

# The Grapeland Messenger.

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## State and General News

An inch of snow fell at Free, in northwest Texas, last week. Snows in Texas at this time of year will prove unpopular.

The wheat shortage is causing alarm to the food administration, and further reductions in the supply to the people is predicted. The supply on farm and in elevators, is far less than it was a year ago.

The senate and house passed the state wide prohibition bill last Saturday, and it now has gone to Governor Hobby for his approval or rejection. The governor stated that he did not know when he would act on the bill. Should he sign it, or permit it to become the law without his signature, Texas will be a "bone dry" state ninety days after adjournment of the legislature.

Gov. Hobby announced Saturday that he had appointed Thos. B. Greenwood of Palestine, to be an associate justice of the supreme court to succeed Judge Yantis, resigned, effective March 31. It is understood that Mr. Greenwood will accept the place.

The largest concrete ship in the world has been launched at a Pacific port. If the vessel stands all the tests, the builders hope this will help solve the nation's need for ships. Advantages claimed for this new vessel are that it will not interfere with steel construction, plenty of concrete can be had. Concrete vessels can be built for the present

cost of wooden ships and the average ship can be launched in 90 days after work starts.

Renewed efforts to hasten the wooden ship building program have been launched by the shipping board. Authority has been given southern yards to use smaller timbers in ship frames, thereby obviating the necessity for bringing large timbers from the Pacific coast. Surveys of the timber resources available for ship building in the south, will be made at once under the supervision of John H. Kirby of Houston.

Legislation to change the system of apportioning drafted men by making the basis the number of men in class 1 instead of the population of states, was held up in the house Wednesday with the filing of an adverse minority report by members of the military committee and by the statement of Chairman Dent that the measure would not be called up until after Secretary Baker's return from France. This will delay the second draft, as Provost Marshal General Crowder has announced that he will not go ahead with it until the law is changed.

Publishing of a newspaper is an industry necessary to the successful prosecution of the war, according to a decision handed down Thursday by district draft board No. 3, William Nottingham, chairman. This decision was made in the case of a Syracuse newspaper man and he was placed in 3L "as a neces-

sary associate in a necessary enterprise."

President R. E. Vinson of the University of Texas, is in Washington on business in connection with the war activities of that institution. Besides the nearly 2,000 students and former students of the university who are already in the army service, many other young men from the institution will enter the military ranks from time to time as they reach the age of service.

The price of castor oil is advancing rapidly, says the Popular Science Monthly for March. No more children than usual have eaten forbidden goodies, but airplanes have developed insatiable appetites for this remedy. The government has recently been buying enormous quantities of this delectable article. So now the airplanes will get it for lubricating their engines.

Washington, March 16.—Daylight saving now awaits only President Wilson's approval. House amendments to the daylight saving bill requiring all timepieces to be advanced one hour, beginning the last Sunday in March, were accepted by the senate. The change in time will remain in effect until the last Sunday in October, when clocks will be turned back again. Millions of dollars annually will be saved to the country by putting the plan into effect, according to its supporters.

Gov. Hobby on last Saturday signed and filed house bill No. 9, prohibiting the sale, barter or exchange of spiritous, vinous and malt liquors or medicated bitters capable of producing intoxication, within ten miles of any fort, arsenal, training camp, cantonment, aviation field or aviation school where soldiers, sailors, marines or aviators are being quartered, and within ten miles of ship building plants, which have contracts with the government. The bill becomes effective April 15. This was the governor's foremost recommendation in his program of war measures and his fullest expectations have been met. The saloon men in the largest cities have thirty days to get out of business. After that it will be unlawful to sell liquor in those zones or even bring it in in person.

### Clothing for Belgians

The local Red Cross, in connection with the Red Cross of America, is making a drive this week for cast off clothing for the Belgians. Those in charge of the movement request that you give what clothing, shoes and hats you can spare. The articles will be received at Darsey's, Kennedy Bros., McLean & Riall's and T. S. Kent's, where they will be prepared for shipment.

### STRAYED

Jersey heifer, about two years old, marked crop in left and overbit in right ear, peg-horned, bush of tail, has been partly pulled out; has been missing since about 11th inst. Reward will be paid for information leading to recovery. E. N. Curry, 4 t2p Grapeland, Texas.

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## APRIL 1 LAST DAY FOR FEDERAL RETURNS

Penalties for Income Dodgers Are Severe—Get Your Return in if You Are Liable.

April 1, 1918, is the final day allowed under the federal income tax law for the filing of federal income tax returns. Persons who are required to file returns under the provisions of law and who fail to get their returns in on time are subject to severe penalties, as follows:

For making false or fraudulent return, not exceeding \$2,000 or not exceeding one year's imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the court, and, in addition, 100 per cent. of the tax evaded.

For failing to make return on time, not less than \$20 nor more than \$1,000, and, in addition, 50 per cent. of the amount of tax due.

If on account of illness or absence from home you are unable to render your return within the time prescribed by law you may obtain an extension of 30 days if a request therefor is filed with the collector of your district before the due date of the return. In this request you must state the reason why the return cannot be filed within the time prescribed by law.

Collectors of internal revenue are not authorized to grant extensions of more than 30 days, but the commissioner of internal revenue has authority to grant a reasonable extension beyond 30 days in meritorious cases. If you desire an extension of more than 30 days your request should be addressed to the commissioner and should contain a detailed statement covering the reasons which make it impossible for you to file your return on or before April 1.

The internal revenue men are now completing their tour of the country, during which they were in touch with the people of every city and town. If you failed to get in touch with the deputy which visited your section it is not too late to get advice. Consult your postmaster as to where the nearest deputy is now. Get your blank form, study the directions and the requirements as shown thereon and make your return without fail if your income was sufficient to come within the bounds named in the law.

It is pointed out by Commissioner Roper that it is important that the people comply with the federal laws as fully as they are complying with the drafts for men and the conservation of foods and fuel. "The war must be paid for," says Commissioner Roper. "Congress has as much right to conscript a just portion of income as it has to conscript our boys. The tax for 1917 is designed to reach moderate as well as large incomes, so that all persons who are in financial position to bear a portion of the heavy government expenses can be assessed in proportion to their ability to pay."

"The man who is barely making a living or barely supporting a family is not affected by the 1917 law. But the man who is able to bear a share of the burden has been reached by the new law, and he should accept his responsibility in the same patriotic spirit that our young men have shown in offering themselves for this great purpose of the country to make the world safe for people of all kinds to live in and to govern themselves."

This tax is one which recognizes women as on an equal basis with men. The unmarried woman or the married woman with a salary must make tax return just the same as any man. Only the woman supporting her mother or other members of her family may take out \$2,000 exemption.

Under the law the head of the family is the one whose earning power contributes to the family's support.

Similarly a widow with small children to support can take out \$2,000 exemption and \$200 additional exemption for each of her children under eighteen. Thus it is intended that the law shall work no hardship to women having to struggle to get along. But each must file return if her income is \$1,000.

A man whose wife dies and who is left with small children to support upon a moderate income may also take full exemption under the new tax law and also claim \$200 exemption for each of his children under eighteen.

