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WANETA

By Regular Correspondent

Waneta, Jan. 20.—Most everyone in this community has had the flu, and quite a number of deaths have occurred.

Misses Fannie Lou Grounds and Mary Bell Murdock were guests of Miss Mary Lively Sunday.

Elbert Clark and wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Marrington Sunday.

Bud Penick of Ashland, Texas, visited his sister, Mrs. Mary Lively of this place a few days last week. He was accompanied by his niece, Mary Bell Elkins, who will make her home at Mrs. Lively's, her mother having died with the flu about three weeks past.

Misses Leona and Velma Hendrick and Emma Moore were guests of Miss Ruby Sheffield Sunday.

Mr. Ferguson and wife of Liberty Hill spent the day at their daughter's, Mrs. Lizzie Tyer Sunday.

Geo. Brumley entertained with a party Saturday night.

There was also a musical at Chas. Killgo's Saturday night.

Mack Reed and family were guests of Cuin Barnes and wife Sunday.

Grand mother Sheffield, who has been suffering with a cancer near her eye, is reported better at this writing.

Jessie Rich and wife were guests of Mrs. Ola Hendrick Saturday night.

Mrs. Bud Murdock returned home Sunday from Salmon, where she has been visiting friends and relatives the past week.

PERCILLA

By James R.

Percilla, Jan. 19.—Health of this community is somewhat better than it has been, however the influenza is still raging some. Mr. Will Dickey is very sick with it now.

Quite a bit of moving has taken place since our last writing. Alton Dickey has moved to his place bought from Edd Bobbitt. Mr. Bobbitt bought a farm south of Grapeland. Mr. Wilkens bought Wade Adams' place and Wade has bought Turner Pate's place.

Quite a few of the soldier boys are slowly, but surely, returning to their homes. Clyde Dennis returned the 11th, having been honorably discharged. Buddie Fitchett came in Sunday night on a six-day furlough. We're glad to see these boys back again and long for the time when every boy will be at home.

Miss Oma Sullivan has been at home the past week on account of having the "flu."

Sunday school died away during the bad weather and flu, but now it has started again, and we are hoping for a good Sunday school all through the year.

Most everybody has their top crop of cotton picked and are ready to begin their crop for this year. Prospects for making a crop this year certainly do look promising, as we are having plenty of rain.

School is progressing along nicely. Most all of the pupils have had the flu, but are back at school again and we are expecting to accomplish more than the rest of the school than we have the past part of it.

PLANT SHADE TREES AS MEMORIAL TO SOLDIERS

We cannot build monuments in honor of our soldier boys, but we can celebrate and plant 1000 shade trees in their honor and memory. These trees will grow and shade their pathway in days to come, and will express our appreciation stronger than words of their noble deeds.

Some will return to us, others we will never see, and where is the person, young or old, that will not plant at least one tree to their memory?

Let's have the biggest Arbor Day in the history of Grapeland and make a shady place for generations to come in honor of our boys who crossed the sea. Grapeland will and Grapeland cannot afford less.

A Citizen.

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**CLYDE DAVIS WRITES HOME-
FOLKS FROM FRANCE**

Marville, France, Dec. 28, 1918.
Dear Homefolks:

Still alive, well, comfortable and happy, still on the move and have not had much chance to write. We are now permitted to tell a little more than heretofore, so here's a rough outline of my travels.

Left Camp Travis June 15th; arrived New York June 12th; loaded on ship "Olympic," White Star Liner, June 13th; sailed for over sea 9 a. m., June 14th, arrived at Southampton, England, 10 p. m., June 21st; only 7 days on the pond. Crossed English Channel and arrived at La Havre, France, 6 a. m. June 23rd; entrained for French interior 3 p. m. June 24th. Our first landing place was Latracey, France; on to Reuvres, July 1st; in training at Reuvres—Echalet and other places until August 8th, when we headed for front line. Went through Toul August 20th on way to St. Mihiel sector. Took over communication front line 4 a. m. August 22nd and held division front two miles north Pont-a-Meuson without active operations until 5 a. m. morning of September 12th, when the old 90th Division went over the top. This was the very beginning of the big American drive and you have read of it's success. We remained in the sector until 4 a. m. morning of October 11th, when we were relieved and went back to Cholay about two miles north of Toul for rest, but only stayed there until 9 a. m. October 16th, when we headed for Argonne Meuse front about 25 miles northwest of Verdun. Over the top in this sector, 2 miles north of Romagne early morning of November 1st. This was the night of all nights, and can be termed "12 hours in hell." Here we had the Germans on the run and kept them that way. Crossed the Meuse river in pursuit of them 5 a. m. morning of November 10th at Dun-sur-Meuse, hiking through mud, frost and ice. Took over Mouzay France, 9 a. m., same morning, where we were when hostilities ceased 11 a. m. November 11th. Our front battalions objective was Stenay, France, morning of the 11th and they were only 300 yards from German front line when the Armistice prevented the charge. We went to Mont-Devont-Sassey 1 p. m. November 12th for rest, clean up and new clothes, remaining there until November 24th, coming here on that date. Went over to Virton, Belgium, Sunday November 17th, for only a few hours, returned that p. m. We have been put in the army of occupation and will probably occupy German territory. Think we are on our way there now that just a guess, however, for no one knows positively when or where we will go from this place. Will tell you all the details of this trip when I get back.

This is Thanksgiving Day and we are observing it. Having holiday services at church this a. m. by Chaplin and others. Concert night before last by one of General Robert E. Lee's nieces. Not a concert but musical entertainment. She sang for us and was assisted by our band Orchestra. We have memorial services this p. m. at 3 o'clock. We are all anxious to get back home now that we have accomplished our aim and have fought a good fight. Saw one of the Gainey boys this morning. He is in our regiment. I understand Seth Wright was only slightly wounded, and have not heard from him since he went to the hospital. He'll probably be back with his company shortly.

I have not heard from any of you in ten days or two weeks, so you better get busy. Save me lots of things to eat when I come home, especially sweet things. Go light on that blackberry jam and peach preserves. Can almost taste it now. Write often and look for me when you see me coming.

Clyde S. Davis,
Hdq. Co., 360th Inf.

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

The bee is never too busy to administer a stinging rebuke.

**CORP. CHAS. R. STREETMAN
WRITES LETTER HOME**

A. E. F., December 18, 1918
Mr. Gratan Streetman,
Grapeland, Texas, U. S. A.

Dear Gratan:

It continues to rain here almost without interval. Mud is one of the chief products of France. I'm sure it would amuse you to see one of these Frenchmen start out down the street wading through mud with wooden shoes on. Look at one of the geographical pictures of the people of Holland and notice the wooden shoes and you see an exact picture of the kind of shoes these people wear. Then look in the geography at the pictures given there of French peasant women, and you see an exact picture of the people here. I used to think those pictures were only representing some by-gone days in France, but they represent the present. And you wonder about pretty (?) French girls? Well, I'll be honest and say I've not seen one since I've been in France that I thought to be pretty. It is true I have seen a few whom I believe would be passable in appearance if they would only take a bath every few weeks. This is true: I never saw such unsanitary looking people, and such unsanitary looking surroundings.

I sent you all a Christmas package coupon, but I failed to get it off till it was somewhat late. If I get anything when Santa comes of course I'll feel rather fortunate. I got two Christmas packages out of the mail for some of the boys tonight. These are the first of the Christmas packages to arrive, but I expect them frequently now.

No, I have not seen Willie, neither have I been able to get in touch with him by mail yet. I wish I might find him in time to spend Christmas with him. Yes, I will really spend Christmas in France. Of course I wish I could spend it at home, but with all to be thankful for that I have, I'm sure it will be the greatest Christmas I ever spent. Of course you are all proud the war is over, but I don't believe you can appreciate it half so much as you might if you have actually had a little experience in it.

Some of the boys have had furloughs of several days' duration, but I don't see anything that indicates my getting one soon, as my time is occupied. In fact, I do not care for one yet. I want one that will put me home for several years or more.

Well, I'll soon be there, anyway. I am feeling very confident that I'll be back in only a few weeks.

