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BOY SCOUT ACTIVITIES

The Boy Scouts of America have in many instances proved their worth to our country in many ways. And now President Wilson has called upon President Livingstone of the National Boy Scout organization, for scouts everywhere to directly aid the department of public information; and in accordance to this call Troop No. 1 of Grapeland, will do its share as dispatch bearers for America.

Within the next few days the boys will bring to you an important patriotic appeal which you are asked to carefully consider and then pass on to someone else, thereby helping to fight German lies and intrigues with the plain truth. The boys will go about this work willingly and patriotically and you are asked to lend your assistance and cooperation in this necessary time to dispel doubt and overcome reports derogatory to the advancement of our fight for world-wide democracy. Respectfully,

M. E. Darsey,
Scoutmaster Troop No. 1.

MULE STRAYED

One mouse colored mare mule about 12 or 15 years old, strayed from home about ten days ago. Will pay liberal reward for information leading to recovery. 46-1f George Shaver.

The big snow of last Thursday, followed by a good rain Sunday night, put the roads in fine condition for a good dragging. Something they have not had in quite a while. Now is the time to smoothe them out and put them in first-class shape.

LETTER FROM H. A. TYER

Sheboygan, Wis., Jan. 8, 1918.
Editor Messenger:

The clouds began to gather thick, fast and black, then the snow began to fall and it fell fast and faster; then the wind began to blow at the rate of forty miles per hour and more. This storm lasted off and on for thirty-six hours, and when at last it was over the government weather bureau reported a fall of twenty-one inches, the biggest single fall since February, 1887. It did not lay that thick in all places, for there was places where the ground was bare, as the wind had caused it to drift. In some places it was three feet, four feet, six feet and as much as eight feet deep. It seemed to drift more in the towns and cities than in the country. I suppose that the houses being closer together, made it so.

Then came snow shoveling. It seemed that every lady who could handle a shovel did so.

In Milwaukee there are plenty of walks with snow banked up four feet on each side and a path or trench shoveled out. Over on the lake front, where the U. S. has a light-house, there is also a fog horn, which blows automatically. I think it is an electric horn. It blows five times every minute in the night, making the most weird sounds one ever heard. No wagons, buggies or automobiles could navigate for quite a while and the street cars were off duty; steam trains were being pulled by two, three and in some instances, four locomotives.

Here in Sheboygan, are quite

a few boats on the river. They are "iced in" and can not move a wheel. Their engine are cold, fires are out and crews laid off.

The wind made the waves on the lake ride high. They dashed against the shore and a part of each wave would freeze, and they kept coming, dashing and freezing, until the piles of ice are now quite high, and between Milwaukee and Sheboygan, which is as far up the lake as I have been since the storm, there is almost a solid mountain of ice along the shore.

No doubt this cold spell caught a great many people with but little fuel and will work a hardship on many; but be that as it may, the fact is Wisconsin is in the grasp of a hard winter.

H. A. Tyer.

MYSTERIOUS MURDER

One of those baffling mysteries which occur in real life as well as in fiction, has developed in the matter of the death of Daniel Crenshaw, an old resident of the Rocky Mound community, whose body was found Thursday a week ago, on an abandoned road not far from his home. There were several knife wounds on the body, which could not have been self-inflicted.

Mr. Crenshaw had been missing since the 21st of December when he was in Elkart, leaving that town on a wagon driven by a negro, William Willis, by name. He left the wagon near the Rocky Mound school house, saying that he could walk through the woods to his home. That was the last ever seen of him alive.

There was naturally considerable interest in the matter when he was found to be missing and a small reward was offered for information of his whereabouts, or for his body, if dead. He was of a somewhat eccentric disposition, and owing to that fact, it was presumed by many that he had merely left the country without saying anything to anyone about it.

It is stated that he feared personal violence as the outgrowth of an incident in his life which occurred several years ago. Whether there was any real foundation for that belief on his part, or whether it was the outgrowth of a disordered imagination, is not certain. He lived alone and was something of a recluse, making confidants of none of his friends or neighbors.

Apparently robbery was the motive for the murder, as he was known to have had approximately \$200 and a good watch on his person when last seen alive; all of which, was missing when the body was found.

After an inquest, at which substantially the above facts were brought out, the body was taken in charge by relatives and laid to rest in Pilgrim cemetery.

There is, so far as the Messenger is informed, no clew whatever to the perpetrators of the crime.

Rev. J. F. Lively returned last Tuesday morning from Palestine, where he was called on account of the death of his little grandchild, child of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Gilmore.

Begin the New Year Right

Trade with us and save money.

See us for all kinds of Plow goods and Hardware

Big car of FURNITURE just arrived.

Keeland Brothers

THE PRICE IS THE THING

PREPARE! PREPARE!

PREPARE for 1918 crop by buying your farming implements from us--Due to arrive any day--All kinds of Kelly Plow goods; also due to arrive any day a full line of the Moline Plow Goods, such as Steel Plows, Stalk Cutters, Cultivators, Drag Harrows and the famous Gearless Planters. These goods are the best to be had at any price. You owe it to yourself to get our prices before you buy.

Our Shoe Stock

Is complete and you know that Star Brand Shoes cost less per month--not only in Plow Shoes but also in the finer qualities. Complete lines in Men's Women's and children's Shoes are here. Let your next pair of shoes be Star Brand.

McLean & Riall

The Home of Dependable Merchandise

WE ARE READY TO SERVE YOU

We take this method of thanking our friends and customers for the business given us last year and we are ready to serve you again.

Our stock is more complete than ever before. We can fill your entire bill.

TRUNKS AND SUIT CASES--We have just received a big line at right prices.

SHOES--Our shoe department is more complete than ever. We have just received a shipment of HOWARD & FOSTER SHOES for men, in all the leading styles for young men.

HATS--We have just added some of the snappy numbers to our hat stock which brings it up to the best.

GROCERIES AND HARDWARE--Our grocery and hardware stock is complete to the smallest detail. We have Lima, Navy and Pink Beans, Fresh Cabbage, Onions, Potatoes, Apples, Oranges, Nuts of all kinds, fresh Cheese, Hams, etc.

A word to the wise is sufficient. The old way of hanging up your meat and building a smoke under it is no longer necessary. We can save you of that trouble--use WRIGHT'S CONDENSED SMOKE. It can be applied with a brush; we also have the Ham Pickling for sugar curing your hams. Don't fail to try a bottle.

Plenty of seed Irish Potatoes due to arrive this week.

Phone your orders--we deliver promptly.

W. H. LONG & CO.



ROAD BUILDING

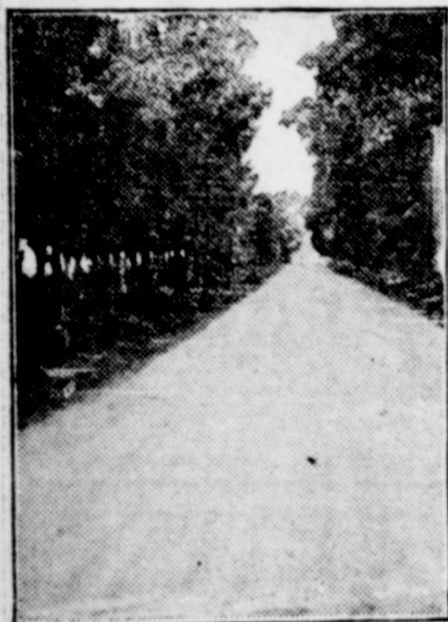
SHADE TREES ON ROADSIDES

Nine-Tenths of Highways in New York Entirely Void of Vegetation—Plan to Improve.

