

BIG CLEAN UP OVER THE ENTIRE CITY ON

At the meeting of the Luncheon Club two weeks ago the question of the existing dirty, filthy condition in many parts of our city, and the desire for a general clean up by the citizens was discussed, and then again on last Tuesday night the question was brought up at that meeting with the result that it was decided to launch a campaign in which the entire town is asked to join in an effort to get rid of much filth and a great deal of unsightly rubbish about the city.

In order to organize in a manner that will insure that some action would be taken and effective work done, it was voted by the members of the Club that the Chairman appoint a "Four Captain Team," two for the north side and two for the south side, who were as follows: On the north side Messrs. J. A. Buford and City Marshal Jinks Winter were appointed to superintend the work in that section of the city. Mr. Buford will have charge of the work on the north side from Kent street West and Mr. Winter that part of the city from Kent street East. The people of that part of the city are urged to cooperate with them in an effort to clean up all premises, streets and alleys, vacant lots, etc., and, if possible, have it done by next Monday.

On the South side Messrs Dee Grimes and J. A. Patterson were appointed to superintend the work in that section of the city. Mr. Grimes will have charge of the section lying west of Oak street and Mr. Patterson that east of Oak street.

Now, every one is urged to immediately clean up their premises of all rubbish, filth and everything that is unsightly or calculated to cause sickness or breed flies or other disease germ carrying insects. It is asked that every one do this and in doing so, burn all trash and rubbish that will burn; the other must be piled in boxes or sacks, and placed where the city wagons can get to them and they will be hauled off. Now remember, all trash and debris that will not burn must be placed in boxes or sacks if you expect them to be hauled off.

Also, in order that the cleaning up of the city may be general over the whole town, and that the work may be done well, a mass meeting of the citizenship is called to meet on next Monday, June 16, at the Fire Station, at four o'clock in the afternoon. The stores are asked to close their doors, everybody urged to come to this meeting, bringing such instruments as hoes, rakes, etc, needed in cleaning up, and let the entire town join hands in an effort to clean up our city. It is the intention that all spend at least two hours in the afternoon for a few days, or until the town is cleaned up.

It is hoped that every man, woman and child in the town will lend this move their hearty cooperation and enthusiastic efforts to the end that Merkel will be known as the best, cleanest town in this section of the country.

Methodist Services at Mt. Pleasant Sunday

Next Sunday, June 15, there will be preaching by the pastor at Mt. Pleasant, after Sunday School in the afternoon.

B. Y. Dickinson, pastor.

S. J. Patridge and son, Frank, of Tampa, Texas, were here last week to visit Mr. and Mrs. Claud Patridge.

POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE WED AT BRIDE'S HOME

Miss Lilley Pratt Sears became the bride of Mr. W. S. J. Brown at her home last Tuesday evening at 8:15 o'clock when the Reverend R. C. Pender of Abilene pronounced the words that made them man and wife.

The wedding took place on the lawn of the bride's home; the steps to the front porch served as the altar. The bride was attended by Miss Katherine Clapp of Beaumont, and Mrs. Warren Smith; attendants to the groom were E. Yates Brown and Warren Smith.

The young couple left immediately after the ceremony, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith, for Glen Rose, where they will spend about a week. They will make their home in Merkel in the Yates Brown place after their return from the trip.

Mr. Brown is connected with the Brown Dry Goods Company of this city. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sears, also of this city. And both are among our very best and most popular young people, and we join their many friends in extending congratulations.

NEXT TRADE TRIP TO CITY OF BLAIR

At the Luncheon Club meeting on last Tuesday evening it was unanimously decided that the next Trade Trip by the merchants, business men, and citizens of Merkel would be made to Blair, on Friday, June 20. A fine program is to be rendered and one of the grandest times to be had is expected among the people of the progressive citizenship of the Blair community.

Every business and professional man and everybody who will, are urged to make arrangements to attend the Blair meeting, and by their presence and cooperation help to make the occasion the best possible.

CHILDRENS DAY AT WHITE CHURCH SUN.

Sunday, June 15th will be Children's day at White Church. Beginning promptly at 10 a.m., a short Sunday School period will be observed. Then following this the childrens services will be held. Luncheon will be served at the noon hour. Beginning at 1:30 p.m. a short song service conducted by Cyrus Pee. Preaching services at 2. Everyone is cordially invited to be present and take part in the services. M. R. Pike.

Return From California

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore, for many years splendid citizens of Merkel, who about a year ago moved to Imperial Valley, California, returned first of the week, and we are glad to learn will likely make Merkel their home again.

We join the citizenship in extending them a cordial welcome among us again.

Mr. W. W. Campbell, one of the city's efficient Aldermen, who makes his living selling groceries, accompanied by his family returned Wednesday from a trip to Roaring Springs, where they visited relatives. They made their return trip via the Plains and report the entire trip as being pleasant.

ALL SET FOR ABILENE RACES

Abilene, Texas, June 11.—Entries in Abilene's Fourth annual automobile race event, which is under A.A.A. sanction and control, will officially close on June 21; and indications now point to the biggest and most representative entry list ever recorded here for Independence Day speed contests.

At this early date nine drivers have filed official entry papers and a good many more are making plans to enter the races; the usual rush at the last minute will probably swell the list of entries to twenty-five or thirty cars. \$3000 in cash prizes, the largest purses ever offered at races in this section is attracting some of the best racing talent in Texas and Oklahoma to the Abilene meet, where they are assured one of the best dirt tracks in the southwest, this year put into the pink of condition, and a crowd of fans all set for the best speed classic ever held here.

Official announcement of drivers and cars already entered in the July 4 races follows: J.F. Miller, Nash Special. Henry Sanders, Ford Special. Jim Antram, Fronty Ford. Matt L. Ward, Essex Special. Ralph Dunkle, Reo Special. H. F. Williams, Chevrolet Spec. C. C. Kenner, Fronty Ford. Bob Cussick, Durant Special. C. O. Mauzy, Ford Special.

Several of the outstanding racers who have thrilled the crowds at past races have intimated they will file entries in the Abilene speed event. Red Shafer and Dick Calhoun are following their usual tactics of waiting until the last moment.

STATE VETERINARIES TO MEET IN BROWNWOOD

On June 25 and 26 the State Veterinary Association will hold its fourteenth annual session in Brownwood, and it is expected that this meeting will be one of the best, most interesting and largely attended in the history of the organization, states Dr. J. B. Bell, local Veterinary Physician, who expects to attend the Brownwood meeting.

MR. GRIMES ATTENDS BANKERS MEETING

Mr. R. L. Grimes, efficient and clever Cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Merkel, returned this week from Amarillo where he attended a meeting of the Panhandle Bankers Association. He reports a large attendance and a very fine and interesting program.

Judge Cummings Buys Home

Judge E. S. Cummings has recently closed a deal for the purchase of the residence belonging to the Farmers State Bank, formerly occupied by Mr. Jack Anderson, just vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes.

This is a nice home, well located and we are glad to see Judge Cummings and his family thus become permanently located.

Misses Julia Martin, local teacher in the schools, and Miss Lucy Tracy, Expression teacher here, left Monday night for Boulder, Colorado, where they will spend six weeks attending the summer school of Colorado University.

Miss Martha Bird left Friday of last week for Austin, Texas, where she will attend the summer school there at the University of Texas.

ALL ENJOY THE TRIP TO NOODLE

As per announcement, the trip to Noodle on last Friday evening by the business men and citizens of Merkel, which was sponsored by the members of the Luncheon Club, is reported by all making the trip as one of the most pleasant and in fact most delightful they ever made.

