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Probe into Ku Klux Klan Proposed by Legislature

Austin, Texas, July 9.—A legislative investigation or the Ku Klux Klan in Texas will be proposed in a resolution to be introduced at the special session of the legislature on its opening day, it was announced today by Representative Rountree of Brazos county, who said he would introduce the resolution.

"It is not proposed to make the investigation with a view to stamping out the Klan in Texas, if it is found that there is such an organization in Texas," Representative Rountree said, "but to merely find out what the organization is doing and what its aims are."

"We do not propose by this resolution to prevent the organization, but we merely want to find out if there is such an organization," he said. "We are doubtful if there is such an organization, and since the grand juries of several counties have failed to find that there is such an organization, we want to know. Yet men are charged with being members of the Klan."

"If reports are true," said Representative Moore, "the Klan has been doing good work in Texas and should be supported by the best citizenship of the state, seeking to suppress lawlessness, but we merely want to know if the Klan is in existence."

To Our Friends and Customers, Addressed:

In view of the fact that crops are practically laid-by, and from now until gathering time is in the main a rest period for us all, we the undersigned merchants of Grapeland, have arrived at this conclusion:

Because of necessity we must discontinue credit; not for the reason we doubt any man the more, but because of the fact our resources and financial ability have been about exhausted herein. For the information of all we have, as it were, put forth a super-human effort to help the citizenship of Grapeland community make this crop, and have done our best. We ask that you observe carefully the foregoing statements and be governed accordingly.

Kennedy Bros.,
W. H. Long & Co.,
McLean & Riall,
Henry Dailey,
Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

The Cradle Roll

Dr. McCarty reports the following births: Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Smith of Route 1, July 8. Boy to Mr. and Mrs. Dock Tyer of Oak Grove community, July 9.

Maples Again in Law's Clutches for Making Whisky

(Special to the Messenger)

Crockett, Texas July 9.—Sheriff Deb Hale and Deputy Jess English on Friday of this week arrested and placed in jail, Fate Maples, charged with manufacture and illegal possession of intoxicating liquor. An improved still, complete in every detail, was taken and brought to town. Several gallons of mash was destroyed, and a large quantity of liquor gotten at the still and brought in by the officers. The officers made a wide detour before finding Maples, saw him make one run, and arrested him as he was starting the second. He begged hard to be turned loose, offering to pay the officers, telling them at the time that they would never see him again. This is Maples second offense, he having pled guilty in the Federal court at Tyler some months ago. He is being held for Federal officials.

Charlie Martin, a young white man of this city, was arrested the latter part of last week by Sheriff Hale and placed in jail charged in the Anderson county courts with highway robbery, alleged to have been committed in Palestine a few days ago. Officers from Palestine took him back to Palestine to answer for the offense.

Marshall—Layburn

Miss Lela Mae Marshall of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Marshall, was married to Mr. Carl Layburn Tuesday afternoon, July 5, at the First Methodist church in Houston.

For the present they will make their home at Aldine, and will later remove to Houston, where Mr. Layburn is employed by the government as engineer in changing Camp Logan into a hospital for convalescent soldiers.

The Messenger extend them best wishes.

Arrested for Swindling

Neal Ross, a white man living near Slocum, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Lively last Thursday and was carried to Crockett and placed in jail. Ross is charged with swindling. Last spring he bought a horse from Kennedy Bros., giving as security a mortgage on a crop he was going to plant, but it developed that he did not plant a crop.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Faris and son of Lake Charles, La., who have been visiting relatives here a few days left Tuesday morning in their car for points in Colorado to spend a month.

Local Disarmament Advocated



LIBERTY HILL NEWS

Liberty Hill, July 11.—Cotton looks very promising, but if it keeps raining the boll weevils will injure it.

Our revival meeting will begin Friday night, July 15. We are praying for a grand revival.

The intermediate class at Sunday school went to the San Pedro creek on a picnic last Tuesday. We had plenty of dinner and in the afternoon almost every one took a good swim. All reported a splendid time.

Almost every one from this place attended memorial services at Augusta last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John McLoud who have been visiting relatives and friends in this community, returned to their home at Brazoria, Texas, Saturday.

Miss Mearl Holcomb of Alto is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ramey of this community.

Dr. C. C. Leaverton recently underwent a very serious operation in a sanitarium at his home in Tacoma, Wash., but late reports state that he is getting along fine. Dr. Leaverton is a former Grapeland boy, being a brother of Messrs. D. N., F. W. and T. H. Leaverton.

Little Miss Edwina Darsey was five years old last Saturday and she celebrated the event by inviting a number of her little friends to spend the evening with her.

WANETA NEWS

Waneta, July 12.—Will Wilson and wife spent Saturday night and Sunday with the former's sister, Mrs. Cook of Augusta.

W. F. McKee of Cleburne, Texas, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Harrington.

Lorenza Goff and wife were guests of Elbert Clark and wife Sunday.

Albert Wilson went to Lufkin last week.

Singing school is getting along fine at New Hope, with about 60 pupils. Mr. Harris is teacher.

A large crowd from here attended memorial services at Augusta Friday.

Waneta and Slocum played ball at Hickory Grove Saturday afternoon. Waneta won by a large score.

Charlie Wilson is visiting relatives at Rusk.

Mrs. N. B. Hendrick spent Saturday with Mrs. Jessie Hendrick. Mrs. Katherine Crawford has two sick children.

Jno. Defore's baby has been very sick; also Mrs. Eula Harrington and baby.

