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AN AD IN THE MESSENGER IS WORTH TWO ON THE FENCE

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## American Legion is Active In National Affairs

One only has to look to the front page of any daily newspaper to learn that the American Legion is the most active organization in the United States today. Present membership is well over two million and there are posts in every town of importance in this country, as well as foreign posts in Paris, London, Cuba, Panama, and every other place where fifteen ex-service men happen to be. The Local Post reached a membership last year of fifty six members and the success of the Post lies with the start it gets in the next few days in its drive for members. The membership fee for 1921 is three dollars which includes local dues, card, button and a year's subscription to the American Legion Weekly which is the National paper of the organization. If you were a member last year it's your duty to come on in for the new year promptly so that we can start the new year off right, as we went through last year. If you know of any eligible man that we ought to have, send his name to any officer or member of the Legion Post and help us get him into the organization that lives up to the standard of ONE HUNDRED PER CENT AMERICANISM.

Reporter.

George Brumley of Percilla was transacting business in Grapeland Monday.

## Gov. Elect Neff Makes Two More Appointments

The appointments of Senator S. L. Staples of Smithville as secretary of state and George W. Tilley of Waco as state fire marshal have been announced by Pat M. Neff, governor-elect.

Senator S. L. Staples was born in Madisonville, Kentucky, in 1868, and moved to Texas in 1890. He has been in the general practice of law since 1894, and is at this time senior member of the law firm of Staples and Smith at Smithville, Texas. He represented Bastrop county in the house of representatives of the 25th and 26th legislatures, later serving one term as state senator.

George W. Tilley of McLennan county is a native of Arkansas, moving to Texas and settling on a farm in Bell county, near Moody, about thirty years ago. He served as sheriff of McLennan county eight years, during which time he was president of the Sheriff's Association of Texas. Since retiring from the sheriff's office he has been engaged in merchandise business and looking after private matters.

There will be no other appointments made until after the inauguration ceremonies on January 18.

If you are an ex-soldier, sailor, marine or nurse you owe the American Legion THREE DOL- LARS. Pay up.

## Texan Sees Danger in Farmers' Alignment as Separate Class

Washington, Jan. 10.—Economic difficulties of farmers are driving them "into class solidarity," Representative Summers, democrat, of Texas, declared today before the house agricultural committee, in support of his bill to establish a federal farm produce exchange, under direction of the secretary of agriculture. Such an organization would work in co-operation with the states in the sale and distribution of agricultural products.

No government can be strong, Summers asserted, through whose citizenship runs the lines of vocation cleavage, "within which are groups held together and held away from the body of its citizenship by that sort of class consciousness and class prejudice which the present condition is developing among the farmers of this country. The person who could not see that 'must be blind,' he asserted.

Representative Summers said his bill was directed at this condition. Under it he continued, "the various governmental agencies dealing with agricultural products would be coordinated and function as a unit in their sale and distribution. It would also operate against the 'toll taking' power of the middlemen, he declared. The secretary of agriculture would be required, under his measure, Summers asserted, to keep posted as to the demand and supply of agricultural products and distributing this information to the producers and purchasers, "and shall endeavor to bring about such system in the sale and distribution of such products as shall eliminate the waste and extremes in prices resulting from the present lack of system."

Those desiring to sell would furnish a grade or sample to the exchange under rules and regulations to be made by the secretary of agriculture, but all tenders should be for a definite quality and quantity.

"Individuals, co-operative groups, small merchants, small manufacturers, as well as the larger ones," Representative Summers said, "would be given the same direct trading contact with the source of supply and the general market, and movement of agricultural commodities under prior sale from the point of use in quality and quantity, in accordance with the demand for need." This plan would eliminate waste, he added, duplication of express in distribution, and would be a better way to do it "than by pestiferous bureaucratic control towards which we are rapidly moving."

His measure proposes to have the government aid "at the border line of individual and private enterprise efficiency," he says.

### At the Baptist Church

Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
Morning worship at 11 o'clock.  
B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m.

The church will attend the union evening service at the Christian church.

Fred J. Newland, Pastor.

## Community Social Well Attended—Great Success

The community social given at the Baptist church last Friday evening from 7 to 10 o'clock, was a very enjoyable affair and was well attended.

It was given primarily for the new Baptist pastor, Rev. Fred J. Newland, so that he might meet and get acquainted with the people.

A short program had been arranged, consisting of recitations and some special songs.

Rev. G. H. Farmer, pastor of the Christian church, made a short talk and introduced Bro. Newland, who responded in a very happy vein.

At the proper time, refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served and the rest of the evening was spent in a social way. Everybody enjoyed it immensely, and it strikes us that these social gatherings should be made a permanent thing in the community.

Mrs. Ed Moore of Crockett visited her mother, Mrs. J. F. Haltom, the latter part of last week.

## Union New Years' Service at the Christian Church

On Sunday evening, January 16, there will be held at the Christian church a union New Years' service. It is the hope of the pastors of Grapeland that the year 1921 will be a banner year in the church history of the town. Each church will be represented in the service by the pastor and one layman.

It is hoped that all members of all churches will attend. The whole town is invited and all who are interested in the religious welfare of the community will assuredly be present.

The program follows:  
Master of ceremonies, M. E. Darsey.

Invocation, T. H. Leaverton.  
Hymn, "We're Marching to Zion."

Special song.  
Address, "The Christian Need of Grapeland," Rev. G. H. Farmer.  
Address, "Filling Grapeland's Need," Rev. B. C. Anderson.  
Special Song.  
Address, "The Task Unanimous," Rev. Fred J. Newland.  
Benediction, W. D. Granberry.

# 1920=1921

1920 has passed, and perhaps has left its marks on every individual in the world.

Days have been dark and gloomy from a financial standpoint, but bear in mind, there has never been a day so dark but there was a brighter one ahead.

Let's all look forward with confidence toward the future and drive the gloom away.

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By CALVIN COOLIDGE, Vice President-Elect.



I speak in behalf of higher education. There is need not only of patriotic ideals and a trained intelligence in our economic life, but also of a deep understanding of man and his relationship to the physical universe and to his fellow man. There has always been evil in the world. There are evil forces at work now. They are apparently organized and seek disintegration of society. They can almost be recognized by a direct appeal to selfishness. They deny that the present relationship of men has any sound basis for its existence. They point out to men with untrained minds that it takes effort to maintain themselves and support government and claim that they ought to exist without effort on the accumulation of others and the denial that men have any obligations toward one another. The answer to this lies in a knowledge of past human experience and a realization of what man is.

The sources of the state of mind which supports civilization are education and religion. We hold by the modern standards of society. We believe in maintaining modern civilization for the protection and support of free government and the development of the economic welfare.

The great test of an institution is the ability to perpetuate itself. It seems fairly plain that these institutions can survive with the aid of higher education. Without it they have not the slightest chance.

We justify the greater and greater accumulation of capital because we believe that thereupon flows the support of all science, art, learning and the charities which minister to the humanities of life, all carrying their beneficent effects to the people as a whole.

Unless this is measurably true, our system of civilization ought to stand condemned.

**Had it Ever Occurred to You?**

Had it ever occurred to you that you had as well try to be a successful physician without attending a medical school, or a successful lawyer without attending a law school, or a successful minister without attending a theological school, as to try to be a successful banker or merchant or business man of any kind without first being trained for business in the Tyler Commercial College. You would attend a university with a reputation if you wanted to make a first class doctor, lawyer or minister. Why not use the same good judgment in selecting a business school in which to secure your training? The Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, is the business university of the South; it enrolls more students annually than any other similar school in America. Its students have come from 39 different states and seven foreign countries; its graduates are holding the very best of positions in the leading cities of the United States.

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**The Elusive Collar Button**

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"I've swallowed the collar button," said the man.

"Well" responded his better half, "for once in your life you know where it is."—Argonaut.

Renew your subscription.

# Poultry

**GIVE INCUBATORS BEST CARE**

Machines Should Be Cleaned and Disinfected Before Storing Away for the Winter.