Why don't you tell me something about those big potatoes and that nice fresh pork? Gratan, the next time you hear anyone say he has nothing to eat you look and see if he is a wooden man. The food that is thrown to the dogs in the average American home would feed a family two or three times as large in France. These people save everything. And they have money, too. They remind me of old man Springer. They go poorly dressed, and most of them are tough lookers, but they have the money. But don't misunderstand me. I get all to eat that one could want now. However, it is not so good eating as I have eaten. Tonight I went out to a French home and had a very nice supper prepared, and spent a very pleasant time.

We are still in the little village of Serrigny. It is a little village not far south of the city of Troyes, about the center of France. As long as I've been in France I've not seen a town larger than Grapeland. However, there are some large towns in France, but we've never been carried to them.

President and Mrs. Wilson are in France, but I think they are hanging around Paris and other large towns. However, the president claims that he aims to spend Christmas with the soldiers.

We had a pay day last Sunday. This is a very rare thing over here, for this reason: There is not a lot of spending here. I've gone for several weeks at a time without a penny of money and yet I seemed to get along about as well as if I had money. The truth is things sell so high here that the man who has lots of money cannot buy but little more than one who has less money.

There is some talk of our moving again soon. We have never remained very long at any one place. We have been here about twenty days which is longer than we have ever stayed at any one place except once, and that was just preceding our move to the front. I'm very much hoping that when we move from here we will start on our way toward home. And I hope not to hike much of the way.

The Thrift Car

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J. E. TOWERY
CROCKETT, TEXAS

The hiking is the only physical part of the work I do. But of course everyone has to go, and when no means of transportation is furnished of course, we have to take it out in walking. And some of these hikes are simply terrible. You don't know what a man can do till you really see him tested out.

Well, I suppose the rest of it will keep till I get there.

Your loving brother,
Corp. Chas. R. Streetman.
Co. E, 143rd Infantry.

FROM OLD GUICELAND

(Delayed)

The cold weather of the past month has thrown us badly behind with our farm work, but the past few days of good weather is causing us to get a move on us. And this morning (Monday) one can hear the "gee-haw" of the plowman all around.

Hope we will do as well this year as we did last; for notwithstanding the many obstacles looming up the early part of last year, everyone, almost without an exception, seemed to have come through in fine shape, "right side up with care."

We had religious services yesterday at Salmon, Guiceland and Midway. So you see we are trying not to neglect our duty along that line.

Our schools at Salmon and Union are moving along nicely. Not much "flu" in our neighborhood just now, hope it will soon leave us for good, to stay gone.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Burrow of El Campo have recently moved into our community. We extend to them a hearty welcome. Hope they will like their new homes.

W. F. Brooks.

LETTER FROM H. A. TYER

Kankakee, Ill., Jan. 12, 1919.

Editor Messenger:

The Messenger is always a welcome visitor to our home once a week. Of course, we have other papers, but the Messenger is first—always first to be considered. Should we ever land on Mars and were it possible, the first message would be, "send up the Messenger."

We are having our January thaw. The snow and ice is melting away slowly, but the lakes and rivers are frozen over so one could drive a wagon and team across, but we think it is fine weather here for the time of year. We had it 14 degrees below zero last week and we expect some real winter weather before March 15.

The farmers are marketing their oats and corn now. I was at an elevator yesterday and the grain man was just as busy as he could be weighing corn and oats. Corn was selling at \$1.30 and oats 70c per bushel. Of course the corn had to grade No. 4 to be worth that.

The grain man had a machine for testing the amount of moisture or water in the corn. He would put so much corn into so much machine oil and apply heat and boil this oil with the corn in it. All the moisture in the corn passed out through a glass tube and was caught in a graduated tube. Some of this corn showed as much as 24 per cent, which was 24 pounds of water in 100 pounds of corn. He told me corn must have at least 14 pounds of moisture per 100 pounds or it would spoil of dry rot. So it might be news to some of your readers to know that corn they plant must have 14 pounds of water per 100 pounds or it would not germinate and grow, but such is the case.

We feel thankful that the "flu" has

not jumped on us so far, but of course we cannot tell when it will, for there have been many cases and many deaths from it. I do not know if there is any in our block.

I notice there are quite a few people buying and trading and offering lands and farms for sale in Houston county. The same applies here, only it takes more money to handle a farm here. I know of one farm here of 160 acres that sold for \$301.00 per acre a few days ago, and another sold for \$275.00 per acre. So no matter the price land is selling, selling and selling.

—H. A. Tyer.

MILK IN WINTER

Why do your cows give less milk in winter than they do in summer? Just because nature does not supply them with grasses and green food. But we have come to the assistance of Dame Nature with B. A. Thomas' Stock Remedy which contains the very ingredients that the green feed supplies in season, only, of course, in a more highly concentrated form. We guarantee that this remedy will make your cows give more milk, and better milk, with the same feed.

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Of course Solomon might not have been really the wisest man in the world, but any husband who could get along all right with three hundred wives certainly had something under his hat besides dandruff.

Why Not Order that FORD Now?

The FORD PLANT announces that their entire production for several weeks will be shipped to Southern Territory for IMMEDIATE DELIVERY and not stored among Northern dealers for spring delivery as heretofore. This will enable us to make reasonably prompt deliveries on orders accepted NOW.

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WHEN SINS ARISE

I stepped into the express elevator of a sky-scraper and was the only passenger. Presently, approached three very black negroes, two evidently just arrived from the south. They asked the starter a question, evidently with regard to the location of a tenant. The starter pushed all three into the car and said to the elevator boy, "Fifteenth!" As the car didn't start right away, one of the darkies, after scrutinizing the car, said to me, with evident surprise:

"Be this your office, Mr. Jenkins?"

One of his companions, who evidently had made the ascent before, replied:

"Dis am no office! Dis am an elevatah! You jes wait til she go up. But Lordy, dat's nuthin' to what she do comin' down! All yo' sins jes rises up befoh yo!"—Cartoons Magazine.

KEEP YOUR BONDS

Lists of those who bought government bonds are easily obtained in every community in the country. They furnish the finest compilation of "prospects"

ever made available to security salesmen. As a result there are today some thousands of vendors of more or less, but mostly more, dubious securities, who are working 12 hours a day calling upon people who subscribed to government loans.

It has been stated in responsible quarters that as much as \$400,000,000 of Liberty Bonds placed with investors have already fallen into the hands of dishonest brokers in exchange for shares of wildcat oil or mining issues. The estimate is, undoubtedly much too large, but the lesson is none the less plain.

If you have a Liberty bond or are engaged in buying one on the installment plan, do not let go of it except under the urge of a real need for the money represented and then turn it over to a bank or responsible investment house to be sold. Under no circumstance surrender it to a traveling salesman who promises you anywhere from 10 to 40 per cent on some other certificate which he is peddling.—Leslie's Weekly.

It has just about gotten so in this country that an outspoken man can't denounce liars without offending about half his friends.

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We have resolved to make our service so necessary to every owner of a car that whenever you need any kind of

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THE AUTOMOBILE CONTEST IN THE M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL

The following is the travelings of the different autos in the race at the Methodist Sunday School for last Sunday.

The figure indicate how far you are from the start, and the whole distance will be given each week.

- National ran 20 miles.
- Willis-Knight ran 15 miles.
- Crow-Elkhart ran 45 miles.
- Oldsmobile ran 20 miles.
- Haynes ran 60 miles.
- Overland ran 70 miles.
- Kissle-Kar ran 45 miles.
- Ford ran 70 miles.
- Reo ran 35 miles.

The Ford and Overland are 10 miles ahead of everything. The Willis-Knight, Crow-Elkhart and Oldsmobile took wrong road and had to back up 5 miles on poor church attendance. Let's see who will be ahead next week.

Rules For Contest

- Ahead**
- 1-A perfect attendance, that is, as many present as the enrollment, counts 10 miles.
- 2-A larger attendance in class than week previous counts 10 miles.
- 3-An increase in collections of week previous counts 10 miles.
- 4-100 per cent church attendance counts 10 miles.
- 5-100 per cent studied lessons counts 10 miles.
- 6-Banner Class gets 10 miles extra.