The widower under the law is a single man and must make tax return accordingly. Married men need not file returns unless they are earning \$2,000 or more.

"This is as much a national obligation as the reporting for duty of a man drafted for service with the colors," says D. C. Roper, commissioner of internal revenue. "As it stands, it is much a matter of the man or woman's own conscience. It is for him or for her to determine just how far he is liable to the tax. He must figure his own income and if it reaches the figures named in the law must make faithful report upon it to the proper authority."

"This tax is distinctly a war meas-

ure and will be in effect during the war.

"This is a people's tax—it reaches right down into the pockets of the small wage earner; it makes him a partner in the job of winning the war."

## MR. SIMPKINS PAYS HIS INCOME TAX

By ROBERT McBLAIR.

Mr. Simpkins gazed at the portrait on the wall till his eyes filled with tears. It was a portrait of his father, Colonel Simpkins, who had four times been promoted for valor during the Civil War and had died bravely on the field of action. Mr. Simpkins' throat ached now for two reasons: First, he revered and adored the memory of his father; secondly, his age and his eyes and his game leg wouldn't let him go to war himself. And as he observed the martial bearing and uncompromising gaze of Colonel Simpkins he saw, in imagination, the khaki-clad lads of the new generation marching forth and crossing three thousand miles of sea to fight, maybe die, for liberty.

Mr. Simpkins peered around to make sure that neither Bess nor John (who were at the tensing ages of sixteen and seventeen) were where they could see him, then he straightened and threw his right arm up for a salute. But his gouty shoulder twinged, and he groaned. He couldn't even salute.

"Damn!" said Mr. Simpkins, and with his other hand fiercely twirled his white mustachios.

He turned and limped into the library and sat down creakily before the mahogany desk on which were lying the blanks for his income tax statement, blanks which he had rather grumpily got from the Internal Revenue officer only that day after luncheon on his way home from the club.

Mr. Simpkins' income for 1917 had amounted to just about \$15,000, and he had been rather snappy on the subject of taxes ever since he had discovered that the more income a man has the greater the percentage of it he pays in taxes. He could think of several men who, like himself, were married and had two children, and yet, although their incomes were nearly half of his, they would pay only a small fraction of the amount he paid. He gloomily drew the blank nearer and began filling in the information that it asked for.

As Mr. Simpkins' income was \$15,000 he had to figure out the amounts payable on each of the successive smaller classes of incomes in order to arrive at the total due from himself. He passed over the first class who must pay taxes, that is, single men making over 1,000. His calculation for married men then showed up as follows: First, they pay 2 per cent. (under the 1916 law) on all income over \$4,000, deducting \$200 for each of their children under eighteen years. In Mr. Simpkins' case this was \$212, which he put down in the "payable" column.

He saw next that, under the 1917 law, married men pay an additional 2 per cent. on all over \$2,000—with the same allowance for children. This added \$252 to his "payable" column.

He then observed that for every \$2,500 jump in his income over \$5,000 he had to pay a Surtax, the percentage growing larger with each jump. This was \$250 more added to his burden. And on top of all this came an "Excess Profits" tax of 8 per cent. on all "occupation" income over \$8,000, making \$720 more.

The total, then, he must pay was fourteen hundred and thirty-four dollars.

"Whew!" exclaimed Mr. Simpkins angrily. "There's young Henry Wilkins, who married Jake Johnson's girl, he makes \$2,000 and he doesn't pay a cent of taxes. I guess this is his war as well as mine!"

Thinking of young Henry Wilkins, he remembered that Mrs. Wilkins went every afternoon to make bandages for the Red Cross and that Henry, who was a lawyer, was aiding the Local Draft Board with its questionnaires.

"Well," he admitted to himself, "that makes a difference."

He thought next of Judge Willoughby, whose income was about \$3,000.

"He only pays \$20," commented Mr. Simpkins, not quite so angrily this time; and then a thought struck him and he sat up rigidly in his chair.

Judge Willoughby's son had been drowned on the Tuscania when it was submarined with the loss of two hundred soldiers.

"Judge Willoughby gave his son to America," muttered Mr. Simpkins. He leaned forward suddenly and put his face in his hands.

For a long time Mr. Simpkins sat very still in that position. There was no sound in the library except the ticking of the tall clock and an occasional trill of laughter from the children skylarking upstairs. The square of light on the carpet gradually withdrew itself through the window, and first twilight and then darkness settled in about the quiet, white haired, sometimes irascible old man.

Mr. Simpkins was thinking things which he would never afterward speak of, he was thinking things that were

too sacred ever to be put into words. But some inkling of his thoughts may be found in his rejoinder to Mrs. Simpkins when that plaid lady came in and turned on the lights, and asked him whether he was ready for dinner. "Judge Willoughby's only son was worth as much as fourteen hundred and thirty-four dollars, wasn't he?" Mr. Simpkins demanded of her.

As his wife, who was not unused to his superficial irritations, watched him in mild astonishment, Mr. Simpkins limped out to the hall and took his old felt hat and silver-headed cane from the hat rack. Letting himself out into the foggy evening, he tapped his way down to the corner, and mailed his income tax statement and check with his own hands.

"Now, God be thanked," said Mr. Simpkins as the lid clanked shut over his missive, "I can do this much for my country, anyhow."

## FEDERAL INCOME TAX IN BRIEF

The Requirements Boiled Down for Busy Folks.

Returns must be filed on or before April 1, 1918.

Tax due may be paid now or on or before June 15, 1918.

If you are single and your net income for 1917 was \$1,000 or more you must file a return.

If you were married and living with wife (or husband) and had a net income of \$2,000 or more for 1917 you must file a return.

Husband's and wife's income must be considered jointly, plus income of minor children.

Income of a minor or incompetent, derived from a separate estate, must be reported by his legal representative.

Severe penalties are provided for those who neglect or evade the law.

For false or fraudulent return there is a penalty not exceeding \$2,000 fine or year's imprisonment, or both, plus 100 per cent. of tax.

For failure to make return on or before April 1, 1918, fine is from \$20 to \$1,000, plus 50 per cent. of tax due.

Returns must be filed with the Collector of Internal Revenue of district in which you live.

An agent may file return for a person who is ill, absent from the country or otherwise incapacitated.

Each return must be signed and sworn or affirmed by person executing it.

Single persons are allowed \$1,000 exemption in computing normal tax.

A married person living with wife (or husband) is allowed \$2,000 exemption, plus \$200 for each dependent child under 18.

A head of family, though single, is allowed \$2,000 exemption if actually supporting one or more relatives.

Returns must show the entire amount of earnings, gains and profits received during the year.

Officials and employees are not taxable on the salaries or wages received from a state, county, city or town in the United States.

Interest on state and municipal bonds issued within the U. S. is exempt from federal income tax and should be omitted.

Interest on United States government bonds is also exempt, except on individual holdings of Liberty Bonds in excess of \$5,000 par value.

Dividends are not subject to normal tax, but must be reported and included in net income.

Gifts and legacies are not income and should not be included on the return of the beneficiary.

Life insurance received as a beneficiary or as premiums paid back at maturity or surrender of policy is not income.

Payments received for real or personal property sold is not income, but the profit realized thereon is income for the year of sale.

