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State and General News

The war department commission on training camp activities, now has 55 women deputy sheriffs working in vicinities of camps in all parts of the country.

Only the 12-cylinder type of Liberty motor for airplanes is now being built, it having been thought best in view of developments abroad to concentrate on the high-powered engine instead of the eight-cylinder.

It is reported from Germany that wood is being largely used in place of celluloid, ivory and other substance for the manufacture of combs. Excellent toilet combs are made from thinly cut birch and beechwood.

Manufacture of rifles by the United States has been the greatest ever achieved by any nation. The ordinance bureau of the war department makes that assertion, adding that in the past ten months it has been four times greater than the British output after ten months of war, and twice as large as the British output after two and a half years of war.

In a recent dispatch from a New York paper it was stated the federal food board and the poultrymen have reached an agreement that fixes the scale of profits in the sale of poultry to retailer and consumer. The difference between the price paid to the commission men and that charged the retailers is to be six cents a pound, and the retailer is

not expected to increase the price to the consumer, over that paid to the commission man, more than two cents.

They are making shells of cast-iron in France, making them at the rate of 1,000,000 a day. The Scientific American quotes Edgar A. Custer as saying these are more effective than steel shells in attacking earthworks, for they behave as if the explosive they contain was detonated directly in the earth. And in the open they burst into a far greater number of fragments than a steel shell will give.

Officers and men in the army who are of enemy nationality but of whose loyalty there is no question, will not be permitted to serve on the battle fronts, but will be detailed to insular posts when their regiments are ordered to France.

The packers have been exposed by the federal trade commission as profiteers in leather and hides, but exposure has been so often made in the past that they have become accustomed to the chill winds of criticism. A man who has increased his net profits from 200 to 500 per cent can listen to a lot of perfervid sentences without having a change of heart, but it might be a good idea to experiment with a few court sentences and see what would happen.—The Public.

Senator Buchanan of Scurry county, expressed the hope that the legislature would give unusual expedition to passing the governor's measures and go

home and help win the war; that this is a time when business man and farmer should be at the peak of their work; and he does not want the legislature to remain in session any longer than possible. He said if the work can be done in less than thirty days it should be, and adjournment taken.

More than fifty American soldiers have been decorated with French war crosses for the part the men played in eleven engagements in the Chemin des Dames sector. Most of the engagements were raids against positions the enemy were holding. The Americans exhibited unusual bravery and coolness.

Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, has gone to France to study conditions at the front, and arrived at a French port last Sunday. He plans to spend a brief time in France inspecting results already accomplished by his department in its efforts to place in the field this year an army that will be a factor in the campaign to rout the Germans.

Gov. Hobby's "win the war" program is now the law of Texas. In just eleven working days the legislature enacted the governor's recommendations, taking quick action to protect the soldiers in the camp. The remainder of the session will be taken up with less urgent legislation.

Mysterious Mark

Quite a lot of excitement prevailed last week, when it was discovered that several houses in town had been marked with a mysterious mark, being the letters R E in a circle. It was small and usually found about the door facing. Rumors flew thick and fast that German spies were abroad and were making preparations to sack the town. Some said it meant "Rob Enemies," and placed only on houses that displayed the Red Cross sign. Others advanced the idea that it was an advertising scheme. What do you think it means? We are frank to say we do not know—except we believe it is all "bunk" about being the work of German spies.

Card of Thanks

To those who helped me in the Messenger's contest, I want to extend my sincere thanks.
Annie Rainey Hollingsworth.

We have a complete line of the Oliver Chilled implements and stock of repairs. Call and see us or send us your orders.

Jas. S. Shivers,
312 Crockett, Texas.

Card of Thanks

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all those who in any way aided me in the Messenger contest.
Esther Darsey.

W. R. Wherry left Tuesday morning in his car for points in Washington county, where he will spend a few days visiting relatives.

Eggs for Sale

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RED CROSS MONEY AIDS 350,000 MEN IN THE SOUTHWEST

REPORT ON WORK IN CAMPS AND CANTONMENTS SHOWS HOW CASH IS SPENT.

PROMPT WORK SAVES LIVES

Twenty Thousand Blankets Rushed to Camp Bowie When Men Suffered for Lack of Bedding—No Red Tape Here.

Sweaters worth \$1,250,000 have been given to soldiers in Southwestern camps and cantonments by the Red Cross since the mobilization of the National army was begun.

This information is contained in a report made to the Washington headquarters of the American Red Cross by Stanley Stoner, director of military relief for the Southwestern division of the organization.

Stoner's report is proof positive of the support the Red Cross is giving the War Department in fitting American soldiery for winning the war. That no other agency outside the War Department itself is so potent a factor to that end is recognized and admitted generally. Every supporter of the Red Cross well may feel that he or she actually is helping to save the world for democracy and to crush the unspeakable house of Hohenzollern.

The report made by Director Stoner shows that 230,000 sweaters were distributed up to Feb. 1 to soldiers in eight large camps and cantonments, several smaller camps and to the army which constantly is on guard on the Mexican border. But sweaters was only one of 200 items provided. It was impossible for the War Department to foresee many requirements of the soldiers, and in many instances, when necessity arose for supplies of different kinds, it was impossible to get army requisitions through fast enough to handle the situation. Field directors in the different camps, always on the alert for such emergencies and armed with authority to spend money freely when necessity arose, stepped in and provided whatever was needed for the comfort and well-being of the men.

From Spoons to Automobiles.
In addition to the sweaters, 44,370 mufflers were distributed. Other items were as follows: Socks, 56,873; blankets, 1,160; wristlets, 27,854; helmets, 5,109; Christmas packages, 116,657; automobiles, 4; comforts, 7,339. The automobiles were touring cars necessary for the proper transportation of sick soldiers from their quarters to hospitals. Nearly 600,000 items, \$71,925 to be exact, were distributed. Their diversity is illustrated by the following list taken from Director Stoner's report: Towels, pajamas, comfort kits, playing cards, tooth brushes, tooth paste, condensed milk, oil heaters, drugs, bed sheets, pillow cases, rubber gloves, soup, foot powder, shoes, magazines, books, slippers, wash cloths, bath robes, hot-water bottles, window curtains, bath rugs, ice picks, egg beaters, spoons, electric plates, knives, spoons, gowns, apples, oranges, lemons, nuts, foot warmers, rubber sheets, ice bags, boilers, bedroom slippers, gloves, ear muffs, dominoes, rubber sheets, coats, auto trucks, fly swatters, soup strainers, pneumonia jackets, chickens, dish rags, combs, Victrola, quilts.

And wherever the Red Cross is at work in these camps, which means all of them, soldiers are praising it. They call it "Uncle Sam's right-hand man," which tells the story well enough and true.

Service Which Saves Lives.
Nothing illustrates better what the Red Cross means to the soldiers in the Southwestern camps and cantonments than an occurrence at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, Tex. When the December blizzard struck the camp it found the men unprepared for it. One thousand soldiers fell ill in 24 hours. More than 2,000 were ill 72 hours after the blizzard hit. Many of them were threatened with pneumonia. Many had pneumonia. There was insufficient bedding. The government was unable to take care of the situation. Charles W. Conner, field director for the Red Cross at Camp Bowie, bought every blanket he could get in Fort Worth and other Texas cities and wired Red Cross headquarters at St. Louis for more. Within 48 hours after the blizzard struck, Conner turned over 20,000 blankets to the commandant of the camp, without any cost to the government whatever. Undoubtedly this quick work saved the lives of many soldiers.

That is the sort of work the Red Cross is doing for 350,000 American soldiers in the Southwestern camps

and cantonments, likewise in every camp and cantonment in the United States. That is how money given to the Red Cross is spent in military relief.

