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## FUTURE OIL FIELD MERKEL COUNTRY

The following authentic information has been collected for the benefit of our readers who have heretofore been dependent on dame rumor for their information as to the true situation in Merkel regarding its oil fields and its possibilities.

It is said we have more oil in our local fields today than a great many other counties throughout the state of Texas that have received nation-wide publicity and because we have not flared a front page announcement of our oil findings to the country is due to the modest reluctance of the various companies operating in this field to with hold such news until the exact production has been established beyond any question of doubt.

Development in a great many fields has been seriously jeopardized and retarded by exaggerated rumors and reports of thousands of barrels of oil production instead of hundreds as they really are, and the result is that the new comers are badly disappointed when they have come in to look over the future possibilities of the much heralded oil field. So it has been with this particular thought in mind that we have refrained from any expression as to our oil possibilities until the time is ripe and we can announce to the country that we have a real oil field and can substantiate our statements with established production.

Practically two years ago, several eminent geologists of national repute went over this territory very thoroughly and announced that they had found the conversion of the oil bearing structure coming in from the northeast from Burkburnett and Red River territory and the Ranger structure coming from the east, making one of the heaviest structures seen outside of the Tampico Mexico field.

This announcement on their part was received by some of the more skeptical operators with derision and it remained for Merkel operators to prove that the structure really did exist and further that it was oil bearing. There are two things necessary to establish an oil field, whether it be in the Sahara Desert, the Everglades of Florida, or in our own fair county of Taylor and the first thing is to find a structure. By that, we mean where the different formations, such as lime of different colors, slate and shale, etc lay in formation like the foundation of a house. When this is proven we are then in a semi-wildcat territory, and the second but most important to be proven is whether or not this structure is oil bearing. Geologist may proclaim to the world as a whole that they have discovered oil bearing structures but there is only one thing known at the present time to mankind to bear out and prove their contentions and that is, the 55 feet steel drill which bores unceasingly into the ground in quest of the liquid gold.

The Sears well, north of town and the Bland well, southwest of town, have proven beyond any question of doubt, it seems, that Merkel lies on top of one of the heaviest structures that have been drilled on in the state of Texas and on the 5th day of September 1919, the Sears well struck a strong showing of oil of a very high gravity which may prove beyond any question that Merkel is designed to be an oil field and the operations of the next sixty days or so will prove the exact amount of production to be expected from this field. Every indication at the

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## ATTEND SHRINERS MEET FORT WORTH

The following have returned from Fort Worth where they attended a meeting of the Shriners in that city: W. O. Boney, Jas. Patterson, Dr. Gamble, L. B. Scott, Walter Jackson, Bud Sears, Wesley Edwards, G. E. Comegys, Dr. Smith, B. F. Cox, Mr. Boggs and Homer Easterwood and Mr. Scott of Trent.

All report a fine time, regardless of the amusing tricks played on one or two of the gentlemen.

Dr. M. Armstrong returned first of the week from attending meetings of the State Medical Association at Houston and the American Medical Association at New Orleans, and is again looking after his splendid practice.

## ABILENE HIGH TO PLAY HERE FRIDAY

Merkel High school Tigers are in fine shape, and are expecting one of their hardest games Friday evening with Abilene. Let the base ball fans of Merkel be present and note the "pep" of the local team.

This afternoon the Merkel High School Ball team will cross bats on the home ground with the Abilene High School boys and it is expected that all lovers of this great game will have the pleasure of witnessing the fastest game of the season.

It is said that both teams are in fine condition, and are practicing with the view of contesting every inch of the ground.

Merkel has a fine team, composed of fine boys, but they have not been getting the backing they are entitled to, and as this is to be a fast bout we trust that everyone who can will go out and help give the boys the encouragement they should have.

Mrs. L. R. Thompson is visiting their daughter who is attending the University at Lincoln Nebraska, and who we are informed will teach this next year, having been employed as teacher of English in one of the High Schools of that state.

## CHAMBER OF COM. MEETING TO-NIGHT

There is to be an important meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at the City Hall to-night. Besides many important matters which may be of great interest to this city, there will be the election of officers for the coming year.

If Merkel is to go forward and keep pace with other cities in this section of the state, it is up to her business men, and citizens, in fact it is up to the town as a whole, to put forth every effort possible to keep her in the forefront, and since at this meeting officers for the coming year, are to be elected it behooves every citizen of the town who possibly can to be present.

Merkel is located in the heart of the best agricultural country in all west Texas. Merkel is the town that boasts of having shipped more cotton during 1919-20 than any town along the T. & P. Railroad from New Orleans to El Paso. There is also a chance that Merkel may yet, within the next few months, become an oil center. There is every reason why our citizenship should get-together, and pull together for a larger and greater Merkel.

## DIST. CONFERENCE IN SESSION HERE

District Conference for the Abilene District Methodist Episcopal Church South, convened in this city Wednesday morning, with some eighteen delegates in attendance, besides many visitors from a distance.

The meeting begun Wednesday morning when L. R. Thompson, of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank delivered an able and eloquent address of welcome in behalf of Merkel to the visiting delegates, after which Rev. Hunt of the St. Paul Methodist church of Abilene, delivered a forceable and splendid gospel sermon.

Presiding Elder J. G. Miller, of Abilene is presiding over the deliberations of the conference, and from reports, we understand this district will send out a most flattering report of the splendid work throughout the district.

## PRESBYTERIAN NOTES

We cannot but feel a little justifiable pride in our increasing attendance and enthusiasm. And when one considers the number of our communicants, our percentage is indeed good. Truly, "the Lord worketh good to them that trust in him."

Attendance at Sunday school went over the seventy-five mark with better than a hundred attending the morning preaching service. The night service, also, was splendidly attended, which improvement we hope to note hereafter, at all of these services. The pastor reports, too, a commendable attendance at the service held at Blair on Sunday afternoon.

Organization of our young adult Bible class was begun, and when this organization is perfected a complete report will be given. The boys and girls will have another special service at the close of next Sunday's lesson hour. Well, we want our boys and girls to be there, if possible, with some one not now attending Sunday School.

We have completed the appointment of our Auto Committee. The purpose of this committee is to bring you to Sunday school if you cannot otherwise get there; and we urge you to use it. All we ask is that you be ready when a driver calls. Call Mr. Jones at 138 and tell him you want to go; he will have a car sent for you.

Rev. S. D. Crouch, Field representative of Home Mission Work, Texas Synod, of Waxahatchie, will be with us on the last Sunday of this month to assist in our revival meeting, which begins at that time. A cordial invitation is extended to the Christians of the town to work with us during this meeting. May your prayers join in with ours that the Lord may pour out upon us a great blessing.

Let us forget, our Wednesday evening service should receive your attention. Let us be upon attendance at this service that we may be helpful to each other and to our church. And every Friday evening we have our choir practice. Our new books will arrive before long.

Last Friday night's church social was a joyous occasion. A splendid program, followed by plenty of good eats and a heart-warming get-together meeting on the lawn. We hope to have several of these occasions, and we want more of our membership present.

