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### News Items

#### Reported From The County Seat

July 23.—Walter Jones, white, living four miles southwest of this city, was yesterday evening arrested by deputy sheriff Henry and placed in jail, charged with a statutory offense. The complainant is the fifteen year old sister-in-law of Jones. The prisoner has not applied for either bail or an examining trial. He has not made a statement.

Hawkins White, a seventeen year old negro living at Cut, six miles south of Crockett, was yesterday evening at six o'clock, instantly killed by a southbound freight train, his head being cut off, and hanging to his body by a strip of skin the width of a finger. Whether he was killed in attempting to board the train, or was killed in jumping off, is not known, tho' some parties who were nearby, think that he jumped off and some part of his clothing caught and he was thrown under the train. The body was brought to this city and an inquest held by Judge C. R. Stephenson.

Smith Williams, a negro, living twelve miles southeast of Crockett, was yesterday arrested by Sheriff Spence and turned over to Sheriff E. J. McGee of Trinity county. The negro is wanted in Trinity county on a grand jury indictment charging him with disposing of mortgaged property.

### News Items

#### Reported From Liberty Hill

July 23.—Miss Cordie Holcomb has returned from Alto after having a pleasant visit.

Mr. Joe Wall visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. Clarence Tally from Alto was here to see his sister, grandmother, uncle and friends Sunday.

Messrs. Joe and Henry Holcomb of Alto spent Sunday afternoon and night here.

Mrs. Henry Holcomb and Mrs. Albert Holcomb and little daughter Alberteen are spending awhile in Palestine.

Sunday School was well attended Sunday and there was an extra large crowd at prayer meeting. We hope that every service will be better now.

The ladies and girls of Liberty Hill are going to do their "bit" in the war by joining the Red Cross Branch that is to be organized in Augusta today (Monday), July 23.

#### FIFTY, FIFTY

One of the normal students, a bright young fellow who is very popular with his fellow students, was asked how he came out on his examinations this week. His face brightened with a smile as he said, "O, fine; I made a hundred, fifty on algebra and fifty on history."

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Will Selkirk, a girl baby last Friday.

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### SWAT THE TICK

The people of Houston county will have an opportunity Sept. 21st to line up for or against the common cattle tick. The commissioners court granted the petition presented last week for this election. The county and numerous individuals have gone

to considerable expense in building dipping vats in different portions of the county but they will fail to serve their purpose and be valueless unless every stock owner uses them regularly. The purpose of the law is to destroy the tick entirely and not in certain localities.

### A RELIEF COMMITTEE

From the different churches in Grapeland has been organized a relief committee for the Armenian and Syrian war sufferers and they have selected Mr. W. D. Granberry, cashier of the F. & M. Bank as treasurer. As there are thousands of Syrians and Armenians starving literally to death and are almost solely dependent on the United States for relief, we feel it incumbent upon us to do what we can for

these starving and dying people. We have missionaries among them, giving their all, endangering their lives and dividing their food. These are acting with government consuls without expense to relief funds and we are reliably informed that sufferers get 100 cents out of every dollar sent. It has been estimated that 10c per day will save a life. How many will you save? Hear the call! Heed the calling! Many are suffering, many are dying. Help must come from far and wide. Committee.

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### Albert Tyer Writes Letter From Wisconsin

Watertown, Wis., July 16.  
Editor Messenger:

This Spring the farmers here planted peas, some 3, some 4, 6 or 8 acres. They were planted broad-cast like oats or wheat. We know them as English peas in Texas, so the farmers had from 3 to 10 acres each of English peas. They came up, grew, bloomed and now the peas are on them. They are now in the midst of the harvesting season of these English peas. It is done this way: The farmer goes in the pea field with a mower and cuts them down just like so much hay, then they are loaded on big wagons, vines and all and taken to a pea thresher. Remember these peas are green—just right to shell, cook and eat just like they are picked out of the gardens around Grapeland for table use. Now these threshers are 6 sided drums about 4 feet in diameter and 14 feet long. They run horizontally and turn at about 175 to 200 times per minute. Now these vines with the peas on are fed into this six-sided drum. They fall and shake and are knocked about in this drum until every pea is threshed out of the hull. This drum is covered or bound with wire or sheet iron with holes in it, so the threshed peas drop through the holes; the vines pass on thru the drum and out at the other end. These vines are stacked up in a big round pile and left there. They go through a heating or sweating process, just the same as cotton seed will heat when piled up, especially if wet, and automatically make a real good silage and the farmers come in the winter and haul it and feed it to their cattle.

Now, this machine will hull or thresh these peas at about 3 gallons per minute, but there are a great many of these threshers or viners as they are called. From the threshers the peas are taken to the canning plants and there cooked and canned, re-cooked and stacked away for shipment.

I was at Waterloo a few days ago. There I met Mr. A. A. Burr, the general manager of the Waterloo Canning Association and a very fine man. He is justly proud of his cannery. He told me this: They have seven hundred acres in peas and are now working about 140 people. They are now putting up grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 under the names of "Honey Sweet" and "Bonami". These peas are first washed after coming from the thresher, then they are pare-boiled, then washed again; then put into a big revolving wire screen drum. They are graded as to size—the smaller ones No. 1, which fall through the smallest holes into a bin; the next size peas going through the next size holes, &c., until there are five sizes. From these bins they go to a hopper and are put into the tin cans—that is done by machinery—then the tops are soldered on by machinery. They solder 12 cans at a time and it does not take more than 10 seconds to solder the 12 tops. Then 12 more cans are placed in position all by machinery. After the tops are soldered on they are placed in a big steam boiler and boiled or cooked by steam under pressure and at a heat of 280 degrees for 30 minutes. They have 12 or 15 of these boilers and they cook

1000 cans at a time.  
Mr. Burr told me they put up from 75,000 to 100,000 cans per day and to see the rate these cans come through no one would doubt it.  
An acre of peas usually nets the raiser about \$30 to \$50.  
H. A. Tyer.

### Local News Items Reported From Waneta

(Delayed)

July 16.—Mr. J. E. Edmondson and daughter, Lora, visited friends at Slocum from Thursday until Saturday. They were accompanied home by Miss Bertha Denson, who will spend the week here.

A large crowd attended a baseball game at Waneta Saturday afternoon.

Miss Wilson of Ratcliff is visiting her brother, Mr. Van Wilson of this place.

A nice rain fell this morning. Mr. J. E. Harrington and family and Mr. Rube Lively were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Edmondson Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Andy Goff, Wednesday, a girl.

Miss Susie Hendrick has been a Percilla visitor the past week.

Mr. W. B. Moore and family visited relatives near Slocum from Friday until Saturday. They were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Cannon to visit several days.

Several from here attended the meeting at Percilla last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lively were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lively Saturday.

Mr. M. F. Barnes and wife went to Tom Barnes' Sunday.

Mr. James Hobson and family are visiting relatives in Arkansas. They made the trip in their car.

Mr. Mark Rich is visiting relatives here.

Rev. Aaron Foster and wife went to Providence Saturday and Sunday, where he filled his regular appointment.

