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THE VALUE GIVING STORE

### Grapeland Won Honors at the Interscholastic Track Meet

The Track Meet, under the auspices of the University of Texas, was held in Crockett on Friday and Saturday of last week. Grapeland, as usual, brought home the greatest number of blue ribbons for schools in her class in Houston county. With only 5 boys, we won a total of 42 points for our school, two of our leading athletes being knocked out because of injuries.

Grapeland won everything in basket ball, the Houston County Championship being now held by our Senior Girls, Junior Girls, Senior Boys and Junior Boys. Especial honor is due the Senior Girls' team for their victory, since, after defeating Crockett, tired as they were, they then had to defeat a strong, fresh team. The basket ball results were as follows:

Senior Girls—Grapeland vs Crockett, 8 to 0 for Grapeland. Grapeland vs Kennard, 20 to 14 for Grapeland

Junior Girls—Grapeland vs Crockett, 21 to 0 for Grapeland.

Junior Boys—Grapeland vs Crockett, 14 to 4 for Grapeland.

The Senior Boys won the championship by default, there being no competing team.

In spelling, first place among the Senior Girls went to Dimple Cromwell of Grapeland, and among the Juniors, Ida Mae Herod won the blue ribbon for our school. In declamation Bess Boykin was defeated by a narrow margin in the Senior contest, she winning 9 out of 12 possible points, and securing second place. Jo Wherry won first place in Junior declamation.

The tennis finals were not played off, but Grapeland had entries for both boys and girls.

Owing to the difficulty of getting our contestants on the ground, and to injuries to some of our boys, Grapeland's victorious gathering of blue ribbons was somewhat checked in track events. However, we won the following:

Senior girls' 30 yard dash, won by Adabel Leaverton.

Discus throw, won by Otto Walling.

Mile race, won by Henry Brooks.

Half mile race, won by Tom Richards.

120 yard low hurdle, won by Tom Richards.

Quarter mile run, second place, won by Jot Davis Hollingsworth.

Putting the shot, second place, won by Cecil Bean.

Vaulting, third place, won by Leroy Davis.

High jump, third place, won by Tom Richards.

100 yard dash, third place, won by Tom Richards.

50 yard dash, third place, won by Leroy Davis.

120 yard hurdle, third place, won by Henry Brooks.

220 yard dash, third place, won by Henry Brooks.

A total number of 117 points was won by Grapeland. The winners are looking forward to further triumphs at the district meet held next month in Livingston. High School Reporter.

### Red Cross Collecting Clothing for Destitute People

The drive for second-hand clothing for the destitute people of Europe is now in progress by the Red Cross, and people are urged to be liberal in their offerings. All clothing will be received at Leaverton's Lumber Yard up to Saturday, March 29. Committees will call at the residences in Grapeland Friday, March 28, and people in the country are requested to bring theirs to the lumber yard not later than Saturday.

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Shoes  
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Oats, Chops  
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Highest price paid for eggs in cash—not trade.

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If you come to our store to trade you will go home with more money in your pocket than you will if you go elsewhere to trade.

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We have the merchandise and we are making the prices—prices that you cannot duplicate elsewhere in Houston county.

We want you to trade with us, and if you will but allow us to show you our stocks and quote you our prices we are sure we will get your business and leave you "money in your pocket."

Remember we sell a general line of merchandise and you can get all your wants satisfied at our store.

We Want to do Business  
With You  
Why Not do Business with  
us?

McLean & Riall  
DEPENDABLE MERCHANTS

**Private Earl Fox Writes His Sister About the Big War**

A. E. F., Feb. 25, 1919.  
Mrs. P. L. Fulgham,  
Grapeland, Texas.

Dear Sister:  
It is raining as usual, and all members of the company have gone to the horse show, so I am trying to write you.  
Since the armistice has been signed, they put on all kinds of shows to try to keep the men contented so they won't think of home so much. You can't imagine how much different it is now and when the fighting was going on. We never thought of going home or anything except winning the fight, but now we have nothing to do except drill—the same thing over every day, and everybody wants to know when we can go home.

Sister, this war game is something great; it is so exciting you never think of the danger until it is all over. Sometimes I think of the close calls I had now and shudder, while I never thought anything about it at the front while it was going on. If anybody got hurt or "bumped off" we looked on it as part of the game and went on.

I remember one little incident that happened to us one night while we were in support trenches about a mile behind the front line. There were eight of us sleeping in a dug-out about eight feet square and the Huns began to shell us with their artillery, and one shell hit the corner of our "peep hole," as we call them, and covered two of the men up with dirt and rock, so we had to pull them out; it did not hurt them the least bit; shows how close a person can come to being killed and yet not hurt him. Just such as that get the soldiers' nerve after he goes through it for weeks at a time. So that is why they relieve them and give them rest for a couple of weeks and then they are ready again, and it would surprise you to see how eager they are to get in it again after a rest. It is just like the game of base ball and they all want to play.

But now the game is over and the world knows the result. We want to go home, but we have to wait for our turn, so hope it won't be long.

Well, I am in pretty good health and guess I am heavier than I ever was in my life; had all of my bad teeth pulled out and have a sore mouth now. Guess this is enough for one time, so good bye. Write soon.

Private Earl Fox,  
Co. B, 56th Inf.,  
7th Div., A. E. F.

**FOR SALE**

A scholarship in Tyler Commercial College. If you are thinking of taking a business course, it will pay to communicate with us.

The Messenger,  
Grapeland, Texas.

**Banks to Finance Railroads**

The government will not give up control of the railroads at present, Director-General Hines thinks, even if Congress did fail to provide for their financial needs. He is relying on the banks to furnish the needed cash till Congress meets again.

**LIBERTY BONDS**

We will buy them if you want to sell.

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State Bank  
Grapeland, Texas.

Irregular bowel movements should be corrected, as they lead to chronic constipation. Take a dose of Prickly Ash Bitters at bedtime. You will get its beneficial effect after breakfast next morning. It empties the stomach and bowels and makes you feel fit for the day's work. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

RENEW TODAY! Tomorrow you may forget it.

**Federal Director Tells Why Bonds Should be Purchased**

Dallas, Texas, March 18, 1919.  
The Editor,  
The Messenger,  
Grapeland, Texas.

Dear Sir: There seems some slight doubt in the minds of some people as to the exact nature and urgency of The Victory Liberty Loan.

Will you allow me to place the facts very briefly before your readers?

The government spent all of the Fourth Loan money before the last installment was due from the public. It has been borrowing billions of dollars from the banks during the last few months to pay our war debts, and the time has arrived when that money must be paid back to the banks.

The money which we are now asked to lend is to pay for those vast stores of equipment and ammunition, which scared the Germans stiff and made them realize they were beaten. We are asked to pay for the preparations that saved thousands of American lives; for if the Government had not run up this bill our boys would be fighting and dying in the trenches today.

This Loan should be considered in terms of human lives, not percentages or any other considerations, for it will constitute the real test of Americanism.

It is a Loan of Thanksgiving to Almighty God, to the men who suffered and died for us, and to a sane and enlightened government that kept us out of war as long as possible, and then brought us out in a manner that will live for all time as a monument of courage and efficiency.

It is a Loan of thanksgiving, for the preservation of our national life, our business, our fortunes, our homes, all of which were threatened.

Why should I write more? Such considerations inevitably must appeal to the heart and mind of every true man and woman.

Fortunately, the Government intends to make the offering bear a very fair rate of interest. If it bore no interest at all there would still be enough red-blooded Americans in this part of the world to oversubscribe it. As it is, The Victory Liberty Loan is going over, and going over BIG.

Yours for the Victory Liberty Loan,

Frank M. Smith,  
Federal District Director.

