

GEORGIA OIL CO. BUY SIPE SPR. ACREAGE

It is with much interest that we learn that the C. H. Oil & Development Company recently acquired through purchase, some 500 additional acreage of oil lands in Comanche County, known as the Sipe Springs field. In this acreage there is one tract with four producing wells, and the production from these four wells will within a short time enable the Company to pay dividends on their capital stock. We understand from Mr. Hollingsworth that the Company will immediately start further development of their newly acquired holdings by the sinking of additional wells, etc. thus increasing the production. The four wells are in what is known as shallow territory, requiring from 5 to 10 days to sink a well and at a very nominal cost, and we understand from the officers of the Company that it is their purpose to sink additional wells just as rapidly as conditions will permit, and from our acquaintance with these gentlemen we predict speedy action, as they impress us as men of experience, energy and ability. A large portion of the acreage acquired by this Company in Sipe Springs is surrounded by producing wells, and the officers have every reason to feel optimistic over the results they will obtain from the development of their newly acquired holdings. Among this acreage is a tract within a few hundred feet of the Lusk No. 3 well, which came in Monday evening flowing over the derrick at an estimated capacity of 1,000 barrels or more per day. It was a coincidence that this well came in just as the transaction was consummated and the papers being signed. In this acreage they have both deep test and shallow territory, all of which has been pronounced as oil bearing properties. The Company has the right to select any acreage they desire from some 2,600 acres, all practically proven land, and it is their purpose to have an expert oil geologist inspect this entire acreage and recommend the most desirable for the Company to secure. This additional acreage being located in such proven territory with production already secured will greatly enhance the value of the stock of the Company, for it is an assured fact the Company is in position to pay handsome dividends, thus making the investment in this stock a most inviting one. This Company was organized and is being conducted on a very sound conservative business basis, their method of operations being an exception to the rule, inasmuch as when they sold sufficient stock to develop their Jones County holdings they immediately withdrew the stock from the market. However, since the acquisition of this additional 500 acres in the Sipe Springs field they will, we understand, offer a limited number of shares of the capital stock at a premium, the proceeds from this sale of stock going towards payment of this additional acreage and the further development of their holdings in that territory. We understand from Mr. Hollingsworth that the original shareholders will be given the first opportunity to subscribe this stock, and should any stock be left we believe there would be no difficulty in disposing of same here in Merkel, but the officers of the Company feel that those investing in the initial sale of stock should be given first preference. While we understand the consideration paid for this Sipe Springs acreage was nominal, the circumstances surrounding the matter being ex-

ceptional, nevertheless it is believed that these oil lands are of immense potential value. We also learn from Mr. Hollingsworth that work on the Jones County No. 1 well is progressing rapidly, a double shift being employed, working night and day seven days in the week and the impression among the oil people in this section is that the well will prove a good producer when it comes in. The C. H. Oil & Development Company have opened permanent offices here, and we understand they will also maintain their Atlanta Office. The progress of this Company in the development of their oil lands will be watched with great interest, and the officers have the best wishes of their fellow townsmen.

PRESBYTERIAN RE- VIVAL HAS CLOSED

The meeting conducted at the Presbyterian church by Rev. S. D. Crouch came to a close Sunday night. It resulted in one splendid conversion and there were added to the church 10 new members with others to follow. Three of these by profession. Rev. Crouch's strong sermons greatly benefited and strengthened those who heard him and his good work will continue to be felt in the days to come. He left Sunday night for his home at Waxahachie, before going on to Houston Presbytery for some other meetings. Regular services next Sunday Wednesday night and Choir practice Friday night. All are invited to these services and will find a hearty welcome. Our Sunday School was still larger last Sunday. We want you. C. C. Dooley, pastor.

THURSDAY CLUB

(This Article too late to get in last week.)

On the evening of June 3rd., Mrs. J. E. Lassiter and Mrs. Ergle Meador entertained the members of the Thursday Club and their husbands with a Theatre party at the Cozy Theatre.

At nine o'clock the party assembled in the studio adjoining the Theatre and enjoyed a season of merry conversation. After drawing for partners in a unique manner the guests were ushered into the auditorium of the theatre, cool and pleasant, where they were entertained by Miss Lillian Gish, screen Star, in "Broken Blossoms," an interesting feature of Japanese setting.

At the close of the play the guests were served a delicious orange ice at the Merkel Drug Company with plate favors of sweet peas.

This was indeed a novel form of entertainment and one greatly enjoyed by all present.

The list included: Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Arrington, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Easterwood, Mr. and Mrs. F. Y. Gaither, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Largent, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, Mr. and Mrs. N. Hancock, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gambill, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferrier, Dr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lassiter and Mrs. Ergle Meador.

NOTICE

Bring your cream to Duckett's Store on Tuesdays and Fridays if you want me to handle it for you. W. P. Duckett.

Henry Askew spent some ten days with his parents at Zephyrus, Texas, this week and last.

MAY START SEARS WELL NEXT WEEK

There has been much speculation for sometime since the raising by the citizens of Merkel and surrounding country of the sum of \$10,000 dollars to be used by the Security Banking & Investment Company in drilling their Sears Well No. 1, down to 3,500 or 4,000 feet, and which was expected to have started soon after the money was raised, as to why and when actual drilling would start on this well again. As has been stated in this paper before according to members of the firm the delay has been caused on account of having to wait on the arrival of a wire cable, which arrived yesterday, according to employees of the railroad here. And which according to the same employees, had been lost in a shipment to Sweetwater. Now since the cable has arrived, we are informed that plans are being made to start drilling this well next week.

METHODIST NOTICE

There will be the regular services at the Methodist Church Sunday. Sunday School at 10 o'clock, preaching at 11. At the beginning of the eleven o'clock service there will be a four minutes talk by one of our minute Men on the World's need of the gospel. The evening service will be at 8:30 with twenty minutes song service before the sermon, come and worship with us. W. M. Murrell, pastor.

S. H. L. Swafford of Big Spring, spent several days here this week looking after his farm and other property interests.

FRIENDS & NEIGH- BORS CHOP COTTON

On Wednesday of this week friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mrs. Davis, two miles north and chopped her cotton consisting of about fifty acres. We understand there were 29 people taking part in this most worthy move.

We are informed that in February of this year Mrs. Davis' husband died leaving her with several small children, and a crop started. Good friends we are informed, say they expect to see that the lady's crop worked and cared for throughout the year.

WHY MERKEL MAIL IS LATE

On account of not having any power all the afternoon yesterday, we are unable to send the Merkel out on time this week. We trust that such will not happen again, and that our patrons will understand our position in the matter.

We are requested to announce that there will be a meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association of this city next Tuesday afternoon at the Baptist Church. The president urges that the parents and teachers who happen to be in the city, be on hand and help keep this work up and get it in better organization before the opening of school in September.

Every mother and father is interested in a continued improvement of the Merkel schools during the next session. The Parent-Teachers Association can be of much benefit to our schools. They should have your best efforts and hearty cooperation.

C. H. OIL & DEV. CO. DRILLING DAY & NITE

According to authentic report the C. H. Oil & Development Company of Atlanta Georgia, which company is drilling the deep test five miles northeast of Merkel, near the little city of Stith, is rushing the work with a day and night shift.

It seems to be the opinion of our people that the men who are in charge of the affairs of this company are men of enterprise and push, who believe in doing everything within their power to honorably push their work to completion as quick as possible.

We understand the well is down something over two hundred feet, and Mr. Hollingsworth who has always been optimistic over future of the well for a producer, is getting happier and is stepping about faster as the drill goes deeper each day.

BOOSTING COTTON MILL

S. K. Ekerd, representing the Armstrong Tractor Company of Sweetwater, returned yesterday from a trip into adjacent counties in the interest of the above proposition. Besides being strong for the Armstrong Farm Tractor, Mr. Ekerd states that he is a booster for the proposed Cotton Mill for Merkel, and says he hopes to see the matter pushed right on to a success.

Miss Ona Faye Bland, who has been attending Trinity University at Waxahachie, returned to her home here first of the week, and her friends are rejoicing over same.

AERO PLANE CLUB MERKEL COUNTRY

It will likely not be long if plans which are in progress, are completed, before the Merkel Aero Club becomes a reality, manager Dale of the Gem Theatre, who is organizing the club is about to order the plane, which will be a Curtis J N 4 D the same as used by the government to train flyers, and is capable of flying at 90 to 100 miles per hour.

Mr. Dale states that he has already secured several members who are to receive flying instructions. Mr. Dale who holds Aero Club of America License No. 4719 uses the Graspport system of instruction, which means to talk while you fly, and same as used by all army instructors. The club will also carry passengers, take pictures of Merkel from the air and infact do a general flying business.

Mrs. Bertha Duckett who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris, left first of the week for her home at Cooper, Texas.

TAYCO OIL & GAS COMPANY WAITING ON MACHINERY

According to C. H. Brock, of the Tayco Oil & Gas Company of Morgantown, W. Va., who was in the city this week states that his company is all ready to start the drill in their test two miles southeast of Trent, just as soon as the balance of the machinery arrives, and which he says is expected any day.

Miss Beatrice Njever of Dallas, is here for an extended visit with Miss Charlie Belle Thomas.

Roy Coats and Miss Ruth Hunter, both prominent and well known Merkel young people, were happily united in marriage at Abilene, on last Sunday. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Coats, and at present is connected with some of the big oil companies in the Ranger field. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunter of this city, and like the groom has a host of friends who extend to them best wishes for a prosperous and happy married career.