After the hatching season is over, clean and disinfect the incubators, empty the lamps and carefully store the parts in the machine. Lamps containing oil which are left in the proper place on the incubator for some time after the hatching season is over will cause trouble when it is started again, as the oil tends to work up into the hood.

The incubator should be disinfected once a year, or oftener if any disease is present in the hens or chickens, say poultry specialists of the United States department of agriculture. Some operators prefer to disinfect



Some Operators Disinfect Their Incubators Before or After Each Hatch.

their incubators before or after each hatch. A 5 per cent solution of a reliable coal-tar disinfectant or carbolic acid may be used to wash out the machine and to disinfect the egg trays and nursery drawer. If the burlap is very dirty it may be cheaper to renew than to clean it.

For an incubator of about three cubic feet capacity one may pour one-half ounce of formalin, which contains 40 per cent formaldehyde, on one-half ounce of permanganate of potash in a pan in the incubator, which produces a very penetrating gas and thoroughly disinfects the machine. The door of the incubator should be closed just as soon as the liquid is poured into the pan and left closed for twelve hours or longer. Incubators should be well aired before they are used after disinfecting, especially when formaldehyde or any disinfectant which produces a gas has been used.

**SUPPLY OF GRAIN FOR HENS**

Fowls Will Consume More Food in Spring Than in Fall—Amount Varies With Breeds.

The feeder must use his own judgment in deciding how much grain to give the hens, as the amount of feed which they will eat varies with different pens and at different seasons of the year. They will eat more feed in the spring while laying heavily than the summer and fall when laying fewer eggs.

A fair general estimate is about one quart of scratch grains and an equal weight of mush (about one and a half quarts) daily to 13 hens of the general purpose breeds, such as the Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, or Wyandottes, or to 16 hens of the smaller or egg breeds. This would be about seven and a half pounds each of scratch grains and of mash daily to 100 Leghorns and about nine and a half pounds of each to 100 general purpose fowls. If hens have free range or large yards containing green feed a general purpose hen will eat about 75 pounds of feed in a year and a Leghorn will eat about 55 pounds, in addition to the green stuff consumed.

It has been found in experiments conducted on the government poultry farm.

**RID FLOCKS OF ALL VERMIN**

Regular Attention and Proper Treatment Will Prevent Troublesome Lice and Mites.

It is absolutely unnecessary for poultry to be seriously troubled by either lice or mites. Regular attention and proper treatment of the quarters will rid the flock of mites, and if body lice are found the birds should be treated for these also. Usually if a place is provided where the hens can dust themselves they will keep the lice in check.

## Judged by the Banking Account He Keeps

A man's ability to accumulate money is one of the standards by which the business and financial world determine his worth.

Therefore, one's best bit of evidence is his bank balance.

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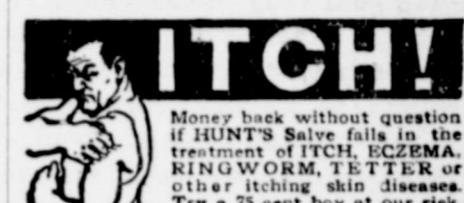
**Be A Depositor in Our Bank**

## Farmers & Merchants State Bank

W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier

**Bee Keepers Meet**

The Beekeepers' meeting at Crockett on January 1st was well attended by beekeepers from several parts of the country and enthusiasm seemed to prevail with every one present. Owing to such varied prices being quoted by bee supply houses it was decided that the Secretary order samples of goods from different houses and that the Association meet again on January 15th to examine and place the order for supplies with those houses giving best prices and goods. The shipment of beeswax was deferred until samples of foundation are available, after which, or at the meeting the 15th it is the intention of those members having wax to make shipment at that time. It is very evident that the members are going to get attractive prices on supplies by grouping together as an Association, besides exchanging ideas on practical and modern beekeeping. The meetings are made very interesting by some member giving his way of transferring bees from box hives to modern hives, his method of queen rearing or any subject that seems important. Every beekeeper who can is cordially invited to attend the meeting on January 15th at Crockett in the Commercial Club Room.



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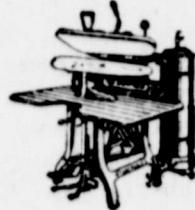
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## Panics and Prices

Three-quarters of century ago, when Mrs. Brown whispered to Mrs. Jones that she had heard somebody say that the village bank was short of money, everybody in town knew within an hour or two that the bank was about to fail—and the result was that all the good towns people were at the bank door clamoring for their money. Ensued "the run on the bank"—true and tried old property of the Victorian melodramatist.

Today the newspaper and the telegraph have made the whole country into a little village—almost the whole world, indeed. Everybody at his breakfast table reads what everybody else thinks. Mrs. Brown's whisper is megaphoned and wirelessed all over the commercial world.

The grocer reads in the morning paper that Mr. Stonehead Consipier of the department of theoreticalasinity at Washington says a sugar famine is imminent. One hundred thousand other grocers read the same thing; and they all try to buy sugar at once. Also, the public tries to lay in sugar to last a year. Result, 25 cents a pound. Next result, sugar comes here from Patagonia, New Zealand, New Hebrides, Iceland, the Caspian Sea, the Sargasso Sea and other places, if any, where they don't believe every prophet.

And when the 100,000 have bought what they want, and the public has bought all it wants, they all find there is plenty of sugar, so they all try to sell at once. Result: 10 cents for sugar.—From the Wall Street Magazine.

## The Farm Boy

The best crop any man can raise on a farm is just plain kids. What would be the use of working hard to develop a fine farm unless there were some good, dependable boys to leave it to in the end? But boys and girls are more difficult to raise than record breaking cows or fine horses.

Sometimes a farmer gets so interested in building up a fine

farm for his children that he forgets to bring up the kind of children that can be trusted with a fine farm. He can't leave the boys to grow up any more than he can turn his cattle loose in the neighborhood and expect to have fine stock in the end.

A farmer who is developing a fine farm that he hopes to turn over to his boy some day should devote as much time to the boy as to the farm. He should make him proud of the farm business. He should develop in him an early interest in agricultural matters. He should give the boy his ideals and be sure that he brings the lad up an honest, dependable man. He should look after his health to be sure that the boy becomes strong and vigorous. And by constant effort on his part he should develop in the young man habits of thrift and industry that will insure his success. It takes time and trouble to raise a good crop of children—but it's worth it.—Ex.

## A Nation of Hunters

The biological survey of the department of agriculture has taken census of the nimrods of the United States and found that there are 7,000,000 of them.

When one visualizes this vast army that annually invades the woods to hunt down mammal and bird life, one is struck with the immensity of a land in which not even such a multitude of sportsmen has been able to exterminate wild life. Through carefully framed game laws most States have managed to strike a balance by which the activities of hunters about equal the annual increase of hunted things. Untold benefits are derived by devotees of the chase from their expeditions into the great outdoors and, although hunting is no longer an economic necessity as it was in pioneer days, it is pleasing that a large part of the population still retains the instinct.

One is thankful, however, that the 7,000,000 do not hit and kill every bird and beast at which they shoot.—Toledo Blade.

## No. 183 Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank

at Grapeland, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 29th day of December, 1920, published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 13th day of January, 1921.

### Resources

Loans and discounts	
personal or collateral	\$ 86,105.32
Loans, real estate	12,779.37
Overdrafts	582.45
Liberty bonds	12,568.67
Real estate (banking house)	2,983.03
County Warrants	1,810.12
Furniture and fixtures	2,000.00
Due from other banks and bankers, and cash on hand	48,675.89
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund	2,139.47
Assessment depositors' guaranty fund	159.99
Collection	1,318.99
Total	\$171,123.30

### Liabilities

Capital stock paid in	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus fund	16,500.00
Undivided profits net	3,245.45

Individual deposits subject to check	107,577.00
Time certificates of deposit	16,800.85
Bonds deposited	12,000.00

Total	\$171,123.30
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STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Houston.

We, George E. Darsey, as president, and W. D. Granberry, as cashier, of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

George E. Darsey, Pres.  
W. D. Granberry, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1921.

J. R. Richards,  
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## At Last Public Economy

Sure signs that the people are at last economizing appear in the numerous shut-downs of factories producing what may be classified as luxuries.