The party was accompanied by the local orchestra, which organization furnished some very fine music for the occasion, and besides, there were speeches by local citizens and readings and quartets. All of which the Noodle folks say they appreciated very much.

And the Merkelites, every one of them, report meeting with the greatest courtesy and hospitality at the hands of the Noodleites. And besides the fine hospitality and excellent social mingling with the good people of that, one of the best communities in this part of the country, they also appreciated the delicious refreshments of cake, many kinds of cake, soda pop and lemonade served them by the good people of that community.

And at the last meeting Tuesday evening, of the Luncheon Club, a resolution was unanimously adopted by that organization extending sincere thanks and appreciation for the many courtesies and fine entertainment extended by the Noodle people on their visit among them.

MERKEL COUPLE MARRIED AT ANSON, TEX.

On June 3, 1924, at four o'clock in Anson, Archie B. Rose and Miss Bessie Lee Chadwick were united in marriage by Judge Lindsey.

The wedding supper was given by Mr. and Mrs. Claude F. Chadwick, the bride's brother, who resided at Anson.

June fourth they departed on their honeymoon which will be spent in Oregon.

Their friends and relatives wish the much pleasure and happiness.

REVIVAL MEETING AT TABERNACLE

Friday at 8:30 p.m. at the tabernacle, Elder G. W. Johnson, of Sweetwater, Texas, will begin a series of revival services the object of the meeting—the glory of God, the salvation of sinners, the growing in grace and the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ by believers.

A cordial invitation is extended to all, both saint and sinner, To the Children of God, in and around Merkel, and elsewhere, all who can possibly attend, I beg of you in Jesus precious name, if you have a friend or relative who is unsaved please do your dead level best to lead them to Christ, who will give them Eternal Life. "A minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Enjoys Outing and Fishing

L. A. Watts and family, Misses Lillian and Edna Watts, W.T. Watts and family of Hawley, Miss Lonnie Camp and Pauline Chinn enjoyed an outing and fishing trip on the Clear Fork River Wednesday and Wednesday night of this week. They report a great time with the finny tribe strictly on the job.

DICK CALHOUN ENTERS FOR ABILENE RACES 4th

Abilene, Tex., June 12.—Dick Calhoun, the daredevil pilot of the "Fronty" Ford No. 11 that thrilled West Texas automobile racing fans in the two racing programs here last year, will enter an "Abilene Special" in the races here on July Fourth, according to statements made by Calhoun, in a visit in this city recently. His new mount will be thus named in appreciation of the kindness shown him by hundreds of Abilene people while he was recovering from his injuries following last year's races, in a local hospital.

Calhoun crashed through a fence on the turn when pushing "Red" Shafer in a close run for first money, in the Abilene races during the West Texas Fair, and will be remembered by each of the thousands of persons who witnessed the final racing program for thrills he brought to them in the spectacular race.

Calhoun's home is in Cleveland, Oklahoma. On his recent visit here he made plans to enter the big racing meet again on this fourth July. Officials of the races declare that this will be the biggest race event that Abilene has ever witnessed; and already indications are that the crowds from all parts of this country who journey to Abilene for the races will break all records. \$1100 is being spent by the management to make the Abilene track practically "dustless" by the use of calcium Chloride.

DEDICATE NEW CHURCH 4TH SUN.

Mr. A. M. Daniels, of the Amity church community was here Wednesday and ask this paper to announce that on the fourth Sunday in June the handsome new Baptist church at Amity would be dedicated. Rev. R. H. Williams of Abilene will preach the dedicatory service at the eleven o'clock hour.

Mr. Daniels stated that there would be dinner on the ground, and plenty of it, and that everybody was extended a cordial invitation. In the afternoon it is expected that that time will be given over to the singers of the country.

ATTENDING BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Mr. L. R. Thompson went down to Abilene Thursday where he attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees of McMurray College, of which board Mr. Thompson has been a member since the organization of this young but already recognized fine and successful school. And while in Abilene he also attended the weekly meeting of the Lions Club, of which he is a member.

MASONIC LODGE ELECTION

Announcement is made that on next Saturday night there will be an election of officers for the ensuing year at the hall in Merkel. All members urged to be present.

Mr. Sam Butman Sr., one of the largest stock-farmers in this part of the country, was here one day recently and reported that his wheat and oats were both very good this year, and that his cattle were never known to do better than they have this year.

Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt spent several days last week with a sister at Clyde.

LUNCHEON CLUB DOING GOOD WORK

Last Tuesday evening was the regular meeting time for the Merkel Luncheon Club, and while there was not quite so many present as at some other meetings, there were some forty or fifty, and the interest and enthusiasm was indeed as great if not greater than at any previous meeting. In fact the visitors present, and they were from larger towns, stated that they never attended a more cooperative or more interesting and "peppy" meeting of similar nature.

Mr. Robert Hicks, one among our splendid and progressive Hardware dealers, very ably and happily acted as toastmaster, keeping the meeting going with interest and enthusiasm at all times.

The meeting opened with a prayer by Rev. W. H. Albertson, and the main feature of the evenings program was "To make Merkel a Cleaner Town", and on which subject many good talks on the need of and why we should make a thorough clean-up of our city, were made by the following gentlemen: Dr. S. W. Johnson, T. G. Bragg, J. A. Buford, Dr. R. I. Grimes and the toastmaster.

After a thorough discussion of this question the toastmaster turned the meeting over to the Chairman, Mr. L. R. Thompson, who finished up the business session of the meeting. And among the business items transacted was the passing of a resolution of thanks and appreciation to the members of the local orchestra, which has been furnishing such excellent music for the meetings of the Club. A rising vote of thanks was extended.

And another vote of thanks was unanimously extended the citizenship of the Noodle Community for the very fine hospitality and delicious refreshments extended and furnished the people of Merkel upon their recent visit to that splendid little community.

It was also decided at this meeting that the next Trade Trip by the business men and citizens would be to Blair on Friday evening, June 20th. Every body in Merkel and the Blair community re cordially invited and urged to be present.

And before we forget, we want to say that the Club also extended a rising vote of thanks to Hon. W. H. Frazier, this precincts most worthy and capable County Commissioner, for his untiring services in the matter of improving our roads leading to Merkel.

Returns From Visit To Old Home in Tennessee

Mr. B. C. Gaither who for the past month has been visiting friends, relatives and scenes among his old boy-hood home in Tennessee, returned Wednesday, and reports a very pleasant trip. And, we believe, Mr. Gaither's many friends will agree that judging from his splendid looks, the trip agreed with him very much. We join them in welcoming him back home.

Preaching at Compere

Sunday June 15, Fred S. Rogers will preach at Compere School House at 3:30 p.m. Every member urged to be present.

Mr. D. T. Harkrider, the very efficient and clever Tax Collector, of Taylor county, was here last Saturday mixing with his many friends and visiting with relatives.

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Merkel, Texas
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B. Y. P. U. Program

The Unceasing Battle.
Leader, Nell Swann.
1. Law Enforcement will win, Ruth Boden.
2. America an example to the World, W. B. Stevens.
3. Business men for Prohibition, Floyd Dowell.
4. Prohibition backed by Christian prayers, Stella Wilson.
5. The Unceasing battle, Comer Haynes.
6. The three Great curses, Mrs. Comer Haynes.

Mr. Chris McGehee has this week sold his confectionary and cold drink business on Main st. to Mr. Fuqua and son, who took charge on yesterday. The Messers Fuqua are from the Canyon community, and the business will be in charge of the younger Mr. Fuqua. Mr. McGehee states that he will remain at least for some time in Merkel, and wishes us to extend to his friends and patrons thanks and appreciation for their very liberal business during his connection with the business, and bespeaks your continued patronage for the new proprietors.