THOS. L. BLANTON SPEAKS IN MERKEL

Hon. Thomas L. Blanton, Congressman for this district, is making a campaign throughout his district, and on Wednesday morning spoke to a large crowd at the Tabernacle in this city. And from the applause accorded him throughout the two hours speech, and words of approval heard on every side afterwards, we feel sure that ninety per cent of those who heard him will likely cast their votes for Mr. Blanton in the coming primary election.

Mr. Blanton's position with regards to the extremest on the labor question, and his well known and continued fight in the nation's capitol against extravagance etc., was well received and without doubt met the approval of the voters present.

SYNOPSIS OF SPEECH

I gladly report my stewardship to my constituents. I come with a clear conscience knowing that I have left no stone unturned in doing everything within my power in their behalf.

In my platform I pledged the following: Untrammelled service and constant attention to business; Condemnation of the prevalent inactivity and absence of Congressmen from Washington; Strict public economy and a clean-up of useless, wasteful departments; merit rather than the spoils system; National Prohibition; National Woman Suffrage; rural farm credits; Real

help rather than the usual camouflage for the farmer, bringing him and the spinner closer together so as to eliminate the gambler and middleman; a strong Merchant Marine to insure prompt transportation of all farm and industrial products; Tariff for revenue only; Restricted immigration; A fair, square deal alike for Labor and Capital; An uncompromising fight against all pork barrel, garden seed and other graft; Maximum Government Assistance for Education, for the eradication of tuberculosis and other menacing diseases, boll weevil, tick, blackleg, and hog cholera; And a real partnership between all the people and the Federal Government instead of between special interests and the Federal Government.

I have faithfully kept every campaign pledge. My record in Congress shows favorable results on every promise. No other Member has been in more constant attendance on the House floor or given more active and pains-taking attention than I have to all public business. I have participated in every debate of importance during my membership. Of the Texas delegation of 18 members, I was the only Congressman who made a speech for National Prohibition.

Through exhaustive personal investigations made at my own expense, I have succeeded in having several thousand useless employees discharged, and several departments cleaned up. The graft best known to the public is the Rivers and Harbors appropriation and the Public Building appropriation. Since I have been

FLOUR MILL HANGS IN THE BALANCE

At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last Friday night at which the matter of a Flower Mill for Merkel was taken up Mr. G. B. Ballard, of Sweetwater, but formerly of Royce City, and who owns the Flower Mill at the latter place which it is proposed remove to Merkel, was present and went over the matter in detail with those present. He stated that he had a mill and elevator with a capacity of seventy-five barrels flour per day, equipped with the best and latest machinery worth \$25,000, which he would move to Merkel provided the farmers and business men of this city and surrounding country would take as much as \$12,500 worth of stock in the enterprise.

This matter had been under consideration for some time, and the Chamber of Commerce had appointed Mr. J. C. Mason to go to Royce City and look the Mill and machinery over. This he did, and reported to the meeting that according to his views and best information he had found the mill was in fine condition and had always been a paying business, and showed his faith by stating that he would take considerable stock in the project.

Committees were appointed at this meeting to go out and solicit stock subscriptions to the Flower Mill for Merkel, and after working hard for four days, Messrs J. C. Mason and Walter Jackson two of the committee, reported the goal almost reached. Infact they say they are nearly over the top, but like just enough to cause Merkel to lose this splendid enterprise if the farmers and citizens do not become interested in the matter, and subscribe for some of the stock.

It seems to us that every one who can should subscribe for some of this stock as in our opinion the mill will be of much value to every farmer in this country, as well as a good business institution for our city. See one of these men and help put this enterprise over at once.

LATER—The Mill has been secured we learn as we go to Press.

In Congress only one small River and Harbors appropriation and no Public Buildings appropriation has been made. By investigating and filing minority reports against unmeritorious private claims, I have saved over \$100,000,000. By making points of order against improper appropriations, which were sustained by the Chair, I have saved about \$200,000,000, proof of which is shown in the excerpts from the Record sent to you, entitled "LET THE RECORD SPEAK."

In refusing to obey orders and wear a yoke, in forcing Members to stay in Washington and attend to business by recording their absence, in opposing and defeating their private bills involving millions, in trying to reduce mileage to actual expenses, in denouncing the giving to each Member every session a Cedar Chest, a Pine Chest and an Oak Chest, in blocking all efforts to raise Members' salary from \$7,500 to \$10,000, in debate of importance during my membership. Of the Texas delegation of 18 members, I was the only Congressman who made a speech for National Prohibition. Through exhaustive personal investigations made at my own expense, I have succeeded in having several thousand useless employees discharged, and several departments cleaned up. The graft best known to the public is the Rivers and Harbors appropriation and the Public Building appropriation. Since I have been

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A BIRTHDAY PARTY

"We are going to have a little party on June 14th., at 5 o'clock can you come?" In response to this hearty invitation many of the little friends and playmates of Elizabeth Duncan Briggs gathered at her home at the appointed hour to enjoy with her this rare occasion—for what is so rare as a day in June with the added charm of happy little children, radiant with the anticipation of an hour like this.

This popular little honoree, assisted by her mother Mrs. Duncan Briggs, greeted each little guest at the door delightful were the exclamations as each guest in turn presented her with some token of their love for her in recognition of this her fourth birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Briggs was assisted in entertaining by two charming young ladies, Misses Bugge Sears and Sue Bett Steele, of Wauriki Oklahoma, the latter, a niece of Mrs. Briggs.

After all the guests had assembled, group pictures were taken on the lawn, thus preserving, in a measure, the occasion for the future enjoyment of the honoree.

An interesting bean bag contest was enjoyed with the little tots seated on the lawn after which a bowl of candy was presented to the winning side. But in this case the unfortunate became fortunate, the winners generously divided their reward.

In a peanut contest which required each one to carry a given number of peanuts on a knife, a given distance, Little Miss Helen Williams was the winner and was presented with a "Peanut doll" attractively attired. Clarah Louise Miller won a close second and was presented with a cunning little "Peanut duck." Burneal Scott being unable to reach the goal with his trophy, was given boobie, a sneaky little "Peanut mouse." These favors were the skillful work of Miss Sue Bett Steele.

The children were then invited into the house where they were blind folded and instructed to pin the tail on a paper cat on the wall. Ethel Hamilton was the fortunate winner in this and was awarded a pretty bright yellow bean bag.

Excitement reached its end when the dining room was opened and there surrounded by pretty flowers stood the lovely birthday cake with its four candles burning significantly. The little honoree was the first to blow out a candle sharing also this pleasure with others. The cake was cut and served with bowls heaping full of delicious pink ice cream.

As the evening shadows lengthened, reluctant good-byes were said and each heart expressed a wish for many happy returns of this anniversary.

Thus came the end of a perfect day for: Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Sarah Sheppard, Helen Williams of Fort Worth, Elinor Mae and Ethel Hamilton, Isabel Propst, Billie Bernice Gambill, Chalah Louise Miller, Louise Rose, Ne! Durham, Benjiman Sheppard, Sterling Sheppard, Ross Ferrier Jr., Burneal Scott, Thomas Pue, Sue Bett Steele, B Sears, Mrs. W. M. Gambill, Mrs. Burl Scott, Mrs. W. P. Browning, grandmother of the honoree the little honoree and her mother.

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LOCAL ITEMS

Sam Butman Sr., returned last week from a business trip to points in New Mexico.

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Rev. Ben Hardy of Big Spring was here yesterday the guest of Rev. Murrell pastor of the Methodist church.

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Mr. and Mrs. Holmes of Glen Rose, are here this week guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg.

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Mesdames W. M. Murrell and George Brown, have been attending a meeting of the Northwest Texas Conference Missionary Society, at Amarillo, the past week.

Another Stewart picture at the Gem Theatre Saturday. "Nouff Sed."

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Miss Miriam Mitchell left Wednesday night for her home in Greenville. This closes her second season in this city as the popular milliner for the Merkel Dry Goods Company. Her many friends here bid her a reluctant good-bye and anticipate with much pleasure her return.

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Ira Burnes left last week for Canton, Texas where he will visit his brother, Minor and family.

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 F. H. Seeley. 1tp

Misses Norma and Bessie
 Wane Jackson of Spur, Texas
 have been here on a weeks visit
 with their grand parents A. L.
 and R. L. Jobe of South Merkel.
 They have now gone to Thuber
 Texas to visit their Uncle and
 Aunt, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Jobe.

B. Y. P. PROGRAM

Subject—Prayer and Thanks-
 Giving.

1. Leader Mr. Askew.
2. The Duty of Prayer and
 Thanksgiving—Dixie Howard.
3. Prayer and Thanksgiving
 should go together—Lillian
 Craig.
4. Thanksgiving is acceptable
 Prayer—Nell Swann.
5. Why is Thanksgiving neglect-
 ed?—Joe Reidenbogh.
6. The First Thanksgiving day.
 Ruby Teaff.

