

## The Giddings News

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### Bowers-Kruse

Wedding bells were ringing all over Giddings Tuesday, the occasion being the nuptials of Miss Lois Bowers and Dr. Arthur E. Kruse, two of our most popular and worthy young people.

Miss Bowers is the eldest daughter of Mrs. W. O. Bowers Sr., and was born and reared in Giddings. After graduating from the local high school with honors, she taught in several schools, her work the past year being in the Austin schools. She is deservedly popular and her circle of friends is large. Dr. Kruse is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Kruse of Ledbetter and is a rising young dentist of Houston. After completing his studies, he began to practice in Giddings where he was very popular and successful. About two years ago he moved to Houston, seeking a wider field.

Promptly at 10:30 Tuesday morning the first note of the music sounded and Dr. Cooley of Houston, a business associate of the groom, sang in an artistic manner the beautiful song "All for you." Miss Irene Burr then played Lohengrin's wedding march as the bridal party entered, and then rendered Mendelssohn's "Consolation" very softly as the ceremony was being read, and played another wedding march as the party departed.

Rev. Burr conducted the ceremonies and he was at his best. The editor noticed some "departures from the usual wedding ceremony, and upon asking Rev. Burr, learned that the ceremony had been written especially for the occasion and was used for the first time. The pastor was complimented on composing such an impressive and scholarly discourse, brimful of the beauties of life and marriage, saying that divine relation has declared marriage to be honorable, that it is an institution of God ordained in the time of Man's innocence, before he had sinned against his Maker or was banished from Paradise. Marriage was, therefore, earlier than all laws of human origin, and that it lies at the base of all human legislation and civil government and upon it depends the peace and well-being of the nation.

We learn, the pastor said further, that our Saviour honored a marriage feast with His presence and wrought there the beginning of His miracles, and by the Holy Spirit speaking through His apostle, He has selected the union thus formed as an apt emblem of the union, endeared and indissoluble, that binds Himself and His ransomed church, the heavenly bride. Marriage is a joyous occasion, it is connected in our thoughts with the magic charm of home, and with all that is pleasant and attractive in this the tenderest and most sacred relation of life. A relation that is thus consecrated should not be formed thoughtlessly or irreverently; but advisedly in the fear of God, and for the purpose for which He, its divine Author, ordained and blessed it.

Thus closed a beautiful wedding ceremony, amid pretty decorations of ivy, ferns and Shasta daisies. The sport style of dress prevailed. Dinner was served to the wedding party at the home of the bride's mother, after which the happy couple departed for Houston. The only occurrence to mar the beauty and pleasure (?) of the event was that some cow bells had been locked with a trace chain to the rear axle of the auto the bride and groom were to drive from the church in, and the bells being dragged over the hardsurfaced streets of Giddings gave warning to bachelors and other "prospectives" to "go, thou, and do likewise."

The News joins the many friends of the young couple in wishing them a long life of joy and happiness.