The automobile business is described as "shot through and through." It was announced that the Edison phonograph works would close indefinitely owing to "general business conditions throughout the country."

Stories of slack business come from most of the luxury trades.

This is of course a healthful sign, though it does throw many out of employment. For six years the country has needed to devote its labor and capital to necessities, not luxuries.

Dan Trigg of Salmon was here on business Saturday, calling at the Messenger for a few minutes.

## No. 768 Official Statement of the Financial Condition of THE GUARANTY STATE BANK

at Grapeland, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 29th day of December, 1920, published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 13th day of January, 1921.

### Resources

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral	\$ 69,695.01
Loans, real estate	3,305.39
Overdrafts	NONE
Bonds and stocks and war saving stamps	30,273.76
Real estate (banking house)	3,428.90
County Warrants	2,528.18
Furniture and fixtures	2,651.70
Due from other banks and bankers, and cash on hand	40,010.74
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund	1,700.87
Assessment depositors' guaranty fund	126.97
Collection	5,000.00
Total	\$183,731.52

### Liabilities

Capital stock paid in	\$ 20,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits, net	4,605.97
Individual deposits, subject to check	115,853.43
Time certificates of deposits	18,027.52
Cashiers' checks	194.60
Bonds deposited	15,050.00
Total	\$183,731.52

STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Houston.

We, C. W. Kennedy, as president, and U. M. Brock, as cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of January, 1921.

Chester Owens,  
Notary Public, Houston County,  
(SEAL) Texas.

Correct—Attest:

J. C. Kennedy,  
P. H. Stafford,  
M. P. Herod,  
Directors.

## Neff Libel Suit

Waco, Texas, Jan. 10.—The case of the state against Fisher Alsup of Bell County, charged with libeling Governor-Elect Neff in a signed article in a Timpie paper during the gubernatorial campaign last year, is on trial a second time here today in County Court.

The first trial in December resulted in a divided jury. The alleged libelous article had to do with Neff's age in connection with the war draft regulation act.

## Farmers Urged to Plant Only High Grade Cotton

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 8.—The cotton farmer of Texas will profit by the present depression of the cotton market by planting strictly high-grade long staple cotton and by reductions of acreage in the future, John B. Beers of the extension service of Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College and state representatives of the United States bureau of markets, who was in Dallas today, said. Mr. Beers has just completed a progress report showing in detail the cotton situation in this state for submission to the secretary of agriculture.

The Agricultural and Mechanical of Texas and the bureau of markets during the years of 1918, 1919 and 1920 organized and operated cotton classing and marketing offices in a large number of local cotton markets in Texas in co-operation with the various cotton growers' Association, the purpose being to demonstrate improved methods for the handling and marketing of cotton by farmers and to aid producers in the development and operations of the selling system that will insure them the full market value of their product.

All of the local offices are in charge of competent classers who have had broad experience in classing and handling cotton and who passed a rigid examination to show ability to conduct the work. They pass all samples of cotton brought by farmers and issue certificates showing the grade and staple of each bale, advising the owners as to its market value. The classer is supplied with commercial market reports and with reports furnished by the college and the market bureaus in Dallas, Houston and New Orleans.

## Entry of Mexican Labor is Opposed by Box

Washington, Jan. 10.—Admission of Mexican farm laborers to relieve conditions in border states was opposed today before the senate immigration committee by Representative Box of Texas, democrat, who said the scheme "involved a system of peonage and did not smack of freedom."

Box appeared as a member of the house of immigration committee. He said the Johnson bill should not be amended to permit entry of Mexicans or other nationals.

"It would be class discrimination to allow these people to come in," he said. "It would favor one class against another and would violate the contract labor and literacy test laws."

## Breaking Land

A trip out in to the country any direction from Grapeland reveals the fact that the farmers are busy breaking their land, getting ready for planting time, which will soon be here.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 13, 1921

**TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS**

During the year through which we have just passed we have tried hard to give the people of Grapeland and community a paper of which they could be proud, and one which at the same time would reflect the spirit of the neighborhood in which it circulates. Before we get very far into the New Year we want to pledge ourselves to try and make it even better and of more benefit to the community in the weeks to come.

But we cannot do this alone. We must have your help, your good words, your co-operation. Nothing goes farther toward inspiring an editor to good work than a paid up subscription list. And right here you can show your interest in the paper and the community it is seeking to serve. Start the year with your paper paid up to the first of the year—a small thing on your part but a tremendous thing to the paper if everyone followed the rule and paid in advance. We then have an opportunity to go into the paper and material market on a strictly cash basis, and that means something to those we serve. We can feel surer of our interests when we see your label marked up for a whole year, and there is no surer way in which you can show that you want to co-operate with your home paper than to keep your subscription paid at least one year in advance.

Bring or send or telephone items you feel will be of interest to the community. Call our attention to any event or incident we may appear to overlook. Remember that we are running an institution that stands for the good of the whole community, and that you are a stockholder. Do this throughout the year and see if you don't feel the benefit that comes from having a real live paper catering to your interest.

**THE GOSPEL OF GOOD SENSE**

We contend that preaching the truth, the kind that benefits the whole public, cannot be overdone. And this is especially true at a time when we are entering upon a new year.

From all indications there are going to be more men out of employment in this country in 1921

than at any time since the armistice was signed. Jobs will be scarcer, and there will be greater numbers of applications for each one. Money is not going to be as easy to get as it has been for the past two years and a dollar is going to look bigger than it has for a long time. For that reason we want to again preach the gospel of good sense—and that is, if you've a steady position, stick to it, and if you have a dollar you can spare, put it in the bank. Don't be tempted to pack up and move elsewhere. If the job which tempts you is such a fine one, someone in that locality would have it already. If you haven't acquired the habit of saving, start now to saving and put aside some thing each week, if it is only a dollar. If you never do more than this you'll find at the close of 1921 that you've formed the best habit you ever formed—the habit of saving. There's nothing hard about saving. The secret is in making the start. There are more men with bank accounts today who started on a dollar than there are men who started with a hundred or a thousand dollars. No sum is too small to start with.

Listen to the gospel of good sense, all you Grapeland people. And the chances are that before another year is closed you'll have reason to be glad you did.

The best resolution any Grapeland man can make for this year is to resolve to do the best he can under all circumstances.

It would certainly be nice for England if home rule in Ireland was as popular as home brew is in this country.

A Baltimore doctor warns women against filmy hose, short shirts, V-neck blouses, too much dancing and indiscriminate kissing. He hasn't a chance to get one bit of his advice accepted. He's a mutt—George Bailey, in Houston Post.

The parents of this community ought to revive the "back-to-the-woodshed" movement. As we observe the antics of some of the kids around here, this very essential part of their training has been sadly neglected.

**UNION DOTS**

Union, Jan. 10.—There is some sickness in our community at this time. Little Leona Gaines is very sick. We all hope for a speedy recovery.

Misses Audrey Chaffin and Ina Mae Weisinger spent Sunday with Miss Vallie DuBose.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Caskey spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Bynum.

Monroe Weisinger and children, also Mr. and Mrs. Phillip, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. DuBose.

Miss Flora Chaffin visited Miss Gladys Beeson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brumley visited Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Brumley Sunday.

J. R. Beeson visited his sister Mrs. Thomas Moore, near Elkhart, the latter part of last week.

A few of our young people were present at the party at Ruth Robinson's last Friday night and all reported a splendid time.

Sam Goodson visited Mr. and Mrs. Willis Goodson at Jacksonville last Saturday and Sunday.

**SALMON NEWS**

Salmon, Jan. 10.—Most everyone is getting ready for another crop, which we hope will be a good one. We all ought to strive harder than we ever have to raise a food crop and make our living at home, then live on it and not depend on cotton altogether for our money crop. The man who stays at home this year and lives off of what he has will be the lucky man when this crop is harvested.

Well, Salmon has been on the standstill long enough; business is going to pick up. Lumber is being put on the ground and plans are being made for a new sawmill, owned by Mr. Griffin. We hope that he will soon be pulling the whistle.