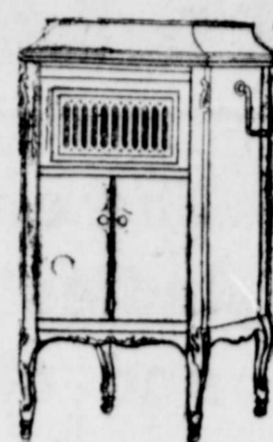
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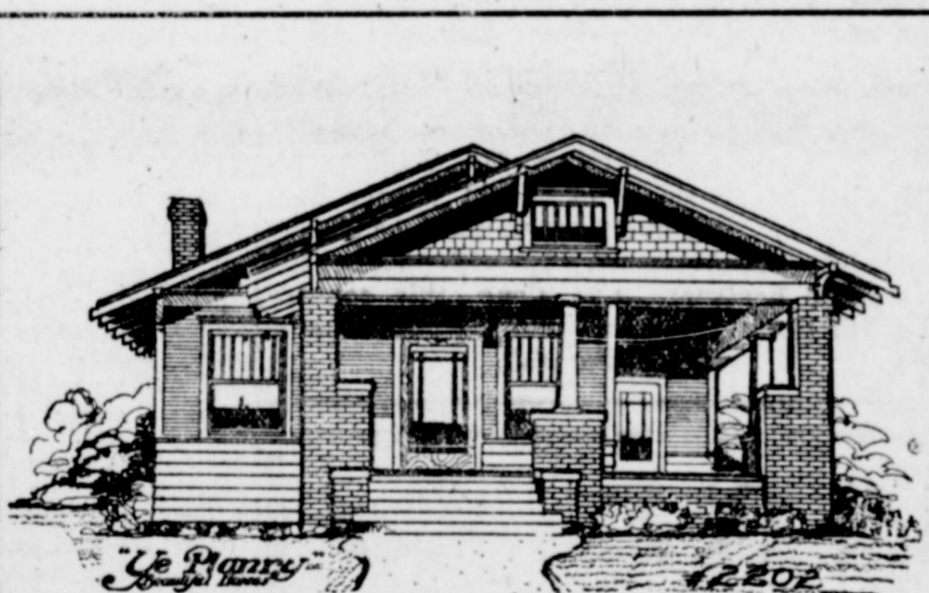
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Have you stepped into the Cozy Studio Lately? It's a pleasant sight to look at the beautiful photos on display that are being made at this Studio now. So many nice portraits of our young people. The town's pretty young ladies and fine young men. The older people too, and the senior group photo of this term's graduates, is one of the neatest and most artistically arranged class group photos that can be seen anywhere. An inspection of all these photos is convincing proof of the ability of the party conducting this Studio, to produce artistic and classical photographs. The little city of Merkel can well be proud of having such a Studio established with them. A place where they can have as high grade photos made as can be found anywhere.

The writer in company with Mr. C. R. Tittle, L. R. Thompson and S. R. Haynes, had the pleasure of a drive out to the farmer's fine farm five or six miles southwest one day last week and back by way of the splendid little city of Trent. At Mr. Tittle's farm a well improved and up to date farm, with a good stand of the crops up, which were clean and growing nicely. And we found the city of Trent a thriving and much larger city than we had expected. The trip was indeed appreciated for we had the pleasure of seeing more of the splendid farming section surrounding Merkel.

PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary Society of the Presbyterian Church met with Mrs. Greer on last Monday afternoon. There were thirteen members present. After the business hour, a social time was spent and delicious refreshments were served which one and all enjoyed very much. The Society will meet June 28 at the Presbyterian church.

A HOME ENTERPRISE

The Armstrong Farm Tractor Company is building their plant at Sweetwater, Texas. There is a great demand for these Tractors and Trucks. Encourage a clean home enterprise. Stock selling fast. See S. K. Eckerd, Merkel, Texas. 184tp

S. H. Meeks of Noodle, was in the city one day this week, and dropped in to renew up for the family weekly. He reports that he has some wheat which will likely yield about 8 or 10 bushel and some oats which he thinks will thresh out 25 or 30 bushel per acre.

Mrs. Frank McFarland, for several years one of the splendid salesladies at the Star Store, is taking an extended vacation, we are informed.

Miss Mamie McNeese has returned from the State University to spend the summer with her parents and friends here. She will go to Alpine this fall to teach Home Economics in the High School.

CLOSE-OUT SALE

The entire \$20,000 Stock of Dry Goods ladies' and children's underwear, ladies and children's hosiery, ladies' and children's shoes

ALL AT COST

These goods must be sold by August 1st. Now is your chance to get some cheap dry goods.

THE STAR STORE

T. A. Johnson, formerly Cashier of the Farmers and Merchant National Bank of Merkel, but now with the Coleman National was here first of the week the guest of L. R. Thompson, present cashier, and other friends.



Important meeting of the Chamber of Commerce tonight. There should be a large attendance. All should take part in any move which has for its purpose the upbuilding and betterment of Merkel and the surrounding country.

Walter Jackson spent several days this week in Dallas where he visited relatives and attended a meeting of the Sunday School Superintendents of the state.

P. Smith of Cross Plains was here this week visiting his son, Mr. Cary. Mr. Smith who has been one of the substantial citizens of Cross Plains for many years, is one of those who have prospered a great deal by the discovery of oil near that city.

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

PIANO FOR SALE—Walworth, good as new. Green oak finish. H. T. Merritt, at Merkel Mail Office.

HORSES FOR SALE—Work horses, saddle horses and unbroken purcheron mares. Geo. R. DeNise Jr., Sweetwater, Texas, Room 5 Crane Bldg. Phone 92. Inquire at Moore's Grocery 15t2

FOR SALE—A six plow Cultivator. See Tom Largent. 13t2

FOR SALE—A good second-hand windmill See S. L. Owenstf
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FOR SALE—Plenty of Red Top Cane Seed at \$2.00 per bushel. See Rob Beasley. It

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

Frank E. Smith, who recently graduated from the law department of the State University, will go to Uvalde, where he will enter the practice of his profession. His many friends wish for him that degree of success to which he richly deserves.

Miss Geneva Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brown, who has been attending Baylor College, Belton, the past term returned to her home here much to the delight of her host of friends. Miss Brown won high honors in College this year and will be a Senior next year.

Mrs. W. F. Hamblett left first of the week for a visit to her son in Montana. She will likely be gone two months.

Dr. Geo. Miller has recently purchased for his wife and daughter, a new Overland Sedan.

Mark Grimes and family of Odell, Texas arrived first of the week to make Merkel their future home.

H. West another of the substantial and pioneer citizens of this community, who resides on route five, was in the city first of the week and re-newed up again for the family paper.

T. J. Toombs, president of the Farmers State Bank, and one of this community's pioneer and substantial citizens reports recently making a trip to his splendid farms southwest of town, where he found the crops all up to a good stand and growing nicely. Infact Mr. Toombs has been a successful farmer here for many years, and says he sees no reason why with just a little more rain along, this country should not enjoy a bumper crop this coming fall.

"HE TRAVELS FASTEST—"

By ELIZABETH Y. MILLER
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Arthur Brooks was an ambitious young man. When he married Theodora he took her to live in one of the Jersey suburbs. The rent was low and the neighborhood not too fastidious. For he it understood that Arthur's ambition ran not to luxuries, but to the accumulation of wealth.

He was the type of man—the thrifty, saving type—who keeps a couple of dime banks in constant use, one on his desk at the office wherein he dropped the ten-cent pieces which rightfully belonged to the waiter who served him at lunch, the other on his chiffonier at home. On the chiffonier there was, too, a large papier mache orange for the devouring of stray pennies.

Theodora, who was not "allowed" in the orthodox, theoretical way, conceived the idea that the dime and pennies which were dropped into the home banks rightfully belonged to her. And having discovered that a slim-bladed penknife was a safe ally, she fished from them sometimes so much as a whole dollar at once. Naturally enough the home savings did not accumulate very fast.

But they had been married a whole year before Arthur Brooks detected his young wife in her pilferings. The lecture which he read her was magnificent of its kind. In a way, however, the force of it rolled off Theodora like water off a duck's back. She was not thrifty by nature; she needed money, and helping herself to it was by far an easier and surer way of getting it than begging it of Arthur.

"And why," he continued, ponderously, "should you need any extra money? Aren't you fed? Haven't you enough of everything?"

"Plenty," said Theodora placidly, "of everything but money."

"But what did you need money for?" he persisted.

Theodora flushed. Then she threw back her head defiantly.

"Since you must know," she burst forth indignantly, "I stole from you in order to buy baby clothes!"

In this manner was Arthur Brooks made cognizant of his impending fatherhood.

The revelation came to him in the nature of a distinct shock. He had reckoned upon marriage, had fully counted the cost of taking a wife, but he had left baby clothes and all that pertains thereto out of his calculations.

Indeed, it had been part of his in-born thriftiness which tempted him to the first place to get married. He had heard many times how a wife helped a fellow to "get on." The wife, it seemed, always scrimped and saved, baked, brewed, sewed, washed, and ironed for her board and keep. Perhaps in the interim, even, she took in a little dressmaking from the more extravagant of her neighbors.

That was the wife of Arthur Brooks' bachelor dreams. Somehow the dream was mixed up with a disconcerting reality. It was a case of not looking before he leaped; of loving, perhaps not wisely, but too well.

Physically, Theodora was lovely enough to tempt any man into marriage. Possibly young Arthur lost his head, and forgot to question her antecedents. For Theodora's upbringing had been quite different from his. In her father's household dime banks and papier-mache oranges were things unknown. So was a bank account.

Her family had lived luxuriously from hand to mouth, and there was always a huge pile of bills waiting to be paid. But this irritating fact in no wise lessened the number of gowns that Theodora and her mother bought, nor forced the family to dine on corned beef in preference to chicken. There were theater trips in Theodora's antenuptial days, cabs, restaurant dinners, and wildly extravagant times at Christmas.