Shopping Personally Conducted.
The American soldier in France is a good fighting man. But when he faces the French shopkeeper—that quick-tongued, sharp-eyed little woman who keeps the till as full as she can while her husband fights, he is glad enough to have an American woman beside him. So the Red Cross women at the line-of-communication canteens have a new job. They take the boys out shopping.

MAGIC MESSAGE SENT BY RED CROSS WORKER BRINGS SOLDIER CHEER

A striking example of the mingled pathos and service of the American Red Cross for soldiers in the camps is related in a letter from T. T. Flagler, field director of the Southern Division, Atlanta, Ga., to Henry S. Thompson, director of the Bureau of Camp Service, Washington.

An extract from Flagler's letter follows:

"I was alone in the office one afternoon, trying to burn anthracite coal in a wood stove, when there was a knock on the door and out of the rain, sleet and snow came one of the best-looking types of American manhood I have seen in some time. He was of striking appearance and a bad cough which he had and the paleness of his face showed that he was convalescent. He brought a note from his commanding officer stating that the bearer was a motorcycle rider and was just getting over the grip and was very much in need of knitted articles.

"I took the man down to the warehouse, and on the way down he mentioned that several sweaters he had seen had cards on them giving the name of the woman who had knitted them, and asked me if I couldn't get him a sweater with such a card on it, as he wanted to write a letter of thanks.

"On entering the warehouse I chanced that the first sweater I picked up had stitched to it a little black-bordered card bearing the name and address of the woman and in a little, thin, shaky hand the following words:

"I am 71 years old, and God bless you, boy."

"When the soldier saw the little card he gathered up his helmet, wristlets, muffler and sweater, and his eyes were actually filled with tears as he turned to me and said, 'Isn't that splendid? That is just what wanted?'"

THEN HE'D GET HIS



Wife—Henry, what punishment should be meted out to a man who proposes to a woman and then refuses to marry her?

Hubby—He should be compelled to marry her.

THE BOSTON OF SIBERIA.

If Tobolsk be his new place of residence, not much commiseration need be felt for the ex-czar. It is a picturesque old town, healthy in the upper part of it, and in favor in Siberia as a winter resort. It is not exactly the hub of the universe, but it is the Boston of Siberia, and the home of the arts there. It is said to owe its culture to the large colony of Swedish officers interned there after Peter the Great's striking victory at Poltava. They brought refinement with them, and its influence has never been lost.—London Chronicle.

SHORT ORDER.

Persistent Salesman—Won't you give me an order?
Business Man—Certainly. Get out.—The Lamb.

Red Cross Canteen Service Furnishing Food to American Soldiers "Somewhere In the Southwest"



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The workers of the Red Cross canteen service are always on the job when soldiers are passing through a town. They prepare mounds of delicious sandwiches, huge wedges of pie, and to top it off gallons of piping hot coffee for the soldier boys. This photograph shows a typical scene at a station somewhere in the Southwestern Division of the Red Cross when a troop train made a brief halt on its way from somewhere to somewhere else with some of our soldier boys.

(Censored and passed by the Committee on Public Information.)

THE KITCHEN CABINET

It is the best sign of a great nature that it opens a foreground, and like the breath of morning landscapes, invites onward.—Emerson.

FROZEN DISHES.

The following are a few recipes of ice creams which will be a little out of the ordinary.

Frozen Peaches.
—Take two quarts of peaches, one quart of water and three cupfuls of sugar. Pare, stone and mash the peaches. Add six broken peach kernels to the sugar and water, and boil five minutes. Strain and when cool add to the peaches and freeze.

Pistachio Cream and Peaches.—Cook together a pint of milk, one tablespoonful of flour and one cupful of sugar in a double boiler fifteen minutes, then add a beaten egg and cook until it is set. Cool, add a pint of cream, one tablespoonful of vanilla and one teaspoonful of almond and green coloring to that. Freeze and serve with fresh-chilled sliced peaches.

Junket Ice Cream.—Take a quart of luke-warm milk, one cupful of cream, one and a quarter cupfuls of sugar, one-eighth of a teaspoonful of salt, one and a half rennet tablets dissolved in one tablespoonful of cold water, flavor with a tablespoonful of vanilla. Mix in the order given, pour into a dish and let stand in a warm place to set, then freeze in a small freezer, mold and pack in ice and salt. When serving, garnish with sliced peaches.

Fig Ice Cream.—Soak two pounds of figs over night. Put through a meat chopper, cover with boiling water and bring to the boiling point. Take a quart of milk, one pint of cream, one and a half cupfuls of sugar, boil, add to the figs, cool and flavor with any desired flavoring.

Blackberry Sherbet.—Strain the juice from a quart of preserved black berries, add half as much water as juice, and sugar if not sweet enough. Add a tablespoonful of lemon juice. Freeze to a mush, then add the whites of two eggs beaten stiff and freeze hard. Grape juice, raspberry or any fruit juice may be treated in this same way.

Skim Milk is Profitable.
If skim milk is available, it can be fed very profitably to growing chicks as well as to mature hens. The amount of beef scrap may then be reduced.

HIS THEME.

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CLEWIS

THE TAILOR

READ ALL THE ADS

LIVE AT HOME AND BOARD AT THE SAME PLACE

By John Esten Cook, Editor Rockdale Reporter

Even those American citizens who at first made light of Herbert Hoover's statement that "food would win the war," and those other unthoughtful ones who termed him a fanatic or a fool, must now begin to realize that the great necessity which confronts the nation, is More Food and Feed Stuffs.

During these last few weeks it has been brought home to every American citizen that the food problem of these United States is a big one. And that citizen who at this time by word or deed belittles the efforts of the Food Administration, is lacking either in patriotism or in good sense.

Texas, as the greatest state in the Union, should set an example for all to follow. In spite of the large area which has been all but devastated by the drouth, Texas should show the world that her farming resources are in reality, as heretofore boasted, the greatest in the world.

Every Texas farmer at this time should be planning to

greatly increase his production of food and feed crops. The landlords should give their tenants special terms and special privileges, in order to attain the desired end. Let every farmer realize, first, that food and feed is necessary for the success of the United States and her allies in this war; and second, that it is a personal necessity which, if neglected, is certain to cripple the individual's own resources. No matter how high the price of cotton may soar, the returns from an all-cotton crop for the average farmer are not going to be great enough to enable him to purchase ample food and feed stuffs, and a man who plants all cotton may find himself in the predicament of having a bank account but nothing to eat next fall. Every farmer, whether he owns his farm or rents, should make the supreme effort of his life this year to raise such crops as will enable him to "live at home and board at the same place."

REYNARD

BY ZACK

March 11.—Corn planting was pushed almost to a finish last week and we believe that eighty per cent of the corn has been planted and some of it is up to a good stand. We have had a few real spring days and every indication points to an early spring. The forests and vegetation in general has made great headway, but the cool spell that is now on will slow things up for a time.

The following officers were elected for the year for the Sunday School: T. S. Kent, Superintendent; C. C. Smith, Assistant Superintendent; O. M. Rials, Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Allen, Assistant Secretary; Mrs. West, Librarian and Organist; Mrs. George Allen, Assistant Librarian and Organist. We are expecting a real live Sunday School now, as spring has opened.

J. L. Chiles and wife and Mrs. J. A. Allen and son were guests of Tom Kent and family Sunday. Some of us are badly behind with our visiting.

M. L. Williams will preach for us next Sunday at the usual hour. Some of us are getting real hungry to hear a sermon.

The writer was in Grapeland Saturday to carry the hen eggs and get the twenty-four pounds of flour. We asked the clerk when we could get some more. He said they sold it according to instructions and if we used it in the same way we could get more when it was out. So you see a man with a large family will need flour oftener than a man with a small family. This war is a terrible thing. It makes us sad to see the boys in uniform.

We were glad to notice that not a death was reported in the last issue of the Messenger—the first one this year without one or more.

Our school will be out the last of April. Mr. Streetman has taught us a good school. He had some trouble with the big boys, but that is nothing out of the ordinary for big boys.