Reverses

- 1-A decrease in attendance over week previous is a puncture and means back up 5 miles.
- 2-A decrease in collections means back up 5 miles.
- 3-Bringing a scholar from another Sunday school means a Blow-out and must back up 10 miles.
- 4-Less than 100 per cent church attendance means back up 5 miles.
- 5-Less than 100 per cent studied lessons means back up 5 miles.

Superintendent of Race.

REYNARD

By Zack

Reynard, Jan 20.—A tenant house owned by W. L. Fox was destroyed by fire on Monday of last week with all contents and about eighty dollars in money. The occupants were off at work.

Little Charles Herman Beazley, who had been sick about three weeks, died Wednesday. No one thought or knew he was seriously ill, although uneasy about his condition. Wednesday his little spirit slipped away. It is hard, indeed, on father and mother, but they have the consolation from God's word that some day in the future they will see him again.

Glad to report that Douglass Beazley was able to creep out yesterday, after having been confined to his bed for two weeks.

Not much outdoor work has been done the past week. The weather kept one man at the woodpile most of the time.

As a rule, we all make our slate for the day. Some times we carry it out and some times it is spoiled. Yesterday we made out ours to spend the morning and eat dinner with M. L. Williams and back by Daly's to hear Bro. Ray preach. The latter was spoiled out.

Mrs. W. P. Kyle, John Kyle and Mrs. Calhoun and little daughter were visitors in our community yesterday.

Our new neighbors have all about gotten settled and we feel like we are going to like them fine.

We heard from our soldier boys Saturday. They are both in Germany with the army of occupation; said they had been on the hike ever since the last day of November. About all they know is that they are marching through Germany. Hope they have as good music to march by as did the yankees when they marched through Georgia. They are anxious to get back home.

PALESTINE TAXPAYERS ASK BOND ELECTION BE CALLED

Palestine, Texas, Jan. 17.—A petition signed by more than 500 taxpayers has been presented to the commissioners court of this county asking the court to order a special election within sixty days to authorize the issuance of \$150,000 for the erection of a modern hospital in this county as a fitting memorial to the Anderson county soldiers who were killed in France. The order will be entered at once.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION MAY BE CALLED

Austin, Texas, Jan. 17.—A constitutional convention for Texas to meet in January of next year is proposed in a resolution introduced yesterday in the lower house by Representatives Tillison and Terrell.

The resolution was referred to the committee on constitutional amendments, but there is a feeling among members of the legislature that it will quickly be reported with a favorable recommendation and will be adopted by the legislature.

The resolution provides that the people shall elect delegates to the convention at an election to be held on the first Tuesday of next November. There shall be two delegates from each senatorial district and two delegates from each congressional district. The qualifications shall be the same as the qualifications for state senator, except that the holding of any district, county or state office shall not disqualify any person from sitting in the constitutional convention.

The convention is to meet in January and the members are to receive \$7.50 a day and mileage, with the exception of those members who occupy other official positions who are to receive no pay. Under the terms of the resolution the convention would be composed of 138 members. The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated to defray the expenses of the convention.

THIRTY-SIXTH DIVISION TOOK MANY SPOILS OF WARFARE

Washington, Jan. 17.—Evidence of the prowess of the Thirty-six Division (Texas and Oklahoma) in the shape of captured ordnance and materials is partially enumerated in a letter from Louis Loeffler of Washington, member of one of the infantry brigades, written December 10. They include three pieces of heavy artillery, six pieces of light artillery, seventeen trench mortars, 277 machine guns, many rifles, much ammunition and a large quantity of other stores and property.

Casualties of the division, says the Washington soldier, were as follows: Killed, 23 officers and 458 men; severely wounded, 31 officers and 392 men; slightly wounded, 36 officers and 927 men; gassed, 27 officers, 328 men; missing, 1 officer and 170 men.

The letter was written while the division was in the sixteenth training area. He told of the drive the division made when it relieved the marines on the Champagne front. The units returned from the front line to refit and reorganize, which being completed orders were given to return to the front and would probably have participated in the Argonne forest drive during the first week in November had the armistice not been signed.

AN IMPORTED NUISANCE

Ten years ago Victor Berger printed an editorial in his newspaper, the Milwaukee Leader, advising socialists and workmen to provide themselves with rifles and ammunition and predicting that a large part of the capitalist class would be wiped out. In this editorial Berger warned the workmen to be prepared "to back their ballots with bullets if necessary."

He's on the road to the federal penitentiary now.—Ft. Worth Record.

Victor Berger is an Austro-German who has made it his business and profession to attempt the destruction of the sort of democracy under which this nation has flourished as no other ever did. Instead of staying in his own country and agitating for the overthrow of the sort of absolutism typified by the Hapsburgs and Hohenzollerns, he chose to set himself up on these easy-going and hospitable shores and seek the destruction of the freest institutions on earth. He could agitate here with personal profit and physical safety, which he couldn't do in his native land, and being discreet, as he thought, concerning his personal welfare, he declined to go into his particular business where he might have operated advantageously to his submerged fellow countrymen. Today he is headed toward the penitentiary, and, contemplating the fix he finds himself in, rages like a Berserker. It is consoling to every real American and every disciple of democracy that this man, and a party of his fellow bolsheviks, are at the end of their tether. They stretched their license a little too far, and have discovered that even a tolerant people can be imposed upon a bit more than they are willing to stand for.—State Press.

NATIONAL PROHIBITION IS NOW ASSURED FACT

Washington, Jan. 17.—Ratification Thursday of the federal constitutional prohibition amendment made the United States the first power to take legislative action to permanently stop the liquor traffic.

Nebraska's vote gave the necessary affirmative three-fourths majority of the states to make effective the amendment submitted by congress in December, 1917. It was followed by similar action in the legislatures of Missouri and Wyoming, making 38 states in all which have approved a "dry" America.

Affirmative action by some of the ten state legislatures yet to act is predicted by prohibition advocates.

Under the terms of the amendment, the manufacture, sale and importation of intoxicating liquors must cease one year after ratification, but prohibition will be a fact in every state much earlier because of the war measure forbidding the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages after June 30, until the demobilization of the military forces is completed, under the war time measure, expropriation of liquor is permitted, but the great stocks now held in bonded warehouses will have to be disposed of before the federal amendment becomes effective.

Discussion as to whether the new amendment becomes a part of the constitution now that 36 states have ratified it, or whether it becomes a part of the basic law only when each state has certified its action to the secretary of state, led Thursday to a search for precedent, which showed that the only two amendments ratified in the last century, providing for income taxes and direct election of senators, were considered effective immediately the thirty-sixth state had taken affirmative action.

Senator Sheppard, author of the prohibition amendment held that national prohibition becomes a permanent fact January 16, 1920.

EPHESUS

By Regular Correspondent

Ephesus, Jan. 19.—The health of this community is improving some. We have only a few cases of the "flu."

We are having some rain now, and it is putting the ground in good condition for planting.

Mr. Jim Turner is making a business visit to Dallas this week.

Ernest Graham is on the sick list this week.

Our school is progressing nicely.

Church and Sunday school is not doing very well, but we hope that it will revive when we have some pretty weather.

Miss Mary Anderson has been on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Andy Kelley, who has been very ill, is much better now.

Mrs. Minnie McQueen was visiting Mrs. J. M. Anderson today.

Grady Parker is regaining his health now.

Bud Parker, son of Mrs. Joanna Parker, has received an honorable discharge, and came home the first part of the week.