Theodora's wedded life was quite different. They lived well within her husband's income—unnecessarily so. It sometimes seemed—and to her credit be it said, that she did her best to take kindly to the new regime. Indeed, considering all that had gone before, Theodora did remarkably well. She loved her thrifty husband and, in a way, she was happy.

Arthur, too, was happy in a way. He would have been happier, perhaps, if matrimony had been less expensive, but saving was with him a constitutional instinct, and his regrets did not reflect measurably upon Theodora.

There were times when his love for her swept him like a tempest.

Her clear brown eyes; her hair, satiny and smooth like the brown wing of a bird; her slender figure, moving so lithely to household tasks; her pretty white hands, which no amount of toil seemed to harden, were all-powerful lodestones to draw him to her.

And yet it could not be denied, Theodora, with all her physical attractions, was a horrible expense. There were times when Arthur Brooks took to brooding over what might have been. If, for instance, he hadn't married, or had put off marrying until a more "suitable" time. He figured up how cheaply he might have lived. If he hadn't married! Heavens! How he could have saved!

Even a cheap set, with a wife who

COZY THEATRE

SPECIAL MATINEE SATURDAY 2:00 TO 5:30 P. M.

Friday, June 18

Enid Bennett
 in
 "Fuss and Feathers"

Al St John
 in
 "Cleaning Up"

Monday, June 21

Invisible Hand No. 14
 ALSO
 An O'Henry Picture
 Fox News

Great Gamble No. 14
 Big "V" Comedy

Wednesday, June 23

Corrine Griffith
 in
 "Deadline at Eleven"
 Topics of the Day

Hughy Mack
 in
 "Maids & Muslin"

Saturday June 19

Peggy Hyland
 in
 "Faith"
 Mutt & Jeff in "Ring your Party"

Fatty Arbuckle
 in
 "The Butcher Boy"

Tuesday, June 22

Margueritte Clark
 in
 "Luck in Pawn"
 Pathe Review

The Hall Room Boys
 in
 "Too Much"

Thursday, June 24

Ethel Clayton
 in
 "Womens Weapons"
 Andy and Min in "The Gumps"

Earnest Truex
 in
 "Too Good to be True"

Coming

HARRY CAREY in "OVERLAND RED"

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 One Lot, Men's, Women's, and Children's \$3, \$4, and \$5 Shoes at.....\$1.95

Another of the Big Waist Sales for Which the Economy Store is Famed

Just received a large shipment of new fine Georgette and Tricolette, the finest and loveliest and newest styles for the summer. Every waist is of such splendid quality that no woman who sees them will be satisfied with only one. They are attractively embroidered and beaded, and every neck style of the summer is represented. The best of summer colors—ivory white, flesh, sunset, league blue, bisque tints. You'll agree the values are best we've ever offered.

GIRLS' WEAR

Girls gingham Dresses of fine quality gingham or blue, green or brown. Trimmed with hand embroidery. Sizes for girls 6 to 14. Regular \$5.00 to \$9.00 Values at.....\$2.95

STAPLES

36 inch best grade Domestic, no starch regular 45c value, Special per yard.....29
 28 inch Percal, light and dark colors.....29
 Gingham in Plaids and solid Colors very good grade, regular .50 special.....33
 Bed Tick, 50c Value.....39

Silk and Dress Goods at 1/2 Price

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS

The entire line of hand-made sample SUITS made from best selections of all-wool materials; values up to \$65.00 at.....\$42.50
 All Palm Beach Suits.....\$14.50

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Special lot of Ready-to-wear SUITS Very fine tailored and fancy fabrics. Values to \$20.00 Disposal Sale Price.....\$13.50

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS

Strictly High Class in all the newest models of the season, of guaranteed materials, value up to \$55.00—Disposal Sale Price... \$33.50

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS

High grade, finely tailored SUITS; extreme and conservative in fashion. Values up to \$35.00—Disposal Sale Price.....\$24.50

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS

Hand-tailored in a selection of novelty woollens; values up to \$45.00—Disposal Sale Price.....\$29.50

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS

Wool worsted; many silk lined, in assorted shades and styles. Values up to \$30.00—Disposal Sale Price.....\$23.50

HATS

A large assortment of Men's Hats on the large and small shapes in all colors.
 One lot, \$12.50 Stetson Hats.....\$8.75
 \$6.50 Hats, Specially Priced.....\$4.90
 \$5.00 Hats, Specially Priced.....\$4.25
 \$4.00 Hats, Specially Priced.....\$2.90

MEN'S SHOES

We have a high grade stock of men's shoes and Oxfords in all shapes and widths.
 \$18.00 Oxfords or Shoes, Special.....\$12.90
 \$12.00 Oxfords or Shoes, Special.....\$8.95
 \$10.00 Oxfords or Shoes, Special.....\$6.95
 \$7.50 Oxfords or Shoes, Special.....\$5.95
 \$6.00 Oxfords or Shoes, Special.....\$3.95
 \$25.00 Cow Boy Boots.....\$13.90
 \$16.50 Lace Boots.....\$10.90
 \$12.50 Lace Boots.....\$9.90

MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS

\$18.00 Silk Shirts, Special.....\$10.95
 \$15.00 Silk Shirts, Special.....\$8.95
 \$12.50 Silk Shirts, Special.....\$7.95
 \$8.50 Silk Shirts, Special.....\$5.45
 \$5.00 Men's Madra Shirts.....\$4.45
 \$2.50 Men's Shirts.....\$1.95
 \$2.00 Shirts.....\$1.45
 One lot of \$2.00 and \$3.00 Shirts......95

WOMEN'S SHOES, PUMPS & OXFORDS

Real \$8, \$9, \$10, \$11, and \$12 Values a pair Sale Price.....\$6.90

YOUR LAST CHANCE AT

THE ECONOMY STORE

had no sense of money value, and impending baby—how it ate into one's income! Arthur Brooks realized that he had made a foolish mistake in marrying so young. Naturally, however, he did not tell this to Theodora. He was not unkindly enough for that, and besides, it was he who had asked her to marry him. She had not been overly anxious at first. Arthur, though economical, was just.

And then, as by a horrifying miracle, the thing happened.

The little baby, for whose wardrobe Arthur's precious dime and penny banks had been rifled, at last arrived. It hovered for only one brief hour in this unwelcome world, and then, clasping Theodora's hand, wandered back again into the great unknown from whence it came.

They buried Theodora with her baby hugged to her bosom.

The lips that he had loved were curved in their wonted smile; her hair, smooth and satiny like a bird's wing, was brushed smoothly back, and the clear brown eyes were closed forever.

It was Theodora's mother who gave the money for a simple monument. She wanted to do that much, she said, for her daughter's memory; but she did not tell Arthur that she took money which should have gone instead to pay a long-standing grocer's bill. It was easy to see where poor Theodora got some of her shiftless habits.

And so it happened that Arthur Brooks commenced life anew with much wisdom and no incumbrances.

It was a snowy night, and there were gathered about the wide fireplace in the library at the club several men, rather good friends, all of them. The club itself spoke eloquently of the wealth which supported it. There were long mahogany reading tables lighted by red-shaded electrolights, great leather easy chairs, and thick rugs which cost fabulous prices. Only a rich man could afford to seek entrance here.

Yet, as it often happens even among rich men, these friends, grown communicative under the gentle stimulus of their after-dinner cigars, were discussing the cost of living and the financial aspects of married life. One, a robust, red-cheeked old fellow, expanded genially for the benefit of his attentive audience.

"I was poor as Job's turkey when I got married," he asserted earnestly. "We had up-hill work of it for twenty years, my wife and I. Just as soon as we'd get a little something, there'd be sickness or a new baby to swallow the savings."

"I've been in debt—many and many's the time—and my wife had to work hard—harder than I wanted to see her. But we've been happy. I haven't regretted a day of it—no sinners, not one! I'd do the same thing over again. I'd advise any man to

marry young, if he finds the one girl he can love. You see, it makes all the difference in the world when you have each other."

A young man sitting near the fire laughed suddenly. He rose, stretched himself lazily, and yawned.

"I don't believe it," he interrupted. "A man—especially if he's poor—has no business to get married. What is it they say? 'He travels fastest who travels alone.' There's sense for you. 'What's your opinion, Brooks? I'm right, am I not?'"

He turned for confirmation to another one of the party.

But the man whom he addressed did not answer.

Arthur Brooks pillowed his head in his arms on the polished mahogany table and uttered a stifled groan.

Mrs. B. P. Middleton and two children left first of the week for Brownwood, where they will visit the former's parents.

J. L. Banner and family leave this week for Comanche, where they go to be present at the one hundredth birthday anniversary of his father, which will be celebrated on June 12. The Senior Mr. Banner has been a citizen of Comanche county since 1871.

D. O. Huddleston, one among those of our splendid citizens, who helped to blaze the way in West Texas, in speaking about the crop conditions, looks on the bright side, and is optimistic over the future out come of the present crops. He recently visited his farms, where he has about 600 acres in cotton which he says is up to a good stand and growing nicely. He also reports about two-hundred acres planted in feed stuff.

H. L. Propst left Tuesday for a business trip to Thalia. Mr. Propst is interested in some farms near that city.

Mrs. Clara Moore has returned from Fort Worth where she has been for several days.

Raymond Touchstone stopped off here to mix with home folks and friends on a return trip to Dallas from his home at Chillicothe.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes accompanied by Miss Jesse Sutphen, are visiting friends and relatives at Meridian.

