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ENTHUSIASTIC OIL MEETING

As evidence of the fact that great enthusiasm is now stirring the hearts of the people of this section over the oil situation, last Friday night there gathered at the Commercial Club rooms in this city over 200 men from every part of the leased section. T. A. Johnson was chairman of the meeting, and conducted the affairs in his own happy and enthusiastic manner. He said in part:

Progress has been made, but the very men we want are not here. According to the way I see it, we have a good proposition, as good as I know of in any undeveloped territory. In most places men have to go down in their pockets to get a well put down. These men have agreed to put down a well within 60 days provided those holding out will lease. That time will quickly pass around and then we will know whether we have oil or not. We know what would be the result if a well is brought in. I regret very much that the men wanted are not here. Doubtless the trouble is a lack of understanding. We should talk as men together. I am glad to see this crowd here. This is the opportunity we need. These men may drill, and they may not drill. It is up to us to put the matter squarely up to them.

G. W. Johnson, who has won an enviable reputation as a dreamer, made a short talk on his favorite topic. He said that when we get oil in the country we will quit using automobiles and use flying machines. He said he dreamed that S. F. Haynes hit it lucky, and then went down and bought all of Williamson county. Also dreamed that Mr. Haynes invited him down to spend two or three days, but that he just could not leave Merkel long enough to go. He said he dreamed that one fellow who had struck it rich gathered up a trainload of his old pals and took them to the lakes and they stayed all summer. That, he said, is what oil can do for a country.

R. M. Parker said in part: The oil industry is one of the greatest enterprises known to the world, and it is growing all the time. We thought the Pennsylvania oil fields were great, but that is nothing to compare with other fields. It is closer home now, even in Ranger. Our geologist says this is bigger than the Ranger field. There is one well in Ranger that is burning up \$8000 every day in gas just to get rid of it. This estimate is based on the prices Dallas and Fort Worth have to pay.

The U. S. government is looking toward economy in every industry in the land, and the U. S. government is not going to permit wildcatting. They will cease to allow wildcatting industries to do business because the material will be needed elsewhere. When this is done nothing further can be done until the war is over. The proposition for us is that we have an opportunity to get in before the U. S. government curtails this activity. If these leases are brought to a close right away, we have the assurance that we will be drilling within 60 days, probably by the first of October. Material is loaded on the car at Ranger. It will be shipped as soon as the leases are closed. We will have the territory tested out by the first of February. If we can get a producing well it will be proven territory, and then the government will encourage development.

Mr. Boggs said we are here for the purpose of trying to develop this territory. We have been very successful in getting up our tracts. If we can just get a few more leases signed up we

will agree to begin drilling within 60 days. A number of questions were asked, which Mr. Boggs answered in detail.

Dr. J. T. Pue said, it has been my experience to see a great deal of the lease business in the Brownwood field. Any speculator who offers you any amount for your lease is not equal to a drilling contract. Your lease may be sold time and time again and no developments made. I have seen leases change hands seven or eight times. People having them in charge put the prices so high no one could get them for drilling purposes. A well is worth more to a community than any money received from leases.

If we can get one good well put down, it will be worth more than the leases on all the wells.

Dr. M. Armstrong spoke on "The Effect Striking Oil Would Have on Merkel." The hotels, the garages, the vacant houses, business in general, the banks and everything will be effected. New buildings will be erected. Look what oil has done for cities where it has been found. Mr. R. O. Anderson asked me today which story I would like to occupy in the new nine-story building to be erected. The banks in Ranger had about \$35,000 when oil was struck; now one bank has over a \$1,000,000, and the other one as much as they can take care of. It will mean work for our men. It is the thing for all our people if we will just get down under the thing and push.

The closing remarks were made by Chairman Johnson, who said: I have been here a long time. If I have been criticized for anything it is because I have been over-conservative. I have refused to lease. Now when they say they will give us development within 60 days I became interested. I believe I can afford to take a shot within 60 days. I have a piece of land I would not have a lease on for \$500. I don't care whether I ever get any lease money or not. I want development and I am willing to lease. I believe it is the thing to do.

Cigars were passed, cigars of rare quality, which, when smoked made one dream of gushers over all this great Merkel country. We didn't smoke one, but an enthusiastic fellow blew a puff of smoke our way and dreamed it all the same. Then our wife accused us of smoking when we got home.

Malicious Shooting of Turkeys.

