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Boy Must Write Crime Pledge 1,000 Times

Houston, Tex., March 25.—Judge Chester H. Bryan evolved a new kind of penalty for two boys 15 and 14 years old who were found guilty of turning in false fire alarms. The older boy took the blame, but his pal was held as an accomplice.

The penalty for the older boy is to write 1,000 times the following paragraph:

"I promise never again to turn in a fake fire alarm. I now understand that it costs the city a considerable sum every time the fire department answers a false alarm and that some person may be seriously injured by fire apparatus."

The younger lad must write the following 500 times:

"I will not again knowingly be a party to a criminal act, nor will I endeavor to intimidate a witness in a case."

Two younger boys testified at the hearing and stated that the "accomplice" had threatened to punch their face if they told.

The two lads have until April 21 to deliver their writing to the chief probation officer.

UNION CHAPEL NEWS

Union Chapel, Mar., 28.—We have been having some pretty weather and most all have their corn up, but fear the cold will damage it.

Mrs. Luther Goolsby is visiting her mother, Mrs. Omega Marshall.

Mesdames. Pink Stringer and Gaylon Skidmore spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Cecil Rore.

W. P. Davidson and Henry Platt made a business trip to Crockett today.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chapman visited relatives at Grapeland Friday night.

Misses Ruby and Eula Mae

Texas Divorce Law Is Scored by Dallas Judge

Dallas, Texas, March 27.—The Texas law which permits citation of defendants in divorce cases by publication and permitting defendants to waive their appearance in divorce suits is responsible for Dallas' shameful divorce record, said Judge E. B. Muse, presiding in one of the civil district courts here Saturday.

"With any diligence at all you can find nine out of ten defendants who are cited by publication to appear for divorce trials," said Judge Muse. "And then there is more frequent and palpably abominable practice of having defendants sign waivers in divorce cases. Certain lawyers at the Dallas bar make a wholesale business of having defendants sign waivers. The divorce business in Dallas is an efficient industry operated in part by men who go out into the byways and alleys and drum up trade."

The interview followed publication of a story here showing that with the single exception of Reno, Nev., Dallas courts granted more divorces than any city in the country of the number, averaging 208 to each 100,000 population.

Davidson spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Josie Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shaver gave the young people an Easter egg hunt Sunday morning. At noon an elegant dinner was served. All enjoyed the pleasant occasion very much.

R. E. Martin and family visited relatives at Daly's Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Nannie Marshall spent Saturday night with Miss Velma Smith.

W. D. Granberry and family spent Sunday in Palestine with relatives.

Harding Capitulates; Finds He Can't See All Callers

Washington, March 25.—President Harding has made his first capitulation.

He surrendered Friday to Father Time, convinced that he could no longer discharge the important duties of president of the United States and attempt to see every one who seeks to confer with him.

The president said he had been setting aside much time every day since his inauguration for appointments but that he had now discovered this an impossible program if he were to discharge his full duty as chief executive. Some time, he said must necessarily be devoted to hard work, no matter how happy it would make him to see every one who wished to see him.

As a consequence the president will make appointments only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday instead of every week day as has been the rule since March 4.

LIVELYVILLE NEWS

Livelyville, Mar., 28.—Easter Sunday passed with fairly nice weather; nice enough anyway for the display of new frocks and bonnets.

Now, we wonder why the little town of Salmon with its many bright and intelligent people has a fellow living right in sight of Bethel, certainly in the Bethel community, write its local news when he can't refrain from proclaiming the fact that he is a Bethelite?

Are you a subscriber to the Messenger? If not, you had better send in your subscription right now, for we are in possession of more interesting news, and we are sure you can't spend a small sum for better reading than you get in your home paper.

We just found out the preliminary steps for a successful fishing trip. First, go to Palestine and consult a fortune teller where to go to dig bait. Then go to a man's field and dig a hole big enough to bury a pair of mules, and when you fail to find the treasure—we mean bait—go back to Palestine and do some more consulting and dig a little deeper. That is the latest way to do prior to a fishing trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sullivan and baby spent last week end with Mr. Sol Adams, while Mrs. Adams visited her sons, Bill and Ozz, at Palestine.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Ellis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Malone Wright; so did Mrs. Emma Denmon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Wright spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Ellis.

R. F. Hale had an Easter egg hunt at his home to the delight of both old and young.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Adams spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sullivan.

George Moore, who is working for the Continental Lumber Co. at Benford, spent a few days here last week visiting his family.

Thought Lawn Mower Was Doorbell Negro Tells Judge

Macon, Ga., Mar., 24.—An aged negro's story that he purchased a bell from a mail order house in Chicago and received a lawn mower, "which had no ring in it," enlivened Thursday's proceeding in federal court here where fifty-three men are on trial on charges of conspiracy to steal express shipments from the American railway express company during the period of federal government control.

The negro was G. C. Carter. "I ordered a bell that rings at dinner time" said the negro. "Instead they sent me this thing," and he pointed to a lawn mower in the court room.

"I thought it was a new kind of bell, so I hung it up. I worked the handle up and down. Then I took it down and hung it up the other way and worked it every way that I could until I was tired out, and I could not get any ring out of it. I took it back to the station agent and told him to ship it back, that it wouldn't work."

The government showed by other witnesses that the lawn mower was put off at Oglethorpe and was part of the loot alleged to have been recovered from the home of E. E. Dunaway, agent at that point, who is one of the indicted men.

Raymond Black left Monday for College Station to enter A. & M. College to begin a course in engineering.

Last Year's Educational Amendment Now Effective

The enabling act putting into immediate effect the amendment to Sec. 3, Art. 7, of the Texas constitution received more than the requisite two-thirds vote in each branch of the legislature and is now in force. School districts which desire to increase their bond or maintenance taxes may now do so.

Districts may now vote special school taxes up to a total of \$1 on \$100 valuation. The law provides that school bonds shall bear 6 per cent interest.—East Texas Register.

Ordination Service

The Grapeland Baptist church held ordination services last week for three deacons: Messrs. W. D. Granberry, W. E. Keeland and Balis Dailey. The presbytery consisted of N. S. Herod, Fred J. Newland, Bro. Willingham and G. H. Black, who, after going into conference, elected Bro. Newland moderator and Bro. Black secretary.

Bro. Willingham preached the ordination sermon and gave the charge and Bro. Herod gave the ordination prayer, after which was the laying on of hands by the presbytery, the church afterwards confirming same by vote.

Mrs. Ora Barrett left Sunday for Dallas to join her husband, and they will make that city their home.

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ENON NEWS

Enon, Mar., 28.—Farm work is progressing slowly on account of high winds and rain. The farmers have their work pretty well in hand. Most everyone is through planting and have a good stand up.

Mrs. Coleman is spending a few days with Loyd Anderson's mother while Mr. Anderson is in Huntsville visiting his family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ferguson visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mason Sunday.

Miss Wessie Hague visited Mrs. Cora Chapman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Skidmore visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brimberry visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Brimberry Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Brimberry spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Colkin.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Whitaker spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Denson.

Wedding bells rang in our community recently. Mr. Lewis Turner and Miss Libbie Owens were united in marriage. We wish for them a long, happy and prosperous life.

Bro. Leediker failed to fill his appointment Sunday. We learn that he was called to attend a funeral.

The Young Poet

A teacher named Miss Plodget gave her class a verse to write and, passing Tommy, saw on his slate the following: "A little mouse ran up the stairs to hear Miss Plodget say her prayers." She called him to the front seat of the class and, with cane in hand, said she would give him five minutes to complete the verse. Tommy stood in deep thought, and when five minutes were up he had written the following:

Here I stand before Miss Plodget, she's going to strike, I'm going to dodge it.—Exchange.