T. G. Bragg and wife, E. M. McDonald and wife left first of the week for a fishing and outing on the Concho river.

George Woodrum, Proprietor of the Woodrum Filling Station, is the owner of a beautiful new Gardner Touring car.

Mrs. L. B. Howard has been in Iowa Park, Texas for ten days assisting Rev. Owen, formerly pastor of the Baptist church in Merkel, in a revival meeting, having charge of the music and song service.

Plenty of Screen Doors at the Merkel Lumber Company.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Gibson, were in the city yesterday, and while here dropped in and had the Merkel Mail sent a couple of relatives, residing at Lubbock and the state of Colorado.

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Misses Leol Merrett and Nell Sharp spent Monday and Tuesday with Lena Bond, at Abilene, returning home Tuesday evening.

E. D. Coats, local real estate man, reports the sale of the 160 acre John Henry farm in the Comperre community this week to L. W. Bade for a cash consideration of \$7,600.

Ollie Sharp who is with one of the Fort Worth Banks, with his wife, are here for a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Decker, a son on the 16th.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

For Sunday, June 20, 1920.
 Subject—"The Christian Principle of Honesty."
 Leader—Vivian Hutchenson.
 Song, Prayer, Song.
 Scripture—Lev. 14:11; Eph., 4:15-29—By Leader.
 What is Honesty?—Mason Pee.
 Thoughts on Honesty—Charlie Bell Thomas.
 The Foolish Man—John McDonald.
 Special Music—Lola Armstrong.
 Stewards—Lorena Dry.
 Thoughts on the Theme—Chester Hutchenson.
 Business, Song Benediction.

FOUND—A car number. Owner can get same at this office, by describing it properly and paying for this notice.

FOR SALE—Light Delivery car good running condition. \$175.00. Herbert Grier, box 424, Merkel.

FOR SALE—Brand new, eight room home with all modern conveniences, desirably located on paved street, Abilene, Texas. \$12,500.00. A bargain. O. P. Thomas, box 126, Abilene, Texas.

FOR SALE—Ford Speedster and Dodge five passenger touring car. Both in good condition. See Dr. M. Armstrong. 18t2c

FOR SALE—Good 5 room house and 3 lots on Cherry Street, also house for rent. Good secondhand Hupmobile for sale or trade in first class condition See me when you want anything in real estate H. M. Reese at Gem Confectionary.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kelley on the 12th, a 13 pound boy, Mother and babe doing nicely.

Miss Bonnie Wayne Sanders has returned from Putnam where she has been visiting her sister.

LOCAL ITEMS

Miss Blanche Fisher, who made her home with Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson at Williamburg, Kansas, before their coming to Merkel, has arrived to spend the summer with them.

Mr. Ira F. Williams wife and baby of Clyde Texas, and Mrs. E. E. Williams of Abilene, visited at R. E. Cole's and family Sunday.

Miss Fannie Ramsey of Cleburne, was here last week the guest of her Aunt, Mrs. G. L. Baker, residing on route one.

Misses Pearl and Odie Campbell of Paducah, came in first of the week for an extended visit with relatives at this place.

Miss Mamie Baze is here from Wichita Falls visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baze.

Misses Annie and Josie Smith and Miss Lorena Dry, all excellent young lady teachers of Merkel, left this week for Los Angeles, California where they will attend summer school.

Miss Louise Warren daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren, who has been attending Baylor University, at Waco, is expected home this week, much to the delight of her young friends.

S. D. Gamble, one of the proprietors of the Merkel Drug Company, left first of the week for Dallas to attend the State Druggist Association.

G. J. Jones, local cotton buyer, is enjoying the comforts of a handsome new Studebaker touring car.

Lytton Howard, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, is assisting at Woodroof-Bragg's during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Bragg, who are taking a vacation in the way of a fishing trip on the Concho.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The revival meeting which has been in progress for two weeks has been a gracious blessing. Rev. Crouch's timely, inspiring sermons came as a refreshing rain to our thirsty souls. We count as a material evidence of success ten additions to the church, nine by letter and one by confession. Spiritually we have greatly strengthened. Though the services have closed, yet no one can say when the blessing we have received will end. This we know, that our membership has been more strongly cemented together, that men and women have been inspired to service.

Last Sunday was a great day in the Sunday school. We are having a steady growth in attendance. Our goal is still the one hundred mark, and we know that presently we shall reach it. Our attendance on last Sunday of ninety falls but a little below the desired number; so let us make an earnest effort to reach our goal. At any rate your presence in Sunday School will assist us in making just the kind of Sunday School you will like. So, if for no other reason, be with us next Sunday.

The pastor will occupy the pulpit next Sunday both morning and evening. May we urge you to attend each of these services? It will be an inspiration to you and an encouragement to your pastor.

Choir practice will be held on Friday evening. Our new books are here at last and we have the promise of a leader. Come let us put forth an effort to build up the musical part of our services. And, by all means do not forget our Wednesday evening services. Press Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp are visiting relatives and old friends at Stephenville, Texas this week.

WANTED—Pasture for 1 heifer calf. See Herbert Grier, box 424 Merkel. 1tp

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 \$12.50 Fancy Plaid, Special.....\$4.95
 \$5.00 Fancy Plaid, Special.....\$3.95
 One Lot, Men's, Women's, and Children's \$3, \$4, and \$5 Shoes at.....\$1.95

Another of the Big Waist Sales for Which the Economy Store is Famed

Just received a large shipment of new fine Georgette and Tricolette, the finest and loveliest and newest styles for the summer. Every waist is of such splendid quality that no woman who sees them will be satisfied with only one. They are attractively embroidered and beaded, and every neck style of the summer is represented. The best of summer colors—ivory white, flesh, sunset, league blue, bisque tints. You'll agree the values are best we've ever offered.

GIRLS' WEAR
 Girls gingham Dresses of fine quality gingham or blue, green or brown. Trimmed with hand embroidery. Sizes for girls 6 to 14. Regular \$5.00 to \$9.00 Values at.....\$2.95

STAPLES
 36 inch best grade Domestic, no starch regular 45c value, Special per yard.....29
 28 inch Percal, light and dark colors.....29
 Gingham in Plaids and solid Colors very good grade, regular .50 special.....33
 Bed Tick, 50c Value.....39
 Silk and Dress Goods at 1/2 Price

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS
 The entire line of hand-made sample SUITS made from best selections of all-wool materials; values up to \$65.00 at.....\$42.50
 All Palm Beach Suits.....\$14.50

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS
 Special lot of Ready-to-wear SUITS Very fine tailored and fancy fabrics. Values to \$20.00 Disposal Sale Price.....\$13.50

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS
 Strictly High Class in all the newest models of the season, of guaranteed materials, value up to \$55.00—Disposal Sale Price... \$33.50

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS
 High grade, finely tailored SUITS; extreme and conservative in fashion. Values up to \$35.00—Disposal Sale Price.....\$24.50

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS
 Hand-tailored in a selection of novelty wools; values up to \$45.00—Disposal Sale Price.....\$29.50

MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS
 Wool worsted; many silk lined, in assorted shades and styles. Values up to \$30.00—Disposal Sale Price.....\$23.50

HATS
 A large assortment of Men's Hats on the large and small shapes in all colors.
 One lot, \$12.50 Stetson Hats.....\$8.75
 \$6.50 Hats, Specially Priced.....\$4.90
 \$5.00 Hats, Specially Priced.....\$4.25
 \$4.00 Hats, Specially Priced.....\$2.90

MEN'S SHOES
 We have a high grade stock of men's shoes and Oxfords in all shapes and widths.
 \$18.00 Oxfords or Shoes, Special.....\$12.90
 \$12.00 Oxfords or Shoes, Special.....\$8.95
 \$10.00 Oxfords or Shoes, Special.....\$6.95
 \$7.50 Oxfords or Shoes, Special.....\$5.95
 \$6.00 Oxfords or Shoes, Special.....\$3.95
 \$25.00 Cow Boy Boots.....\$13.90
 \$16.50 Lace Boots.....\$10.90
 \$12.50 Lace Boots.....\$9.90

MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS
 \$18.00 Silk Shirts, Special.....\$10.95
 \$15.00 Silk Shirts, Special.....\$8.95
 \$12.50 Silk Shirts, Special.....\$7.95
 \$8.50 Silk Shirts, Special.....\$5.45
 \$5.00 Men's Madra Shirts.....\$4.45
 \$2.50 Men's Shirts.....\$1.95
 \$2.00 Shirts.....\$1.45
 One lot of \$2.00 and \$3.00 Shirts......95

WOMEN'S SHOES, PUMPS & OXFORDS
 Real \$8, \$9, \$10, \$11, and \$12 Values a pair Sale Price.....\$6.90

YOUR LAST CHANCE AT

THE ECONOMY STORE

had no sense of money value, and impending baby—how it ate into one's income! Arthur Brooks realized that he had made a foolish mistake in marrying so young. Naturally, however, he did not tell this to Theodora. He was not unkindly enough for that, and besides, it was he who had asked her to marry him. She had not been overly anxious at first. Arthur, though economical, was just.

And then, as by a horrifying miracle, the thing happened.

The little baby, for whose wardrobe Arthur's precious dime and penny banks had been rifled, at last arrived. It hovered for only one brief hour in this unlovely world, and then, clasping Theodora's hand, wandered back again into the great unknown from whence it came.