Swelling caused by insect bites can be reduced by using Ballard's Snow Lintiment. It counteracts the poison and relieves the irritation. Three sizes, 30c, 60c, and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

A beautiful line of cotton, linen and crepe de chine handkerchiefs at Darsey's

TRINITY RIVER RIPPLES

Reynard, July 11.—We had another taste of the good old summer time, but alas it is raining again, but we are trying to believe that it will quit by and by.

Crops are in good shape and look good, and we are beginning to think of laying by and taking our vacation.

Hickey Beazley and family spent Saturday and Sunday in Crockett with relatives.

Misses Esther Durnell and Emma Edens of Antrim are guests at O. M. Rials' home this week.

Miss Julia Eaves is visiting at G. B. Kent's.

The young folks had a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Rials Saturday night in honor of the visiting young ladies.

Revival meetings are in order all over the country; trust they may not be just in name. Guess we will not have any for various reasons.

The rains keep the grass fine and weather cool, but would like to see some more good old summer time.

Some suggestions: As most of us have our cotton on two furrows, let's not split middles out too soon, and while we get our bodies awful hot at hard work, let's keep our minds cool and not go to pieces.

We saw cotton blooms the 10th on cotton that was planted May 19, on upland.

Early melons are not much good; too much rain.

The ladies are quite busy now canning tomatoes and other surplus vegetables.

Singing School

My school at Livelyville will begin July 18 and close 28. My school at Percilla will begin August 1 and close August 20. My school at Sunset will begin August 22 and close Sept. 1. I will sing at each place Sunday afternoon before the beginning of each school. For further information write—

Ed Bullar,
Percilla, Texas.

Hot weather is hard on teething babies. They suffer the combined misery of heat, pain and stomach disorder. McGee's Baby Elixir helps the little suffer through the trying period by correcting the stomach and bowels. Price, 35c, and 60c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Ladies embroidered linen handkerchiefs at Darsey's.

\$10,000 Worth Of Corn Whisky in Angelina Destroyed

Austin, Texas, July 8.—Over \$10,000 worth of perfectly good corn whisky has been seized and confiscated in Angelina county so far this year, not to mention about forty or fifty stills in which this booze was manufactured, according to Sheriff R. V. Watts of Angelina county, who spent the day here on official business. It is conceded by all that East Texas is the ancient home of corn whisky, and its manufacture seems to have increased since Texas and the nation went dry.

Despite this excellent record made by the Angelina county officer, he has not been able to eradicate the manufacture of the liquor in that county. Sheriff Watts said that he is also having considerable trouble with the operators of stills in the adjoining counties. In many instances he said these stills are situated just across the border line and the whisky is brought into Angelina county for sale.

American Woman Has Taken to Smoking Since War

The American woman since the war has taken to smoking cigarettes like her European sister, who long ago became as much of an addict to the weed as the European male. Tax receipts show that the sale of cigarettes in the United States has increased. During 1920, for instance, the number of ordinary-sized cigarettes sold in the United States was 50,400,000,000. In the preceding year the number of cigarettes consumed was only 38,000,000,000. Women caused the increase, Government officials say. In 1913 the United States consumed only 14,000,000,000 cigarettes.

This cigarette habit among women has brought a new style of jewelry into the shops on which the Government collects a tax on the higher values. This is the women's cigarette case. Last year the Government received \$25,000,000 in taxes on this and other articles of jewelry.

sick the past week, but is now much better.

Sam Brown and wife and Price Brown and wife visited relatives in our community Sunday.

Homer Denman visited his mother Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wright visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Haltom Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Zack Wilson spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bishop.

Mrs. Mary Nichols left here Friday night for Galveston to assume her duties at the Salvation Army Post. She took her sister, Miss Etta Wright, with her, also her nephew, little Lee.

A Coated tongue, bad breath, dizziness and clogged condition in the bowels can be quickly relieved by using Prickly Ash Bitters. It is a man's remedy for such ailments. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Smith & Ryan Special Agents.

Special reduction on all summer merchandise at Darsey's.

Interest--Not Per Cent

We believe our interest in the farmers of this community and their interest is identical.

For our business to be successful you must be prosperous; and to be prosperous you must save every penny you can. We offer you an opportunity to save by trading with us.

Daily we hear the expression: "That is much cheaper than I expected!" Come in to see us and price any item in our store and you will find it is sold for less than you expected to buy it.

Give yourself the chance and leave the rest to us.

HIGHEST PRICE PAID FOR CHICKENS AND EGGS

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DEPENDABLE MERCHANTS
Grapeland, Texas

GOOD YEAR

A REAL TIRE BARGAIN

Some motorists think a low price indicates a tire bargain. They do not realize that true cost is determined, not by the purchase price, but by the final cost per mile. The best tire bargain is a tire that gives the most mileage and satisfaction.

That tire is GOODYEAR. Proof of this statement is the fact that more people ride on Goodyear tires than on any other kind.

We are anxious to show you the way to more mileage and more satisfaction with our complete line of Goodyear Tires, Tubes and Accessories.

We want to give you a REAL TIRE BARGAIN.



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OUR PURPOSE—It is the purpose of The Messenger to record accurately, simply and interestingly the moral, intellectual, industrial and political progress of Grapeland and Houston County. To aid us in this, every citizen should give us his moral and financial support.

Phones—Farmers Union System
 Office 51
 Residence 11

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 1921

A woman's waist line may move up and down, but a man's arm will find it just the same.

The way some people save up for a rainy day they must be expecting some such flood as Pueblo had.

Auto drivers should always remember that a railroad crossing it is polite to give the railroad engine the right-of-way.

We are not opposed to automobiles think they are a great thing—we merely believe that a young fellow with a wife and six kids needs a home before he needs an auto.

Mark Twain remarked that a great deal was said about the weather but never anything done about it. It seems to be that way about disamentment. But it is now stated that the United States, England and Japan are all in a receptive mood to take up seriously the question of disarmament, and maybe something will come of it.