Trustee Election Notice

Notice is hereby given that an election for county school trustees will be held on the first Saturday in April next at the various places in the county where elections are held for district trustees. Each voter may vote for a trustee at large while those in precincts Nos. 2 and 1 will vote also for a county trustee from their respective precincts. The county trustees in precincts (commissioners' precincts) Nos. 3 and 4 hold over until next year.

Nat Patton,
County Judge, Houston County,
Texas.

An experienced teacher says that pupils who have access to newspapers at home, when compared with those who do not are better readers, better spellers, better grammarians, better punctuators, and read more understandingly, and obtain a practical knowledge of geography in almost half the time it requires others. The newspaper is decidedly an important factor in modern life. This will not be disputed by any one who has taken the trouble to investigate the matter for himself.

Before the modern girl kisses to make up, she makes up to kiss.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

ROCK HILL NEWS

Rock Hill, Mar., 28.—Everybody has corn planted and some of it is up and has been plowed. Farmers are very busy fixing cotton land and they hope to be able to start planting in couple of weeks. Watermelons are up, too, most every where, and gardens all look fine.

Our school came to a close Friday to everybody's sorrow. We feel that our teachers, Mr. Lowery and Miss English, did splendid work with the pupils. We regret very much to have them leave us. They were also active members and teachers in our Sunday school and they will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Walter Teel went to Palestine last week and purchased a nice tombstone for her husband's grave.

The teachers had the pupils to prepare a good concert program for Friday night, which everybody enjoyed. We also sold two cakes for the purpose of buying lights for the school and church. They brought nearly \$25.00. We thank everyone who helped us.

Rev. C. A. Campbell filled his regular appointment here Sunday. It was decided to begin our revival meeting Saturday night before the fourth Sunday. Let us all remember it and offer our prayers for a great revival at that time.

We have now started our prayer meeting and we ask the co-operation of each and everyone in the community to make it a great success and especially of the older people.

Rip's Come Back

Bango! What an explosion in the gold diggers' camp! Ha, ha, and no wonder. All the stealthy digging by moonlight in fields revealed nothing. But hi-ho it might have been fish bait they were after for dear knows what bait it takes for fishes you hunt with guns and dogs. But you see it might be another vision of old Rip, but we really didn't see it for we indulged our favorite pastime, sleeping, while the gold diggers were at work. They had better tried sleeping at night instead of treasure hunting. It is more easy and we are sure more profitable.

It was a Bethel farmer that turned traitor and told us the news, but "Salmon" did wear the shoe so nicely it sure looks like a good fit. You know a hit dog always howls, Ha, ha!

Rip Van Winkle.

At the Methodist Church

Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

At the close of the morning service the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered. We urge the attendance of the membership to these services and will be glad to have the presence of any others who may feel disposed to come.

B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

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Tuberculosis in 1919

The Census Bureau's annual bulletin on mortality statistics for the death registration area in continental United States, which will be issued shortly, shows 1,096,436 deaths as having occurred in 1919. This represents a rate of 12.9 per 1000 population, and is the lowest rate record in any year since the establishment of the registration area.

The death registration area in 1919 comprised 33 states, the District of Columbia and 18 registration cities in non-registration states—with a total population of 85,147,822, or 81.1 per cent of the estimated population of the United States.

The bulletin shows that during 1919, tuberculosis (in all forms) caused 106,985 deaths, or 9.8 per cent of all the deaths in the registration area in continental United States, making the death rate from tuberculosis 125.6 per 100,000.

Duty First

A distinguished peer had a faithful but superservile butler. One evening when a large party of guests was being entertained at dinner the host noticed that the man seemed extraordinarily nervous and made stupid mistakes. The butler, however, kept on bravely until the coffee was served and then stole up behind his master's chair and said softly: "Please my lord can you spare me now? My 'ouse 'as been afire for a hour and a 'alf."

The man who always wants to borrow will be the last to lend.

Answered, However

The witness for the defense was being cross-examined. In answer to a question put by counsel, instead of speaking, he nodded his head.

Whereupon the court stenographer, who was not looking at the witness, demanded: "answer that question."

The witness replied: "I did answer it; I nodded my head."

"Yes," was the retort, "I heard it rattle, but could not tell whether it was up and down or from side to side."

Disabled Students Makes Good

The earnestness and diligence of disabled ex-service men who are engaged in courses of re-education for new occupations may be judged by an announcement regarding some forty odd of these men who are students in attendance at Stanford University, California. During the winter quarter, their average standing was 1.41 against the average standing of men students, for the same period, of 1.26. Apparently the disabled men made a splendid accounting of their time.

President Wilson said that congress was ruled by "pin-heads" and "pygmy-minded" men. Senator Borah says congress has no judgment and no conscience. And finally, to cap the climax, Representative Ireland introduced a resolution appropriating \$1700 to 'clear the insects out of the capitol.' It is no wonder that congress, after being squeezed to this extent, lacked the nerve to vote raises in salary for its members.—Exchange.

Politics and Service

Secretary Mellon shocked the practical politicians the other day by announcing that he would retain for the present at least Assistant Secretaries Gilbert, Kelly and Lopoarte, democrats. He said these men are thoroughly familiar with the work of the treasury department and apparently reliable and competent in every way. He plainly indicated that he intends to run his important office on the theory that efficiency is the thing worth striving for. He does not care to break in new men when those now there are fully capable and the new ones urged upon him promise no better if as well.

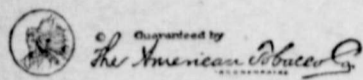
Mr. Mellon shows good business judgement and, for the long pull, good political judgement too. We read of the hordes of office seekers besieging the president and his advisers for jobs. There are thousands of them, no doubt, but after all how small a percentage they constitute of all the people! The people in general, perhaps 999 of each 1000, do not care a hill of beans whether they are served by a republican or a democrat. All they ask is that they get the best possible service.—Ohio State Journal.

According to an estimate received by the American Legion there were on the first day of this month 400,000 veterans of the World War out of work in the United States. Shortly after January first of this year the number amounted to 500,000. In the South and West the movement seems to be generally toward the farm.



CIGARETTE

No cigarette has the same delicious flavor as Lucky Strike. Because Lucky Strike is the toasted cigarette.



In Memory of Mrs. Darsey

We bow our head to the will of almighty God, who in His wisdom has called home one of Grapeland's most beloved women, Mrs. Ed Darsey. It has been my privilege to know and esteem the lady, whom we all miss and mourn. Ever cheerful, patient, loving and kind, she was an ideal mother and wife, and her pleasant words and smiles cheered me when I was lonely, homesick and sad—a stranger in a strange land.

I will cherish her memory always, and while there is no balm for the bruised and aching hearts of the bereaved family, yet I hope that time will bring them peace in the thought that some day they will meet again the beloved wife and mother—meet to part no more.

Johanna Garner.

Cold settled in the muscles of the neck, arms or shoulder makes every movement painful. Use Ballard's Snow Liniment. It relieves the pain and relaxes the muscles. Three sizes, 30c, 60c, and \$1.20. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

The Open Shop Policy

The example of the helpful hen may well be studied by followers of the industries these days. Although the price of eggs has fallen 24 cents a dozen, in the last two weeks, she goes right on producing just the same.—Lawrence Journal-World.

Bryan Man Receives Pay for Cuff Links Taken Years Ago

Bryan, Texas, March 25.—C. G. Walker, a prominent grain dealer of this city, has received a letter through the mail which contains \$1 and the following message: "Years ago, when you were running the 5 and 10 cent store in Bryan, I got a pair of cuff buttons that came off your counter and were worth 25 cents. I enclose \$1 and if this is not enough I will make it right. I am preparing for the Lord's second coming and I hope you will forgive me as I am trying to live according to the Scripture." Mr. Walker knew nothing of the matter, and if it had not been for the letter would never have been any wiser.