A few days ago some party, or parties, maliciously shot 14 turkeys, belonging to Rufus Adcock. While evidence points strongly to the guilty parties, it is alleged, no arrests have been made.

No stone should be left unturned to seek out the guilty parties. The country don't need them. If the turkeys were doing injury to any one, then that one should have reported same to the owner, but to deliberately destroy property in this manner is criminal. There is no way to uproot an evil, but to get right down to the bottom of it. It would have been better to have stolen the turkeys, than to have deliberately killed them and left them lying upon the ground. Every honest man and woman in this country is interested in seeing that the marauders are brought to justice.

Crop Is Short.

Washington, Sept. 3.—August was the most disastrous month to the cotton crop that has ever been recorded, a loss in prospective production amounting to 2,482,000 bales resulting from the severe drought.

This year's cotton crop was forecast today at 11,137,000 equivalent 500-pound bales by the Department of Agriculture basing its estimate on the condition of the crop Aug. 25, which was 55.7 per cent of normal.

CLASSIFIED ADS

1 cent a word for each insertion. No ad. taken for less than 15c.

LOST—One red cow, with white face, marked half circle over 4HK or QT, range cow, inclined to be wild. Mac Castles, Noodle, Route 1. 9tf

FOR SALE—Second hand furniture. See Miss Genevieve Rust. 26t2c.

WANTED—A woman to do light house keeping for two. Old lady preferred. See A. L. Jobe.

FOR TRADE—Fine 6-passenger auto. Worth \$2165 to trade on farm worth the money. See The Merkel Mail.

Car of oats just received at Bob Martins.

School books are absolutely Cash. Grimes Drug Store.

Plenty of oats at G. M. Sharps

Methodist Church.

Last Sunday was a fine day at the Methodist church. Dr. Sen-sabaugh of Abilene was rather an unexpected, but an agreeable visitor, preaching to two large congregations. His messages were great, and our audiences were large. Thank you do sir.

Full announcements were made relative to our cooperative services for next Sunday evening. Special speakers have been provided.

We will have our morning services at the Church at the 11 o'clock hour. We have been delighted with our congregations during the summer months. They have been fine, however, there is some folks who have not attended Sunday School or preaching services for some months, dropped out-of-breath, this non-church going habit, good folks? yes, but just neglect to do their duty. Well God proposes this question to all such. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great Salvation?" Let us fill the old church next Sunday morning. All strangers within our gates especially urged to visit with us.

C. S. Cameron.

School books are absolutely Cash. Grimes Drug Store.

The appointment of H. C. Williams as postmaster for the ensuing four years has been affirmed, together with 93 other Texas appointments.

Mr. Williams has made an enviable reputation as postmaster and his re-appointment is very pleasing news to the citizens of Merkel and surrounding country.

Mrs. C. M. Tandy and Mrs. L. Ellis of Abilene spent Monday with Mrs. Tom Largent.

Miss Jessie Mae Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Cox, of Abilene, and niece of Mrs. Geo. West of this city, has accepted a position as stenographer of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank. Miss Cox is an efficient stenographer and the bank is to be congratulated upon securing her services. She already has many friends here, having been a frequent visitor in the city.

The Metropolitan Cafe and Bakery want fresh eggs.

H. P. Wilkins and family moved to Merkel a few days ago. In looking over his fryers, he thought of us, and one of the finest birds in all the country now struts in imminent danger of the hatchet, yet it is too fine to kill.

Car of oats just received at Bob Martins.

A Family Reunion

I will but anything I can use or find a market for. So bring along what you have to sell. W. P. Duckett.

Just received a car of fresh Baker Boy flour. Bob Martin.

FOR SALE—About 500 bundles of maize, near Noodle. See G. F. Holland.

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS & CARBON PAPER—At Merkel Mail office.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Good wagon for sale cheap, or will trade for cows or hogs. Jas Patterson, Jr.

Removal Notice.

This is to notify our friends and customers that we will move our barber shop from Kent St., to the first door west of the post office.

Pate and Son. Adv.

Complete line of school books and school supplies. Grimes Drug Store.

BE PATRIOTIC

One is not entirely patriotic if he does not wear patches on his clothes. Bring out your old duds and let me patch and press them. The war is on, but when I serve you nobody knows that your clothes are old. I will make them look new. Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Spot cash saves you money at Rogers.

Complete line of school books and school supplies. Grimes Drug Store.