Mr. Harry Lively entertained with a musical last Saturday night.

Mr. John Teems returned home last week from Rockwall and Dallas where he had been for several days.

Miss Mary Kate Butler, who has been with her brother at Crockett for some time, was with homefolks here the latter part of the week, returning to Crockett Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Chas. Hendrick and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Rich below Crockett from Saturday until Tuesday.

Bonnie.

### NEW CLERK ELECTED

At the last meeting of the Woodmen lodge, C. L. Haltom was elected clerk to succeed Stokes Pelham, who has joined the national guard and will soon be in the service of Uncle Sam. Mr. Haltom is familiar with the work and will make an efficient clerk.

### SERIES OF MEETINGS

The Messenger is requested to announce that Rev. R. L. Brooks will begin a series of meetings at Rock Hill, beginning Tuesday night after the second Sunday and will continue until Sunday night. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.

### A. W. Ellis Was Elected Road Superintendent Saturday

	Ellis	Bayne	Holcomb
Augusta.....	10..	9..	73
Kennard.....	14..	18..	10
Grapeland.....	40..	78..	172
Belott.....	26..	5..	7
Lovelady.....	36..	37..	35
Tyer's Store....	3..	17..	2
Volga.....	6..	7..	7
Ash.....	5..	10..	0
Holly.....	0..	23..	0
Freeman.....	5..	10..	0
Percilla.....	28..	9..	5
Daniel.....	7..	5..	0
Crockett.....	271..	160..	23
Ratcliff.....	36..	12..	38
Daly's.....	12..	3..	4
Porter Springs..	6..	26..	4
Shiloh.....	1..	17..	6
Arbor.....	13..	17..	3
Weldon.....	8..	44..	5
Weches.....	34..	3..	..
Antioch.....	0..	20..	6
Total.....	561..	530..	400

Tadmor and Dodson boxes not reported. Holcomb's Weches vote not obtainable.

### THRIFT THOUGHT

Do you throw away "ham gravy" or bacon fat, Madam Housewife, because it is too greasy for ordinary use?

Here is a way suggested by the United States Department of Agriculture to make it blend into soups or gravies instead of floating as a greasy layer on top:

Stir into each two tablespoonsful of melted grease one-half tablespoonful of flour. The mixture will blend easily into milk soups, stock soups, sauces or gravies and give an appetizing flavor.

Mrs. Walter McCarty and children of Diboll are here on a visit to the family of Dr. McCarty.

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## Run Up Old Glory!

by Wilbur D Nesbitt  
Author of  
"Your Flag and My Flag"

**Run up Old Glory!**  
Let it blaze  
In red and white against the sky  
And tell the story of the days  
When hearts were stout and hopes were high.  
Forget the daily fights of greed,  
Forget the struggles, the dismay  
Of facing cruelty and need—  
Run up Old Glory for the day.

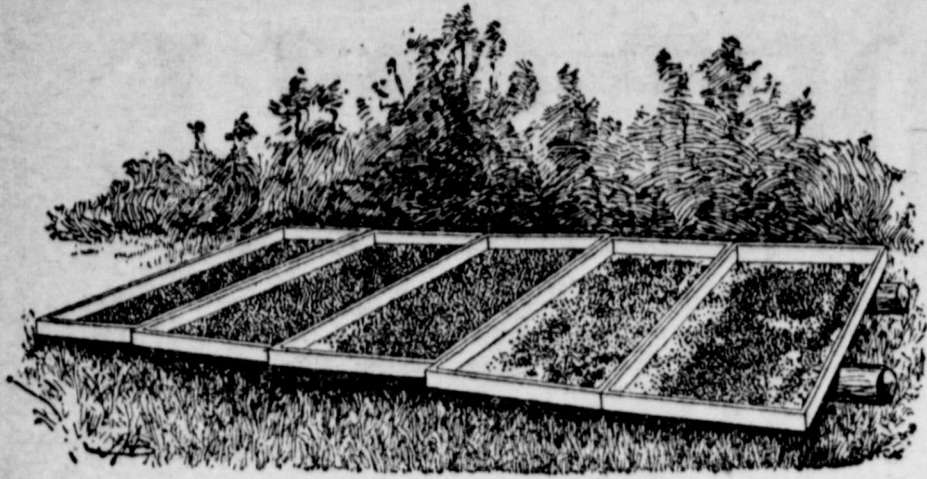
**Run up Old Glory!**  
Think of all  
The old flag means to you and me,  
Of how the blast of freedom's call  
Shook out its folds from sea to sea;  
Red with the blood that it has cost,  
White with the souls of them that died—  
To-day by laughing breezes tossed  
It whispers of a nation's pride.

**Run up Old Glory!**  
Fling it forth  
And feel anew the country-call  
That thrills East, West and South and North  
And has its word for one and all.  
Run up Old Glory—fling it far  
Across the blue of heaven's dome,  
And feel that every stripe and star  
Is warder of your hearth and home.

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# HOME DRYING FRUITS AND VEGETABLES



TRAYS FOR DRYING FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

(From FARMERS' BULLETIN 841, United States Department of Agriculture.)

One of the most prominent features of the food conservation program of European countries has been the universal drying of fruits and vegetables. The surplus vegetables in the city markets were forced by the governments into large municipal drying plants. Community dryers were established in the trucking regions and even itinerant drying machines were sent from farm to farm drying the vegetables which otherwise would have gone to waste. In addition, large quantities of dried vegetables from Canada and this country were shipped to France during the last two years, and there is a possibility that dried fruits and vegetables may continue to be shipped abroad in considerable quantities to supplement the concentrated food diet of the men in the trenches.

The drying of vegetables may seem strange to the present generation, but to our grandmothers it was no novelty. Many housewives even today prefer dried sweet corn to the product canned by the old method, and say that dried pumpkin and squash are excellent for pie making. Snap beans often are strung on threads and dried above the stove. Cherries and raspberries still are dried on bits of bark for use instead of raisins. In fact, many of the everyday foodstuffs already are dried at some stage of their preparation for market. The common dried fruits, such as prunes, raisins, figs, dates and apples, are staples in the world's markets, while beans and other legumes, tea, coffee, cocoa, and various manufactured foods, like starch, tapioca, macaroni, etc., are dried either in the sun and wind or in specially constructed driers.

Even though the drying of fruits and vegetables as practiced a few decades ago on many farms has become practically a "lost art," the present food situation doubtless will cause a marked stimulation of drying as a means of conserving the food supply. This country is producing large quantities of perishable foods this year, which should be saved for storage, canned, or properly dried. Drying is not a panacea for the entire waste evil, nor should it take the place of storing or canning to any considerable extent where proper storage facilities are available or tin cans or glass jars can be obtained readily and at a low cost.

### Advantages of Drying.

The advantages of drying vegetables are not so apparent for the farm home as they are for the town or city household, which has no root cellar or other place in which to store fresh vegetables. For the farmer's wife the new methods of canning probably will be better than sun drying, which require a somewhat longer time. But shorter methods of drying are available, and the dried product holds an advantage in that usually it requires fewer jars, cans, or other containers than do canned fruits or vegetables; also dried material can be stored in receptacles which cannot be used for canning. Then, too, canned fruit and vegetables freeze and cannot be shipped as conveniently in winter. Dried vegetables can be compacted and shipped with a minimum risk.