By investigations just completed by the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse, it has been found that nine-tenths of the roadsides in the rural districts of New York state are entirely void of shade trees. When this is considered along with the fact that last year New York state paid out of the state treasury about \$30,000,000 for the construction and maintenance of road beds, it shows that the state is not yet awake to the great need and the great possibilities in rural roadside improvement.

A preliminary survey has just been made by H. R. Francis in charge of the landscape extension work of the College of Forestry.

During the survey, studies were made of such important features in rural roadside improvement and beau-



Shaded Road in New York.

tification as good and bad varieties of trees found along the highways, views and vistas obtained from the highways, the effects of the shade trees on crops in adjacent fields, the possibilities of the covering of barren embankments and the planting of some desirable sort of vegetation where overhead wires are in large numbers. One of the principal features studied was the condition of the roadbed as affected by the presence or absence of shade trees.

Few people in the state will be able to visit the wonderful national parks of the West, but an increasing number of people will own automobiles and use the highways of the state. Many, if not all, of these highways may easily become state parkways of beautiful trees and shrubs. Trees grow like weeds under the climatic conditions existing in New York and with varied scenery of intense interest the highways of the state will eventually become as beautiful as those of any other state in the Union.—Green's Fruit Grower.

LOGGING TRUCKS MAKE ROAD

One Type of Car Used in Far West Has Front Tires of Ten Inches and Rear Ones of Twenty.

Powerful wide-tired trucks are now being used in logging regions in Oregon and Washington, which virtually make their own roads as they go. One type of these cars is described in Popular Mechanics' Magazine. It has front tires 10 inches wide. An experienced driver carefully selects his course as he goes over a route for the first time and the weight of his machine makes a road as it moves along. A few trips over the same line of travel serves to make a hard, smooth surface which will withstand considerable bad weather. Four-wheeled trailers are often used with these trucks.

GOOD ROADS ARE ATTRACTIVE

Thousands of Farmers Making Direct Profits by Catering to Passing Automobilists.

The use of the automobile by farmers has completely changed the rural attitude toward motoring, and tens of thousands of men are making direct profits by catering to the passing motorist. In order to attract him there must be a good road, and thus the lump of rural conservatism is leavened to a surprising degree.

The Horse That Drew the Load

By HERBERT KAUFMAN

Author of "Do Something! Be Something!"

A MOVING van came rolling down the street the other day with a big-spirited Percheron in the center and two wretched nags on either side. The Percheron was doing all the work, and it seemed that he would have got along far better in single harness, than he managed with his inferior mates retarding his speed.

The advertiser who selects a group of newspapers usually harnesses two lame propositions to every pulling newspaper on his list, and just as the van driver probably dealt out an equal portion of feed to each of his animals, just so many a merchant is paying practically the same rate to a weak paper that he is allowing the sturdy profitable sheet.

Unfortunately the accepted custom of inserting the same advertisement in every paper acts to the distinct disadvantage of the meritorious medium. The advertiser charges the sum total of his expense against the sum total of his returns, and thereby does himself and the best puller an injustice, by crediting the less productive sheets with results that they have not earned.

There are newspapers in many a town that are, single handed, able to build up businesses. Their circulation is solid muscle and sinew—all pull. It isn't the number of copies printed but the number of copies that reach the hands of buyers—it isn't the number of readers but the number of readers with money to spend—it isn't the bulk of a circulation but the amount of the circulation which is available to the advertiser—it isn't fat but brawn—that tell in the long run.

There are certain earmarks that indicate these strengths and weaknesses. They are as plain to the observing eye as the signs of the woods are significant to the trapper. The news columns tell you what you can expect out of the advertising columns. A newspaper always finds the class of readers to which it is edited. When its mental tone is low and its moral tone is careless depend upon it—the readers match the medium.

No gun can hit a target outside of its range. No newspaper can aim its policy in one direction and score in another. No advertiser can find a different class of men and women than the publisher has found for himself. He is judged by the company he keeps. If he lies down with dogs he will arise with fleas.

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'GINGLES' JINGLES

MY PLAN.

The sun shone bright for me one day, I seen myself a gladsome jay, a happy cheerful gink, the price I learned was getting cheap for flivvers, and my heart did leap with joy at such a think; I said, "By heck, I'll have a boat, the price now cannot get my goat, I care not for expense, I'll hit her up and down the pike, and make my neighbor with his bike just look like thirty cents. I told the Missus of my plan, our nine-year-old high-stepping fan, picked up what I unfurled, I did not think he looked quite pleased, 'fore long my mind on this was eased, and like a leaf I curled, remorse soon took the place of pride, I dreamt not of my flivver ride, I was a wretched man, the kid said, "Should you buy a fliv, your spins to others you may give—I'll ride in no tin can."
Levin H. Jingles

There are always two sides to a story, and the scandalmonger can generally provide five or six more.

Elocution may be a good thing, but it doesn't go far enough. It merely teaches us how to speak, not when.—Omaha Bee.

CLEAN IRONS SAVE CLOTHES

They Should Be Scoured With Finely Sifted Coal Ashes and Occasionally Washed in Soapsuds.

To remove rust from flatirons, rub the spots with emery paper, and if not successful then cover the spots with sweet oil and powdered quicklime, allowing this to remain on for several days.

Sometimes clothes that have been painstakingly laundered in the early stages are marred, if not quite ruined, because the flatirons are in an unclean condition.

A good way to clean irons is to scour them with finely sifted coal ashes, and occasionally to wash them in strong soapsuds. When thoroughly cleaned rub with sweet oil and stand aside in a dry place for several days.

Beads.

One of the attractive afternoon frocks shown recently in a smart shop is of georgette crepe. Long cylindrical white beads are used as trimming, and they are so embroidered on the skirt as to form perpendicular lines from belt to hem.

IN A BARKIS MOOD.

He—Will you be engaged tomorrow evening?

She—I will if anybody asks me by then.

WHAT THE RED CROSS IS DOING AND WHAT YOU CAN DO

DEPARTMENT OF CIVILIAN RELIEF.

Home Service—By the language of its charter and also by proclamation of President Wilson the American Red Cross has been made responsible for the welfare of the soldiers' and sailors' families. Each Chapter is responsible for the families living within its jurisdiction. Each Red Cross Chapter has organized a HOME SERVICE SECTION usually composed of not to exceed seven people and made up of men and women. It is the duty of these Home Service Sections to see that no soldier's or sailor's family suffers because the man is at the front. They give them assistance in many ways, as follows:

1. Aiding the wife to secure an allotment from her husband and the separation allowance from the government.
2. Looking after the family when some of its members become ill.
3. Acting as big brother or big sister to disobedient boys and girls.
4. Securing positions for members of the family.
5. Aiding in legal, business and insurance matters.
6. Protecting families from dishonest agents and sharks.
7. Relieving by grants or loans when the family is in distress and when the amount given by the soldier and the government is not sufficient to provide for the family.

It will not be long before all Red Cross chapters will have this important service, for they see that the nation which finally gets the most out of this war is the one that takes the best care of its women and children while the men are away.

At present Home Service Sections are giving great assistance to the families by explaining the features of the war insurance bill. They have organized an information service at chapter headquarters and are now prepared to tell each family how to secure an allotment from the men in service, how to secure the government separation allowance and how much it will amount to; what benefits come from the law if their soldier is injured or killed. They are also giving definite and accurate information about the cheap government insurance which this bill provides.

ALFRED FAIRBANK, Director of Civilian Relief, Southwestern Division A. R. C., 1817 Railway Exchange, St. Louis, Mo.