NOTICE TO PATRONS

I have been here 13 years and the people of Merkel have always favored me with a good practice; and, I have appreciated it and have tried to give them good honest work in return.

Our crops are a failure this year, and its going to be a struggle on us all to get through, therefore I am not going to be hard on any one and yet will have to ask that one and all do all that you can for me and I will be here at the same old stand ready to serve you in that same prompt willing way as before. Don't put me off till the last but divide up as you go and we will all get by. Be as prompt with me as I am with you and I will be satisfied.

Come in and see me or Miss Warren and let us know what you can do and when you can do it.

Yours truly, Dr. M. Armstrong.

Good for Billiousness

"I took two of Chamberlain's Tablets last night, and I feel fifty per cent better than I have for weeks, says J. J. Firestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine article for billiousness. For sale by all dealers.

Don't forget the man that buys most everything. Go to see him when you have anything to sell. The first letter of his name is W. P. Duckett.

The Metropolitan Cafe and Bakery want fresh eggs.

Mrs. Julia Cotton has moved to the home of Mrs. Pearl Hollinsworth.

School books are absolutely Cash. Grimes Drug Store.

Fred Baker and Fletcher Mashburn left Sunday night for Sopolpa, Okla., where they have accepted a position with the Frisco railway.

Mrs. West Edwards left Thursday morning for Midland, where she is visiting relatives.

The following boys leave Friday morning for Camp Travis: Joel Counts.

Homer Laney.
Mason Pee.
Sam J. Gafford.
Joe Owen.
Wm. Cox.
Owen Ellis.
Rodger Hamblett.
Stanley King.
J. O. McMurray.

SCHOOL TO START MONDAY

Everything is being placed in readiness for school to open Monday. Prof. Parker has made some very fine plans for the coming session. The auditorium has been transferred into a study hall, the opera chairs removed and desks placed therein. Above the sixth grade will study in this room and retire to adjoining rooms for recitation periods. This plan has been adopted by most city schools and has been found highly satisfactory for high school work. The pupils are not disturbed when this method is pursued.

Another splendid improvement lies in the making of an auditorium on the second floor for the primary and intermediate grades. Heretofore they have had to march upstairs for chapel and other exercises that brought them together.

While the attendance will likely be short, yet it is believed that those who attend during the term will start in the first day. This is urged in order to facilitate the efficiency of the school.

Times are particularly hard, on account of the war and the drought, yet Uncle Sam is emphasizing the necessity of going to school.

Orders Taken For Wheat.

Wheat orders will be taken at the Commercial Club rooms by Fred Groene, secretary. Conditions are such that the members do not feel disposed to order a car at this time. However, many people want wheat, and those who have the money and want to buy are asked to place their orders quickly and as soon as a car can be assured, the wheat will be purchased.

Those who wish to take advantage of the government's offer are also asked to see Mr. Groene. By this means co-operation can be secured in the interest of the country.

Groene Elected Secretary.

Fred Groene has been elected secretary of the Commercial Club and is now on the job. He is "on to the ropes and ought to make a very efficient officer. Should the oil situation develop according to optimistic outlook, he soon will have his hands full. He is at the service of the city and country and asks to be commanded.

Two Gins To Run.

The Fuel Administration has ordered all gins in Merkel to close, except two. The gins allowed to run are the Brown and Guitard gins. This matter was entirely in the hands of government men, and there was no alternative but to submit to the demand.

SUNDAY ICE

Unless you bring your coupons or cash on Sunday morning, we can't let you have your ICE. Merkel Ice Company

Best Treatments for a Burn.

If for no other reason, Chamberlain's Savle should be kept in every household on account of its great value in the treatment of burns. It allays the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a severe one, heals the parts without leaving a scar. This salve is also unequalled for chapped hands, sore nipples and diseases of the skin. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

We are pleased to note that Geo. A. Smith, a Merkel boy, was given a commission as Second Lieutenant of field artillery as the result of training taken at Camp Taylor, Ky.

Gereldine Cook happened to a painful accident, while playing with a dog, which sprang on her, and tearing her left ear nearly off.

MEN TO REGISTER AGE 18 TO 45

Washington, Aug. 31.—All the men from 18 to 45 years of age in the continental United States, except those in the army or navy or already registered, were summoned by President Wilson today to register for military service on Thursday, Sept. 12.

Machinery of the Provost Marshal General's office was set in motion to carry out the second great enrollment under a presidential proclamation issued soon after the President had signed the new man-power act extending the draft ages. The bill, completed in Congress yesterday, had been sent to the White House for the President's signature today soon after the House and Senate convened.