### Special Advantages.

To the housewife in the town the drying of vegetables and fruits presents special advantages. During the season when the market is oversupplied locally and prices are low she can lay in a stock, dry it, and put it away for a winter's emergency without its taking up much of the needed small storage space in her home. If she is accustomed to canning her fruit and vegetables and finds she cannot secure jars or tin cans, she can easily resort to drying.

With simple and inexpensive facilities, all housewives can save quantities of food which are too small conveniently to can. A few sweet potatoes or apples or peas or even a single turnip can be dried and saved. Even when very small quantities are dried at a time, a quantity sufficient for a meal will soon be secured. Small lots of several dried vegetables, such as cabbage, carrots, turnips, potatoes, and onions, can be combined to advantage for soups and stews.

### Cleanliness is Big Factor.

Cleanliness is as necessary in the preparation of vegetables and fruits for drying as in their preparation for canning, perhaps even more so. To

secure a fine quality of dried products much depends upon having the vegetables absolutely fresh, young, tender, and perfectly clean. If steel knives are used in paring and cutting have them clean and bright so as not to discolor the vegetable. The earthy smell and flavor will cling to root crops if they are not washed thoroughly before slicing, and one decayed root may flavor several kettles of soup if the slices from it are scattered through a whole batch of dried material. High-grade dried "root" vegetables can only be made from peeled roots.

In the preparation of large quantities of potatoes a peeler may be utilized. The potatoes are thrown by centrifugal force against a rough surface which, under streams of water provided by the perforated tin container above, nicks off the outer skin and leaves only the eyes to be dug out.

Blanching of vegetables is considered desirable by some housekeepers, although it is not strictly essential to successful drying. It is claimed that the blanch gives a more thorough cleaning, removes the strong odor and flavor from certain kinds of vegetables, and softens and loosens the fiber. This allows the moisture in the vegetable to evaporate more quickly and uniformly. It also quickly coagulates the albuminous matter in the vegetables, which helps to hold in the natural flavors. Blanching consists of plunging the vegetable into boiling water for a short time. Use a wire basket or cheesecloth bag for this. After blanching the required number of minutes, drain well and remove surface moisture from vegetables by placing between two towels or by exposing to the sun and air for a short time.

### Preparing Food for Drier.

In large factories the vegetables are put through special shredders and slicers not adapted for home use, but convenient and inexpensive machines which can be used to great advantage are on the market. The meat grinder with its special disks can be used in certain cases; the common kraut slicer will cut large vegetables into thin slices, such as potatoes and cabbage; and the rotary hand slicer is adapted for use on a very wide range of material. A large sharp kitchen knife may be used when a handier cutting device is not available. Care should be taken that the material is sliced thin enough but not too thin. From an eighth to a quarter of an inch is a fair thickness for most of the common vegetables to be sliced and dried. Very small slices or strips dry more quickly because they expose a greater surface to the air than do larger cut pieces. But if cut too fine they are more difficult to handle in drying, appear to lose somewhat in flavor, and cannot be used so advantageously to make dishes like those prepared from the fresh foods.

The slicing machines are not suitable for children's use, for they will cut fingers as mercilessly as they do vegetables and fruits, and even adults should exercise great caution in their use in the home.

### Good Packing and Storing.

Although not necessary, tin cans or glass jars make good receptacles for storage of dried fruits or vegetables. Pasteboard boxes with tight covers, stout paper bags, and patented paraffin paper cartons also afford ample protection for dried products when protected from insects and rodents. The dried fruit or vegetables must be protected from the outside moisture and will keep best in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place. These conditions, however, are difficult to obtain in the more humid regions, and there moisture-tight containers should be used.

If a small amount of dried product is put in each receptacle, just enough for one or two meals, it will not be necessary to open a container the contents of which cannot be consumed in a short time. The use of the small container also makes it more difficult for insects to spoil large quantities of dried fruits or vegetables. If a paper bag is used, the upper part should be twisted into a neck, bent over, and tied tightly with a string. If a further precaution against spoilage is necessary the bag can be coated with paraffin by painting it with a brush which has been dipped into melted paraffin. Another precaution may be taken by

placing the small bags in a tin container with a tightly fitting cover, such as an ordinary lard can or pail. All bags should bear a label indicating what they contain.

If fruits or vegetables are packed in tight containers immediately upon being dried thoroughly, they will remain just as brittle as they were when taken from the drier. If, however, they are not dried thoroughly, they will "sweat" and soon mold. To prevent this the material should be examined within 24 hours after packing, and if it appears moist it must be dried further.

### To Dry Cauliflower.

Clean, divide in small bunches, blanch six minutes, and dry two to three hours at 110 degrees to 145 degrees Fahrenheit. Cauliflower will turn very dark when drying, but will regain part of the color in soaking and cooking. Dried cauliflower is especially good in soups and omelets.

Brussels sprouts may be handled in a similar way, but add a pinch of soda to the blanching water.

## DRYING IN THE SUN

Have All Fruits and Vegetables Properly Prepared.

### SIMPLE APPARATUS FOR WORK

Bright, Hot Sunny Days Are Best, and Close Watch Should Be Kept That Rain or Dew Does Not Hit Product—Avoid Insects.

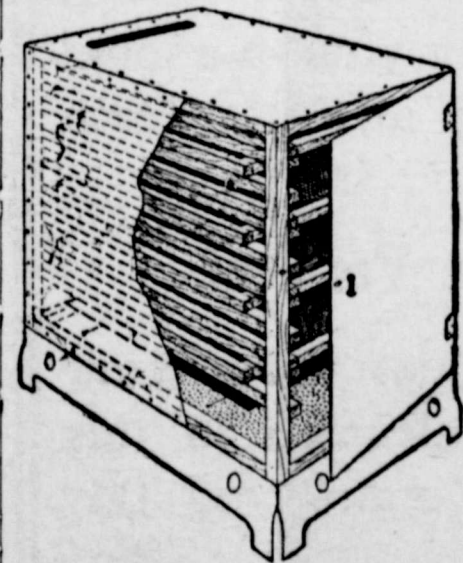
(From FARMERS' BULLETIN 841, United States Department of Agriculture.)

The drying of fruits and vegetables in the sun is a simple process if they have been prepared properly. In its simplest form such drying consists in spreading the freshly prepared slices or pieces on sheets of paper, or, if there is danger of the product's sticking, spreading on old pieces of muslin held down with stones. Bright, hot, sunny days are chosen for this work, and a close watch is kept to see that no rain or dew wets the product. If flies and other insects are abundant, a mosquito bar is thrown over the product. Once or twice a day the slices are stirred or turned over with the hand and the thin ones which dry first are taken out. Sun drying has much to recommend it, since it requires no expenditure of fuel and there is little danger of the product becoming overheated. Dust, however, gathers on the product, and, unless it is protected carefully, flies, and especially certain insects which habitually attack dried fruits, will lay their eggs upon it. These eggs later will hatch out, and the worms, or larvae, will riddle the dried fruits or vegetables, rendering them unfit for the table.