Multiplying

Whenever a law is placed on the books in violation of the moral beliefs of a bare minority of the people, that law is non-enforceable. Whenever a law is not enforced, it brings order to a state of disrepute. It would be a wise thing—far too wise a thing we fear—if the various legislatures should devote a single session to the repeal of laws which conflict with public sentiment.

The way things stand, there is lax faith in justice. So many things are wrong to do that it is rather difficult to know just what to do.—Holland's Magazine.

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.

Fifty Years Ago

In its "Fifty Years Ago" column, Saturday's Galveston News carried the following item:

A complaint from Palestine says the mails are very irregular between that place and Galveston. The Galveston newspapers are from one to three weeks old when they reach that city.

Virginia must share her honors with Ohio as "Mother of Presidents." Each has furnished seven Presidents. As to one more, William Henry Harrison, they divide the honors. He was born in Virginia but elected from Ohio.

SCHOOL DAYS



Peanut Pietro
I GOTTA plenty trouble other day alla night. I been veesit da congress and senate tree, four day and he no go to work yet. So I decida eef I no show up one day mebbe he stoppa da speech and starta da job. You know, I come deesa place—Wash, Unifeda State, D. C.—for see da congress work and I no gotta more as ten or twelve years to stay.

Anyway, I gotta idee stay way from dat place and see President Weelson. One time I vota for heem so I tink mebbe he would be glada for see. He dunno I am een town so I decida maka leetle surprise.

I aska poleeceman where da Pres leeve and he tella me een da White House. I ask wheecha white house and he tink I am craze. Well I tink he was a leetle craze, too. You know I see ten, feefateen white house een deesa town one day. So how he tink I know wheeche one where da Pres leeve?

I tink da Pres was pretty well acquaint here. I aska streeta car man and he tella righta queeck. But I gotta trouble so soon I reacha place where Meester Weelson leeve. One guy stoppa me den other one stoppa me and pretty soon was beega crowd aska too many question.

One guy aska wot for I wanta see da Pres. I tella heem I vota for Meester Weelson one time but wot for I wanta see ees confidensh. But I no gotta chance for see da Pres. I gotta too moecha trouble reacha da house. But I decida getta even. Eef Meester Weelson know I vota for heem one time and I hava trouble maka da veesit mebbe he fire da whole bunch wot no letta me een. I writa heem letter and eef dat bunch wot stoppa me loosa da job serva dem right. I no care. Wot you tink?

A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

BEAUTY.

WAN and haggard was her face,
Gone was every hint of grace,
But a flash deep in her eye
Told of inner spirit high
That to those who walked in stress
Spoke of truest loveliness—
Beauty of the rarer kind,
Beauty of the heart and mind,
Unto service given—she
Held the Soul of Sympathy.
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Alligators grow very slowly. A 20-footer may be reasonably supposed to be about seventy-five years old.

Beauty Chats

By EDNA KENT FORBES

THE HAIR

A LUXURIOUS head of hair will make even a homely face lovely, and will redeem an otherwise hopelessly plain woman.

It seems curious that so small a percentage inquire about the hair. Its bad arrangement can spoil a face, its good arrangement make a plain one attractive. When people emerged from a state of savagery, hair began to be something more than a protective covering. In biblical times it was a disgrace to be bald, and the word "baldhead" was a term of reproach. The ancient Britons were so proud of their blonde flowing hair that the worst punishment they could devise for an unfaithful wife was to cut off her hair. It is written that Caesar's most cherished privilege was that of wearing his laurel wreath all the time, as he, poor man, was bald!



Absolute Cleanliness is Needed for Pretty Hair.

Every woman can possess beautiful hair. It is merely a matter of absolute cleanliness and of proper care. The hair should never be treated harshly, it should be brushed gently, to spread the natural oils. After brushing, a piece of absorbent cotton put on the brush and rubbed over the surface of the hair, will produce a natural brilliant gloss, without the aid of any artificial remedy. This will also clean off much dust that the brush cannot take.
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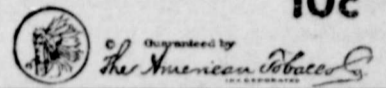
Language He Understood.

A retired captain, expostulating with his pretty daughter, exclaimed: "This is a fine time to be coming home after automobiling with that lubber!" "But, daddy," explained his daughter, "we were becalmed. The wind died down in one of the tires and we had to wait for it to spring up again."



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Harding Stands By His Cabinet.

When the boss won't stand by the men working for and with him, his business will soon go to pot. That's an American axiom couched in terms Americanistic.

There can be little loyalty of employee for employer if the latter is ever ready to declare employee in the wrong and to "call him down" in humiliating fashion.

President Harding is an American sort of a fellow.

Evidently he believes in the square deal for the public official working with him. Evidently he doesn't believe in humiliating cabinet officers. Evidently he wants those officers to know and wants the public to know that the foreign government which seeks to go to him over the head of the cabinet official will find itself hopeful of getting satisfactory results.

President Porras of the republic of Panama attempted this form of gymnastics. President Porras, after recalling Mr. Harding's visit to the zone, urged that he intercede with Secretary of State Hughes to the end that Panama's acceptance of the Chief Justice White decision might not be demanded.

President Harding's answer was prompt.

President Harding's answer was unequivocal.

He upheld Hughes.

Note that he also made public the Porras request and the Harding refusal.

In the larger sense, this is the most significant feature of the incident; for it is notifying both the American people and all foreign nations of a policy.

What policy?

The policy of letting cabinet members use initiative; the policy of not trying to make members merely little irrigation ditches dug out of that main stream, the presidential mind.

This Harding policy is a popular policy. The American people do not believe in the mannikin theory; they do not hold to the idea that men holding important, if subordinate, positions should be estopped from the exercise of independent judgment because the positions are subordinate.—Dallas Times-Herald.

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THURSDAY, MAR. 31, 1921

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Grapeland citizens who paid an income tax this year possibly never stopped to contemplate just where the money goes and how it is to be used. So the following ought to be of special interest: Out of every dollar you paid as income tax, 68c goes to pay off our world-war debt and the debt we contracted while running the railroads; 20c of it is spent on our present army and navy; the other 12c goes to pay salaries of public officials, cost of harbor improvement, good roads, education and peace-time activities.

Doesn't it look like they've got the cart before the horse? Doesn't it look like we ought to string the war debt over a long period by spending the 12c on it and the 68c on education and roads? When we ponder over these figures there's no wonder there is such a clamor against the apportionment of the income tax, and no wonder that so many are praying for relief from it during this generation.

School teachers still teach that the world is round, when it's just about as flat on its back as it ever has been.

If the country going "dry" didn't do anything else it taught a lot of fellows that they can't sing when they're sober.

Beware of the man who imagines he owns the earth. He may want to sell you some of it at war time prices.

One reason why nations are not disarming faster is all of them want to talk peace with one finger on the trigger.

Another reason why most nations fear to fight America is they have seen some of our movie actors in shooting scrapes on the screen.

Judging from some of the styles some of the women wear, they must think that a considerable portion of our male population is "from Missouri."

You get \$200 deduction on each child when you pay your income tax, but Uncle Sam does not tell you how to support the child on \$200.

We fear that the opinion of Attorney General Palmer permitting doctors to prescribe beer for sick folks will cause an awful increase in sickness in this community.

How can we expect a forecaster to tell what the weather will be twenty four hours in advance when the weather does not know itself? Take this Easter spell for instance.