Preaching every Sunday morning and evening at the usual hours. Let us continue our splendid attendance. The effect it produces, on the pastor and on the

## TRENT WELL WILL BE STARTED SOON

According to Mr. Chas. H. Brock, who arrived here this week from Morgantown W. Va., and who is representing the Tayco Oil & Gas Company of that city, which Company is to put down the Trent test, stated that the tools and other necessary supplies have been shipped several days and are expected to arrive within a short time, when drilling on this well will be started as soon thereafter as possible.

This Company is said to be classed among the strong ones, and there is every reason to believe that once they will begin operations everything possible will be done to rush this well to completion. It is also said that the geologists report on this location is very flattering, and it may be that this test will prove a big sensation in oil circles in this section of the country.

## BAPTIST CHURCH NOTICE

Sunday School at 10 a. m. with classes for all. Mr. Jackson will be in charge with his trained helpers. Come and help make it a banner day in attendance. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by Elder J. B. Parrack, the pastors father.

Morning subject "The Testimony God gave Concerning his son"

Evening subject "The Testimony of Men Concerning the Christ."

B. Y. P. U. 5 p. m. Jr. Union in the Annex 5 p. m. Prayermeeting and Choir practice Wednesday 8 p. m.

The pastor will be out of town Sunday but hopes that the membership will prove their loyalty to the church and the Christ by attending the regular services and helping to make them what they should be.

Ira L. Parrack, Pastor.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

To be rendered at the Methodist church at Merkel, Texas at six o'clock, Sunday, May 9:

- Leader: Mason Pee.
- Song to be selected.
- Scripture by Leader.
- 1. Talk by Vice-President, Miss Charlie Belle Thomas.
- 2. Quartett by Robert Hicks, Elmer Landreth, Charlie Belle Thomas, and Lorena Dry.
- 3. Talk by Rosa Laney.
- 4. Talk by Henry Askew.

Appointment of Committees by the Four Superintendents.

Benediction. The Epworth League meets promptly at 6:00 p. m. and it is necessary that every leaguer be on time. Come at 6 o'clock We want you.

H. M. Rainbolt, who resides a short distance southwest of the city on one of the best improved farms in this section of the country, purchased this week the J. C. Provine place in Merkel, and while he has not so stated, we presume he and family will possibly move to the property in the near future. We would be glad to have him and his good family identified with our city as citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jones left first of the week for Sierra Blanca, where they will spend some time looking after their ranch interest.

service, is visible.

Again let us extend the invitation to come work and worship with us. We need you and you need us. Press Reporter.

## AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

At the Methodist Church last Sunday there was a fine attendance at both the Sunday school and church services, and it is hoped that on next Sunday this will be surpassed.

Let everyone be on hand and help swell the attendance to the highest mark yet attained. There will be all the usual services.

F. H. Dennis, Jeweler, left this week for several weeks vacation, leaving his business in charge of Mr. E. L. Wilson of Roby, who with his family has moved to Merkel, and expect to make this city their future home. Besides a splendid jeweler, Mr. Wilson and family come to our city highly recommended as the best of people.

## ADMINISTRATION FORCES WIN CON.

In the precinct convention held in this city last Saturday a solid delegation was sent to the County Convention instructed to vote as a unit for the present Democratic National Administration.

At the County Convention which was held at Abilene Tuesday the Administration forces were again overwhelmingly victorious, there being but one dissenting vote, which came from the Nubia precinct.

The County Convention went on record as favoring the National Administration, also the State Administration and Governor W. P. Hobby for Delegate at-large to the National Convention.

Among the delegates elected to the State Convention were J. M. Swann, Mrs. Walter Jackson and J. C. Mason of Merkel.

J. C. Childress, the splendid and ever accommodating agent for the Texas & Pacific Railroad at this place, was run down one day this week by an automobile driven by a Colorado party and while not dangerously injured he was pretty badly bruised up, but is able to be up and about and will likely soon be o. k. again.

## TWO FORD CARS ARE STOLEN HERE

On Tuesday night of this week two Ford cars were stolen in this city. One from W. E. Reed on Kent Street, and one from "Shorty" Hollaway, on Oak street. And up to this time no trace can be found it seems of cars or the thieves.

## REV. PARRACK WILL PREACH AT ABILENE

Rev. Ira L. Parrack, pastor of the Merkel Baptist Church announces that he will not be here next Sunday for the regular services, having accepted the invitation to fill the pulpit of the First Baptist Church of Abilene for the pastor Dr. Jenkins, who will be in Washington, D. C. attending the Southern Baptist Convention.

Rev. Parrack's father, of this city who has been a minister for many years. Will fill the pulpit here at both services Sunday.

J. C. Provine and wife of Edna Texas, are here on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin and to incidentally mix with their many old friends, having once lived at this place.

## STATE SCHOOL IN- SPECTORS REPORT

The report of the State Inspector of High Schools has just been received by the local board of trustees. Taken as a whole, the report is very favorable. The discipline and organization of the school was especially commended. The report reports everything in good condition except the finances, and recommends in this connection that the property valuations of the district be fixed at such a figure that sufficient funds be raised to maintain the school free to all students for a period of nine months. This is what it will take to have a standard high school for Merkel.

The instruction was found to be good. At the beginning of this year the Merkel High School had eight and one half points of credit with the state department of Education, the inspector recommends that on this years work as a basis 11 additional be given, thus making a total of nineteen points. This is all on condition that the written work sent to Austin at the close of school shows up as well as the work inspected. This will make it possible for any pupil graduating from the Merkel school to enter without examination any college or university in the state of Texas.

## MERKEL WINS OVER CLYDE

In one of the closest and fastest games of the season between the home boys and the Clyde team, in this city last Monday, resulted in a score of 3 to 2 in favor of the home team. A large crowd witnessed the affair and much interest was shown as the contest grew closer with each inning.

The line up for Merkel was as follows: Adams, Catcher; Robin son, pitcher; Howard, first base; Harris, second base; Boone, 3rd base; Stevens, short stop; Joe Holmes, left field; Roy Holmes, center field; Cook, right field.

Clyde line up: Farmer, catcher; Barry, pitcher; Clemer, 1st base; Broadfoot, 2nd base; Rode 3rd base; Bouchette, short stop; Rogers, left field; McIntosh, c field; McIntosh, right field.

One base hits for Merkel by Stevens and Robinson. For Clyde, Clemer and Rogers.

Three base hits for Merkel by Stevens and Boone. For Clyde Barry.

Struck out by Robinson, pitcher for Merkel, 12. By Barry for Clyde 10. Stolen bases, Merkel four, Clyde three.

Umpire, Jim Black.

The Score	
	AB R H E
Clyde	4 0 0 0
Farmer, c.....	4 0 0 0
McIntosh, cf.....	4 0 0 0
Roads, 3b.....	4 0 0 2
Broadfoot 2b.....	4 0 0 1
Bouchette ss.....	4 0 0 1
Barry p.....	3 2 1 0
Clemer 1b.....	4 0 1 0
Rogers lf.....	4 0 1 0
McIntosh rf.....	2 0 0 0
Total	2 3 4

Merkel	
	AB R H E
Adams c.....	3 0 0 0
Holmes R. cf.....	4 0 0 0
Stevens ss.....	4 1 2 1
Cook rf.....	2 0 0 0
Holmes J. lf.....	4 1 0 0
Boone 3b.....	4 1 1 0
Howard 1b.....	4 0 0 1
Harris 2b.....	4 0 0 0
Robinson p.....	3 0 1 0
Total	3 4 2

We are glad to learn that Mrs. J. L. Harris who fell some days ago, breaking her arm, and dislocating her ankle, is slowly improving, and will likely be able to get about again soon.