Intermediate B.Y.P.U. Program

Subject: Winning Others.
1. A Christian's Business, by Charlie Largent.
2. Andrew won and winning, by Mary Ellen Ashby.
3. Andrew Chosen Apostle, by Euna Lee Gilmore.
4. Andrew, a Helper, by Lila Mae Bird.
5. Andrew, a Missionary, by Clyde Mayfield.
6. Memory verse, Alfred Tittle.
7. Christ, our Example in Soul Winning, by Helen Booth.
8. Poem "Christ has no hands but our hands" by Lunnell Lamar.
9. Three scriptures every Christian should know and use, by group captain.

Unloading a car of cheap Bran Gazzaway & Polly. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Schindler are home from a delightful visit to Merkel. They are delighted with that section of the state and report their son and family delightfully located.—The Shiner Gazette. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Schindler are parents of Mr. J. W. Schindler of this city.

A Hundred Point Man

The Republicans are striving for an anti-klan plank; the Democrats are clamoring for a Klan plank; and the Knights of Columbus and the bootleggers are hollering for "no Klan at all." There is a move on foot to organize, "A Hundred Point Man" society.

HEAR ABOUT IT SUNDAY EVENING AT 8:15 AT
BAPTIST CHURCH
SPECIAL MUSIC

Mrs. E. N. Brown Entertains

On last Friday evening at three o'clock, the Alathean class met in a social with their teacher, Mrs. Brown. The rooms were decorated with flowers which brought out the class colors, green, white and red. Mrs. Brown greeted her guests with a hearty welcome. There were no business, so the class enjoyed the afternoon with contests. But the most enjoyed was the guessing game. The names of ladies were written on slips of paper, these were pinned on the backs of different ones of the class, and then they were told to guess whose name was on their back. To make the guessing easy, Mrs. Cummings mocked the lady whose name was written on the slip. Much fun and laughter was enjoyed. The hour soon passed and the hostess then served refreshments, which consisted of ice cream, jell-o and angel food cake. The class then expressed their most sincere thanks and wished to meet with Mrs. Brown again. All enjoyed the occasion to the utmost and it seems a long time until another class meeting, which will be the fourth Friday in June. Reporter.

Friendship Club Notes

The Friendship Club met with Mrs. B.T. Sublett on Bettis Heights last Friday afternoon. The house decorations were ferns, begonias and sweet peas. The social hour consisted of a "Summer Outing of the Ford Family," in which all ladies present took part. One can't say all of them enjoyed it though, for it seemed that all were not accustomed to Fords and were inclined to be dizzy headed. Two contests were next presented. Contest number one, which ran in historical lines, was won by Mrs. Len Sublett. Mrs. Bill Patterson won first prize in contest number two.

The afternoon visitors were: Mrs. S. B. King, Mrs. Luke Huddleston, Mrs. Len Sublett and Mrs. W. J. Hayes. The club will meet next regular meeting day with Mrs. V. B. Sublett. All members are urged to be present. Delicious Vanilla Ice cream and cake with sweet peas for plate favors, was served to the following:
Mesdames S. H. King, Luke Huddleston, Len Sublett, W. J. Hayes, Jas McCoy, Lake Renfro, Marvin Boney, Frank Golliday, and daughter, Miss Ruby Fae, Bill Patterson, Herbert Patterson, V. B. Sublett and hostess, Mrs. B. T. Sublett.

The Weekly Prayermeeting

Will meet with Mrs. Chas. West Wednesday at four o'clock. Lesson: Reforms under Ezra and Nehemiah. Song, Blessed Assurance. Prayer, Mrs. Allday. Scripture, Nehemiah 8:1-3,8-12, Mrs. Lamar. 1. Esraei separated from pagan alliances, Mrs. Causeaux. 2. A complaint against oppression, Mrs. Hassey. 3. Nehemiah abolishes usury, Mrs. Golliday. 4. God's law again proclaimed, Mrs. Busbee. 5. A day of sorrow and joy, Mrs. Busbee. 6. Nehemiah enforces the Sabbath law, Ruby Fae Golliday. 7. The healer of nations, Mrs. Meek. Song, He included me. Prayer, Mrs. Causeaux. 16 Chapter 1 Cor., Mrs. Meek. Prayer, Mrs. Sears. Song, There is Power in the Blood. Questions in Exodus, Mrs. Allday. Prayer Mrs. Meek. Minutes and roll call Mrs. Busbee. Song, take my life and let it be. Prayer, Mrs. Fannie King. Devotional Hosea 14:1-8, Mrs. Mack Busbee. Sentence prayers.

Mr. H. H. Toombs, who owns many fertile and fine farms throughout this immediate section reports having visited most of his farms first of the week, and that he found practically all crops up and growing nicely, and that most all farmers are fairly well up with their work, having their crops clean of weeds and grass.

Try a Classified Ad in The Mail.

T. E. L. Class Meeting

The T. E. L. Class met June 6th in the regular monthly business and social meeting at the comfortable country home of Mrs. West Derstine with Mrs. Ollie Dye joint hostess. The devotional was led by Mrs. Dye, reading the 100th Psalm. Prayer by Mrs. Booth. Business was attended to, after which a very enjoyable social hour was spent. Several contests were indulged in. First a car contest where each lady was blind folded and given a paper car and told to pin her car on the track at the stopping point. Miss Dovie Teaff won the race and was given a tiny car. Next was a paper bag contest. Everyone was given a small paper sack with something in it, but was not allowed to see what it contained until she had thrown it into a larger paper sack in the center of a table. Mrs. Angus won this one and was rewarded with a sack of peanuts.

Then sheets of paper were handed out and each one was to tear out an elephant. Much laughter was had as various shaped animals followed even though it should have been an elephant. In a cut between Mrs. Joe Owen and Miss Dovie Teaff for their more talented sense of art, Miss Dovie Teaff was given a tiny toy elephant. Last was progressive story telling and a very interesting narrative ended with a very thrilling experience.

A refreshment plate of homemade ice cream and cake, with field flowers as plate favors, was served to the following ladies: Mesdames Joe Owens, Walter Boden, Mack Angus, L. B. Howard, B. Condor, Doyle Pogue, A. R. Booth, W. J. Largent, Earl Lassiter and Miss Dovie Teaff. Reporter.

A Family Reunion

On last Sunday Mrs. Frank Sears, otherwise known as grand mother Sears, was made very happy by the having of a family reunion at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dan Matthews. All of Mrs. Sears' children were present for this pleasant occasion except Mr. Bud Sears of Menard.

A big turkey dinner, consisting of turkey and everything that goes with it, was served. The day was very happily and joyfully spent.

Those present were: Mr. Arthur Sears and family of Abilene, Mrs. R. E. Campbell and little daughter, Julia, of Paducah, Mrs. T. V. Touchstone and little daughter, Molly Frank, of Chillicothe, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sears and two sons of Abilene, Misses Mossie and Eula Sears, of Merkel, Mrs. Dan Matthews Merkel, and grandmother Sears.

Teachers Council Program

The following is the program for the Methodist Teachers Council, to be held at the church on next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock:
Song and prayer.
1. "The influence of Personality" by Mrs. Asa T. Sheppard.
2. "Preparing Children for church Membership" Mrs. Thos. Durham.
3. "Why we should Have our S.S. Paper in our Sunday school" by Miss Mossie Sears.
All teachers and Sunday school officers are urged to be present.