Of those who enroll now, it is estimated that 2,300,000 will be called for general military services, probably two-thirds of the number coming from among the 3,500,000 or more between the ages of 18 and 21.

General March has said all registrants called into the army will be in France before next June 30, swelling the American expeditionary force to more than the 4,000,000 men expected to win the war in 1919. The last to be called will be the youths in their eighteenth year, but those of that age who desire and who have the necessary qualification may be inducted into service on Oct. 1 for special technical or vocational training.

The hours of registration will be from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and all State and local officers are called on to make arrangements of registration places on that day.

CALL FOR UNSKILLED MEN

Next Monday morning a shipment of unskilled laborers will be made from Abilene. Registration must be made Sunday night, but parties desiring to go down on the night train will be met at the Chamber of Commerce rooms in Abilene, where they may register and go out the next morning. The ages range from 20 to 55. Under that age must have permit from parents and be grown in size and be able to do a man's work. Transportation free where parties work thirty days. The price is register at the Merkel Mail office before Sunday.

BRITISH CAPTURE LENS

London, Sept. 3.—The British captured the City of Lens. The town of Queant also has been taken. Lens was evacuated by the Germans, the British moving in.

In their pass beyond the Do-court-Queant line the British have advanced to a point just to the west of Buizy, two and one half miles northeast of Queant, and occupied Pronville, a mile and a half southeast of Queant.

More than 10,000 prisoners were taken by the British yesterday. Additional prisoners were taken this morning.

U. S. Estimate Shows Cotton

DENTAL NOTICE This is to inform the public that I make a specialty in the treatment of Pyorrhea (which is diseased gums). If the gums are properly cared for, there is no occasion for false teeth.

I have had three years of successful practice and have been thoroughly convinced that bad gums are the direct cause of numerous systemic ailments, such as stomach trouble, rheumatism, etc.

I will be glad to consult with any one at any time on any subject pertaining to the oral cavity. Office over Woodroof-Bragg Company.

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At the country home of H. M. Rainbolt, two miles south of town, three sisters and the two brothers all of which had not seen each other in more than 18 years, met in a happy reunion. Two of the sisters could not be present. The ones present are as follows:

Mesdames W. R. Carvine of Hot Wells, Tex., enroute to her new home at Clinton Okla.; Mrs. Craddock and grandson of Colo., Mrs. J. H. Rizer, of Port Arthur, Texas, H. B. Rainbolt of Cisco.

It was a most enjoyable occasion and all enjoyed the fried chicken, corn bread and ice cream. They also enjoyed, the conversations of their childhood days.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY, Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. GLEASON, (Seal) Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by all druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Mrs. Lester Ellis of Abilene visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ellis this week.

Remember the 10th and pay your Electric bills.

Mrs. G. R. Holloway and children left Wednesday night for California, where they will remain until Christmas.

Miss Hettie Wills returned from a visit to Abilene friends.

Owen Ellis is home for a few days after which he leaves for training at Camp Travis.

RED CROSS VANISHING CREAM (WITH PEROXIDE)

A greaseless cream of snowy whiteness. Delightfully perfumed. A day cream for oily skins. Softens the hard lines of the face. Protects it from sunburns, winds, tans and cold weather. Affords an excellent foundation for applying Amrico Beauty Face Powder. This and more than one hundred other Red Cross Remedies and Toilet preparations sold and guaranteed only by
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What could furnish stronger evidence of the efficiency of any remedy than the test of time. Thousands of people testify that Doan's Kidney Pills have brought lasting results.

Grateful endorsements should prove undoubtedly the merits of this remedy. Years ago people right in this locality testified to the relief they had derived from the use of Doan's Kidney Pills. They now confirm their testimonials. They say that time has completed the test.

Mrs. W. C. Shaw, 773 Locust St., Abilene, Tex., says: "My back was so lame I could hardly get up in the morning and my kidneys acted irregularly. This trouble had bothered me for years. I finally got Doan's Kidney Pills and they quickly cured me. One box was all I needed and I felt better in every way."

Over three years later Mrs. Shaw added: "I still have great confidence in Doan's Kidney Pills, for the cure they gave me has been permanent."

Price 60c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Shaw had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y. Aug 30

J. J. Shafer of Temple is here visiting his brother, J. B. Shafer and family.

Go to Rogers where the dollar buys most.