C. H. Long and family have moved back to their farm at Augusta.

ROCKHILL

BY NORMAN

Rock Hill, Texas, March 11, 1918.

The health of this community is very good at present, no one being seriously ill.

C. M. Streetman and John Willis went to Crockett Saturday evening on school business.

Miss Eva Mae Nichols visited Miss Ola Willis Sunday.

Messrs. Gus Murdock, John and Claude Pierson, Fred Hanks, Chester Prater and Miss Dee Hilton visited Misses Louise and Nina Carroll Sunday. They all went car riding and had a nice time. Ed Matthews also came over in his car.

The Society will meet Friday evening of next week. It was a mistake that it is to meet March 29, as was printed in last week's Messenger.

Brit Matthews and his father visited Charlie Baber Sunday.

Rev. Henderson preached a nice sermon yesterday afternoon.

Quite a crowd from this community went last Sunday to help hunt for Mr. H. A. Skeen, who mysteriously disappeared from his home Sunday night of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Streetman and baby visited Tucker Herod and family last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Ruby Helm, who has been seriously ill, is improving rapidly at the present time.

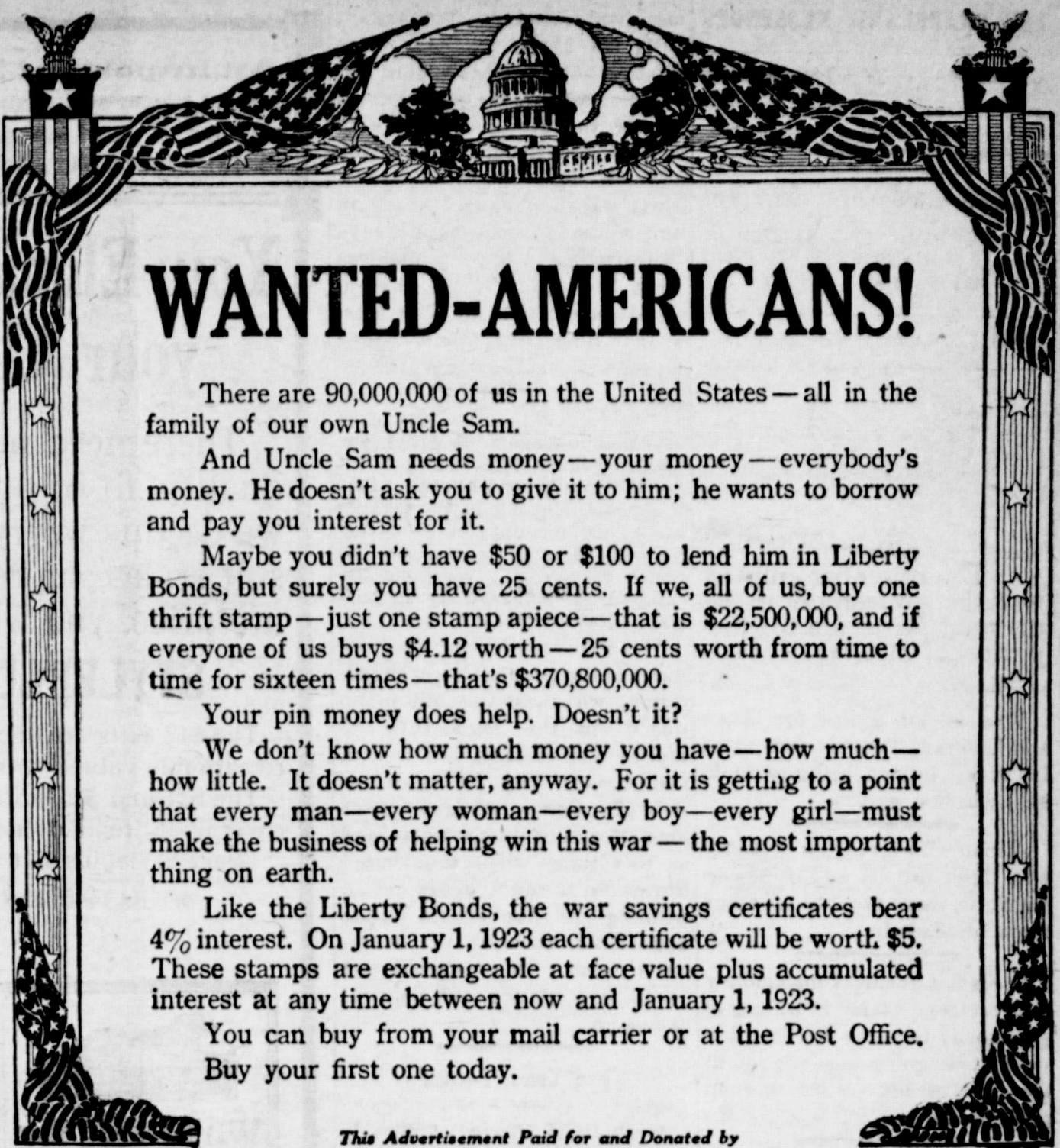
Mrs. R. M. Brooks, who has been on the sick list for some time is slowly improving.

MISS BRANCH THANKS HER FRIENDS

I wish to sincerely thank those who assisted me in the Messenger's contest. While I did not win the first prize, I am just as grateful as though I had, and feel that I made a good race, considering the fact that I was in school five days in the week. Again thanking you, I am,

Sincerely,
ROSA BRANCH.

Miss Ora Standley, of Lovelady, was the guest of Miss Esther Darsey Saturday.



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Your pin money does help. Doesn't it?

We don't know how much money you have—how much—how little. It doesn't matter, anyway. For it is getting to a point that every man—every woman—every boy—every girl—must make the business of helping win this war—the most important thing on earth.

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Fight Against Cattle Ticks

Washington, D. C.—As part of the 1918 drive against the cattle fever tick, which is hoped to free all of Louisiana and large areas in other Southern states, department of agriculture officials are counting on effective work in southeast Texas, which has been looked upon as one of the strongholds of the cattle parasite that sucks blood from potential meat and milk producers.

Six counties in southeast Texas already have voted to take up systematic tick eradication work. They are Galveston, Jefferson, Harris, Tyler, Houston and Montgomery. Five other counties—Brazoria, Hardin, Jasper, Angelina and Newton are to vote soon on tick eradication. The progress so far made in southeast Texas is regarded as very encouraging. In the 24 counties in southeast Texas, 485 dipping vats are available for use; 52 of them were constructed in January of this year.

Information Bureau at Camp Bowie

We will be glad to answer telegrams, letters and inquiries of all kinds. (If telephone or telegrams, prepay messages.)

Information will be furnished upon request regarding the health or welfare of any soldier. In fact this is a general information bureau for the benefit of relatives and friends of soldiers, all furnished free.

If you have intended visiting Camp Bowie, we will be glad to furnish you any information, so you can locate a soldier without delay or inconvenience.

In making inquiry regarding any soldier, please be certain to give his full name, the number of his company and the branch of service in which he is serving.

Mrs. J. D. Collett,
Chairman.

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- - - This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war - - -

This is not a time for idlers and loafers. There is something for every human being to do to help win this war.

A man who loves his country will fight for it, and if he can not fight, there are lots of other ways he can help.

It costs a business man money to advertise. If he is willing to pay money to invite you into his store, he is going to serve you to the best of his ability to keep you coming.

This community must "go over the top" in buying war saving stamps. Our quota is \$20 for each man, woman and child. Have you bought yours yet?

The Wisconsin legislature has passed resolutions condemning Senator LaFollette for his pro-Germanism. But what's pestering us is, why hasn't the U. S. senate kicked Bob into oblivion?

The next Liberty Loan campaign will be launched April 6. The amount is not yet known. Each community exceeding its allotment of bonds will be presented with a beautiful service flag.