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Intermediate League Program

Subject: "A boy who listened, Samuel."
Song; Prayer.
Leader: Delbert Polly.
Scripture: I Samuel 3:1-21.
Song.
Samuel's good home, Elfe Chaney. God speaks to Samuel, Orpah Patterson. Reading: Lois Leslie. Samuel's work, Mary Hutcheson. Are we good Listeners? Lewis Tucker. Piano Solo, Juanita Beene. Can God speak to us today? Inice Brown.
Announcements; Benediction.

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BOOTH WARREN, Ass't Cashier.
OWE NELLIS, Ass't Cashier.

THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS National Bank

Presbyterian Church

The hot vacation days are here with many of our members away at school or on vacation trips. All of us need to be present Sunday to keep our attendance from the summer slump.

All departments of our work holds up well; last Sunday we had 45 more in Sunday school than a year ago.

Next Sunday night at eight o'clock we hold our annual children's day exercises. Come and see them in their work. Don't forget the Revival Meeting which begins the fourth Sunday in June. Fred S. Rogers.

City Marshal Jinks Winter spent one day this week in Anson on business.

Mr. J. N. Ralph of Ft. Worth is here this week for a visit with J. M. Johnson of this city.

Junior Christian Endeavor

Meets at 7 Sunday evening.
1. Lord's prayer, Madeline Murray. 2. Cripple tommie, Edith Smith. 3. The little Atashin boy, Elvin Grimes. 4. Picnic time, ola Smith. 5. The 23rd Psalm, Bill Hamm. 6. All the way to Porta Rica, by Grism Dowl. 7. The boy afraid of his dad, by Clara Louise Miller. 8. What America gives me, by Edith Smith.
9. Memory verse by Jim Patterson.

Don't fail to read Bragg Dry Goods Co.,s shoe ad on the back page. 1t

Mr. Chas. Hughes who for some time has been at San Angelo in the interest of his health is home for a few days, stopping at the home of his brother, J. S. Hughes. We are glad to learn that his health has improved to some extent.

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NOODLE NEWS

The farmers are having to plant over their cotton on account of so much sand.

Mr. John Newsom of Bell county and Jeffrey of Lamesa, were called to the bed side of their mother who is very low.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Herring and son, Louis, and Grandma Horn have returned from south Texas where they spent a two weeks visit.

Tom Jenkins is at Anson this week serving on the jury.

Lish Womack and family took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Vick Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Ely are spending this week with Mrs. Ely's parents, W. U. Beene and wife.

Jewell and Anilee Boyd and Oderra Bicknell took dinner with Mrs. Jessie Walker Sunday.

A Hendricks, wife and son Dave of Stith, Mose Hendricks and son, Sammie, of Aneonita, Ala., took dinner with W. J. Bicknell and family Tuesday.

J. O. Joplin and family visited in Merkel Sunday.

George Clinton and family spent Saturday night with Mrs. Clinton's mother, Mrs. Neighbors.

The Merkel Club came out Friday night and put on a program which was enjoyed by all present. We were glad to have you come, but sorry we had no better place to entertain you.

I think if those who vote against a high school building for Noodle were there, you surely saw the need of it. That is, if your eyes are not scaled over until you can't see at all. But maybe in two or three years more we will have a good building at Noodle, with room for every body. We hope so at least. Come again; we were glad to have you.

Sheriff John Bond and County Attorney Frank E. Smith, of Abilene, were over first of the week mixing and mingling with their many voting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg, of Chillicothe, Texas, were here to visit relatives and friends a few days this week.

GRASSHOPPER TRAP

I have no desire to get people away from poisoning grasshoppers, as I know that if they will follow the directions of our county agent that they can be effectively controlled this way, but I have been requested to make a statement, giving as best I can the specifications of a trap that I know was successfully used last season.

This trap consisted of a trough four inches deep, eighteen inches wide and nine feet long, twelve feet long if you like, built on 2 by 8 runners, the trough made of metal with the joints alked with tar and any crlking material that you have handy, with a screen or wall four to four and half feet high extending upward from the top of back wall of trough, this screen should lean toward front wall of trough at sufficient angle as to bring the top of the screen directly over the center of trough. The supports for this screen are nailed to the runners on which the trough is built, and the screen can be made of oil cloth, white oil cloth is best,

stretched tight, and nailed to these supports or standards. When the trap is complete fill the trough half full of water and add enough kerosene to well cover the water, hitch a horse to either end of the trap, and drive down your rows. As the trap approaches the hoppers will rise and as the horses and drivers are to their side and ahead of the trap they fly toward the trough, are caught by the screen and tumble into the kerosene and water. The kerosene does the rest. Crude oil is as good if not better than kerosene, but the one that is most accessible.

The Stokes boys, living four miles northeast from Sipe Springs saved seventy-five acres of cotton last season, did not lose an acre, with a similar trap, when some of their neighbors' crops were completely destroyed. Similar traps were also used in Coleman county with good effect.—J. R. Eanes, in Comanche Enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bragg, of Chillicothe, Texas, were here to visit relatives and friends a few days this week.

WHAT IS DISEASE AND WHAT CAUSES IT

There has been an almost endless number of causes for disease expounded from time to time; but invariably only secondary and environmental or climatic causes have been mentioned.

The Primary cause of disease was discovered by an investigator in the city of Davenport, Iowa, in the year 1895. D. D. Palmer, the discoverer was treating a deaf man, and he perceived a lump of bone protruding from this deaf man's neck. No one ever knew why, but Mr. Palmer pushed on this bony lump and the deaf man's hearing was restored. It seems impossible, perhaps, but the restoration of hearing was made possible in the following manner:

The Spinal Column or backbone is made up of a number of small movable or turning bones. In the large part of these bones is a round hole, known as the Spinal Canal, into and through which the Spinal Cord, which is a prolongation of the Brain, extends. On its way down through the Spinal Canal, the Spinal Cord gives off 31 pairs of Spinal Nerves. Beginning at the base of the Brain and ending at what is known as the coccyx or tail bone.

These nerve trunks leave the Spinal Cord between two of these little spinal joints. Half of the hole being made by the bone above and the other half by the bone below the nerve trunk. These little bony segments become displaced because of accidents, falls, twists, abnormal postures, strains and by producing tension on one set of muscles, thereby pulling the backbone out of its normal position, which brings pressure to bear on the nerve trunk. The pressure interferes with the transmission of the life force or mental impulse which is generated in the Brain.

The cause of deafness, which by chance was the malady upon which chiropractic was discovered, is no Different than Other Diseases. The difference in the manifestation depends upon which organ or organs in the body are affected. And also upon which one or combination of one or more of the nine primary physical Functions, of which every living human being is animated. Pressure on Motor Nerves

causes paralysis and palsy. On Secretory Nerves a disturbance in the glandular secretion; pressure on Trophic Nerves causes one to be weak and Anemic. Pressure on nerves serving the Kidneys with life force affects the Excretory Function, thus domming back poisons into the body and causing an almost endless number of symptoms. Sallow skin and all skin eruptions, boils etc, are caused by an abnormal expression of the Excretory Function.

Mr. Palmer named his new Science Chiropractic (KIRO-PRAK-TIK) derived from the Greek language, which means done by hand. The practice of chiropractic as delivered and taught by the founder consists of the palpation (exploring with the fingers) of the backbone, for the purpose of ascertaining displacements of the joints, and the adjustment of these joints to their normal position in the spine, thus removing pressure from nerves over which the life force travels from the Brain, where it is generated to the organs affected.

A course in chiropractic involves a three year study and embodies many subjects, following are some of them: Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Gynecology, Hygiene, Philosophy or the why of Chiropractic, Chiropractic technique, Pathology, Symptomatology and Spinal Analysis.