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the general contour of the land is practically the same underneath as on the surface. The very fact that two different streams of oil converge somewhere in this vicinity proves that there is a great pool underlying this territory and fed the same as lakes are with their tributary streams.

Last September when oil was struck in the Sears well north of town, it was found that the oil was of approximately 65% gasoline test and a great many people have wondered at what to attribute this large percentage of gasoline. In the earlier days of our oil industry, we refined the crude by filtering it through clay and the oil in the Sears well which was found at 2490 feet shows that it has been forced by a tremendous gas pressure from a distance and has refined itself by the time it reached its outlet in this particular well. Unquestionably if this well had been shot, it would have shown a large producer as some of the largest wells of Ranger have shown for less oil than we had in the Sears and after being shot produced from 5,000 to 9,000 barrels. On account of the Sears well being primarily a test well, it was decided to go on down and find whether or not any of the lower sands would be productive as it is always possible to pull back later on and put in a lead plug and shoot any shallow sands that may have been encountered. The 2490 sand of this well was cased off and the salt water which was found at 2019 was allowed to wash down the sides of the well on to this sand and fill the hole between the 6 inch and 8 inch casing with debris and several thousand gallons of salt water and the very fact that seven months after oil was discovered this well suddenly broke loose and flowed a high gravity oil continuously for sixty hours proves beyond question that a great pool of oil lies in this territory. We have all seen this well flowing and know that this statement is absolutely true

which is enough to convince the most skeptical that this well has great possibilities.

The Bland south of this Sears has been drilling on the same formation and two months ago struck quite a showing of gas which when lighted would burn three of four inches above the top of the casing. Owing to the fact that several mishaps have occurred and for the lack of water for drilling, this well has not been drilled a single inch since the gas was found and today the gas pressure has increased so much that after the bailer is run, the gas will burn three of four feet above the top of the pipe and undoubtedly if this well was allowed to stand for a considerable time, the enormous gas pressure underneath would eventually cause this well to blow itself in. The Bland which is now standing at a depth of 2400 feet is about 90 feet off of the first sand from which the Sears has been producing oil and the oil men in general are thoroughly satisfied that this Bland well will be a big producer from the 2500 feet sand and if we are fortunate enough to get a good heavy rain in the near future, we can look for big things to happen on the R. L. Bland farm.

The new well of the C. & H. Development Company, northeast of town, is ready to begin drilling and the character and energy shown by the men back of this Company assures us that the drilling of this well will be pushed as quickly as possible and its general location near the Sears makes it a very promising proposition. This well was located by one of the foremost geologists in the state of Texas and the optimism displayed by the men connected with this well shows their unquestionable faith in the Merkel field.

The Butman well, south of town, have practically completed drilling the red bed of 900 ft. which we find in this territory and which is one of the hardest formations to drill that is encountered and we can look for



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## FUTURE OIL FIELD MERKEL COUNTRY

Continued from page one present time points to the fact that the well will be of a tremendous volume in as much as it seems that a great gas pressure exists underneath this formation.

Just as our forefathers braved the perils of the desert and blazed the trail westward to open up this great fertile country, just so the pioneer oil man must blaze the trail for future production by going ahead with unswerving courage and test for oil far ahead of the established fields. The country is new and conditions are strange and the trials and tribulations of drilling the first test well in a new field are at times very great and it is only with the full moral support of the local people that make an oil field possible. At the present time there is being spent or will be spent, approximately a half million dollars in giving this territory a thorough test and the money has been raised by outside capital and the bringing in of a big oil field will benefit not only the oil man engaged in present operations but every man, woman and child in the surrounding vicinity.

Boost your town and your business house. Always be an optimist and remember that local moral support is a very necessary factor in the making of a field. Oil wells come in sometimes like a bolt of lightning out of a clear sky and no fields are proven worthless until the very last derrick is torn down and moved away and operations suspended entirely. With six wells either drilling or getting ready to drill means that every foot of the Merkel territory will receive an exhaustive test for oil.

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We have been informed from a reliable source that the well known Bradley Oil Company is going to drill on some of their leases in this field and negotiations are now pending for still another well with a party of Eastern capitalists so that one of these days Merkel will awake to find herself one of the great oil fields of Texas and prosperity will be thrust into her lap and with the co-operation of our Chamber of Commerce and the local people, we will be fully prepared to expedite the handling of the big boom which is sure to come.

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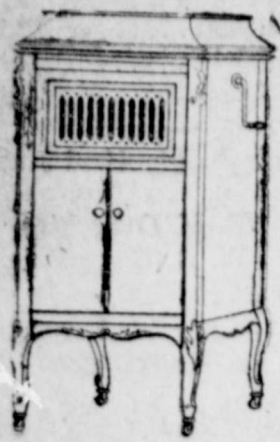
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### HIGH SCHOOL NOTES (By Julia McDonald)

The High school enjoyed an inspiring talk Monday morning by Rev. Dooley and another Tuesday morning by Mr. Thompson of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank. Their talks were based upon why we should go to college and truly we students, received an insight in the influence prevailing in our college work that we hardly dared to hope existed. The wonderful example of success placed before us several more than an inspiration, they were living examples of our own determination we had not yet known ourselves possessed of, while the enthusiasm and wonderful experience we know both men to be possessed of lift us with an already acknowledged faith in their hopes for us and a deep resolute to prove ourselves worthy of the efforts such men are making in our behalf.

A Senior of 1918 to a Soph:—  
In promulgating your eccentric cogitations or articulating your superficial sentimentlies and amicable philosophical or psycho-

logical observations beware of platitudinous ponderosity, let your conversational communications possess a clarified conciseness, a compact comprehensibility, coabscent consistency and a concatenated cogency. Sedulously avoid all polysyleabic profundity pompous prolixity, psittaceous vacuity, ventriloquial verbosity and vaniloquent vapidity. Shun double entendres purient jocosity and pestiferous profanity observant or otherwise.

A Senior of 1919-20 to a Soph:—

Take my advise, talk plainly, briefly, naturally and sensible. Say what you mean, mean what you say, and don't use big words

State Inspector: "Have you any worth-while books in your library?"

Mr. Burgess: "We have thousands of volumes, Mam. I'm sure there is everything in our library to suit the most exacting taste."

State Inspector: "Let me see a book of synonyms."

Mr. Burgess: "just a moment, Mam, until I speak to Miss Smith. I don't believe we have any of er-er Synonym's works."

Miss Smith: "Chester, what

did I tell you I was going to do to you the next time you didn't have your English?"

Chester: "Hang it if I know. Its strange that you forget."