Advantages of

Buying Advertised Goods

Merchandise that is advertised moves much faster than that which is not, and therefore the stock is kept new and up-to-date. There are no shopworn, slow sellers to be disposed of in the store that keeps the advertising columns at work selling goods.

And you can always depend upon the quality of advertised articles. The merchant's reputation is back of his merchandise and he cannot jeopardize it by misrepresenting his goods even the least bit.

Furthermore, the dealer's newspaper announcement usually offers money-saving bargains, and every thrifty person should take full advantage of such opportunities. Read the advertisements today.

Rheumatism

makes the joints ache and causes the afflicted person much misery. For quick relief use

BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT

It is a Powerful, Penetrating Remedy

The relief is prompt and very gratifying to the sufferer. It eases the joints and conveys a strengthening influence that soon restores normal conditions. Use it also for healing Cuts, Sores, Wounds, Burns, Scalds, relieving Stiff Neck, Lame Back or Sore Muscles. It rarely fails to give good results. Price 25c, 50c and \$1 per bottle.

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

FOR SALE BY D. N. LEAVERTON

For 65 Years

MASURY PURE PAINTS have been used by the discriminating buyer. Your great grand parents knew this paint was good, and used it. . . WHY NOT YOU?

T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER CO.

The Difference

Between the Cost of Good and Cheap Printing

is so slight that he who goes shopping from printer to printer to secure his printing at a few cents less than what it is really worth hardly ever makes day laborer wages at this unpleasant task.

If you want good work at prices that are right, get your job printing

At This Office

C. C. OFFICER
Veterinarian

Telephone Goodson Hotel or Drug Stores

ABSTRACTS

You can not sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the ONLY COMPLETE UP-TO-DATE ABSTRACT LAND TITLES OF HOUSTON COUNTY

ADAMS & YOUNG
CROCKETT, TEXAS

City Barber Shop

Denson & Walton, Proprietors

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

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

THE FORD'S

BLACK-DRAUGHT

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

ONE CENT A DOSE

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WILLIAM N. SHERIDAN DEAD

Mr. William N. Sheridan died at his home a few miles west of town on Saturday morning, January 12, 1918, at the ripe age of 91 years.

Mr. Sheridan was born in Houston county near Augusta, in 1826, and resided in the county all of his life with the exception of a year or two, when he went to California in 1849 during the excitement of the gold discovery. He was the oldest native of the county, and his passing will be a source of regret to his many friends and relatives. He was a

Confederate soldier and served valiantly throughout that memorable struggle between the States.

His body was tenderly laid to rest in the family burying ground near his home Sunday morning. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Tackett, a Christian minister of Troupe, of which church Mr. Sheridan was a member. Despite the bad weather, many people from Grapeland, Crockett and Elkhart attended the funeral.

He is survived by four children,—Miss Bula Sheridan and Mrs. Etta Mitchell, who lived

Advertising

ADVERTISING is the education of the public as to who you are, where you are and what you have to offer in the way of skill, talent or commodity. The only man who should not advertise is the man who has nothing to offer the world in the way of commodity or service.—
Elbert Hubbard.

BEAUTIFUL SNOW

By the Snake Editor with apologies to the ghost of the author of the classic poem of same title.

Oh the snow, the beautiful snow!
Creeping into our shoes through the holes below,
Under our collars and down our backs,
Sneaking into our rooms through the tiniest cracks,
Beautiful snow from Heaven above—
Pure as an angel and colder than love!

Once I was pure as the beautiful snow,
But now, you bet, I'm no longer so—
Too much beer and whisky straight
Caused me to stray from my youthful state.
But I've reformed, for this fearful war
Has caused prices of liquid warmth to soar—
So filled not, with booze but bottled woe,
I indite this tribute to 'Beautiful Snow.'

with him, and Charles Sheridan and Mrs. Holloway Powers of Elkhart.

SHAWMUT QUARTETTE

The Shawmut Male Quartette will be the next lyceum attraction which comes to the auditorium Wednesday night, January 23.

An extended experience on the platform has given the Shawmuts a thorough knowledge of the kind of program best adapted to please, and this quartette has been coached to present just the kind of program with a vim and dash which earns for it the title of something different.

The program consists of action songs, a musical sketch and a short play in which all of the members appear, solo and quartette numbers which are thoroughly satisfying and delightful. The admission prices will be the same as heretofore.

BANKS ELECT OFFICERS

The Farmers & Merchants and the Guaranty State Banks held their annual stockholders' meeting Tuesday of last week. The Farmers & Merchants

State Bank re-elected all the old directors and officers and a ten per cent dividend was paid to stockholders and ten per cent was passed to the surplus fund, bringing it up to \$13,500.

On the board of directors of the Guaranty State Bank, J. C. Kennedy was elected in place of J. M. Thomas. The same officers were re-elected and all other directors were retained. A ten per cent dividend was paid and \$1,250 was added to the surplus fund, bringing it up to \$5,000, and \$494.94 was retained as undivided profits.

A statement of condition of both banks is published in this issue for the close of business December 31.

Preparedness applies to the human body as well as to nations. A bottle of Prickly Ash Bitters on the shelf at home is the best and cheapest form of preparedness for indigestion, constipation and kidney troubles. It is the dose taken in time that wards off sickness and saves money. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special agent.

GAS IN THE STOMACH

Is a symptom of impaired digestion. To neglect digestive trouble is to bid high for disease in the kidneys as these diseases all start in bad digestion. Take

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It is a corrective medicine for all disorders in the digestive organs. It quickly checks sour stomach. Gas or wind in the stomach or bowels, heartburn, bloated feeling, belching, bad breath, dizziness, headaches and a constipated habit. If you have any weakness in your digestion, take Prickly Ash Bitters. It relieves all distress immediately and if used for a reasonable period it cures permanently.

Sold by all Dealers in Medicine.

Prickly Ash Bitters Co.
Proprietors
St. Louis, Mo.

WADE L SMITH

John Spence Lawyer

Crockett, : : : : Texas
Office Upstairs over Monzingo Millinery Store

Why it Pays to Trade With Firms That Advertise

Advertising does for a business house what a busy housewife does for her home—keeps it clean from any accumulation of undesirable matter. It cleans the shelves month after month. It keeps things moving.

VULCANIZING

We wish to inform auto owners that we have installed an up-to-date vulcanizer and can now repair your casings and put them in good shape at a reasonable price. Don't throw away old casings but bring them to us and have them fixed.

GUICE'S GARAGE.



Economize Wisely —A Maxwell Car Will Help

Waste is often committed when the intention is to economize.

A Maxwell car, famous for its economy, will cost you only a few dollars a month to operate and maintain.

Which is the real economy:

- (1) To use the car and save time, strength, and mental vigor?
- (2) To do without the car, lose time in your business, lose the health gained from motoring, and worry yourself into illness?

Use of a Maxwell car will give you self confidence.

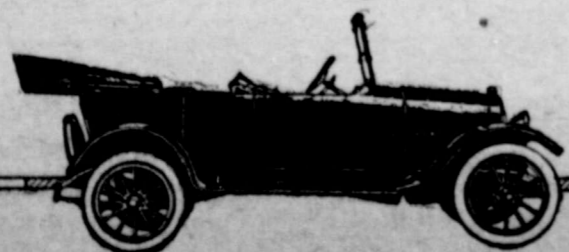
Your neighbors and associates will get mental inspiration from you.

As wave circles widen when a pebble hits the water, so will your good example benefit your entire community.

Save—yes; but do it sensibly, and let the Maxwell help.