We are graduates of the Palmer school of Chiropractic. This institution was founded by D. D. Palmer the discoverer of the science, and developed by Mr. Palmer's son, Dr. B. J. Palmer, into the world's greatest healing clinic.

The Palmer School of Chiropractic is the owner of broadcasting Station "W. O. C." Davenport, Iowa.

This college covers three city blocks, and graduates about 3000 people yearly. The writer thinks that the reader, who is also a potential sick person, wishes to be informed and not awed and bewildered, that is why this message has been couched after the above manner.

Our Chiropractic office is located in the residence of Mrs. O'Brian in the city of Merkel, Texas. Consultation and spinal examination free.

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SHILOH HAPPENINGS

The farmers are all busy in their crops, and nearly all are feeding grasshoppers poison.

On Wednesday of last week, Mr. J. W. Pomroy was laid to rest in the Trent Cemetery. Grandma Newsome who resided in the Noodle community passed away Tuesday morning. We extend deepest sympathy to each family.

The entertainment at Mr. and Mrs. Tom Greene's Friday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Mr. Cleo Riley and Miss Maggie Wheeler, Mr. Granvil Grayson and Miss Maude Greene attended singing at Blair Sunday.

The singing at Mr. Naren's Saturday night was well attended and all report a good time.

Mr. Granvil Grayson and Miss Maggie Wheeler were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Grayson on Sunday.

C. W. Seago, wife and baby visited relatives at Eastland and San Saba from Saturday until Tuesday.

Crops look good around these places. Some places roasting ears are nearly ready to eat.

Sunday is preaching day. Come let's have a good attendance at Sunday School. Brownie

—STOLEN—

Saturday night. Child's Automobile, blue with disc wheels, name Kissell Kar. Reward for information or return. F. P. Hamm. 1tpd

Miss Annie Mae Swann returned home from attending college at Simmons last week. Miss Swann was a graduate of Simmons this year, receiving her A.B. degree.

CREAM WANTED

We test, Wednesday and Saturday. Cream is advancing; price is now 27c. Look for another advance soon. Bring your cream any time. T. L. Hamblet.

Mrs. S. L. Richardson of Stephenville, accompanied by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. S. E. Richardson, also of Stephenville are here for a visit with the former's son, Mr. J. E. Richardson, one of our splendid lumber company managers.

SAVED FROM OPERATION

For some time physicians have been puzzled concerning the cause of certain diseases of the Stomach, Kidneys, and Blood. Many needless operations have been performed for Gall Stones, Appendicitis, Stomach and Kidney Trouble when the real cause was Colitis.

Colitis is the result of food wastes sticking to the sides of the colon and becoming hardened. They give off uric and toxic poisons, which the blood absorbs. The Kidneys are overworked in trying to rid the system of these poisons resulting in diseased kidneys, high blood pressure, rheumatism, etc.

A physician discovered a preparation known as FERRASAL, which will dissolve the food wastes in the colon and eliminate the accumulated poisons. It also aids digestion, keeps the kidneys regular and is absolutely harmless. It proved successful with hundreds of his patients and now FERRASAL can be purchased at your druggist's. Take FERRASAL regularly eight and morning for a month.

It will do the work for YOU or your money refunded.

"I feel that your preparation FERRASAL, saved my life. I was advised to have an operation for Gall Stone. I started taking FERRASAL and in one week's time I could eat again. It has cured me and I believe it will cure any case of stomach or bladder trouble if taken properly. R. D. Elliott, 4227 Thomas Ave., Dallas, Texas.

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kel, Texas as second class mail.

Brevity is the art of using
facts instead of conversation.

No place is likely to become
a "garden city" if its people en-
tertain principles against wear-
ing overalls.

Much instruction is offered on
interior decorating, but some of
our girl friends seem interested
only in the exterior kind.

The campaign poets are start-
ing in again, but fortunately
presidential elections come only
once in four years.

Denied that America is a
dumping ground, but consider-
ing all the rubbish lying around
people might naturally think it
was.

The schools are sending out
many budding geniuses, but the
weather bureau predicts frosts
in the business world.

The idea of spending money
for big road signs by business
and professional men is fast be-
ing abandoned for the reason
that besides being unsightly
along the highways, such adver-
tising is now being considered
about the most worthless of all
kinds of advertising.

We are glad to learn that Mrs.
H. D. Clark who has been quite
sick for the past two weeks, is
now improving nicely, and is ex-
pected to soon regain her form-
er good health.

Unloading a car of cheap Bran
Gazzaway & Polly. It

UNEARNED WEALTH

The Methodist general con-
ference has adopted a resolution
declaring that if a man does not
in some real sense earn his
wealth, he is not entitled to it.

One practical question arising
from such a declaration, relates
to what economists call "unearn-
ed increment". Take money
made by speculation in land. A
man may buy land in the busi-
ness center of some growing
city, and make large sums by
increase of population and grow-
th of business. In many cases
such a man has rendered no
service to earn this increase ac-
cording to the principle stated
above. Some people claim, that
as such increment is caused
principally by the coming to-
gether of the people at that
place, the public should get
whatever gains come from such
increase.

Yet in many cases it could be
shown that the people who own-
ed such valuable land were so
active in promoting the advance
of the place, that they did con-
tribute a service which earned
the profit.

To confiscate valuable land
on the theory that its owners
are not earning its gains, would
be a bolshevistic proceeding,
since the people who buy such
land have been assured under
our laws that it is a secure
form of investment. It would
of course be legitimate, and pos-
sibly desirable, to stabilize land
values on their present level,
and take by taxation any in-
crease in value that might come
through increase of population.
But a town run on that basis
might not gain anything. Such
a system might discourage peo-
ple from settling in a place
where that opportunity for prof-
it was cut off.

Whatever one thinks about
these problems, the resolution
passed by the Methodists rep-
resents a growing feeling that
possession of wealth involves
special obligations to render ser-
vices.

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WILL PREACH AT TRENT

Eld. W. G. Cypert announces
that on next Sunday morning
and evening he will fill his regu-
lar appointment at the Church
of Christ, at Trent.

He extends a cordial invita-
tion to one and all to hear him
at each of the above services.

You lose money if you fail to
read Bragg D. G. Co's shoe ad
on back page.

Mr. E. H. Thompson residing
in the Salt Branch community,
was here Monday and reported
the arrival of a twelve and one-
half pound boy at his home. He
also reported all crops up and
growing nicely.

A BLESSING IN DISGUISE

More handkerchiefs, more
neckties, more socks for father
—long live Father's Day.

Father never got much en-
thusiastic about this Father's Day
business until he found that it
was another opportunity to add
to his visible supply of wearing
apparel, and ever since that
time he has been a rank enthu-
siast.

He particularly likes the idea
of receiving a real "loud" pair
of socks from a flapper daugh-
ter, and how he "enjoys" pay-
ing for them at the end of the
month. And then that new neck-
tie that sonny always gives him
—and then wears it until all the
"new" comes off. How he does
love those neckties.

No joking—father does like
to be appreciated. He was a lit-
tle jealous when Mother had a
halo placed upon her head, but
he never said a word—just kept
plodding away. He always knew
that anything ever said about
or done for Mother would not
pay the debt humanity owes to
Mother, but right down in his
heart, Father always believed
that he deserved a little recog-
nition for the part he plays in
keeping the world turning on
its axis.

So when somebody suggested
a laurel crown for Father, he
straightway sanctioned the idea
and it has grown until Father's
Day has graduated into the
calendar.

This year it falls on Sunday,
June 15. Last year was the first
time Father's ever received
widespread recognition with a
"day" and he liked it so well he
believes he will relish one every
year.