### Trays of Uniform Size.

Fruits and vegetables, when dried in the sun, generally are spread on large trays of uniform size, so constructed that they can be stacked one on top of the other and protected from rain by means of a cover made of oilcloth, canvas or roofing paper.

A very cheap tray can be made of strips of lumber three-fourths of an inch thick and two inches wide, which form the sides and ends, and lath, which is nailed on to form the bottom. Spaces one-eighth inch wide should be left between the laths for ventilation, and the trays can be raised off the ground by placing them on poles or an improvised trestle. As laths are four



Metal-Covered Cabinet Type of Homemade Drier.

feet long, these lath trays are most economical of material when made four feet in length.

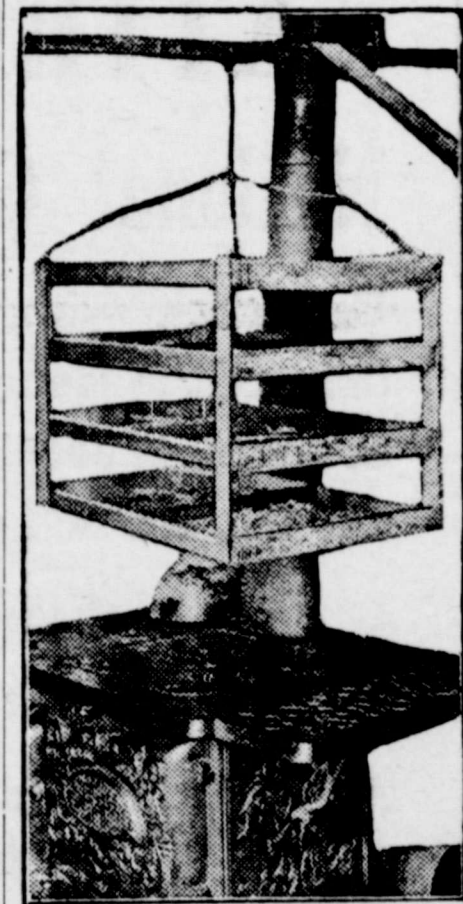
Better but more expensive trays can be made by substituting galvanized-wire screen, one-eighth or one-fourth inch mesh, for the laths, in which case the most economical size would depend upon the width of the wire screen obtainable.

A cheap and very satisfactory drier for use over the kitchen stove can be made by any handy boy or carpenter from a small amount of small-mesh galvanized-wire netting and a number of laths or strips of wood about one-

half inch thick and two inches wide. The screen may be tacked directly on the framework to make the drying shelves, or the framework can be made to support separate trays. By using two laths nailed together, the framework can be stiffened and larger trays made if desirable. This form or any of the lighter makes of driers can be suspended from the ceiling over the kitchen range or over the oil, gasoline or gas stove, and it will utilize the hot air which rises during the cooking hour. It can be raised out of the way or swung to one side by a crane made of lath when the stove is required for cooking purposes, and lowered or swung back to utilize the heat which otherwise would be wasted when the top of the stove is not in use.

Another homemade cookstove drier can be used on a wood or coal range or a kerosene stove can be made easily and cheaply. Dimensions: Base 24 by 16 inches; height 36 inches. A base six inches high is made of galvanized sheet iron. This base slightly flares toward the bottom and has two small openings for ventilation in each of the four sides. On the base rests a boxlike frame made of 1 or 1½-inch strips of wood. The two sides are braced with 1¼-inch strips which serve as cleats on which the trays in the drier rest. These are placed at intervals of three inches. The frame is covered with tin or galvanized sheet iron which is tacked to the wooden strips of the frame. Thin strips of wood may be used instead of tin or sheet iron. The door is fitted on small hinges and fastened with a thumb latch. It opens wide, so that the trays can be removed easily. The bottom of the drier is made of a piece of perforated galvanized sheet iron. Two inches above the bottom is placed a solid sheet of galvanized iron which is three inches less in length and width than the bottom. This sheet rests on two wires fastened to the sides of the drier. This prevents the direct heat from coming in contact with the product and serves as a radiator to spread the heat more evenly.

The first tray is placed three inches above the radiator. The trays rest on the cleats three inches apart. A drier of the given dimensions will hold eight trays. The frame of the tray is made of one-inch strips on which is tacked galvanized screen wire, which forms the bottom of the tray. The tray is 21 by 15 inches, making it three inches less in depth than the drier. The lowest tray, when placed in the drier, is pushed to the back, leaving the three-inch space in front. The next tray is placed even with the front, leaving a



Homemade Drier, Made of Lath and Wire Netting.

three-inch space in the back. The other trays alternate in the same way. This permits the current of heated air to pass around and over the trays. A ventilator opening, about two inches wide and six inches long, is left in the top of the drier, through which the moist air may pass away.

This principle of construction is followed so that currents of air will pass over the product as well as up through it, gathering the moisture and passing away. The movement of the current of air induces a more rapid and uniform drying. The upper trays can be shifted to the lower part of the drier, and the lower trays to the upper part as drying proceeds, so as to dry the products uniformly throughout.

### Another Home Drier.

Still another home drier is the cookstove oven. Bits of food, leftovers, especially sweet corn, can be dried on plates in a very slow oven or on the back of the cookstove and saved for winter use. If the oven is very warm, the door should be left ajar and the temperature of the oven often noted. Trays for use in the oven can be made from a convenient-sized galvanized wire screen by bending up the edges one or two inches.

Cookstove driers on the market are

of two types. One type consists of a series of trays upon which the material to be dried is spread. These trays are placed in a framework one above the other, forming a compartment through which the heated air rises, carrying off the moisture. The second type consists of a shallow flat metal box filled with water and designed so that one end can rest on the back of the stove



Drying Fruits and Vegetables on Homemade Racks by Forcing Air at Room Temperature Across Them.

and the other on a leg reaching to the floor. It also may be supported over a lamp.

### Use of Electric Fan.

The use of an electric fan in facilitating drying is feasible for those who already own a fan. It has been found that many sliced vegetables and fruits placed in long trays three by one foot and stacked in two tiers, end to end, before an electric fan can be dried to the requisite dryness within twenty-four hours. Some require much less time. For instance, sliced string beans and shredded sweet potatoes will dry before a fan running at a moderate speed within a few hours. In many cities the electric fan will cost not more than one-fourth of a cent an hour to run. The fan should be placed close to the stack of trays, and they should not be filled so full that the air cannot pass freely through them. The fan method has a marked advantage in that the product keeps cool owing to evaporation while it is being dried, thus tending to retain the color and eliminate spoilage.

## Provisions Wanted For the Soldier Boys in the T. N. G.

Crockett, Texas, July 23, '17  
To the Citizens of Houston Co.