The reduction of the cotton acreage this year is said to be real; fully twenty-five per cent. By the time this July rain and the boll weevils get through with it, the reduction will be about one hundred per cent. Isn't it tragical that we haven't something to fall back on besides cotton?

Japanese business men are petitioning their government to join with this country and England in a conference to bring about a cessation of armament, at least partially and right away, as it is forcing bankruptcy upon them. It is to be hoped that President Harding will take action upon this grave matter soon, as excessive taxation is eating the financial heart out of all of our people.

Governor Neff is going to the people with his fight to reduce the expense of state government, and is also asking the people to support his legislative program to put teeth into the prohibition law, repeal the suspended sentence law and the enactment of the proposed law enforcement bill. We believe the governor is right on every proposition and we are with him whole heartedly.

Former Grapeland Citizen
Writes from Midlothian

Midlothian, Texas, July 9.

Editor Messenger:
 By request of some of my friends in and around Grapeland I will attempt to contribute a few words to your valuable paper.

We are now located at Midlothian, which is midway between Dallas, Ft. Worth, Cleburne, and Ennis at the junction of the Santa Fe and H. & T. C. railways. It is in the richest belt of Ellis county and second to none in all west Texas. Midlothian is a very beautiful little town. It has a great many rich people in it, but there is not that class distinction that is found in so many of our other little towns.

We have five church buildings, viz: Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and both branches of Christian. The Methodists have a new, fine building, large and commodious. The Baptists are completing one of the most beautiful little buildings to be found anywhere. When one attends any one of the different churches they will always receive a hearty welcome. The lady with the gingham apron is received the same as one with her silk or messaline.

The farmers are the backbone of this country. There were never better prospects for a bumper crop than there is now. Wheat and oats did not do so well. Corn will make from 40 to 60 bushels per acre. Cotton is also fine. It has been interesting to me the last few days to see the loads of wheat coming in. Sometimes the streets are almost blocked with wagons. The merchants will go out with their testers and test it out and then bid on it just like they do cotton.

Midlothian is a very enterprising little town. We have two large banks, about seven grocery stores with about the same number of dry goods houses; also several mixed stores, four garages, five filling stations, two barber shops, an up-to-date printing office. We also have water works, so taking everything into consideration, this is a very desirable place to live.

I have read with deep sorrow about the death of two of my good friends, viz: W. F. Brooks and M. E. Bean. I esteemed those two gentlemen very highly and considered them among my best friends, and I know that Oak Grove and Old Guiceland feel their loss.

I also notice that Prof. L. N. Lasiter has contracted to teach a singing school at New Prospect and Salmon. At both places my friends are legion and I want them to give him their support, for he is surely worthy of it.

Now, Mr. Editor, if this is too long you can cut it off at both ends, but listen: please don't cut it off as much as the ladies are cutting their dresses, for if you do there won't be much left. Find enclosed \$1.00 for which send me the paper to that amount.

W. R. Campbell.

A teaspoonful of Herbine will produce a copious and purifying bowel movement, improve appetite, restore mental activity and a fine feeling of vigor and cheerfulness. Price, 60c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

For chickens that are infested with stick tight fleas, head lice and mites, use Insectimune. To be given with feed. Satisfaction guaranteed. Ask Smith & Ryan. (Aug. 3.)

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

at Grapeland, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1921, published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 14th day of July, 1921.

Resources:	
Loans and discounts, personal or collateral	\$ 81,673.82
Loans, real estate	12,779.37
Overdrafts	155.92
Liberty bonds and war saving stamps	11,684.40
Real estate (banking house)	2,983.03
County warrants	821.71
Furniture and fixtures	1,500.00
Due from other banks and bankers and cash on hand	16,529.20
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund	2,139.47
Assessment depositors' guaranty fund	1,153.91
Other resources:	
Collections in transit	413.51
Total	\$131,834.34

Liabilities:	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus fund	18,000.00
Undivided profits, net	2,295.13
Individual deposits, subject to check	68,194.78
Time certificates of deposit	16,744.43
Bonds deposited	11,600.00
Total	\$131,834.34

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 30th day of June, 1921, published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 14th day of July, 1921.

Resources:	
Loans and discounts, personal or collateral	\$ 82,548.89
Loans, real estate	3,305.39
County warrants	1,693.02
Bonds and stocks	31,470.91
Real estate (banking house)	3,428.90
Furniture and fixtures	2,386.70
Due from other banks and bankers and cash on hand	34,070.32
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund	1,700.87
Assessment depositors' guaranty fund	1,079.12
Total	\$161,684.12

Liabilities:	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 20,000.00
Surplus fund	12,000.00
Undivided profits, net	1,286.15
Individual deposits, subject to check	92,248.00
Time certificates of deposit	18,376.57
Cashier's checks	173.40
Bonds deposited	17,600.00
Total	\$161,684.12

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, President, W. D. Granberry, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of July, 1921.
 J. R. Richards, Notary Public, Houston (SEAL) County, Texas.
CORRECT—ATTEST:
 W. G. Darsey,
 M. E. Darsey,
 T. S. Kent,
 Directors.

NEWS FROM BETHEL

Bethel, July 11.—Mrs. Redmond has been on the sick list for several days, but is now improving.
 Mr. and Mrs. Homer Denmon visited Henyard Redmond Saturday night and Sunday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Alna Tillman and sister, Miss Virgie, spent Saturday night and Sunday at Jessie Stedman's at Phillips Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lambright and baby are visiting relatives here; also Rev. Billie Lambright and wife.
 Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Lasiter visited at the home of Mr. Burrow Sunday night.