The base ball boys are having some interesting games. Have you seen them play? If not, why not? See them play Abilene High Friday afternoon, at Merkel. It will give you back some of your old school-day pep to see one of our games. Boost our team and we'll do the rest.

Some leave school to settle down. Others leave to settle up.

**A Few Don'ts**

Don't become wholly self-centered.

Don't succumb to the temptations to be too busy to have any time to be rationally sociable.

Don't depend upon others to push you along.

Don't count upon any "pull" if everyone is against you.

Don't fancy that others succeeded because of mere luck and that you are where you are solely because luck did not come your way.

Don't expect to hear opportunity knocking at your door until you have trained yourself to recognize her when she comes.

Kenneth: "These pants that you bought me are too tight."

Mrs. Sharp: "They aren't."

Kenneth: "Oh yes they are to. They're tighter'en my own skin."

Mrs. Sharp: "Now Kenneth, you know that is'n't so."

Kenneth: "It is too. I can sit down in my skin, but I can't sit down in these pants."

The Seniors entertained the Juniors with a "box party" Saturday night at the Cozy. After the show punch was served in the studio. Everyone had a good time, and the Juniors were very disappointed when the time came to depart, but Doyle soothed them by saying:

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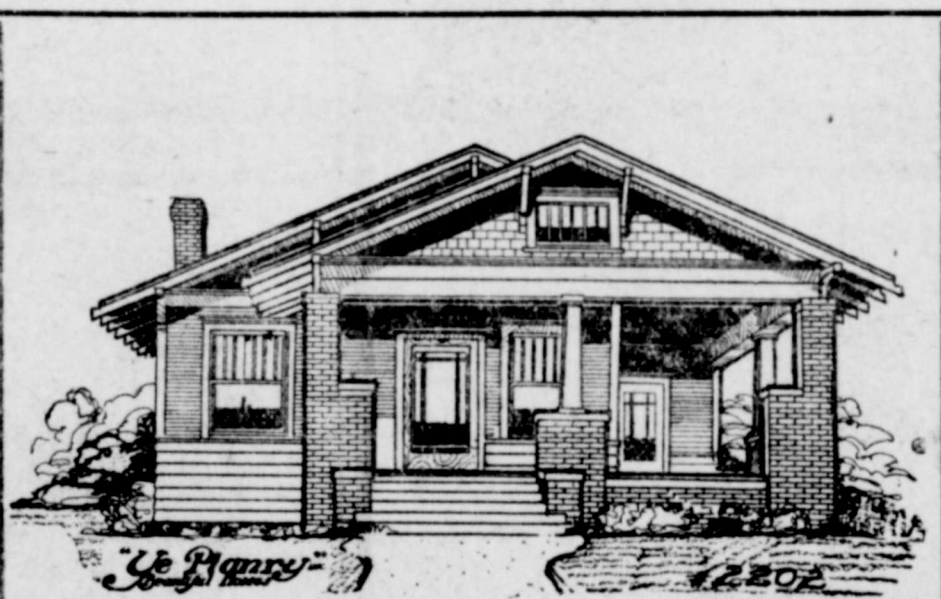
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This contributor closes the first cycle of the high school note writers. We hope that you have enjoyed them even though we have wondered just what you, the reader, thought of our fun and our troubles, whether that thought has expressed adverse criticism or sympathy, however it be each form has been beneficial to the writer.

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**PATRONS OF THE MAIL** who do not receive their paper regularly will confer a favor upon the management by reporting the fact. You should also watch the label of your paper to ascertain when your time is out and renew before your name automatically leaves a list, as all papers stop when the term of subscription expires.

"Tolerance," says an Indian minister, "is to be patient of honest differences of opinion." There are no honest differences of opinion. If he disagrees with us in politics or religion he's just bound to be a scoundrel.

And we are so conservative that we shall not even participate in a b. v. d. movement to reduce the price of clothes. But we'd like the old clothes plan fine were it not for the attritive weakness of the trouser seats.

So far nobody has announced for Vice President on the James E. Ferguson ticket. Eugene Debs and Victor Berger are logical men for the place and we can't understand why they don't announce.

Education is a splendid thing provided the person who possesses it can and will use it. But some men's education is of no more use to them or to the world than a safety razor would be to the carrier at a negro picnic.

"The Democrats of Missouri met in state convention, resolved and adjourned without even mentioning the booze question," says an exchange. Well under the present order of things, isn't it a waste of words and time to mention the booze question? Why talk about something that ain't?

Fly time is here. Get out the fly swatter. Don't give the fly army time to mobilize. The fly army has no love for the human family and never loses an opportunity to deliver a deadly blow. The flies are the Philistines of modern days, and the command to the humna family is to destroy them. Don't make the mistake the Israelites of old made, that of killing only a few of the enemy. The fly has shown that he can come back. Slay them all. There is no such thing as race suicide in the fly family. Every fly you see will be the father or mother of a family a few days hence. Swat'em hard.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to thank our many friends and acquaintances for all their favors and kindness shown us and our dear companion and mother during her illness and death. Especially do we wish to express our appreciation of the beautiful flowers, and of the special music by Mrs. Lytton Howard, also of the part in the services taken by Bro. Parrack of the Baptist church and Bro. Murrell of the Methodist church. W. L. Diltz and children.

**LUMBER SHEDS FOR SALE**

We are offering for sale very cheap, our large sheds at Blair, Texas. A real bargain in lumber. See Burton-Lingo Lumber Co., at Merkel.

Our Prescription department is complete. Merkel Drug Co. tf



**Ten miles used to be a long way**

**W**HAT a difference in these motor-car days, when every point in the county is hardly more than "just around the corner."

People's ideas are changing, too.

They're beginning to figure out how much it is costing them to keep a car. And the man who is doing the greatest amount of figuring is the man with the moderate-price car.

II

There still seems to be a notion in some quarters that any tire is good enough for a small car.

That's not what the man who owns it thinks.

In recommending and selling U. S. Tires we are trying to see his side of the propo-

sition—finding out what he wants in a tire and giving him that.

III

Large or small, U. S. Tires are built to only one standard of quality—the standard that produced the first straight side automobile tire, the first pneumatic truck tire.

Every tire that bears the name "U. S." is built the best way its makers know how. It isn't the car, but the man who owns the car, that counts with the oldest and largest rubber concern in the world.

IV

As representatives of U. S. Tires in this town, we offer you the benefit of our experience and advice in settling your tire problem.

Select your tires according to the roads they have to travel:

In sandy or hilly country, wherever the going is apt to be heavy—The U. S. Nobby.

For ordinary country roads—The U. S. Chain or Usco.

For front wheels—The U. S. Plain.

For best results—everywhere—U. S. Royal Cord.



ROYAL CORD—NOBBY—CHAIN—USCO—PLAIN

**United States Tires  
BEASLEY BROTHERS**

**BUSINESS CHANGE**

To my Customers and friends: Owing to condition of health I am retiring from my Jewelry business in Merkel, for a while at least. And Mr. E. L. Wilson of Roby has moved here, and has taken charge of the work, endeavoring to carry it on just as I have been. And having had years of experience, both in the Jewelry and Optical work, I am sure his services will be even more satisfactory to the trade in general.