WHAT TO USE TO PREVENT APPENDICITIS

Merkel people should know simple buethorn bark, glycerine, ect., as mixed in Adler-i-ka, flushes the entire bowel tract so completely that appendicitis is prevented. One spoonful Adler-i-ka relieves any case sour stomach, gas or constipation because it removes all foul matter which clogged and poisoned your system. The instant action surprises both doctors and patients.—
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There is considerable oil enthusiasm in the country, but not one drop of oil. Standing resolutely in the way of development are a few men who refuse to lease. It is hoped they will see the error of their way before the company now here decides to leave the field. These parties own the land; no one can force them to make decision; we must wait until they come in of their own accord, even if the world stops. It would be the biggest thing Merkel ever had if they would step right up and lease and put it squarely up to the company to get busy. The company has said that the minute the leases are all in they will start drilling within 60 days. Day by day a few parties are putting it off. Maybe they are acting wisely, but if they are, then ninety-nine per cent of the rest of the people are veritable chumps. This is not strange, for possibly no community in the world will get every man to think alike. There are always some who want the other fellow to take all the risk. We hope however, that some way will be found to secure development.

Miss Mamie McNees left last Friday for Batson, where she will teach school.

Miss Marregy Butman will leave for Abilene Thursday to enter school.

RED CROSS HEADACHE and NEURALGIA REMEDY
Relieves neuralgia and chronic head aches. Free from opiates, quickly absorbed and producing immediate relief. Particularly recommended for headaches resulting from excesses. This and more than one hundred other Red Cross Remedies and Toilet Preparations sold and guaranteed only by
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Cheap Goods are High

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LOCAL NEWS

Miss Ruby Campbell left Wednesday for Colorado, Tex., where she will visit friends for a few days.

Buy your groceries and grain from G. M. Sharp and save enough to buy war saving stamps

Mrs. E. C. Wedemeyer, who has been visiting, T. L. Grimes, is visiting relatives in Lubbock for a short while.

Go to the Rogers grocery and see how the spot cash saves you money.

Mrs. E. E. Davis, of Snyder, visited her cousin, Mrs. G. J. Jones this week.

Remember the 10th and pay your Electric bills.

Miss Elma Sheppard has returned from a visit with relatives in Fort Worth.

Bring your fresh eggs and butter to E. L. Rogers. Best prices paid.

Dr. F. N. Reynolds returned to Merkel Thursday, accompanied by his wife and baby. The doctor recently purchased the dental business of Dr. McMaster, and we are glad to welcome him and his good family to our city.

Stanley King and Noal Counts will leave Thursday for Camp Travis, where they enter training.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures Kidney and Bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.



Mrs. Walter Jackson, Editor

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Laney entertained last Monday night in honor of their son, Homer, who will leave soon for training. Music and various games were enjoyed until a very late hour. Cream and cake were served to the following:

Misses Ruth Pike, Mable and Bettie Toombs, Madge Hale, Jewel Pate, Ruth Boden, Wilma Garrett, Vida McNeese, Julia Martin, Lola Armstrong, Girlie and Dixie Howard, Annie Mae Costephens, Rosie Laney; Messers Homer Laney, Mason Pee, Bill Cox, Joel Counts, A.J. Mann, Russell Pike, Frank Armstrong, Willie Stevens, Frank Counts, Howard Laney, and the host and hostess. All reported a fine time

A Delightful Dinner Party

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Teaff entertained with a turkey dinner on last Thursday to a number of their friends. Some of the invited guests were deprived the privilege of being present, but before noon the guests began to gather and soon the number reached twenty. Then the guests were invited into the beautifully arranged dining room where a most elaborate dinner was served. Everything good to eat was there to be enjoyed. The occasion proved to be a most delightful one. Music featured largely in the entertainment features of the day. Mrs. Teaff was assisted in entertaining by her daughters. The following were present:

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lewallen and son of Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lassiter; Mesdames L. B. Howard, W. R. Walker, G. J. Jones and Walter Jackson; Misses Myrtice Saffle, of Plainview, Willie Swann, Lula Sharp, and Sophie, Dixie and Girlie Howard, little Ava Dee Jackson and Master J. E. Lassiter, and the host and hostess and family. All departed at a late hour

We Have Longed for It; Have Worked for It NOW THE TIME IS HERE

The wise magicians tell us there is oil beneath our feet; some of us believe it; some don't. At any rate, the opportunity is offered for many land deals. We are making listings every day. Don't put it off. If a dry hole is drilled, you will be sorry you did not list.

