wilkins; treasurer, Mrs. Roscoe Wilkins; and corresponding secretary, Mrs. Guy Brittain.

Refrainments were served to the Mrs. Grady Carringer, by the host-11 members and one new member, assisted by Miss Geraldine Cornwell.

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THE LONE RANGER :: By Fran Striker

IT'S GETTING TOO DARK TO FOLLOW THE KILLERS' TRAIL.

I'LL GO TO THE ASTRONOMERS' CAMP UNTIL MORNING.

AT THAT MOMENT THE KILLERS ARE IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

I'LL SEE THAT THE INDIAN HANGS FOR THE HERMIT'S MURDER.

WE STOLE THESE BONDS WE STOLE HAVE THE HERMIT'S NAME ON 'EM!

I'LL REMOVE IT, CASH THE BONDS, THEN GIVE YOU YOUR CUT.

BY THE WAY, A COUPLE OF ASTRONOMERS SAW YOU KILL THE HERMIT. THEY BROUGHT ME YOUR DESCRIPTION.

WE'RE LUCKY THE SHERIFF'S OUT OF TOWN, WITH YOU IN CHARGE OF THE OFFICE.

WE'D BETT GET RID O ASTRONO!

WHERE'LL WE FIND THE WITNESSES TO THE MURDER?

THEY'RE CAMPED IN THE WOODS SOUTH OF TOWN.

DISPOSE OF THEM, THEN WE'RE SET TO FRAME THE INDIAN FOR THE HERMIT'S MURDER.

THERE THEY ARE--

STICK 'EM UP!

YER COVERED!

THE MEN WHO KILLED THE HERMIT!

SO YUH RECOGNIZE US!

I SAID, DROP THOSE GUNS!

I'LL GET YUH!

MY ARM!

THE OTHER KILLER'S ESCAPING!

THE OTHER MAN WENT THAT WAY!

THEY'RE THE HERMIT'S KILLERS, AND THEY WERE GOING TO KILL US!

TOO DARK TO TRY TO FOLLOW THAT ONE

NOW I GOTTA KILL THE MASKED MAN AS WELL AS THE OTHER TWO

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