Maj. Hoover informed me that on August 5 our boys who have joined the National Guard from this county will leave Crockett for the training camps near Ft. Worth, where they will be fitted for serving their country in this great world war. He also informed me that owing to the fact that there will be arriving at the same time many thousands of other soldier boys, it will be impossible for the government to provide food for them for a short time during transit and for the first day in Ft. Worth. He advised me to request that boxes of the following simple but substantial articles be provided and packed here before they leave: Boiled eggs and potatoes, fried chicken, light bread and ham sandwiches; no cakes, pies or custards wanted. Now, friends, let's each "do our bit" however small by cooking some of the above articles on the 4th or early on the morning of the 5th and send in and we will have a committee to receive and pack same for the comfort of our patriotic boys. I. A. Daniel.

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**THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER**

A. H. LUNER, - - Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice at Grapeland, Texas, every Thursday as Second Class Mail Matter.

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 1917

**HELP THE BOYS**

A movement has been started in Grapeland to provide a mess fund for the company of Houston county boys who have enlisted in the Texas National Guard, and already a neat little sum has been collected. It is hoped that every portion of the county will respond and raise a sum of \$1,500 or \$2,000 for the boys. They will be called into training at Ft. Worth about Aug. 5 and on account of there being several thousand of them it will be practically impossible for the government to adequately care for them for the first few days, and this fund is being raised to buy wholesome food for them until they are comfortably fixed by the government. It is our patriotic duty to donate liberally. The boys have volunteered to fight our first battles and we should see to it that they are properly cared for.

The Senate finally passed the buck to John Barleycorn and leaves it up to the president to take over all the whiskey in the country if deemed expedient. Beer and light wines are excepted.

Our ability to win the war rests largely upon the food we raise and the ships we build, yet the ship building board is in a row again and will tie up the program indefinitely unless President Wilson takes a hand and straightens the matter out.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has made official denial of the report that the date for the next issue of the Liberty Loan would be September 15 and the amount of it three billion dollars. He states that neither the amount nor the date of the loan offering have been determined and when determined official announcement will be made of the fact by the Treasury Department.

The German government is making desperate efforts to throw dust into the eyes of the American people and thereby lull them to fancied insecurity and consequent inactivity. Nine tenths of the lurid stories about peace that come from Berlin are nothing but diplomatic dust. But it is dustless dust for it will not slacken our prosecution of the war in the slightest degree. The war will be fought to a finish, and that day will also see the end of kaiserism and autocracy.

"What's your number?" "Have you been drafted yet?" and other similar questions were the leading topics on the street Saturday when the daily papers came with the draft numbers. Excitement was pretty high among the eligibles and every fellow was anxious to know just how he stood. There's one thing sure about this draft: when Uncle Sam needs you he is going to call—and you had better heed the call.

Mrs. Paul Kitcher and children have returned to their home in Palestine after spending several days here as the guests of Miss Linnie Dee Haltom.

# ROUT 'EM OUT SALE

## all Summer Low Shoes!

Now in Force up to August 4th at Darsey's

According to our announcement in last week's issue of the Messenger we have inaugurated a ROUT 'EM SALE of all summer low shoes and we are very grateful to the hundreds of customers who investigated these values and made purchases. If you need a pair of shoes, see the

Many New Patterns in \$2.50 Values for	-	\$2.10
A Number of Styles \$3.00 Values for	-	\$2.60
Dozens of Snappy \$3.50 Values for	-	\$3.10
Several Styles 4.00 Values for	-	\$3.60
Florsheim Low Shoe Values up to 7.00 only	-	\$5.75

We do not claim to have the cheapest line of shoes in Grapeland; we boast of the best line. A pair of our shoes will prove their worth by the wear, ease, comfort and fit they give. Don't be misled by flowery prices—pay a little more and get good value with the latest style thrown in.

### We Thank Our Many Friends

who in the past week have told us of the good wear and satisfaction derived from the wear of our shoes. We know who these men are and will let them tell you about these shoes if you will mention it to us. Come in and investigate this "Rout 'em Out Sale." Over 30 styles shown in our windows.

## ATTENTION

### National Guardsmen!

Beginning with the date of the date of the issue of this paper and continuing until Saturday, August 4th, we will sell to

**Members of the Houston County  
Company of the National Guard**

Any article of underwear, hosiery, &c, necessary for your personal use while in camp at Fort Worth at a discount of

**Twenty Five Per Cent**

When you buy just show your button and our salesmen in this department will make you this special discount.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

"Very Best" flour is the best.  
W. H. Long & Co.

Buy an iron bed and set of springs at McLean & Riall's.

No. 666 will cure Malaria or Bilious Fever. It kills the germs.

Trunks and suit cases at W. H. Long & Co.

Rub-My-Tism—Antiseptic, Anodyne—Kills pain, stops putrefaction.

You can still get a Palm Beach suit for \$4.98. W. H. Long & Co.

J. W. Keeland of New Waverly was here Tuesday.

Let Clewis clean and reblock your old hat. Then it will look like a new one.

A pretty lot of crepe de chine, silk and organdie collars for 50c at Darsey's.

Lenard Arnold and C. W. Butler of Crockett were business visitors to Grapeland Tuesday.

**BUTTER WANTED**

We want to buy fresh country butter and will pay top market price for same. See us before you sell. City Meat Market.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Cure fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

**City Barber Shop**  
Denson & Walton, Props.

Your Business will be Appreciated

Shop on main street, the new brick building, next door to the Guaranty State Bank.

**LAUNDRY AGENCY**

Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

**ROUT 'EM OUT**—the big noise in shoe values at Darsey's.

No. 666 will cure Chills and Fever. It is the most speedy remedy we know.

We want to buy your produce. McLean & Riall.

Mrs. J. B. King of Palestine is visiting relatives here this week.

Darsey's **ROUT 'EM OUT** sale of summer shoes is the big noise.

We are equipped for all car repair work, including charging of batteries. Guice's Garage.

Clewis' Tailor Shop Phone No. is 73. Phone when you want work.

Mrs. B. C. Ansley has returned home from Atlanta, where she has been visiting relatives.

Let us send you a sack of "Very Best" flour. W. H. Long & Co.

David Caskey has our thanks for some nice onions, which he brought us Monday.

Palm Beach suits cleaned and pressed for 50c. We do it right. Clewis.

J. B. Driskell of Lovelady was a Grapeland visitor Monday night.

Mrs. Gordon L. Murphy of Houston is visiting the family of N. H. Montgomery.

T.H. Leaverton is having a modern front and dropped awning put in his brick building on the east side.

**BATTERIES CHARGED**

We have installed a dynamo and can charge your batteries as good as anybody. Guice's Garage.

Jas. H. Ryan left Friday night for his home in Centerville to spend a while with his parents before taking up his new duties in the national guard medical reserve corps.

**TAKEN UP**

At my place on Route 2, a brindle yearling. Owner may have same by proving and paying for this notice. W. H. Platt.

**DR. S. A. MILLER**

of Crockett, Texas. Specialist in Diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat and glass fitting, will be at the Goodson Hotel, in Grapeland, Texas, Tuesday, July 31st, 1917.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Goodson visited relatives in Troup Sunday.

If you can't work well in hot weather take Prickly Ash Bitters, it purifies the stomach, liver and bowels and fortifies the body to resist the depressing influence of summer heat. Sold by Wade L. Smith.