W. O. W. AND CIRCLE WILL INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

The Woodmen Lodge and the Circle will hold a joint meeting this Friday night, January 24, to install the newly elected officers for the ensuing year. The Circle will invite prospective members to attend the installation. Mrs. Douthitt of Elkhart will act as installing officer for the Circle, and Mr. J. I. Hopkins of Palestine, will install the Woodmen officers. The following officers will be installed:

- C. E. Brooks, Past Counsel Commander.
- M. E. Bean, Counsel Commander.
- P. H. Parker, Adviser Lieutenant.
- J. S. Eaves, Banker.
- C. L. Haltom, Clerk.
- Harry Richards, Escort.
- W. L. Bridges, Watchman.
- E. F. Smith, Sentry.
- E. F. Smith, E. C. Parker and W. L. Bridges, Managers.
- Mrs. Sallie McCarty, Past Guardian.
- Mrs. Leatha Owens, Guardian.
- Mrs. Julia Lively, Adviser Lieutenant.
- Mrs. Viola Anthony, Chaplain.
- Mrs. Dent Lively, Banker.
- Mrs. Elma Brooks, Attendant.
- Mrs. Mattie Parker, Inner Sentry.
- Mrs. Fannie Bean, Outer Sentry.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 23, 1919

WHAT ONE FORTUNE DID

LeRoy Bickford, of Boston, died a few days ago leaving a will that has been criticised by some. Here is what Mr. Bickford did: He directed his executors to create a fund of \$50,000, the annual revenue from which is to be used to keep up the streets in the little town in which he was born; to be used for improving the public schools and employing competent teachers and to be used in placing a newspaper in every home in the town.

Now, what is there to criticise or ridicule in that? Public improvements, better schools and better paid teachers, and current information—these are the three things that this man has helped to provide for the town he was born in, and which he loved all his life. Where are there three better or more desirable things?

If more men and women who have accumulated wealth spent it along these same lines, and as sensibly as LeRoy Bickford the country would be far better off.

We have good schools here in Grape-land and in surrounding communities but can we say the teachers are drawing a salary commensurate with the services they render, and can we say we do not need a few street improvements, and are you right sure that the right kind of a newspaper is going regularly into every home in this community?

When a man starts in to sing his own praises, it is our observation that it is more often a solo than a chorus.

Why is it that shortly after three men empty the same jug of whiskey one wants to fight, one wants to sing and the other wants to cry?

It's hard to make people understand that what we want is more sympathy while we are alive and less bawling over us when we are dead.

The kaiser once said that he would take no nonsense from America, and he has possibly realized by this time that nonsense wasn't what America gave him.

When we reflect on the price of butter and eggs in Grapeland it strikes us that everybody ought to have a burglar-proof safe in the home to keep what little they get hold of in a sure place over night.

Recently the Ford Automobile Co. declared a dividend of only \$4,000,000 to be divided among seven stockholders. You fellows who have been pulling your "tin lizzie" out of the mud holes recently, now know what you are paying for.

The Houston Post recently changed editors, Col. R. M. Johnston being succeeded by Roy G. Watson, and immediately Mr. Watson changed the policy of the Post so radically that it does not seem like the same paper. Imagine the Post advocating woman's suffrage and state and national prohibition! Listen to this from a recent issue: "It is also our unalterable conviction that every consideration of public and private morals, of political, social and economic progress, of the individual and collective well being of the state and nation, demands the destruction of the liquor traffic, root and branch."

A STRIGHT, STEADY PULL

Everything is now out of the way for a stright steady pull. The war ended, the holidays passed, the winter settled down to business. Let us get into the harness again and tug at the load we shall have to draw during the year. But let it be a straight, steady pull—not a nervous burst that won't get us very far.

There is upon every farm an old, steady plow-horse. He seems to have learned through experience that it is the steady pull that counts. There are younger horses upon the place, nervous and excitable. The farmer usually hitches up one of these with the steady, old plow horse and they make a pretty good team—the old fellow serving as a sort of balance to the restless young fellow who thinks he could plow the whole field at one lunge.

And it is the same way with nearly every business and nearly every household in Grapeland. There is an old plow horse standing around; there are excitable and inexperienced youngsters eager to lunge forward. Let us hook them up together. Let the younger and more inexperienced take counsel from the older heads; let the older heads appreciate the enthusiasm of youth. But let both pull together.

This year is not going to be different from others years. Nothing is going to happen to enable us to make a living without working for it. Everything is going to operate just as it has always operated with the reward to those who think and work, and with regret to those who sit down and wait.

The editor and proprietor, W. L. West, is luxuriating in the Norworthy Sanitarium at Houston, where he expects to remain for several days. He would be glad to have any of his friends call and sympathize with him. —Polk County Enterprise.

We went out to sympathize with Bill, but when we saw his nurse we congratulated him. We tried to get Bill to push over and make room in his bed for us, but he wouldn't do it. —Judd Lewis, in Houston Post.

Texas newspapers are well represented in the state government, headed by the governor, who is a newspaper man. The Lieutenant Governor, W. A. Johnston, is publisher of a country newspaper—the Hall County Herald. H. H. Terrell, comptroller, is the owner of a string of country newspapers. George Waverly Briggs, commissioner of insurance and banking, was brought up in a newspaper office and has worked on some of the largest papers in the state. Then there are a number of senators and members of the lower house who are active members of the "fourth estate."

Ex-President Roosevelt, during his lifetime, created many phrases which have become universal almost, and which have had a powerful formulative effect on popular thought everywhere. Some of these were: "I'm for the square deal;" "Malefactors of great wealth;" "The strenuous life;" "My hat's in the ring;" "Mollycoddle;" "Pussyfoot;" "Bully;" "De-Lighted;" "Weazel words" "Muekraker;" "Ananias Club;" "Big stick;" "I feel like a Bull Moose." During recent months Mr. Roosevelt took special delight in criticising the present administration, and especially President Wilson's fourteen peace points. One of his last and most cutting epigrams was issued only a few weeks ago when he applied to Mr. Wilson the characterization: "Last in war, first in peace, long may he waver."

TO OUR FRIENDS

Those who have been gracious during our recent illness seem to number with those who have known us. We can not express our feeling; another has expressed our gratitude: "The tears into his eyes were brought And thanks and praises seem to run So fast out of his heart, I thought They never would have done." The ceaseless care, untiring sacrifice and beautiful offerings in every form of our relatives, intimate friends and acquaintances have charged us with a debt which can not be paid. Since it would be futile to attempt to return individually the favors bestowed, we shall strive to serve our community better and thus in a small degree, convey our appreciation.

With thanks,
D. N. Leaverton,
Linnie Leaverton.

When the Boys Come Home!

**THEIR PEACE-TIME UNIFORMS WILL BE
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We are the only Representatives in Grapeland selling the only genuine Unionall. Made by the Lee Mfg. Co.

The New Hats are going--
They are selling fast—really faster than we expected so early in the season. There is a big selection of the newest felts at our store and you will be sure to find one that will suit you. We have novelty Hats and staple Hats in all leading shades including brown, gray, green and black.
MALLORY STETSON WORTH

The maker's of Styleplus Clothes, in war time as before, have adhered to their ONE PRICE policy and this line of Clothes is known throughout this country. As materials increased, the price of Styleplus Clothes has in turn been raised to maintain the same quality and the same guarantee—and yet the advance on Styleplus has been smaller than on any competitive line. If you are needing a Suit or Overcoat, we want you to investigate our showing of.

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LOCAL ITEMS

All kinds of farming tools at Darsey's.

Plenty of Outing in all colors at W. H. Long & Co's.

Plenty of blankets and comforts at Darsey's.

Mrs. Fletch Harmon is here on a visit to relatives and friends.

See our plow machinery before you buy. McLean & Riall.

Mrs. Ivey of Marlin is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Lively.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brumley of Percilla were in the city Monday shopping.

To stand the strain buy a "Bain" Wagon at W. H. Long & Co's.

A few Woolnap Blankets going at close-out price at W. H. Long & Co's.

Two in the family of J. S. Weisinger, who lives north of town, are sick with pneumonia.

You can get any style cultivator you want from several popular makes at Darsey's.

FOR SALE

Pure bred Poland China sow with 5 thrifty pigs.
tf Mae Bean.

Plows! Plows! Plows! All kinds! All sizes! Also a complete line of plow extras, cultivator parts, etc. at Darsey's.

George Scarborough, who recently moved to the Hays Spring community from Palestine, is quite sick with pneumonia.

FOR SALE

A 6 year old mare and a 5-passenger Ford Car.
Mae Bean.

Miss Annie Lois Taylor is home from Carthage, the public school having closed on account of a second wave of influenza.

When your clothes need treatment, carry them to Clewis' Sanitarium. All cases carefully treated.

Dr. Clewis' Hospital.