Better go slow on that cotton patch. There may be no market for it at all next fall. And even if there is, indications are now that it will take a high-powered magnifying glass to locate the price.

The business men of Grapeland are neglecting an excellent opportunity in not providing a sweet potato curing plant and encouraging the farmers of this community to engage in this profitable item of diversification.

SALMON NEWS

Salmon, Mar., 28.—Easter has rolled around again and as usual a cool spell came with it. But we hope the weather will moderate soon.

A large crowd was present at church yesterday. Rev. W. J. Starkey of Rusk preached for us and we had a good service with two additions to the church. They will be baptized next preaching day. On account of bad weather, we didn't have any services at night. A few went and had to stay at the church all night.

Bro. W. J. Starkey and family came over from Rusk Saturday morning to visit relatives and friends. They returned home this morning.

The boys played their first game of ball with Center Grove Saturday afternoon. The score was 6 to 1 in favor of our team. J. D. Moorehead pitched the game for us and did exceedingly well for the first time.

Our school closed Friday night with a concert, which was a success in every way, and do not believe we ever saw so many people at Salmon as was present.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown, Clinton Gaines, Dan Shipper and Norman Lasiter spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Herod.

Miss Katie Walling spent Sunday night with Miss Minnie Kersh.

Mr. Larue of Lovelady visited his brother here Saturday and Sunday.

Rafe Walling, formerly of this place but now of Porter Springs, visited his parents here the latter part of last week.

TRINITY RIVER RIPPLES

Reynard, Mar., 28.—It seems like the weather man has shifted gear and looks like we are going to have a complete wipe-out. Guess we will not sweat much today unless we sweat under suspense.

A good stand of corn has been obtained and some has been ploughed. There are a few acres to plant yet. The cotton acreage has been cut some but not enough to amount to anything. The potato crop is promising, but the bugs are on them already, and hope our druggists will get some "slug shot" to kill them.

Gardens are looking fine. The rain was pretty heavy but

Men's Spring Hats



You will find your style here among our big assortment of Mallory and Worth Hats. Curved and straight brims, medium and wide bands and a variety of spring colors.

Come in and try on a few. You will soon find one to please you.

You can depend on the quality and value of

MALLORY AND WORTH HATS

George E. Darsey & Co.
THE SERVICE FIRST STORE

Some Time

YOU WILL NEED:

- A Doctor
- A Prescription filled
- A good Drug Store
- And careful compounding

Then remember that we await your orders and will faithfully serve you.

D. N. Leaverton
LEADING DRUGGIST

not damaging.

The March weather has been very abnormal.

There was quite a crowd at Sunday school to witness the children hunt eggs, and we trust the right spirit of the occasion was not lost in the egg hunt.

Mrs. Tom Keen is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Tom Marshall. Some of us knew Mrs. Keen in the by-gone days and were glad to renew acquaintance.

C. W. Wall was in our mist and was heard in his class.

We were beginning to feel "fishy," but this weather has knocked all the fishing out.

Our school is progressing nicely and the following program was handed us by the teacher, which will be the fifth meeting of the S. S. H.:

- Song by all, America.
- Prayer, Elnor Beazley.
- Minutes by the secretary.
- Roll call.
- Reading, Hazel Fulgham.
- Story, Elvine Rials.
- Vocal trio, Hazel Fulgham, Ernest Allen, Lucile Beazley.
- Jokes, Lucile Beazley.
- Dialogue.
- Historical questions, Elliott Allen.

Reading, Alline Beazley. Paper, The American Boy, Lucile Beazley.

Song by all. Door open at 3:30. No admission fee and the parents are especially invited Friday.

There is talk of extending the term to nine months.

You Daly's folks had better keep an eye on Garrett Richards. He is slipping off down the creek on Sunday evenings. Do not know what grade he is in, but he is in the matrimonial class.

Mrs. P. H. Blalock and son of Livingston visited relatives in Grapeland several days this and last week.

UNION NEWS

Union, Mar., 28.—Our corn is up and looking fine. Grass is growing, too.

There was a large crowd at the concert at Salmon Friday night. They reported a nice program.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilkins at Percilla Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. George Cunningham Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beeson and Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Moseley visited Mr. and Mrs. Wade Adams Sunday.

Hamilton Beeson, Miss Francis Brown and Alfred Brown spent

Saturday night and Sunday with relatives near Daly's.

Ezell Thornton spent Saturday night with Ed Brumley.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Brumley visited Mrs. Minnie Gaines Sunday.

Miss Luna Stockbridge spent Sunday with Bessie Kennedy.

Rev. W. R. Campbell has rented out his farm and with his family is moving to Midlothian, Ellis county, Texas, where they will make their home in future. The many friends of this excellent family regret to see them leave, but Bro. Campbell thinks it to his advantage financially and otherwise to do so. The best wishes of the Record go with them in their new home.—Elkham Record.

LOCAL ITEMS

Let's Clean-things-up!

For wood phone
E. L. Frisby

Health is a great thing—what are you doing to keep yours?

Clewis represents the best dye works in the state.

We carry a line of Ford parts.
Norman & Lively.

When in town call at the new restaurant. Short orders strictly.
Hady Kelly, Prop.

I am in the market for shoats weighing 35 to 60 pounds.
Henry Dailey.

Call on L. D. Spruill when you have produce to sell or want to buy groceries.

Wanted

Team for its feed.
3t Burtis Kolb, Rte. 1.

For Sale

Very good work mare, goes cheap. W. B. DuBose, R. 1.

Lost

Two small keys in small leather case. If found return to me.
J. O. Edington.

Registered Jersey bull for service. Compare pedigree and individual bulls before breeding.
4t C. C. Hill.

Jake Ursprung, who has been in the navy quite awhile received his discharge at New Orleans a few days ago, and has returned home.

STRAYED

Reward offered for the recovery of a 2 months old Poland China male pig.
Arwine Skidmore.

Wanted

1000 boys age from 15 to 99 years, to call at Clewis' tailor shop and let him take their measure for a spring suit.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Eaves have returned to Grapeland from Archer City, where they have been visiting several months. They may return to west Texas after spending some time here.

For Sale

I have thousands of tomato plants 4 to 6 inches high ready to put in boxes or hot beds. 35c per 100, or 300 for \$1.00.
Mrs. Candis Luce,
tf Grapeland, Route 2.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the people of Jones School House for their kindness to us during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father. We also appreciate the many floral offerings.

Mrs. J. N. Tyer and Children.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions. After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. P. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Oak posts for sale.
4t J. N. Perkins, Route 4.

Is your subscription due? Look at the label.

Joe Darsey left Sunday for his home at Alpine, Texas.

Good insurance cheap. Join the Home Benefit Association.

A. E. Owens has returned from Woodworth, La.

Ladies, let Clewis have your old silk dress, waist or skirt and coat suit and have it dyed.

Single comb Brown Leghorn eggs for setting. 75c per 15.
2t Mrs. Ford Newman, R. 3

Pure bred Poland China male for service. Eee \$1.00.
2t Arch Parker.

I will preach at Sunset the 1st Sunday and Sunday night. G. T. Brimberry.

If your suit is sun faded, let Clewis have it dyed for you. It will make it look like new.

New groceries priced right. Will buy your produce.
L. D. Spruill.

M. P. Herod is having his residence remodeled and added another room.

Everything new and clean at the new short order restaurant. Try us. Hody Kelly, Prop.

Lewis Riall Yarborough and his bride spent a few days here last week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yorborough.

Cotton Seed Wanted

I am in market for cotton seed. If you have any to sell see me for prices.
Henry Dailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Parks returned Wednesday from Lovelady where they visited relatives a few days.