Joe Willie Redmond spent Saturday night with Martin Holcomb at Phillips Springs.
 Lenard Howard visited Henyard Redmond Sunday.
 Mongo Edmondson and Garland Franklin visited Joe Willie Redmond Sunday.

There is nothing in the whole list of flesh-healing remedies that can approach Liquid Borzone in the rapidity with which it heals cuts, wounds, sores, or scalds. It is a marvelous discovery. Price, 30c, 60c, and \$1.20. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Clewis represents the best dye works in the state.

To mark table linen: Take one cherry pie and one baby. Leave alone for ten minutes.

Grocer—"We have some very fine string beans to-day."

Mrs. Newbride—"How much are they a string?"—The Fun Book.

(There's something radically wrong with a system of marketing when wool sells for 10c a pound in the rough and ten dollars a pound in a pair of pants, and when hides go for 5c a pound and shoes cost \$12 a pair.)

Pearl—Oh, we had a delightful wedding and received so many silver presents.

Myrtle—That's fine. And did your father give you something in silver, too?

Pearl—No, he gave us a bottle of acid to test the others with.—Boston Globe.

Angry Diner—"See here, waiter, what's this collar-button doing in my soup?"

Waiter—"Not so loud, sir please. Don't let that gentleman at the next table hear you. He's dined here regularly for two years and we've never thrown in anything extra for him."—Boston Transcript.

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C. W. Kennedy, President, U. M. Brock, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of July, 1921.
 Arwine Skidmore, Notary Public, Houston (SEAL) County, Texas.
CORRECT—ATTEST:
 M. P. Herod,
 P. H. Stafford,
 J. C. Kennedy,
 Directors.

New Restaurant

J. A. Murdock recently opened a restaurant in the building formerly occupied by the Thornton restaurant on south main street.

A drowsy, half-sick, discouraged feeling is caused by a torpid liver and impurities in the stomach and bowels. Prickly Ash Bitter's is a prompt and efficient remedy. Men who work need its cleansing and stimulating effect. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Smith & Ryan Special Agents.

Renew your subscription today

PALM BEACH SUITS \$11
George E. Darsey & Co.
 THE SERVICE FIRST STORE
 PALM BEACH SUITS \$11

For Quick Clearance

A Mid-Summer Event of timely importance is this list of JULY SPECIALS priced to quickly rid our stocks of odd sizes and broken lots of summer fabrics and wearing apparel. Some of the season's choicest merchandise is offered in this special event so act at once.

- Low Shoes \$1.10**
 Included at prices to move are a number of pairs of women's and children's low shoes, in small sizes, **At \$1.10 per Pair**
- Men's Wash Ties**
 Your choice of three wash ties for the price of two. Priced at .15c to \$1 Silk ties, 50c and up Knit ties 65c and up
- Men's Sport Shirts**
 Several good patterns in men's sport shirts, sizes 14 and 14 1-2, at only—**75c Each**
- White Wash Skirts**
 The few remaining styles in this department will be closed out at a great reduction. Now priced—**\$1, \$1.50 and up**
- Men's Palm Beach Suits**
 The biggest summer suit value for years is our special price of only—**\$11.00**
- Summer Millinery**
 Every hat in our millinery department is priced at one - half and less. None reserved. All must go!
- Wash Waists**
 Organdy, Voile and some silk waists priced to move at once!
- Women's and Children's Wash Dresses**
 Organdy, voile and gingham dresses offered for practically the cost of material.
- Men's Summer Union Suits**
 in many patterns and styles now only—**65c, \$1 and \$1.50**

In every department--dress goods, hosiery, underwear, shoes, millinery and ready-to-wear--you will find equality as great values. All quotations apply only to stock on hand. Buy early for best selections.

ENON NEWS

Enon, July 11.—Farmers have most all of their crops laid by, and everything looks promising except the cotton.

Several families of this community spent the fourth on the creek fishing. All reported an enjoyable day.

Mrs. Cora Chapman and Miss Nola Coleman, who are attending the normal at Huntsville, spent the week end with homefolk.

Misses Wessie and Cora Hague, Willie Whitaker and Eugene Shaver were guests at Mrs. Lizzie Whitaker's Sunday afternoon.

M. L. Whitaker and family spent Saturday with Mrs. Whitaker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ferguson, in the Union Chapel community.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Denson and son, Charlie, visited relatives in this and Union Chapel community Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Chuck Skidmore and children visited her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Oliver and children spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edge.

Roy Ferguson, Jeff Denson, Alvin Oliver and Chuck Skidmore visited M. L. Whitaker Sunday afternoon.

On account of bad weather we did not have any Sunday school yesterday.

Miss Eula Mae Shaver spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Ben Brimberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Turner were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brimberry Sunday.

Little Duward and John R. Chapman spent Monday afternoon with Boyd Whitaker.

A child can't get strong and robust while worms eat away its strength and vitality. A dose or two of White's Cream Vermifuge puts the little one on its feet again. Price 35c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank
 W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier

Women's Summer Apparel
 Makes Pastor Poetical

Scant summer styles, as seen in New York, have inspired Rev. John Roach Stratton, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, to write the following parody on the well known Mother Goose rhyme:
 "Mary had a little skirt,
 The latest style, no doubt;
 But every time she got inside
 She was more than half-way out."

Dr. Stratton says that he does not advocate a return to the old street sweeping styles but "there is a style for women's dresses which is in harmony with the laws of sanitation as well as the principles of modesty."

Cleaning and Pressing
THE HOFFMAN WAY
IS RIGHT

M. L. Clewis

Clewis represents the best dye works in the state.