The remains of Bob Masters, who died in Palestine, were shipped here and interred in the Parker cemetery Sunday afternoon. Mr. Masters formerly lived in the Livelyville community.

Grady Stevens of Jacksonville spent several days here last week visiting his friend, Stovall White. He had just received his discharge from the army at Camp Travis.

I have what you need. If you will allow me to show it to you and give demonstration you will buy. The Aladdin kerosene lamp creates a sensation wherever it is introduced. Five times as bright as electric; saves one-half on oil. An overnight trial will convince you that you need this lamp. Call me for a demonstration.
E. L. Frisby, Agent.

Parts for Fords at Darsey's.

We pay more for produce. McLean & Riall.

Cason Bush of Percilla was here on business Monday.

Parts for Fords and Maxwells at Darsey's.

Plenty of Alfalfa Hay at Long & Co's.

Would you be willing to plant a tree in honor of our soldier boys?

Clyde Dennis recently received his discharge from the army and is at his home at Percilla.

Mrs. J. E. Hollingsworth has been quite sick with influenza, but is now much better.

Edgar Brooks of Livingston is visiting relatives and friends here this week.

FOR SALE

5-Passenger cars, Ford or Overland, take your choice.
Ben Brooks.

Willie Ward arrived home Sunday from a training camp in Georgia, having received his discharge from the army.

Clarence McCarty arrived home Tuesday from Ft. Sam Houston, having been honorably discharged from the army.

Dolph Zackary of near Crockett visited his father, T. D. Zackary, of the Hays Spring community, Sunday.

Lee Stockbridge has been honorably discharged from the army, and arrived home Saturday. He was mustered out at Camp Logan.

LIBERTY BONDS BOUGHT

If you must sell your Liberty Bonds we will buy them.
Guaranty State Bank,
tf GrapeLand, Texas.

DENTAL NOTICE

Dr. Moore, the dentist, is at the Grapeland Hotel ready to execute all manner of dental work. Teeth extracted without pain.
tf C. L. Moore, D. D. S.

FOR SALE

Macatawa Berry Plants. Now is the time to set them out. Get your's before they are all sold.
M. L. Williams,
45-3 Route 4.

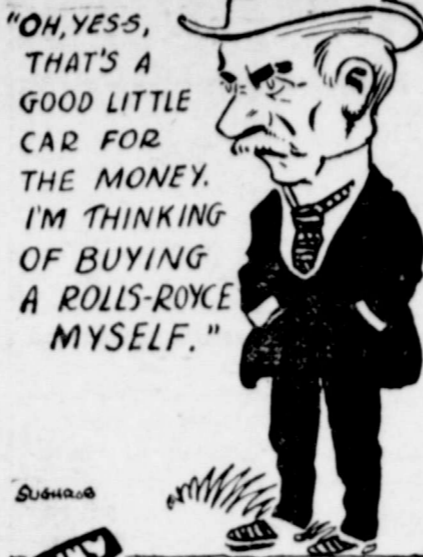
Abstract Your Land Titles

And let us do the work for you. We have a complete abstract of the land titles of this county down to NOW.

Madden & Denny,
tf Crockett, Texas.

Lenard Sullivan and family are moving from New Waverly to Crockett. Mrs. Sullivan and the children are visiting relatives here while waiting for their household goods to arrive in Crockett.

Jesse Caskey and Miss Lottie Williams, of the Livelyville community, were married Saturday afternoon. The ceremony took place in the Messenger office, Rev. J. E. Bean officiating. We congratulate these young people, and join their numerous friends in best wishes.



"OH, YESS, THAT'S A GOOD LITTLE CAR FOR THE MONEY. I'M THINKING OF BUYING A ROLLS-ROYCE MYSELF."

Submar

DOES THE GUY WITH NOTHING IN THE BANK BUT AN OVER-DRAFT MAKE CRACKS LIKE THIS ?

FOUND

A bunch of keys. Owner may have same by calling at the Messenger office, proving same and paying for this notice.

Make Grapeland a shady place and honor the soldiers. Be ready to attend the meeting next week to formulate plans for "soldier and tree planting day."

FOR SALE

Desirable location in Grapeland, 5 room house, well finished; good water, large yard and garden; one-fourth acre in all. For price and terms see Davis & Edens. tf

J. W. Ellis was a pleasant caller and had us to place his name back on our subscription list. Mr. Ellis has regained his health and says he is feeling fine. For almost a year he has been afflicted with rheumatism. He is now living north of town on Route 1.

NOTICE

I am still with the Texas Nursery Co. and am now taking orders for delivery about February 15. Would be glad to have your orders right away.
tf J. E. Hollingsworth.

The Messenger heartily endorses the idea of planting trees in honor of the soldiers. A meeting will be called for some time next week to discuss this matter among the people, and form some definite plan of procedure. You will be expected to attend the meeting and do your part as a loyal citizen.

NOTICE TO HOG RAISERS

I will be shipping hogs to the market at intervals from now until April 1. I will begin to buy hogs January 24-25, and each Friday and Saturday thereafter until April 1. I am now feeding out about six or seven hundred of my own hogs, and guarantee you a market for any you have to sell up to that time.
tf George Calhoun.

NOTICE TAX PAYERS

This is the last month you have to pay your school tax without penalty. February 1 a ten per cent penalty will be added. You are urged to pay at once, as the school needs the money.
Paul Kennedy, Collector.

HOGS WANTED

We are in the market for hogs and will pay the highest market prices. Be sure to see us before you sell.
tf Dailey Bros.

Eyes Tested FREE!

Why not have those glasses you have been needing so long fitted now? Why strain your eyes and injure your health when with a small cost this can be remedied?

We have over 100 satisfied customers within the last few months who can testify to the accuracy of the fit.

Mr. Holmes is here every day and both he and the house guarantee the work. Come in and see us.

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HONESTY AND QUALITY WADE L. SMITH

SHOE AND HARNESS REPAIR SHOP
ALL WORK FIRST-CLASS AND SATISFACTION GUARANTEED
Bring me your work and get it done right
J. H. BOWMAN

PRODUCE WANTED

Under present arrangements I will be able to reach the consumers of the city of Houston through seven retail grocery stores. This eliminates the commission man and will enable me to pay what your produce is worth. Bring me your butter and eggs.
tf W. R. Wherry.

FOR SALE

A few bushels of fall Irish Potatoes at \$2.25 per bushel. They are sound stock. See me.
J. W. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Howard are in suspense concerning the safety of their son, Earl Howard, with the American Expeditionary Forces. The last letter they had from him was dated October 26. Since that time they have heard indirectly that Earl was wounded in action November 1st. The Red Cross and War Department have been asked to locate him.

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

Mrs. W. L. Mangum was operated on for appendicitis Monday in the Nash Sanitarium at Palestine. She stood the operation well and is getting along nicely.

HORSE TAKEN UP

Big black horse about 16 hands high, taken up at my farm 5 miles from Grapeland on the Palestine road. Owner may have same by calling and paying expenses.
It Ed Keen.

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F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

If you need a cultivator, you will find one in our stock that will just fit your needs. We have them riding or walking at Darsey's.

Avoid irregularity in the bowels movements, it leads to chronic constipation; a condition that poisons the blood and breeds disease. Prickly Ash Bitters restores regularity and put the system in order. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

As a general thing, when a tightly-shod girl thinks the gentleman is admiring her pretty feet he is really feeling sorry for her poor little toes.

Mr. Peavish says that although he counts himself blessed in having won Mrs. Peavish, he sometimes thinks alarm clocks ought to be substituted for wedding bells.—Galveston News.

Bud Brown and family of the Hays Spring community are moving to near Elkhart this week.

TEXAS YOUTH IS CLAIMANT FOR PIG CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Out of Bartlett, Williamson County, Tex., comes the pig-club champion not only of Texas but of the United States that's what Owen W. Sherrill, county agent says at any rate. The name of the claimant is Elton Sartor, and here's the record on which the challenge is based:

His 68-pound registered big-type Poland China sow pig, selected 15 months ago from a famous herd in Kansas, cost him \$25. The first litter from this sow was 11 pigs. The price he got for them when they were 6 months and 4 days old and weighed 2,223 pounds was \$527.85. For 9 pigs out of the second litter of 12 he received \$225. Adding \$500, the amount refused for the sow, and deducting the feed bill of \$172, the gain was \$1,052.85. This means a net profit of \$1,052.85 in 15 months on an initial \$25 investment. Pretty hard to beat isn't it?