**Labor Agent Issues Statement to Discharged Soldiers**

Crockett, Texas, Mar. 22, 1919.  
I have had so many inquiries from discharged soldiers and sailors relative to having their discharges recorded before sending them away for the \$60.00 bonus, that I desire to make a statement.

About three weeks ago I ordered a book in which to record these discharges, but it has not yet arrived. As soon as it does, I intend to record all discharges free of charge. In the meantime, if discharged soldiers and sailors will mail or send me their discharges, I will keep them in a special place I have provided for them in the fire-proof vault here in the County Clerk's office, and when the book does arrive, will record them and return to the owners.

However, if one does not wish to wait to have his discharge recorded before sending away, he may send same by registered mail to "The Zone Finance Officer, Lemon Building, Washington, D. C.," where I am sure it will be taken proper care of and returned with the \$60.00.

Very respectfully,  
A. E. Owens, County Clerk.

Keep the bowels active and the digestion good if you would enjoy health. A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters whenever such disorders appear will keep you on the right road. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

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Remember this when you decide to buy your car.



**J. E. TOWERY**  
CROCKETT, TEXAS

**Joseph H. Holcomb Dead**

Joseph H. Holcomb died at the home of his brother, Mr. Garrett Holcomb on Sunday March 16th, at 8 o'clock. Funeral services were conducted the following day by Revs. Davis and Irvin at the Shiloh church and his remains were interred in the Shiloh cemetery.

Mr. Holcomb was the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Holcomb, was born May 6th, 1854 in Cherokee County and remained here all his life.

He was married to Miss Jennie Bolds in January 1875. To this union seven children were born, five of whom are living, Eugene, Fred and George, and Mrs. Alva Moore, and Mrs. Ed Barnes.

Mr. Holcomb was converted at the age of eighteen and soon afterwards united with the Methodist Church. He was a genuine Christian, doing all good possible and following humbly and faithfully in the Masters footsteps. He was a very useful member and never missed a service when it was possible for him to be present.

The Herald joins others in extending sympathy to the friends and relatives of the deceased.—Alto Herald.

**Natural Result of Red Rule**

American Red Cross workers, on their return from Moscow, say that Russia is starving, disease is spreading, and very few factories are working. Flour is \$10 a pound, sugar \$25.

**Year's Fortunes of War**

Washington, March 21.—One year ago today the German army at the peak of its power, poured down on the British lines in Picardy, bent on winning an overwhelming victory before American troops should reach the front in force.

Today Germany no longer exists as a military power; her gigantic war machine has collapsed and the Americans she sought to avoid stand astride the Rhine, shoulder to shoulder with the British and French, and with all of Germany absolutely at their mercy.

When the cables on March 21, 1918, brought the news of the first terrific German onslaught, American effort, officers here today recalled, was striving toward the production of an army of 5,000,000 men, equipped to bring victory in 1919. Within less than nine months the First and Second American armies had broken the very hinge of the whole enemy front with the capture of Sedan, while decided victories had been won by the British and French. It was then, to save themselves from the ignominy of having their army captured, the German leaders forced the flight of the emperor and surrendered as a nation.

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

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**Private Brooks Writes Some Thrilling Tales of the War**

Conflans, France, Feb. 26, 1919.  
Dear Brother:

Have just received your letter of January 5. It is a wonder that I got it, as you didn't put my address on it; you had my name and A. E. F., but forgot to put the company, but I got it by a miracle.

I am feeling good and hope to continue to do so.

I expect to move into Germany next week, but I don't expect to remain there long, as I think the drafted men will be separated from the 7th division and be sent home with the nearest regiment to your home. So I suppose I will go home with the 36th division to Ft. Worth. I expect to start for home in about a month, but you never can tell. They are asking for the men's names and addresses, where they come from, etc., so I guess they will do something.

Well, as you asked me, I will tell you something about the front. I went up on the night of October 10th and stayed in the mud all night. There was no smoking or loud talking. I slept about two hours—cold as Klondike—and then pushed wagons and carts the rest of the night, as we had to put them where airplanes could not see them the next day. I marched to the front while everything

was quiet. You could not realize there was a war on. We had our gas masks at alert position, and were ready to get them on, too, as we were scared. When we reached the front they put me on the switchboard at regimental headquarters back of the lines where the big shells come, but it was a deep dugout and I was not scared of shells but I was of gas. I learned the board and went to bed and pretty soon somebody yelled "gas!" I had my mask ready—I put it on quick and waited awhile, just praying that there was no gas, for I was out of breath as the air was very foul. There were fifty men crowded in this place. Soon the signal came "no gas," so I removed my mask and went nearly to sleep and the same thing happened again. They did this five or six times the first night and there was no gas. I stayed there nine days and then went forward with the 3rd battalion to the old place in the woods where the boys had been gassed out. Most of them were in the hospital, but enough were left to keep our communication o. k., so we had to go down in the woods to sleep. We made dugouts and covered them with about three inches of dirt. It was not safe but we felt like if we were hid we were safe. One night we thought the Germans were coming over the top and we were going to head them off, so we put over an hour's barrage of heavy artillery and that made them mad and they thought we were coming over so they came back with a six hour's barrage and it was a hot one, too. But as luck would have it they didn't know where the battalion was located; they missed us and left us right in the middle of the barrage, as they thought we were at the old stand, where there was a seven room dugout and they didn't think we could leave it. But we were hid in the bushes. There was no fires or cigarette smoking after sun down unless you were in a closed place. I was on one night and an airplane came over. He kept flying low and going around and around over the dugout. I was afraid he saw the light and I was a little nervous. He dropped seven or eight bombs and they jarred the earth for a half mile around. He dropped the bombs in a circle and left us right in the middle. I sure was relieved when he left. I was wishing for some airmen to come and chase him away as the anti aircraft guns didn't work good at night.

I left the front and went back in reserve in the lower edge of what is known as "death valley," and stayed there for over a week facing the enemy with nothing but a wooden door protecting me while I was on duty I was on duty four hours at a time. I worked four hours on and eight off. Several shells hit close enough that they jarred the door open, and the concussion sure would

hurt your ear drums.

I was at regimental headquarters one day standing about fifty yards from my dugout and I heard a bunch of shells (G. I. cans) coming. I knew not to run, so I fell down and lay flat on the ground. I had to lay on my gas mask as it was on my breast and it felt almost as thick as a goods box. There were six of the G. I. cans and they bursted within a hundred feet of me, and one piece went just over me and hit a bush near by. Just as the last one bursted I beat it for the dugout and I didn't leave it very far unless I had business. We got relieved in a few days and the day I left the front I was behind my company as I had been after my mail and two shells came very near getting me. We went back of the lines and drilled six days. I was sick, but did not go to the hospital. They called us out with just our combat pack, so we knew what was up. It was 2 o'clock and we started to the front again. We reached the front next day at 1 o'clock with hardly any rest and nothing to eat, as the rolling kitchen got knocked out of the road by a truck. I was tired and hungry and could not get a thing to eat. I was sick, so I went to the first aid station and they gave me some medicine and sent me to a dugout and told me to go to bed. I didn't have any blankets, so I stole a bloody one and took it in and built a fire. I covered the top with pine tops to keep the smoke from showing, and I found out what was up. The boys were to go over the top at 4 o'clock under a seventy-two hours' barrage and take Metz. I lay there and rested and pretty soon one of my friends came along and I shared my dugout with him, as he was sent back to take "radio." This is an instrument that picks up messages that come through the ground, and he told me that they had put off going over the top and I was glad for I knew it was murder for our boys. So he helped me keep warm. We both were hungry. Next morning we went out to find something to eat. We passed several kitchens and none of them had a thing, but we found where an old kitchen had been and found some bread, sugar and onions, so we started to eat and found a friend that had some dirty "flap jack" dough made up and he fed us, and while we were eating a few shells hit close by, but we couldn't be worried. We kept eating but dodging occasionally of course. Someone told us that the armistice was to be signed at 11 o'clock so we were wishing it would hurry and come. They told us the band would play that evening in the valley. We went back to the dugout to rest. I went to the infirmary again and got some more medicine. The boys were preparing to go over the top that day at 12 o'clock, but at 11 firing ceased and we all began to yell. I stayed in that dugout a week, but I stole a pack and had plenty of cover; then I got alright and moved up in a German house in the valley. The armistice was signed November 11, 1918, and we moved to Thrievcourt on Thanksgiving day. I was still an operator. We moved to Brey later and am now at Conflans at the telegraph office telephoning messages to the Colonel. I am sure homesick. I am anxious to go home.