Touring Car \$745; Roadster \$745; Coupe \$1095
Berline \$1095; Sedan with Wire Wheels \$1195
F. O. B. Detroit

George E. Darsey



At Darsey's---THE SERVICE FIRST STORE---At Darsey's

A January Sale of White

A wonderfully complete showing of White Goods, House Fixings, Undermuslins and Trim-mings. A feature of this unusual January display of white goods is the superior quality at great money saving prices. A comparison of our values with others is proof supreme that this is the greatest event for mid-winter shoppers offered to Grapeland people.

<p>Muslin Gowns</p> <p>This array of gowns is carefully selected from an extremely big line and includes all popular styles in high and low necks, in long and short sleeves and Dutch necks. The materials are light cambrics, and dainty nainsooks with an added touch of beautiful laces, ribbons, embroideries and emblems. All sizes in a price range from 50 cents to..... \$3.00</p> <p>White Skirts</p> <p>Never before has there ever been shown in a town this size, such a beautiful showing of Muslin Skirts as ours. Their beauty can only be appreciated by examining the garments themselves. From \$1.00 to..... 3.00</p> <p>Muslin Teddies</p> <p>In these garments, we offer a combination of serviceable materials, daintily made at surpris-ingly low prices. Many of these garments are added to with a beau-tiful touch of embroidery in white colors. All sizes 36 to 44 at 65c to..... \$2.00</p>	<p>Kupid Klothes</p> <p>These are the ideal service clothes for kids and kiddos. We have them in rompers, overalls, play suits, etc., for the tots from 2 to 4 years old.</p> <p>Mary Newton Dresses</p> <p>A beautiful showing of children's gingham dresses for girls from 2 to 14 years up from..... \$1.00 High school dresses priced up from..... \$1.50</p> <p>House Dresses</p> <p>Aprons and house dresses are here in percale and gingham neat-ly made along the newest pat-terns. Extra good values at 85c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 and up.</p> <p>White Goods</p> <p>Our showing of white goods this season inludes all popular fabrics for spring and summer. Here you will find lawns, suitings, linens, percales, ginghams, batistes, nain-sooks, longcloths, voiles, etc., priced up from 10c to..... \$1.00</p>	<p>Street Dresses</p> <p>Here the dressmaker's art is shown in designs made from such materials as gingham, galatea, suiting, etc., in dresses for out-door wear at \$1.25 to..... \$4.00</p> <p>House Furnishings</p> <p>This department includes table linen, damask, napkins, pepperell sheeting, new serims and curtain goods, draperies, etc., in newest patterns at prices that cannot be duplicated today, even at wholesale</p> <p>Lace and Embroidery</p> <p>Our new shipments of laces and embroideries includes val laces in edges and insertion, lace and em-broidery beadings, filet laces, wide laces and embroideries, corset cover embroideries, etc. Prices range upward per yard..... 5c</p> <p>Princess Slips</p> <p>Once again these useful under-garments are coming into popular demand and are shown here in beautiful patterns at..... 2.00</p>	<p>Muslin Drawers</p> <p>These garments are carefully made from most popular fabrics, combined with the newest ideas in laces and embroideries at 25 cents to..... \$1.00</p> <p>Corset Covers</p> <p>An extremely attractive line of Corset Covers is shown in cambric, embroidery and lace effects all sizes at 50c to..... \$1.00</p> <p>Childrens' Underwear</p> <p>Undermuslins for the kiddies are here in many useful articles, in-cluding combination suits, waists, union suits, drawers, etc.</p> <p>New Waists</p> <p>We are making a big display of ladies' Voile, Crepe de Chine and Georgette Waists, new. In Voile \$1.25 and \$2.50; in Silks \$3.50 to..... \$6.00</p> <p>Mary Newton Middies</p> <p>The ever popular middy blouse for big girls, little girls and grown-ups. Beautiful designs at \$1.00, \$1.25 and up to..... \$2.50</p>
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George E. Darsey

The Service First Store

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

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

Subscribers ordering a change of address should give the old as well as the new address.

Our advertising rates are reasonable and quoted upon application.

Our Purpose—It is the purpose of the Messenger to record accurately, simply and interestingly the moral, intellectual, industrial and political progress of Grapeland and Houston county. To aid us in this every citizen should give us his moral and financial support.

SUBSCRIPTION — IN ADVANCE

1 YEAR.....	\$1.50
6 MONTHS....	.75
3 MONTHS....	.40

THURSDAY, JAN. 17, 1918

WHY WE FIGHT

Why are we in this war? Why should we spend billions of dol-lars and sacrifice probably mil-lions of lives of our best young men on battlefields three thou-sand miles distant?

We are fighting in this war that liberty might not not perish from the face of the earth.

We are fighting to avenge the wrongs committed against Bel-gium and France. We are fight-ing to avenge the death of our own women and children whose lives have ruthlessly been taken upon the high seas by a horde of bandits whose unspeakable deeds in this war make theimps of hell

blush. We are fighting to stamp out autocracy and militarism, both of which are a menace to world peace. We are fighting for those things which every American holds dear—the right of free peoples to enjoy liberty and have a voice in their own government.

We are sending our boys to the battlefields of liberty to fight for democracy, realizing that the world can not exist half slave and half free, and we will fight to prove for all time that might does not make right, and that the form of civilization that is en-titled to endure and will endure is based on liberty and justice.

It may be a little early to com-mence operations, but now is a good time to plan for next sea-son's work.

During the recent cold snap those who had purchased Liberty bonds were in luck. They could wear them for chest protectors.

Another thing worth remem-bering, is that the time in which it is possible to pay your poll tax and thus be entitled to a vote this year, is growing mighty short.

The fact that snow is equal to a first-class fertilizer when ap-plied to farm land, should be re-membered when one is inclined to "cuss" the recent fall of the "beautiful."

Another Liberty loan is coming pretty soon, probably in Febru-ary. That's the way it will be all the time—more money, more men, more munitions and guns, more foodstuff. We have just started in this war.

It's funny how those fellows who are always telling about going skating and sleigh riding when the thermometer was reg-istering forty degrees below zero, were hunting a hot stove a few days ago.

The Galveston News recently ran a column article under the caption: "Hotel Men Will Go to Dallas." This clears up a great doubt in the writer's mind. He has served over thirty years' of a life sentence in hotels and greatly feared that the destina-tion of hotel men was to quite a different place from Dallas.

The writer is not of a vindic-tive nature, but could he have gotten hands on the author of that song commencing, "To the Sweet Sunny South, Take Me Home," last Friday night, he would have felt a keen delight in staking him out in the middle of the street, clad only in his shirt-tail.

Bill Schwab, the steel mag-nate, has put his palatial private car in cold storage until after the war as a measure of economy, and the newspapers are making a great fuss over the matter.

Doors and Windows

Full Car Load on Hand

Building Paper and Rubber Roofing

Big Supply of Both

Heart Pine Shingles

We Have Plenty

Due to Arrive This Week

Car of Cypress Shingles

When You go to Paint, Don't Forget

Masury Paint--the Old Reliable

We frame Pictures and have many styles of moulding to select from.

T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER COMPANY

It's passing strange, but the snake editor has forgone the luxury of the day coaches and taken to the rods on several oc-casions on account of economic measure, and the papers never said a word about it.

NOTICE

I will deliver Macatawaberry plants in January. Those who wish plants see or write me.
M. L. Williams,
46-43 Route 4, Box 11.

LOCAL NEWS

18-92? 1t

Breaks your Cold or LaGrippe with a few doses of 666. tf

Mark this date on your calendar: Feb. 7th to 13th. 1t

T. S. Kent was a business visitor to Houston last week.

It will all be clear to you Feb. 7th to 13th. 1t

J. W. Howard will buy your peanuts and goober hay and pay the highest market price. tf

Make your hens lay by feeding Martin's Egg Producer. Buy it from I. H. Shaver & Bro. 47t4

Darsey's is headquarters for plow tools and farming implements. 1t

Harry Lively of Camp Bowie, has been at home since last week on furlough on account of sickness.