The price of cotton still keeps looking up a bit. We hope our farmers will not let this incident deter them from planting a large acreage to corn. The world can not eat cotton.

Good roads are much cheaper in the long run, and the gain to farmers who haul over the roads to and from market will more than compensate for the extra amount they will cost. Be a good roads booster.

The editor of The Times has received many "chain letters." He is not, to any great extent, superstitious and has paid little attention to them. We took one from our mail box recently, however, that will be passed on five-fold. A. H. Luker, editor of The GrapeLand Messenger, was the writer. It contained a thrift card with one thrift stamp attached, with the request that we buy five more and mail them to friends with the request that they also "pass it on." Here is a chain letter that is really worth while.—Deport Times.

While in GrapeLand Tuesday Mr. George E. Darsey took us through his mammoth store and also through his large warehouse and we saw more goods than we thought were in that portion of the country. Mr. Darsey is one of east Texas' most progressive

merchants, and on January 1, 1918, his stock invoiced about \$65,000, but since his spring and summer stocks are coming in, it is near the \$100,000 mark. He ordered The Record sent to his address each week and will likely carry a regular space in our columns soon, as he says "advertising made my business what it is today." We also enjoyed a short visit at The Messenger office, but found Editor Luker out.—Elkhart Record.

The Herald is meeting with much encouragement from the people regarding our argument for the county candidates to do their campaigning in the various towns of the county on Saturday instead of making a house to house campaign. We hope the candidates will see it in this way.—Ratcliff Herald.

We wish to add our endorsement to the proposition. In addition, we favor the bill introduced in the legislature to amend the election law to hold the primary May 30 instead of July 27. Our campaigns are too long even in ordinary times, and at this time, when the United States is facing a great crisis, winning the war should be the uppermost thought in everyone's mind. We should not have a long, drawn out political campaign.

Red Cross 'Possum

Mrs. J. N. Tyer of Tyer's Store, sent a fat 'possum to the Crockett Red Cross to be sold at auction Saturday. The 'possum had been captured by some boys of her community. It was put on the auction block and sold time and again to the highest bidder, each buyer returning it to be resold. Finally the soldier boys, who had assembled in town to leave for Camp Travis, decided to buy the 'possum and keep it. Later they decided that, instead of taking it to San Antonio, they would give it to Mrs. J. H. Painter, who presides in the clerk's department at the local board rooms and whom they felt under obligations to on account of favors and courtesies. Thus Mrs. Painter became the proud recipient of the Red Cross-soldier 'possum. It netted \$4.75.—Crockett Courier.

A Badge of Honor

A Liberty Loan button is a badge of honor. Rightfully obtained it marks the wearer as one who has performed a distinct, definite service to the country.

Not all can fight, not all can work directly for the government; but in buying a Liberty loan bond, or war saving stamps, every American renders some service to the nation. It has been put within the reach and power of every citizen to aid the United States financially; it is a poor American who withholds support from the government, from our soldiers and sailors fronting death on battlefields and oceans.

Iron crosses to German soldiers, and diamond orders exchanged between Turkish and German sovereigns may be but the honors of atrocity. But a Liberty Loan button, simple as it is, signifies a patriotic duty done and is an insignia of honor.

We will receive a car load of Studebaker wagons next week.

Jas. S. Shivers,
3-12 Crockett, Texas.

Darsey's Millinery Opening Friday and Saturday of next week. 1t

An Important Meeting will be held next Tuesday afternoon at the school house at 2 p. m. If you are interested in your own welfare and the welfare of your country, be sure and attend. Every man, woman and child in this community should be present.

You Eliminate all Risks in Making your Clothing Purchases Here

There need not be a doubt in your mind as to style, quality, fit or price, for with years of study and buying we do this worrying for you. If you want the newest suit styles, supreme quality, a perfect fit, all at a moderate price, you will never regret investigating our line of

STYLEPLUS CLOTHES \$17 \$21 AND \$25

The \$17 suits are of course brought over from last season and include some remarkable values in two-piece suits.

The \$21 and \$25 suits are absolutely the newest fabrics made on the latest government regulation styles.

Every Styleplus suit absolutely guaranteed regardless of the price you pay.

WE HAVE OTHER REMARKABLE SUIT VALUES AT \$10, \$12.50 AND \$15



THE ROYAL TAILORS

OF CHICAGO

America's leading clothing artists, have a beautiful range of new fabrics now on display at our store. These, together with fabrics of matchless quality saved from 1916 and 1917, make the strongest line of high grade made to measure clothes in this country. And yet, the price advance is slight.

LET US TAKE YOUR MEASURE for that suit or extra trousers. There is no guess work here; your suit is drafted to your particular dimensions and a fit and satisfaction guaranteed.

Save and you will help win the war. Save foodstuffs, money and woolen fabrics. Feed and clothe the soldiers.

America is looking to the folks at home to do their part towards the war. Plant a garden. Feed yourself.

Very few of us are in such circumstances that we cannot buy War Saving Stamps. Lend Uncle Sam your money. Buy Thrift Stamps.

Everybody is expected to do his bit. We must feed ourselves. Wont you observe the meatless and wheatless days?

Save! Save! Save!

This is the keynote to our success in the war. Would you sacrifice victory to satisfy your craving? Would you let your money help the kaiser win the war? Now is the time for us to act. Let's back the President.

MEN'S HIGH CLASS FURNISHINGS

A look through our men's and boys' department will reveal to you a carefully selected line of man's wearing apparel.

PERFECTO SHIRTS—for every occasion. These shirts are here in beautiful patterns, both madras and silks, at 75c to \$7.50

SUMMER UNDERWEAR

Here you can get just the kind of underwear you want, long and short. We are also showing summer night shirts in all sizes.

HATS AND CAPS

Felt and straw hats, Panamas and a big lot of fancy caps. Just your size. Dont pass up these lines.

ANYTHING YOU NEED

Here you will find fancy socks, belts, neckwear, suspenders, supporters and a complete assortment of all furnishings.

DONT OVERLOOK OUR SHOWING OF HIGH AND LOW FLORSHEIM SHOES

GEORGE E. DARSEY

THE "SERVICE FIRST" STORE

LOCAL NEWS

New line of oil stoves at Keeland Bros. 1t

McLean & Riall pay more for produce. 1t

Darsey's Millinery Opening next week. 1t

Buy your next bill from W. R. Wherry. 50tf

A handsome line of traveling bags at Darsey's. 1t

Plenty of alfalfa hay at McLean & Riall's. 1t

Porch swings, rocking settees, porch chairs at Keeland Bros. 1

The new cowboy handkerchief ties at Darsey's. 1t

RUMY-B-TISM—Antiseptic, Relieves Rheumatism, Sprains, Neuralgia, etc.

Country ribbon cane syrup, 90 cents per gallon, at Keeland Bros. 1t

Dr. W. D. McCarty was a business visitor to Houston one day last week.

FOR SALE

Good milch cow. H. C. Jones, route 1. 2-tf

A complete line of automobile fixtures and Ford parts at Darsey's. 1t

We will receive a car load of Studebaker wagons next week. Jas. S. Shivers, 3-t2 Crockett, Texas.

Mrs. John B. King of Palestine visited relatives here the latter part of last week.

RIT SOAP washes and dyes at the same time. It is stainless and does not streak. All colors 10 cents at Darsey's. 1t

To Autoists

You will find the best lubricating oil and grease at Hughes & Son's garage. 52-tf

Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23. Remember the date. Darsey's Spring Millinery Opening. 1t

Buy the genuine Studebaker wagon from Jas. S. Shivers, 3-t2 Crockett, Texas.

Mebane Cotton Seed For Sale

Pure Mebane cotton seed for sale at \$1.75 per bushel.—Eugene Holcomb, Augusta, Tex. 1-tf

Big line of all-leather horse collars and Kelley plows. We are closing them out at the old prices. Keeland Bros. 1t

FOR SALE

Two full-blooded Poland-China sow pigs; also two full-blooded Tamworth male pigs. 1-tf J. E. Hollingsworth.