Your car needs overhauling for the summer. Let us do the work for you. We guarantee to do it as it should be done.
Norman & Lively.

Ready for Service

Good Jersey male now ready for service at our place in New Prospect community. Fee \$1.50 cash.
Ed Musick,
tf Webb Finch.

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.

New Grocery Store

I have opened a grocery store in the Anthony building and have a nice, new stock. Will buy produce of all kinds, paying highest prices in cash or trade. I invite you to call to see me.
L. D. Spruill.

Notice—Posted

You are warned that my farm is posted and all trespassing must stop, I have an unrented house in my field that certain parties have been using and they are warned to stay out of it.
J. W. Howard.

Notice

Through the week all children under 14 years old can get their hair cut for 25c; on Saturday 35c. City Barber Shop, Connor Denson, Prop.

Stop That Itch

Use Blue Star Eczema Remedy for French itch, eczema, tetter, ring worm, sores on babies and all skin diseases. Sold on a guarantee by Smith & Ryan, Grapeland, Texas.

John Murchison has returned from Houston, where he made application to join the navy in the radio service. He expects to report for duty in the next ten days.

Let us put some Hassler Shock Absorbers of your Ford. They ride much easier and come on 10 days' free trial. Come talk to us about them.
Norman & Lively.

C. H. Jones came in from Denton Tuesday to look after some business matters at Crockett, and while here was the guest of his brother-in-law, Wade L. Smith.

Notice Jurors

This is to notify the Jurors who were to appear at Crockett April 4th to serve as jurors that they are excused and need not appear. By order of the court.
V. B. Tunstall,
District Clerk.

For Sale or Trade

3 nice young milk cows with young calves for sale or trade for hogs.
3t Texas Holstien Farm

Rev. J. L. Willis of Wills Point came in Monday morning and went to the Rock Hill community to spend a few days with his mother.

Hogs Wanted

I am in the market for a few shoates weighing from 50 to 75 pounds.
1t M. L. Williams, Rte. 4

Rev. B. C. Anderson was in Conroe Tuesday attending a meeting of preachers and laymen of the Navasota district in the interest of the educational movement which is now being put on by the Methodist church.

If there is a knock in your car it damages it more the longer you run it. Let us get it out for you.
Norman & Lively.

If all the hogs in Texas were one big hog, how many "roots" would it take him to dig the Panama canal? Read the Guaranty State Bank ad and find out.

Banks to Close at 4 p. m.

Beginning Monday, April 4, we will close each day except Saturday at 4 p. m. Our customers will please take notice and govern themselves accordingly.
F. & M. State Bank,
Guaranty State Bank.

Cotton Seed for Sale

Pure Mebane early Triumph seed for sale. These seed are machine cleaned and machined culled and guaranteed pure. Put in 3 bushel sacks delivered at Grapeland for \$2.50 per bushel.
B. F. Rogers,
4t Palestine, Texas.

USE DR. HESS'
Instant Louse Killer for mites, fleas, lice, etc.

FOR LIVESTOCK
Dr. Hess' Worm Expeller is the best. Try it.

Let's Diversify this Year

MORE THAN EVER

LIVE AT HOME AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

Our gardens and truck patches should come first, but by all means do not neglect the livestock and poultry end of your business. The latter is still our principal asset, even though the price of eggs has gone down for the present.

Keep your horses, mules, cattle, hogs and poultry up to a certain standard by using DR. HESS' STOCK FOODS and DR. HESS' POULTRY PANACEA.

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DRUGGISTS

CARBON
Now is the time to rid your farm of ants. Get your Carbon here.

USE KRESO DIP
to rid your stock of lice, and vermin of all kinds. It's fine.

NOTICE---POSTED!

Notice is hereby given that my pasture and Lake west of town is POSTED, and all persons are requested to keep out of same.

Special permits will be given for picnics and other special occasions upon application to me.

Respectfully,

George E. Darsey

GRAPELAND HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

(By the School Reporter)

The Literary Society met Friday afternoon and the program rendered was splendid. The debate, which was the most interesting part of the program, was decided in the favor of the negative.

At the lecture given by Dr. Bickers at the Baptist church, the ninth, tenth and eleventh grades won the flag by having the greatest number of votes.

Dr. Bickers conducted chapel exercises Friday morning and delivered a good talk. Bros. Anderson and Newland were also present Friday morning.

Mrs. Blackmore, who is teaching art, gave an art display during the chapel period Wednesday. She has a class in art in town now and they are making rapid progress at the work.

SILVER CREEK NEWS

Silver Creek, Mar., 28.—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Moore of Hickory Grove spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edmondson.

Miss Lura Germany, who has been going to school at Cleburn, has returned home. We are all glad to have her with us again. Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Halton of Livelyville spent Sunday with Herbert Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Starkey of Slocum visited Mr. and Mrs. Dick Germany Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Edmondson spent Friday night with their daughter, Mrs. Roy Franklin. Several of the young people of this community attended the

party at Jot Wright's near Percilla Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Franklin spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hodges.

Miss Lura Germany visited Mrs. Eunice Dickey Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Woodward visited Mr. and Mrs. John Brown near Grapeland Sunday.

Mrs. Lillian Harrison of Cleburn is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Mary Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hutchens spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Marion Dillard.

Miss Belle Hodges who has been teaching at Cider Creek, left Sunday for Huntsville where she will enter school.

Stores to Close at 6 O'clock

Commencing Monday, April 4 we the undersigned, will close our respective places of business at 6 o'clock every day except Saturday until September 1:

Geo. E. Darsey & Co., Kennedy Bros., Henry Dailey, J. F. Lively, S. E. Howard, M. L. Clewis, Murray & Mangum, T. H. Leaverton, W. H. Long & Co. J. W. Howard, L. D. Spruill, Owens & Allen, McLean & Riall, Frank Leaverton, Postmaster, Keel and Bros.

Irregular Bowel movements should be corrected, as they lead to chronic constipation. Take a dose of Prickly Ash Bitters at bedtime and you will get its beneficial effects after breakfast next morning. It empties the stomach and bowels and makes a man feel fit for a day's work. Price \$1.25 per bottle.—Smith & Ryan Special Agents.

Jim Ryan is able to be on the job again after being confined to his room about three weeks.

America May Be Europe's Granary Even With Our Population Doubled.

By GUSTAVE MILLER.

Our nitrate situation is not one that we can look upon with equanimity. We must develop great electrical plants, which we cannot do by steam because of the increasingly serious coal situation, that will supply us with nitrates. The more nitrates we have the more food we can produce.

The average comparative yield per acre in bushels and crops in the United States and Europe was, prior to the war—no subsequent reliable figures being available—as follows: Wheat—Europe, 32 bushels; United States, 15 bushels; oats—Europe, 47 bushels; United States, 29 bushels; barley—Europe, 38 bushels; United States, 25 bushels; rye—Europe, 30 bushels; United States 16 bushels; potatoes—Europe, 158 bushels; United States, 96 bushels.

And the reason? Here it is: In Belgium they use 448 pounds, in Germany 214 pounds, and in this country 28 pounds of fertilizer per acre a year.

In the long run our ability to compete with European nations will depend to a large degree on our ability to produce as much food per acre as they do. That cannot be done without liberal use of nitrates as fertilizer; and to produce nitrate in sufficient quantities we must have a large number of great hydro-electric plants that can be built at greatly reduced cost in connection with irrigation developments. Then the United States might be the granary of Europe, even when her population has more than doubled.