PEANUT HAY WANTED

Will pay \$25.00 per ton for good, clean Peanut Hay. J. W. HOWARD.

Elmer Lee Brimberry, Clyde Tyer and Chas. Rush arrived Tuesday morning from Camp Bowie on an eight day furlough to visit relatives.

NOTICE...FOR SALE

One second-hand 5-passenger Maxwell car; in good condition mechanically. See me. 46-tf A. B. Guice.

Paid your income tax yet? And how about your poll tax? This is election year and four candidates have already announced for governor.

FEED STUFF

I have a car load of maize feed stuff. If you need any, better get it at once, as it is scarce. 45-tf J. W. Howard.

M. E. Dickey and family have recently moved from Ennis to North Fort Worth, and orders his paper sent to his new address.

WAGE HAND WANTED

To do general farm work. See or write 1t J. S. Slaughter, Route 2

McLean & Riall have recently enlarged their office and put in a new large safe. This change was made necessary to conveniently handle their increasing volume of business.

FOR SALE

For sale or rent—shoe, saddle and harness repair shop. For further particulars see J. P. Royall, 45-tf Grapeland, Texas.

EARL P. ADAMS

ATTORNEY AT LAW
Office in First National Bank Building
Crockett, :-: Texas

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Circulars free. All Druggists, 75c. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Eigeteen Ninety-Two. 1t

Buy your next bill of groceries from Wherry. 47-tf

RUB-MY-TISM—Antiseptic, Relieves Rheumatism, Sprains, Neuralgia, etc.

One woman's grandmother likes 18-92. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Gamage of Elkhart, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Clewis' Tailor Shop Phone Number is 73. Phone when you want work. tf

J. E. Hollingsworth made a business trip to points in Walker County the first of the week.

COMING—a big shipment of the latest and most popular song hits and music on Columbia Double Disc records at Darsey's.

Emory Long, in the quartermaster's division of the army stationed at Camp Logan, Houston, is home on furlough to visit his parents and friends.

Arwine Skidmore, recently home from Tyler where he completed a business course, has accepted a position with George E. Darsey in the office.

WOOD WANTED

I want to buy two or three hundred cords of 4-foot wood. Pine wood preferred. See A. B. Spence. 46-t2

Mrs. B. F. Collins has gone into the pig business, having recently imported a pair of Guinea pigs. A peculiarity of these animals is that, if lifted up by the tail, their eyes will drop out.

Brince Dickson and family have recently moved to the Hugh Richards place just north of town, which Mr. Dickson has purchased.

Bird Dog Lost

White, black and tan spotted setter; goes by name of "Spot." Reward for recovery. If found leave with W. A. Riall at Grapeland, or notify W. D. Collins, at Crockett. 1t

CHANGE IN SCHEDULE

A new schedule on the I. & G. N. went into effect last Sunday as follows:

- SOUTH
- No. 3, due at 10:30 a. m.
- No. 1, due at 2:04 p. m. (No stop.)
- No. 5, due at 12:55 a. m.
- NORTH
- No. 8, due at 1:30 p. m.
- No. 2, due at 3:29 p. m. (No stop.)
- No. 4, due at 9:02 p. m.

WANTED TO BUY

All your peanuts and cotton seed. I will be in the market just fifteen days longer. Better see me at once. It J. H. Leaverton.

FOR SALE

We have a scholarship for sale in the Tyler Commercial College. If you are thinking of taking a business course, see us. The Messenger.

THRIFT THOUGHT

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. Economy is one of the important factors in an effective vigilance. Buy all of your goods from us and conserve your cash supply. 47-tf W. R. Wherry.

Boys' and girls' clubs in northern and western States pledged for war service in gardening, canning, poultry raising, and other emergency enterprises have more than 800,000 members.

Station Agent J. O. Edington will soon be back on the job, after a lay-off of several weeks, caused by an injury he received while unloading freight. The auditor is here this week checking up the affairs of the office.

In these times of high prices and scarcity of goods, it behooves you to get the most possible out of every dollar you spend. We come as near giving you full value for your money as anybody. Try us and see. 47-tf W. R. Wherry.

The Red Cross is doing a noble work for mankind, and it is every loyal American's duty to support this institution of mercy with his money.

Murray & Mangum

WE take this opportunity to thank the many friends who visited our store during 1927. We hope we will have the pleasure of meeting you and many more of the good people of Grapeland during 1928. Come and let's get acquainted. We have a complete line of good merchandise—can supply all your wants—so don't fail to see us when you are in town, for we can save you money. Buy where your dollar will have more sense.

Quality, Service, and Right Prices

Murray & Mangum

Get in Line

RESOLVE That you will buy your drugs and sundries from the Peoples Drug Store. We can supply your wants for we have the stock.

We share with you our profits by both

Profit-Sharing Coupons

and by reason of our early purchases from the jobbers enabling us to give you the advantage.

We have an Efficient Pharmacist and want your PRESCRIPTIONS

HONESTY AND QUALITY

The Peoples Drug Store

WADE L. SMITH

War-Time Prices Call For Extra Values

We determined, in buying our supply of Winter Goods, to comb the markets for the Very Best Quality obtainable in all our lines of

Dress Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Dress Goods, Notions, Etc.

We assert with confidence that no more high-class lines were ever brought to this market.

You want to stretch your dollars to the limit of their buying power? COME TO US.

You want to be sure you have the best to be had in its line? COME TO US.

Our Motto: "QUALITY IS THE THING."

T. S. KENT
Quality is the Thing

WANTED TO BUY

I am now in the market for several car loads of old scrap iron and other kinds of junk. See me for prices and sell me what you have. tf J. W. Howard.

We build more milage into your old casings. You may think your old casing is gone, but we may be able to repair it and save you from buying a new one. We have an up-to-date vulcanizer and guarantee our work. GUICE'S GARAGE.

Dr. P. H. Stafford is confined to his room, as the result of breaking his right arm just above the wrist. The accident occurred Monday night while trying to crank his Ford to go to see a patient. It was such a bad break that an anesthetic had to be administered to set it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rates—Cash in Advance.
County Offices.....\$6 00
Precinct Offices.....\$3 00
District Offices.....\$12 00
Congress.....\$20 00
The Messenger is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July:
For County Judge: Nat Patton.
For Sheriff: Preston Lively.

R. R. Reynolds and Miss Fidelia Bowers of Groveton, were married in Grapeland Sunday at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. B. C. Ansley officiating. They left Monday morning for Groveton. Miss Bowers was teaching school at Daly's, which position she resigned.