Amounts received in payment of notes or mortgages is not income, but the interest on such notes or mortgages is taxable income.

From the entire gross income certain allowances are made in arriving at the net income.

Necessary expenses actually paid in the conduct of business, trade or profession may be claimed.

A farmer can claim payments for labor, seed, fertilizer, stock feed, repairs on buildings, except his dwelling; repairs of fences and farm machinery, materials and small tools for immediate use.

The amount of rent paid for a farm may also be claimed as a tenant farmer's expense.

Payments for live stock are allowable if bought for resale. But if bought for breeding purposes cattle are an investment, not an expense, and cannot be allowed.

A storekeeper can claim amounts paid for advertising, clerk hire, telephone, water, light and fuel, also drayage and freight bills and cost of op-

## WHAT THE RED CROSS IS DOING AND WHAT YOU CAN DO

WOMEN'S WORK DEPARTMENT.

One of the most important branches of Red Cross work which has been undertaken by the Woman's Department is that of providing clothing for the hundreds of thousands of refugees in the districts that have been devastated by the war. At present it is the French and Belgian refugees for whom the appeal is being made. The various pattern companies have published patterns of the garments, and many of our Red Cross Chapters have taken up the work of making the clothing.

This is work that can be done in the central sewing rooms of the Chapters, or it can be done at home, as the workers may prefer.

The garments made must above all else be durable. It is useless to send over articles made from flimsy materials that cannot stand the very hard wear they will get. For this reason we are not asking for secondhand clothing. Partially worn garments should be kept for the poor in this country, and we should send abroad only things made of new strong materials.

Materials for outer garments should be of dark colors. They may be figured, striped or plain colors, preferably black, gray or navy blue—never red and very little green. The French people have a dislike of bright colors in clothing, and at this time, when every family is in mourning, they seem particularly inappropriate. Even the clothing for the little children should be dark, excepting, of course, that for the babies. It is almost impossible to get laundry work done properly. There is no soap to be had, and little hot water. All these conditions must be considered in selecting the materials for the clothing.

There is need for about twice as much underwear as outer garments, and this holds true in all ages. There is a special need for clothing for the children from 1 to 8 years of age. If your local stores do not have the Red Cross patterns they may be ordered, through your Red Cross chapter, or our supply service at 817 North Broadway, St. Louis.

Among the most wanted articles are the following: Girls' petticoats, made with a waist attached. McCall pattern 103-A is the size for a year-old child, 103-B is for a 2-year-old, 103-C for 4 years old, and so on up to 103-H for a girl of 14. The

material should be flannel, outing flannel or flannelette, and the color preferably gray.

Boys' blouse suits, made of serge or any very strong warm material, in gray, black, brown or navy blue. McCall pattern 105-A is for a 4-year-old boy, and the sizes run up to 105-E for a 12-year-old.

Pinafores, McCall pattern size 99-A for a 4-year-old child and 99-B for a 6-year-old. Material black sateen or checked blue and white gingham.

Girls' chemise, McCall pattern 110-A for a 6-year-old, size running up to 110-G for an 18-year-old. Women's chemise, McCall pattern 152-A for a 36-inch bust and 152-B for a 38-inch bust. The materials should be heavy unbleached muslin.

Girls' drawers, McCall pattern 111-A for an 8-year-old, size running up to 111-E for 18 years. Women's drawers, McCall pattern 151-A for a 26-inch waist, 151-B for a 28-inch waist, 151-C for a 30-inch waist and 151-D for a 34-inch waist. Materials, heavy unbleached muslin.

For the little ones at the creeping age there are two dress patterns wanted, McCall pattern 90-A being a 6-month size, 90-B for 1 year and 90-C for 2 years, while 91-A is the size for 1 year and 91-B for the 2-year-old child, this pattern having no provision for a smaller size.

Please order by numbers, and remember that all orders should come through chapter headquarters to the Bureau of Supplies.

MRS. EDMUND F. BROWN, Director of Women's Work, Southwestern Division A. R. C., 1617 Railway Exchange Building, St. Louis, Mo.

## ARMY CAMPS ORDERED TO MAKE USE OF RED CROSS

Realizing the great force for good embodied in the Red Cross, and likewise realizing that the Red Cross is the most important agency outside the soldier himself for winning the war for America and her allies, Secretary of War Baker has issued a mandatory order directing the commanders of camps and cantonments all over the United States to make use of the services and supplies of the American Red Cross.

This means that commanders generally will avail themselves of the Red Cross whenever necessary. The Secretary of War's order has been transmitted to all commanders throughout the United States.

Great Demonstration in Turin.

The departure of the fourth section of the American Red Cross, made up of 25 ambulances, was the occasion of a great demonstration for the United States in Turin, Italy. Flowers were heaped on the ambulances, crowds cheered, bands played American airs and soldiers paid military honors.

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Analysis to suit different crops—dry, in excellent mechanical condition. You'll never want anything but Meridian Fertilizers with the red bag on the bag if you once use them. **ORDER EARLY!**

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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT**  
Of the Financial Condition of the  
**Farmers & Merchants State Bank**  
At Grapeland, State of Texas,

at the close of business on the 4th day of March, 1918, published in The Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 21st day of March, 1918.

—Resources—

Loans and discounts personal or collateral	\$ 67,268.19
Loans, real estate---	6,500.00
Overdrafts	1,358.01
Bonds and stock	1,600.00
Real estate, (banking house)	2,983.03
Bond account	200.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,750.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	117,475.56
Due from other banks and bankers subject to check, net	514.83
Cash items	2,158.74
Currency	13,075.00
Specie	2,071.20
Interest and assessment depositors' guaranty fund	1,533.60
Other resources: Collections in transit	2,153.86
U. S. certificates of indebtedness	20,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$240,642.02</b>

—Liabilities—

Capital stock paid in	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus	13,500.00
Undv. profits, net	1,510.01
Individual deposits, subject to check	190,272.55
Time certificates of deposit	20,010.40
Cashier's Checks	249.06
Other liabilities: Dividends unpaid	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$240,642.02</b>

State of Texas }  
County of Houston } 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 and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief

Geo. E. Darsey, President.  
W. D. Granberry, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day [SEAL] of March, A. D., 1918.

J. R. Richards,  
Notary Public, Houston County, Texas.

Correct—Attest:  
W. G. Darsey, }  
M. E. Darsey, } Directors  
T. S. Kent, }

If efforts were made to dispose of all hens when their best laying days were over, a large quantity of poultry meat would be placed on the market. All poorly developed chickens should be culled out and sold for meat, also. This would allow the poultry keeper to make the best use of his gain by feeding it to younger and more productive fowls.