The Farmer's Plight

The new secretary of agriculture, Henry G. Wallace, lost no time in calling on the public to consider the hard and unfair condition of the farmer and to lend sympathy and aid. This, he declares, is a duty not only to the farmer but to the country, for the farmer's welfare means the public's welfare, and when the farmer suffers the country can't be well.

The farmers in the central West, the secretary's own section, have produced a great crop of corn, he says, but every bushel is worth less than it cost. They are in very trying period, and the cotton farmers of the South, and the cattle growers of the far West are "passing through the same valley of discouragement."

Two causes are given for these conditions. In the first place the cost of production was very high—a bushel of corn coming to more than 90 cents, for instance—which cannot be explained away on the basis of inflated land values. And in the second place the prices for farm products have dropped out of all proportion to those of other commodities. For example, the price of corn and oats today, he points out, is 20 per cent below the pre-war figure while the wages of farm hands are about 100 per cent above. Railroad rates are from 70 to 90 per cent above what they were before the war, while other things the farmer has to pay for are from 100 to 200 per cent over former levels.

Secretary Wallace states a paradox to the effect that big crops usually bring the farmer fewer dollars than small crops. Last year was a big crop year and the farmer was very badly hit. And through a sort of irony of fate the American farmer is embarrassed with his surplus at the same time most of Europe and much of Asia are starving for food. But the markets have been shot to pieces and money is paralyzed, so there is no bridge over the chasm. The secretary thinks, in this connection, that statesmen might have given more thought to these problems with more profit than considering fanciful theories and new ideas of government.

The farmer is the one man engaged in big business who has no voice in fixing the prices, the

secretary declares. He must take what he can get. Even the man who controls the supply of freight cars makes the farmer's prices go up and down. His cost of production is not considered in the price he gets for his product.

The secretary is not in favor of going back to pre-war prices. It would be "morally wrong and economically impossible." It would amount to doubling the debts we have to pay. He thinks a level of about 70 per cent about right. Among the present abnormal conditions is the fact that in some of the heaviest producing areas there is a smaller population now than 30 or 40 years ago. But this is somewhat compensated for by the development of machinery and the increase of product per man.

Secretary Wallace is optimistic for the future of the farmer, who "is not going to lie down on the job, and who is not going bankrupt." But at the present time he is in a bad way, and "every citizen should do what he can to help the farmer through the period of depression."

When the bowels are costive the waste matter ferments, producing a gaseous condition that is disagreeable. To remove the impurities quickly, a dose of Herbine is needed. It does the work thoroughly and pleasantly. Price 60c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Advertisingly Speaking

If it is worth while to keep your store open all the time, it is worth while to advertise all the time. When business is good—advertise! When business is bad—advertise! When business is middlin'—advertise! The same kind of advertising is not advisable at all times, but some kind is advisable. Advertising keeps your mental hold on the public, whether the public is buying at the moment or not. Advertising in dull times helps you in busy times.—Hutchinson (Kan.) News.

Diamonds by the Bushel

The export of diamonds from South Africa totaled 1124 pounds in 1919. Among these stones were many exceptionally large and valuable ones. The gems which were worth several kings' ransoms would have made about four bushels, dry measure.

The County Meet

The county meet of the Interscholastic League in Houston County was held at Crockett on March 18th and 19th. The occasion was well attended by visitors from the various sections of the county, and intense interest was loudly manifested by the spectators as their respective champions scored advantages in the several contests.

The Crockett school scored the most points and Weldon was a close second. The highest individual point winner was Jack Mason from the Ratcliff school.

A spirit of genuine sportsmanship was evident in all the teachers and contestants. Mr. Huffer from Sam Houston Normal assisted and acted as a judge in all the literary events, while Messrs. Gee and Mayes from the same Institution directed and managed the athletic events; and such was the judgement and kindness of those gentlemen that no contestant was ever inclined to question their fairness or reject their decisions.

Besides the events provided for in the League laws, there were various games for the little fellows and games for the teachers. The races and games for the children drew great interest from everybody and, of course goes a long way toward getting enthusiastic leagues for the coming years. Possibly the star event of the meet was the basket ball game between the teachers east and those west of the railroad. The score was close, resulting one in favor of the east. So confident are the teachers of their skill in the game that they hereby challenge the bonifide teachers in the free schools of any county in the district to meet and play them at the district meet. Any county whose teachers wish to be "mopped up" should communicate, through their county superintendent, with the county superintendent of Houston County.

It is hoped that many of our teachers will go to the district meet at Huntsville. Do it partly out of a spirit of fun and recreation and partly out of an aim to acquire ability in coaching your pupils for next year's contests. For as our schools are all in the League this year, so will they be next year, with the added experience which will enable us to acquire greater pleasure and greater moral and physical education from it.

Permit us to respectfully observe that it is possible for the selection in declamation to be such as would legally eliminate a contestant, no matter how well they are delivered nor how beautiful the selection. There are certain rules which apply to the selection of material, and these rules should be carefully observed, else the director of declamation might have to rule the selection out.

A Leaguer.

What's in a Name

The sweet young thing had been unable to buy the article she desired, but in each case the clerk had assured her that "next time" it would assuredly be in stock. One day she called at the store, to find a new clerk on the job.

"Do you have spats yet?" The clerk blushed. "No ma'am," he stammered. "I'm not living with my wife now."—Exchange.

Woman's Rights

Most important among which is her right to FREEDOM from the bane of womanhood inherited from Mother Eve. Stella Vitae gives this freedom to women and girls. Sold by your druggist on the distinct agreement that if the FIRST BOTTLE does not benefit, money will be refunded.

Mrs. Nellie Smith, Texas. "I had female trouble with smothering spells. The doctors had given me up—said I could not possibly get well. After taking four bottles of STELLA VITAE I was up and going about my work."

Mrs. W. M. Gaines, Chickamauga, Ga. "It has done wonders for me; was weak and all run down, had not been able to do housework for six or seven years; but now I do any kind of work."

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East Texas' Good Prospects

East Texas has never depended on cotton as the principal source of revenue as have some other sections of the State. East Texas farmers have never been so addicted to the one-crop idea as have farmers in Central Tex. But this year, even less cotton is to be grown in East Texas, and other crops are to have the right of way.

Many East Texas farmers are said to be signing up with the East Texas Tomato Exchange to grow tomatoes in commercial quantities. Other vegetable crops will be grown, more attention being given to sweet potatoes. A larger disposition among farmers to produce feed crops for their stock is also noted by those who have been making some investigation.

All this portends prosperity for East Texas this year. The finest tomatoes produced in the South can be grown with ease in that portion of the State. With an organized marketing agency, such as has been provided, it ought to be possible for the farmers to receive profitable prices for their tomatoes. They are near enough to the great consuming centers to make the high freight rates of less concern to them than are the rates to farmers in more remote parts of the country. East Texas also produces abundantly a high grade of sweet potatoes, for which there is a constantly expanding market.

The fruit crop has escaped so far damage from frost, and the outlook for a bumper peach crop was never better at this time of year. If the crop avoids a late freeze, East Texas orchardists will receive hundreds of thousands of dollars for this year's fruit production.

East Texas the most versatile of producing sections in the State has reason to be optimistic over the outlook during the remainder of the year. What becomes of the price of cotton when the new crop begins to move will not be vital concern to the people in the great fruit and truck belt.—Houston Post.

You miss the best news in the paper if you do not read the ads.

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Smith & Ryan Druggists

The Ideal Way to Shop

Progressive, prosperous business and professional men and women know the importance of looking well.

Clothes play an important part for good in everyone's life. It would be stupid to spend hours each week in shopping from store to store, looking until weary for the particular garment that will help you toward success.

The higher up the man or woman the less time there is in which to do the necessary looking around. A big opportunity may be lost in the time necessary to match the tie or dress.