Bank No. 183
OFFICIAL STATEMENT
Of the Financial Condition of the
Farmers & Merchants State Bank
At Grapeland, State of Texas,

at the close of business, on the 31st day of Dec., 1917, published in the Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 27th day of Jan., 1918:

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$52,700 30
Loans, real estate	4,495 00
Overdrafts	193 78
Bones and Stocks	1,000 00
Real estate (banking house)	2,983 03
Liberty Bond account	420 00
Furniture and fixtures	1,750 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	189,314 18
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	404 18
Cash Items	950 23
Currency	22,900 00
Specie	1,545 00
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	1,298 26
Other resources as follows:	
Collections in transit	548 80
Total	\$281,802 71

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000 00
Surplus Fund	12,000 00
Undivided Profits net	2,406 50
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	80 93
Individual Deposits, subject to check	238,340 97
Time Certificates of Deposit	13,189 70
Cashier's Checks	784 66
Total	\$281,802 71

State of Texas, }
County of Houston, } ss
We, George E. Darsey, as President, and W. D. Granberry as Cashier of said Bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
GEO. E. DARSEY, President
W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 12th day of Jan., A. D., nineteen hundred and eighteen. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

J. R. RICHARDS,
Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
W. G. DARSEY }
M. E. DARSEY } Directors
T. S. KENT }

LETTER FROM H. A. TYER

Watertown, Wis., Jan. 6, 1918.
Editor Messenger:
The snow is about 12 inches deep here now; ice on the lakes and ponds is 16 inches thick and as clear as can be. The snow is falling fast and the clouds look like it might never stop snowing, but of course it has always stopped and it will this time.
Not a stroke of work has been done here towards making a crop, nor will be for thirty or sixty days or more, for oats and wheat are not planted here until they are nearly ready to be harvested in Texas, and corn is planted later than the oats and wheat.
As this is a dairying country, the people are busy with their cattle and hauling milk to market, but as the snow is deep they use sleds or sleighs for all hauling. One can hear the jingle of the sleigh bells all the time now.
Watertown has a population of about 9,000 or more, and they are nearly all Germans. A great many here can not speak English; of course they are the old people, and everything here is run in German fashion, as for instance, sauer kraut and pork

Bank No. 768
Official Statement
OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE
Guaranty State Bank
At Grapeland, State of Texas,

at the close of business on the 31st day of Dec., 1917, published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 17th day of Jan., 1918.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$23,960.97
Loans, real estate	2,690.89
Overdrafts	8.92
Bonds and Stocks:	
Liberty	2,245.00
Real estate, (banking house)	3,428.90
Furniture and Fixtures	2,000.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	195,356.92
Cash Items	772.01
Currency	25,708.00
Specie	3,347.30
Interest and Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	1,077.33
Other Resources:	
Collections in transit	430.00
Total	\$261,026.24

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	3,750.00
Undivided profits, net	3,244.94
Individual deposits, subject to check	226,865.64
Demand Certificates of Deposits	11,636.08
Cashier's Checks	254.58
Other Liabilities:	
Reserved for Taxes	275.00
Total	\$261,026.24

State of Texas, }
County of Houston, }

We, C. W. Kennedy as president, and U. M. Brock as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
C. W. KENNEDY,
President.
U. M. BROCK, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 10th day of Jan., A. D., nineteen hundred and eighteen. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
E. E. Hollingsworth,
Notary Public,
Houston County, Texas.

Correct—Attest:
E. G. Walling }
M. P. Herod } Directors
J. C. Kennedy }

is one of the chief articles of food and there is about forty saloons here and they are open Sunday the same as any other day. The German thinks he must have beer. Every one of our neighbors are German, and good neighbors they are, but I have not learned to talk much German so far.
It is quite a novel sight here to see some of the old fashion Germans wear wood shoes, and I feel sure if one of them were to walk down Main street in Grapeland some Saturday afternoon with his German wooden shoes on, he would cause quite a little comment. But understand, these wood soles are not worn in the winter. They are made of birch usually, and are shaped very much like a shoe and are dug or gouged out in such a way as to fit the foot very well.
Some of the Germans here are real loyal to Uncle Sam in this war; some are not; but those who are not do not say anything, but none of them will buy Liberty bonds, nor are they Red Cross helpers, nor do any thing along that line; but those kind are few and far between.
Wisconsin claims the distinction of being the first State in the Union to adopt a wheatless and a meatless day, and has subscribed to the Liberty bonds and the Red Cross nobly.
H. A. Tyer.

WAR
SAVINGS
STAMPS
BUY THEM NOW!

Because the cost increases every month after the 31st day of January, 1918. The sooner you buy the less they cost.

The cost is as follows:---

January	\$4.12	July	\$4.18
February	4.13	August	4.19
March	4.14	September	4.20
April	4.15	October	4.21
May	4.16	November	4.22
June	4.17	December	4.23

Every stamp helps to save a life--Every stamp helps to win the war

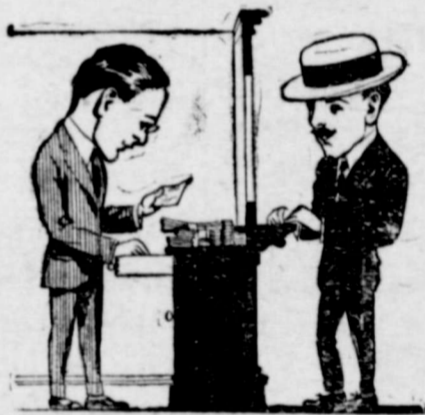
Many of our boys are offering their lives; all you are asked to do is to lend your money to the government. You get it back with 4 per cent interest, compounded quarterly.

On Sale at the Postoffice

HUNTING THE GRIZZLY

Tremendous excitement prevailed in Grapeland and vicinity last Thursday morning when word was received that a big bear was at large and had been seen inspecting the hog pens and chicken roosts about half a mile south of town.
A party was hastily made up, which included most of the male citizens and dogs of Grapeland. Arms, consisting of rifles, revolvers, shotguns, pitchforks, swords and clubs were secured, and the party set forth with the odor of sizzling bear steaks already in their nostrils.
On arrival at the designated place the tracks were at once discovered and the old bear hunters announced that it was a big one and probably dangerous. Upon this announcement several recollected that this country is at war and may have urgent need for their services in the trenches of France, and they prudently executed a strategic retreat. Those who had no home ties and were below or above the draft age, took up the trail.
Soon the quarry was sighted and the hunters deployed in skirmish formation and cautiously approached the ferocious animal, guns ready and fingers on the trigger, when suddenly the beast raised his head and there came a "Baw-aw-aw!" Several of the hunters had been cow-punchers in their youthful days and the voice sounded familiar. The black yearling—for such it proved to be—was allowed to escape unscathed, and what might have been a thrilling chapter in the history of Grapeland, remains unwritten because unacted.
PACKAGE FOODS ARE MORE SANITARY
Sanitary food products are put up in packages by the manufacturer.

Checks on This Bank



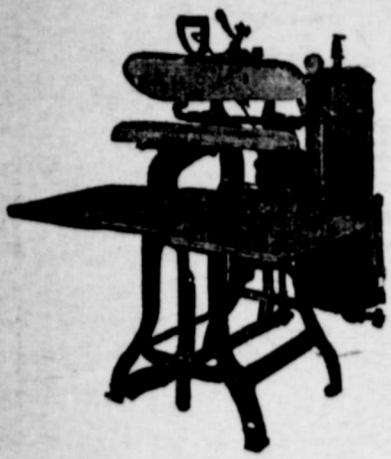
Are payable at sight. We always carry a cash reserve large enough to meet all demands. Have your account here and your checks will give you an added standing with your creditors. Be up to date by having an account with an up-to-date bank.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank

turer made a good product, he wanted to tell people about it so they would buy his product in preference to some other competing brand.
This required that he identify his product in some specific way so the consumer would know it was his. This led to the marketing of the product in a package or container bearing a distinctive label.
When you buy Standard Advertised package foods, you buy sanitary foods.—Farm and Ranch
Avoid irregularity in the bowel movements, it leads to chronic constipation; a condition that poisons the blood and breeds disease. Prickly Ash Bitters restores regularity and puts the system in order. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.
Only by buying in the package can the consumer be assured that the product is sanitary. Bulk goods offer too many opportunities for contamination by dirty hands, dust, mice and other vermin.
As a consequence, today is witnessing the passing of the butter tub, the lard tub, the dried fruit bin, the cracker barrel and the tea and coffee bin. Today we buy all these and many other products formerly sold in bulk, neatly done up in attractive and sanitary packages, fully protected against any chance of contamination until they are opened by the housewife in her own kitchen.
Advertising is largely responsible for the development of the package idea. When a manufacturer

Personal Appearance

Everybody Notices It



It's a fact—you can not walk along the street or road without some one taking note of your personal appearance. And personal appearance is a great asset in this world. Your efforts are discounted if you don't stack up in appearance. You can not impress your person-

ality on the public if you shamle around in a "mussy" suit of clothes. You should have your suits regularly

Cleaned and Pressed

Correct, neat appearance is evidence of a concise, orderly mind. Slovenliness without begets sluggishness within.