Mr. Claridge has sold his residence with twenty acres of land to Fred Guenther, and will build another residence soon on his other property.

Mr. Griffin has just completed a new house just north of the station and expects to move into it soon.

Hub Buckle is building a new garage and is putting in a filling station. So you see we can soon get some new lumber and get our "tin lizzies" fixed, watered and filled.

Edgar Murdock made a business trip to Palestine last week and went to Jacksonville before returning home.

We regret to learn that Bro. Ben Morrison will not preach for us any longer. Bro. Ben has done splendid work during the time he has preached for us and has made Salmon church the best pastor it ever had.

Mr. and Mrs. Lish Walling visited Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Campbell Sunday.

Alton Davis spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Moseley.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennie Leatherwood entertained a large crowd with a singing Saturday night.

**Entertains Music Pupils**

Mrs. Arthur Walton entertained the junior members of her music class and some of their friends Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock.

In spite of the bad weather the little ladies were ushered into the living room at the appointed hour by the hostess. They were engaged in interesting games at once. On the program for the afternoon were included musical numbers by little Misses Hazel McCarty, Irene Dailey, Polly and Alice Prudgen. At a few minutes to five the hostess served hot chocolate and cake. The little guests departed declaring they had enjoyed themselves very much.

Those enjoying the afternoon were Misses Hazel McCarty, Myrtle and Florence Walling, Vera Alsup, Ruth Kennedy, Irene Dailey, Lelia Walton, Polly and Alice Prudgen, Odessa Harmon and Lucile Richards.

**Preaching at Salmon**

Rev. Fred J. Newland will preach at Salmon the fourth Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The public is invited to hear him.

**Pay Your School Tax**

The time is short. Penalty added after January 31. I will be in town every day from now on to collect taxes.

F. P. Kennedy, Collector.

**"PUBLICAN" HAD FEW FRIENDS**

**Tax-Gatherer, In the Days of Our Lord, Was a Person of Common Detestation.**

The publican was a tax-gatherer under a system known as farming out the taxes, common throughout many parts of Roman empire at the time of Our Lord's earthly ministry. For a capital sum paid down to the government the taxes of a province or district were made over to the purchaser, who in turn might subdivide his district and sell the taxes of the parts to different persons. The men employed to collect the taxes were the publicans. The system was bad in many ways. It necessitated large taxes, because only part of the money reached the treasury, and it turned loose upon the people an avaricious, unscrupulous band of collectors.

As a class the publicans were detested. Xenophon, the Greek general and historian, said they were robbers. Theocritus, another ancient writer, being asked which were the worst kind of wild beasts, replied, "On the mountains, bears and lions; in the cities, publicans and pettifoggers." By the Jews the publicans were especially detested. Theirs was a conquered country, and they hated their Roman conquerors. The tax-gatherer was a reminder of their position, and their taxes went to a pagan government. However, tax-gathering was necessary, and no doubt there were honorable men among the publicans. At least, there was one in Palestine, for St. Matthew was a publican.

**QUITE AGREED**

**The Sister**—If I were you I wouldn't pay so much attention to that horrid Fannie Flitters.

**The Brother**—And I wouldn't either, if I were you.

**BOOK STRANGELY RECOVERED.**

From a little fishing village on the French coast, named Sables d'Olonne, comes this story:

A little company of fishermen, lifting their nets, found in the midst of an unusually heavy catch of fish a black morocco-bound book, battered and scratched but complete, all its pages stuck together inside the covers. It was a breviary. Within the pages were many holy pictures and pictures of churches, hand-written prayers, etc.

One picture was a cathedral under which was written, "Our Lady of Dakar."

Just legible on the flyleaf was the name of the breviary's owner, Bishop Jelabert of Dakar, in Africa, who, with six priests, returning with him to the African mission, was drowned in a shipwreck last January.

The breviary has been returned to the bishop's family.

**SHE KNEW IT.**

The comedian was trying to be funny. He said: "Ladies and gentlemen, I shall sing you a song entitled 'She Swallowed a Spoon, and Now She Can't Stir.'

The young man turned to the Sweet Young Thing with him and said: "He gets paid for that, too!"

The S. Y. T., a poor misguided girl without a sense of humor, replied haughtily, as if her intelligence had been insulted: "I know he does."

**Ready for Service**

Financial Prince Premier, registered Jersey male now ready for service. Fee \$5.00 in advance, service guaranteed.

C. C. Hill.

**ROYAL FIGURES ADORN PIPE**

**Meerschaum, Beautifully Carved, Recently Presented to the British House of Commons.**

A curious pipe of meerschaum, beautifully carved, has been presented to the smoking room of the house of commons, and has just been placed there. It bears the royal arms carved on the front of the bowl, while at the back of the bowl is a group of carved figures. Most prominent of these is Queen Victoria, seated on a throne. On either side of her majesty are figures of France and Germany, the latter with a drawn sword.

There are a number of figures of leading British statesmen of the day, including one which is supposed to be Mr. Gladstone addressing the queen, apparently on behalf of Napoleon III, who is seated in a despondent attitude behind him. The duke of Argyle and Mr. Bright are also represented.

A silver plate bears the inscription, "The Pipe of Peace, 1870-71. Presented to the smoking room of the house of commons, July, 1920, by Alan F. Hooke, Esq." The gift is estimated to be worth £400 (\$2,000). Its origin is not known, and gives rise to speculation on the part of members.—London Times.

**CATER TO OLFACTORY NERVE**

**Audience in "Movie" Theaters Are to Smell Things That They See on the Screen.**

The olfactory nerve is the next to be satisfied in the big movie palaces. Eye and ear already get their fill in the movie houses, where films showing the beauty spots of the world in their natural colors are exhibited to the sound of appropriate music.

The scraping of sandpaper imitates the sound of waves. Explosions are reproduced for two of the animal senses. The entrance of the villain is announced with a crash of cymbals. Low, sad music attends the boiling of missionaries and custard pies float to jazzy ripples of what might be called melody.

The senses of touch and taste must remain unsatisfied at public performances, say those who know, but the sense of smell is due to have its fill as do the two senses that have already been catered to so well.

In the near future movie fans can expect to smell bread baking in the bakery scenes, the fresh smell of newly soaked, wetted soil in rainy scenes.

**COLORED BOYS' SHOES.**

Shoes with "railroad edges," half an inch wide, shiny patent vamps and gray tops, with big buttons, also shoes of cream colored calf, with toes high and square like a brick, and heels nearly two inches high—shoes like these are made in a Manchester, N. H., shop for the lively colored boys, way down South. Next after watermelon, a colored boy likes fancy shoes. He will go without his dinner, to buy a pair of shoes that hits his eye. Fit doesn't matter. If the shoes are too large there's room for his feet to grow. If they are too small, he just "loosens" them, that is, cuts them on the sides, to make them easy. The shoes with the "railroad edges" get his eye. The edges stick out from the shoes, like a piazza on a summer cottage. They look wide enough to run a railroad train around.

**HELPING OUT**  
*"Pardon my broke in coming, but I happened to overhear and understand your girl turned you down."*

"Yes," admitted the youth who had just invested a nickel to get the bad news.

"If you'll excuse me, I think I can give you a number where you'll have better luck."—American Legion.

People are fast learning that we know our business in repairing cars. Suppose you try us. Norman & Lively.

**LOCAL ITEMS**

A few doses 666 break a cold.

Fresh garden seed at Kennedy Bros.

A. E. Owens is attending business in Dallas this week.

Rub-My-Tism cures bruises, cuts, burns, sores, tetter, etc.

Get square with the Local American Legion Post.

Rev. Fred J. Newland was in Houston the first of the week.

666 breaks a cold quicker than any remedy we know.

Plenty of Kelley plows, points, landsides and parts at Kennedy Bros.

**Residence for Rent**  
Six room house, good water. See Chas Jones.

County Attorney Earle P. Adams of Crockett was here Saturday.

Mrs. Elmer Phillips of New Waverly visited Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Phillips this week.