List your land with us; list your royalties at your own price. Don't sell but half of your royalty.

We already have some special bargains

Our facilities are such that we can advertise your property; we intend to go to money centers and there exploit the possibilities of this country. Give us your exclusive listings and we will leave no stone unturned to do you service and do it quickly.

If you need ready money and are in the oil leased district, let us have a listing of your royalty, and we will exert every effort to make quick sale.

MERKEL REALTY COMPANY

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How to Maintain It.

Leader, Miss Jessie Smith.
Song Service.
Scripture Lesson.
Prayer, Responsive Reading.
Talk "What is Conscience?"—Miss Julia Martin.
A Lost Conscience—Frank Counts.
Special Music, Miss Rosa Laney.

The Power of a Good Conscience, Miss Annie Mae Costephens.

How to Maintain a Good Conscience, Hugh McRee.

Miscellaneous.
Song Benediction.

Over At The Baptist Church

Sunday School picked up appreciably last Sunday. That's the way it ought always to be. Keep the starting hour in mind: **TEN O'CLOCK** sharp.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning. The theme will be, "Wait on the Lord and Be Strengthened."

A Juniors organization will be formed at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Boys and girls of fifteen and under are wanted at this meeting. There's going to be something doing, boys and girls.

Cordial invitation is given to everybody to attend any and all of our meetings. If we have a litch string, it is on the outside.

Sunday evening services will be dismissed for the Conference of Fathers and Mothers.

E. E. Dawson, pastor.

B. Y. P. U. Program

Topic, The Christian's Armor
Leader, Miss Ruby Campbell.
The Soldier's Belt, Miss Willie Swann.

The Soldier's Coat of Mail, Miss Dixie Howard.

Special Music, Earl and Pearl Thornton.

The Soldier's Shoes, Rev. E. E. Dawson.

The Soldier's Shield, Miss Ruby Teaff.

Duett.
The Soldier's Helmet, Holland Teaff.

The Christian's Sword, Walter Jackson.

Concluding Thoughts.

LIVER DIDN'T ACT DIGESTION WAS BAD

Says 65 year Old Kentucky Lady, Who Tells How She Was Relieved After a Few Doses of Black-Draught.

Meadorsville, Ky.—Mrs. Cynthia Higginbotham, of this town, says: "At my age, which is 65, the liver does not act so well as when young. A few years ago, my stomach was all out of fix. I was constipated, my liver didn't act. My digestion was bad, and it took so little to upset me. My appetite was gone. I was very weak. . . . I decided I would give Black-Draught a thorough trial as I knew it was highly recommended for this trouble. I began taking it. I felt better after a few doses. My appetite improved and I became stronger. My bowels acted naturally and the least trouble was soon righted with a few

doses of Black-Draught." Seventy years of successful use has made Thedford's Black-Draught a standard, household remedy. Every member, of every family, at times, need the help that Black-Draught can give in cleansing the system and relieving the troubles that come from constipation, indigestion, lazy liver, etc. You cannot keep well unless your stomach, liver and bowels are in good working order. Keep them that way. Try Black-Draught. It acts promptly, gently and in a natural way. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c. a package—One cent a dose All druggists. J. 69

expressing a most enjoyable time.

Townsen-Richie Wedding.
Last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of the bride Miss Mattie Richie was married to Mrs. P. E. Townsen of Cameron, Rev. C. S. Cameron, pastor of the Methodist church performed the ceremony. Only a few friends witnessed the wedding. The couple left immediately for Cameron, where they will make their home.

Mrs. Townsen is a Merkel girl, possessing rare personal charm and accomplishments. She has a host of friends whose best wishes go with her to her new home.

Frost-Bell Wedding.

Married in Dallas, at the Adolphus, on the evening of August 29, 1918, Mr. Snow Frost of Eastland to Miss Gladys Sophia Bell, of Merkel. Rev. W. J. Johnson officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell of this city, and is one of Merkel's fairest and most estimable young ladies, and her friends here who have known her from childhood are loath to give her up and wish for her all happiness and prosperity in the future.

Mr. Frost is well known in Eastland, being an Architect and contractor there. He has a host of friends also, who join in congratulating him over his newly acquired treasure.

The happy pair will make Eastland their home in future.
By A Friend

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all the dear friends for their kindness and assistance during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother, Mrs. Mary Nelson Sandlin. May God's richest blessings rest on each one of you.