They buried Theodora with her baby hugged to her bosom.

The lips that he had loved were curved in their wonted smile; her hair, smooth and satiny like a bird's wing, was brushed smoothly back, and the clear brown eyes were closed forever.

It was Theodora's mother who gave the money for a simple monument. She wanted to do that much, she said, for her daughter's memory; but she did not tell Arthur that she took money which should have gone instead to pay a long-standing grocer's bill. It was easy to see where poor Theodora got some of her shiftless habits.

And so it happened that Arthur Brooks commenced life anew with much wisdom and no incumbrances.

It was a snowy night, and there were gathered about the wide fireplace in the library at the club several men, rather good friends, all of them. The club itself spoke eloquently of the wealth which supported it. There were long mahogany reading tables lighted by red-shaded electrolights, great leather easy chairs, and thick rugs which cost fabulous prices. Only a rich man could afford to seek entrance here.

Yet, as it often happens even among rich men, these friends, grown communicative under the gentle stimulus of their after-dinner cigars, were discussing the cost of living and the financial aspects of married life. One, a robust, red-cheeked old fellow, expanded genially for the benefit of his attentive audience.

"I was poor as Job's turkey when I got married," he asserted earnestly. "We had up-hill work of it for twenty years, my wife and I. Just as soon as we'd get a little something, there'd be sickness or a new baby to swallow the savings."

"I've been in debt—many and many's the time—and my wife had to work hard—harder than I wanted to see her. But we've been happy. I haven't regretted a day of it—no shrove, not one! I'd do the same thing over again. I'd advise any man to

marry young, if he finds the one girl he can love. You see, it makes all the difference in the world when you have each other."

A young man sitting near the fire laughed suddenly. He rose, stretched himself lazily, and yawned.

"I don't believe it," he interrupted. "A man—especially if he's poor—has no business to get married. What is it they say? 'He travels fastest who travels alone.' There's sense for you. 'What's your opinion, Brooks? I'm right, am I not?'"

He turned for confirmation to another one of the party.

But the man whom he addressed did not answer.

Arthur Brooks pillowed his head in his arms on the polished mahogany table and uttered a stifled groan.

Mrs. B. P. Middleton and two children left first of the week for Brownwood, where they will visit the former's parents.

J. L. Banner and family leave this week for Comanche, where they go to be present at the one hundredth birthday anniversary of his father, which will be celebrated on June 12. The Senior Mr. Banner has been a citizen of Comanche county since 1871.

D. O. Huddleston, one among those of our splendid citizens, who helped to blaze the way in West Texas, in speaking about the crop conditions, looks on the bright side, and is optimistic over the future out come of the present crops. He recently visited his farms, where he has about 600 acres in cotton which he says is up to a good stand and growing nicely. He also reports about two-hundred acres planted in feed stuff.

H. L. Propst left Tuesday for a business trip to Thalia. Mr. Propst is interested in some farms near that city.

Mrs. Clara Moore has returned from Fort Worth where she has been for several days.

Raymond Touchstone stopped off here to mix with home folks and friends on a return trip to Dallas from his home at Chillicothe.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Grimes accompanied by Miss Jesse Suthphen, are visiting friends and relatives at Meridian.

T. G. Bragg and wife, E. M. McDonald and wife left first of the week for a fishing and outing on the Concho river.

George Woodrum, Proprietor of the Woodrum Filling Station, is the owner of a beautiful new Gardner Touring car.

Mrs. L. B. Howard has been in Iowa Park, Texas for ten days assisting Rev. Owen, formerly pastor of the Baptist church in Merkel, in a revival meeting, having charge of the music and song service.

Plenty of Screen Doors at the Merkel Lumber Company. tf

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Gibson, were in the city yesterday, and while here dropped in and had the Merkel Mail sent a couple of relatives, residing at Lubbock and the state of Colorado.

Plenty of Screen Doors at the Merkel Lumber Company. tf

Misses Leol Merrett and Nell Sharp spent Monday and Tuesday with Lena Bond, at Abilene, returning home Tuesday evening.

E. D. Coats, local real estate man, reports the sale of the 160 acre John Henry farm in the Compere community this week to L. W. Bade for a cash consideration of \$7,600.

Ollie Sharp who is with one of the Fort Worth Banks, with his wife, are here for a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sharp and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Jobe.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Decker, a son on the 16th.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

For Sunday, June 20, 1920.
 Subject—"The Christian Principle of Honesty."
 Leader—Vivian Hutchenson.
 Song, Prayer, Song.
 Scripture—Lev. 14:11; Eph. 4:15-29—By Leader.
 What is Honesty?—Mason Pee.
 Thoughts on Honesty—Charlie Bell Thomas.
 The Foolish Man—John McDonald.
 Special Music—Lola Armstrong.
 Stewards—Lorena Dry.
 Thoughts on the Theme—Chester Hutchenson.
 Business, Song Benediction.

FOUND—A car number. Owner can get same at this office, by describing it properly and paying for this notice.

FOR SALE—Light Delivery car good running condition. \$175.00. Herbert Grier, box 424, Merkel. 1tp

FOR SALE—Brand new, eight room home with all modern conveniences, desirably located on paved street, Abilene, Texas. \$12,500.00. A bargain. O. P. Thomas, box 126, Abilene, Texas.

FOR SALE—Ford Speedster and Dodge five passenger touring car. Both in good condition. See Dr. M. Armstrong. 18t2c

FOR SALE—Good 5 room house and 3 lots on Cherry Street, also house for rent. Good secondhand Hupmobile for sale or trade in first class condition See me when you want anything in real estate H. M. Reese at Gem Confectionary. 1t

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kelley on the 12th, a 13 pound boy. Mother and babe doing nicely.

Miss Bonnie Wayne Sanders has returned from Putnam where she has been visiting her sister.

LOCAL ITEMS

Miss Blanche Fisher who made her home with Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson at Williamburg, Kansas, before their coming to Merkel, has arrived to spend the summer with them.

Mr. Ira F. Williams wife and baby of Clyde Texas, and Mrs. E. E. Williams of Abilene, visited at R. E. Cole's and family Sunday.

Miss Fannie Ramsey of Cleburne, was here last week the guest of her Aunt, Mrs. G. L. Baker, residing on route one.

Misses Pearl and Odie Campbell of Paducah, came in first of the week for an extended visit with relatives at this place.

Miss Mamie Baze is here from Wichita Falls visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baze.

Misses Annie and Josie Smith and Miss Lorena Dry, all excellent young lady teachers of Merkel, left this week for Los Angeles, California, where they will attend summer school.

Miss Louise Warren daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warren, who has been attending Baylor University, at Waco, is expected home this week, much to the delight of her young friends.

S. D. Gamble, one of the proprietors of the Merkel Drug Company, left first of the week for Dallas to attend the State Druggist Association.

G. J. Jones, local cotton buyer, is enjoying the comforts of a handsome new Studebaker touring car.

Lytton Howard, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, is assisting at Woodroof-Bragg's during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Bragg, who are taking a vacation in the way of a fishing trip on the Concho.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The revival meeting which has been in progress for two weeks has been a gracious blessing. Rev. Crouch's timely, inspiring sermons came as a refreshing rain to our thirsty souls. We count as a material evidence of success ten additions to the church, nine by letter and one by confession. Spiritually we have greatly strengthened. Though the services have closed, yet no one can say when the blessing we have received will end. This we know, that our membership has been more strongly cemented together, that men and women have been inspired to service.

Last Sunday was a great day in the Sunday school. We are having a steady growth in attendance. Our goal is still the one hundred mark, and we know that presently we shall reach it. Our attendance on last Sunday of ninety falls but a little below the desired number; so let us make an earnest effort to reach our goal. At any rate your presence in Sunday School will assist us in making just the kind of Sunday School you will like. So, if for no other reason, be with us next Sunday.

The pastor will occupy the pulpit next Sunday both morning and evening. May we urge you to attend each of these services? It will be an inspiration to you and an encouragement to your pastor.

Choir practice will be held on Friday evening. Our new books are here at last and we have the promise of a leader. Come let us put forth an effort to build up the musical part of our services. And, by all means do not forget our Wednesday evening services. Press Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Sharp are visiting relatives and old friends at Stephenville, Texas this week.

WANTED—Pasture for 1 heifer calf. See Herbert Grier, box 424 Merkel. 1tp

Carey's Blue Ribbon Paint

Nails, Screen Wire



With all of the reconstruction problems, all the delayed building now to be resumed, prices are not likely to be lower.

A delay may mean higher cost for you besides the loss of time and profit to you now.

We will save you every possible dollar if you will figure with us at this time.



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

Lime, Brick and Cement

Window Glass

GOLAN ITEMS

A large crowd attended the school entertainment Friday night and the play Saturday night.

The Newman base ball team came to Golan and played the Golan team. The game resulted in favor of Newman.

Miss Edith Hudspeth visited Miss Ella Cox Sunday.

Ernest Thompson spent the day with Clyde Williams Sunday.

Misses Edna Cox and Lettie Duncan were guests of Misses Pauline and Bettie Byrom Sunday.

Chester Duncan spent the day with his sister Mrs. C. C. Stripling Sunday.

Miss Elvira Hudspeth was the guest of Miss Vida Williams

Sunday. Miss Lila Wilcoxson of Nienda spent the week end with friends of this community.

Miss Bernice Flamingo of Stamford spent the week end with her uncle W. T. Jones and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cox spent the day with their son Chester Cox and family Sunday.