We lead the town in giving best values—that's why our **ROUT 'EM OUT SHOE SALE HAS MET WITH SO MUCH SUCCESS.** Get these low prices at Darsey's.

In the election held last Saturday, W. G. Darsey, D. N. Leaverton, J. C. Kennedy and A. B. Spence were elected as the advisory committee in road bonded district No. 1.

**STRAYED**

From the Stevens farm, eighteen head of two year old heifers, branded Bar S and half circle S on left side; marked crop and two splits in right ear and overbit in left. Liberal reward is offered for information leading to recovery of these cattle. Notify Stovall White, Foreman, 3t Route 4.

A. C. Brown and family of Oklahoma spent a few days here this week visiting A. L. Brown and family. They were on their way to Galveston. Mr. Brown lived here about twenty years ago and met many of his friends while in the city.

**SPECIAL VALUE:** One lot of extra wide embroidered voile flouncing, regular \$1 value at only 50c a yard at Darsey's.

If hot weather saps your energy and you can't work well, it is a sign that your system is full of bilious impurities. You will be sick if you do not do something. Take Prickly Ash Bitters, it cleanses the blood, liver and bowels, restores vim, strength and cheerful spirits. Sold by Wade L. Smith.

Mesdames R. B. Edens of this city and J. H. Beazley and W. C. Laseter of Daly's have gone to Margret, Texas, to visit their brother, Mr. Tom White. They will be met there by relatives from Oklahoma and have a family reunion.

**ONE MILLION**

best pine shingles for sale at lowest prices, both sap and heart. Best cut shingles ever made. Patronize "home industry." For particulars see Kennedy Bros., Grapeland, Texas, or write D. E. Holcomb & Co., Augusta, Texas. 4t

**Notice**

I will begin a meeting at the Brown bridge, five miles east of Grapeland on the Augusta road. Saturday night before the fifth Sunday in this month. The public is invited to attend. J. F. Lively.

**Notice Pea Growers**

I am now threshing blackeye peas in Grapeland every Tuesday and Thursday. Bring your peas in at once and be sure they are dry; the waste will be less. W. M. Weisinger.

**REVIVAL NEAR PERCILLA**

Evangelist F. J. Berry will begin a revival at Bud Elliott's gin, under an arbor, Tuesday night, August 7th. The public is cordially invited to attend. 4t

**NEW MUSIC**

We have just received and now have on display 500 of the best selling musical compositions of the day. Come in and make your selection.

15c Per Copy

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WADE L. SMITH

**W. H. M. NOTES**

The W. H. M. Society held a very interesting meeting Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Jas. Owens, and the following program was carried out:

Opening song by society—Onward Christian Soldiers.

Lord's Prayer in concert.

Scripture lesson, 46th Psalm, by leader, Mrs. Frank Leaverton.

The Supreme Need in Mission work, a paper by Mrs. C. W. Kennedy.

Song—A Perfect Day—Misses Lura Mae Owens, Arline Howard and Carrie Spence and Mrs. Wade L. Smith.

Then the roll call, reading minutes, collection of dues and transacting business, closing with "America".

Mrs. S. R. Parker of Lufkin and Mrs. Thornton were our visitors. Mrs. J. V. Jacobi was received as a new member. Fifteen members were present. The hostess served ice cream and wafers as refreshments.

Our next meeting will be held with Mrs. John A. Davis, with Misses Lura Mae Owens and Perlina Spence leaders.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rucker, C. J. Rucker and children, Billie Rucker and Miss Addie McKee of Waco are here on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Hague, east of town.

Mrs. A. M. Woodell and children of Oakdale, La., are here to visit relatives.

Why send your batteries away when they can be charged at home? We are equipped to do the work. Guice's Garage.

J. E. Towery of Crockett was here Monday and went to Augusta to deliver a 5-passenger Overland car to Dick Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gilbert and Mrs. Geo. E. Darsey and son, Geo. E. Jr., motored to Athens Sunday and spent the day with relatives.

Willie Gee has resigned his position at Smith's drug store and will go to Elkhart where he has a similar position with Mr. Douthit.

Mrs. M. E. Darsey and Miss Annie Rainey Hollingsworth left Sunday for Mineral Wells, where they will spend some time. They were accompanied as far as Longview by Mr. Darsey.

If your appetite is poor and your stomach and bowels out of order the remedy you need is Prickly Ash Bitters. It cleanses the system of bilious impurities, sharpens the appetite and makes you feel fine. Sold by Wade L. Smith.

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We have all kinds of cool and refreshing soft drinks, ice cream, etc.

A fine line of cigars and smoking tobacco.

Service and courteous treatment is our hobby.

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At the regular morning hour you're uncomfortable and the longer this condition exists the worse you feel. A dose of

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It quickly sets things moving. You feel better at once, and after a copious bowel movement, you experience that thrill and joy of living, that exhilaration of spirits and activity of body and brain that only those can feel whose internal organs are in a state of functional activity and cleanliness. It helps digestion, sweetens the breath and restores vigor of body and brain. Try it. Sold by all dealers in medicine.

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WADE L SMITH, DRUGGIST

**BOYS' AGRICULTURAL CLUB ENCAMPMENT**

Arrangements are about complete for the holding of the Houston County Boys' Agricultural Encampment to be held at Myrtle Lake at Grapeland, Texas, Thursday and Friday, August the 9th and 10th. Only the boys who have enrolled in the Agricultural Club for 1917 will be allowed to participate in the encampment.

The encampment is to be conducted as a two days short course for the members of the Agricultural Club. The boys will be given instructions in how to select their exhibits for the fall fairs; how to select their seed for next year, and how to prepare records of their projects in the work this year. Lectures will be given by the county agent and members of the Extension Service and plenty of fun will be furnished the boys in numerous games and contests. The boys will be put into a semi-military organization and will be given the pleasure of camping out like real soldiers.

Each boy should bring with him sufficient bedding, a tin plate, knife, fork, spoon, and tin cup. Each boy should bring a lunch for noon of the first day. Supper for the first day, and breakfast and dinner for the second day will be furnished free of cost to the boys. The encampment will open at 10 a. m. on the 9th and close at 5 p. m. on the 10th.

I want to enlist the assistance of the entire county in making this, the first Boys' Agricultural Club Encampment a great success. We want to make this encampment an annual affair and of such importance that the communities over the county will each year enter into competition with each other for the entertainment of the boys. People living in communities at a great distance from Grapeland may materially assist their boys by securing cars to convey them to the encampment. In order to make the encampment free to the boys so that every member can attend considerable expense will be incurred. Anyone interested in the great educational work the Boys' Agricultural Club is doing in Houston County to the extent that he or she wants to contribute to the support of the work may do so by helping defray the expenses of this encampment. This is a county affair and all parts of the county should be equally interested.

W. B. Cook,  
County Agent.

If the relief committee on Armenian and Syrian war sufferers should fail to see you, Mr. Granberry will receive your contribution at Farmers & Merchants Bank. Lend a helping hand to suffering, dying women and children.

Committee.