W. A. Riall was in Jacksonville and Dallas on business the first of the week.

W. W. Adams of Percilla was in Grapeland Monday on business.

Gussie Lee, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Calhoun, was severely burned Sunday night, when she accidentally overturned a kettle of hot upon her.

Mrs. E. P. Lynch and baby of Nacogdoches are here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Anthony.

Mark Anthony of Longview spent a few days here last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Anthony.

Mrs. Jack Hendricks, who has been visiting relatives here and at Percilla for some time, returned to her home at Freeport last Monday.

**Renter Wanted at Once**

Half or third and fourth, that can work 45 or 50 acres of land. See G. A. Walton at Barber Shop.

**For Sale**

Choice frost-proof cabbage plants, early Flat Dutch, Early Jersey and Charleston Wakefield. Post paid. Prompt shipment. 100, 35c; 300, \$1.00. Jesse Barnes, 4t Trinity Texas.

**For Rent**

100 acres of land six miles from town; also 50 acres one-half mile of town. tf R. B. Edens.

**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 Catarrah 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. 1886. A. W. GLEASON.

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Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.

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Sold by all druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

To prevent a cold take 666.

Cold blast lattern \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00 at Kennedy Bros.

Your American Legion Dues are one Month late..

Geo. Moore has returned from a business trip to Houston.

Red, yellow and white onion sets at Kennedy Bros.

Arnold Clewis is visiting at Lake Charles, La.

Pay your American Legion dues today.

Rub-My-Tism relieves Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sprains.

Plenty of plow bolts at Kennedy Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Porter and baby returned to their home in Angleton Sunday morning.

When your car needs repairing, bring it to us. We will give you a good job and charge you only a moderate price.

Norman & Lively.

Mrs. Dora White, who is now living at Sweetwater, recently visited relatives and friends here.

Try a bottle of our Worcestershire sauce. It's fine on oysters or fresh meat. Only 20c per bottle at Kennedy Bros.

**Cropper Wanted**  
Man with sufficient force to work 50 or 60 acres of land on shares.

J. S. Weisinger, R. I.

**For Sale or Trade**  
A 5-passenger Maxwell automobile. Will sell for cash or trade for hogs, cattle, horses, mules, town lots, small tract of land, corn, cotton, chickens, eggs or good notes.

21 C. L. Haltom.

**For Sale or Exchange for Land or Livestock**

A gin outfit at Anderson county station. Engine, boiler and most of the other stuff, in good shape. A bargain. Write Box 383, Palestine, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jones and baby returned Monday morning from Jacksonville, where they visited relatives several days. They expect to leave about February 1st for Alexandria, La., where Mr. Jones has a position with a large dry goods establishment.

Mr. E. W. Davis has been seriously ill for several days. He is being attended by Miss Rogers, a trained nurse of Palestine. His children, Messrs. Clyde and Edwin Davis, of Kingsville, and Mrs. J. B. Zimmerman of Dallas, came in several days ago. His many friends hope for a speedy recovery.

We have one of the best mechanics to be found anywhere. We can fix your car and put it in good shape. Try our service. East side railroad.

Norman & Lively.

A program and a box supper will be given at the Salmon school house on Friday night, January 14, at 7:30 o'clock. The funds will be used to buy athletic equipment.

**Guaranty State Bank Holds Annual Stockholders' Meeting**

The Guaranty State Bank held its annual stockholders' meeting Tuesday, January 4. All the old officers and directors were re-elected: C. W. Kennedy, President, J. R. Pennington, Vice-President, U. M. Brock, Cashier, Miss Melba K. Brock, Assistant Cashier. Directors: C. W. Kennedy, J. R. Pennington, U. M. Brock, E. G. Walling, M. P. Herod, J. C. Kennedy, P. H. Stafford.

The surplus fund was increased to \$12,000.00, and a 10 per cent dividend was paid to stockholders. It was a good year for the bank.

**Farm Loan Meeting at Crockett Next Saturday**

Mr. H. A. Fisher, secretary and treasurer of the National Farm Loan Association, requests the Messenger to state their annual meeting will be held in Crockett next Saturday afternoon at 2 at the Commercial Club room. Some important business matters will be up for disposition, and all interested are urged to be present.

**F. & M. Bank Elect Officers**

The stockholders of the F. & M. Bank held their annual meeting Tuesday afternoon.

The old officers were re-elected: George E. Darsey, President; T. S. Kent, Vice-President; W. D. Granberry, Cashier; Geo. R. Darsey, Assistant Cashier.

The directors are: George E. Darsey, W. G. Granberry, M. E. Darsey, T. S. Kent, W. D. Granberry and C. H. Beazley and Earle P. Adams of Crockett were added to the board.

The bank's earnings for the past year were a little better than 20 per cent. The directors have not yet held their meeting, and it is left in their hands to make dispositions of the profits.

**LIVELYVILLE NEWS**

Livelyville, Jan. 10.—The drop in temperature was welcome to most people, especially those who had more hogs to kill. The colder weather will, we hope, prevent the peach trees from blooming too early and so insure us a good peach crop.

Little Helen Hale had her arm dislocated last Wednesday while at play at the school house. Dr. Stafford speedily put the elbow back into place and we hear she is doing nicely.

Mrs. Barney Tucker is on the sick list and has been for several days. We hope she will soon recover.

Frank Masters and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Rat Jones.

We have Sunday school every Sunday afternoon and we hope to have a good attendance. Everybody come and bring somebody with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ball spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morris announce the birth of a daughter January 10th. Best wishes.

Leo Keen came home from a prolonged stay at Corsicana to visit his mother, Mrs. O. P. Brown.

Paul MacDonald and Raymond Garner went to Elkhart last Sunday to visit John Thomas Pate.

**Attention, Readers!**

**Be a well read man or woman. Keep up with the world's news, current events and fiction**

In our magazine department we carry in stock

THE COSMOPOLITAN  
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THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE

—and—  
THE GALVESTON DAILY NEWS  
Both daily and Sunday editions

We take subscriptions to all of the above mentioned publications and would be glad to send in your subscription to any other magazine or daily paper.

**Smith & Ryan DRUGGISTS****ENON NEWS**

Enon, Jan. 10.—We have been having some very changable weather the past few days. Hog killing was the order of the day Monday and people are wishing for a norther at present.

The health of our community is not very good at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Brimberry's baby has been sick the past few days. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ferguson have had a very sick baby, but it is improving now.

The little body of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fulmer's baby was laid to rest in the Davis cemetery Friday evening. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved parents.

Mrs. Coleman and daughter visited at Percilla one day last week.

Miss Wessie Hague visited Mrs. Marshall Brimberry Sunday.

Miss Ruth Robinson entertained the young folks of this community last Friday evening. All had a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Brimberry gave the young folks a party last Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brimberry visited Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Oliver Sunday.

M. L. Whitaker and family visited in the Union Chapel community Sunday.

Our school is progressing nicely. The children seem to have taken renewed interest in their books since Santa Claus visited them.

**Rev. Tenny Serves Same Church for Fifty Years**

Crockett, Texas, Jan. 10.—The delivery of his usual sermon on the morning of January 2, Dr. S. F. Tenny, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of this city, rounded out 50 years of continuous service as pastor of the Presbyterian Church of this city.

An unusually large congregation greeted him, the pastors of some of the other churches dismissing their respective congregations in order that they might attend.

Paul MacDonald and Raymond Garner went to Elkhart last Sunday to visit John Thomas Pate.

During his ministry here he has delivered in Crockett and

other towns 5128 sermons, has baptised 297 infants, 157 adults, members received by profession and certificate, 639; has officiated at 503 funerals and 225 marriages. He has organized a dozen churches in Houston county, two at Beaumont, one at Tyler and one at Lufkin.

When he first came to Crockett he often walked 35 miles in order to preach. He is still vigorous in spite of his age and devotes the greater part of his time to pastoral visits and looking after the poor and needy, irrespective of creed or faith. He serves some churches in the country at stated intervals and is not deterred by any kind of weather.

Loved and respected by everyone, he yields a power and influence for good that does not often fall to the lot of many men.

Two elaborate receptions will be tendered him during the week commencing January 10, by the members of his congregation, joined by the citizenship generally.