Perhaps you wouldn't be so astonished if you lived in Texas, for, from all accounts, that's where champion pig raisers are developed. That's where young Shelby Mullins, the 1917 champion came from. Mullins though, hails from Georgetown, but also he was a protege of County Agent Sherrill.

But, let's get back to Bartlett, the pig club, and the 1918 champion.

"Bartlett," says the knowing ones down there, "boasts the fact that as good hogs as money can buy in the United States are right here." Further more, it is the home of the Bartlett Boys' Registered Pig Club, of which Elton Sartor is a member.

Bartlett is a thriving city of 1,815 inhabitants situated on the line of two of the richest counties in Texas, Williamson and Bell. It is a typical "live wire" city whose business men spell progress with a capital P, and whose bankers are pace makers in cooperation. Sixteen Williamson county bankers, by the way, have been and still are financial backers of these pig club boys. Of this feature the county agent says: "I am safe in saying that no deserving boy has yet been refused assistance in buying his pig or brood sow where he was willing to follow the suggestions of the county agent—a recognition of the worth of the methods recommended by the Extension Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, and the State agricultural colleges, and a tribute to Bartlett bankers. T. B. Benson, cashier of the Bartlett National Bank, goes further, declaring that "Any boy who will raise hogs and take an interest in them needs no other security than his note at this bank. I have not lost a cent on these notes and do not expect to."

The Bartlett Boys' Pig Club—strictly speaking, a pig club in the south is only one specific branch of boys' and girls' club work—is the outgrowth of the needs in Williamson county, as the wideawakes in Bartlett saw it, of high-

bred pigs and plenty of them. One of these men was County Agent Sherrill. He got together "two carloads of business men"—that's the way he expressed it—and "in one day organized at eight schools in Bartlett trade territory. Br. Benson financed the boys, at 8 per cent interest, taking the boys' plain moral note, with their fathers' permission in every case, but with no indorsements or liens." This bank cashier further financed these youngsters in their feed bills—there had been a drought the previous year—and gave them two years in which to meet their obligations.

The best out of a carload of registered big-type Poland Chinas from the leading Kansas breeders were selected and distributed to pig-club members. These consisted of 30 sow pigs and 1 boar three months old, cholera immune, weighing an average of 68 pounds each and costing \$25 a head. "To date," says the report to the States Relation Service, United States Department of Agriculture, "17 of these sows weigh an average of 500 pounds each. They farrowed an average of 10½ pigs around and raised over 1,000 pounds of pig meat each."

Reports to County Agent Sherrill now show that one pig-club member has cleared over \$1,000; four, over \$500; eight, over \$250; and eleven, over \$100 out of one sow pig each in the past year.

There are other good records, too; for instance, that of one boy who was guaranteed \$1,000 for his sow and litter of 11 pigs at Dallas last fall, but none of them is up to the standard of Elton Sartor, the star pig raiser of the Lone Star State.

County Agent Sherrill gives the enrollment in agricultural clubs for 1918 as 1,390, and predicts a membership of 3,000 for 1919. He says he has a number of bankers in other Williamson county towns lined up ready to start new pig clubs as soon as the Bartlett boys have sufficient litters of weaned pigs for redistribution.

Now a little more about Elton Sartor, the pig-club champion for 1918. He is 15, and he puts intelligence and energy into everything he undertakes. That's why he is champion today. Sartor saw big possibilities in pig raising; he had faith in the judgment of his county agent; so he borrowed \$25 from a banker, bought a sow, and joined the pig club.

Sartor lays great stress on feed as a factor in pig raising. He believes in a balanced ration, and he has an abiding faith in milk as an article of pig diet.

"Whole milk," he says, "will certainly make a pig's tail curl." Of just what practical utility is the corkscrew effect of a porker's caudal appendage, Sartor doesn't say. It must mean something very desirable, though; otherwise it would not figure in championship pronouncements. — Weekly News Letter—U. S. Dept.—Agriculture.

PROMINENT EDUCATOR OF HOUSTON COUNTY DEAD

Mr. R. J. Dominy died of pneumonia at his home in Ratcliff Monday night at 10:30 o'clock. Funeral services were held at the family burial ground at Pennington Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The services were conducted by the Woodmen of the World lodge of Ratcliff, of which Mr. Dominy was a member.

Mr. Dominy stood among Houston county's ablest educators. Born and reared at or near Pennington, he early acquired the rudiments of knowledge that so well stood him in hand in later life. He was a close student, burning the midnight candle while others frolicked or slept. By hard study and work he soon ranked among the county's best teachers, holding some of the most responsible positions in the county.

His last school work was as superintendent of the Ratcliff schools. There was genuine sorrow in the Ratcliff community over his death, and that sorrow permeated all of Houston county.

His wife was Miss Lula Mortimer, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mortimer, who live north of Crockett. Besides the wife he leaves a young son, Roy Dominy. There is deep sorrow over Houston county at his death. —Crockett Courier.

YOUNG FRIEND! IF GEORGE WASHINGTON COULD RISE FROM HIS GRAVE

nd see our cities at midnight lighted as bright as day, hear the whirl of the electric car, talk over a wireless elephone, send a message by wireless to a ship far out at sea, examine his own bones with an X-ray, view the nowy fields, sunny plains and canals of Mars through a telescope, take a flight from ocean to ocean in an air hip, cross the ocean in a submarine, get run over by an automobile going ninety miles an hour, see kings fleeing from their thrones—but what's he use going back a hundred years? A system of Shorthand and Book-keeping twenty years old is of but little sue today.

As the steam ship has crowded out the sail boat, as the typewriter the goose quill pen and pokeberry ink, so have the famous Byrne systems of Bookkeeping, Business Training and Shorthand taken the place of the old systems. The reason is plain; these systems cut in half the time and cost of becoming an expert accountant or stenographer; they teach business as well as Bookkeeping, they make it possible for the student to graduate and begin earning while the student of the other systems is less than half through his course; they give the student a more thorough practical working knowledge, which means a higher salary.

These practical, modern, time-saving systems can be had in this section only in the Tyler Commercial College. You would not think of riding in an ox cart in preference to an automobile. Then why think of studying the old ox cart systems of accounting and stenography when you can get the Byrne systems which possess such wonderful advantages that they enabled the management of the Tyler Commercial College to build the largest business training school in America, with an annual enrollment of more than 3000.

For free catalogue, address Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

OFFER OF MILLION FOR GRAVEYARD IS REFUSED

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 17.—The Merriman Baptist church of Ranger, which already has acquired an income of \$200,000 a year through oil wells sunk in its church yard, has refused one million dollars for the right to develop wells in its graveyard, which adjoins the church, it became known here today.

The graveyard now is surrounded by oil wells and numerous companies have made the congregation, which has only 29 members, fabulous offers for the burying ground. The congregation has voted that none of its members shall profit personally by its good fortune, but that the entire income shall be devoted to the glory of God. One hundred thousand dollars already has been distributed among Baptist institutions in this state.

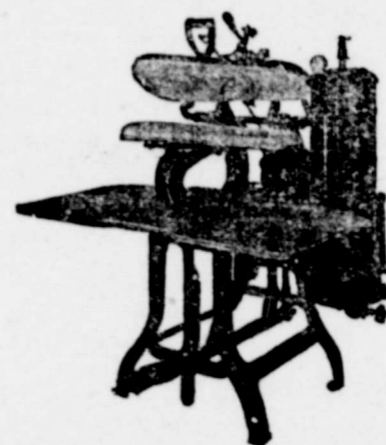
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HERBINE

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It creates energy by cleansing the system of bilious impurities and restoring activity in the torpid liver. Take a dose when you go to bed. You will feel bright and vigorous next morning. It's a fine purifying and regulating medicine. Price 50 cents.

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Your Business will be Greatly Appreciated

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Basket leaves every Wednesday and returns Saturday.