I must close. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Your brother,  
Pvt. Leonidas J. Brooks,  
Hdq. Co., 34th Inf.,  
A. P. O. 793.

**Notice of Election**

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held Saturday, April 5, 1919, at the courthouse in Grapeland for the purpose of electing three school trustees for the Grapeland Independent School District to succeed W. P. Traylor, J. W. Howard and Geo. E. Darsey, whose terms expire.

E. W. Davis is hereby appointed manager of said election.  
W. D. Granberry,  
President School Board.  
W. P. Traylor, Sec'y.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1919

**Inverted Aristocracy**

Bolshevism may be described as aristocracy upside down; an aristocracy which substitutes for the rule of the so-called highest class the rule of the so-called lowest class.

In the one form the lowest class is deprived of political rights; in the other all are deprived of rights except the lowest class. That quickly results in depriving them of rights, too.

Both the old aristocracy and the new inverted kind are contrary to American ideas of democracy.

America stands for government of all the people, for all the people, by all the people; no "classes" to be recognized. All must be equal before the law. If not, liberty dies.

The old order changeth. "Work or fight" is now expressed as "work or starve." Well, that's the original dictum, and it holds as strongly now as in Adam's day.

Sea power is waning declares a writer in one of our leading journals. He must have failed to note the United States' naval program. There's no waning there. It's big, bigger, biggest, and then some.

President Wilson is showing clemency to a few persons who were disloyal. He has shortened the sentences of fifty-two persons convicted under the espionage act. One was pardoned. In one case a sentence of thirty years was reduced to three years.

The government has made public evidence of widespread plots to overthrow the government of the United States and set up a Socialist Soviet rule like that in Russia. Hundreds of arrests have been made and tons of "fire-eater" literature seized. The arrested ones are mainly Russians, much of the literature is in the Russian language, and the money to pay the expenses seems to come from Russia. Our government seems resolved to trifle no longer with the dissemination of this kind of vicious propaganda. Enemies of this country should be given to understand in no uncertain terms that the best place to hate this country is about three thousand miles away.

Mrs. Emmett McCall has recently returned home from Jacksonville, where she has been visiting relatives.

F. L. Hiroms, formerly a merchant at Augusta, but now of Crockett, has launched out into the automobile business. He has secured the agency for Oldsmobiles, one of the oldest and best cars made. He was in Grape-land Friday with two of the new models, and they are a very classy looking car.

**DON'T SLOW UP ON ADVERTISING NOW!**

Never has there been a time when the public has looked more keenly for merchandise news than now.

Never has there been a time more auspicious for the enterprising tradesman to secure his full share of trade than now.

People must continue to eat, to wear and use.

The tendency is to cut out luxuries, and luxuries are only a relatively small portion of your business. For every luxury cut out you have a chance to increase your movement of staples by a system of judicious advertising.

How short-sighted is the policy of reducing advertising expenses to "save money." You will not only lose trade, but you will lose prestige also.

Advertise to increase sales and make more money; don't cut out advertising to save money.

Study your advertising as you never did before. Make it an important part of your business and do it wisely and well.

Be prosperous and let the public know that you are prosperous by advertising constantly.

Success was never achieved by stopping advertising, or by wearing old clothes and talking pessimism. Be an optimist—an advertiser.

**GETTING "BOARD" SHY**

Judge Heney has his gaffs into the big meat packers again, and this time is twisting the gaffs in the gaping wounds of their crucified carcasses.

But nothing will probably ever come of the disgraceful facts which he is bringing to light. Certainly, nothing ever did come of previous disclosures made by Judge Heney regarding the high-handed manner in which the packers rob both producer and consumer on about a 50-50 basis.

Did you ever wonder why nothing hardly ever does come of such investigations; for instance, as when a gang of packing house pirates are caught with the goods? The reason is usually because their punishment is left to men appointed by somebody, and responsible to nobody save the bosses to whom they owe their jobs. It is no wonder that the people are beginning to shy at "boards of control," and things like those.

**Two-Cent Postage Letter Rate Effective July 1st**

Effective July 1, 1919, the rates of postage on first class mail matter will be 2 cents for every ounce or fraction thereof and 1 cent for post cards. This was the announcement contained in an official bulletin recently received by F. W. Leaverton, postmaster.

Three-cent postage on first class mail matter, which was a war measure, went into effect in November, 1917. The same law provided for 2 cents postage on post cards.

In amending section 399, postal laws and regulations, in 1917 to provide for increased rates in postage, congress authorized the use of the 3-cent stamp only as a means of raising additional revenue occasioned by the outbreak of war. The bulletin states the postal laws will be amended, effective July 1.

**WORTH IN COTTON SEED**

Cotton seed was worth to farmers a third of a billion dollars for the crop of 1918-19 and also for the crop of the preceding year, both at war-time prices. Whether the price is high or low, the total value of the cottonseed crops bears an approximately uniform ratio to the value of the cotton lint of the same year, and this is about one-fifth. What years ago was a waste and a burden to the producer and to the ginner adds one-fifth to the price a pound of lint and to the total value of the lint crop—2 cents a pound when lint is at 10 cents, to 5 cents when it is at 25 cents.

**MILLINERY OPENING**

**THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY**



**THE LAST** three days of this week are important days for the women folk and girls of this section. We want you to come and view our opening display of MILLINERY and all proper spring wearing apparel.

We have received many new things in Millinery, Dresses, Footwear, etc., that will be shown during this opening.

**Geo. E. Darsey & Co.**

**The Grouch**

The word "grouch" is a perfectly proper word, expressing a very improper thing. We are more familiar with it in its practice than in its etymology. We know, however, enough of the latter to realize that a grouch, whether shortlived or constant, is one of the ugliest things in human experience. Some moralizers have made it one of Solomon's "little foxes that spoil the vines." It is not even a little fox. It is a snarling, snapping, ravenous wolf, preying on everything with which it comes in contact. It weakens the gastric juices. It poisons the blood. It disfigures the spirit. It destroys companionship. It sends a chill breath through the social atmosphere. It is an infraction of the moral law. It is out of joint with Christ's religion. It is hateful to man and God.

The grouch generally slips upon us unawares. It makes us believe that it is good company. We begin to fraternize with it; and before we know it has created havoc in our souls, weakened our bodies, and destroyed the happiness of whole days and weeks.