**John Spence  
Lawyer**

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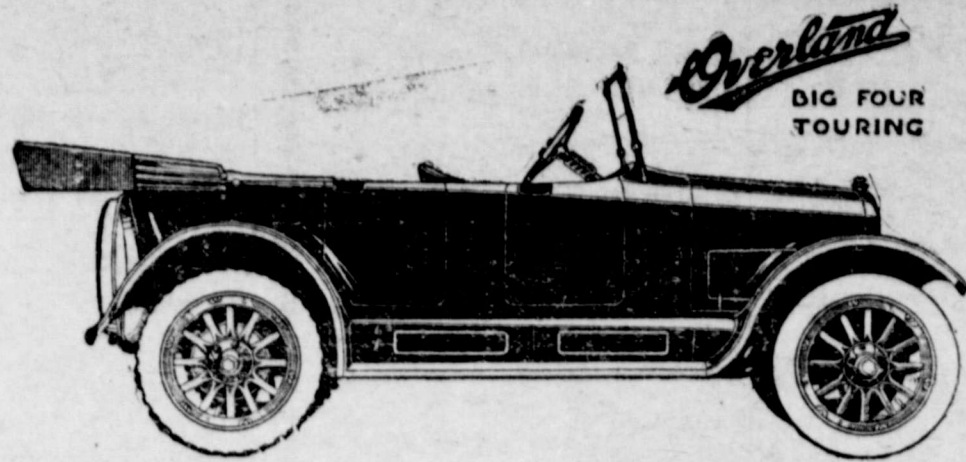


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can trace his fortune back to the modest beginning of a small savings account. Thrift now will fortify you for the emergency that may arise later and that can only be met by a good bank balance. Start today--open an account and watch your dollars grow.

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The wheelbase is 112 inches--but that does not tell the whole story of its comfortable roominess.

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You must see and drive the best Overland Four ever built--it simply outclasses in all these important ways any other car of such comfortable size ever built to sell for so low a price

Get yours today--now is the time to buy.

**Crockett Lumber Company**

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The factory will issue a new price list affecting certain models possibly as early as July the 1st and certainly not later than August the 1st.

**WOULD YOU LIKE THE BEST?**

Here are a few extracts from letters of prominent business men who have had the proof as to the ability of our graduates.

"Having employed several of your graduates, I think your institution the best of its kind in this country."

"We have had six of your graduates in the past few years, they were all good; send us another."

"There is such a scarcity of business colleges who fit their students for real business that we cannot refrain from writing and indorsing your college, since several of your students have proven competent in our office."

"As you all know, I have had a number of your students in my office. I take this opportunity of saying that every student that I have had from your school shows superiority of training over students that I have had from other schools."

"I have given your graduates a thorough test, and have found them to be accurate and quick with their work. The thorough and practical training you give fits them for any kind of a position."

"We have one of your graduates as stenographer in our legal department at a handsome salary, giving entire satisfaction. The work is extremely difficult, requiring the greatest skill and accuracy, reads her notes like print. We wish to commend your school for turning out such excellent graduates."

"If all of your graduates are as proficient as the three young men we have in our office you are certainly doing a great work for not only the young people but the business men as well."

A large firm of cotton buyers of East Texas says:

"We predict much success for your Cotton Classing Department. It is thorough and up-to-date and is in charge of capable instructors."

"It is indeed a pleasure to use one of your Steno operators. He takes dictation so easily and when called upon to read back, he does it with perfect ease because it was print and not crooked marks."

Write for catalogue containing

hundreds of indorsements together with name and address of business men who pay our graduates good salaries. With our modern systems, we can give you a better course of Book-keeping, Shorthand, Steno, Cotton Classing, Business Administration and Finance or Telegraphy in half the time and at half the expense of any other school teaching other systems. Address Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

**Building for Permanence**

The stability and force of civilization is always in exact proportion to the solidity and permanence of its architecture.

Races that have left their impress up on history have left architecture that endured for ages after the builders had perished.

American families are fast adopting permanence in building. Their fame in history will be the greatest of all nations.

See us for all kinds of  
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of solid worth and lasting quality.

No matter what kind of a building you want to erect it will pay you to consult us before placing your order for material. Also, for the best on earth, try

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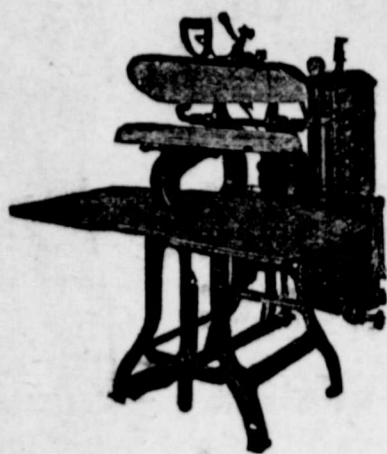
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Your personal appearance is what we make it and in our estimation it can't be too good.

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Office Over First National Bank, Crockett, Texas  
Glasses Scientifically Adjusted for Defective Vision  
Will be in Grapeland at Goodson Hotel Tuesday, July 31st

## Round Trip Tickets at Reduced Rates

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**Sores and Wounds** on the limbs or body should not be neglected. They quickly become ulcers and are hard to cure.

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It is an excellent remedy to keep in the house for prompt use when accidents occur. Try it for Cuts, Wounds, Sores, Galls, Swellings, Chafed Skin, Sore Feet, Oak or Ivy Poisoning. It is good for human or animal flesh. Price 25c, 50c and \$1 per bottle.

JAS. F. BALLARD, Proprietor, ST. LOUIS, MO.

**SOLD BY ALL DEALERS**

### ERADICATION OF CATTLE TICK

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County Texas, acting under Chapter 60, Article 7312, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, and under authority of recent law enacted by the 35th Legislature of the State of Texas, for the "Eradication of Cattle Ticks", orders that an election be held at all the voting precincts of Houston County Texas on Saturday, Sept. 22nd 1917, and those voting at the said election in favor of the Eradication shall have printed or written upon their Ballots: "For Tick Eradication in Houston County," and those opposing shall have written or printed upon their ballots, "Against Tick Eradication in Houston County." And the same managers appointed by the Commissioners Court for the next two years in each precinct shall hold the said election and make due returns thereof in conformity with the law governing elections.

E. Winfree,  
County Judge,  
3t Houston Co., Texas.

### ELECTION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Under Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas Amended by the 35th Legislature of the State, for the Conservation and development of all the natural resources, such as may be created within the State of Texas. Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at all the Voting Precincts within said Houston County Texas on Tuesday, 21st day of Aug. next, 1917, and at said election the vote shall be by official Ballot, which shall have printed or written thereon the words:

"For the Amendment to Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for Conservation of Districts, the creation of such Districts and their Government and Regulation," and also the words, "Against the Amendment to Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas Providing for Conservation of Districts and their Government and Regulation."

All votes favoring the Proposed Constitutional Amendment shall erase the words "Against the Amendment to Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for Conservation of Districts, the creation of such Districts and their Government and Regulation", which said erasures shall be made by making a mark with pencil thru said words. The same election managers already appointed by the Commissioners Court to serve for the next two years shall hold said election in each voting precinct in said county and make due returns thereof in conformity with other elections so held.