NEW MEAT DRYING PROCESS

A new meat drying process by means of which meats and fish can be kept indefinitely and at will restored to their original freshness by the application of water has been worked out in the chemical engineering laboratories of Columbia university, it is announced. By making refrigeration unnecessary the process, it is believed, will greatly increase the world's meat-shipping capacity.

FOR SALE

175¾ acres, two miles from town on the Crockett road. Residence property in town. See W. R. Wherry.

FOR KIDNEY AILMENTS

Pains in the Back or disturbances in the Urinary Organs, there is no remedy more powerful and effective than

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It is an exceptionally fine restorative for ailing kidneys. Inflammation of the kidneys, Bright's Disease in the early stage, Diabetes, and all irregularities in the urinary organs yield to its great tonic and renovating influence. Weak, nervous people who suffer from pains in the back, too frequent calls to pass urine, torpid liver or constipated bowels, need this admirable cleansing stimulant because it contains the necessary medicinal properties for correcting these debilitating diseases.

Sold by all Druggists and Dealers in Medicine.

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

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Build
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Doors, Windows, Brick, Lime Cement, Builders' Hardware, etc.**

T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER COMPANY

A. & M. TELLS HOW TO GROW PEANUTS FOR THE MARKET

In order to get a more comprehensive view of peanut growing and marketing from the manufacturers standpoint a circular letter was mailed to each of the mills in the State. This circular was in the nature of an inquiry as to how we could best serve the grower so that he would be able to realize a greater net profit per acre.

These replies were all very similar and pointed out the necessity of seed selection, better cultivation, maturity, method of harvesting, handling and threshing.

As one manager states "I find the greatest problems to be:

1. On account of so many Cylinder Threshers being used the farmers do not have the proper grade of peanuts for planting purposes and therefore almost universally have poor stands. The Cylinder Machines burst a great many of the peanuts in the shell and they are apparently good peanuts yet they will not germinate.

2. The method of harvesting determines the quality and yield of peanuts. As a general rule the farmers have permitted peanuts to cure in the open or in wind rows which is not the proper method for curing peanuts. Peanuts should be shocked so they will cure slowly and give the peanut an opportunity to draw from the vine in the curing process. You may take corn when it begins to harden and shock it so that it will cure slowly and it will have a plump grain, while you allow it to dry out in the sun it is sure to have a shriveled grain. Peanuts are largely the same along this line.

3. The proper method of threshing peanuts. There is absolutely no question but what peanuts threshed with a picker are more valuable to the manufacturer than peanuts threshed with a cylinder machine. The first process by the manufacturer is removing the dirt and gravel and if the peanuts are shelled and broken up the shelled peanuts and particles of peanuts will go out with the sand and gravel and are valuable for nothing except for hog feed. Most of the farmers are not careful to see that their peanuts are thoroughly dry before threshing and as a consequence a large per cent are pops when if the peanuts had been thoroughly dry these pops would go out with the hay."

One manager stated that one of the great losses to the grower comes from uncleaned nuts. If a sample is taken and dirt, rocks and trash are found, the buyer must pay upon this basis "and play safe." Consequently it is impossible for him to pay the actual value of these nuts.

Seed selection should be made in the field by selecting the vines that have produced the greatest amount of mature nuts. These can be piled and threshed separate.

Throughout most sections of the state planting should be below the level in furrows opened with lister or sweep. When the plants appear they should be cultivated by harrowing with ordinary spike toothed harrow. This may be repeated as often as necessary to keep free from grass and weeds.

In the eastern section of the state it is advisable to keep the land clean by shallow cultivation until May and plant in furrow. This early cultivation before planting will hold moisture and destroy every vegetation, then if planted below surface practically all cultivation may be done with section harrow.

The greatest yield of Spanish peanuts has been made from rows 24 inches apart and 6 inches in drill. Under average conditions in the state possibly the best results will be obtained in a 30 inch row and 8 inches in drill.

The nut is more valuable than hay. If you are producing peanuts for market let the hay crop be of secondary consideration. Be sure that the nuts are well matured before harvesting.

In harvesting it is always best to use some form of implement that will cut the top root just below the nuts. When the entire root is removed the fertility of the land is greatly impaired by blowing and leaching. It is advisable in most instances to use a cover crop for the peanut land.

Peanuts should be shocked as soon as removed from the ground. This enables them to cure more thoroughly and with less loss than if left to dry out rapidly.

Be sure that the vines and nuts are thoroughly dry before threshing. When dry all the "pops" and trash will be blown over the vines. If not dry this refuse will go with the nuts

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SUFFRAGE BILL IS REPORTED FAVORABLY

Austin, Texas, Jan. 20.—The woman suffrage amendment was reported favorably by the house committee on constitutional amendments today. The amendment, as reported, carries a provision that none but fully naturalized citizens be allowed suffrage, and the date for submission to the people is fixed for May 24.

The committee also made a favorable report on the measure providing for the calling of a constitutional convention. The vote of the committee was 9 to 5. The five members gave notice they would bring in a minority report.

Terrell of Cherokee stated today that he intends to introduce a resolution to amend the constitution to provide for the cutting of the number of members of the house of representatives from 143 to 93, or one to each 30,000 people with a minimum of 100 representatives. The measure provides a salary of \$1200 a year for the first year and \$5 a day for called sessions of the second year.

A number of English school boys were taken to see a performance of The Merchant of Venice. When Shylock in the court scene was urgently demanding his pound of flesh, one of the youngsters cried out in eager tones to the judge, "Make him show his meat card."—Exchange.

CROCKETT SOCIAL NEWS

Crockett, Texas, Jan. 20.—Mrs. James Crawford of Jennings, La., is the guest of Mrs. B. S. Elliott.

Mrs. James Langston spent the week with friends in Dallas.

Miss Norma Jackson of Granger was a week-end visitor to Crockett.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Scott have gone to Schulenburg to reside.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Hands of Jackson, Miss., spent the week with relatives near town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jones, who have been visiting relatives, have returned to their home at Orange.

Mrs. C. B. Moore of Humble is the guest of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dupuy and Miss Elizabeth Dupuy of Kennard were in Crockett the first of the week.

Mrs. T. A. Hunt of Greenville is spending the week here, the guest of relatives.

Miss Opal Johnson has returned from a visit with Mrs. S. R. LeMay of Grapeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Bromberg of Galveston, Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Harrison of New Orleans, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weiss of Houston and Mrs. Henry H. Klein of New York were in Crockett last week.

Mr. Robert C. Moore of Timpson and Miss Elizabeth C. Rains of this city were married in this city Monday evening, January 13, at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. C. B. Garrett officiating.

Homer Leediker and Miss Oma Hairston, both of this city, were united in marriage Sunday afternoon, January 12, Rev. C. B. Garrett of the Methodist church performing the ceremony.

ROCK HILL
By Norman

Rock Hill, Jan. 20.—Mrs. Lucy Willis gave us all a nice entertainment Saturday night. A large crowd was present and everybody enjoyed themselves.

Miss Ola Willis visited her homefolks Saturday night. She was accompanied by Misses Ruth Sanders and Bessie Smith and Messrs. Jim Owens Herod and Burtis Kolb. They returned to Oak Grove Sunday.

We had a good Sunday school and prayer meeting yesterday and last night. Sunday week there will be an election of officers for the Sunday school. We hope a good crowd will be present.

Rev. C. A. Campbell will fill his regular appointment here next Sunday at 11 o'clock. Everybody invited.

Jesse Willis came in Saturday from Jacksonville to see homefolks. He filled his appointment Sunday at New Prospect and Antrim.

George Langham and family of Hays Spring community visited the home of R. M. Brooks Sunday.

Little Victor Streetman has been real sick the past week with pneumonia. We are glad to report that he is much better at present.

What has become of Messrs. A. W. Cain, H. A. Tyer and others, who used to write such good letters to our paper?

RED CROSS REMEDIES

Many able Chemists and Doctors were called into service in perfecting Red Cross Remedies.

This is an age of Specialists, and while one may have distinguished achievements to his credit in one particular line, another is excelling in something else. That very thing makes it possible for us to have a Red Cross Remedy for each ailment, and enables us to give the consumer more than we promise or charge for.