I want to thank my customers for their past patronage, and I am sure they will be safe in trusting their future business in this line to the one now in charge. Respectfully,  
F. H. Dennis. 1tp

**STRAYED**—Two mules, mouse colored, about 14 and 15 hands high, branded No. 2 on left shoulder. Strayed from G. W. Moore's farm eight miles south of Merkel. Notify J. G. Alexander, Merkel, Route 3, or phone

Take your chickens and eggs to W. P. Duckett, he will pay you 20 cents per pound for your hens and the highest market price for your eggs.

When you want to buy a Monument for that grave, See A. L. Jobe who represents one of the best Marble Companies in the United States. 27tf

**THURSDAY CLUB**

The Thursday Club was entertained April 29 by Mesdames L. A. Arrington and L. R. Cypert at the home of the latter. The reception rooms were artistically decorated and three tables were set for progressive forty-two. At the close of the game a two course luncheon was served, cafeteria style, consisting of chicken, pressed dressing, salad, lettuce and tomatoes with mayonnaise, pickles, white bread, ice tea, apricot ice cream and white cake. After a short business session Mrs. Lytton Howard favored the club with vocal music bringing to a close a delightful afternoon for 16 club members and two guests with these charming hostess.

Fresh car of Peacemaker Flour at G. M. Sharp's. tf

**COLORITE**—Makes old hats new. Merkel Drug Co. tf

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following announcements are made subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July, 1920.  
District Offices ..... \$15.00  
County Offices ..... \$12.50  
Precinct Offices ..... \$3.00

For District Judge, 42nd Judicial District:

E. M. Overshiner  
W. R. Ely, of Baird.

District Clerk:  
James W. Mayfield  
J. Knox Fuller

For Sheriff:  
John Bond (re-election)

For County Judge:  
W. E. Martin  
J. W. Moffett

For County Attorney:  
Carlos D. Speck,

For County Tax Assessor:  
Mrs. Florence Vance  
Roy Parmelly

County Treasurer:  
Austin Fitts.

For County Clerk:  
(Miss) Fannie Tippet

For Tax Collector:  
D. T. Harkrider  
J. N. Routh.

County Commissioner of Prec. 2  
S. A. (Sid) Coats.  
W. H. Frazier

County School Superintendent.  
John F. Odor.  
John R. Hutto

For Public Weigher:  
J. M. Garrett

**DRAUGHON'S  
PRACTICAL  
Business College**  
ABILENE, TEXAS

Only well-known Business College in West Texas. Thousands of firms need our Employment Department than any other. Money-back contract guarantees position. Catalogue FREE

**FROM NUBIA**

We are sorry to note that Mr. Barbee, living on the Rhiney place, got his barn, feed and cottonseed destroyed by fire Tuesday night, April 27. Also Mrs. Rhiney's rent feed.

Mrs. D. J. Neill from Gorman is visiting her sons Mr. Will and Bedford Neil.

Mr. Willis Page lost his feed Tuesday night by fire. It was only by hard work that he and his neighbors kept his barn from burning.

Mrs. Cargill has been on the sick list for several days but we are glad to report she is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brabbin's baby that has been so sick is better.

I. H. L. School went to white church Friday evening to play ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Moore stayed all night at Mr. Will Toomb's Thursday night.

Uncle Dan and Aunt Dolly Mathews have moved to Nubia.

Last Friday the following crowd went fishing on Clear Fork.

Ed Blackburn, Jim Blackburn, Horton, Reynolds, Crow, Neil and Cook.

They claim they caught plenty fish.

Mr. Harrison's baby is right sick.

Mrs. Jim Ritchie and Mrs. Reynolds spent the day with Mrs. Cargill Saturday.

Miss Lola and Mr. Sevi Harrison left for Gorman Saturday morning to visit friends and relatives at that place.

The party at Mr. Crow's Saturday night was good. A large crowd and all had a good time. Miss Ila Mae Anderson spent Saturday night with Miss Ruby Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Burrus have returned to their home in Knox County after a visit to friends and relatives.

Mrs. Jim Perry, we are sorry to note, is on the sick list.

The singing at Mr. Dan Mathew's Sunday night was well attended. A Reader.

Mrs. R. E. Counts has Tomato Plants for sale at ten cents per dozer. 7t3c

Home dried fruit at Sharp's. tf

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SHOE POLISHES**  
BEST FOR HOME SHINES  
SAVE THE LEATHER  
THE BIG VALUE PACKAGES  
PASTES AND LIQUIDS For Black, Tan, Ox, Blood, Dark Brown and White Shoes  
THE F. F. DALLEY CORPORATION LTD. BUFF N. Y.





# Windmills and Hardware

## WINDMILLS

Are you in need of a Windmill, if so come and let us demonstrate to you the qualities of the well known and ever popular Eclipse. We have one of those on display in our store and can show you beyond a doubt the superior and excellent qualities of this mill.

## HARDWARE AND QUEENSWARE

When it comes to Hardware, Queensware etc., we have the largest and most complete lines to be found in this part of the country. We make a specialty of filling any order from the smallest to the largest.

## PIPES AND FITTINGS

We also wish to call your attention to our complete line of pipes and fittings for installing a complete water system for anyone. Come in and see them and get our prices before placing your order.

## OUR GROCERIES

Our groceries are of the highest standard, fresh and sanitary. Our prices are always right, when Quality is considered. And every one looks to Quality when buying Groceries. Give us your next order and become a regular customer.

# The Crown Hardware Co.

## GOLAN NEWS

The health of the Community is very good at this writing.

The drouth in this section of the country looks disastrous at the present.

The program rendered Friday night by the Golan literary society was very entertaining.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Stribling and family of McCauley spent Friday night and Saturday with the former's brother, Claude Stribling of this ucommunity.

A large crowd of young people enjoyed an ice cream supper at the home of Claude Stribling Saturday night.

G. E. Ely and family of Noodle visited G. M. Byron and family Sunday.

Misses Edith Thompson and Vida Williams were guests of Misses Beulah and Esther Herron Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McRight spent Sunday with Ned Herron and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hudspeth and family attended church at Anson Sunday.

Miss Edna Cox visited Miss Birdie Jeffrey Sunday.

Misses Lottie and Ouida Jones were guests of Miss Ola Thompson Sunday.

Little Miss Jewel and Pearl Stidmon visited Gertrude Byron Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stribling spent Sunday with the latter's father W. T. Duncan and family.

John Shelton was a visitor at the home of Mr. P. W. Lawlis Sunday.

Messrs Chester Cox and Ben Mitchell and families spent Sunday at the home of J. F. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Lazenby spent Sunday at the home of the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Smith near Shiloh.

The singing Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Jones was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Read the Merkel Mail

## DEPARTED

It was about eleven o'clock Monday May 3rd, when the sad news went out over our little city that sweet rest had come unto the stricken body of Mrs. Diltz, Wife of W. L. Diltz and that her gentle spirit had passed to the realms of the blest. Hers was a hard, brave fight against the fetters of disease which had for many days bound her frail body, but at last human strength failed and life's golden bowl was broken.