THE NEW TAILOR SHOP

This is to inform my friends and the general public that I have opened a TAILOR SHOP in the rear of S. E. Howard's store.

I am experienced in the business and know what it takes to give good service.

I can do first-class CLEANING, PRESSING and DYEING.

A portion of your business will be greatly appreciated, and I guarantee to give you satisfaction. Call to see me.

Wm. GEE, Prop.

THE MESSENGER'S AMERICANIZATION SERIES

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Let your imagination carry you back to the year 1776. You stand in the hall of the old Colonial Court House of Philadelphia. Through the open door you see the Continental Congress assembled; the moment for a great decision in drawing near.

The first little impulses to the general upheaval of the popular spirit, the Tea Tax, the Stamp Act, drop into insignificance; they are almost forgotten; the revolutionary spirit has risen far above them. It puts the claim to independence upon the broad basis of eternal rights, as self-evident as the sun, as broad as the world, as common as the air of heaven.

The struggle of the colonies against the usurping government of Great Britain has risen to the proud dimensions of a struggle of man for liberty and equality. Not only the supremacy of old England is to be shaken off, but a new organization of society is to be built up, on the basis of liberty and equality. That is the Declaration of Independence! That is the American Revolution!

It is a common thing that men of a coarse cast of mind so lose themselves in the mean pursuit of selfish ends as to become insensible to the grand and sublime. Measuring every character, and every event in history, by the low standard of their own individualities incapable of grasping broad and generous ideas, they will belittle every struggle of principle to the sordid arena of aspiring selfishness.

Eighteen hundred years ago there were men who saw in incipient Christianity nothing but a mere wrangle between Jewish theologians, by a carpenter's boy and carried on by a few crazy fishermen. Three hundred years ago there were men who saw in the great reformatory movement of the 16th century, not the emancipation of the individual conscience, but a mere fuss raised by a German monk who wanted to get married. Two hundred years ago there were men who saw in Hampden's refusal to pay ship money, not a bold vindication of constitutional liberty, but the crazy antics of a man who was mean enough to quarrel about a few shillings.

And now, there are men who see in the Declaration of Independence and the American Revolution, not the re-organization of human society upon a basis of liberty and equality, but a dodge of some English colonists who were unwilling to pay their taxes.

It is in vain for demagogues to raise its short arms against the truth of history. The Declaration of Independence stands there. No candid man ever read it without seeing and feeling that every word of it was dedicated by deep and earnest thought, and that every sentence of it bears the stamp of philosophic generality.

It is the summing up of the results of the philosophical development of the age; the practical embodiment of the progressive ideas, which, far from being confined to the narrow limits of the English colonies, pervaded the very atmosphere of all civilized countries.—Carl Schurz.

Editor's Note—The articles appearing in the above space from week to week are taken from "Americanization" by Elwood Grisco, Jr. This excellent volume, which is a collection of articles upon the general theme of patriotism and good citizenship, is presented to the schools of Texas by the Bodies of Scottish Rite Masonry in Texas.)

J. L. Willis in Colorado

The following letter from Rev. J. L. Willis, pastor of the Willis Point circuit, Methodist church, will be of interest to many of our readers. The letter was taken from the Will Point Chronicle. Ft. Collins, Colo., Rural Ministers School, June 20, 1921.—Dear Editor: I am in above named place in the state agricultural college in normal for rural pastors and educators, which embraces June 13-30. My attendance was made possible by a scholarship awarded June 11, the same day I finished my year's work at Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Tex. Through this means my railroad expenses both ways together with half of resident expenses, were paid. Hence I'm here in the foot hills of the Rocky mountains, with week-end hikes, going to snowcapped peaks easily visible from here.

Among the workers I have met two are outstanding—one a rural specialist school man, who advocates and usually secures consolidation of schools; the other a rural pastor, who follows the same program for the churches. These men, less than three years ago began work in three communities each of which contained a delapidated one-teacher school and one-room church, but rarely a preaching service. These communities contained not more than one thousand inhabitants. In three years with all the hindrance of depressed financial conditions they have buildings at the consolidated centers valued at one-fourth million (\$250,000) dollars. The high school has full state affiliation, teaches vocational work such as agriculture, mechanics and bookkeeping and for girls home economics, etc., for which federal aid is secured, also state vocational aid. The same federal aid Smith Hughes fund, being available in Texas, but Van Zandt county has not met conditions to avail itself of it. The church now has two services each Sunday besides Sunday school, young people's meetings, etc; and an open library and musical entertainment every night of the week. The building has an auditorium to seat all of the one thousand people in the community and separate rooms for all Sunday school and young people's meetings and depart-

ments. The school employs fourteen teachers instead of three at approximately \$25,000 per year besides houses and rooms are provided for each as they severally need. The church pays the pastor \$4,000 per year and an equal amount for missionary enterprise and have a parsonage valued at \$5,000 paid for. The three originally had houses valued at less than \$3,000 and paid perhaps \$300 combined for pastoral support.

In addition to being associated with these men and having a private consultation with them I have also seen all the above phenomenal growth made manifest by a moving picture reel made to show all church and school activities in this community. This phenomenal progress has been so widely noticeable that visitors from a majority of the states have made visits to learn how it is done, others secure the movie reel which is helpful but not fully adequate.

Even with irrigation, this land is no more productive than land in Van Zandt county. Therefore with federal aid available why should it not be the hub of rural school development in Texas and the southwest.

I am ready to use and be used in behalf of rural educational and religious advancement.

J. L. Willis.

SILVER CREEK NEWS

Silver Creek, July 11.—Owing to the rain yesterday we did not have any church.

Lewis Franklin is sick at this writing. We hope he will soon be up again.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Dickey and daughter, Miss Ada of Waneta, spent the fourth with Joe E. Edmondson and family.