Watch out for the grouch. Shake it off as you would the influenza. If you arise in the morning and hear no joy bells calling you to the experience of the day; if you feel that it is about time for you to speak your mind on certain matters on which you have self-sacrificingly kept silent; if you begin to find all kinds of flaws in your neighbor's character; if you shut yourself up within yourself and pour out reproaches through the grated windows on the passing

world—you may know that you are afflicted with something that can be more deadly than physical disease. Meet it and dismiss it with a smile and a prayer; and remember that the highest service you can render to God is to begin the day and to go through it with a beaming face, a cheery voice, and a sunlit soul. Try it, and you will perceive how easily a grouch is routed. There is an old maxim which it would be well for us to remember:

"Be Peasant Every Morning until Ten o'Clock.  
 The Rest of the Day Will Take Care of Itself."  
 —Christian Advocate.

**Gave Red Cross 400 Million**

The American people gave more than 400 million dollars in cash and supplies to the Red Cross in the 21 months of the existence of its war council, recently dissolved, and 8 million American women gave it all or a part of their time. Membership increased from 1/2 million when the United States entered the war to 17 millions at the end, exclusive of the Junior Red Cross, which has 9 million members.

It will not cost you a cent to have the wonderful Aladdin kerosene mantle lamp demonstrated in your home. You don't need to pay us a cent unless you are perfectly satisfied and agree that it is the best oil lamp you ever saw. It gives twice the light on half the oil. Let us give you a demonstration. We have sold quite a number and the owners are satisfied.

E. L. Frisby, Agent.

**No Way to Punish Ex-Kaiser**

A committee of the Peace Conference, with Secretary Lansing as chairman, has failed to find any legal way in which the ex-Kaiser can be taken from his refuge in Holland and brought to trial.

The Junker party in Germany, in a proclamation, declares that it is the duty of the Ebert government to furnish a refuge for his ex-majesty on German soil. The same proclamation says that those Germans who were responsible for accepting the "suicidal armistice" of Nov. 11 should be brought to trial and punished.

**Weird Tale from Texas**

A recent Texas mishap shows what strange things can happen. Near Forney, a young man and his girl were out driving behind the old family horse. A motor car passed them at a good clip, coming from the opposite direction, the old horse switched his tail and it caught in the rods of the auto's windshield, which went off with it. The jerk yanked the old horse back into the buggy and the man and girl went down with the wreck. The horse immediately regained its feet and the badly bruised and shaken lovers staggered to the roadside, where they were obliged to wait for assistance to get home. But the man in the car breezed on his way. The horse's tail was found a mile further down the road.—Capper's Weekly.

A plow that is well tempered will outlast two that are not tempered. Remember this, and buy your plows from A. B. Guice.

**LOCAL ITEMS**

Our stock of FORD PARTS grows daily. Brooks Bros.

Plenty of all kinds of feed stuff. McLean & Riall.

Get your old fashioned Guice Harrows at A. B. Guice's.

Flour, meal, chops, oats and bran at Howard's.

Plenty of soda water at Murchison Bros.

Charlie Jones was a visitor to Jacksonville Sunday.

All kinds of sorghum seed at McLean & Riall's.

Say men, see the BARRACK'S at Darsey's; it's a LION.

Carry your car to Brooks Bros. to have it repaired.

Call at Howard's for your hoes and garden rakes.

We pay highest prices for produce. McLean & Riall.

W. E. Holmes returned Tuesday from a business trip to his old home at Rogers.

Edgar Willis, who is working in Houston, spent Sunday here with relatives and friends.

Buy your next tire from us and get a tube free. McLean & Riall.

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

Bring your jugs and kegs for pure ribbon cane syrup at Howard's.

Ormie Lively of Percilla was here Saturday and went to Elkhart on the 1:30 train.

Tomato and Cabbage Plants for 35c per hundred. Mrs. J. F. Haltom.

Mrs. Mack McConico of Crockett visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Another shipment of ladies, misses and children's hats this week, at Howard's.

Mrs. C. F. Stockbridge went to Palestine Saturday to visit her son.

Don't forget that A. B. Guice is the only one in Grapeland that handles the old fashioned Guice Harrow—the best of all.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.  
 Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY.  
 Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1936. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.  
 Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.  
 F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.  
 Sold by all druggists 75c.  
 Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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Bring me your work and get it done right

**J. H. BOWMAN**

We repair autos and gas engines. Brooks Bros.

Howard sells Searchlight Matches for 5c per box.

Bring us your batteries and let us charge them. Brooks Bros.

See A. B. Guice for plows that are tempered to stand.

See those silk shirts and middies at J. F. Lively's.

THE BARRACKS—the newest LION collar at Darsey's.

Mrs. B. S. Elliott of Crockett visited her sister, Mrs. J. C. Kennedy, the first of the week.

Nice line of ladies dress goods to arrive this week. S. E. Howard.

Mrs. J. M. Murray is visiting relatives and friends in Lovelady.

A new lot of silk stripe collars at Darsey's to match the beautiful silk shirts sold there.

Mrs. Anna Raider of Port Arthur, district deputy of the Eastern Star, was a visitor to Grapeland Saturday.

Plenty of men's, ladies' misses' and children's work and Sunday shoes at the lowest prices at J. F. Lively's.

Today, tomorrow and Saturday are big days at Darsey's on account of the Millinery Opening.

Work has commenced on the residence of W. W. Spence out on the Daly road. Mr. Stanford has the contract.

Luther Warner left Monday for Jacksonville, where he will spend a few days visiting relatives.

**Ford For Sale**

5-Passenger Ford car, 1917 model. W. A. Striech, 2t at Old Geo. Whitley Farm.

Mrs. Walter Conoway and Miss Laura Bell Sullivan of Palestine were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sullivan Sunday.

We are expecting a shipment of ladies plain pumps for our opening this week. Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

J. H. Scarborough of Augusta is in Austin taking the Pastuer treatment. He was bitten by a maddog one day last week.

Mesdames J. C. and C. W. Kennedy of this city and B. S. Elliott of Crockett visited in Palestine last Friday.

Just received a nice line of dry goods and notions at J. F. Lively's. Will save you money on your next bill. Try me.

G. L. Murray and family and Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Murray of Lovelady spent Sunday in Grapeland, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Murray.

Coleman Scarborough came in Saturday and went to his home at Augusta. He has been in a sanitarium at Houston for several weeks where he underwent an operation, made necessary from the after effects of influenza.

**Vulcanizing**

Bring in your old casings and tubes and have them vulcanized. Get more milieage at less expense. All work strickly first class. Satisfaction guaranteed. Brooks Bros.

Swell line of ladies waists at Kennedy Bros'.

Miss Irving Talley of Augusta has accepted a position as stenographer for H. A. Leaverton.

Silk dresses—the season's latest at Kennedy Bros'.

Mrs. Hermie Howard of Crockett is visiting relatives at Augusta.

You can't beat our prices on shoes. Kennedy Bros.

**For Sale**

A good farm mule, 11 years old. It M. E. Bean.

Aubrey Lively has gone to Houston, where he has a position with the Southern Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Holcomb of Augusta spent Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Holcomb.—Alto Herald.

W. H. Mangum and family and Miss Willie Butler of Weldon were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mangum Sunday.

**Meal and Chops**

You can always find plenty of home ground meal and chops at Herod & Sullivan's mill. Priced right. It

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Singletary and children of Alto were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gaaney Saturday. They visited in Crockett Sunday.

**Eggs For Sale**

Full blood Plymouth Rock eggs, Thompson's strain, good layers. \$1.50 per setting of 15. tf Mrs. Hope Cromwell.

Mrs. R. L. Sims and Miss Alice Sims of Conroe, who have been visiting relatives at Augusta, returned to their home Monday morning.

**Lost**

A yellow purse containing a \$10 bill; lost somewhere in town Saturday. Finder will be awarded. It J. E. Bean.

You will find at our store the very best work shirts, work pants, overalls and jumpers, cheap as the cheapest. J. F. Lively.