Mrs. Diltz was born in Tennessee, February 23rd, 1860; she came to Texas in childhood with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Nowlin who settled in Bosque county near Valley Mills. Here she lived and professed religion in girlhood. She did not join the church until after marriage to W. L. Diltz on July 29th, 1880. She joined the Presbyterian church with her husband, and lived a faithful and consistent life until she was called to her heavenly reward May 3rd, 1920. To this union was born eleven

children, three having gone before her in their infancy. She leaves eight, four boys and four girls, besides her loving and faithful companion, and eleven grandchildren, to mourn her departure.

The children are: Mrs. R. L. Bland, Seth Diltz, Mrs. C. W. Williams, Earl Diltz, Philip Diltz, Mrs. P. J. Powell, W. L. Diltz Jr., Mrs. J. W. Tipton. All of these children were present except Mrs. P. J. Howell of Bakersfield California, who could not come. She had four brothers of whom

one preceded her to the other world, with her father and mother. One brother, Mr. John Nowlin, of Tahoka, Texas, was present at the funeral.

## NOTICE

If you want cash and the highest price for your chickens and eggs take them to W. P. Duckett the Manager of the Merkel Produce Co., that has been with you for 11 years and will stay with you 11 years more.

## RUINS GOWN; RUSH TO GET NEW ONE FOR PICTURE

Anita Stewart, who takes the leading part in the First National picture, 'Mind the Paint Girl,' ruined a gown in one of the scenes while the feature was being made. She steps under the scene painting ladder, when the workman drops his bucket of paint on her gown. It was not supposed to touch her, but the paint splattered in every direction, covering her gown. Rush work was done to get a replica of the gown so that she could go on with the picture. The scene is shown in this picture which will be shown at the Gem Theatre on Saturday, May 8.

J. H. Highsmith, who resides four miles east of Stith in Jones county, was in town Monday of this week and reports that on last Saturday afternoon his barn and its entire contents were destroyed by fire.

## NOTICE

The family shoe shop can save you money on your shoe repairing. On Front street, one door east of Merkel Garage in Rear of the Daniel's Confectionary. Leroy Ware, Prop.

E. L. Stewart, district manager of the Southwestern Telephone and Telegraph Company, was up from Abilene this week.

Mrs. H. T. Merritt and son Jack and father, F. C. Sanders left this morning on the Sunshine Special for Tennessee for a three months visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Fannie Traxdale, of Fort Worth, enroute to Sweetwater and New Mexico, stopped off here to spend 24 hours with Mrs. Nannie Curtis and family and Mrs. J. L. Tucker.

Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's.

Read the Merkel Mail everyday

## COZY THEATRE

Big Show Good Music	<b>SPECIAL MATINEE SATURDAY P. M.</b>			Admission 10-20-30c War Tax paid
	(2:00 to 5:30)			
	"Fatty" Arbuckle in "The Ice Man"	Vera Mack in "Flannagins Girl"	Wm. S. Hart in "Blue Gulch"	

Friday, May 7

A good Variety Program, including  
**The Last Chapter of the "Fatal Fortune"**  
10-20-30c

Monday, May 10

**Invisible Hand No. 8**      **Great Gamble No. 8**  
**"Thimble Thimble"**      **"Shells & Shivers"**  
an O. Harry Picture      Vitagraph Comedy  
10-20-30c

Wednesday, May 12

**Alice Joyce**  
in  
"The Vengeance of Durand"  
Vitagraph Comedy      Topics of The Day  
10-20-30c

Saturday May 8

**Peggy Hyland**  
in "The Web of Chance"  
**Carter De Haven**      **Mutt & Jeff**  
in "Hoodoed"      in "Bitter or Verse"  
10-20-30c

Tuesday, May 11

**Charles Ray**  
in "The Egg Crate Wallop"  
Hall Room Boys      Pathe Review  
10-20-30c

Thursday, May 13

**Bryant Washburn**  
in "Venus in The East"  
Universal Comedy      The Gumps  
10-20-30c

In the face of a continued increase, since the first of the year, in the price of practically everything necessary to operate a first-class place of amusement, it has become imperative that we make at least a partial advance in our admission prices, or give you a cheaper class of amusement, which we feel you would not want. We therefore announce the following schedule of prices, effective Friday May 7th - Children under 12 years remain at 10c, 12 to 16 years remain at 20c, adults advanced to 30c (including war tax)



Carries Blue Ribbon Paint

Nails, Screen Wire



EVEN if your hopes for a home lie far ahead, why not begin planning at this time?

We shall be glad to talk over plans and specifications, quote costs, estimates, etc., against the time when you are ready to build.

A talk with us may bring that time nearer than you think.



P. S.—Do not wait for low prices Buy Now

Lime, Brick and Cement

Window Glass

NUBIA ITEMS

As I did not see anything from this place last week I will send in a little news.

Mr. Clyde Latimer and Mr. Oran Neill motored to Abilene Wednesday on business.

Conference meeting was held at Nubia, April 8. Brother Robbins of Abilene was appointed as the pastor of the Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Ridue took supper with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Neill Sunday night.

Mr. Dresden Casey spent Saturday night and Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Casey.

Mr. Bob McLean has just finished that fine bungalow.

WHY NOT GET YOUR Silverware Free

By trading with Merchants who appreciate and value your trade?

The following merchants will give Coupons with purchases made at their store, which will entitle you to this Silverware when presented in sufficient numbers. Call on them and see what they have to offer. They are

The Merkel Drug Company Barrow Furniture Company Bob Martin Grocery Co.

MORE MILEAGE TIRE CO.

Vulcanizing Battery and Electric Repairing Oxy-Acetylene Welding

ished that fine bungalow.

Miss Faye Richie spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Nina Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Martin and Mr. Wesley Martin went fishing Wednesday afternoon on Elm.

They report very little fish but a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Horton spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Horton Sunday.

Mr. Barbee's barn was destroyed by fire last Tuesday.

saddle, harness, bicycle and few other things.

Last Sunday was a glorious day to those who attended the church at Nubia. There was not enough seats to seat all the people. A big dinner was enjoyed by all. We just ate until we couldn't eat any more.

Miss Lola Harrison and Mr. Teni took supper with Miss Ruby Neill Sunday.

Everybody is cordially invited to the party at Mr. George Clovis Saturday night. Little Dwarf.



Pigs for sale. See or phone 9032F4. J. S. Hutson. 1tp

Milk cows for sale see Chas. Orr, Rt. 3, Merkel, Tex. 26t8p

I have a registered Jack a horse and jersey mail for service at Boney Stable. See Tom Jenkins or L.L. Huddleston. 2t6p

LOST—Black Shepard dog with brown spots over eyes and under throat and legs. About 9 months old, has been gone about two months. Any information will be very much appreciated. J. L. Barker, Route 4, Merkel Texas. 23t2p

FOR SALE—Milk cow, Wagor, Disc Harrow, Sheet Iron Cistern of twenty-five barrels, New four burner Oil Stove and planter. Most of this stuff is first class. See J. C. Numlee, Five miles east of Merkel. 30t3p

FOR SALE—Or trade a five room residence, located on North Kent Street. Would take Ford car in deal. J. J. Lacy. 30t2p

FOR SALE—The Butman Gin. Would sell all or half interest. For particulars See E. H. Ray, Merkel, Box 96. 30t2p

FOR SALE—80 Acres of good level land, 50 acres in cultivation well improved, 4 and a half miles southwest of Merkel, one mile of Blair. In oil territory but not leased. E. Barnes, Merkel, Route five. 30t2

FOR SALE—My Merkel home Price \$5000. Cost of improvements. Write Dr. O. F. McMaster Port Lavaca, Texas. 13tf

WANTED—A good piano box. Mrs. E. A. Campbell, phone 121.

