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Body of Private Britton Buried Sunday at Evergreen

The body of Private Sylvester Silas Britton was buried in Evergreen cemetery, near Percilla, Sunday afternoon, January 1, with full military honors.

The body was expected to arrive early in December, but was held up in New York.

The Local Post of the American Legion, assisted by members of the Post of Palestine, had charge of the funeral. Rev. Frank Kraft of Palestine was the officiating minister.

The funeral was attended by a large crowd from Grapeland and from the communities surrounding Percilla.

Private Britton received wounds in the battle of the Meuse Argonne offensive, which caused his death in a field hospital October 12, 1918.

A previous article in the Messenger gave a history of young Britton's life, date of enlistment in the army etc.

Jas. O. Ritchey Post 215, American Legion, wishes to take this means of thanking the good people of Grapeland for their many courtesies in assisting with the funeral.

To Tax Payers of Houston County

I shall be at Grapeland in the afternoon of Saturday, January 7, for the purpose of collecting 1921 taxes.

Mrs. C. W. Butler, Jr.,
It. Tax Collector.

E. L. Brimberry, who is teaching school at O'Brien, Texas, spent the holidays here with his parents.

Guaranty State Bank Elects Officers and Directors

The stockholders of the Guaranty State Bank held their annual meeting Tuesday and elected the following officers and directors:

C. W. Kennedy, Pres.; J. R. Pennington, Vice Pres.; U. M. Brock, Cashier; M. P. Herod, P. H. Stafford, W. T. Pridgen, J. C. Kennedy, directors.

A dividend of ten per cent was declared, payable to all stockholders, and \$250.00 was passed to the surplus fund. Despite the financial depression, Mr. Brock stated to us that the bank had a good year and all the stockholders were well pleased with the showing made.

Elsewhere in this issue there is an ad from the Guaranty State Bank, with the statement of condition at the close of business December 31.

Farm Loan Meeting

Crockett, Tex., Dec. 29, 1921.
To the Members of the Crockett Farm Loan Association of Crockett, Texas:

The members are hereby requested to be present at an annual meeting of the stockholders to be held January 10, 1922, at 10 o'clock at the Farm Loan office.

This meeting is for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year and transacting other important business.

P. D. Austin, Pres.,
It. John H. Ellis, Secy.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Goodson, who have been living at Jacksonville, have returned to Grapeland to make their home.

S. T. Anthony Passed Away Thursday, December 22, 1921.

Mr. S. T. Anthony died at his home in this city Thursday night, December 22, 1921, at 11 o'clock. Although his death was a great shock to his family and numerous friends, it was not unexpected, as he had been in ill health for several months. Death was due to a complication of diseases, superinduced by old age.

Mr. Anthony was born in Montgomery county, Alabama, January 7, 1851, hence lacked only a few days being 71 years of age at death.

He came to Texas in 1870, settling near Grapeland, later moving to town, and had resided here ever since. During his active life he was prominently identified with the business interests of the town, being engaged in the mercantile business for a number of years, and just prior to his breakdown in health about a year ago, was in the produce business.

He was married to Miss Viola Newsome in the same year he came to Texas. For nearly a half century they lived happily together, and to them were born nine children, all living and all were present at the funeral: Howard Anthony of Dallas; Mrs. Ora Barrett of Dallas; Mrs. Claude Sadler of Percilla; H. F. Anthony of Pecos; Mrs. Lee Lacy of Crockett; Mark Anthony Longview; Mrs. E. P. Lynch of Henderson and Mrs. Hood Pitts Austin. One sister Mrs. L. M. Adams of Kountze, and twenty-two grandchildren also survive him.

Mr. Anthony was a member of the Christian church, having become identified with the church forty-one years ago.

His remains were laid to rest Sunday—Christmas day—in the city cemetery, services being conducted by Rev. B. C. Anderson. His funeral was attended by one of the largest crowds ever seen at a funeral here and the floral offerings were many and beautiful.

To his surviving wife, children and many relatives, the Messenger joins others in extending heartfelt sympathy to them.

Issued Under Difficulties

This issue of the Messenger was gotten out under most trying circumstances, and we have been forced to leave out several items.