**Lost**

Yellow calf with white streak down back, about 2 months old. Notify me if found. It Lewis Herod, Route 3, Cook Phone.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. LeMay spent from Friday until Sunday visiting relatives in Crockett. Mr. LeMay was director general of the University Interscholastic League, which was held in Crockett Friday and Saturday.

**Wanted**

A reliable local salesman for stock in company backed by strong financiers with two tracts in Burkburnett field. Address—Burk-Keo Oil & Gas Co., 2t Rotan, Texas.

Rev. B. C. Ansley of Lindale visited his many friends here a few days this week. He was formerly pastor of the Methodist church here three years, and has many warm friends among our people.

Will arrive this week, a car of the famous Kimbell Best Flour. Every sack fully guaranteed. Also chops, oats, bran and meal. Be sure to see me before you buy. J. F. Lively.

Mrs. Riley Sullivan of Percilla was called to Marlin last week to see her sister, Mrs. Ed Smith, who is there taking treatment. Mrs. Van Goff of Percilla is also in Marlin for treatment. She was accompanied there by her brother, Grady Grounds.

**Reading a Pleasure**

Do you enjoy reading?

Do you need to see better?

Do you suffer from a headache because of the condition of your eyes or poorly fitted glasses?

If so, come to Smith's Drug Store at any time and get a guaranteed fit by a qualified optician, who is here all the time and whose charges is less than is usually asked.

**THE PEOPLES DRUG STORE**

HONESTY AND QUALITY

WADE L. SMITH

**Notice to Hog Raisers**

I will have some of my big bone Poland China pigs in Grapeland Saturday, April 12, for sale. Price \$15.00 each. If you are thinking of getting a pure bred, big type Poland China, you will do well to see mine before you buy. Don't forget the date. 2t J. J. Willis, Route 3.

Hart Schaffner & Marx clothing at Kennedy Bros'.

**Look Here!**

Eureka Egg Producer will make your hens lay. Buy it from me. Will pay 30c per dozen for eggs and 22c per pound for hens. Bring your produce to me and get the cash for it. Bring your jug along and get the pure ribbon cane syrup at \$1.15 per gallon as long as it lasts. J. H. Bowman.

Curlee Pants—the best for less money at Kennedy Bros'.

Ethel Johnson, who resides in the Waneta community, came in Saturday night, having received his honorable discharge from the army. Mr. Johnson saw active service with the army in France and was in some of the hardest battles. He received a slight wound while in battle. J. H. Bowman.

**FOR SALE**

Some choice Silverlace Wyandotte eggs, \$1.50 per setting, delivered by parcel post. E. L. Sullivan, Percilla, Texas.

Good assortment of ladies hats at Kennedy Bros'.

Miss Mabel Boykin, who was operated on for appendicitis in a sanitarium at Palestine last week, is reported to be doing nicely and will be able to return home the first of next week.

**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, Crockett, Texas.

Miss Mary Lou Darsey, a student in the Southern Methodist University at Dallas, spent the week end at home visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Darsey. She was accompanied by her friend and classmate, Miss Katherine Mitchell of Marfa, Texas.

**Plants! Plants!**

I will be in Grapeland again next Saturday, March 29. Place your order with me for frost proof cabbage and early tomato plants. Also have tobacco plants. My plants are strong and vigorous and will give you satisfaction. J. E. Moore, Elkhart, Texas.

**Junk Wanted**

For the next two or three weeks I will buy your junk. After the next shipment I make I will be out of the market, so bring in your junk at once. tf J. W. Howard.

**Car of Eggs Shipped**

J. W. Howard shipped a car load of eggs Saturday to the northern market. The car was half loaded at Navasota and was finished here. Another car will be shipped this week on the same plan. Mr. Howard says he is thinking seriously of putting in a cold storage plant and ship all his eggs in car load lots.

**Christian Church Sunday**

Contrary to the announcement made last Sunday we will have no regular preaching services at the Christian Church in Grapeland next Sunday. The first Sunday in April we will have our regular services here again, both morning and evening. G. H. Farmer, Pastor.

**Cow Peas**

WANTED — Whippoorwills, Clays, Blackeyes, Crowders, New Eras, Irons, Unknowns, Etc. S. Harrison, Distributor, Houston, Texas.

**At the Methodist Church**

There will be services as usual at the Methodist Church every Sunday morning and night and prayer meeting on each Wednesday night. Drop in with us and enjoy a heart warming service. J. E. Buttrill, Pastor.

**Correspondents Wanted**

The Messenger wants a good live correspondent at the following places: Salmon, Slocum, Augusta, Weches, Latexo. Write us about it or call at the office. tf

**Notice to Hog Raisers**

We will make our last shipment of hogs for this season, Monday, April 14. If you will bring us your hogs on that date we will pay you a good price for all well finished hogs. 3t Dailey Bros.

# LUMBER

## AND BUILDING MATERIAL

We carry at all times an adequate stock of  
Lumber and Building Materials:

**Brick**                      **Doors**  
**Lime**                      **Windows**  
**Cement**                  **Moulding**  
**Shingles**                **Fence Posts**

We can supply you a full house bill or the odds and ends necessary to do that repair job you want to do. We want your patronage.

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### THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County—Greeting:  
You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the County of Houston, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for the period of ten days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

#### NOTICE

### THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all persons interested in the estate of Paschal Shepherd, deceased, notice is hereby given that W. G. Darsey has filed in the County Court of Houston County, an application for Letters of Administration on the Estate of said Paschal Shepherd, deceased, which will be heard by said County Court at the next regular term thereof to be begun and holden on the first Monday in May, A. D. 1919, the same being the 5th day of May, A. D. 1919, at the Court House of said Houston County in the City of Crockett at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, if they see proper.

Herein fail not, under penalty of the law, and of this Writ make due return.

Given under my hand and seal of office, in the City of Crockett the 10th day of March, A. D. 1919.

Attest:  
A. E. Owens,  
Clerk County Court,  
Houston County, Texas.

(Seal)

The following ladies of this city attended the school of instruction conducted by the Crockett Chapter of the Eastern Star last week: Mesdames Laura Goodson, J. B. Lively, W. D. Granberry, C. W. Kennedy, Eleanor Kennedy, W. E. Kerr, P. H. Stafford, W. D. McCarty, and Misses Jewel Taylor and Blanche Kennedy.

### LIVELYVILLE

By Regular Correspondent

Livelyville, March 24.—Our school came to a close Friday. We have had a good school. Mr. Ben Keen and Miss Lila Dennis have done splendid work all through the term and do hope both will be with us another year. Mr. Keen had a nice program arranged and the children entertained the visitors nicely. We had a lovely time.

Garland Ellis and family of Crockett and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Masters spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ellis.

Corn is all planted around here. Cotton land is in fine condition and farming prospects look good. Let us all hope and pray for a good crop this year.

Mrs. Jessie Masters visited relatives and friends in this community last week.

Ray Dunnam and family visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. Dunnam, last Friday.

Frank Master's team, in crossing a creek, got scared and threw the occupants into the wagon bed. The little boy's finger nail was torn off and all were more or less frightened.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adams and daughters, Ioda and Corine, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cunningham entertained their friends Friday night with music. All present had a lovely time.

Mrs. Oney Thornton, who has been suffering from the many ills following the flu, is slowly recovering.

There was an old fashion candy breaking at Earle Smith's home Saturday night. A good many attended and all enjoyed the occasion very much.

Rapid heart throbbing does not necessarily mean heart disease; generally it is caused by 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.