Several of the young people of this community attended the party at A. E. Shoemaker's at Waneta Friday night and all report a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Franklin spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Franklin.

Mrs. Eunice Dickey and son spent the week with friends at Waneta.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Chaffin spent Saturday and Saturday night with Mrs. Willie Caskey.

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

NEW PROSPECT NEWS

New Prospect, July 11.—We have had a nice rain and would be glad to see the sunshine again, as too much rain is about as bad as not enough.

Cotton is not doing well; some say it is caused by the wind we had several weeks ago.

The Baptist meeting, which was to have started last Saturday, has been postponed and will begin Thursday night July 14th.

Miss Velma Chandler and Frank Caskey, both of whom are attending school at Slocum, visited home folk Saturday and Sunday.

Roy Caskey, from Houston visited his father's family July 3rd and 4th.

Ed Musick and family, also John Kyle and family, went to Daly's Saturday to be present at the home coming of the children of Mrs. W. P. Kyle. All the children, with their families, were present except one daughter, Mrs. R. E. Martin.

Mrs. P. L. Herod is able to be up after being confined to her room about 40 days with typhoid fever.

There is quite a lot of sickness in the community, but none of a very serious nature, chills and fevers, being the general complaint.

Carl Jones and family from Oak Grove visited Claude Brooks Monday.

Quincy Chandler was in the Reynard community last Saturday and Sunday.

Annie Mae Garard is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Lenard Parker.

A True Philosopher

The county agent of Le Flore County Okla., tells in his report about one farmer in his county who has found out a way to stop worrying. They have had tremendous rains down in that section of the county and there was too much mud for plowing. The agent met this man and said: "I don't understand why you are looking so much happier than you did the last time I saw you; what is the matter?" He replied: "Nothing is the matter. I gave up worrying because I got nothing left to worry over, crops all gone, money all gone, credit all gone, food's about played out, can't get work, got nothing, so I've got nothing to worry about and have stopped worrying."

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SALMON NEWS

Salmon, July 11.—Most everyone is through with their crops until harvest time. Think we have had plenty of rain to do us for quite awhile, and the thing we need most now is plenty of good old hot sunshine.

Owing to the bad weather yesterday we did not have Sunday school. We hope it will be pretty next Sunday, as we want everybody that possibly can to come.

Our singing school will begin Monday, taught by L. N. Lasiter, and we hope that everybody will get interested and help to make it a success.

J. D. Morehead played ball with the Grapeland team last week, and has quite a lot of news to tell us about the games with Weldon and Lovelady.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Larue and daughter of Palestine spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Herod were guests at the home of Rev. C. A. Campbell yesterday.

Floyd Campbell of Marshall is spending a few days here with home folk.

Dave Holcomb, who is working at Palestine, was in our midst yesterday.

Bud and Ben Glenn went to the river last week fishing, but from what we can find out they let most of 'em get away.

A few of our young people went to Bethel Friday night to hear Rev. W. J. Starkey preach.

The local ball team will play Myrtle Springs at Center Grove next Saturday.

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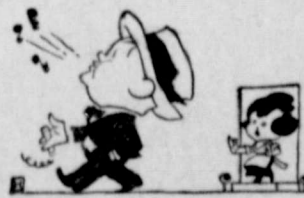
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ANTRIM NEWS

Antrim, July 11.—Jim Hogg Edens of La Porte is now visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Edens.

Mrs. J. F. Martin and children recently visited Mrs. S. J. Martin.

Misses Emma Charm Edens and Esther Durnell are visiting Mrs. Lizzie Rials at Reynard this week.

Miss Emma Charm Edens entertained the young people of this and surrounding communities with a box supper Saturday night, July 2. All departed at a late hour, declaring they had a most delightful time and hoping Miss Edens would give another entertainment soon.

Mrs. W. R. Durnell and children spent Sunday with Mrs. W. M. Durnell.

A good 3-burner oil stove, price very cheap at Kennedy Bros.

LOCAL ITEMS

Hay wire at Kennedy Bros.
Groceries much cheaper at Howard's.
Olan Hyndman has returned to his home in Houston.
For highest grade monuments \$20 up, see J. S. Morris. 18-5t
Is your subscription paid in advance?
If you want to save on your further summer purchases, read Darsey's ad.
Mrs. Dan McLean of Tyler spent several days here last week visiting relatives and friends.
The best cream freezers for the least money at Kennedy Bros.
Chester Owens of Palestine spent Sunday with his Grapeland friends.
Hand embroidered imported Madero and Swiss handkerchiefs at Darsey's.
Mr. and Mrs. Jas Ellis and son of Crockett are spending the week in Grapeland with relatives.
Bring us your auto repairs and you will always get a square deal. Norman & Lively.

Miss Cammie Thompson of Houston is visiting friends and relatives in Grapeland this week.

Wood Prices Cut
Oak stove wood, per cord \$6.
Pine for \$5.00 per cord.
J. W. Cook.

Willie Gee, who recently with his family moved here from Elkhart has opened a tailor shop in the rear of S. E. Howard's store.

Constable Ferguson recently arrested Dallas Nathaniel, colored, and put him in jail for jumping a fine.

Miss Sweet Yarbrough of Trinity was the guest of Mrs. B. C. Lively the latter part of last week.

Cleaning, pressing and dying. Satisfaction guaranteed. Shop rear Howard's store.
Wm. Gee.

Mrs. Josiah Caskey and children left today for Mexia to join Mr. Caskey who has been there sometime, and will make that place their home.