Misses Ethel Elliot and Ora Farmer of Newman attended Sunday School at Golan Sunday morning.

Rev. F. A. Pope will fill his regular appointment at Golan Sunday.

Crops are looking fine at present. A good rain would be welcome.

The general health of the community is good at thi writing.

A TEXAS WONDER

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, diabetes, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25. Small bottle is two month's treatment, and often perfects a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other states. Dr E W. Hall, 2926 Olive, Street, St Louis Mo., Sold by druggists.

FOLKS TAKE NOTICE

Next Saturday the 19th will sell best grade Flour, Kimbell's Extra High Patent at \$6.85 per hundred.

All Compound, Shortning and syrup at cost. Want to unload. Don't fail to see me. A. L. Jobe.

Mrs. L. R. Cypert left first of the week for Dennison, Texas and Monett, Mo., where she will visit friends and relatives.

Mice, Mice, Where? In the Merkel Bakery & Kandy Shop's Cake case. 2t

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

Mr. A. Landau of Atlanta, Georgia, a stockholder in the C. H. Oil & Development Co. was a visitor to our town this week, and was very much interested in the progress of their well being sunk near Merkel. Mr. Landau accompanied the officers of the Company in their inspection of the Sipe Springs property which they recently acquired, and was much impressed and very enthusiastic over the prospect of the Company in which he is largely interested.

Everything for the comfort and convenience of our patrons at Rose's Barber Shop. tf

J. P. Sharp returned first of the week from Knox City, where he spent some two weeks assisting the Warren Brothers, formerly of Merkel, in getting their splendid Automobile and garage business started off nicely.

Novelty Cakes for Sunday dinner. Merkel Bakery & Kandy Shop. 2t

A bad taste in the mouth comes from a disordered stomach and sluggish state of the bowels. Herbine corrects the trouble immediately. It purifies the bowels, helps digestion, and sweetens the breath. Price 60c. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

Mrs. F. Y. Gaither returned last week from an extended visit to her mother in Oklahoma.

Mice is our Saturday specials. Merkel Bakery & Kandy Shop. 2t



WILL YOUR BOY BE SATISFIED AS HE COMES HOME?

THERE is no greater magnet in the home than that air of luxurious comfort that results from furniture well chosen and well placed.

We take pleasure, aside from our profit, in helping you plan the home more attractive.

We have the suggestions, the designs, the values.

A half hour spent in our store will be well worth your while.



We notice Abilene has raised her price of Ice to 80 cents per 100 pounds. It looks like there might be an Ice famine this summer, so says better authorities. Ice is something we can't do without any more, as we once could.

INTERESTING CONTEST CONTINUES

After going through hundreds of names suggested and sent in from all parts of this, and other states, the trustees of the Texas Products Mfg. Co. have failed to find a suitable name that can be used for their laundry soap. So the contest that should have ended at noon June the 10th will be continued until July the 10th. Three names were suggested that were appropriate and acceptable to us, but they were already registered in the U. S. Patent office.

\$25.00 cash will be paid the winner, try your luck, you may win. We hope some one suggests a name that we can adopt.

The name must be original, one that has never been used before, short and something that will attract attention, a name easily remembered. Address: Contest Dept., Texas Products Mfg. Co. Sweetwater, Texas. It

We serve Ice Cream every day at the sanitary self serving store. 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 \$8.00

For Dristict 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
D. G. Hill

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 Comissioner 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

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STOMACH TROUBLE

Mr. Marion Holcomb, of Nancy, Ky., says: "For quite a long while I suffered with stomach trouble. I would have pains and a heavy feeling after my meals, a most disagreeable taste in my mouth. If I ate anything with butter, oil or grease, I would spit it up. I began to have regular sick headache. I had used pills and tablets, but after a course of these, I would be constipated. It just seemed to tear my stomach all up. I found they were no good at all for my trouble. I heard

THEDFORD'S

BLACK-DRAUGHT

recommended very highly, so began to use it. It cured me. I keep it in the house all the time. It is the best liver medicine made. I do not have sick headache or stomach trouble any more." Black-Draught acts on the jaded liver and helps it to do its important work of throwing out waste materials and poisons from the system. This medicine should be in every household for use in time of need. Get a package today. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c a package. All druggists.

ONE CENT A DOSE



E. B. RODDEN

H. GRIER

MILL WORK

GLASS AND PUTTY

We Sell it and Put it In

We will sell you a Complete House Bill

Let us figure with you

Merkel Manufacturing Co.

2 1/2 Blocks west of Postoffice

Free! Free!

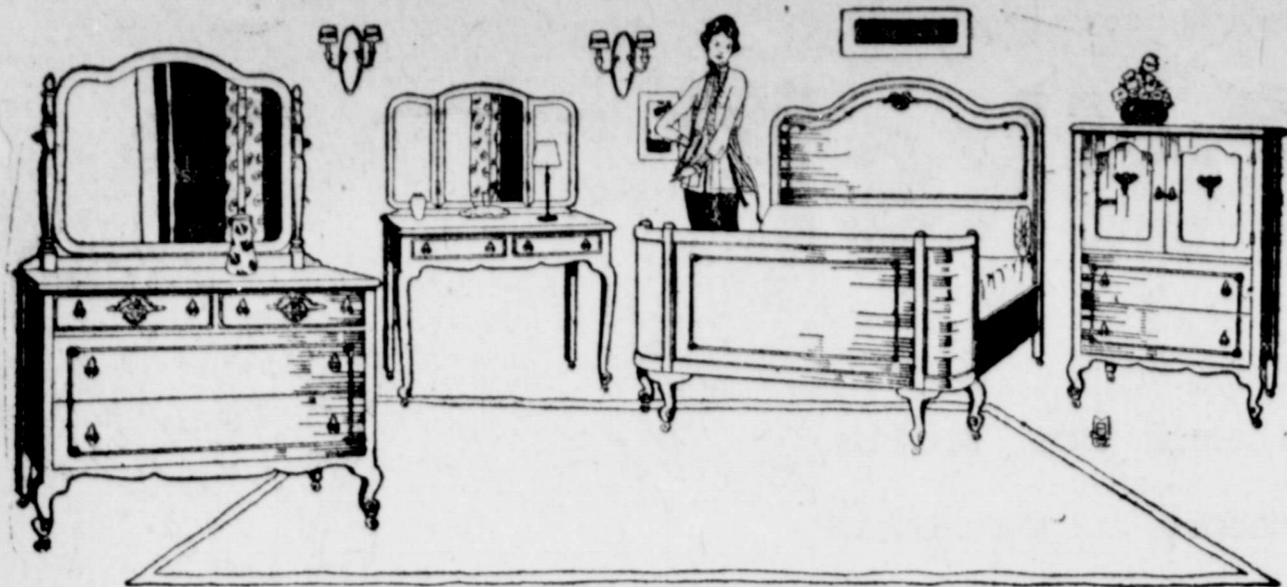
To My Customers and the Public Generally

Until further notice all day stops in the Kent Street Wagon Yard are absolutely FREE. When you come to town just drive right in and put up

FREE

Don't fail to get my prices of Groceries. They are just right. And every time you trade as much as \$20.00 I will present you with a nice and useful present. Try me.

A. L. JOBE



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Not a Special Sale, but just
common Herse-Sense Logic

To the people of
MERKEL

and the Merkel Country

Special Showing of Bed Room Suits

☐ We have one of the largest and best assorted stocks of bed room Furniture west of Ft. Worth.

☐ This is a broad statement, but we can back it up. All we want you to do is to investigate and be your own judge. We have these goods priced at live and let live prices. Some dealers price their goods so they can give you a 20 per cent discount and then make more profit on their goods than we do at our regular price. (This fact has recently been proven by one of the best posted Furniture customers in Merkel.)

☐ We endeavor to carry at all times, as complete and up-to-date stock of Furniture as can be found in any town or city much larger than Merkel. And we don't hesitate to say that we do sell it just as cheap and most times a great deal cheaper, than other towns and cities. We try to handle only the standard lines of goods, something we can afford to get back of, and **GUARANTEE TO GIVE SATISFACTION.**

☐ This applies to our paint, paper and oil, as well as everything in our entire line.

☐ If you contemplate buying a refrigerator this season it will pay you to see our line and get our prices this week. We can save you money and give you the style and size you want.

Don't fail to call for tickets for Rogers silver ware

Barrow Furniture Company

Gem Theatre

BIG SHOW GOOD MUSIC
BIG PRODUCTIONS

Did you know that the curtain in the GEM is scientifically arranged in order to relieve the eye strain.

Saturday, June 19th

Another Stewart Picture

"Her Kingdom Of Dreams"

Directed by the greatest of all directors

Marshall Neilan

Also Pathe News and Chester Outing

Monday June 21

Frank Keenan

IN

"Smouldering Embers"

It is Different, Romance, Youth and Joy

Coming Thursday June 24th

"Whom The Gods Would Destroy"

Over 8,000 people in the cast

Matinee Daily, at 2:15

Gem Theatre

Photoplays of the Better Kind

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Battery and Electric Repairing

Oxy-Acetylene Welding

Mrs. J. A. Stockton, of Meridian, was here this week for a visit to the former's brother, T. G. Bragg, of the Woodroof-Bragg Company.

R. C. Curtis of Sweetwater, employe of the Texas Products Company of that city, was here last week visiting friends and relatives.

Hardware Implements

We have a few Single Row Cultivators and Go-Devils left that arrived this week.