Eggs for Sale

Rhode Island Red eggs, per setting \$1.50. Mrs. R. B. Edens, Union phone. 2-tf

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Cure was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Cure is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. All Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Ford parts at Darsey's. 1t

Ledbetter cotton and corn planters at Kennedy Bros. 1t

Breaks your Cold or LaGrippe with a few doses of 666. 1t

Beautiful ribbons and handles for bags at Darsey's. 1t

Mrs. Ory Heath, of Madisonville is here visiting her parents.

It is easy to dye with RIT, the wonderful soap, at Darsey's. 1t

Dr. C. C. Nash of Palestine, was in Grapeland Tuesday afternoon.

A beautiful lot of silk dresses and skirts at Darsey's. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ellis, of Crockett, visited relatives here Sunday.

If the shoes you have been buying failed to give satisfaction, try W. R. Wherry. 50tf

Mrs. Knight of San Antonio, is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Moore.

A car load of good alfalfa hay just in at W. H. Long & Co's Extra large bales. 1t

Congoleum art squares, matting art squares and matting at Keeland Bros. 1t

FOR SALE

One good work mule, 8 years old. M. E. Bean 3-t1

Let us sell you a Ledbetter corn and cotton planter. They are good ones. Kennedy Bros 1

We will receive a car load of Studebaker wagons next week. Jas. S. Shivers, 3-t2 Crockett, Texas.

Received big shipment of Bridge-Beach stoves—the best stoves on earth. Keeland Bros. 1

Syrup for Sale

Pure ribbon cane syrup for sale. See or phone R. B. Edens, Union phone. 2-tf

FOR SALE

Plenty good heavy ear corn. 1t W. T. Pridgen, route 3.

Mrs. N. J. Davis and children visited relatives in Palestine this week.

We will receive a car load of Studebaker wagons next week. Jas. S. Shivers, 3-t2 Crockett, Texas.

FOR SALE

1916 5-passenger Ford car. All works brand new, new tires all around; has been worked over. It is as good as new. 2-tf J. H. Bowman.

To get best results you must have good implements. The Ledbetter corn and cotton planter will answer your needs. Sold by Kennedy Bros. 1t

M. D. Townley, who has been with the Messenger for the past six weeks, assisting in our subscription campaign, left Monday for Gilmer, where he will visit a few days before going to his home in Lampasas.

FOR SALE

Maxwell 5-passenger car in good condition; can be seen at Hughes garage. Will sell or trade for cattle. 1t J. M. Page.

Mrs. T. E. Phillips, of New Waverly, who has been visiting J. O. Phillips and wife, left Saturday night for Oakwood to visit with her husband, who is temporarily there as station agent.

We have plenty of fertilizer. 1t W. H. Long & Co.

The Studebaker wagon has stood the test for nearly half a century. For sale by Jas. S. Shivers, Crockett, Texas. 3-t2

EGGS FOR SALE

Pure White Plymouth Rocks, per setting of 15, \$1.00. See or phone me. 3tf MRS. R. L. KENNEDY.

Judge S. A. Denny, of Crockett, spent Saturday here in the interest of his candidacy for county judge.

Plenty of good seed Irish potatoes at W. H. Long & Co's. 1t

AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev Barrett, of Troup, will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at night. The public is extended a cordial invitation to hear him.

Removal Notice

I have removed my shoe repair shop to the rear of Wherry's store. Bring me your work to new location. 2-tf J. L. Buckalew.

T. H. Leaverton has purchased property in Hillcrest and a large tract of land just west of there. He will, in the near future, erect a modern residence on the Hillcrest property.

If you are going to need a farm wagon this fall, come to Crockett and buy it now and pay for it when your crop is gathered. Jas. S. Shivers, 3-t2 Crockett, Texas. The home of Studebaker wagons.

SMALLPOX AT LATEXO

A case of smallpox is reported at Latexo, and as a matter of precaution, the public school has suspended for two weeks.

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. 1t J. W. Howard.

Ben Frisby has gone to Crockett, where he has a position with the McLean Drug Co.

Fred Bridges of the New Prospect community, was in to see us a little while Saturday morning, and went down to Crockett to look after some business matters.

We have a complete line of farm implements—anything you need. See us before you buy. 1t W. H. Long & Co.

LOST

Ladies' wrist watch, between Kennedy Bros. and Darsey's store. Finder please leave at McLean & Riall's store. 1t

M. L. Clewis went to Fort Worth Saturday night, returning Tuesday night. He visited the boys at Camp Bowie and reports a general good time.

Rev. and Mrs. A. O. Riall returned Tuesday from Galveston, where Bro. Riall went to consult a specialist concerning his condition. He has been in ill health for some time. His many friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

Joe Adams, Garland Ellis, P. W. Bishop and A. E. Owens of Crockett, were in Grapeland a few hours Tuesday afternoon.

MONEY SAVER FOR AUTO OWNERS

One of the greatest discoveries for increasing automobile efficiency is

SPEEDOLINE

The analysis of Speedoline shows that it does not contain any ingredients that is harmful to the finest motor, and the Speedoline Company makes a standing offer of \$100.00 to anyone who can prove that Speedoline will not run an automobile on a fourth less gasoline, increase the power of the motor and remove carbon, or that it will in any way injure the finest motor.

1 or 2 Ounces of Speedoline put into 5 gallons of gasoline does the work. Get a can. Lessen the expense and lessen auto troubles.

We are Exclusive Agents

HONESTY AND QUALITY

The Peoples Drug Store

WADE L. SMITH



Serve Your Country By Saving Money!

You've always been told you ought to save money; every day some savings bank advertisement tells you so. The chief reason given for saving money has been that you'd have the money with interest later on, as a step to financial independence and success.

That is an excellent reason, but there's a better reason than that. Save because we have pledged the honor of our country and our people to fight this war to our last dollar and to our last man if necessary. America does not break her word.

Money saved makes of you a better man or woman, boy or girl; makes you dependable, responsible; increases self-respect, which increases your value. Save money to help your country by buying War Savings Stamps and U. S. Thrift Stamps.

- 1—War Savings Stamps are a promise to pay you the amount you invest, at the end of 5 years, with 4 per cent interest compounded every three months.
- 2—You can turn them into cash any time without looking for a buyer; just go into any postoffice and get them cashed.
- 3—You can invest in U. S. Thrift Stamps as little as 25 cents at a time, and as much more as you please.

INVEST YOUR MONEY IN YOUR GOVERNMENT



Put your quarters, and halves and dollars into these safest and simplest of all government securities.

SAVE MONEY SERVE MANKIND

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The Grapeland Messenger

HUGHES & SON AUTO SHOP

We are prepared to do your auto work and will appreciate your patronage. Right treatment to all. Located in old livery stable building. Calls answered anywhere. Phone us at any time. 48-tf

Mrs. Earl Singletary, of Alto, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Carl Gainey.

PEANUT HAY WANTED

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

Strayed or Stolen

One brown mare, about 14 1-2 or 15 hands high, branded R on left shoulder. Liberal reward for information leading to recovery. Notify 3-tf G. E. Darsey.

How about a corn and cotton planter? We have the best made—Ledbetter. Kennedy Bros. 1t

Mrs. Minnie Ashwood of Onalaska, is spending a short time in Grapeland, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Thornton.

SPRING STYLES

YOUR Home Tailor knows the styles and he takes a delight in making his customers look like they have just stepped off of Broadway. And the customers who have patronized the shop in the past are the strongest friends we have right now. Tell us what you want in the way of clothing, and we will give you quick service, correct information and a square deal. Your old clothing will be made to look new if you will bring it to this shop. Let us serve you.