Rapid heart throbbing does not necessarily mean heart disease; generally it is caused by a disordered stomach. Prove it for yourself by taking Prickly Ash Bitters; if the stomach is at fault the heart symptoms will quickly disappear. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

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**Official Statement**  
OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE  
**Guaranty State Bank**  
At Grapeland, State of Texas,

at the close of business on the 4th day of March, 1918, published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 21st day of March, 1918.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$27,524.91
Loans, real estate	2,690.89
Overdrafts	NONE
Bonds, and Stocks: Liberty and U. S. Certificates of indebtedness	42,000.00
Real estate, (banking house)	3,428.90
Furniture and Fixtures	2,000.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	138,046.41
Cash Items	35.72
Currency	22,176.00
Specie	1,964.50
Interest and Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	1,077.33
Other Resources: Collections in transit	170.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$241,114.66</b>

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, net	2,345.30
Individual deposits, subject to check	197,971.10
Time Certificates of Deposits	20,636.08
Cashier's Checks	162.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$241,114.66</b>

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 12th day of March, 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:  
W. H. Holcomb }  
M. P. Herod } Directors  
J. C. Kennedy }

Nearly all the watch signs, probably 90 out of 100, have their hands set at 8:18, but comparatively few people know why this is. It is no accident. W. K. Washburn of New York, was painting a sign for a jeweler of that city, when the news of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, April 14, 1865, was received in New York, and the jeweler ordered the painter to paint the exact time when the fatal shot was fired, namely 8:18, and so it has continued ever since. Whenever you see a sign after this, recall to yourself that it points to the fatal moment.—Ex.

"The Houston Daily Sunday Post one year by mail for \$5.99; without Sunday, \$3.99. This is the Post's Annual Bargain Offer, and is good from March 15th to March 31st only—17 days. Send in your order at once. Address: The Houston Post, Houston, Texas." 4-t2

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

**Helps Sick Women**

Cardui, the woman's tonic, helped Mrs. William Eversole, of Hazel Patch, Ky. Read what she writes: "I had a general breaking-down of my health. I was in bed for weeks, unable to get up. I had such a weakness and dizziness, . . . and the pains were very severe. A friend told me I had tried everything else, why not Cardui? . . . I did, and soon saw it was helping me . . . After 12 bottles, I am strong and well."

**TAKE**

**CARDUI**

**The Woman's Tonic**

Do you feel weak, dizzy, worn-out? Is your lack of good health caused from any of the complaints so common to women? Then why not give Cardui a trial? It should surely do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women who suffered—it should help you back to health.

Ask some lady friend who has taken Cardui. She will tell you how it helped her. Try Cardui.

**All Druggists**

J. 67

**MUST BE READY TO SUCCEED**

Congratulated on Muniton Work  
Charles M. Schwab Tells Amusing Yarn About Jake.

Charles M. Schwab, congratulated on his muniton work, said in Loretto: "To succeed in muniton work or in anything else you must be ready—as ready as Jake.

"Jake and Joe were brothers, and they were both very hard up. One day a man called at their rooms and asked for Jake—and Joe, thinking the visitor was a dun, said: "I'm afraid you can't see Jake."

"Oh, I must see him," said the caller, "without fail."

"I'm sorry," said Joe, "but Jake left town yesterday."

"Pshaw," said the visitor, "that's too bad. I wanted to pay him \$100 I owe him, and I'm going abroad today."

"Oh," said Joe, "that's easy. Jake came back this morning."—Washington Star.

**Compromise Proposed.**

"You owe me forty thousand dollars which you say you can't pay," announced the financier. "Why don't you marry that eldest Knowall girl; she's worth twice that amount."

"No, I can't do that; but you might marry her yourself and pay me the difference," replied the young Adonis.—Judge.

**A Straight Tip.**

"Real estate is about the only safe investment nowadays," said the broker.

"Oh, I don't know," replied the banker. "There are so many unscrupulous men who want the earth to even make that a safe investment."

**Ladies, Gentlemen and Musicians.**

"Well, landlord, how's business nowadays?"

"Oh, perty good, perty good. Had a whole passel o' people register yistday. They was five gentlemen, three ladies and four musicians."—Musical America.

**THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER**

A. M. LUKER, - - Editor and Owner

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

**SUBSCRIPTION — IN ADVANCE**

1 YEAR-----\$1.50  
6 MONTHS--- .75  
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THURSDAY, MAR. 21, 1918



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

**LOYALTY DAY**

April 6 will mark the end of the first year the United States has been at war with Germany. Upon that day will be launched the third liberty loan, and it has been designated as "loyalty day" throughout America. The following pledge has been suggested for every person in the country to repeat on that day:

"I affirm my undivided loyalty to the cause for which we fight; for the cause of justice and human liberty.

"I gladly lay upon the altar of the nation's need my material possessions, my bodily strength and my mental powers, to serve and to save America and those ideals for which it stands.

"And to keep the Stars and Stripes on high with honor, I pledge my hand, my heart and my life."

On that day it would be an especially fitting time for the schools of the country to teach loyalty to young Americans. The above pledge should be spoken in unison by both teachers and pupils.

War may be hell, as Sherman said, but hell is not war—that is, not modern war. The flames are too feeble.

It has been suggested that food speculators be hung. It's a bully good idea, but perfectly good rope should not be wasted—any old dirty thing is good enough for them.

Some oil-stock salesmen can make their propositions so inviting that you can just see the oil gushing from the wells and hear the dollars clicking over the counter as you cash your dividend check.

Liberality never killed a town. Every public enterprise ought to receive encouragement. When you give a dollar towards improving the community, you do not throw away your money, but simply make a good investment.

More wheat, more corn, more hay, more potatoes, more horses, more cattle, more hogs and less idle land, less fences down, less rubbish about the place and less time wasted on things that don't pay, is the slogan everywhere.

Uncle Sam's boys are behaving nicely in the trenches and are giving a good account of themselves. By and by, when we get a large army across, the Germans will eventually tumble to the fact that we are not bluffing, and really mean to win the war.

Puck says: "It's love that makes the world go 'round, but it's marriage that keeps most of the inhabitants hustling."

Lots of mothers who know all about the work of missionaries in foreign countries, haven't the slightest idea what their 17-year-old son is doing down in town until-midnight. What is more, they do not seem to think it is their business to know.

The food rules made by the food administration are for the purpose of conserving the food supply of this nation so that our armies and the armies of our allies, as well as all civilians, may have a sufficient quantity of food. It is your duty to keep posted on the food regulations and observe them patriotically.

**New Food Regulations**

State Food Administrator Peden has put into effect a new rule governing the sale and use of flour. Six pounds of flour per month per person is the new regulation, and is as follows:

"Retailers selling flour to consumers must keep an accurate record of such sales and it is compulsory for them to see that none of their customers purchase in excess of six pounds of flour per person per month.

"All records must be kept in such shape that any representative of the United States food administration can see at a glance that the six pound rule is being observed.

"Any retailer selling a customer in excess of six pounds of flour per month, will have his supplies of all licensed commodities cut off immediately.

"All rules affecting the sale of flour are effective immediately when issued.

"Remember:—Wheat flour is the most important commodity to be conserved, and all rules governing distribution must be followed to the letter."

Our local merchants will observe the above rules to the letter, and it is up to the consumer to make the six pounds of flour, per person, last a month.

**Closed Season for Bass and White Perch Now in Effect**

Austin, Texas, March 17.—The department of game, fish and oysters calls attention of fishermen to the amendment to the fish laws passed by the second called session of the thirty-fifth legislature, which provides for a closed season in March and April for catching bass and crappie, or white perch, which is now in effect. It will be unlawful to catch bass and crappie, or white perch, until May 1.