FOR SALE—One Bedstead \$8, One Bedstead and springs \$8.00, One Roker \$2.50, one sideboard \$10.00 and one music cabinet, \$10. Mrs. E. A. Campbell, phone 121. 1tp

LOST—One heavy set, brown mare. Fifteen and one half hand high. Blemish on left stifle joint Will pay liberal reward for information leading to recovery. Notify B. F. Ely or J.T. Williams. 1t

Oil Lease on 186 acres of land for sale. Seven miles from Sears well, 4 miles northeast Eskota. Cheap. Address: L. C. Murray, Trinidad, Colorado, 319 Frost Avenue. 23t3p

Try a sack of Marechal Neal Flour. None better. Bob Martin Grocery Company. tf

USE YOUR HOME-TOWN NEWSPAPER

No matter what size the town is, the home newspaper is an important factor in its prosperity. It reflects the life of the place and keeps everybody informed of what is happening. The town would be a dreary spot without it.

One of the most interesting features of the local newspaper is its advertising. Live advertising helps to make it a live, interesting, readable publication. The right kind of advertising will bring you results, build up the reputation of your store and bring the people in to buy the things you have to sell.

The newspaper is faithful to the interests of the merchants. It is always a booster of the buy-at-home policy. Tradesmen, therefore, should do everything they can to back it up in this



There is no more interesting or pleasurable duty than the selection of furnishings for the home PROVIDED you trade with the store that has a ready sympathy for your ideas and the ability intelligently to lend helpful suggestions.

We respectfully suggest our services to you in this connection.

Our line of furnishings is complete for the home, from cellar to attic, enabling you to harmonize the complete effect of the home.

You will enjoy an inspection of our line.



good work by making their advertising so regular in appearance and so full of news of their respective stores that there will be some sound reason for the buy-at-home argument.

If your paper is a live one help it along. If it is weak in the knees, help the editor to put ginger into it. If it is a dead one get the corpse decently buried and encourage some real newspaper man to start one in its place—one that will be a credit to the community—and then see that you support it. But while there is a newspaper in your town, stand back of it with your advertising, your influence and your moral support.—Philadelphia Made Hardware.

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W. P. MAHAFFEY Attorney at Law Merkel and Abilene, Texas Merkel Office in rear Farmers State Bank. 22Sept17

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DR. CHAS. F. WILLIAMS Chronic Diseases a Specialty. General Practice Office Phone 280, 105 Res. 270

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Cardui, the woman's tonic, helped Mrs. William Eversole, of Hazel Patch, Ky. Read what she writes: "I had a general breaking-down of my health. I was in bed for weeks, unable to get up. I had such a weakness and dizziness, ... and the pains were very severe. A friend told me I had tried everything else, why not Cardui? ... I did, and soon saw it was helping me ... After 12 bottles, I am strong and well."

TAKE

CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

Do you feel weak, dizzy, worn-out? Is your lack of good health caused from any of the complaints so common to women? Then why not give Cardui a trial? It should surely do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women who suffered—it should help you back to health.

Ask some lady friend who has taken Cardui. She will tell you how it helped her. Try Cardui.

All Druggists

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# A SPECIAL SALE ON SILK and Dress Goods

All Next Week, Beginning Saturday, May 1st

AT THE ECONOMY STORE

20 per cent off on all men's Clothing      ☿      20 per cent off on all Shoes  
One-half price on all Silk Dresses      ☿      One-third off all Millinery  
Get my prices on Silk Shirts

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## THE ECONOMY

On your way to the Postoffice

Try a sack of Marechal Neal Flower. None better, Bob Martin Grocery Company.

We have just received a nice line of genuine Cut Glass. Merkel Drug Company.

### IF IT'S GROCERIES

If it's Groceries you want  
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They are Fresh  
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Phone 195

#### SALTY DOPE

Rev. W. R. Adams, one of the young preachers attending Simmons College, fulfilled his appointment Sunday at Salt Branch. We consider ourselves very fortunate in obtaining such a noble young man to preach the gospel for us. We had a regular attendance at Sunday School. We are determined to carry Salt Branch over the top in our Sunday School. Everybody come next Sunday and help the good cause along. Let's all strive for our motto: "Good attendance, good collection, and good lesson"

The program which was rendered in Chapel Tuesday morning was real inspiring. If you have not visited our chapel exercises you don't know what you are missing. The contest between the two divisions is soon to come to a close. Much "pep" is being displayed as each side feels sure of their success. Most of the pupils are putting forth all their efforts to make this last month the best month of their school year. The pupils have already started practicing on their play which will be given at the close of school. We are not only expecting to have but we are going to have the best program that has ever been rendered at Salt Branch.

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy", so on last Thursday night this was realized. Eleven girls accepted the invitation given by Miss Lula Higgins. It was a "hen party." All cares, troubles and worries were left behind while happiness, joy and frivolities took their places. A most inviting supper awaited the hungry school girls as soon as they arrived, and after this came ice cream which always brings happiness to the hungry soul. Straws were drawn to decide who was to be the unlucky dishwasher. At an early hour all sought to get some much needed sleep, but there were two who were not content with just being peaceful. They had to sneak around and hid the others clothes. Because of their contin-

ued disturbance and refusal to sleep the others became suspicious. An alarm was given and all made a dash for these girls. They were arrested immediately and found guilty. Their sentence was that they should have no more sleep that night. A watchful guard was placed over them, but somehow they escaped. When their absence was learned an alarm was sounded. A complete search was made, everyone looked everywhere, under the beds, behind the curtains, in the yard, in the wagon, in the cellar, in the car shed, behind the hay stack, behind the bee hives, but alas; no where could the wondering disturbers be found. At day light, just before the sun arose, some one of the party awoke and as she looked into the distant pasture, she saw her two comrades, Hattie and Josie, peacefully sleeping under an old mesquite tree.

Other features of great amusement was the wedding of Neva and Gertrude, the horse back ride of Myrtle and Irene. Never was such a time experienced by those present, which were:

Misses Neva Hays, Gertrude Higgins, Alice McClain, Eunice Russell, Josie Smith, Connie, Hattie and Myrtle Harris, Nora Foster, Jessie and Irene Golightly, and the Hostess Lula Higgins.

#### THANKS TO THE PEOPLE

We wish to thank the good people for their kindness and help during the illness and death of our dear Father and Husband May God bless all of you. Mrs. Joe Brown and children.