CLEWIS

THE TAILOR

A TORPID LIVER KILLS ENERGY

It makes you feel tired, dull and sleepy. The system is filled with bilious impurities which must be driven out before you can feel better. Try

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It is the right remedy for liver troubles because it contains the necessary properties for putting that important organ in an active, healthy condition. It purifies the bowels, strengthens the stomach, stimulates the mental faculties and restores vigor and activity of body and brain.

Sold by all Dealers in Medicine.

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

WADE L SMITH

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

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

John Spence

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

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.
S. A. Denny.
- For Sheriff:
Preston Lively.
E. B. (Bud) Hale.
R. J. (Bob) Spence.
- For Tax Assessor:
Will McLean.
- For County Road Superintendent:
G. R. Murchison.
- For County Treasurer:
Willie Robison.
Ney Sheridan. (Re-election)
- For Tax Collector:
C W Butler Jr. (Re-election)
- For County Supt. Public Schools:
J. N. Snell
- Constable Precinct No. 2:
Will Brumley.

For the serious diseases that attack the kidneys, Prickly Ash Bitters is a remedy of merit. It relieves backache, dizziness, persistent headache, loss of strength and nervous weakness; symptoms which indicate kidney trouble. Price, \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L Smith, special agent.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

List Petit Jurors for Spring Term of District Court of Houston County

The following named persons are to appear Monday, April 8, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m., to serve as petit jurors:

A. B. Hallmark, Tom Kent, Jr. P. M. Boatwright, M. L. Brimberry, D. V. Grounds, C. W. Willis, R.H. Howell, R.L. Brown, Jim L. Dunn, Walter West, T. J. Dickey, H. A. Anglin, Frank Taylor, T. E. Edge, J. W. Keys, T. W. Crowson, T. W. Grebb, J. J. Cutler, H. W. Beason, J. W. Hester, T. D. Craddock, L. G. Click, W. E. Poe, J. A. Childress, J. R. Moore, L. A. Estes, G. G. Hendrix, B. L. Jordan, John L. Dean, J. E. Allen. Wm. Brimberry, Sid Bennett, J. T. Burge, E. T. Ozier, B. D. Davenport, J.F. Jones, O B. Hallmark, J. L. Price, A. H. Holly, C. F. Cook.

The following named persons are summoned to appear Monday, April 15, 1918, at 10 o'clock, a.m., to serve as petit jurors:

C E Hester, Geo McLean, J A Butler, G C Russell, J R Elliott, Ed Holcomb, R L Shivers, L D Anderson, J J Holliday, Andrew Douglass, R S Best, Mattie Satterwhite, A D Grounds, J A Wilcox, W B Moore, S W Henderson, J S Brown, A S Rushing, W E Gainey, C H Click, Leonard Arnold, R L West, J Smith, N J Davis, J R Cupp, F J Lucas, John Markham, B W Kilgore, Doug Beazley, J W Morrison, W B Newman, H C Collier, Lee Perry, M L Landers, Bob Patrick, J C Arnold, C F Ferguson, J B Dean, J F Tunstall, W M Burton.

The following named persons are summoned to appear Monday, April 29, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m., to serve as petit jurors:

R H Jones, D R Baker, Hardin Pennington, O A Atkinson, J M Peterson, Jimmy Caskey, A E Buffington, J D Driskell, W E Allen, J A Parish, J E Bray, W H Dotson, R H Atkinson, H C Christian, John W Baker, C R Kellum, R Cunningham, H C Rich, S T Allee, E S Atkinson, E E Tunstall, Bob Allen, J E Dominy, L B Starling, C A Brock, T E Covington, Albert Holcomb, Eugene Fowler, E Kennedy, W T Craig, Frank Driskell, J F Frizzell, J L Murray, J T Langham, L A Kleckley, W J Ezell, Johnson Arledge, J E Driskell, S T Hester, E C Matthews.

Doings Down in Foodville

It is rumored that the well known partnership of Ham & Eggs is to be dissolved. They are rarely seen together now.

Miss Sugar has gone into temporary seclusion. Her return is looked forward to with much interest.

Among the season's debutantes are Miss War Bread and Miss Rice. The latter has been known informally for some time.

It is hinted that Mr. Coffee will soon bow to fashion and take apartments in the Skyhigh.

Recognition comes at last. Doc. Corn Meal, once despised, is being invited everywhere these days.—Life.

Do you have spells of dizziness and everything turning black before the eyes? These are symptoms of torpid liver and a clogged condition of the bowels. Take Prickly Ash Bitters and get rid of the misery. Price, \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.



WE OFFER OUR SERVICE

as financial experts to all our depositors. They can accept our advice with confidence that we have their best interests in view. Such service is of practical and financial value. We invite its constant use in any financial or business matter. Call and learn how varied this service is.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank

PURE DRUGS

ACCURATELY COMPOUNDED

That's the service we give when we compound your prescriptions.

OUR MOTTO IS QUALITY FIRST

When you are sick you need the best. When we compound your prescriptions the best to be had is yours. Every prescription filled by us is filled by a registered pharmacist. Every prescription we fill is compounded with drugs of the highest purity.

LEAVERTON'S

THE LEADING DRUG STORE

STOMACH TROUBLE

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

THEDFORD'S

BLACK-DRAUGHT

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

ONE CENT A DOSE

(17)

W. F. Brooks of Guiceland community, says corn in that section is up and far advanced. Many farmers are going to raise two crops on the same land. The corn has been planted six feet

apart and a row of peanuts will be planted between. He says the people are going to make a desperate effort to raise bumper crops, and here's hoping they do.

THE MESSENGER'S SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN IS OVER

Prizes Awarded Saturday Evening--the Best of Feeling Prevails With all the Workers

The Messenger's subscription-getting campaign came to a close Saturday afternoon. The voting stopped promptly at 5 o'clock.

The vote was counted at the Farmers & Merchants State Bank by the following judges, selected by the contestants: Wm. H. Long, Ney Sheridan, W. A. Riall, Frank Leaverton, M. E. Darsey and J. L. Scarborough. The winners of the prizes are as follows: Miss Annie Rainey Hollingsworth, \$125 diamond ring; Miss Esther Darsey, \$75 diamond ring; Miss Eula Mae Riall, \$60 lavilliere; Miss Rosa Branch, \$40 wrist watch.

Here is how the vote stood at the close:

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| Miss Annie Rainey Hollingsworth..... | 242,600 |
| Miss Esther Darsey..... | 206,500 |
| Miss Eula Mae Riall..... | 166,300 |
| Miss Rosa Branch..... | 164,900 |
| Miss Cloie Scarborough..... | 88,700 |
| Mrs. Ruby Lively..... | 64,000 |
| Miss Ellen Bridges..... | 43,800 |
| Miss Ola Willis..... | 39,700 |
| Miss May Martin..... | 26,600 |

The prizes were delivered to lucky contestants at Leaverton's drug store by Hon. B. F. Dent of Crockett, on behalf of The Messenger. A great crowd had assembled, eager to hear how their favorite contestant had fared.

We thank every person who in any way helped make a success of the campaign. It came up to expectations in a business way. Hundreds of new names have been added to our subscription list. The only regret we have is that each of the young ladies who did such splendid work could not be given a prize as valuable as the first. But all have been paid for what they did and the best of feeling prevails with all the workers. The contestants have done good work for the community as well as for the paper, for there is nothing that can be of more benefit to a town than a widely read, live newspaper. As has been stated before, The Messenger has purchased a linotype machine and after it has been installed more time can be devoted to hunting up and writing local news. It is our earnest desire to give our patrons such a good paper that none of them will want to be without it any more, and we confidently expect to retain on our list for many years to come practically all the names we have added to it as a result of the subscription-getting campaign. We want everybody in this entire section of country to read The Messenger, and we want The Messenger to merit their patronage and good will.