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

Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Boykin and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Richards motored to Madisonville Sunday to visit relatives. They were accompanied home by Miss Mabel, who had been there several days.

Mrs. Laura Goodson left Saturday night for Bangs, Texas, in response to a message announcing the death of her brother-in-law, William Scarborough, who was killed in an automobile wreck late Saturday afternoon. Deceased was formerly a citizen of this county, living at Percilla.

THE KIDIES will enjoy the idea of helping Uncle Sam. Teach them to invest their nickels in Thrift Stamps. There is no better way to lick the Kaiser than by licking War Saving Stamps. **START YOUR SAVING CESTIFICATE TODAY.** War Saving and Thrift Stamps will be sold at this store.

**TIMELY EASTER SUGGESTIONS**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31st** will be Easter. Think how disappointed you and your friends will be if you are not among the happy throng of well dressed men, women and children at this Opening-of-Spring day. If you are in doubt as to what is correct in wearing apparel, we invite your closest inspection of our elaborate showing of . . .



**COAT SUITS  
LONG COATS  
DRESSES**

**SKIRTS WAISTS**

We are making a complete display of all dress accessories, including correct Footwear, Silk Hosiery, Silk and Muslin Underwear, Dress Novelties, Handkerchiefs, etc.

**MILLINERY OPENING**

A formal showing of the newest Spring and Summer Hats will be made in our Millinery Department

**Friday and Saturday**

No effort has been spared to collect for your approval the season's smartest styles which have been assembled by two expert trimmers. **WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU, MADAM.**



**To the Man  
Who Has  
Never Worn  
Styleplus**

If you have been paying around \$21 and \$25 in the past, take a look at Styleplus before you pay more. They measure up to the standards demanded by men who are used to good clothes. They have thoroughbred style. They have genuine tailoring. They have reliable fabrics.--Models and patterns for men of every age and build. For Spring there two Grades \$21.00 (green label) and \$25.00 (red label). A few black at \$17.00.

**Styleplus Clothes  
\$21 AND \$25**

Each grade the same price the nation over

**The New Things for Men Here Are**

**STRAW HATS** in Leghorn, Hanama, Bankgkoks. All bright, new, shape. Over a dozen styles at-----**\$2.50 to \$6.50**  
**FELT HATS** including the season's newest colorings and in a variety of popular makes at-----**2.00 to \$6.00**  
Also we have a complete assortment of Belts, New Ties, Suspenders, Silk Shirts, Madras Shirts, etc.  
**WOOLLY BOY SUITS** JUST RECEIVED. SEE THEM AND YOU'LL BUY  
**EXTRA TROUSERS** for Men and Boys are here in all the Popular Spring Weights and Colorings.

**GEORGE E. DARSEY**  
**THE "SERVICE FIRST" STORE**

**LOCAL NEWS**

Hooverize, economize and you'll Darseyize. That means both. 1t

Highest prices paid for eggs, cash or trade. Keeland Bros. 1

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

LION COLLARS, linen, 20c; two for 35c; silk 25c, at Darsey's. 1

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

J. H. Powell and family visited at Augusta Sunday.

Plenty of coat hangers for sale. 1 Dickey, the tailor.

Ford parts—you can get them at Darsey's. 1t

Henry and Tom Dailey and their families of Daly's, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Star Brand shoes cost less per month. For sale by McLean & Riall. 1t

J. B. Woodside is erecting a modern bungalow on his property in Hillcrest.

**Wanted to Buy**

25 head of geese. C. A. Campbell, Salmon, Texas. 1t

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

Lion collars go to the laundry more times than any other brand in America. New styles in soft and laundried collars, just received at Darsey's. 1t

Ralph and Raymond Neel of Camp Bowie, spent several days here this week visiting their parents.

**To Autoists**

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

Frank Taylor is erecting a neat residence on his property out on the Daly's road.

New line of porch swings and kitchen cabinets, at 1 Keeland Bros.

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

Harry Lively and Ruel Jones of Camp Bowie, were here the first of the week visiting relatives.

**Mebane Cotton Seed For Sale**

Pure Mebane cotton seed for sale at \$1.75 per bushel.—Eugene Holcomb, Augusta, Tex. 1-t4

A real showing of spring styles at Darsey's spring Millinery Opening, Friday and Saturday March 22 and 23. 1t

Just arrived, a new and cheap line of woollens. Come and see what we have to offer you at \$15 and up. J. E. Dickey. 1

Ben Brooks and wife returned Tuesday afternoon from Livingston, where they spent a few days visiting relatives.

**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.

If you lose your sole, J. L. Buckalew's is the place to find it. 1

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

W. H. Kent of Crockett, was here Wednesday.

For first class cleaning and pressing, see Dickey the tailor. 1

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

For general repair of saddles, harness, shoes or any leather goods, see J. L. Buckalew. 1

Roy Caskey, who has been teaching school at Dunkin, came in Monday morning.

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

**Syrup for Sale**

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

Cooking stoves, sewing machines and furniture, sold on the installment plan. 1 Keeland Bros.

Ross Brock, Balis Edens, Edgar Laseter and possibly others whose names we failed to get, of Camp Bowie, spent Sunday here, making the trip in a car.

Lion collars go to the laundry more times than any other brand in America. New styles in soft and laundried collars, just received at Darsey's. 1t

**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.

A complete showing of men's work shoes at astonishing values. Why don't you enjoy the foot comfort obtained at Darsey's? 1t

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.

W. H. Long & Co. are putting on a big sale, which started Wednesday and will continue for ten days. A special sales manager has been employed and many attractive bargains are being offered the buying public.

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

Woodie Eaves, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Eaves, and Miss Cora Belle Kent, daughter of George Kent of Reynard, were married last Sunday afternoon. The Messenger joins their numerous friends in congratulations and best wishes.

Since taking over the agency of Maxwell cars a few months ago, Darsey & Leaverton have sold 26 cars and received 10 cars last Friday, which they expect to soon dispose of.

**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

**NO CONNECTION**

Some people seem think that the mysterious mark, "R E" in a circle, which has been found on several houses in Grapeland, is connected with the great reorganization sale now being conducted by W. E. Long & Co., but Mr. Long assures the public such is not the case.

John R. Owens spent Sunday in Trinity.

When you are in town, eat with Jessie Murdock, on Back street. 1t

**FOR SALE**

5-passenger Ford car. 1t Ben Brooks.

Rev. J. L. Barrett of Troup, preached at the Baptist church Sunday morning and at night.

**FOR SALE**

One good work mule, 8 years old. M. E. Bean. 1t

**PEANUT HAY WANTED**

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

**Eggs for Sale**

Pure bred Silverlace Wyandotte eggs, \$1.50 per setting of 15. 3-tf Mrs. J. P. Weathered.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Keeland and J. P. Royal visited relatives in Athens the first of the week. Mr. Keeland went from there to Dallas on business matters.

**Eggs for Setting**

Buff Leghorn eggs, 15 for \$1.00; 100 for \$5. Write or phone 1t M. L. Whitaker, route 2

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

Harry Long of Augusta, has purchased the interest of Jim Wilson in the firm of W. H. Long & Co. Mr. Wilson has returned to his home at Augusta and Mr. and Mrs. Long moved to Grapeland last week.