### Red Cross Writes Concerning Death of Private Jas. Ritchey.

The following letter from the Red Cross has been received by Mr. N. W. Ritchey concerning the death of his son, Jas. Ritchey, who was killed in action September 12. Young Ritchey was a member of Co. A, 360th Infantry, 90th Division:

Washington, D. C., Mar. 18, 1919.  
Mr. Newton Ritchey,  
Grapeland, Texas.

My dear Mr. Ritchey:  
You have doubtless received from the War Department the distressing news that your son was killed in action on September 12th.

We have recently received from our representatives in France a report which gives us a brief description of your son's death. Corporal William N. Booty of the same company and whose home address is Nacogdoches, Texas, gave the following account to one of our Red Cross searchers abroad:

"Private Ritchey was killed about 7 o'clock a. m., on September 12th, 1918 on the St. Mihiel Sector. The company was advancing against the Germans under heavy machine gun fire. Private Ritchey and I were in the same shell hole, and he got up to advance when a bullet struck him in the stomach. On account of snipers we could not get him back to 1st Aid, so we pulled him in the hole and did everything we could for him. He died about two hours later. He could not have recovered if he could have gotten medical aid."

We feel that it would be an intrusion on your grief to try to offer comfort, but we hope that as time goes on your sorrow may be softened by the thought that your son gave his life for a very noble cause and that he will always be numbered among those "whose shining souls shall hereafter light up all to a clearer and greater view of the duties of life."

Please accept the deep and heartfelt sympathy of the Red Cross in your great sorrow.

Sincerely yours,  
W. R. Castle, Jr.

### Urges Liberal Advertising to Reestablish Nation's Trade

Governmental agencies, commercial organizations and business men generally are all coming to the same conclusion—that advertising on a large scale will do more than any other thing to reestablish business on a pre-war basis and prevent the difficulties that would come with widespread unemployment and timidity on the part of business men and manufacturers, according to a current topic paper read by Ed Goldberg Tuesday at the weekly meeting of the Houston Advertising Association at the Bender Hotel.

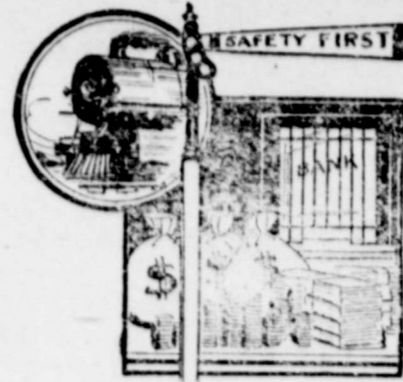
An advertising campaign to promote more local and national advertising is planned by the United States department of labor and is receiving the support of business men and commercial organizations, said Mr. Goldberg. The plan proposed by the department of labor is set forth in the following letter which has been sent to various advertising agencies:

"It is the desire of the department of labor to stimulate business by suggesting to present advertisers that they increase their space and to prospective advertisers that they bring their plans to a head and start advertising immediately.

"The surest and quickest way to bring business to its pre-war basis is to overcome the general apathy to buying which exists in the minds of many people at present. Advertising will do this.

"We would like to see more retail advertising and more national advertising and we believe the press of the country and yourselves will appreciate the fostering of such a movement by the department of labor."

A similar expression on the subject by the Chicago Association of Commerce was also read by Mr. Goldberg.



### THE SIGNAL IS ALWAYS SET

for "safety first" at this bank. No investment is made without a rigid examination of its safety. We run no risks with our depositors' money. This undeviating policy makes this a decidedly safe bank in which to have an account. You'll be following the "safety first" rule by having your account here.

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CLEANING AND PRESSING THE HOFFMAN WAY IS  
THE SANITARY WAY

## New Spring Samples

They are here in a wide range of patterns--priced moderately. We are experts with the tape line.

**Clewis**

**Coughs at Night** worry the patient and disturb the sleep of the whole family. For a good relieving remedy use

## BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP

It Eases the Lungs

It checks coughing, relieves chest pains, Hoarseness, Loss of Voice, Sore Lungs, Wheezing and Difficult Breathing. Good for children or adults.

Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per Bottle

Buy the \$1.00 size. It contains five times as much as the 25c size and you get free with each bottle one Dr. Herrick's Capsicum Plaster for the chest.

JAS. F. BALLARD, Proprietor

ST. LOUIS, MO.

FOR SALE BY D. N. LEAVERTON

## PURE RIBBON CANE SYRUP

I have a few half-barrels of the above left from a consignment. To close them quickly, offer this Syrup at

**85c per gallon**

This is fine Syrup, and the price is very cheap. It will move quickly, and advise prompt order.

**FISHER ARLEDGE**  
Crockett, Texas.



May Fly Across Sea in May

Airmen are expecting several attempts to cross the ocean by airplane in May. One will be American, one British.

Pay your subscription on the dot.

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# EASTER APRIL 20, 1919

The Almanac tells you it's a cinch to figure out when Easter comes. Just remember that Easter always comes the first Sunday after the full moon after the vernal equinox!

Oh, yes—that's easy!

As easy as the answer to the old problem, "How old is Ann?" But, with apologies to the Almanac, we believe the quickest way to figure out when Easter comes is—look up the date!

And we'll save you the trouble of looking this year.

Easter for 1919 comes April 20.

Every man ought to know that date now and act upon it.

You'll want new Easter clothes for this glorious Peace Time Easter, of course. It's the first serene and battleless Easter the world has had in five years.

But don't wait to order your Easter togs until the pick of the best things are gone.

Our great line of Royal Tailor Spring Custom Tailor fabrics is now practically unbroken.

You can have your choice of nearly 500 patterns.

Place your order for your Royal tailored-to-measure suit now.

Set the delivery for any date you like. We'll hold the suit until you're ready for it.

### ROYAL TAILORING MEANS:

The utmost in made-to-measure clothes at—  
\$20 to \$50

## George E. Darsey & Company

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### FORM OF LETTER TO BE WRITTEN BY SOLDIERS APPLYING FOR \$60 BONUS

From: (Name and Address and Army Serial Number.)

To: Zone Finance Officer, Lemon Building, Washington, D. C.

Subject: Bonus.

1. In accordance with Section 1406 of the Revenue Act of 1919, I hereby make claims for \$60 additional pay to discharged soldiers, and inclose herewith the following papers, viz:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks—Officers making claim for this \$60 will submit their discharge certificate. If no discharge certificate was issued, the officer will submit the order for discharge or relief. If he has a discharge certificate and an order for discharge or relief, he will submit both papers. The paper bearing the notation of final payment is required in all cases. An enlisted man will submit his discharge certificate. This application, including the discharge certificate, should be sent by registered mail. Both officers and enlisted men will submit a statement showing all military service that they have had since April 6, 1917, showing particularly the place and date of reporting at first military station. All claimants should show the address to which they wish check to be sent. Particular attention should be paid to this matter of address and an effort should be made to give such address that there will be no necessity for making change. If change of address is made the office of the Zone Finance Officer, Lemon Building, Washington, D. C., should be notified.

### Private Earl Howard Writes of Experiences in the War

Bendorf, Germany, Feb. 28.  
Dearest Bud Sam:

Received letters from you, papa and mamma this morning. There is so little news to tell, I'll answer them all in one.

I have just came off of regimental guard; had it very soft, though, as my part was at the station where lots of "fraulins" go by. The old bunch here goes to Coblenz to school every day on the train.

Maybe I was mistaken about Kelly being dead. It was reported here that he was. (Reference is made to Hayden Kelly, who was severely wounded and lost a lower limb. He is now in the states and will soon be home.) Mamma asked about Hayden Garrett. He is in the hospital now with the flu.