Plenty of hay wire, binder twine, weed-ing hoes, ice cream freezers, oil stoves wagons, pipe and water supplies, screen wire, fruit Jars.

We have it if its Hardware.

We are on Front Street and want your business. Try us.

Liberty Hardware Co

Dr. C. E. McGuire of Ballinger was here this week looking after the interests of his patients, who have eye trouble.

Bring your leaky Radiators, blown out tires and tubes to Hand and Carey. All work guaranteed. Front Street, Merkel, Texas.

Itching diseases can be controlled and cause removed by applying Ballard's Snow Liniment. The relief is prompt and permanent. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Sanders Drug Store.

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

CHARACTER ASSASSINS

It was Judge Swayne of Fort Worth who in charging the grand jury told them to investigate slanderous political stories put out in the election.

That is right. Character is property and the infamous scoundrel who does not respect it should be hauled into court and made to suffer. It is just as wrong to start a hurtful lie on a fellow when he is running for office as it is to do it at any other time.

A character assassin is a pinch-hitter of hades, a scurrilous skunk, who should not be tolerated in a good community any more than a deadly rattlesnake should be allowed to stay in a baby's cradle.

People have a right to differ on men and measures and they have a right to fight for their choice in the open and on the level. But they do not have the right to tear down the good name of anyone in order to win in an election. It is cowardly, infamous and deserving the rebuke of every honest creature in the world. The slimmest snake that ever crawled through the dust and coiled up in the dark to strike with poisoned fangs is that low life human thing that regards the selection of his choice for office, as something more important than the reputation of one of his fellow-men, who perhaps has no other asset than his character.

If hell has a dungeon beneath that can be made hotter than any other of its apartments, where an extreme measure of punishment is meted out to offenders, it ought to be reserved for the character assassin, the foulest vulture that ever dipped its barbed and poisoned beak into a clean life—Ex.

Merkel Bakery & Kandy Shop has your wants on your outing and fishing trips.

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

We Cool when it's hot, Heat when it's not, Light when it's night, with service just right. Who?

FUN AND FOOLISHNESS

If it wasn't for read-headed women and automobile accidents there sure wouldn't be much excitement in life.

You can wear a bright blue necktie and a nut-brown suit, but if there's a yellow streak in your character, all the former will be hid by the latter.

Parris, Mexico, has more dogs than men. Perhaps this accounts for it being one of the most orderly cities in the republic.

The general opinion is that a woman with a pair of silk-striped stockings on is more likely to get scared at a mouse and jump on a chair, than the one who is wearing common black hose.

It doesn't cost any more to whistle now than it always did, so just whistle and keep up courage.

There are all kinds of friends in the world, but the one who counts for the most is the fellow who gets mad at you before he borrows that five.

There is always plenty of tongue in spite of the shortage along other lines.

With all the surplus of whiskers in this country it is a shame that there is such a shortage of hair on the crowns of so many heads.

A man died the other day in Kansas from drinking too much water. He used it as a chaser with wood alcohol.—Swiped.

Mice is numerous, we have our cake case full for Saturday. Merkel Bakery & Kandy Shop. 2t

Miss Jewell Barrett, of Pecos, has a position with the F. & M. Bank of this city during the absence of Miss Minnie Ferguson, who is with her on other on a trip to Hot Sprens, Ark.

Just Received big lot Victrola, Columbia and Lyric Phonograph Records. Sanders Drug Store. tf

Read the Merkel Mal

TIRE SALE

For the next 15 days we will offer the well known

Diamond Tires

Sizes 32x3½ and up

at

20 PER CENT DISCOUNT

Supply your wants at

"The Place Where You Get The Service"

Good Oil—Filtered Gas

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ROSE'S BARBER SHOPS

No. 1—on Elm Street
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Barber work as Good as the Best

Hot and Cold Shower Baths



"Hello, Folks!"



"Here we are again, with some new specials. Bargains that will save you money, as the following prices will prove."

PUMPS & OXFORDS

\$13.50 pumps & oxfords \$10.80
 12.50 pumps & oxfords 10.00
 11.50 pumps & oxfords 9.20
 10.00 pumps & oxfords 8.00
 8.50 pumps & oxfords 6.80

A lot of extra specials in ladies shoes at \$1.25

A big assortment of childrens shoes at .95c

MILLINERY

All Trimmed hats at 25 per cent discount.

Printed Voils Reduced

All \$1.50 voils at \$1.20
 All 1.25 voils at .98
 All .65 voils at .55
 All .50 voils at .45
 All .35 voils flaxous .29

A lot of extra specials in remnants.

READY TO WEAR

White wash skirt in Gaberdine, repp-pique etc.
 Values to \$6.95 choice \$3.98

Voils at \$3.95 choice 2.98

A few dozen pink & white nainsook gowns values to \$2.50 choice 1.65

Georgette & crepe-de-chine at less 25 per cent

TABLE DAMASK

\$1.50 Grade, extra wide .98
 \$1.25 Grade, extra wide .89
 \$2.85 Linen Damask \$2.39
 \$4.50 Linen Damask \$3.69

TOWEL SPECIALS

\$1.25 Bath Towels .98
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LOCAL NEWS

S. G. Houston, father of Mrs. Walter Jackson, was up first of the week from Abilene.

W. A. Scott, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, spent Saturday here with his sister Mrs. C. L. Cash.

Miss Myrtle Farris, of Noodle, spent the week end with Mrs. C. L. Cash of Merkel.

Lon Brackeen of Ranger was up this week for a visit to home folks and friends.

Nat Anderson with the Guaranty State Bank of Abilene, was here one afternoon this week mixing with numerous friends.

We are informed that a little son of T. L. Stephens of Trent is recovering slowly from a rattle snake bite some ten days ago.

Jas Bright, C. T. Beckham, Will and Cal. Hammer, all of Trent, were among the crowd coming down Wednesday to hear the Hon. Thos. Blanton.

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Miss Ruth Baze who has been teaching in the Kaufman High school arrived in Merkel for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baze.

Eld. Price Bankhead returned first of the week from Eastland and the oil field, where he held some revival meetings. He also conducted a meeting at Thalia, in Ford County, while away.

H. A. Sanders, proprietor of the Sanders Drug Store of this city, with his wife and daughter is attending the State Druggists Association.

G. L. Baker, splendid farmer residing on route one, six miles north, was in the city recently on business and while here made this office an appreciated visit.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTICE

Sunday school 10 a. m. directed by Mr. Walter Jackson. There is a place in this Sunday school for every member and friend of the church. Is your place being filled regularly?

Preaching by the pastor morning and evening. Morning subject "The cause and Cure for the Unrest of the World." This will not be a political speech but a discussion from the Bible of a very vital question that the churches are going to have to face in the near future.

Evening subject "Man's way in his own sight and in God's sight."

B. Y. P. U. and Jr. Union at 5 p. m.

Teachers meeting Monday 8.15. Prayermeeting and Choir practice Wednesday 8:15 p. m.

Come and find a hearty welcome at all these services.

Workers Meeting at the Baptist church to-night. A meeting of all the workers in every department is called for tonight at the church.

Miss Mary Jane Caro, of Thuber, has been the guest of Misses Lula Sharp and Ruth Boden this week.

Miss Wyneth Wright of Bellview, is a guest of her sister Mrs. E. L. Woodroof.

F. P. Hamm and family, are visiting and recuperating at Hot Springs, New Mexico.

THURSDAY CLUB

Mrs. Forrest Gaither was hostess to the Thursday Club June 10th. Promptly at four o'clock a majority of the Club members assembled in the cool and inviting south room of this hospitable home where merry chatter and needle work occupied the first fleeting moments.

Score cards were passed and the guests were invited into the dining room, there to enjoy the ever popular "42". At the conclusion of the game a delightful refreshment plate consisting of green pea salad, sandwiches, olives and ice tea with mint was served. This was an unusually enjoyable afternoon for ten Club members and one visitor, Miss Sue Penn.

L. Schwartz and wife of Lockhart, father and mother of Mrs. E. Seigle, were here this week from Lockhart, Texas. From here Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz go to California to spend the summer.

W. J. Moore of Brady with his wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baze of this city this week.

"SALTY DOPE"

We are still having Sunday school and singing every Sunday. Our singing class is improving and we would be glad for others to come and help us make our class one of the best in the west.

The ice-cream supper given by Mr. Joe Higgins Saturday night was enjoyed by all present as there was plenty of cake and cream.

The singing given at the home of Mr. Bristo's Sunday night was enjoyed by all as there was plenty of "pep" and everybody ready to sing.

Last Thursday evening a vast crowd of people gathered to see the much talked of Salt Branch School closing program. They could not have been disappointed for "Coon creek courtship" failed to cause enough ha ha's or if "Taking Father's place" or "Fudge and the Burglar" failed to cause amusement, there was our country traveler going to "Mauro" that caused the real out break. Apart from these was the clown romp, the pretty flower and fairy drills and the pantomime. The songs did credit to a sterling duo or quartet.

This much worked for night caused a touch of sadness among the pupils, for they knew that the end was not far away.

On Friday morning following report cards were handed out, and all realized that school work and play for this year had ended and now that field work without perhaps even a swim.

It was sad indeed as we all had to part. Our teacher Miss Smith left Monday morning for California where she will spend her vacation. But I think Miss Russell will spend the summer at her home near by. "Pep"

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Claude Riney returned from Austin, where he attended the past term of the State University.

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