**Watch Lost**

Open face gold watch with Woodmen fob; small dent on back. Finder please return to 1t Pink Stringer.

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, 3-t2 Crockett, Texas.

The Messenger had a pleasant call Wednesday morning from Mrs. E. E. Allen and Miss Allen of Alto, who were called here on account of the death of Miss Ciny Wall. Mrs. Allen is associated with her husband in the publication of the Alto Herald.

**Local Merchants to Sell War Saving Stamps**

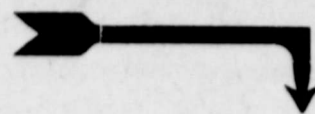
M. E. Darsey is sub-chairman of the War Savings Committee for Grapeland, and has secured the appointment of the following business men to sell war savings stamps: Kennedy Bros., W. R. Wherry, T. H. Leaverton, W. L. Smith, Geo. E. Darsey & Co., D. N. Leaverton, W. H. Long & Co., Frank Allen, McLean & Riall, Murray & Mangum, T. S. Kent, Keeland Bros., I. H. Shaver, M. L. Clewis, S. E. Howard, James E. Owens, The Messenger.

Our people should buy war savings stamps because our country needs every penny which every man, woman and child can save and lend in order to feed, clothe, arm and equip the soldiers and sailors of America. The savings of every man, woman and child are necessary if we are to hasten the victorious ending of the war. Call upon any of the above and buy war stamps today.

**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.

**Music in the Home**



Why not have all kinds of music in your home by purchasing one of Mr. Edison's favorite inventions--the Diamond Amberola?

Here you have music almost perfectly reproduced. NO NEEDLES TO REPLACE, as all instruments are equipped with a DIAMOND POINT REPRODUCER.

NO BROKEN RECORDS as all are unbreakable and the more they are played the better they sound.

We can for a limited time supply your wants in any size instrument.

**Buy it Now---Pay for It Later**

HONESTY AND QUALITY

**The Peoples Drug Store**

WADE L. SMITH

**THRIFTY BUILDING BEATITUDES**

Build, repair and paint this year and let your efforts be—"FOR THRIFT'S Sake."

If you pay rent, save by owning a home—BE THRIFTY.

If your home cries aloud for paint and is deteriorating for want of paint (and all unpainted surfaces deteriorate) paint it, and BE THRIFTY.

If the fence is falling down, have it repaired—"FOR THRIFT'S SAKE."

If you are a farmer and your crops or prospective crops, or your stock or implements are improperly housed from the weather—see that for the sake of THRIFT you remedy that situation.

A national tendency to let things "run down" because these are war times, will lose to the nation enough money to go far in financing the war.

We don't want a "run-down" country when the war is over. We want it in as good repair as possible.

"FOR THRIFT'S SAKE" help us to prevent the nation from becoming BUILDING SHABBY."

Material of All Kinds for the THRIFTY BUILDER

**T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.**

Thirst Stamps for Sale at Our Office

**NEW PROSPECT**

BY BILLVE

March 18.—Health of this community is again normal, no one being seriously ill at present.

Mrs. Z. A. Parker, who has been quite ill several days, is much better at present.

Corn planting has been in progress for the past week or more and is still being carried on. All seem anxious to raise corn this year; and really since wheat is so scarce, people are learning to eat corn bread.

Rev. Walter Freeman preached at this place Sunday. Sunday school and prayer meeting are moving along nicely.

Rev. J. E. Bean and wife of Oak Grove, attended service here Sunday.

Herod Parker and family and Mrs. Arrie Newman visited W. Finch and family Sunday.

Ed Parker and family visited at Ford Newman's Saturday and

Sunday. Wallace Lemons visited friends and relatives at Atlanta several days last week.

Our school will soon close, and the children will have their wish for the holidays realized.

**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.

3-t2 E. Winfree, County Judge Houston County.

The Messenger is requested to announce that a representative of the Armour fertilizer factory will address the farmers of this community Saturday at 10 a. m., upon the importance of using fertilizer. The speaking will take place upon the street.

# SPRING STYLES

**Y**OUR 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

### THINK IT OVER

Young men and women who are ambitious to achieve success should not waste summer months. One vacation properly spent will prepare you for a profitable life. Many who, at the close of school last year, entered the Tyler Commercial College to spend the summer months are now holding splendid positions, or attending a university, paying their way with the commercial training they received. Every year we have several hundred students from 15 years to 45 years of age who finish during their vacation, before the big business openings in all lines of industry in the fall. It is useless to idle away the summer months. Business men and farmers alike are busy, and ambitious young people had rather enter a large and enthusiastic student body and master a course of bookkeeping, shorthand, telegraphy, business administration and finance, penmanship or cotton classing. Write for a large illustrated free catalogue of the Tyler Commercial College. Read of the advantages of our splendid courses of instruction and of those who have graduated and are now holding good positions, what they say of the institution, what their

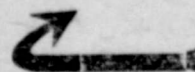
employers think of their efficient training. Read how some have worked their way through school, how others borrowed money and made it pay them big dividends, how others quit jobs at small salaries, completed their courses and went back to the same firm at two or three times their previous salary. Some who were unable to attend school at Tyler finished the home study course and never had to quit earning their salary. Make arrangements to enter as soon as your school closes. The United States government holds civil service examinations in Tyler every Tuesday, enabling our graduates to go in positions at salaries from \$900 to \$1,500. There is great demand for clerical help in government work and our graduates are receiving prompt appointments. The salaries are advanced after three months of satisfactory service, and the pay is sure and prompt. This is a patriotic task, at the same time profitable, and appeals to young Americans very strongly. Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

### BEES 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.

81f W. T. Pridgen.

LET  
TAYLOR  
DO  
YOUR  
TAILORING



A.E. Dickey  
The Tailor

**E**aster comes but once a year  
But when it does you'll find  
That thoughts of dress are uppermost  
In every mortal mind.  
So, Gentlemen, if clothes you need  
Just register a vow,  
And save delay by asking us  
To take your order now.

### LETTER FROM H. A. TYER

Fond Du Lac, Wis., March 9.  
Editor Messenger:—This is Saturday and the worst day I ever saw in my life. It began snowing and blowing last night about 12 o'clock and the wind has blown a gale of 40 miles an hour all day—not one minute let-up and a fine snow with it. It was next to impossible to go out at all.

I left Grand Rapids at 12:45 and got here at 11 p. m., a distance of 96 miles. We got within 12 miles of Fond Du Lac and got stuck in a snow bank, could neither go ahead nor back. We was there four hours; had to wait until two engines could shove a snow plow through to us, and then the two engines that came for us and the one already hitched to the train, brought us in. It was a sight worth the time to see two big engines pushing one snow plow, the snow flying 30 feet in the air.

Thursday night we saw the Northern Lights (aurora borealis). I can not tell the cause of the strange phenomenon, (?) but about 8 p. m. we could see great streaks of red and purple rays of light, as if a big house was on fire to the north of us. It seemed to have no beginning and no ending. After two or three hours it seemed to vanish or fall away. I have seen the Northern Lights twice since I came north. They are never seen very far south. When they are seen, people know there will be an abrupt change in the weather.