Again thanking the young ladies for their work and all who co-operated with them and with us in the campaign, we are sincerely yours,

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER.

BEEES FOR SALE

15 large, thrifty colonies, in nicely painted box hives with supers; will begin swarming in two weeks. A bargain at \$4.50 each, here.

W. T. Pridgen.

EPHESUS

REGULAR CORRESPONDENT

March 10.—The farmers are all busy planting corn and preparing cotton land. They have a broad smile on their faces when they look over the orchards and see the trees covered with blossoms. They say it is "war blossoms." I suppose war blossoms will produce war fruit, and looking at the present price of Irish potatoes, war fruit will be extra high this year.

Rev. Bozeman and family visited relatives at Salmon Sunday.

Leonard Luce of Camp Bowie, came home Wednesday on an 8-day furlough. We were all glad to see him and to hear that he likes army life.

Miss Beulah Graham visited at the home of J. M. Anderson Sunday.

Leonard Murdock and family visited relatives in Grapeland Sunday.

Miss Linda Turner, who spent the winter at Teague, returned home Wednesday.

D. Anderson and family returned home from Oakwood, where they visited relatives.

Mrs. A. J. Kelley visited Mrs. Monroe McVey Sunday.

The Third Liberty Loan

The campaign for the Third Liberty Loan will be opened on the 6th of April, the anniversary of the declaration of a state of war between the United States and Germany.

The amount, terms and conditions of the loan are dependent upon further legislation and will be announced as soon as congress has granted the necessary powers.

Secretary McAdoo chose the 6th of April as the day to open the campaign as the most fitting date to call for a patriotic response to the summons to duty to every American, to ask from the people at home the same fervent patriotism that actuates our gallant sons on the battlefields of France and on the waters of the Atlantic.

Farmers May be Depended Upon

The war has served to exhibit to the country at large, as the country never quite realized before, its dependence upon agriculture and the manifold problems which beset our primary industry. There is reason to believe therefore that during the coming year agriculture will have the active sympathy and cooperation of all citizens and classes who are in position to render aid. The farmers of the United States will not fail to do all that they can in this emergency and, with favorable seasons, they will produce enough to sustain the civil population, to keep our army and navy in full fighting vigor, and to supplement the depleted resources of the allies. Every facility that the department of agriculture can command to assist them will be freely placed at their disposal.



PATROLMEN TO REPAIR ROADS

To Keep Recently Constructed Highways in New Hampshire in Condition Many Men Are Employed.

Within the last ten years 442 miles of gravel roads have been built in New Hampshire at an average cost of \$3,826 per mile. It is clear that auto travel would ruin them in a short time if they were not maintained in good condition all the time. To meet this necessity several hundred patrolmen are employed from the last of March to the first of December in patching every little run and hole that appears, in cleaning the ditches and culverts and in spreading oil lightly over the surface. Each patrolman has a section of road assigned to him and is required to furnish a one-horse wagon, a shovel, a rake, a drag and such other equipment as is needed for his work. If the road is not oiled it is smoothed with the drag after every rain; oiled roads do not require frequent dragging. The patrolmen are paid an average wage of \$3.25 the day. In 1915 the total cost of maintaining these roads was \$240 the mile. The road officers of New Hampshire reckon that well-maintained gravel roads cost about \$250 the mile annually less than any of the more expensive types of road for the class of travel on four-fifths of the through routes in the state. On one-fifth of these routes the travel is too heavy to be carried by gravel and more expensive construction is necessary; no amount of maintenance of a gravel road will make it strong enough to carry more than a certain density of travel, particularly where automobiles are numerous.

PROBLEM OF ROAD BUILDING

Highway Official Tells How Great System Can Be Built—First Essential Equipment.

Thanks to the pushful, pervasive motorcar, American road building has "got a move on" at last. There is everywhere the cry for roads, for more roads and for better roads. The drawback has been that, as yet, there has been no co-ordination of these multitudinous enterprises. The president of the National Highway association, Charles Henry Davis, in a recent paper stated that we spent last year \$249,955,967, or more than two-thirds of the total of money expended so far on the construction of the Panama canal—for road improvements throughout the country. Mr. Davis' contention is that good roads, roads that run for thousands of miles through state after state, are, properly, not the responsibility of the state, but of the nation, says Boston Transcript. He would have the federal government build a



Bituminous Macadam Road.

system of national roads joining the West with the East, the North and the South, connecting every part of the country, as is the case with the national highways of Europe, and, as history shows, such as was the essential equipment of every first-class power of the past.

How would such an enormous construction be paid for and kept up?

"Suppose," asks this eminent engineer, "the government built 100,000 miles of properly planned roads, and at the same time purchased, say, 800 feet of land on either side. This land would so continually increase in value and in demand for leasing on long rental, that the cost of the road and the land purchase would soon be paid. A rental rate of \$6.06 per acre would pay the interest on the cost of construction. But such would rent at vastly higher rates in cities and towns, high enough to give the nation an income equal to its total annual expenditure," from these national highways alone!

Most Delightful Place.

Make good roads, and the country will be the most delightful place in the world to live.



THREE HUSKY FELLOWS READY TO HELP OUT IN THE LABOR SHORTAGE

Written for the Texas Food and Feed Production Campaign by J. N. Harper



Common labor is today the most sought after commodity in America. It is very scarce throughout the entire country. Farmers of the South are especially worried over the situation. During war times the farmer should be doubly economical of so valuable a commodity as labor. It must not be wasted. Now is not the time to employ labor to clean out fence corners, and to do other kinds of the less productive work. There must be no lost motion. Every lick must be made to count in answering the call of our nation and her allies, who are calling out to the farmer "Give us bread! Give us clothing!"

The best way to economize labor on the farm today is to produce more per acre. The southern farmer will act most unwisely if he tries to cultivate too much land with the present supply of labor. A better plan would be not to increase the acreage devoted to cultivated crops, but to produce more per acre, by the use of fertilizer, manure, good seed and improved machinery, all of which will save labor.

One ton of good fertilizer will do more work in growing crops than will

six times this amount of money expended in labor. For example, one ton of good fertilizer will now cost about \$46.00. The plant food in this quantity when applied to three acres of land will give an increase of about 750 pounds of lint cotton and 1,500 pounds of seed. The lint at 30c per pound amounts to \$225.00, and the seed at \$80.00 per ton amounts to \$60.00, making a total of \$285.00.

Few business concerns net 50 per cent increase on money invested in labor, but, granting that the farmer will net 100 per cent on his investment in labor, and supposing that he pays \$1.00 per day for labor, the \$46.00 invested in fertilizer, when invested in labor, would net him \$46.00; whereas, when invested in fertilizer, it gives him a net increase of \$239.00. Thus it can be seen the tremendous advantage of supplementing labor with liberal applications of plant food

Likewise an improved piece of machinery that makes it possible to cultivate an acre of cotton or corn with perhaps half the labor ordinarily employed, and cultivate it better, should be looked to at this time as a source of help in facing the labor shortage. Good seed of a strain known to do well in a community will do much toward increasing yields, without an increase of acreage.

Is this not a time when the farmer should be sure to use these three crop makers, to the fullest extent, to offset the labor shortage?

WARNING

It having come to our notice that parties have been trespassing upon our property, we deem it necessary to issue warning that henceforth we will be compelled to take drastic action to protect our rights. We have been disposed in the past to be lenient with offenders, but in the future we will pursue a different policy. For the benefit of all we publish herewith the law governing trespassing:

"Art. 1255 (804). Entering upon inclosed land of another to hunt or take fish. Any person who shall enter upon the inclosed land of another without the consent of the owner, proprietor or agent in charge, and therein hunt with firearms, or therein catch or take any fish from any pond, lake, tank or stream, or in other manner depredate upon the same, shall be punished by fine not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars. Provided, that this article shall not apply to inclosures including two thousand acres or more in one inclosure. (Act March 31, 1885, p. 80; Act 1893, p. 87; Act 1903, p. 159)."