Don't discard the old suit until you bring it to us. Let us see what we can do for it first. It may pay you well.

M. L. CLEWIS
F. U. Phone 73

AMBITIOUS YOUNG FOLKS

Had it ever occurred to you that you had as well try to be a successful physician without attending a medical school, or a successful lawyer without attending a law school, or a successful minister without attending a theological school, as to try to be a successful banker, or merchant, or business man of any kind without first being trained in the Tyler Commercial College? You would attend a university with a reputation if you wanted to make a first-class doctor, lawyer or minister. Why not use the same good judgment in selecting a business school in which to secure your training? The Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, is the business university of the South; it enrolls more students annually than any other similar school in America. Its students have

come from thirty-nine different states and seven foreign countries; its graduates are holding the very best of positions in the leading cities of the United States.

If you will spend from \$125 to \$200 for tuition, board and books for a course of Shorthand, Book-keeping, Telegraphy, Cotton Classing, or Business Administration and Finance, or, better still, spend \$200 to \$250 and complete any two of these courses, you will have made the best investment of your life. What young man or woman with grit and determination can not raise this amount? Hundreds of students who borrowed every cent of their money to attend this school, or gave their note for part of their tuition, have found it the best venture of their lives; they were soon able, through the good positions secured them by the college, to pay what they

Our Prescription Department Is Our Pride

We give our personal attention to the correct filling of every prescription that comes to our store.

Full strength drugs and no substitution is our watchword. We solicit your custom with this guarantee.

LEAVERTON'S
THE LEADING DRUG STORE

16,000,000 JOINED RED CROSS IN BIG CHRISTMAS DRIVE

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION LED OTHER 12 IN UNITED STATES IN NUMBER OBTAINED.

GRAND TOTAL NOW 22,000,000

Fifth of Entire Population of This Country Belongs to the Great "Army Behind the Army."

One-fifth of the entire population of the United States belongs to the American Red Cross.

Twenty-two million persons constitute the Army Behind the Army.

Sixteen million new members were added as a result of the Christmas membership campaign. Six million citizens of the United States already were members.

Ten million new members was the goal set for the Christmas campaign. Six million more than the required number were obtained, 3,250,000 of these coming from the Southwestern division, which was made up by the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

The Southwestern division led the other 12 divisions of the Red Cross both as to the number of members obtained and from a percentage basis.

Wonderful Achievement.

The wonderful achievement of enrolling one-fifth of the entire population of the United States as members of the Red Cross is less a triumph than it is a call to greater service, according to Henry P. Davison, chairman of the War Council of the Red Cross, who pointed out that greater service and sacrifice must be the watch word of the 22,000,000 members of this, the greatest organization of its kind the world has ever known. Davison recently said in a telegram to George W. Simmons, manager of the Southwestern division of the Red Cross:

"The latest reports available indicate that the Christmas drive for 10,000,000 new members for the American Red Cross has resulted in the addition of fully 16,000,000 names to its rolls. This number, added to the more than 6,000,000 members before Christmas campaign, makes the total present enrollment fully 22,000,000.

"This is a magnificent fact—an expression not alone of the patriotism but of the fine sympathy and idealism of the whole American people.

"The Red Cross War Council congratulates and welcomes every new member of the American Red Cross. Likewise it congratulates the officers and old members of the organization who have given unstintedly of their time and effort to make this membership campaign a success; but the wonderful achievement of enrolling one-fifth of the entire population of the United States as members of the American Red Cross is less a triumph than it is a call to greater service.

"The Red Cross is not merely a humanitarian organization, separate and distinct from others, but it is the mobilized heart and spirit of the whole American people. The American Red Cross is carrying a message of love and sympathy to American soldiers and sailors and to the troops and civilian population of our allies in all parts of the world. It is seeking to lay a foundation for a more enduring peace. As we stand on the threshold of a new year in this hour of world's tragedy, there can be but one thought in the minds of the 22,000,000 members of the American Red Cross, and that is to serve and sacrifice as never before."

owed and continue to hold their good positions or go into business for themselves and succeed. If you always remain where you are, you will always be what you are. Think this statement over seriously. More than 300 new students, before this month closes, will be added to the twelve hundred that are now here. Why not be among the number? You can enter any day and take up the work. For large free catalogue, verifying the above claims and more, fill in and mail.

Name
Address
Course interested in

ARCHITECT DRAWS RED CROSS PLANS, CARRIES THEM OUT

LOUIS LABEAUME, ST. LOUISAN, HELPS PUT OVER GREAT MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.

HE THANKS NEWSPAPER MEN

Declares This Publication and Other Influential Papers in South-west Made Success Possible.

The man behind the publicity behind the solicitors who got 3,250,000 new members for the Red Cross in the Southwestern division, comprising the states of Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas, is an architect, which is intended two ways. He is Louis LaBeaume of St. Louis, architect by profession, architect of the fortunes of the Red Cross in the Southwestern division and one of the most earnest and most capable of Uncle Sam's talented \$1-a-year army.

When it became apparent that the United States government had need for men of affairs to direct the various activities of the Red Cross Mr. LaBeaume volunteered his services.

George W. Simmons, manager of the Southwestern division of the Red Cross, complimented Mr. LaBeaume highly upon the fact that he was a potent factor in the tremendous success of the membership campaign of the Southwestern division. Mr. LaBeaume says:

"The remarkable results achieved in the Southwestern division during the Christmas membership campaign are due in no small measure to the loyal support of the press. Newspaper proprietors and editors throughout the division have given generously of their space. The results show that chapter publicity directors have been on the jump and have kept Red Cross enthusiasm at fever heat. Every man, woman and child who took part in this campaign must feel a glow of satisfaction and pride in the consciousness of work well done. It is the continuation of this spirit which will bring victory to the cause for which we are fighting. Even though the campaign is technically over, we urge you to keep up the good work."

POWER OF THE PRESS.

The power of the press largely was responsible for the splendid showing made by the Southwestern division of the Red Cross in the big Christmas membership campaign. The Southwest was given the task of getting 1,162,000 new members. As a result of the splendid publicity campaign directed by Louis LaBeaume of St. Louis and the businesslike organization effected by John L. Johnston and George W. Simmons, chairman of the campaign and Southwestern manager of the Red Cross, respectively, this district got nearly three times its quota of members, leading all the other 12 divisions of the Red Cross in the United States.

Mr. LaBeaume very properly gives proper credit to this newspaper and other newspapers of the Southwest for the splendid results obtained in the campaign.

In these times, when self-abnegation is absolutely necessary in every walk of life, it is a pleasure to record that the newspapers of the Southwest are doing their share to help win the war. In the campaign just closed the newspapers contributed their valuable space to the cause, while Mr. Simmons, Mr. Johnston and Mr. LaBeaume contributed their services and their time.