E. Winfree,  
County Judge  
3t Houston Co., Texas.

### STOCK LAW AND HOG ELECTION

On petition presented to the Commissioners Court this 10th day of July, 1917, for both "Stock Law" and "Hog Law" election, to be held for the benefit of Grapeland, Hays Spring and Woodland Hall school Districts, to prevent from running at large, horses, mules, cattle, sheep, hogs and goats, notice is hereby given that an election will be held at Grapeland voting precinct for the benefit of all the said voting Districts on

## 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

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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**

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Tuesday the 21st day of August, 1917 to determine whether any such class of animals shall be permitted to run at large within the territories of each of the above described precincts or school districts, and the present managers of Grapeland voting box appointed by the Commissioners Court to serve for the next two years, shall hold the said election and make due returns thereof in conformity with the law governing elections.

E. Winfree,  
County Judge,  
3t Houston Co., Texas.

### "GOOD TACTICKS"

Cattle ticks and powder don't mix.

Would you rather feed a tick or feed a soldier? The dipping vat gives you a real choice.

Every herd marched to the dipping vat helps our soldiers march to the front.

Every tick is sucking at the Nation's commissary.

Don't let ticks entrench themselves in the hides of your cattle.

That dipping vat will help keep our navy afloat and our armies afield.

Give the ticks a ticket to the dipping vat.

The more ticks, the fewer pounds of meat, quarts of milk, pats of butter.

If you really believe in efficiency, take ticks off and put leeches

on—do the same work but faster.

The days of cupping for blood are over—dip that tick.

A dipping vat may not be able to float a battleship, but it can help feed the Navy.

How much of your feed is going to fatten blood-sucking ticks?

Every dipping vat is a solid foundation for the Nation's food storehouse.

Misses Mary Lou Darsey, Mable Boykin and Rena Ross Richards, of Grapeland are the guests of Mr. Leon Anderson.

To give the ladies a pleasant journey to the waving fields,

Leon allowed them to accompany him to the countryside and the ladies gathered a wagon load of

roasting ears Monday. Leon believes in combining business with pleasure and it is such a

pleasure to him to oversee the ladies doing the side line to

Maud Muller's avocation. And that reminds us that Maud Muller on a summer day

Raked the meadow sweet with hay

But Maud would've wished she was never born,

If Leon could have "worked" her shucking corn.

—Cooper Courier.

Miss Beatrice Parker has returned to her home in Troup

after spending quite awhile here with relatives.

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### Formal Charges Made Against Governor Ferguson

On account of recent acts of Jas. E. Ferguson, Governor of Texas, which are considered in violation of the state's laws, and which acts have offended the dignity of the state, serious charges have been filed by prominent business men and state officials. These charges will constitute grounds for the presentation of a bill of impeachment against Jas. E. Ferguson, governor of Texas. In order to consider these charges, Speaker of the House, F. O. Fuller, has called the House to meet Aug. 1, the charges to be tried by the Senate thereafter.

Affidavits signed by Lieutenant Gov. Hobby, Speaker Fuller and Commissioner Davis show that the Governor resorted to "trickery" to obtain the votes of these men for the location of the A. & M. College at Abilene.

#### OUR HONOR ROLL

The following have our thanks for their subscription:

Willie Gee, C. T. Sims, Hugh Richards, Grapeland.

Sneed Taylor, Zay Bean, Rte. 1.

Mrs. Emma Whitaker, W. H. Platt, Route 2.

Fred Bridges, Elkhart.

N. C. Tims, Dan Holcomb, Augusta.

Byron Keen, Buffalo Gap.

J. H. Spruill, Pratt, Kan.

R. J. Doiny, Crockett.

J. F. Lively, Denson Springs.

J. W. Lively, Alvord.

#### REPORTED FOR DUTY

Norman and Willis Whitaker and Ray Campbell, who enlisted in the navy several weeks ago, received notice to report for duty Monday morning. They left Sunday night for Houston.

#### STEREOPTICON LECTURE

W. B. Cook, County Agent, will give a stereopticon lecture at the school auditorium Wednesday night. Everybody is invited to attend.

#### Revival at Christian Church

A revival meeting will begin at the Christian church Friday night, July 27th. Rev. Ford of Beaumont will deliver a series of sermons and Rev. J. W. Shockley will conduct the song services. Everybody is invited to attend.

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#### FARM LOAN MEMBERS ATTENTION

The inspector for the Houston Farm Loan Bank has finished checking up the work of the local inspection committee and the results are such that guarantees the successful outcome of a large majority of the applications for loans, and it assures the permanency of our association. It is now necessary that a meeting of all the members be held to decide some important matters, and such a meeting is hereby called for next Saturday, July 28, at 3 o'clock p. m., at the commercial club rooms, and it is necessary that every applicant for a loan be present.

H. A. Fisher.

#### IN MEMORY OF NANNIE McKNIGHT

Monday, July 16, just as the sun was setting in the golden west, the spirit of Nannie McKnight took its flight from this world to a better one on high.

Nannie was well known for her gentle ways and smiling face. She always had a kind word for all; she had many friends who will be grieved to

learn of her death, but the good Book says, "Blessed are they that die in the Lord." Sleep on, Nannie, in the arms of thy Redeemer; you are gone but your sweet memory lingers with us.

Nannie was born in Anderson county near Elkhart, January 3, 1899, and moved to Limestone county with her parents when quite small and lived there until she was almost grown and then moved to this county where she died July 16, being 18 years and 13 days old. Sleep on Nannie; we'll meet you in the sweet bye and bye. Her Uncle.

#### BOUGHT A CAR

J. H. Powell, of the Augusta community, was here Tuesday and went down to Crockett and purchased a 5-passenger Overland car from the Crockett Lumber Co.

#### WEDDING BELLS

Enoch Whitaker of the San Pedro community and Miss Mary Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Parker, of the New Prospect community, were married in Grapeland last Friday night at the home of the

bride's aunt, Mrs. Jas. Owens, Esq. John A. Davis, officiating. These young people are very popular in their respective communities and have a host of friends who will join the Messenger in wishing them much happiness through a long life.

#### GRAVEYARD WORKING

There will be a graveyard working at Livelyville Thursday, August 2. All that can please come early. Bring hoes, rakes and pitchforks; the ladies are also invited to come and bring dinner. We want to put the yard in good shape. Our protracted meeting will start Saturday night, August 4.

G. M. Cunningham,  
D. M. Jones,  
O. P. Brown,  
Committee.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their assistance and kindness shown us in the sickness and death of our beloved daughter, Nannie.

J. T. McKnight  
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#### THE LAST WEEK

This week marks the closing of a very successful term of the Houston County summer normal, and the students are wrestling with problems incident to a hard examination.

#### BROKE AN ARM

Roy Wherry is carrying his right arm in a sling, breaking it Sunday afternoon while cranking a Ford.

J. L. Lively of Denson Springs was here Tuesday transacting business and called around and subscribed for the Messenger for himself and his son, J. W. Lively, at Alvord. Mr. Lively reports that they have had a good rain and pretty good crops around Denson Springs.