As a rule, Father doesn't care
to have anyone "make a fuss
over him." He is content to go
on doing his bit by rearing his
family and helping wherever he
can in community betterment.

But he will have to admit that
he is a little blase if he doesn't
warm up to the idea of being the
center of attractions one day in
the year.

Bring on the socks, the hand-
kerchiefs and the neckties.

Messrs. J. J. Russell, Wrenn
Durham and Marvin Mayfield,
returned last week from Austin,
where they attended the State
University the past term. Mess-
ers Warren McSpadden, Hugh
McRee and Carvel Tucker, also
Merkel boys, remained for the
summer session. Mr. McRee will
receive his degree in civil engi-
neering at the end of the sum-
mer session and Warren Mc-
Spadden enters his third year,
while Carvel Tucker begins his
second year.

Mrs. J. H. Warnick, of Abi-
lene, was a guest Sunday after-
noon at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Bob Martin.

BACKGROUND MEN

Joe Boyer, who won the 500
mile Memorial Day motor class-
ic at the Indianapolis Speedway,
didn't drive the winning mount
all the way. Lora L. Corum
piloted the car the first 250
miles and turned it over to Boy-
er when he held fourth place.

While Boyer is being acclai-
med the 1924 speed king, little
will ever be heard or said of
Corum, but without his endur-
ance and driving ability, Boyer
could not have been crowned.

Only a few men are accorded
the privilege of winning high
honors in any field of endeavor,
but back of them stand assist-
ants, unheralded and with prais-
es unsung, who are deserving of
unstinted praise.

Few men have ever reached
high pinnacles of fame and for-
tune without the loyal support
of subordinates.

When we see men made fam-
ous by achievement, we should
never fail to think of those who
have provided the motive power
those behind the picture whose
faces never appear in the frame
of success.

To those whose loyalty and
devotion make great accomplish-
ments possible, let us say a word
of encouragement now and then
and stir them to greater efforts.

Mr. and Mrs. John Warnick,
accompanied by the former's
mother, were in Merkel Sunday
visiting with friends.

PROOF OF POSITIONS

During this month many
Draughon-trained students have
accepted good positions; Clyde
Weaver with the Southern Mort-
gage Co.; Thelma Phillips with
Kirby and King; Ruth Shiflet
with Abilene F. & V Co.; Hiram
Monk with Brooks & Hanlon;
Eral Hunter with the Central
State Bank; Melvin Hodges with
Swift & Co.; Norval Frazier
with Continental State Bank;
H. G. Payne with Fish & Game
Commission; Ray Marshall with
West Texas Utilities Co.; Jessie
Stubblefield with Clark's Lau-
ndry; Ruby Murrah with West
Texas Land Co.; Quills Casey
with F & M National Bank; and
many others that could be men-
tioned.

If the demand is so great now
just think what it will be this
fall. Get ready for a guaranteed
position. Take the first step
now by filling in your name and
address below and mailing the
coupon to Draughon's College,
Abilene or Wichita Falls, Texas.
Low summer rates now.

Name
Address

Mrs. J. P. Sublett returned
this week from Fort Worth
where she had been to visit a
son. And while away, Mrs. Sub-
lett was presented at a family
reunion of one of her sisters,
who she had not seen in many
years, who resides at Cisco.

**SAYS KARNAK OFFERS
HEALTH TO MILLIONS**

**Thousands of People
Throughout the State are
Now Praising the Sensa-
tional New Medicine For
Benefits Received From
Its Use.**

Thousands of prominent people
throughout the State are now
praising the sensational new medi-
cine Karnak. The demand for the
preparation has exceeded all pre-
vious records, and as new tests of
its powers are made, hundreds more
are daily adding their endorsements
to the thousands already given it.

In explaining the phenomenal
success of the medicine, Mr. H. C.
Thorburn, President of Standard
Drug Products, Inc., recently said:
"Before we secured the distribu-
tion rights for Karnak in this coun-
try we knew that it was a wonder-
ful health-builder and were con-
vinced that it would restore millions
of people to the joys of health. Now
the public has proved this for itself
and people everywhere flock to the
drug stores to get it and report
benefits from its use that far sur-
pass even their fondest hopes.

"You can tell after the first few
doses of Karnak that you are being
benefitted in a natural, substantial
way. These substantial benefits
form the fundamental reason for the
medicine's unprecedented success."

Mr. Thorburn briefly quoted M.
Andre's theories on health and right
living as follows:
"Poor health is an unnatural
condition. Nature is always working
to restore us and with the proper
assistance will succeed.

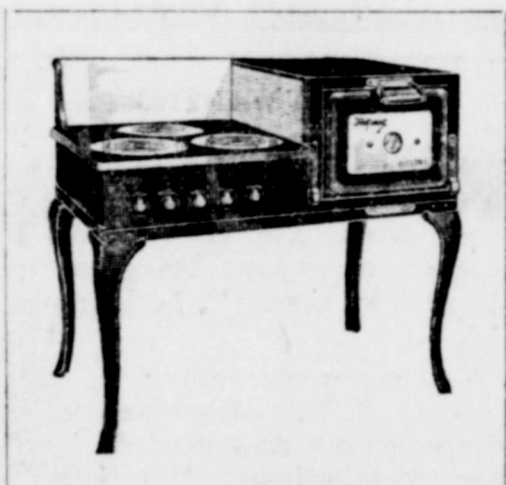
"Millions of people drag through
life feeling well only half the time,
or weak, sick and miserable day
after day with hardly enough
strength to keep up, and not know-
ing where to turn for relief. They
are victims of auto-intoxication and
malnutrition. The vital organs are
failing to do their work. The sys-
tem is being poisoned with impuri-
ties that tear down the health,
waste the strength and irritate the
nerves. The vitality is being de-
stroyed and their lives needlessly
shortened.

"To all such people Karnak has
proved a blessing.

"M. Andre's aim was to perfect a
medicine that would remedy all the
corrective forces of Nature itself.
How well he succeeded is shown by
the thousands who are praising the
new medicine everywhere it has
been introduced.

"It is not unusual for people to
say that Karnak has relieved them
troubles that had defied all other
treatments for years. That is be-
cause Karnak helps the entire sys-
tem regain its lost vitality, strength
and resiliency and enables nature to
reassert itself."

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For County Treasurer:
AUSTIN FITTS
County Attorney
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T. M. WILLIS
ROY L. DUKE
For Tax Collector:
D. T. HARKRIDER,
ED. DICKERSON,
R. A. McCLAIN
For Tax Assessor:
J. T. HOWARD
JOE T. PERRY
(MRS) FLORENCE VANCE
For County Clerk:
W. E. BEASLEY
For Sheriff:
H. T. O'BAR
JOHN S. BOND
R. G. (Bob) ANDERSON
For County School Supt.
M. A. WILLIAMS
(Re-election)
For Commissioner:
T. R. LASSITER
CHARLES P. STEVENS
PHILLIP A. DILTZ
HENRY R. HICKS
JOHN S. HUGHES
For Public Weigher:
C. L. TUCKER
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FOR SALE—Good Oats, four cents per bind, clear of Johnson grass. One fourth mile west of Mulberry school. A. L. Walden, Merkel, Route 4. 6t3p

FOR SALE—Can furnish a few swarms of Bees at \$2.50 per swarm. Sam Butman. 6t2.