Try our new "hay burner" delivery service. Not how quick, but how sure. Kennedy Bros.

**At the Methodist Church**

Remember the services at the Methodist church Sunday morning.

Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11. Subject, "Why and How to Glorify God."

No preaching Sunday night on account of union services at the Christian church.

Preaching at New Prospect at 3 p. m.

B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

Our stock of groceries is "spick and span," clean and ready for your inspection. See us before you buy. Kennedy Bros.

**Scholarship for Sale**

We have a scholarship in the Tyler Commercial College, which we will sell to some young man or woman at a discount.

The Messenger.

**Neff's Inauguration Will Be Very Democratic Affair**

Waco, Texas, Jan. 8.—Pat Neff's inauguration as governor of the Lone Star State on January 18 may not be as simple as that of Thomas Jefferson as president, which consisted merely of taking the oath and riding horseback to the White House, but from a letter to the people of Texas made public Saturday the ceremonies for the next governor will be quite as democratic.

Everybody in Texas is invited. No engraved cards of introduction will be necessary for the reception.

Mr. Neff's letter, addressed "to the people of Texas," follows:

"Suggested by the number of inquiries received in regard to invitations to my inauguration as governor, I desire to say there will be no invitations of any kind issued. The people of Texas, all of them, are invited. The inaugural ceremonies will take place at noon January 18. On the evening of that date the citizens of Austin will give an inaugural reception, and to this the people of Texas are also invited. No invitations will be issued and no card will be necessary in order to gain admission. It will be an informal and democratic occasion."

"Four of the governors of Mexico, with their personal staffs, together with a delegation sent by President Obregon, numbering in all about 30 representatives, will attend the inaugural ceremonies, also the reception. I hope to have the pleasure of meeting many of my friends on this occasion."

**Bollworms from Abroad**

The pink bollworm is a persistent invader, port inspectors of the Federal Horticultural Board United States Department of Agriculture, have recently found. A short time ago some iron bands were shipped from Egypt by way of Philadelphia to show the method of baling cotton in that country. These bands were rapped in burlap. It occurred to the bureau's inspector that caution was necessary and he examined the burlap, discovering two pink bollworms. In another case, 156 bales of old bagging which had been used for cotton were shipped from Rotterdam, Holland. Inspection at the port of Philadelphia revealed 142 cotton seeds sticking to the burlap and 12 of them carried bollworms.

**Must We Prepare for War?**

Appearing before the Naval Committees of Congress, Secretary Daniels tells them:

"Unless the United States is ready to go into an association of all nations, or practically all nations, we cannot quit our building program through any agreement with any two nations. The world today is still shell-shocked. It is in chaos. Nobody knows what will happen within the next year. The United States should complete its naval program, already started, without interruption."

The Secretary said that unless the United States is going to join the League of Nations, or some kind of association of nations to promote peace, it would be folly to be unprepared for whatever might happen.

**Davidson Has Plan to Speed up Court Action**

Marshall, Tex., Jan. 7.—Senator-elect T. W. Davidson of this city will introduce in the next session of the legislature, which convenes next Tuesday, measures designed to speed up action in the courts of the state of Texas. He has a plan for the upkeep of the public highways which he will introduce in the form of a bill in the legislature. Mr. Davidson said:

"My plan is to create a complete patrol system whereby the money now spent in the upkeep of public roads will be appropriated throughout all the roads of the county, in accordance with the relative classification and mileage of the particular road, and that the roads be let out to keepers, much on the order of the section foremen on the railroad systems, and that they be given all the powers of the old road overseers, in addition to their contract rights of the county, so that no portion of the public road would be left without attention for indefinite periods. This system is working most satisfactorily in many states."

**Don't Get Alarmed**

Don't you recall that not so long ago the talk was all of \$100 suits this fall and spring, \$20 shoes, 50-cent cotton, 30-cent sugar, \$3 wheat, higher prices for automobiles, and, in fact, almost everything else? Well, these prices have not materialized.

You can buy good suits for less than \$50 instead of \$100; shoes have been marked down and will probably go still lower; cotton is around 13 cents a pound instead of 50 cents; sugar is below half of 30 cents a pound; wheat has brought no \$3 a bushel; automobiles have been substantially cut in price and so have many other things.

What cost \$5 can now be bought for \$4, the authoritative "averages" record. In other words, the dollar, which couldn't buy even 50 cents worth of merchandise a few months ago, can now buy considerably more than 50 cents' worth.

All this is a healthy trend. Yet what do we find? Widespread alarm over the way things are going. Panicky talk is indulged in. Business men who ought to know better talk as if the downward movement will never end—just as they talked so confidently not long ago to the effect that rising prices would go on and on.

The wise policy to pursue is to keep one's head and refuse to be stampeded by scary predictions that everything is bounding along toward perdition.

The time to be ultra-conservative is at the height of a boom. The time to exercise confidence and courage is when prices become illogically low. Certain long-headed, far-sighted financiers and executives are now placing large orders for certain materials on the theory that a recovery in them will be witnessed during 1921. It is proverbial that the best time to buy is when everybody wants to sell.—Forbes Magazine.

Walter Brumley and family, who are now living at Rusk spent several days in this community this and last week visiting relatives and friends.

# It's Renewal

## Time!

**On January 1st many subscriptions to The Messenger expire. Are you going to renew?**

### Look at the Figures Opposite Your Name

If it reads "Jan 1 21" it means that your subscription expired January 1, "Dec. 1, 20" means that your time was out December 1, 1920. "Feb 1 21" means your time will expire February 1, 1921, etc.

**We Appreciate your Patronage and Solicit your Renewal**

### The Messenger

YOUR HOME PAPER

**TRINITY RIVER RIPPLES**

Reynard, Jan. 10.—Last week was awful fine: awful, because it was out of season; fine because our Christmas wood pile lasted longer.

Some plowing has been done; some gardens plowed up and are ready for the seed; sure want a good garden this year for so many vegetables are nerve builders and sure will need them. Very few have their full complement of farm labor and we are afraid lots of good land will lie idle.

Yesterday was a fine day, but very little visiting. Now, lets not quit doing that, but of course not too often; work close, be economical, but try and not stop up the spigot and open up the bung-hole.

Money matters are close, but the doors will soon be open, but will not need much, and if the merchants will stay by us we will try and make the landing.

The following officers were elected for our Sunday school: Tom Kent, superintendent; W.

L. Fox, assistant; Miss Gertrude Fulgham, secretary; Mrs. J. A.

Allen, assistant; Mrs. West, treasurer and organist; Mrs. George Allen, assistant. The Sunday school called Bro. Newland to preach for us and will look for him next Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30. Let us all be on hand and have a good lesson and hear a good sermon. Will say to our new neighbors, come and be with us and let's get acquainted.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Kent and daughter, Mrs. Arthur Walton and children, and their pastor, Bro. Newland, were week end visitors to our community, guests at the home of T. S. Kent Jr.

We hope things will soon become more stable. We look for a good year.

Herbine corrects biliousness, indigestion and constipation. It is a fine herbal medicine that drives out impurities and restores healthy conditions in the system. Price 60c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

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A San Francisco woman who occupies a position of authority in the city's health department reports that she had a good deal of difficulty with the bakers in a poorer section of the city who refused to handle wrapped bread. She argued with them for some time and finally one of them frankly explained: "You see, lady," he said, "when the bread comes wrapped up, the paper gets so dirty from the handling that people won't buy it."—DeLineator.

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**Some More Reminiscences.**

In the early 70s there were lots of deer, turkey, foxes, wolves and wildcats in this country, and always several packs of hounds. A pack consisted of four or more dogs. The collar mark was black and tan, or black on back and yellow underneath, and a spot over each eye; they had a long head and if the ears would lap over the end of their nose they were considered good. They would not run anything but deer foxes and wild cats and wolves. One evening I was sitting on the porch and heard a pack of hounds coming up from the country going in the direction of the creek and river. I noticed they would stop occasionally and bay. Thinking someone had wounded a deer and he was making for water, which they would usually do when wounded, I got my gun and thought I would cut him off. So just as they got near me, the dogs bayed again, as I thought, in a thicket you couldn't see over fifteen or twenty yards. I hurried up and when in ten or fifteen yards, looking with all eyes for the deer, but to my surprise when I got up to where I could see, the dogs were all sitting down and looking up and in a sapling just out of reach was a huge cat. He was so intently looking at the dogs he did not

J. L. Chiles.

**Mr. Wilson's Plans**

President Wilson has decided to make his permanent home in Washington and has bought a residence there. He expects to devote the remainder of his life to writing the history of the great events, all of which he saw and part of which he was, and in Washington he can have easy access to the public documents that he may need to help him in the task.