J. R. Sandlin.
Willie Nelson.
Elmer Nelson.
61tp.

CHURCH NEWS

Sunday School Report.

	Attendance	Col
Baptist	176	\$4.26
Methodist	152	3.55

Sunday's Conferences

Mayor Cobb will preside at the Conference of Father's at the Methodist Church, and Banker Johnson, County Health Physician Sandefer, and County Superintendent Elect Sims, will be the speakers. It is called a Conference of Fathers, but every boy of fifteen and above is wanted there also. The aim of this meeting is the physical and moral protection of all our people, especially our boys. Let parents see that their boys attend.

The Conference of Mothers will be at the Baptist Church. By reason of Pastor Standifer's absence on the sad mission of burying his companion it seemed best to change the location of the meeting to the Baptist Church. At this Conference of Mothers, Mrs. H. A. Sanders will preside, and Health Physician Sandefer, Mrs. President Sandefer of Simmons College, and Superintendent Sims will be the speakers. Every girl of fifteen and above is urged to be present for this meeting will be in the interest of girls as much as anybody.

Let the people of the whole Merkel community know that they have cordial and urgent invitation to attend these two important conferences. Their good will continue for generations, and we want all the surrounding communities to be sharers in this good.

Remember that 7 o'clock is the hour for both these meetings.

E. E. Dawson, Secretary Pastors Association.

Services Every Sunday Afternoon.

Rev. Q. Brown a minister of the Church of God, has secured the Southside Christian church building and will hold services there every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. No church organiza-

Bakery Opens

I wish to thank the people who patronized me in my old stand opposite the postoffice.

Have consolidated my bakery with the Metropolitan Cafe, where we will be glad to serve you with Fresh Bread at all times.

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tion is planned for the immediate future. Everybody is given a cordial invitation to be present.

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Just try one 50-cent bottle of **LAX-FOS WITH PEP-SIN**. A Liquid Digestive Laxative pleasant to take. Made and recommended to the public by Paris Medicine Co., manufacturers of Laxative Bromo Quinine and Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic.

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Vida McNeas returned from Austin last Sunday, where she has been in School. She was accompanied home by her brother, Rufus, his wife and baby o.yb She contemplates returning with them to attend school during the winter.

Melons, fruit, candies. You'll find them at Boney's. 29t2c

Miss Myrtice Saffle left last Saturday for her home in Plainview after a visit of several months with her sister, Mrs. Willie Joe Largent. Miss Saffle was accompanied home by Mrs. Willie Joe Largent and Paul West.

Plenty of fresh groceries at G. M. Sharps.

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic destroys the malarial germs which are transmitted to the blood by the Malaria Mosquito. Price 60c.

Mrs. J. C. Mashburn and daughter, Luella Jewel and Eunice from Colton Cal, are visiting Mrs. Mashburn's sister, Mrs. W. W. Mashburn on Route 4. They will also visit other relatives and friends near Stith, Anson, and at Merkel.

SUNDAY ICE

Unless you bring your coupons or cash on Sunday morning, we can't let you have your ICE.
Merkel Ice Company

Dewey Brown has returned from Arizona, where he has been for some weeks.

Winter is coming. Don't wait until a norther hits and then want all those old clothes cleaned and pressed in fifteen minutes. Bring them in now.

Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Complete line of school books and school supplies. Grimes Drug Store.

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic restores vitality and energy by purifying and enriching the blood. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. Price 60c.

Vannie Hamblet leaves Sunday for Water Valley Miss. to be with her sister, and also attend school.

Remember the 10th and pay your Electric bills.

Roger Hamblet and wife are visiting relatives in Merkel this week.

WE BUY OLD FALSE TEETH

We will pay up to \$21.50 per set (broken or not). Send now. Cash sent by return mail. Package held 10 to 15 days subject to sender's approval of our offer. Highest prices paid for Old Gold Jewelry, Gold Crowns, Bridges, Platinum and Silver.

United States Smelting Works, Inc. 1084 Goldsmith Bldg., Opp. Post Office, Milwaukee, Wis. Aug 23t20.

School books are absolutely Cash. Grimes Drug Store.

Mr. Carl Douglas has moved his family from Spur, Texas, to the French Pasture and intends casting his lot with the good people of this community. We give them a hearty welcome.

The Strong Withstand the Heat of Summer Better Than the Weak

Old people who are feeble and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by taking GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. You can soon feel its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c.