#### LAND FOR RENT

Fifty acres, three miles west of town. Was disced and planted in wheat, level and in good condition, all for cotton. Dr. Miller. 1tc

#### FOR RENT

Dr. Rust Home place. See J. J. Armour, Trent, Texas. 4t2p

## QUEENSWARE

Just received shipment of Gold Band and Plain White Queensware.

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Our stock is getting larger all the time  
Our service we are trying to improve

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if you want something in hardware  
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We have a few "Bill Planters" that are  
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Lawn Mowers, Screen Wire

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# Why Wear Overalls

When you can buy a Hart-Schaffner & Marx or Styleplus suit

**Saturday  
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at a big discount. Come in and let us help you reduce the "high cost of living" in all wool clothes. (No discount on blue serges)

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### SLUMBER PARTY

"When the cat is away the mice will play." This old proverb was put into execution last Friday evening when Mrs. Burel Scott took advantage of her husband's absence by entertained with a theatre and slumber party honoring her sister Miss Floyce Boyd of Arlington, Texas.

The guests were first taken to the Cozy Theatre where they enjoyed "The Gay old dog." After which they were invited to the hospitable home of the Hostess where music was furnished by the Victrola until the midnight feast was in readiness. After ample justice was done to the feast the guests were shown into the "slumberless room" where all engaged in telling scary tales until slumber was driven from all eyes by fear.

As the first grey streaks of day began to appear Mrs. Scott set an example of bravery to her guests by loading her automatic and lying down beside it with the assurance to all that they would be protected by her, "fell asleep at her post."

After a short nap the guests were awakened by the sounding of the breakfast bell.

A delightful four course breakfast was served and enjoyed by all, after which the guests reluctantly departed thanking their charming hostess for having included each as one of the "merry mice."

### TANK WANTED

I want to buy a good second hand Zinc Tank of about 25 barrels capacity. Also some small piping. John Popham, Merkel, Route 1. 1tp

R. L. Porter for several years a citizen of merkel, but now residing at Wellington Texas was here yesterday on business and to visit relatives in this vicinity. He says his country is in fine condition, there having been sufficient rains to make a good season in the ground.

# Gem Theatre

**OPENING  
SATURDAY, MAY 8**

New Management

In a Drama of Stage Life

**"Mind the Paint Girl"**

WITH

**Anita Stewart**

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MONDAY-TUESDAY

**"Reo Grande"**

A Romance of the Texas Border

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## LOCAL NEWS

Shorts and Brand at G. M. Sharp's. tf

Mrs. W. H. Bullock of Caddo, is here attending the bedside of her mother, Mrs. J. L. Harris.

Hay, Hulls, Meal on hand now Swafford, phone 291. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. West left first of the week for a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Frank Tipton, at Wichita Falls.

Light Crust Flour at G. M. Sharp's. tf

COLORITE—Makes old hats new. Merkel Drug Co. tf

Judge W. P. Mahaffey returned recently from a trip to points in the northwestern part of the state, where he had been on legal business.

Your Prescriptions will be filled accurately and by registered druggists at the Merkel Drug Company. tf

Cap A. C. L. 26430 loaded with Ludlow fancy lump coal due here any day. This is probably the hardest coal I can buy and will give you splendid service. Phone 291 for prices or see T. J. R. Swafford, Kent street. 1t

Your Prescriptions will be filled accurately and by registered Druggists at the Merkel Drug Company. tf

Mrs. Isenberg of Amarillo, is here for a visit to her sister Mrs. B. Goldgar and Brother S. Lynn, of the firm of Lynn & Goldgar.

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank will be glad to deposit in its money safe, any bonds or securities registered and left with it for safe keeping. Customers keeping bonds in private boxes, who wish this additional security should register bonds with this bank. This bank will at all times render it's customers every service that can be had by any bank. Come in and talk it over with us. Farmers & Merchants National Bank. tf

Fresh Cream Meal at G. M. Sharp's. tf

**BIG GROCERY SALE**  
We are closing out our groceries at cost. Come in and save money while they last. Merkel Produce Company on Kent St.

We serve Ice Cream every day at the sanitary self serving store. Comb Honey at G. M. Sharp's. tf

# SILK SALE

**Exceptional Bargains in Silk at the L. & G. Store**

Extra fine grade of Georgette in solid colors, 40 inches wide, special at .....	<b>\$2.85</b>
Printed georgettes, exquisite patterns, special at .....	<b>\$3.25</b>
An exceptional fine heavy weight of crepe de chine in solid colors, special at .....	<b>\$2.95</b>
<b>EXTRA SPECIAL</b> —Messaline in all colors, bargain at .....	<b>\$2.50</b>
Natural shantungs .....	<b>\$1.50 and up</b>
Specials in men's silk shirts .....	<b>\$5.00 and up</b>

This will not last long, get yours early

**THE L. & G. STORE**

**Front Street**

L. R. Thompson, Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of this city returned last Friday from Kansas City and other financial centers,

where he had been on business. Mr. Thompson states that he found conditions in the money centers tightening up to some extent. Infact he says that there

is hardly any money to be found for the speculators, and believes that it is only a short time until money can be obtained only for absolute legitimate necessities.

Rev. J. A. Hyder of Anson, is here attending Methodist District Conference. He is stopping at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin while here.

# THAT APPOINTMENT

YOUR KIND ATTENTION, PLEASE

When you have that photo made you want the best of attention and service, do you not? Yes—and we want to give it. Then please phone us for an appointment so that we can give you the most convenient hour, as we are so busy that we cannot always give the proper time to those who come in for a sitting without special appointment.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS MADE DURING THE WEEK FOR SUNDAYS. PHONE 314

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JNO. C. REINHARD, Manager

### KINGS DAUGHTERS MEET

On last Tuesday afternoon, May 4, the Kings Daughters class met in their regular monthly meeting at the snug little home of Mrs. Charlie Russell.

The meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Hutcheson and after the regular opening exercises business was taken up. It was soon discovered that the class had about a hundred dollars on deposit and of course we were quite anxious to do something with this money so in a very short time some one began to make claim to a part of it in the way of paying a bill incurred by the class. This started things and in a short time the bills came rolling in so fast we began to get frightened for fear our account wasn't going to even hold out long enough. Pretty soon though they all seemed to have been satisfied and we still had a small margin left us. But the way of the King Daughters is to only smile at hard knocks and our greatest delight is in making more money so you may expect in the very near future to find this class springing something and raking in another pocket full of money. "Where there is a will there is a way." After the business session, Mrs. Beene delighted us with several excellent piano selections, much to our enjoyment.

At the close of the social hour our hostess very graciously served us with delicious ice cream and cake.

We very urgently request all members to be present at these meetings for "in Unity there is strength," and every meeting you are absent you miss something worth while. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Guiton on June the 8th.

The following ladies were present at this meeting: Mesdames Hutcheson, Cox, Hale, Cobb, Stanford, Beene, Briggs, Smith, Martin, Brown, Russell and Durham. Press Reporter.

### FARM WANTED

Wanted, to hear from owner of farm or good land for sale. Price and description. Fall delivery. L. Jones, Box 551, Olney ill. 1tp

FOR SALE—Span of mules, Wagon and harness. Will trade for Ford Car. J. R. Baze. 1tp