For the ailments common among women, such as sick headache, backache, heartburn, nervous weakness and constipation, Prickly Ash Bitters is a splendid remedy. It purifies the bowels, tones the stomach, clears the complexion, sweetens the breath, restores energy and cheerfulness. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special agent.

NOTICE WOODMEN

There will be a called meeting of the lodge Saturday night, January 19. Business of importance to attend to. All members are urged to be present. P. H. Parker, C. C.

The KITCHEN CABINET

As plants convert the minerals into food for animals, so each man converts some raw material in nature to human use.—Emerson.

DISHES WITH CONDENSED MILK.

Condensed milk is a great convenience and a supply may be kept for any emergency.



Banana Ice Cream.—Take two pint cans of condensed milk, one quart of water, one and one-half cupsful of sugar, six bananas and the strained juice of half a lemon. Peel and wash the bananas, add the sugar and lemon juice and beat to a smooth paste. Dilute the milk with the water and combine with the other ingredients. Freeze as usual.

Lemon Sherbet.—Strain the juice of three large lemons, add one and one-half cupsful of sugar, one can of condensed milk diluted with water, stir until the sugar is dissolved and fold in the beaten whites of two eggs. Freeze.

Spoon Bread.—Take four tablespoonfuls of condensed milk, one cupful of boiling water, one cupful of cornmeal, two tablespoonfuls of butter, one tablespoonful of sugar and one tablespoonful of flour, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder, a half teaspoonful of salt and two eggs. Mix the cornmeal, flour, salt and baking powder together, sifting well. Dilute the milk with the water and add the melted butter. Beat the eggs, separating the yolks and whites. Add the yolks to the liquid mixture and combine the dry ingredients. Lastly fold in the beaten whites. Bake in a greased pan 30 minutes.

Creamed Lima Beans.—Cook the beans until tender in salted water, using as little water as possible. When tender add two tablespoonfuls of condensed milk, two tablespoonfuls of water, a dash of paprika and a tablespoonful of butter. Serve hot.

There are some of the condensed milks which will whip and may thus be used as whipped cream for garnishes or for pudding sauces. If the flavor is at all objectionable, it may be disguised by adding a strong flavor of orange or other flavors of strength.

Condensed milk may be combined with various fruit juices and pulps, making most delicious frozen dishes. The soups from canned fruit are especially nice used with this milk as they usually have a high flavor of their own which overcomes any of the flavor of the milk.

Nellie Maxwell

JUST THAT



"I like people who say what they think."

"But the trouble is that those people always think such mean things."

GOLD TEETH FOR SHEEP.

The sheep of the western islands of Scotland are almost as stylish as the dogs that ride in automobiles on our own Fifth avenue, in New York city, says Popular Science Monthly. The canine aristocrats have occasional cavities in their teeth filled with gold, but the Scottish sheep have their entire set gold plated before they have any chance to decay. The gold plating is due to gold dust in the soil. As early as 1536 Hector Boece, bishop of Aberdeen, speaks of the remarkable appearance of the sheep that roam "the golden mountain" in central Aberdeenshire. Their wool is yellow, their flesh is red, flecked, as it were, with saffron, and their teeth are the hue of gold, he says.

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KENNEDY BROTHERS

REYNARD BY ZACK

Reynard, Jan. 14.—Since last Thursday the weather has showed us a few things—the biggest snow in twenty-odd years, and only two degrees above the goose egg Saturday morning, and this morning fifty-four above and raining. This is surely doing some juggling, and it is very trying on the system.

There is very little farm work being done. A few stalks have been cut, some burning and some improvements around the house.

There is one special crop we want to be sure to make and that is the grain crop. We have yet to hear of the grainless bread of any kind, yet have heard of cotton seed cake biscuit, but will take an old time "ash cake" for our part.

The labor problem is a question. The drafted boys hardly know what to do. All have filled out the questionnaires and sent them in and some have received their class standing. Tom Kent and Herman Beazley are in class four.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Beazley received a new year's present in the form of a fine baby girl.

Mrs. Douglass Beazley has a half-brother from Oklahoma visiting her. We failed to learn his name, and another gentleman from the same place is with him.

GRADING SEED CORN

All seed corn should be graded before the ears are shelled, says the United States department of agriculture, because shelled corn can not be easily graded. The

grading is done to secure uniformity of size and shape in each lot of kernels, so that they will be dropped evenly from the corn-planter when it is set for special lots of seed.

If the seed ears vary as to size of kernel they should be separated into two or three grades, according to the type of grain they bear. These grades should be shelled separately—always by hand and not by a mechanical sheller—and then tested in the corn planter. After finding the numbers on the planter plates which drop the kernels most uniformly, each lot should be numbered with corresponding figures. All this should be done when work is slack in the winter before the spring rush begins.

Be sure there is enough for two years' plantings. You may need it yourself if the first planting is drowned out; and there never was a time when there was not a demand for seed corn known to be good.

MINIREL SHOW

The Crockett K. of P. Lodge will bring their big minstrel show here next Tuesday night, January 22, and play at the school auditorium.

The cast is made up of thirty five ladies and gentlemen of Crockett, they being the pick of the cleverest local talent in that city. The show will be given Monday night at Crockett. Some of the local K. of P.'s will assist in the show here. Reserved seats will be on sale at Leaverton's drug store.

OUR ALLIES' PURCHASES

Most of the money advanced by the United States to the na-

tions in Europe engaged in war with Germany is spent in this country for the products of our farms, mines and factories.

Under the arrangement made by the secretary of the treasury and approved by the President, these allied governments communicate their requirements for materials and supplies to a United States commission through their own designated purchasing agents in this country and the commission then renders its best efforts to obtain advantageous terms which are submitted to the purchasing agents.

By these means competitive bidding against the other allies and against the United States is avoided and the same terms and the same treatment our own government receives is accorded to our allies.

It is expressly stipulated that no obligation or liability upon the United States shall be created by this arrangement. Our government is simply lending its assistance to our allies in the spending here of the money we loaned them. The protection thus granted them is deserved, for they are doing the work which, if they do not do, must be done by America at the expense of American lives and American money.

W. E. Clark died Wednesday morning at his home a few miles north of town, after an illness of several days with pneumonia. He was buried Thursday in the Parker cemetery. Funeral services were conducted at his home by Rev. C. A. Campbell. Mr. Clark was a member of the Baptist church and a Christian gentleman. He will be greatly missed by his relatives and many friends.

The present high price of cotton, with every indication that it will remain high, should not turn the farmer's head to the neglect of food and feed crops. While cotton is necessary for the prosecution of the war, food and feedstuff is more important, and we must have it to win the war.

Fred Douglas advised his fellow negroes to stay away from the North, as the contrast between a snowdrift and an Ethiopian was too great. If his ghost happened to wander around Grapeland last week, it must have been greatly depressed by the comparison, to be seen on every side.

Virginia, the home of Thomas Jefferson, and Mississippi, the home of Jefferson Davis, have both ratified the amendment to the Federal Constitution for national prohibition. In view of the fact that one was the founder of the democratic party and the other the president of the confederate states, some of our rabid "states rights" friends may find some consolation in it.

TIME TO PRUNE

The legislature of Illinois continued to create new commissions and departments from term to term until the state was loaded down with one hundred and eighteen separate and distinct departments of government. The tax burden became so great that relief was demanded and after a legislative investigation the hundred and eighteen departments were reduced to eleven bureaus. There are ninety-six departments in Texas. The cost of government

has increased during the past few years from approximately \$6,000,000 annually to the stupendous sum of \$26,000,000. Now is a mighty good time to begin cutting down departments in this state.—Waxahachie Light.

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GEORGE E. DARSEY