Mrs. H. E. Jobe and babies, Florine and H. E. Jr., who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe, for three weeks, left last week for Thurber, Tex., to join the husband and father, who has accepted a position with the T & P M & M Company.

Miss Jennie Bennett of Thurber, Texas, came in last Thursday to spend a few days with Miss Lula Sharp.

Complete line of school books and school supplies. Grimes Drug Store.

For a Weak Stomach.

The great relief afforded by Chamberlain's Tablets in a multitude of cases has fully proven the great value of this preparation for a weak stomach and impaired digestion. In many cases this relief has become permanent and the sufferers have been completely restored to health.

SWEATER WEEK AT WOODROOF-BRAGG'S

When the government took over the entire supply of wool we made up our minds to take care of our customers to the best of our ability. There won't be enough sweaters to go around this fall--not HALF enough. We have known this since June. The Navy Knitting Mills agreed to send us a nice assortment of Ladies and Misses sweaters, on approval for **ONE WEEK ONLY** which we have put on sale at very cheap prices, considering the price of wool.

This Special Offer Closes Saturday Night September 7

Shop at our store where goods are cheaper. Save money and help win the war

The Woodroof-Bragg Co.

The Place Where Most People Trade

Little Bessie Milam Dead.

After weeks of suffering from the dread disease of typhoid fever, death came last Wednesday afternoon to relieve the suffering of little Bessie Milam. About a year ago her father died, and her mother was left to battle with the world to support several small children. Here another great sorrow has come into this mother's life. There is no time in life when friends and loved ones feel like giving one up to dreaded death, and yet every soul must answer that one solemn call.

Burial took place in Rose Hill cemetery Thursday afternoon. Services were conducted at the Baptist church by Rev. E. E. Dawson.

Neighbors were exceedingly kind to the little sufferer during the long weeks of illness, administering to its every want.

To the mother and family, cast down in the depth of gloom, we can but extend the greatest sympathy. The beneficent spirit of the people can help sustain the family in this trying hour, and nobly they are rallying to their needs.

No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

Mr. Charlie Edwards, and daughter, of Midland spent Monday with his mother, and other relatives in the city.

Miss Elsie Sharp has returned from a ten days visit in Fort Worth with friends.

For diarrhoea in children one year old or older you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, followed by a dose of castor oil. It should be kept at hand and given as soon as the first unnatural looseness of the bowels appears.

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Mrs. V. E. Browning is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Browning.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, bleeding or protruding Piles. Instantly relieves itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 60c.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley King have returned from Arizona.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets) can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

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Good for Biliousness.

"Two years ago I suffered frequent attacks of stomach trouble and biliousness. Seeing Chamberlain's Tablets advertised I concluded to try them. I improved rapidly." Miss Emma Verbryke, Lima, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Haynes received a message, Monday that their son, Roger F. Haynes had landed safely overseas.

There is always something new and fresh at Rogers. Come and see.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicines for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough, but is also pleasant to take, which is important when a medicine must be given to young children. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been in use for many years and has met with much favor wherever its good qualities have become known. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement. Wm. Scruby, Chillicothe, Mo., writes, "I have raised three children, have always used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and found it to be the best for coughs, colds and croup. It is pleasant to take. Both adults and children like it. My wife and I have always felt safe from croup with it in the house." Chamberlain's Cough Remedy contains no opium or other narcotic.

H. H. PRATER WRITES

Thomas, N. M. Aug. 28.—To The Merkel Mail and friends: I read the Mail and see that my old friends are in another hard drouth. I am sorry that the drouth struck that country again. I know there is some of the best people in West Texas as I ever saw any where. I know so many there that are so dear to me, and I also know how the brave business men of that city try to stay with the farmers and labor men of the West. I know how they treated me while I lived there, which was from 1902 to January 1, 1918. I then came to Thomas, N. M., and I like out here fine, yet, not any better than I liked the West, if we could make sure of a crop. We have a good crop here, and the old settler say it is better than usual. We will soon gather our broom corn and beans. Our feed crop is also good, and I think I will have some to spare. Grass is fine and lots of West Texas cattle are being shipped here for pasture, though the price of pasture is high, some paying a dollar per head a month.

Some help is needed either at Texline or Clayton, infact most any place you can find work.

I hope the West makes good next year. I still remain a West Texas friend.

H. H. Prater, Thomas,

N. M.



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