Notice
Any one adjacent to the Grapeland School District wishing to transfer into same, see F. M. Boone or Wade L. Smith, who will be glad to attend to same. tf

Neg Lively, who has been working in Leaverton's drug store, has resigned and gone to Beaumont, where he will visit relatives and will then go to Port Arthur.

Singer Machines
The price is lower, machine is better and your credit is good. Sold on 4 years' time. Will take your old machine in trade. See me at my office, east side.
18-4t J. H. Bowman.

Mrs. Clifford Kitcher of Palestine spent last week end here with her mother, Mrs. J. F. Halton. While here she was given a bridal shower at the home of Mrs. W. D. McCarty.

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Mrs. Easley and two children of Athens are here visiting her uncle, J. F. Bridges and family.

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Buy a good water proof umbrella at Howard's. Good in sun shine or rain.

Leon Anderson left for his home in Paris Tuesday night. Mrs. Anderson will remain a few days longer.

John R. Owens of Trinity spent Sunday afternoon in Grapeland visiting his numerous friends.

There is a new tailor shop in your town, located in the rear of Howard's store. Will appreciate your work.
Wm. Gee.

Come to the big, open air revival meeting. A big preacher, a big crowd, good music and a good old fashion time expected. Come, mothers, and bring the "old man" and all the children.

Herman Murchison left last week for Weslaco, in the lower Rio Grande Valley, where he has a position with the Gulf Coast Line railroad, in the office with Seth Wright Yarbrough.

Those who will be invited to meet on the school campus Friday at 10 o'clock a. m. to arrange seats for the revival to begin Sunday night to be conducted by Bro. J. F. Lively.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brooks and Miss Ellen Logan returned home last week from San Antonio, where they have been for the past year. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks graduated from the Texas Chiropractic College, and Mr. Brooks has opened an office at his residence.

Notice Masons
Next Saturday night is our regular stated meeting. The attendance of every member is urged. Please come. Visitors welcome.
M. E. Darsey, W. M.
Harry Richards, Secy.

Revival at Augusta
The revival meeting at Augusta will begin July 16. Rev. W. S. Walton, state evangelist, will do the preaching. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.
Committee.

Death of Rev. Chism
Rev. J. S. Chism, Methodist Protestant pastor of the Livelyville circuit, which embraces several churches around Grapeland, died at his home in the Livelyville community Monday morning, July 11.
Rev. Chism was born in Tennessee April 6 1858, and after residing in Tennessee and Arkansas for a number of years, moved to Texas about fourteen years ago. He began preaching about forty years ago, and was pastor of his present charge since last fall.
He had been ill for some time with a carbuncle on his neck.
His remains were buried in the Livelyville cemetery Tuesday morning, Rev. B. C. Anderson of this city conducting the services.
Deceased is survived by his wife, two daughters, who live in Arkansas, and two sons, who live in Anderson county, near Brushy Creek, both of whom attended the funeral.

UNION CHAPEL NEWS
Union Chapel, July 11.—Corn is much better than it was a few weeks ago and some of the cotton looks real well, if it doesn't have too much rainy weather.
Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Davidson and little daughter spent several days at Rusk with their daughter, Mrs. George Muckelroy.
There was no church Sunday on account of rain. Rev. Durnell was here and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith.
Paul Weisinger and family spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Ingram, near Brown's bridge.
Olan Smith spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Lewis Garrett.
Arwine Skidmore of Grapeland spent Sunday with his brother, Tracy Skidmore and family.
Little Miss Alma Mae Sprull of Grapeland visited little Miss Edna Lou Martin.
Mrs. T. L. Brown spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. G. W. Weisinger.
Miss Jewel Kelly visited her aunt, Mrs. Robert Chapman, last Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rose spent the week end with relatives at Grapeland.

The Face at Your Window
The Local Post of the American Legion has been very fortunate in obtaining this master production for presentation at the Star Theatre Thursday, July 21. This picture is a special production of Wm. Fox, who personally supervised its production, and was made for the American Legion under the supervision and backing of the United States Government and was shown to enormous crowds in Galveston, Dallas, and other cities of Texas very recently. The American Legion is the central figure in the story and the picture shows how this organization carried out its creed "FOR GOD AND COUNTRY" in a crisis that may arise in any community at any time. The Messenger has been informed that the American Legion is not out to make money out of this picture and that no extra price of admission will be asked. IF YOU BELIEVE IN A SPIRIT OF ONE HUNDRED PER CENT AMERICANISM, come out Thursday night, July 21.

H. A. Fisher Dead
Mr. H. A. Fisher died at his home in Crockett late Monday afternoon. He had recently undergone an operation, but seemed to be doing well, and his death was a great shock to everyone.
Mr. Fisher was secretary of the Crockett Commercial Club and was generally recognized as a leader in Houston county. He was always boosting and working for those things that would be of benefit to the people. He will be greatly missed.

Baseball Items
Grapeland lost all three games to Weldon last week, but defeated Lovelady in one game 12 to 6. The other two games were rained out.
Slocum played here Tuesday and Wednesday, Grapeland winning Tuesday's game 4 to 2. Results of Wednesday's games are not known as we go to press.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade L. Smith and two children, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Luker and son, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Scarborough and daughter, Mrs. Minnie Miller, Mrs. E. E. Hollingworth and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ellis and son composed a fishing party for a couple of days on Trinity river last week.
If your Ford leaks oil around the rings, we can stop it. Try us. Norman & Lively.
Mrs. S. E. Traylor and son left Tuesday for Houston to visit relatives.