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YOUR DRUGGIST

and will be docked accordingly on the market.

If necessary reclean nuts, to remove dirt and gravel, before marketing.

The following grades have been adopted by the Southwestern Peanut Shellers Association:

1. Choice Unshelled Peanuts shall be recleaned, sound, dry, fully matured, free from dirt, sand, stems, pops, trash, or other foreign matter, and shall be free from shelled peanuts and must not have moisture content in excess of 7 per cent.

2. Prime Unshelled Peanuts shall be equal in grade to the average unshelled peanuts for the season of the year in which they are sold and shall be dry and shall not contain more than 2 per cent of dirt and sand and not more than five per cent of stems, pops, trash or other foreign matter and must be free from damaged or off colored kernels and reasonably free from shelled peanuts and must not have a moisture content in excess of 10 per cent.

Unshelled Peanuts not grading either choice or prime shall be classed as Off Grade Peanuts. Off Grade Peanuts which are dry and do not contain more than 2 per cent dirt and sand and not more than 5 per cent of stem, pops, trash or other foreign matter and not more than 5 per cent of damaged and off colored kernels, shall be accepted on a prime contract at a reduction of 5 cents for each one per cent of damaged or off colored kernels.—A. & M. Farm News Extension Service.

Trying to get away with it is what keeps the prisons filled.

MAKING USE OF FOOD CARDS

Postcards bearing these recipes for preparing war food were quite popular among people of Germany who were disposed to get what fun they could out of their food difficulties:

"Dip the meat card in the egg card and bake it in the butter card to a nice brown on both sides. The vegetable card is to be steamed with the flour card until partly tender and then cooked with the potato card until done.

"For dessert the left-over pieces of the dough card are to be sprinkled with the cheese card, covered with some small pieces of extra cards, and served with the pitted fruit card. Then put the potato card in boiling water, add the milk card, dissolve the sugar card in it, and throw in some toasted crumbs of a white bread card.

"Be sure to remember that the kitchen fire is to be made with a coal card and your hands washed with a soap card and dried on a clothing card."—The Pathfinder.

GLASS EYE INDUSTRY

The making of artificial eyes is not a large industry in ordinary times, but now one New York firm has inquiries from Allied governments for 100,000 eyes and not all of them can be obtained. About a million artificial eyes used to be kept in stock in this country, but the quantity has been reduced during the last few years.

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It pays you in satisfaction. When a merchant asks you to come to his store he obligates himself to sell you quality goods "as advertised." You have a right to expect satisfaction from what you buy and get it.

It pays you in time saved. When you know exactly what you want to buy and where you want to buy it, you don't have to "look around" and waste time finding it.

Don't you want to save money and time? Wouldn't you like to be sure of getting satisfactory service and quality goods every time you go to a store? Then read the advertisements and patronize the stores which can serve you best.

HINDERERS OR HELPERS

Junior League Sunday January 26, 1919.

Songs—Nos. 113 and 20.
Prayer—by Superintendent, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Scripture lesson—First Junior, 1 Cor. 9-12. Second Junior 2 Cor. 1-2.

Superintendent—Short talk.
Leader—Dimple Cromwell.

First Junior, 1 Kings 28-18—Mary Sam Howard.

Second Junior, Gen. 3, 3-10—Mildred Anthony.

Third Junior, Mark 10-11, Dorothy Darsey.

Fourth Junior, acts 8, 1-9—Carl Lively.

Fifth Junior mark 10, 17-22—Harry Jones.

Leader—Tell some Bible Helpers.

First Junior Joseph, Gen. 39, 2-5—Buster Traylor.

Second Junior Moses, Exodus 3, 1-12—Rollie Traylor.

Third Junior St. Paul, acts 9, 3-8—Lena Clewis.

Song and Benediction.

OUR HONOR ROLL

The following have our thanks for their subscription:

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Kankakee, Wis.—H. A. Tyer.

Henrietta—Mrs. J. B. Cunningham.
Forney—Mrs. M. B. Rhea.

Augusta—W. H. Holcomb.
Livingston—Edgar Brooks.

THE VICTORY LOAN

Secretary of the Treasury Glass has announced that the name of the next loan will be the "victory loan." The exact date it will be floated has not yet been announced, although it is almost certain to be early in the spring.

The honor flag of the loan will bear a blue "V" on a white field surrounded by a red border. The "V" indicates both five and victory.

PAYS TO BE COURTEOUS

This is what William Matthews, a keen, modern analyst of human nature says about courtesy:

While coarseness and gruffness lock doors and close hearts, courtesy, refinement and gentleness are an "open sesame" at which bolts fly back and doors swing open.

The rude, borish man, even the well-meaning, is avoided by all. Even virtue itself is offensive when coupled with an offensive manner.

NEW COMET APPEARS

A comet was discovered November 23 by Prof. Schorr of Hamburg observatory, according to cable reports. Shortly afterward the body was seen from the U. S. naval observatory in Washington and the Yerkes observatory in Wisconsin. The comet which appeared in the constellation of Taurus not far from the star of Aldebaran was on the 14th magnitude and so faint that it could be seen only through large high-power telescopes.

GEORGE E. DARSEY'S LETTER FROM SUNNY FRANCE

With the A. E. F.
Longuyon France, Nov. 26, 1918.

Dear Papa:

I am a little late with my letter but we were moving on the proper dates for it and I will write tonight and you know that I am still well and doing fine. I received letters of October 28th and November 1st and also the kodak pictures and I am real glad to hear from you and to know that all are well and things in general are o. k. The pictures were sure good and I think that the Collies are fine looking pups. As usual, the bunch asked to see them and all complimented them very much.

As you can see from the head of this letter, we are far into the portion of France that the Germans occupied until a late date. We are in a town that in normal times was about twice the size of Palestine. This section of the country is not as war torn as that we have just left, but the Hun never fails to leave his mark wherever he goes. They only left this town about ten or twelve days ago, so we are picking up quite a few little souvenirs that they have left. We are quartered in a three story stone building, sleeping on spring beds with mattresses, have a heating stove in each room with a nice clean place for a kitchen. The lady who is in charge of the billet was here under German occupation and seems tickled to have American soldiers staying with her. She was quite surprised when we asked her if we could clean up and it seems that however clever Fritz is at the fighting game, he was certainly a poor house-keeper. But we have it all clean by now and are living high. It seems like the room I'm in was a dispensary for we picked up a number of prescriptions and they left a lot of bottles of medicine, books, etc. I am enclosing a prescription and two postcards that I found and also some other things, as German perfume, song books, two picture books, etc., that I will bring home. (The prescription referred to was for the patient to eat white bread 42 days). This whole letter is "Boche" except the pen and ink. The paper is a form of military letter for use by the soldiers in the field.

We are not, of course, the first allied soldiers into this town but are the first to use this billet and it is well worth the experience. The civilian population is just beginning to drift back here and a few of the large buildings have their lights connected, but ours haven't been hooked up yet. We expect things to look better as we go further, and, in fact, our next stop has street lights, civilians, stores, shops and the like. I don't suppose we will know how to act as this place is more like civilization than any town we have been to for the past two months. The civilian mail was received here today for the first time for four years, or since the German occupation in 1914.

We still do not know when we will be home, but I figure that the distance from here to the Rhine is about 150 kilometers (about 94 miles) and that our third stop from here will put us there. I don't know how long our stay will be there but I figure that from there we will head home. And it can't be a very long time, for I hear that relief is following us up pretty close.

The roads in this section are the best I've seen anywhere and we sure appreciate them after driving over shell torn roads for so long a time. It is about bed time now, so I had better close for this time. Will write again in few days. Give my love to all and write soon. George E.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUNDAY

There will be no preaching services at the Christian church in Grapeland next Sunday, since I shall fill my appointment at Augusta on that day.

On the first Sunday in February we will have our regular services here again, both morning and night, and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

G. H. Farmer, Pastor.

TENANT HOUSE BURNED

A tenant house belonging to W. L. Fox was destroyed by fire Monday of last week on his farm in the Reynard community. No one was at the house when the fire started and it is not known how it originated. Mr. Fox estimates his loss at about \$250.00.

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