Myrtle Lake Fishing Club.
By order of Directors. 1t

\$300 REWARD

Three hundred dollars (\$300) reward will be paid for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties guilty of the murder of Daniel Crenshaw, which occurred on December 14, 1917. The above amount is now in the Guaranty State Bank of Grape-land, Texas, and will remain there as long as twelve months. 52-t4

Food Production Campaign

The state agricultural department will send Team No. 3 to Grapeland on Tuesday, March 19. They will be at the school auditorium at 2 o'clock p. m. The team is composed of R. R. Claridge and Mrs. J. L. Landrum of the state department of agriculture; D. M. Reedy of the warehouse and marketing department, and P. T. Cole of the Cotton Belt railway.

Some of the subjects to be discussed are: "Why we are at war," "The nation's need for food and feed," "How to make the soil do its duty," "The war garden and the war," "How every child may help win the war," "Fight the kaiser with the hoe." All of these subjects are vital and are uppermost in the minds of the people just at this time.

It has been agreed that all business houses in Grapeland will close for this meeting. People in the surrounding communities are urged to attend. Remember the meeting will be held at the school auditorium on Tuesday, March 19, at 2 p. m.

Just Arrived

French glaze zephyrs, crepe de chine, silk tussah, Utopia silks, Belfont tissue, French plaid serge, military cloth, silk stripe voil and taffeta. A real nice line of ladies' shoes and dress goods. 51tf W. R. Wherry.

Harry Fred Moore and Misses Arledge and Clarette Elliott, of Crockett, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kennedy Sunday.

More Work Necessary

Disloyalty and selfishness have been shown in some instances among laborers in demanding fewer hours of work per day. Just as some firms would extort in time of great stress, so would others upon whom the government is more or less dependent for labor, seek selfish advantages for themselves at the expense of the government and the people who are demanding the necessary co-operation to win the war.

This is no time for selfishness nor for special favors. No true American can for a moment refuse any reasonable sacrifice necessary to get our army ready.

Those who are not called to the front are called to assist the army and the navy or the people who are supporting the government.

Whether on railroads, in ship-building establishments, on cantonments or on farms, every American must do his full duty. Every day's work should count. Every man, woman and child should be anxious to do more work than would ordinarily be required in order that our war preparations may be hastened and our country be made more efficient for the great task before it.—Farm and Ranch.

B. F. Collins and wife have shaken the dust of Grapeland from their feet and departed for Trinity, where Mr. Collins will operate a barber shop. The restaurant which they were running on Second street, they have sold to W. C. Thornton.

Our good friend, W. H. Burden of route 2, dropped around to see us a few minutes Saturday morning. He is now past 71 years of age, and is hale and enjoying good health. Despite his age, he makes a "regular hand" on his farm and hits the ball just like he was 22.

W. A. Vestal, traveling for the Williams Mill Manufacturing Co. of Texarkana, was in to see us Saturday. He has been in this community before and has sold lots of goods to farmers in this section. His company manufactures everything from a grist mill to a tractor.

TO OUR FRIENDS OF GRAPELAND AND SURROUNDING TERRITORY

WE TAKE this method of asking you to pay our store a visit. Our Spring Goods are arriving daily and are already the talk of the town although the season is yet in its infancy. We are showing all the new, and up-to-date merchandise of the season.



POPULAR THE NATION OVER

In Curlee Clothes you are offered styles, tailoring and values that meet with approval from coast to coast.

Men who want **wearable** all-round satisfaction-giving clothing at popular prices, are those who buy Curlee Clothes.

We feel confident that if you'd try one of our new Curlee Spring Suits, you'd find them to measure up to your requirements in every sense of the word.

SPRING FOOTWEAR

The famous Selby line of Oxfords and Pumps are now being shown and we ask that you see them all the shades and lasts.

SILKS--The largest selection of Dress Silks in Spring Novelties ever shown, consisting of Foulards, Shirting and the new Gingham Silks in neat plaids.--Complete line of Crepe de Chine and Georgette Crepes.

TENNIS SHOES

You will find the largest selection of Tennis Shoes that were ever shown in Grapeland and we will be glad to supply your wants in this line.

FELT HATS for Men and Boys--We are marking them up to-day and will be glad to show them to you. Call and see them.

Kennedy Brothers

The Store for Everybody

Got Something You Want to Sell?

Most people have a piece of furniture, a farm implement, or something else which they have discarded and which they no longer want.

These things are put in the attic, or stored away in the barn, or left lying about, getting of less and less value each year.

WHY NOT SELL THEM?

Somebody wants those very things which have become of no use to you. Why not try to find that somebody by putting a want advertisement in THIS NEWSPAPER?

ANTRIM

BY MIAWATNA

March 10.—Health of this community is very good at present; no serious sickness that we know of.

Everybody is busy at work, trying to get their corn planted and get up with their work.

The norther that came Saturday was not very much appreciated, as it will not help the corn.

Bro. Henderson preached two good sermons here Sunday. A good attendance was had at each service.

Our literary society met last Friday night. A large crowd was present and a very interesting program was rendered. The next meeting will be March 22. All are invited to attend.

H. A. Skeen, who left his home so mysteriously on Sunday, March 3, has not returned yet, nor has anyone been able to locate his whereabouts. A large searching party were unable to find any trace of him.

Rev. W. R. Durnell filled his regular appointment at Fields' chapel Sunday.

R. E. Martin and family and Ed Musick and family visited Mrs. S. J. Martin Sunday.

Sam Blackwell, wife and children visited at the home of H. Schuder of near Crockett, from Friday till Sunday.

Wedding

Mr. William Aldredge of Falls county, and Miss Allie Morris were married Sunday morning at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Morris, Esquire John A. Davis, officiating.

Besides the relatives there were a great number of friends present. Among them were Messrs. Elmo Keen, F. H. Herod, Scott Yarbrough, Den Oliver, Dan Ferguson and Leamon Langham; Misses Mattie Keen, Annie Tyer, Audry and Loye Yarbrough.

After the ceremony a delicious dinner was spread. They left Sunday night to make their future home in Falls county. Relatives and friends all join in wishing them a long, peaceful and happy life.

Tommy.

J. W. Young to Speak Here.

J. W. Young will be in Grapeland Friday afternoon, 2 o'clock, to deliver an address on the subject of the next Liberty Loan campaign and war saving stamps, and it is desired that a mass meeting of the citizens be called to meet at the school building so the pupils can also hear the address. The authorities in charge of the campaign for the sale of war saving stamps are very anxious to have the schools organized into war savings societies, and it is the purpose of Mr. Young to organize the Grapeland schools and arrange for having the other schools adjacent to Grapeland organize also.

Arch Baker.

Chairman Houston County War Savings Committee.

Lincoln's Way.

Mr. Herndon, once Lincoln's law partner, frequently related that on one occasion a man with a case the merits of which Lincoln did not appreciate requested the future president to try it in court. Mr. Lincoln thought for a moment, and then said:

"Yes, there is no reasonable doubt that I could gain your case for you. I can set a whole neighborhood at loggerheads; I can distress a widowed mother and her six fatherless children, and thereby get for you \$600, which rightfully belongs to her. I shall not take your case, but I will give a little advice for nothing. You seem to be a sprightly, energetic man. I would advise you to try your hand at making \$600 in some other way."—Ex.

Election Notice

Notice is hereby given that an election is ordered held on Saturday, April 6, 1918, for the election of three county school trustees, one in each commissioners' precinct—Nos. 1, 2 and 3—of Houston county, Texas.

The managers of the common school trustees' election, shall be managers of this election.

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E. Winfree,

County Judge Houston County.

Dr. G. H. Black was here a few days last week on business and greeting his many friends. He is now in Fort Worth attending the Baptist Seminary, preparing for the ministry.