Merchants prefer the business-like purchaser. It is a great saving to them to have a customer who knows what he wants.

The advertisements in this paper are an important help to the people who would look well

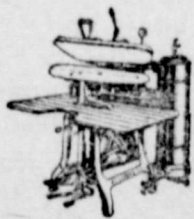
The merchants appreciate the quality of the customers that our ads attract.

We would not dare disappoint you

Our reputation for prompt and efficient service in cleaning, pressing and repairing clothes is unexcelled.

Try us and find out that your clothes will look better and wear longer. Our method of pressing clothes is the Hoffman sanitary way, which renews the cloth.

We Call for and Deliver



Clewis

The Flower of Spring

The person who does not yearn for a yard of blooming flowers when vitality creeps into growing plants is a strange human being. Yet how few of us realize the fulfillment of this desire in the yards which we have. Everybody could afford flowers around their homes, but the number who make the effort are woefully few and those who do usually make a few, mad splurges and then discontinue their efforts. This town would be more beautiful if every home owner would try to

beautify the premises and keep something blooming in the yard every week of the year. It is said that the gloomy weather of some countries has had a depressing effect upon the natures of their people and it is also true that the brightness of a man's home may pervade the spirit of his whole life. A smile within the home, a growing, blooming plant without, can go a long ways to creating happiness in this old world. Why not try it?

Is your subscription paid in advance?

The Real Criminal

(By Dr. Frank Crane)

"He was drunker than I had ever seen him in all the years I had known him," said Mrs. Clara Smith Hamon, testifying in the Oklahoma murder case that has been reported in the newspapers. "He choked me, and hit me, and threw me over on the bed. Then he beat me and slapped me two or three times, and took me by one foot and jerked me off the bed on my back. I had been operated on in the back, and it hurt me extremely. I struggled to my feet, and he choked me again, backed me against the window and choked me and slapped me. He wasn't satisfied with that, for he bent my fingers back and said he would break them. He reached for his knife and said, I would as soon slit your throat as draw on this cigar."

Then she shot him.

A young negro named Knight killed a woman in New Jersey, 100 feet from her own home. He strangled and horribly mutilated her as she was walking peaceably home. He stood at the roadside in the dark, in the rain, waiting like a wild beast, to kill somebody, anybody, that would come along.

"I done it," he said afterward. "I killed the lady. Don't blame nobody else." Then he lit a cigarette and signed his confession.

The negro was mistaken. It was not he that killed the woman. It was Alcohol.

There will be a deal of talk about the degeneracy of the negro in this case. Which is nonsense. The negro, if anything, is more peaceable and lawabiding than the white.

The same devil made Knight a brute that is making beasts of hundreds of white men and women every night in the road houses and speak-easies in New York

It is the same demon that made Hamon a ruffian and cost him his life.

Booze was bad enough before prohibition set in. Now the stuff that is sold is utterly vicious.

The man who takes a drink now from a stranger or in a resort is a fool.

Two men prominent in the business world stopped at a New York hotel some months ago. They got some whiskey from a bellboy. One of them died in a few days. The other went blind and died later.

Yet there are those who connive at the breaking of the law, and snigger at men and women who dope themselves into maudlin beastliness.

The arch criminal is Alcohol.

For rapid healing there is nothing like Liquid Borozone. It mends torn flesh, heals cuts, burns or sores so quickly no time is lost from work. Price 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

There is not enough joy in this struggling world. So few people have time for it; but children, happy children, who are brought up in sympathetic atmosphere, in the infinite leisure that is theirs, have an immense capacity for joy. How can we deny ourselves that enriching spectacle—joyous child? The capacity for joy is one of the highest of the human faculties, and it is grossly neglected. We walk too much with our feet in graves. Let us laugh with the children and be young.

Raise More Hogs

It is said that "if all the hogs in Texas were one big hog he would be able to dig the Panama Canal in three roots." Let's reduce the cotton acreage and raise hogs enough to dig the Panama Canal in two "roots."

Our forefathers always said with plenty of hogs and hominy we had a living. Today with plenty of cotton without the hog and hominy we have a hard fight for a living.

Raise hogs, chickens and produce; economize and save your money and deposit it with The Guaranty State Bank.

The Guaranty State Bank

U. M. BROCK, Cashier.

White House Automobiles

Wm. H. Taft was the first president to use the White House automobiles. There are nine cars in the White House fleet, the president's touring car, landaulet and limousine for the use of his family and guests; the secret service car, the secretary's touring car for the use of himself and family, the officers car for the official use of assistant secretaries, and electric runabout, seldom used, and two small trucks for hauling supplies, etc.

When a new president comes into office the old cars are reclaimed by a motor company and new ones furnished free of charge. These cars are washed and polished daily, and approximately 100 gallons of gasoline are put in their tanks weekly.

The footmen and five chauffeurs are uniformed and ready for orders at any time during the day and can be at the Executive Mansion five minutes after the chief usher phones for them.

Wyat Driskell Dead.

The remains of Wyat Driskell passed through Grapeland Friday enroute to Lovelady, where interment took place that afternoon.

Mr. Driskell died at Burkburnett Wednesday, March 23.

He formerly lived here, at the time being engaged in the blacksmithing business. Leaving here he went to Troup, later moving to Burkburnett.

Injunction Denied

In the case of the state of Texas against the Interstate Commerce Commission, in which an injunction was sought to prohibit the Eastern Texas railroad, extending from Lufkin to Kennard, from abandoning its line under an order secured by the railroad from the Interstate Commerce Commission, the injunction was denied and the order of commerce commission held to be effective. The case was on trial in the federal court at San Antonio last week. The Courier's information is that an appeal to the higher court will be taken.—Crockett Courier.

Better start that spring cleaning drive.

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Papyrus for Paper Pulp

Papyrus, the material on which the ancient Egyptians inscribed writings of all kinds and from which our word paper was derived, is about to be used as a material for the manufacture of pulp for modern paper. Processes have been worked out for bleaching and preparing the plant which grows abundantly in Belgian Congo, and a large company has been organized for pulp-manufacturing. An initial production of 20,000 tons is planned. The Congo papyrus contains nearly 38 per cent of cellulose which is an essential in any paper-making material.

A New Holiday

Governor Neff has signed the bill designating November 11, Armistice day, making it a legal holiday in Texas.

If you belch up bitter-tasting liquid, suffer from heartburn and sour stomach, you need the tonic properties of Herbine. It is a purifying and strengthening medicine for the stomach, liver and bowels. Price 60c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

We look for the question to come up almost any time now as to whether it is proper for a democrat to marry a republican. —Tulsa Tribune.

Never say die—fight it out.

Don't suffer from Kidney Trouble!

Why let the pain, irritation and inconvenience of kidney and bladder trouble make your life miserable, when hundreds of sufferers have found blessed relief by taking HOB0 Kidney & Bladder Remedy? Why not do as they did and begin taking HOB0 now? This wonderful herb remedy contains no alcohol or harmful drug so it can do you no harm. Yet it CAN give quick and sure relief. Druggists sell HOB0 for \$1.20 the bottle. Hobo Med. Mfg. Co., Shreveport, La.

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- Wheat Shorts in white sacks, per sack . . \$1.90
- Mill run bran, per sack \$1.65
- Red Top sorgum seed, per hundred . . . \$2.15
- Maize chops, per hundred \$1.75
- 45 lb can Swift's Jewel compound . . . \$5.50
- 8 lb can Swift's Jewel compound \$1.25
- 3 lb can Maxwell House Coffee \$1.25
- 16 lbs Blue Rose Rice for \$1.00
- 12 lbs Pinto Beans for \$1.00

- GASOLINE, per gallon 23c
- Lubricating oil, per quart 20c

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HOME TOWN HELPS

MAKE THE HOME ATTRACTIVE

Results Will Follow a Little Careful Planning and a Small Expenditure of Money.