You said you would like to hear of some of my experiences. Well, I've had some close escapes and could tell you some real true happenings that would run you under the bed. On the last drive that I was in (Argonne) we were in some awful close and hot places. I happened to be a runner, so I didn't have a blanket, mess kit or anything in my pack except rifle and ammunition. We didn't go many kilometers before I was hungry as a wolf. The night of Nov. 4, we advanced eight kilometers through the German line. The morning of the 5th, we stopped and rested in the edge of some thin woods. While there the "chow" detail brought in some canned tomatoes and bread (about 4 a. m.) I ate two or three loaves of bread and at least that many cans of tomatoes. We all thought we were getting relieved that morning.

I put a can of tomatoes in my pack for emergency, but to our sorrow we made an excursive line and went over the top again at about 10 a. m. We caught it pretty hot that morning. There is where my corporal was killed. That night I was on gas guard on the front line. My friend that was on the same hour with me got hungry again, so we decided to eat the can of tomatoes I put in my pocket that morning. I took it out and found that it didn't have a drop of juice in it. A bullet had hit the can and stopped in it and all the juice had run out, but we were just hungry enough to eat the tomatoes anyway.

I saw in the paper a few days ago a list of the divisions that were booked for home, and the 82nd and 36th are to sail in April, three to four divisions each month for the next four months, but it didn't mention anything of the 2nd division. Guess we will be the last to go. It was among the first to come over.

Give my love to all and write often.

Pvt. Earl Howard,  
Co. K, 9th Inf., A. P. O. 710.

### MEDICINE VS. FOOD

Do not buy something which you already have. You have food which you feed your horses, cattle and sheep, but when you want medicine, buy only medicine. That is what you get in B. A. Thomas' Stock Remedy. We sell it and guarantee it to be medicine. We tell you that it will tone up the entire system of your stock and aids digestion, thereby causing them to get all the food value out of the grain that you feed them.

McLean & Riall.

### REYNARD

By Zack

Reynard, March 24.—Mr. Editor, if this weather doesn't stop in a few days we will have to go fishing. (No use; they won't bite. We have already tried 'em.—Editor.) So far, this has been the most favorable March in 12 years.

All who planted early corn have got a good stand and it is large enough to harrow. We had occasion to go over most of the Murray farm one day last week. They are through planting corn and will do some cotton planting this week. They sure have some fine dirt. Mr. Murray said he was pretty well supplied with labor.

The writer was in Grapeland Saturday, and my, every store we went into was busy as could be; think some of them ought to put on more Saturday clerks. Feel safe in saying it is one among the fastest little towns in East Texas. By all means, Grapeland ought to be incorporated.

We have had no rain in a week and some are predicting we will need rain before we get it, but we think not.

Ye scribe and little bunch spent the day at C. R. Taylor's yesterday. They have a nice place to live, right in the edge of the river bottom. Mr. Taylor says he is a little bit shy on tillable land, but what he has is as fine as a plow ever cut through. He had the misfortune to lose a fine young cow yesterday; think she must have eaten something poison. Could write more along this line, but will shift gear.

Tom Kent and family spent Saturday and Sunday on the bayou with Mrs. Kent's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Gamage of Elkhart spent Friday night with Mrs. Gamage's sister, Mrs. Thomas Caskey.

A soldier boy, Grady Gossett of Latexo, spent Saturday night in our midst.

J. L. Chiles has been working the school roll for the fall and spring term and will also assess taxes for this school district. So Mr. Tax Payers be ready to see what you had the first day of January.

Mrs. G. B. Kent and children spent Saturday and the night with G. B., and were the guests of Mrs. Herman Beazley yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C., Mr. and Mrs. J. B. and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Laster were guests of Mrs. J. H. Beazley yesterday.

Miss Gertrude Fulgham spent Saturday night at home. She is a home loving girl and never misses a chance to come home and we all appreciate having her. Quite a crowd met at Lee Grayson's Saturday night for music and "42." They have an organ and a violin and two mighty pretty little girls.

The measles are in our midst again, and all who have not had it had better keep a "skinned eye." It a good time to have it, but no one cares to be bothered just now.

### Retain Your War Stamps

All persons who purchased war savings stamps ought to retain them and not present them for payment.

Postmaster Leaverton informs us that a large amount of stamps are being presented for payment, and a large per cent are by people who are financially able to hold them. Mr. Leaverton stated that at the rate stamps are being presented for payment 75 per cent of them would be cashed before they become due.

War savings stamps were designed as a war measure and for the people to cash them at this time when peace has not been officially declared will defeat the purpose for which they were intended. The government's need for money is just as urgent now as it was while the war was in progress.

Let Brooks Bros. burn the carbon out of your car and see how much better it runs.

**Part of 36th Division on Way to Camp Bowie**

Fort Worth, Texas, March 21.—The 111th ammunition train of the 36th division has left Newport News, Va., and is now en route Camp Bowie for demobilization, according to information given out at Camp headquarters Friday. The exact hour of the arrival of the ammunition train has not been announced, but the unit is expected to arrive late Saturday or Sunday. The ammunition train was the first unit of the 36th division to return from overseas. The organization, however, was closely followed by other elements of the 61st field artillery brigade, practically all of which has now landed at Newport News.

**To Support Missionary**

Last Sunday morning the Methodist Sunday school unanimously voted to support a native missionary in Korea for a year. This is evidence that we are awakening to the call of humanity for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and that we are about our Master's business. Our school is growing and we invite all who do not attend any other school to come and join us. Remember that next Sunday morning you will have to be an hour earlier to be on time, as the clock moves forward one hour Saturday night.

M. E. Darsey, Supt.

Men's and boys' work hats at Kennedy Bros'.

**Strayed**

From my place 6 miles northeast of Alto, March 18, 1 iron gray mule about 15 hands high, weight about 850 or 900 pounds; also 1 bay horse mule about the same height and weight of the gray mule; both coming four years this spring, also both are shod in front. Any information leading to recovery of these mules will be liberally rewarded.

Ed Lee, Alto, Texas.  
Route 3, Box 112.

Ginghams—the best to be had for the money at Kennedy Bros'.

**Court Opens at Crockett**

Crockett, Texas, March 24.—The March term of the district court was opened here Monday, Judge J. S. Prince of Athens presiding. The grand jury was organized with Chester Kennedy of Grapeland as foreman. The charge of this body was general, all violations of law being covered. Judge Prince called special attention to the fact that Houston county was under the fee system and that all county officials should have had their reports of moneys collected during the past year on file December 1, 1918. He instructed them to look into the matter. All dockets are light.

**J. F. Matthews Dead**

Mr. J. F. Matthews died at his home in the Antrim community late Tuesday evening, March 25, 1919. Death came very suddenly and was caused by heart failure.

Mr. Matthews was about 65 years of age. He was born and reared in Houston county. He is survived by his wife and six children.

See our line of Panamas—the newest in town.  
Kennedy Bros.

Spring is here now—no doubt of it. We saw a sure sign of it Monday. Ford Newman, who has been wearing whiskers about a foot long all the winter, was in town and was shaved clean.

**DENTAL NOTICE**

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

**The Auto Race at the Methodist Sunday School**

The Ford and Overland have reached New York and are returning. The Overland is out 20 miles, and the Ford is out 80 miles. A bonus of 20 miles will be given to the above named classes making the best record next Sunday.

The cars which have not reached New York are listed with required number of miles to reach destination:

- National requires 55 miles.
- Willis-Knight requires 135 miles.
- Crow-Elkhart requires 195 miles.
- Oldsmobile requires 25 miles.
- Haynes requires 135 miles.
- Kissle-Kar requires 5 miles.
- Reo requires 95 miles.

A bonus of 30 miles will be given to the one of the last named cars making the best record next Sunday.