Monday our linotype machine broke down, necessitating ordering new parts from the factory, and through the kindness of Mr. T. J. Welch of the Times at Crockett, we used his machine in setting up our copy.

Nevertheless, we are not discouraged, believing that a bad beginning makes a good ending.

We wish you all a prosperous new year.

Mrs. M. L. Trayler returned to her home in Tyler Sunday, after spending several days here visiting her brother, W. W. Gilbert.

George E. Darsey and Co. Make Changes

George E. Darsey and Company made several important changes in the arrangement of their business on the first of the year. New shelving and counters have been put in the hardware department next to the partition and the grocery stock moved into it. The furniture stock is moved into the old grocery department next to the partition and a general line of dry goods will be carried in the old grocery department. This new arrangement makes it possible to serve their many customers more satisfactorily and at a less expense.

The dry goods store will be under the supervision of Messrs. S. N. Boykin and M. E. Darsey and will be run on a cash basis, and a first class line of dry goods, clothing and shoes will be carried at all times.

Mr. George E. Darsey first started in business in Grapeland 35 years ago and the business has steadily grown until it is one of the best mercantile establishments in East Texas, and it is hoped that the present change will put this firm in better position to serve the people of this community.

Mrs. Hermie Howard returned to her home in Lake Charles, La., Monday after a visit with her at Augusta. She was accompanied home by her brother, Albert Long.

W. H. Long & Co. File Petition In Bankruptcy.

W. H. Long & Co., doing a general merchandise business on the east side, Monday afternoon filed a petition in bankruptcy. The store is now closed and in the hands of the federal court. Poor collections is attributed as the main reason for failure.

Card of Thanks

We thank the many friends and relatives of the family for the kindness and sympathy shown in the loss of our dear husband and father.

Mrs. S. T. Anthony,
Children and
Grandchildren.

To drive out the worms that are eating away the strength and vitality of your child, use White's Cream Vermifuge. It expels the worms without injury to the child. Price 35c. Sold by Smith & Ryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leaverton and children and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Luker and son spent two days at Lufkin during Christmas week attending a reunion of the Luker family. All the sisters and brothers and the kids were present, twenty-four in all. The reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Parker.

of Houston visited Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gilbert during the holiday season.

History

1921 has passed into history now and we, as individuals, must look forward.

Our one resolution is to serve the Grapeland people better than ever before.

Our stocks will be as complete as it is possible for us to keep them, and in advance we assure you we will sell you what you need at as small a profit as good business will allow.

Yours for a prosperous 1922---
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**SAVE!
SAVE!
SAVE!**

Begin the New Year of 1922 by saving all you possibly can.

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ONLY PIGS

By Mary Graham Bonner

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"SQUEAL, squeal, squeal," said Pinky Pig.
"Grunt, grunt, grunt," said Porky Pig.
"It's the best thing I ever heard of," said Brother Bacon.
"It most certainly is," said Sammy Sausage.

"I've never heard of anything so nice," said Master Pinky Pig. And his mother added,

"It's fine, squeal, squeal, it's fine." "I agree," said Miss Ham. And she grunted five times, one grunt after the other to show that she agreed.

"What are you all talking about?" asked Red Top, the rooster.

"You don't know?" asked all the pigs.

"Oh yes, I know," said Red Top, crowing proudly.

"Then why did you ask?" inquired Brother Bacon.

"You haven't much sense," said Red Top. "Of course I don't know, or I wouldn't have asked."

"Well did I ever," grunted Miss Ham. "You said one moment ago that you did know and now you say you don't know. Which do you mean? Do you know what we were talking about or don't you?"

"Yes," said Sammy Sausage, "that is what we would like to know."

"Well," said Red Top, "I don't know, and if I had I wouldn't have asked you. When I said I knew I thought you all had sense enough to know that I was joking. It seems that none of you can take a joke."

"Take a joke," repeated Brother Bacon. "You say that none of us can take a joke. Well, why should we? A joke isn't anything to eat. What would we know?"

"Yes," said Porky Pig, "we'd all like to know what we would do with a joke."

"And all the pigs squealed. 'We'd like to know what we could do if we took a joke. It's nothing to eat so why should we take it?'"