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**Re-apportioning House  
to Conform to Census**

After each National Census, once in ten years, changes have to be made in the representation of the people of the House of the people in the House of

The Constitution says, in Article 1, Section 2, that "Representatives shall be apportioned among the several states according to their respective numbers."

When a census has shown that the number of people has changed, and how much, it becomes necessary to change the number of Representatives to conform to the new figures.

As the population is always increasing, either the whole number of representatives must be increased, or else a larger number of people must be included in each representative district.

The Republican Caucus of the House has promptly agreed to pass a re-apportionment bill at the present session. The bill, as prepared in advance, calls for a House of 483 members, an increase of 48. This number will be distributed among the several states as evenly as possible in proportion to their population, but not so exactly as to give to any State a fraction of a Representative.

When a state knows what its number of Representatives is to be, its Legislature can divide the State into the same number of Congressional districts. Until a State has done this, any additional Representatives that it may be entitled to will have to be elected "at large"—that is, by all the people of the State. A voter may then vote for two or more Representatives; one for his Congressional district and one or more "at large." The number 483, as worked out by the Republican leaders in Congress, will give one Representative to about 219,000 people. The apportionment made after the Census of 1910 gave one to 211,000.

With an increase of 48 members, each State on the average will gain one. But some States will gain more than one, others will have no increase. New York it is calculated, will have four new Congressmen, which means also four additional electoral votes beginning with 1924.

If congress passes the re-apportionment bill, Texas will gain three congressmen.

**Riding Sense**

Too many of us are inclined to believe that the best and greatest amount of work is accomplished thru the expenditure of the maximum amount of physical effort. It is an old theory that a man uses a riding tool because he is too lazy to walk.

Why not consider that a man on a riding tool can more readily work ten hours a day and six days a week than the fellow who walks, and he will live to work many more years while he is doing it?

In the long run the man who conserves his physical energy will put it all over the fellow who kills himself hard at work.—Cap-  
per's Farmer.

Aching joints, rheumatic pains and neuralgia can be relieved quickly by a rubbing application of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It is a powerful penetrating remedy. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

**ON TIME**By CORONA REMINGTON.  
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standing at the Hamiltons' front door, with his heart missing every other beat.

He was dumbfounded to find that no guests were assembled, no carriages stood without. Had she decided not to marry him and sent them all away? He reeled as the thought flashed into his mind, and for a second, contemplated flight. An instant later she was beside him. He never remembered having entered the house.

"Dear Jack, do tell me what's the matter. Everything's so strange and incomprehensible. I've been nearly distracted since your telegram came this morning."

"Darling, can you ever forgive me?" he pleaded.

"Forgive you for what?" she demanded, growing pale with anticipation.

"For what?" he shrieked. "Why, for being late. You know we were to be married at 8 o'clock and it's nearly 9 now."

"But we decided that the wedding was to be tomorrow, the first of March. Yesterday was the last day of February."

"No, it wasn't, Jack. Yesterday was the 28th. This is leap-year, you know."

It was Langdon's turn to be surprised now. An expression of intense relief and happiness overspread his face as he sprang off the couch in a bound and caught the little girl in his arms.

"Tomorrow we will drink a toast to the leap-year and all the leap-years to come," he laughingly said.

And they did.

**"Banquet" \$1.00 a Plate**

More than 1,000 citizens of New York paid \$1,000 each for a dish of rice and a crust of stale bread, served at a plain board table. This ration was the same as was served to the starving children of eastern Europe. It

Thoroughly exhausted he retired early. When he awoke the next morning he rang for the porter.

"How long before we get to Huntington?" he asked.

"Due at five-twenty, but we're three hours late already, sah," and the black head withdrew.

"Good Lord! And we were to be married at eight," moaned Langdon.

"She'll never forgive me."

His face turned a ghastly white as the situation impressed itself upon him. Before he could even hope to reach Huntington the guests would have begun to assemble, the minister would be there to perform the ceremony, and he, the bridegroom would be—where? Adele would never forgive him.

"Have to let it go at that," he said at last, as he reread his latest efforts:

"I know you can never forgive me, but shall not reach Huntington before 8:15 or 8:30 at least. Whatever you do about it I shall love you always. Will explain when I arrive."

When the wire reached Huntington Adele read it in bewilderment.

"What can it mean?" she asked as she handed it to her mother.

"I can't understand it at all," she answered.

Langdon will never forget that day.

The world cannot abuse one forever. At last 38 crawled into Huntington and Langdon leaped from the car before it came to a standstill. As he rushed through the station he glanced at the clock. Eight thirty-five, it placidly announced. He jumped into the first taxi and soon found himself

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**Colds & Headache**

"For years we have used Black-Draught in our family, and I have never found any medicine that could take its place," writes Mr. H. A. Stacy, of Bradyville, Tenn. Mr. Stacy, who is a Rutherford County farmer, recommends Black-Draught as a medicine that should be kept in every household for use in the prompt treatment of many little ills to prevent them from developing into serious troubles.

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"It touches the liver and does the work," Mr. Stacy declared. "It is one of the best medicines I ever saw for a cold and headache. I don't know what we would do in our family if it wasn't for Black-Draught. It has saved us many dollars . . . I don't see how any family can hardly go without it. I know it is a reliable and splendid medicine to keep never without it."

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**Texas Japanese Deny Colonizing Scheme Started**

Fort Worth, Jan. 11.—Plans for Japanese business men of Texas to fight proposed anti-Japanese legislation at Austin were discussed at a conference here last night between representatives of Southeast Texas Japanese farm owners and members of Japanese cotton firms of North Texas.

No definite plans were made, it was stated today beyond the reaching of an agreement by the Japanese that they would first guarantee that no great immigration of Japanese into the state is contemplated. Kiski, a Japanese farm owner of East Texas declared at the conference that no Japanese colonization scheme is contemplated.

Speaking of the conference, K. Fugita, cotton merchant, said the Japanese now resident in Texas did not want Texas filled with Japanese like the Pacific coast state and that not more 200 Japanese families would be brought under any circumstances. He said many requests had been received from farmers in Southeast Texas for Japanese to teach them rice growing methods.

Kiski left last night for Houston. He said he would visit various Texas cities and would confer with the chambers of commerce in regard to the anti-Japanese legislation.

Bro. Schnitter, the pastor, will preach at Oak Grove Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Everybody is invited to these services. Study your Sunday school lesson and the B. Y. P. U. lesson. Bring your song books and your smiles.

J. A. Bean.

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**Lice Are Detrimental Because of Irritation Caused by Crawling About and Gnawing.**

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**East Texas to Stage Great "Comeback" During the Year**

A careful survey made by the East Texas Chamber of Commerce shows that the merchants, farmers, jobbers and wholesalers of this section look upon the New Year full of confidence and optimism.

The Survey reveals the fact that there the greatest preparations being made for reviving the fruit, truck and berry industry in this section. Spraying and pruning of fruit trees is very much in evidence. Every indication shows good prospects for a big fruit crop. There will be a larger acreage of strawberries than has been in many years. There will be a large potato crop; there are hundreds of acres being planted in blackberries.

High priced cotton, the past three years, has brought about considerable neglect on the part of the fruit and truck growers, so that they now realize that they must return to the growing of these above named crops. At least thirty per cent of this season's cotton crop is being held in East Texas.

The profitable crop of ribbon cane just been harvested will cause a great increase in the acreage another year.

With the organization of the Exchange and the prospects of East Texas Tomato Growers' marketing of the crop profitably, through the Exchange, there will be considerable increase in tomato acreage.