Let's make it interesting sure enough.  
Race Supt.

**W. H. M. Notes**

The W. H. M. Society held their regular meeting Tuesday afternoon with Mesdames A. M. Rencher and Roy Brewton, at the home of the latter.

Despite the inclement weather, seventeen members answered roll call. Mrs. W. E. Keeland was leader, and had another lesson in Luke. Mrs. Frank Leaverton read a paper on "The Grouch."

During the business session it was suggested that each member tithe and use enough of the money to buy some Bibles and send to the Koreans.

The hostess served delicious peach cream and cake as refreshments.

Mrs. J. W. Jones will be hostess to the society at next meeting and Mrs. Minnie Miller will be leader. Reporter.

**For Sale**

A 4-burner oil stove; has been used but very little and in good condition. Can be seen at the Messenger office.

**Stores to Close at 6:30**

We, the undersigned business men of Grapeland, agree to close our places of business at 6:30 p. m., new time, every day except Saturday, beginning April 1, continuing until September 1:

- Geo. E. Darsey & Co.
- W. H. Long & Co.
- McLean & Riall.
- Henry Dailey.
- T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.
- S. T. Anthony.
- J. H. Bowman.
- J. D. Baker.
- W. R. Wherry.
- J. M. Selkirk.
- J. F. Lively.
- Owens & Allen.
- Murray & Mangum.
- Keeland Bros.
- The Messenger (close at 5.)

**FOR SALE**

My farm just west of Grapeland, consisting of 130 acres; good 8-room house with all modern improvements. Will sell all or a part. For particulars, price, terms, etc., see or write—

A. B. Spence,  
Grapeland, Texas.

**PREPARATION**

There are men who labor for decades without advancing. They are good workmen, but they know nothing beyond the narrow confines of the work they are doing. They have no interest in the problems of their work, no desire to improve production through the discovery of better methods. And they wonder why others pass them on the upward climb. It is no mystery.

Prepare for the morrow, if you hope that the morrow will be more rosy than today. Preparation is the open sesame to advancement.—Exchange.

**Services Tonight at the Methodist Church by Rev. Morgan**

Rev. J. E. Morgan will preach at the Methodist church in this city tonight, (Thursday) and a cordial invitation is extended the public to hear him. Bro. Morgan was formerly presiding elder of this district, but is now Missionary Secretary of the Texas Conference. He is recognized as one of the leaders in his church and all who hear him tonight are assured that a treat is in store for them. Bro. Morgan is now pushing the campaign in the great Centenary movement and will probably have something interesting to say along that line.

J. E. Buttrill, Pastor.

G. B. Cutler of Alto was here Wednesday, mingling with his friends. Mr. Cutler formerly lived here. He was here with his son from Augusta, whom he has been visiting.

Ladies shoes in all colors. See them at Kennedy Bros'.

**CAPE AND COAT IN ONE**



The grace of capes and the convenience of coats are joined in many wraps this spring. A happy combination is shown in the picture above where a short shoulder cape supports a long, loose coat, which falls in box-plaits from it. Beige colored velours is the material used, and the flat buttons set along the edge of the cape portion are covered with it. This coat has no collar, but a silk scarf is worn with it when needed. The coat is eight inches shorter than the dress skirt. There is a greater difference in length between coats and skirts this year than last owing to the arrival of skirts considerably longer than they have been.

**ELEGANCE IN SPRING SUITS**



The youthful and chic suit shown here will interest those who are looking for novelty. Taking advantage of several privileges offered by spring styles, it has assembled straight lines, flaring sleeves, crisscross tucks and rows of buttons in a charming model made of beige-colored, smooth-faced cloth. Except for diagonal, slit pockets, set in at each side, the skirt is quite plain, bearing out the elegance which the designer had in mind and executed so well. The coat has slashed seams forming five panels, two at the front, one at each side and one at the back. Each front panel is decorated with a row of buttons, and the side panels have beautifully crow-bar tucks as a finish at the bottom.

**State Life Insurance Co**

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

**See Jack Barbee**

for the State Life Jubilee Policy, something different and something better. Honesty is the best policy. INSURE TODAY—TOMORROW MAY BE TOO LATE.

Office with Bishop Drug Co., Crockett, Texas.

**Rounding up the I. W. W.**

The arrest of a large number of the members of the I. W. W. order has disclosed some of the inner workings of that organization which are startling notwithstanding the general purposes of the order have been fairly well known for a good while. The evidence gathered shows the purposes of the I. W. W. are plainly revolutionary and destructive. They are not seeking for higher wages, because they object to the whole wage system. They look upon all employers of labor as their enemies, and encourage disloyalty on the part of a worker to his employer as entirely commendable. Members of the I. W. W. are encouraged to obtain jobs in order that they may have opportunity for destruction. Sabotage is their most formidable weapon. They reason that the more they can hinder and destroy the more unprofitable they make it to own and operate property, and if they can drive employers out of business entirely they then expect to get hold of the machinery and other means of production themselves. In short, they aim at the ownership of all means of production by the workers themselves. They are everywhere spreading the doctrines of the Bosheviki and as openly as they dare, advocating the overthrow of the government.

**Our Honor Roll**

The following have our thanks for their subscription since last issue:

- Grapeland—S. W. Ragsdale.
- Route 1—Leslie Bridges.
- Route 4—Mrs. Hardie Pennington, G. W. Langham.
- Crockett—J. H. Rosser.
- Percilla, Route 1—Grady Grounds.
- Alto—G. B. Cutler.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

- BAPTIST CHURCH**  
W. E. Ray, Pastor.  
C. L. Haltom, Church Clerk  
Preaching each first and third Sundays, morning and evening.  
Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.  
W. D. Granberry, Supt.  
Baptist Women's Auxiliary meets each Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.  
Mrs. Geo. Moore, Pres.  
Mrs. Frank Allen, Sec'y.
- CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
G. H. Farmer, Pastor.  
Preaching first, second and fourth Sundays in each month, morning and evening.  
Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.  
T. H. Leaverton, Supt.  
Lucretia Riall, Sec'y.  
Ladies' Aid Society meets on Monday afternoon following the first and third Sundays in each month.  
Mrs. W. A. Riall, Pres.,  
Mrs. Geo. Calhoun, V-Pres.  
Mrs. J. B. Lively, Sec'y.  
Official Board meets on Monday night following each third Sunday.  
J.E.Hollingsworth, Chm.  
Miss Blanche Kennedy, Secretary.
- METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH**  
J. E. Buttrill, Pastor.  
Preaching each Sunday morning and evening.  
Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.  
M. E. Darsey, Supt.  
A. H. Luker, Sec'y.  
Junior League each Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.  
Miss Hatchell, Supt.  
Dorothy Darsey, Sec'y.  
Women's Missionary Society meets Tuesday afternoon following the second and fourth Sundays at 3 o'clock.  
Mrs. C.W. Kennedy, Pres.  
Mrs. Marvin Gilbert, Sec.  
Board of Stewards meet on Monday night following each third Sunday.  
E.E.Hollingsworth, Pres.  
S. E. Howard, Sec'y.

**Nation's Clock Will be Set Forward One Hour Sunday**

When you retire Saturday night turn your clock forward one hour, but remember that you will have to arise one hour earlier Sunday morning.

The clocks of the nation will be turned forward one hour March 30 and will be turned back to normal October 31. This is in conformity with the law by federal legislation to give one hour of additional daylight during the long summer days.

The law was first suggested as a war measure to obtain a longer schedule of working hours, but many people declare the law should be retained permanently because of the opportunity it affords for more daylight recreation.



DO SOME FOLKS BRING IN COPY FOR THE PAPER AT THE LAST MINUTE?