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WE MUST HAVE A DIVERSIFIED FARMING PROGRAM

"Now" is the time of year for us to begin our plans for next year's farming program. Especially does this apply to the berry end of it, as they should be put out in the fall or winter. So arrangements should be made for the plants in the near future.
Every business man and farmer in Grapeland and surrounding territory should co-operate in securing a large acreage of the different varieties of black-berries, dew-berries and the crosses, in order to create a strong local market and make it one of our principal money crops and industries. This business could be developed here as easily as our poultry and egg business has been. Every one knows what the poultry and egg industry has meant to our community. The same can be done with berries, watermelons, fall tomatoes, fall Irish potatoes, the sweet potato industry, ribbon cane, (when one has bottom land) and various other things to make up a diversified program.
If we could get at least one acre of berries planted on every farm within a reasonable distance of Grapeland it wouldn't be long until our farmers and merchants would be out of debt, prosperous and happy and an industry developed that would be of untold value to the town as an asset. It wouldn't be long before we could have canning and preserving plants running here as they have in other places. For instance, Lindale, Smith County, I am told, has three plants running day and night. Hundreds of berry pickers have been brought into the community and of course they all leave some money with the business interests too. Why can't we do these things if other communities can? Numbers of our local farmers have had good success raising berries and several have told me that they intend to increase their acreage this year. Among those who have had good success with them are: M. L. Williams, Jim Caskey, T. E. Hague, E. W. Davis, Jno. C. Skidmore, J. L. Smith, and several others.
One of the best examples of what berries will do for a man was demonstrated on the farm of John C. Skidmore this year. Last fall was a year ago he put out one thousand plants on about three fourth of an acre of land. This year he shipped near 115 crates of berries that averaged from \$2.00 to \$2.25 per crate. It would take a number of acres of cotton at the present price to bring in this much money, and much more work and worry to produce the cotton, too.
The different varieties of berries thrive exceedingly well here, are fairly easily handled, command a good price, bring money into town and community at a time of the year when it is scarce and needed most. Of course no man should try raising berries exclusively, or any other crop, as the one crop system based on cotton has been the greatest curse the South has had to contend with since the civil war.

It is now time for us to get our eyes open and get down to business and work from our eyes up, or else stay in the same old rut and be a slave to cotton the balance of our days. I don't mean by this that we should get entirely away from the fleecy staple, as cotton is all right in its place and we need it, but we should not be a slave to it or use it as our idol. Our feed crops, such as corn, peanuts, sorghum, oats, sudan grass, velvet beans, soy beans, burr clover, etc., should have first attention, along with the family garden, truck patch, both for market and home consumption while the great crop of this section, sweet potatoes, should not be overlooked by any means, as it the principal crop in many sections of Texas and should be, if we only had a potato curing plant of sufficient capacity to handle this great crop. Last year Longview shipped over one million dollars worth of sweet potatoes and could not supply the demand. That alone was equal to about three of our average cotton crops, at the present price of cotton, and one does not have to devote near as much time to the sweet potato. Our climate and soil here is especially adapted to this particular crop. Not only has Longview made a success in the raising of sweet potatoes, but one can come closer to home and find plenty of towns that are doing equally as well. Among these towns are: Jacksonville, Timpson, San Augustine and Huntsville. Last year Huntsville tried

potatoes on rather small scale to see if they would pay and as proof that they are a paying proposition, the leading bankers, business and professional men of the town got together this spring, perfected an organization, incorporated same, and now have a large acreage planted to sweet potatoes and another large curing plant under construction.
To put in these potato curing plants, berry patches, truck patches, black blooded beef and dairy cows, registered hogs, etc., the farmer is going to have to have the encouragement and co-operation of the bankers and business men and if our people have the best interest of the country at heart they will not hesitate in doing these things.
Jas. H. Ryan,
of Smith & Ryan Druggists.

Our Civilization

Before the Citizen reaches some of its readers this week the greatest prize fight the world has ever known will be a matter of history. Numbers of men will be made poor. Uncle Sam will place in his coffers something like a half million dollars war tax. One man will be champion of the world; another will have his ambition crushed and the sting of defeat upon his brow. Months and months of hard training have been endured by the bruisers in preparation for the event which will last thirty six minutes at the very longest, and in all probability but ten or fifteen minutes; thousands have traveled hundreds of miles to see it; some have traversed the oceans and paid as high as fifty dollars or more for a ring side seat; two million dollars have been wagered upon its outcome. Telegraph wires and cables of two continents have been burdened with messages giving the details, business was suspended over a nation in an effort to get the first news of the fight; the whole world was in suspense to see which of two human beings could land the first blow which would send the other to unconsciousness. And civilization is said to be reigning supreme over the universe.—Honey Grove Citizen.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Goodson returned Sunday night from Lindale, where they had been visiting a sick relative.

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In these days of painful and mysterious maladies it pays one to avoid colds, coughs and any run down condition.
Proper exercise and out-door life will help, but as an aid to nature, when you are not feeling just right, come to us for tonics, cold cures, etc., for what you may need in our line.
D. N. Leaverton
LEADING DRUGGIST

CHIROPRACTIC
The science of Chiropractic is the science of removing the cause and allowing nature, the greatest of all healers, to cure the effect.
The science of Chiropractic has a message for every person who is not in perfect health or one hundred per cent efficient. Come in and let us deliver this message to you; it obligates you in no-way.
Chiropractic adds nothing to nor takes anything away from the system.
We, as Chiropractors, adjust the bones of the spine and release the pressure off the nerve, allowing the normal amount of nerve force to go to all parts of the body and health is the result.
FOR A LIMITED TIME I will analyze and adjust all children up to ten years of age FREE that are brought to my office. Think this over and see if you don't owe it to your children to see that they have good health.
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Rev. B. C. Anderson is at Cecilia this week assisting Rev. Hodges in a revival meeting.