It is not so very cold here, but the ground is covered with snow and the wind is very disagreeable. I heard a story of a man who had two wind mills and he took one down because, he said, there was not enough wind to turn both. He would have enough wind to turn 40 mills here today. H. A. Tyer.

### FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

Following is the program of the fifth Sunday meeting of the Anderson County Baptist Association, to be held at Antrim, beginning Friday night, March 29, at 7:30 o'clock:

Devotional, by J. L. Foster; preaching by W. A. Foster.

Saturday, 9 a. m.—What is the duty of the church toward her pastor? G. W. Walker, J. L. Nichols, B. F. Wright.

10:30.—Devotional, W. A. Finch; preaching by W. D. Andrews.

12:00.—Dinner.

1 p. m.—Singing.

1:30.—Is it possible to be a true Baptist and oppose missions? H. B. Gibson, J. S. McDaniel, J. V. Vermillion.

2:30.—In what way did the Adamic transgression affect the original nature of man and did the atoning merits of Christ's blood cure the Adamic sin? Eld. J. W. Freeman, J. V. Vermillion, W. R. Durnell.

7:30.—Devotional, J. W. Taylor; preaching by B. F. Wright.

Sunday services will be conducted by the singers and Eld. J. V. Vermillion, instructor in theology at the Jacksonville college.

W. R. Durnell,  
W. A. Finch,  
Committee.

### 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. 51f W. R. Wherry.



### 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

John Spence

Lawyer

Crockett, : : : : Texas

Office Upstairs over Monzingo Millinery Store

### FOR TREASURER

Mike McCarty of Crockett, was here Saturday and called at The Messenger office and authorized his announcement for Treasurer of Houston county, subject to the action of the democratic primary in July.

Mr. McCarty came to this county in 1899 from Natchez, Mississippi, and settled at Porter Springs, residing there twelve years, then moved to Crockett and engaged in the mercantile business.

During his residence in this county he has made many warm, personal friends, who will be glad of the opportunity to support him in this race, and should he be elected, promises to discharge his duties faithfully and efficiently. He is a brother of our fellow townsman, Dr. W. D. McCarty. We commend his candidacy to your careful consideration.

### 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)  
Mike McCarty.

For Tax Collector:  
C W Butler Jr. (Re-election)  
For County Supt. Public Schools:  
J. N. Snell.

Constable Precinct No. 2:  
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## The Country Editor and the War

How Small City Daily and Weekly Can Co-operate Effectively, with the Government at this Time

By WM. G. McADOO, Sec'y. of the Treasury

More today than at any time in the history of America, the nation needs the assistance of its newspapers. It needs their active co-operation in very many ways and it particularly needs the support of the country daily and weekly newspapers.

No one can, if he would, question the splendid loyalty of the editors of the country and the effective way in which they have carried the message of the government's needs into every home. I do not have to urge upon them the necessity of the support which they are now giving and have at all times given so unsparingly. But you ask that I name some specific way in which the editors of country papers can assist in the great problem of financing the war.

To my mind one of the greatest possible services editors can render is a strong editorial support of the government's efforts to encourage thrift and economy, the habit of saving, avoiding waste, and confining expenditures to things needed and necessary; and then the investment of the money saved in war savings stamps and Liberty bonds—lending it to the government.

The great financial operations of the government can not be carried forward successfully unless the people of the United States economize in every possible direction. By saving money they give up some of their needless pleasures; they reduce their demand upon the general supply of food, clothing and other materials in the country, releasing thereby that much more for the use of our own army and the armies and civilian populations of the nations which are fighting the common danger with us. They are at the same time increasing their own material property by their savings, and they are directly helping their government by lending it money with which it can buy the necessary supplies and command the necessary services to make our fighting forces stronger and more effective in the field; and this means an earlier victory for American arms.

The great difficulty is to impress this lesson of economy upon the American people. It requires wide spread propaganda and constant effort. In this great campaign the country newspapers which reach so many millions of our citizens in our cities, towns, hamlets and on the

farms, can perform a great service of patriotism. The country editor is intimate and friendly touch with his readers. It is to him they look, in large measure, for advice and leadership. He reaches them every day or every week, and can effectively deliver the message of the government.

The country editor can show the farmer, the laboring man and every citizen his paper reaches, why he should buy war savings stamps and Liberty bonds; why this is his war and the war of his neighbors; why the successful conduct and conclusion of the war means his continued prosperity and happiness, in fact, his very existence. He can show him it is his part not only to increase the food supply, but to assist in financing the war from the increased price he is receiving from the sale of his products.

These things going to the rural communities from the editor of the home paper carry with them the weight of a personal appeal. They arouse the spirit of patriotism and sacrifice and strengthen the arm of America. I am sure that the treasury will have the continued effective support of the country newspapers in this great campaign for thrift and economy of such fundamental importance to the cause of the nation in this crisis.

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### TRIXIE'S CHOICE

By GRACE KERRIGAN.

Trixie met her mother on the stair and Mrs Lane stared after the whirlwind of pink that swept past her. She went into the library in some perturbation.

"What is the matter with Trixie?" she asked the doctor.

"The same old story, Mary. It's this Harry, Frank and Bob business. Harry Brinton called this morning and asked me to use my influence with him and I promised! Frank Demarest, on the phone, made the same plea—promised him, too! The transaction struck me as being so absurd, I just called up Bob and asked him if he needed my assistance, and he said he didn't need any help in his courting. By the way, my dear, they are all coming to dinner this evening."

"I shall ask the Hinman girls, then," decided Mrs. Lane, as she went to the telephone.

Trixie Lane dressed for dinner that night with her mind quite made up to accept Frank Demarest.

Trixie Lane was not a coquette. Still, she wore her green chapeau because it was Frank's favorite among her gowns, and she wore pink roses because Harry liked the combination of pink and green, and the tiny pink rose tucked behind her ear in the coil of soft black hair was a mute testimonial to Bob's remark that she should always wear a flower in her hair.

So when she greeted the three young men with equal cordiality Frank's heart leaped at sight of the green frock, Harry smiled quietly at the symphony in pink and green, and Bob never saw the rose in her hair because his eyes didn't go beyond her lovely face.

The Hinman girls, Nellie and Grace were charmingly vivacious and devoted themselves to Bob Hayward and Harry Brinton, so that Trixie found herself laughing gayly at Frank's sallies and quite deceived her interested parents.

"Really, I was hoping it might be Bob Hayward," said the doctor after dinner.

"So was I," agreed his wife; "I like his independence—and, oh! dear, I'm afraid he is my favorite."

"I wish he were Trixie's!"  
Meanwhile, Frank Demarest was proposing to Trixie in the moonlit south piazza. And Trixie, in spite of her resolution to the contrary, gently refused him.

"Did—your father say anything to you? He rather—rather promised to speak a good word for me," growled Frank, quite unpleasantly.

"You asked father?"  
"Yes—," Frank's voice trailed off aimlessly.

"I'm sorry, Frank," said Trixie, with new decision in her tone; "but I really do not love you—as I should—and so—you understand?"

"I understand," he said bitterly. "Shall we return to the house?"