Merchants, jobbers, bankers and wholesalers and all other agencies are encouraging the farmers and advising them not to raise too much of any one thing but to raise to diversify their crops and not "carry all of their eggs in one basket."

Many farmers from other sections of the Southwest are coming to East Texas, believing that they can better raise a living here than in any other section of the country. Confidence and optimism will prevail throughout this region during the year 1921, in the minds of merchants, jobbers and wholesalers.

**Danger of Making Study of Average Cost Figures**

The fact that there is a wide variation on individual farms in the cost of producing any product has been substantiated by recent cost surveys conducted by specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. Because of this variation, the specialists point out, it is a fallacy to consider the average as representing the cost of production. For example, the average cost of wheat per bushel on the 481 farms studied by the specialists last year was \$2.51, but more than 50 per cent of the farmers concerned produced wheat at a cost above this figure, ranging up to an extreme of \$8.20 per bushel. Similarly, the average cost of cotton for the 842 farms studied was approximately 23 cents per pound, yet almost 60 per cent of the growers had costs above the average.—U. S. Weekly News Letter.

**Various Races.**  
The Anglo-Saxon race is usually considered to include the people descended from the tribes that invaded Britain and settled there 1,500 years ago. The English people and the lowland Scotch, with their descendants in various parts of the world, are Anglo-Saxons, while the Welsh and Scotch Highlanders are of Celtic origin, like the Irish. The French are a Latin race, the Scandinavians Teutonic.

**S. Recovers Financial Sanity, Declares Harding**

New York, Jan. 8.—The nation has recovered its financial sanity and is not troubled so much with either extreme of pessimism or optimism, said W. P. G. Harding, governor of the federal reserve board, in an address published here Saturday.

Governor Harding said that any danger of a general collapse has passed and that the worst is undoubtedly over.

"The country generally has recovered its normal state," he said: "We are no longer afraid. We are not indulging in the old idea of extravagance, living beyond our means. Nor are we troubled so much as we were a few weeks ago with that other extreme of over-pessimism, where people get down in the dumps and they can not see any daylight, can not see any hope, see nothing but gloom and darkness."

Governor Harding said there were signs that extreme depression which has occurred in some industries is nearing the end.

"The Industrial and economic future of this country," he said "depends now more than anything else perhaps upon our foreign trade."

**Our Honor Roll**

Our subscribers are responding right along to our appeal for them to renew their subscriptions. We have a good list this week, and those renewing or subscribing have our thanks.

Grapeland—J. D. Moore, John A. Davis, S. E. Howard, John Skidmore, J. W. Cook, S. N. Boykin, Mrs. S. E. Traylor, Alton Lively, O. W. Davis, W. P. Traylor, J. A. Frisby, Rev. Fred Newland, Roy Brewton, Frank Edge, Mrs. A. A. Allen, Virgil Musick.

Route 1.—S. W. Duitch, Jimmie Caskey, Sam Brown, J. E. Dominy.

Route 2—Lonzie Tyre.

Route 3—Leonard Parker, W. R. Matthews.

West Columbia—A. M. Scarborough.

Augusta—Jim Tims.

Beaumont—Edgar Brooks, Mrs. W. S. McCarty.

Memphis—R. H. Wherry.

Percilla—Ed Lively, A. K. Lively, Eugene Lively, W. W. Adams.

Elgin—Mrs. L. P. Brooks.

Palestine—S. H. Lively, Miss Linda Turner, Fletcher Weisinger, R. J. Gee.

Crockett—C. L. Edmiston.

Childress—Clyde Dennis.

El Paso—Mrs. Arch Stringer, Elkhart—Mrs. Peyton Gammage.

Henrietta—Dr. J. A. Allison.

Houston—W. R. Wherry.

Rusk—Walter Brumley.

Salmon—Dan Trigg.

Fredport—Mrs. Jack Hendricks.

Berclair—Miss Myriam Weisinger.

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**The Cradle Roll**

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howard Sunday, January 9, 1921.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wooley Monday, January 10, 1921, at the home of Mrs. Wooley's mother, Mrs. J. J. Knoble.

**"As Much Emphasis Now on Educational Training as on Military Drill."**

By COL. J. T. AXTON, Chief of Chaplains, U. S. A.

On the barracks wall at [unclear], India, this inscription will be found:

"When war is on and strife is nigh,  
God and the soldier is all the cry;  
When war is o'er and peace is cited,  
God and the soldier are quickly slighted."



This may have been true of some former period, but it is not true concerning the World war. This nation is nearer to God than before the mighty conflict, or the war's greatest lesson has been missed. I believe that we are nearer to God in all the relations of life than before we entered the titanic struggle, and the soldier is not being slighted. The best evidence of this lies in the fact that an average of more than four hundred splendid young men from all walks of life are enlisting every day for duty in the regular army.

The call to military service is especially strong now because of a nation-wide interest in military affairs and because the War department has sensed the need for making every hour a man spends in the army profitable to that man. Fully as much emphasis is being placed upon the moral and educational training of our troops as upon military drill, target practice, discipline, or any of the other things that are essential to the making of a fine soldier.

The comprehensive educational system is in charge of picked men who specialize in it; while moral training is quite properly committed by the congress of the United States to a corps of chaplains, composed of men who know how to put stress on those religious elements that appeal to healthy young men.

Public confidence in the regular army was never so high as today, and our people may be sure that the whole aim of those in authority is to justify that confidence, by developing the individual soldier along lines that will make him a thoroughly useful citizen when he returns to civil life.

**Legislature Convenes—Thomas Elected Speaker**

Austin, Jan. 11.—Representative Charles G. Thomas of Denton County was elected speaker for the house of the Texas legislature, which convened in thirty-seventh session here today. After Thomas had been nominated by Representative Cox of Taylor County, Representative A. B. Curtiss of Tarrant, the other candidate withdrew from the race and seconded Thomas' nomination.

Legislation on a number of subjects was recommended by Thomas in his speech of acceptance. Thomas suggested that laws should be passed making it more difficult to get married and correspondingly more difficult to obtain divorces.

He said that the Legislature must seek to make rural life more attractive and farming more remunerative. He proposed that the state liquidate some of its bonds now held by the permanent school fund so the proceeds might be invested more profitably for the benefit of the school system of the state.

Thomas was born in Dallas County 41 years ago, but was educated in the public schools of Lewisville, Denton County, and in Baylor University, from which he was graduated with the A. B.

degree in the class of 1899, when Thomas was 19 years old. At that time he was the youngest person to graduate from Baylor with the bachelor of arts degree. Thomas is a business man, engaged in the banking and other business lines at Lewisville.

**Dinner Party**

On last Saturday evening at 6 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brown honored their eldest daughter, Miss Lileene, who was home on a visit from Streetman, where she is teaching, with a 6 o'clock dinner.

The entire house was beautifully decorated, especially the dining room, with its Christmas draperies, making the atmosphere radiate with good cheer. Cut flowers and ferns added to the table decorations, and as each guest found their respective places with the aid of a dainty, hand painted place card at the table, Mrs. Brown aided by her daughter, Miss Edith, served a most delicious six course luncheon. Mr. Dock Jones of Crockett was an out of town guest.

**Keys Lost**

I lost a bunch of keys somewhere in town Wednesday; has my name on a plate on the ring. If found return to me and receive reward. A. H. Luker.

In business, as in advertising, the man who hangs on is the man who wins out. Eighty-four per cent of business failures are among firms which do not advertise. A successful business grows. Growth can only come through new customers. To get new customers advertising is necessary. Can you survive without advertising? Can you curtail advertising and make progress?

**Cotton Advances**

An advance to 75 points on the Houston Cotton Exchange Monday carried middling back to the 15-cent level. This is 2 1-2 cents up from the lowest reached late in December.

All spot markets were up in response to the advance in the New York, New Orleans and Liverpool futures markets.

A little more inquiry for spot cotton is reported by local cotton men. Galveston spots advanced 50 points, New Orleans and Dallas 75 points, and New York 115 points.—Tuesdays Houston Chronicle.

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