Right now is a good time to plan how the homestead—perhaps new, perhaps old—can be made more attractive. A few years will pass surprisingly quickly, and the old home will become increasingly unattractive or beautiful, depending on whether the owner and his wife have done a little planning and a little planting, season by season.

The United States Department of Agriculture suggests in the pictures shown here with some of the ways of



House Has Bare Look.

beautifying. The changes produced by planting shrubs can be effected in one or two seasons, and even where trees are shown, often only five or six years are required to produce the effects pictured if quick-growing varieties are planted. In such a case, however, provision should be made for better, slow-growing varieties which will be allowed to come up and eventually take the place of the quick growers.

With cultivated land carried to the very door, the house shown in the first picture has no homelike setting. It appears merely as an intrusion in the landscape. But when it is given a dooryard, with lawns, trees, and shrubs, as shown in the second illustration, it takes its proper place



In a Proper Setting.

in the picture, without detracting from the value of the surrounding land.

If you want more information on this subject write the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, for Farmers' Bulletin 1087, "Beautifying the Farmstead." It will be sent free on request.

Faulty Chimneys Cause Fire.

A summary of the various causes of fire shows that those attributable to chimneys annually amount to from 10 to 25 per cent of the total number. In winter the percentage has reached as high as 50. This is significant when it is realized that most of these fires result from carelessness and could be avoided by proper attention.

In cities and towns with proper fire protection many fires are arrested without serious loss. It is evident that in rural districts where there are no organized fire-fighting agencies, and where a fire usually results in a total loss, builders should give more attention to making the construction of all new chimneys as nearly fireproof as possible.

Ceylon Land of Cinnamon.

Although cinnamon is produced in various parts of the tropics, the best quality is produced in Ceylon, according to an article in the World Salesman. Owing to its peculiar climatic conditions, Ceylon is particularly adapted to the growing of the cinnamon tree, which requires an annual rainfall of 85 to 100 inches and an average temperature of 85 degrees. The tree has a very long life and has often been known to obtain the height of 40 feet.

Just Go Ahead and Do It.

The present is always a good time to put into effect that contemplated plan of improving the home grounds.

THIS FAST AGE

In which we live requires that we exercise the utmost care in economy with our financial dealings. The man who is not carefully looking after his finances will some time rue the day. We are ready at all times to assist you in any possible way to better your financial condition. We believe a bank account is a good check on extravagance.



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W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier

NEW PROSPECT NEWS

New Prospect, Mar., 28.—We have an Easter cold snap on hand this morning; light frost in places, but we hope that fruit and vegetables are not damaged. There was an Easter egg hunt at the home of Ed Musick Sunday. A large crowd of young people was present. About three o'clock the hunt began and there was quite a scramble to find the eggs before the rain commenced. When most of the eggs had been found, some of the boys uncovered a rabbits nest with young rabbits in it, then another chase took place to catch the rabbits. Two small ones were caught and then the rain began and everyone began to race for shelter. The eggs were hidden near the house in a grove for the babies and small children and the little fellows enjoyed the egg hunt as much as the larger children. Everyone, both old and young, seemed to have had oodles of fun. We enjoy seeing young people engage in innocent amusement.

Rev. Chism preached a real interesting sermon Sunday on the resurrection of the Lord. There was no preaching Sunday night on account of sickness in Bro. Chism's family. Prayer meeting was rained out, too.

Miss Imogene Musick of Percilla visited relatives here last week.

Prof. J. A. Bynum, principal of Latexo school, visited friends here Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Bynum taught for us several years ago and has many friends here who were glad to welcome him among us.

Notice of Election

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the Grape-land Independent School District at the courthouse in Grape-land, Texas, the first Saturday in April, the same being the 2nd day of said month A. D. 1921, for the purpose of electing three trustees to succeed Wade L. Smith, George Shaver, and J. W. Howard, whose terms of office expire on said date.

W. D. Granberry, President of Board.

WANETA NEWS

Waneta, Mar., 28.—We had a nice shower of rain yesterday evening.

Corn is up to a good stand and everybody is busy.

Miss Oveta Barnes entertained the young folks with an Easter egg hunt Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mary Killgo visited Miss Ethel Covington from Friday until Sunday.

Harmon Killgo, wife and sister, Miss Ora, spent Sunday with Mrs. Van Wilson.

Mrs. Mary Bell Goff visited Mrs. J. S. Sheffield Sunday.

Mrs. Will Wilson has been real sick, but is able to be up now.

Elbert Clark and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Minnie Sheffield.

Billie Lively and wife left Sunday to visit their daughter, Mrs. Jeff Tims at Buffalo Gap.

Cuin Barnes and family spent Sunday with Fate Barnes.

Ollie Harrington, wife and baby spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Sheffield.

Berry Hogan and wife, who have been living at Shamrock, Texas, the past year, came back last week and will live at his father's, uncle Johnny Hogan's.

Charlie Moore entertained the young people with a party Thursday night.

Miss Velma Hendricks spent Saturday night with Miss Pearl Shoemaker.

Our school will last just three weeks longer and they are preparing for a concert that night. We have certainly had a good school and we hope we can get the same teachers again next term.

Van Goff and wife of Palestine have moved back in this neighborhood. We are glad to have them with us again.

J. E. Harrington and wife spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Killgo.

Mrs. E. J. Priester and Mrs. M. A. Buckalew were pleasant callers at the Messenger office Monday afternoon. Mrs. Priester expects to leave soon for Colorado City to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. A. P. Tims, and had us to forward the Messenger to her address.

County Agent Here

R. R. Morrison of Timpson, the new County demonstration agent for Houton county, arrived Monday. He met with the commissioners court Tuesday morning and closed the deal with the county and has already assumed his duties as county agent. Mr. Morrison comes to us with splendid recommendations. He has been engaged in farming practically all his life. He will have his office at the Commercial Club, where he will be pleased to have those interested in his work call and talk with him.—Houston County Times.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends who were so kind to us during the recent illness and death of our loved one. We appreciate your kind deeds and words of sympathy and also the beautiful floral offerings.

E. H. Darsey and children.

Keep the bowels active and the digestion good if you would enjoy health. A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters whenever disorders appear will keep a man on the active list. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Smith & Ryan Special Agents.

And sometimes after a man has sailed the sea of matrimony a few years he doesn't care if a whale does swallow him.—Snap Shots.

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Mr. N. J. Tyer Dead

Mr. J. N. Tyer died at his home in the Jones School House community Saturday night, March 26, 1921. Mr. Tyer was born in Mississippi April 19, 1849, lacking only a few days being 72 years old. He came to Texas when a small lad with his parents. He settled in Houston county about sixty years ago and was one of the pioneers of this section.

His remains were laid to rest Sunday afternoon in Lone Star cemetery and the funeral was attended by a large crowd of friends from all over the county.

Rev. W. D. Andrews administered the religious rites, after which the body was turned over to the masons for burial. Mr. Tyer was a mason and member of Grapeland Lodge. Mr. John McConnell of Crockett Lodge was acting master and delivered a beautiful tribute to the memory of deceased.

Mr. Tyer is survived by his wife and nine children: C. W. Tyer of this city; Lonzie, Sampson, Clyde and Lewis Tyer; Mrs. S. H. Lively and Mrs. John Tyer of Palestine; Mrs. Ben Estelle of Blooming Grove, and Mrs. Arch Wall of Jones School House community.

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

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