FOR SALE—HAY. Have some good headed wheat hay to sell, clear of Johnson grass and weeds and cut just right. Z. V. Moore, Merkel Rt. 5 one half mile east of Blair. Phone. 6t2p

FOR SALE—Baled Wheat and Oats, three miles east of town, at \$20.00 per ton at the press, next week. J. A. Janes. 1tpd

FRESH FRUIT—Have for sale Blackberries, Peaches and Plums Mrs. T. L. Cross, located at office of Judge N. D. Cobb. 1tp

WANTED

WANTED—To do Laundry Work. Mrs. Will Smith. 1tp

WANTED—Quilts to quilt \$1.25 each. Womans Missionary Society, Nubia. Mrs. Grover Blair, president. 1tp

WANTED—Plain and Fancy Sewing. A specialty of Crocheted Beads. See Mrs. Stanley King and Mrs. V. B. Sublett, South Oak Street. tf

WANTED—50 men and boys to take advantage of the best shoe bargains Saturday at Bragg D. G. Company. 1t

LOST

LOST—A six months old bull calf. If you know of him report to W. H. Laney, Merkel. 1tp

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FOR SALE—Beautiful and inexpensive Stationery with either your name and address or your Monogram printed on both envelopes and paper. A box containing 200 sheets of paper and 100 envelopes makes an excellent gift for a graduate, for a birthday, for Christmas, for Easter, or for wedding present. Let Blanche Durham show you the samples of this wonderful Stationery at the Merkel Mail Office. tf

FOR SALE—Soda Fountain; good condition. Terms if desired. See Marvin Boney, Merkel, Texas. tf

FIELD SEED

All kinds of field seed, Hay, Hulls, and all kinds of grain. Also improved Spurr Fetireta seed. Gazzaway & Polly Feed Store. Phone 161. tf

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NOTICE

My place and Martin place I have leased is Pested. No boys are allowed to hunt or go in the tank, and will be prosecuted if trespassing. S. G. Russell. tf

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HONEY—Just received new crop of 1924 Honey. W. F. Hamblet. 1t

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Merkel, Texas

PERSONALS

Mr. L. B. Scott is in Dallas for a few days, and from there he will join his wife in Arlington for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bragg returned from a weeks visit to Glen Rose, Texas Monday.

Mr. Doyle Garrett left this week for Kansas City, where he has a position waiting for him. Mr. Garrett has been visiting his parnts, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrett for several weeks.

Miss Gertrude Dowdy of Trent was in Merkel Tuesday visiting.

Miss Mary Cleo Booth had as her guests this week Miss Mabel Hale, of Tulia, Texas, and Miss Grace Horton of Rising Star, Texas.

Mrs. T. V. Touchstone of Chillicothe was here last week for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Frank Sears and sisters, Miss Mossie and Miss Eula Sear.

Miss Odie Campbell of Paducah was here for a few days last week visiting with her grandmother, Mrs. Frank Sears.

Mrs. R. E. Campbell and daughter, Julia, are here the guests of her mother, Mrs. Frank Sears

Bragg D. G. Co. is offering Ladies a rare opportunity to buy new style shoes at whole sale prices.

Judge E. S. Cummings has recently purchased the place now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes, known as the Anderson home.

Mrs. J. S. Blair, who was so seriously ill the latter part of last week is very much improved now.

Miss Lola Armstrong of McMurray College was at home last week end with her parents.

Rev. T. J. Rea left Monday morning for Lubbock where he will attend the Senior Epworth League Annual Conference.

Mrs. H. C. Williams returned home Saturday from a visit to her son at Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. Milam Pike of Bagwell, Texas, is here to visit his mother, Mrs. J. R. Pee.

Judge E. S. Cummings left yesterday for Gorman, Sipe Springs and other points east in the interest of clients.

Rev. R. E. L. Stutts was in Abilene Tuesday looking after some business and visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell Britain of Abilene were here Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rainbolt.

Miss Maurine Angus is spending the week end in Sweetwater with Mr. and Mrs. Nat Anderson, who are now making that city their home.

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| 50 DRESSES \$8.95 Values to \$15.00 | 35 DRESSES \$16.95 Values to \$29.00 |
| 50 DRESSES \$19.95 Values to \$35.00 | 50 DRESSES \$24.95 Values to \$45.00 |
| 50 HATS \$5.00 Values to \$18.00 | 50 HATS \$2.95 Values \$10.00 |

THE FASHION

264 Pine Street Abilene, Tex.

Mr. Henry West and family left Wednesday for Lampasas to spend a few weeks.

Mr. Wrenn Durham spent Sunday in Sweetwater visiting with friends.

A sport loving town is usually one where the people are happy and contented, where there is not much aimless loafing and little temptation to get into mischief.

Miss Hazel Lee Rainbolt left first of the week for Abilene where she will attend summer school.

City Furniture buys everything.

Just what you are looking for in the way of a gift is the fashionable Stationery at the Merkel Mail Office. Come and see the samples. tf

Pain In Back & Sides

"FOR A LONG TIME," says Mrs. Dora Payne, of Huntington, Tenn., "I felt listless, tired and worn-out. I did not feel like doing my work, visiting or anything. I suffered much pain in my back and sides. My limbs hurt, my knees would tremble without apparent cause and I would have to sit down. I was very nervous. . . I would have a tired, dull headache. I had read so much about Cardui I asked my husband

to get it for me. The very first bottle seemed to help me. After the second . . . I was better than I had been in months. I certainly can praise Cardui. I have taken three bottles. Now I hardly wait when the sun shines, to garden. I am feeling fine." Similar results to those described above have been reported by thousands of other women. Cardui's 40 years of success should encourage you to give it a thorough trial for the relief of any common female ailments. For sale everywhere.

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

TWO OF THE WORLDS GREATEST VICTOR—COLUMBIA

A Demonstration of either of these machines is truly a revelation. We have in stock two styles of each machine and invite you to come in and hear the Worlds Greatest Artists on the Worlds Greatest Machines.

We also have a large and complete stock of records, and receive the new releases each month.

MERKEL DRUG COMPANY

First Baptist Church

Somebody said that is couldn't be done,
 But he, with a chuckle, replied That "maybe it couldn't but he would be one
 Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried."
 So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
 On his face. If he worried he hid it,
 He started to sing as he tackled the thing
 That couldn't be done and he did it.
 Somebody scoffed: "Oh you'll never do that,
 At least no one never has done it."
 But he took off his coat and took off his hat,
 And the first thing we knew he'd begun it;
 With the lift of his chin, and a bit of a grin,
 Without any doubting or quibbling;
 He started to sing as he tackled the thing
 That couldn't be done, and he did it.
 There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
 There are thousands to prophesy failure;
 There are thousands to point out to you, one by one,
 The dangers that wait to assail you,
 But just buckle in with a bit of grin,
 Then take off your coat and go to it;
 Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing
 That "cannot be done" and—you'll do it. —Selected.
 Sunday school 10 a.m.
 Preaching 11 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. All B.Y.P.U.'s at 7:15 p.m. See the Baptist church advertisement in another place in this paper. W. H. Albertson.

CARING FOR VACANT LOTS

Owners of vacant lots in many cities permit the weeds to grow freely over them, constituting an unsightly spot. Many progressive communities require such owners to cut the weeds, or the city will send men to cut the weeds, and charge the same on the tax bills. One city of 15,000 people recently sent out such notices for 1500 vacant lots, warning owners to cut their weeds or let the city do it.
 A well trimmed vacant lot advertises itself, and invites some home seeker to come there and build his dwelling. But a vacant lot left to grow up with ragged weeds and collect waste paper and other refuse, creates a repellent note in the neighborhood. It would seem as if it would pay owners of such land to keep it looking well.