They had reached the front door when Harry Brinton rushed out.

"Oh, Frank, they are looking for you. Miss Hinman says you promised to sing for her."

Frank gladly turned Trixie over to Mr. Brinton and went indoors, determined to show Miss Lane that his heart was not quite broken even if she had refused to marry him. Presently his voice rang out cheerfully in the latest popular song and Trixie, listening, smiled and sighed at the same time.

Then, Harry Brinton put his fate to the test once more and received Trixie's gentle refusal. If he stormed for awhile who can blame him? "Your father promised to speak a good word for me," he added gloomily.

"You asked him?" questioned Trixie coldly.

"This morning."  
"I am sorry."  
So Harry said good-night and went home.

Trixie felt miserable, but she was unprepared when Bob Hayward took advantage of her being alone for a moment in the library and deliberately planted himself between her and the door.

"Trix," he said firmly, "I came here tonight with the intention of asking you to marry me. You know I love you—and, how about it?" he asked grimly.

Miss Lane's heart was fluttering strangely and she put up one little hand to still its beating.

"Bob," she whispered, "do you care very much?"

"So much," he growled, "that when your father called me up this morning and asked me jokingly if I wanted his influence in the matter, I was tempted to come up and thrash him! Honest Injun, Trixie, I was hot! If a man can't win the girl he wants without help let him go without her! I want you—but I don't want you unless you love me—love

## WHAT THE RED CROSS IS DOING AND WHAT YOU CAN DO

### CANTEEN SERVICE DEPARTMENT.

The Canteen Service of the Red Cross has organized to date 104 active canteens in towns along main railway lines in the Southwestern Division, that is in the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Every day these canteens are rendering aid to our soldiers in the way of giving them hot coffee, sandwiches, fruits, and in case of severe illness, giving immediate hospital service.

The value of this personal touch cannot be over estimated. Nothing cheers the boys up like the warm reception they get from a Canteen Committee, especially when hungry and tired, and they leave the town with the feeling that the people are proud of them and will stand back of them.

When the women understand how much real good they can do by paying this attention to our soldiers they will all want to do their share, for in no better way can they do their bit to help our boys who are about to make the supreme sacrifice for their country.

It ought to be a great satisfaction to the parents and friends of the boys of our Southwestern country to know that wherever they go in the United States the canteens of the Red Cross are on hand and ready to take care of them in case of an emergency, and, therefore, we know that the women of the Southwest will welcome the opportunity of establishing Red Cross canteens to take care of other troops that may pass through their own home towns.

Innumerable letters are received from the officers and men showing their appreciation of the attentions that have been shown them by the Red Cross canteens on their journeys.

I will quote from but just two letters to show just how the work of our canteens is appreciated by the army.

Extract from New Orleans report: "I am sure that every one of the men who were cheered and benefited during their arduous tour of duty would be glad to thank you personally for your thoughtfulness, but, as this is impossible, I am happy to be in position to do it for them and to express my sincere appreciation of the efforts

CHARLES P. PETTUS,  
Director of Canteen Service, Southwestern Division, 1617 Railway Exchange, St. Louis.

me beyond everybody and everything—see? How about it, Trix?"

He stood with his hands thrust behind him as if afraid he might be emptied to take her in his arms.

Trixie looked up at him and her eyes filled with tears.

"Oh, Bob—Bob—it has been you all the time and I didn't know it!" she sobbed; and it was not until she had laid her rosy cheeks against the black lapel of his coat that his arms came around her and his lips claimed their reward.

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### Notice of Election for School Trustees for Common School District No. 38.

The State of Texas, County of Houston—To all whom this may concern:

It is hereby ordered, and notice is hereby given, that there will be held an election on Saturday, the 6th day of April, A.D. 1918, at the Livelyville school building, in common school district No. 38, for the purpose of electing 3 (three) trustees for said common school district No. 38, in said county, to serve for the ensuing term.

The polls at said election shall be opened at 8 o'clock a. m. and shall not be closed before 6 p. m.

L. T. Pate,  
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**ROCKHILL**

BY NORMAN

March 18.—Quite a number from here attended the singing at Antrim Sunday. All report a very nice time.

There was not any Sunday school here Sunday, owing to most of our people attending the singing at Antrim.

There was a singing at the home of W. J. Willis Sunday night.

Our literary society will meet Friday night, March 22. This will be the last meeting we are to have, and we hope that all who can, will come. An interesting program has been prepared.

Rube Weisinger of Palestine, visited his parents last week.

O. L. Gibson, who is in the navy, came to his home last Wednesday. He has been to Scotland and other foreign ports and told us much about the Huns which we did not know. He returned to his duties after a short stay.

A. U. Streetman undertook last Tuesday to move a house some 300 yards by the use of a wagon. He had gotten it but a few steps when his wagon collapsed. He will tear down the house to move it.

C. M. Streetman and wife are the proud parents of a baby boy. Also A. U. Streetman and wife are the proud parents of a baby girl. Both births being on Tuesday, March 12, 1918.

**ANTRIM**

BY HIAWATHA

March 18.—There is some sickness scattered about in the community, but nothing serious.

A good rain would be appreciated now, for it would be of great benefit to gardens and young corn.

There was singing here last Sunday in the morning and evening. Owing to some objections, they did not have dinner on the grounds but everyone enjoyed the singing just the same. We had lots of visitors from the surrounding communities. Prof. Langston and a number of singers from Fields Chapel were with us. They certainly are good singers and we will welcome them back any time.

William Willis entertained with a singing Sunday night, which was enjoyed very much.

Don't forget that our literary society is to meet Friday night, March 22. We have arranged to have a nice program, which will include a "suffrage" debate by Prof. J. A. Bynum and W. R. Durnell; also several plays and other features which will be greatly enjoyed. Come and be with us; we will insure you a good time.

Mesdames Sam Blackwell and baby and Mary Blackwell visited at the home of John Martin Monday.

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T. H. Leaverton,  
4-t12 Grapeland, Texas.

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**MISS WALL DEAD**

Miss Ciny Wall, daughter of W. H. Wall of Augusta, died in Grapeland on Tuesday morning, March 19, 1918, at the home of Mrs. John Kennedy. Her death was a great shock to her many friends and the family, as she had not been seriously ill, but had been complaining of a severe headache for several days. Monday

afternoon she came to town for the purpose of going to Palestine Tuesday for treatment. Her remains were carried to Augusta for interment.

The funeral was in charge of the Woodmen Circle, the Augusta, Grapeland and Ratcliff Circles participating.

The following relatives came in Tuesday to attend the funeral:

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sims and Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Wall of Conroe; Mrs. Fannie Wilson of Dallas; Doug Wall and daughter of Lufkin; Mrs. E. E. Allen of Alto.

A big lot of cloth and straw hats for the kiddies. Also a complete line of cloth hats for men and women, at Darsey's. 1t

**Singing at Union Chapel**

There will be singing at the recently completed church—Union Chapel—next Sunday afternoon. The singing will be in charge of W. R. Campbell. The public is cordially invited.

W. G. Darsey and D. N. Leaverton left Tuesday afternoon via the auto route for Dallas and Fort Worth on business matters.