PARTING TIME

"Classmates, the time has come when we must part", was a trite old phrase often used by writers of school valedictory addresses. It was spoken with a feeling of regret, yet the graduation season is such a happy one for the young folks, with its anticipations of success and achievement, that they have no room for melancholy thoughts.
 School and college friendships go deep, because they are spontaneous and sincere. In later life people often choose friends because they think certain persons will help them get ahead, which creates a superficial bond. Or growing reticence may make it hard to find intimacies.
 The parting of the ways is a far reaching one. The ways of the world will take them far apart. Some will go to distant scenes, some will climb high, some will plod close to the surface of the earth, so that the relation will not seem as close in 10 years. But many true bonds of affection will always live.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moore and daughter, Delphine, and son, Bill, who have been living at Imperial, California, are moving back to make Merkel their home.

Special SALE on Shoes

An Opportunity to Buy Brand New, up-to-date Shoes at
Real Bargain Prices

All Ladies Shoes are Priced
Special

- Entire stock of cool, comfortable Sandels, very attractive, in brown and patent leather, cheap at \$2.50, & \$2.95, sale at— **\$1.95**
- One Lot High Grade Selby Shoes, sandal style, in patent leather, satin and suede, regular \$6.95, & \$7.50 values at— **\$4.95**
- Ladies Airedale one strap Slippers, big run of sizes, \$5.00 shoe for— **\$3.45**
- One lot Fancy Oxfords, regular \$5 \$6 values, priced for sale at— **\$3.95**
- One lot fancy straps, sold for \$4.50 to \$6.95, at— **\$3.95**
- Lot 2553, black kid, patent inlay, a \$4.00 value, at— **\$1.95**
- One lot ladies \$3 & \$3.50 Oxfords and slippers at— **\$1.95**
- One lot child's brown sandals and blk. kid play oxfords, worth \$2 at— **\$1.39**

Big Price Reduction on Mens
 and Boys Shoes

- One lot boys low cut shoes, sizes two and one-half to six, regular \$4.50 values priced for sale at— **\$2.95**
- One lot mens \$7-50 and \$8.50 J. E. Tilt Shoes on sale at— **\$4.95**
- One lot Mens \$10.00 J. E. Tilt Shoes, priced for special sale at— **\$5.95**
- One lot Mens odd brand shoes \$6.00 to \$8.50 values at— **\$2.95**
- All other brands of mens Shoes are priced— **SPECIAL**
- LADIES SHOES PRICED SPECIAL**
- One big lot Childrens slippers on a table, worth \$2 to \$3, priced— **79c**
- One lot \$2.25 fancy sandals at— **\$1.69**
- One lot \$3 Airedale strap sandals— **\$2.39**

This money saving sale will last ten days. You can't afford to miss it if you need a pair of shoes of any kind this summer. Our reputation is built on Better Merchandise at Cheaper prices.

Bragg Dry Goods Company

The Place Most People trade

Miss Christene Tyler of Rising Star is the guest of her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnson this week.

Mrs. A. B. Patterson and daughters returned first of the week from a visit to relatives at McAdoo, Crosbyton and other Plains towns.

Miss Catherine Clapp, who has been a guest in the John Sears home, and who was here to attend the Sears-Brown wedding, left Wednesday morning for her home at Beaumont.

Misses Minnie Coats and Mammie Ellis left last week for Alpine to attend the Alpine State Normal during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McLeod announce the birth of a baby girl last Saturday.

Mr. Tom Blair of Enid, Oklahoma was here a few days the past week visiting with his mother, Mrs. J. S. Blair, who has been very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Pee of Lawn, Texas, were in Merkel visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pee and family Sunday.

Miss Noodle Rape returned from Fort Worth Friday.

Mr. Henry Rape spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Naylor Eoff of Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris had as guests this week, Oscar Biggs and wife and Mrs. Lee Watkins, all of Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin spent yesterday with relatives in Sweetwater.

Mr. Geo. D. Richey, one of Taylor county's best and pioneer citizens, who resides some ten miles south of Merkel, was here one day recently and reported crops somewhat backward, but coming along nicely. In classing this good citizen as a pioneer, we might state that he came here in 1884, forty years ago, and has seen the country develop from the then barren cattle and sheep country to the fine agricultural country, of which there is but few equals.

Mrs. E. L. Turner and children returned first of the week from a visit to Mrs. Turner's mother at Bomarton, Texas.

Mrs. Robt. N. Campbell returned this week from her visit to friends and relatives at Paris, Texas, and now the "Big Boy" is as happy and jovial as ever.

G. M. Sharp and family spent a day and night this week fishing and outing on the river. This being the first vacation Mr. Sharp has taken for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McDonald returned Wednesday from a visit to the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald, at Grimshaw, Texas.

Mr. Joe Reidenbach and Misses Mabel Toombs and Lorena Frazier were among the delegates from Merkel attending the Epworth League Conference in session at Lubbock this week.

Rev. W. H. Albertson went down to Clyde Thursday afternoon where, in the evening, he delivered the graduation address to the graduates of the seventh grade of the Clyde school.

TOO EARLY MARRIAGES

A justice presiding in the children's court at Jamaica, New York, acting on the case of a 15 year old girl who had been married, ruled that she was too young for the responsibilities of a housewife, and declared that she needed strict discipline and care. He was quite right. While many moralists are disposed to favor early marriages, many young people enter matrimony before they have any conception of the duties they are assuming.

A good many young folks 15 to 18 years of age, and perhaps older, think that getting married would be a very fine lark. It would be a "grand good" joke to play this trick on their friends, any enjoy at once the supposed felicities of matrimony. Such young folks sometimes get the consent of parents, who may be unable to control their offspring, or may feel, under the circumstances, that marriage is the best way out of it.

It is an extremely serious matter to bring a child into the world. Some very young people do not seem to regard it as a much more weighty responsibility than taking care of a big doll.

Some boys are ready to marry before they have their education completed or before they have any regular job. In their boundless faith in luck or their fathers, they risk this great adventure offhand.

Young people of these early ages are best off when their minds are concentrated on athletic sports and winning student honors. Too much chasing after the other sex brings an inflammable element into their lives before they are able to handle it. Flighty young persons with a longing for the other sex are to be watched with much care at this period, and everything possible done to get their minds on success in the appropriate activities of their age, rather than in love affairs.

APPRECIATING ONE'S HOME CITY

The mayor of Moberly, Missouri, recently decided that a large majority of the people of that city were too little acquainted with the real achievements of the community. So he arranged a municipal banquet, at which he presented interesting facts about the city. He gave information about the achievements of the various industries, the money distributed in payrolls, etc, bringing out the fact that the city was in a flourishing condition.

That would be a very healthful kind of affair for many communities.

There are so many folks who carp and depreciate, that people do not realize all the substantial achievements that is being accomplished by the business men and producers of their own home town and the outlying country.

Such a realization would help promote local enthusiasm, and it ought to convert some knockers into boosters.

Unloading a car of cheap Bran Gazzaway & Polly. It

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McFarland, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Gamble, and Mrs. W. J. Sheppard and children visited at Brownfield, Texas, last week end. Mrs. Sheppard and children remained for a longer visit with her husband. Mr. and Mrs. McFarland and Mr. and Mrs. Gamble going on to Littlefield for a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheppard.

Mrs. Amy Sears and daughters, Boog and Mary Eulla, arrived home this week from a visit to Waco and Dallas. Miss Mary Eulla has been going to C.I.A., Denton, this year.

Mr. A. M. Daniels, hustling farmer residing fifteen miles north in Jones county, and one of this paper's good friends, was here Wednesday and reports crops growing and doing just fine out his way.

THIS IS THE SATURDAY SPECIAL

25 Cent
 32 Inch

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