Red Top the rooster clucked and crowed and grinned.

"This is the best joke," "What do we care about it being the best joke?" asked Brother Bacon. "We've already told you we didn't care about a joke because it was nothing to eat. We don't care whether it is a best one or not. Now if you were talking about a best dish of food—that would be different."

"Yes, that would be quite different," squealed the other pigs.

"I was wrong," said Red Top grinning. "Of course you have no wish to take a joke because it is nothing to eat. I meant, of course, that it was a joke when I pretended I knew what you were talking about just after I had asked you that question. I wouldn't have asked you if I had known, as I have said before. And I wouldn't have bothered to have had a little joke with you if I had thought that you didn't care about joking. In fact you care about nothing but eating."

All the pigs grinned and twisted their little tails.

"We show we're regular pigs," said Brother Bacon.

"We'll forget about jokes and joking then," said Red Top. "Tell me what you were talking about. I would like to hear. I don't know really. That's the truth. And that's not a joke."

"We were talking about it being such a good thing," explained Miss Ham.

"What is such a good thing?" asked Red Top.

"This idea of New Years resolutions," said Miss Ham. "You see we heard that every year around

this time folks and creatures began making good resolutions. And we've made ours. We think they're fine and we hope to live up to them."

"That's good," said Red Top. "But what are your resolutions?" he asked

after a moment.

"To get all we can to eat, each of us," said Miss Ham, "and never to think or worry about anyone but ourselves."

"Well, I never," said Red Top. "You don't know much about the real meaning of good resolutions, but what should I expect? After all you are only pigs."

"Pigs with good resolutions," repeated Miss Ham.

Old Ollcloth.

Do not throw away old o'clock. Use it for pads for the baby.



THE American is apt to regard his New Year as The New Year. Had he a penchant for celebrating holidays he could travel in a more or less leisurely way around the world, and in the course of the year could participate in six or seven

New Year festivities, adding a couple of Christmas celebrations for good measure," according to a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"Our American might start his progressive holiday jaunt by going to some western European country for the approaching New Year which the United States too will celebrate. He could then travel to Greece, Yugoslavia, Rumania, or Bulgaria in time for Christmas in those countries. Christmas is also December 25 in the countries named, according to their calendars, but corresponds to January 7 in America.

"By remaining a week in the same country he could also spend New Year Day, called January 1, but corresponding with the American and western European January 14. By pushing on and making good connections he might be able to reach Singapore, or by supplementing steamers with airplanes could reach China in

thoroughgoing New Year celebration in the world, the Chinese New Year.

"After the Chinese New Year celebration, the traveler could pursue his holiday hunting less strenuously for a while. He could arrange to arrive in Siam in time for the Siamese New Year on April 1, and afterward could have five months of sightseeing before reaching Arabia for the Mohammedan New Year on September 4. He could then cross the Red Sea and make a quick journey into Abyssinia to take part in the New Year festivities of that country on September 10. Returning to the Red Sea and taking a steamer north he could easily reach Jerusalem in good time for the Hebrew New Year, October 3.

"The holiday hunter would now have taken part in all the principal New Year celebrations of the world and could return to the Western hemisphere to spend the Christmas with which he is most familiar at his own hearth side. In six days less than a year he would have chalked up seven New Year and two Christmas celebrations to his credit.

"The world's multiplicity of New Year Days and Christmases is due to the fact that our calendar is largely an arbitrary device. The earth revolves around the sun in 365.2422 days, which makes the true year a very odd measure of time. And it is almost as difficult to choose a logical beginning for the year as it is to find the starting point of a circle. Different peoples have selected different starting points and have also assumed the year to be of slightly different lengths. This has not only resulted in the years beginning at different times but has also caused the times of beginning to vary in their relations to one another from year to year. It is as though a clock had half a dozen or more hands all moving around the dial from different starting points.

"The most logical starting points for the year would seem to be summer and winter solstices and the spring and autumn equinoxes; and all of them have been made to mark the beginnings of the years in some parts of the world. The Gregorian calendar that is now in use in the United States and throughout most of the Christian world, is the Julian calendar

slightly modified. When Julius Caesar caused it to be constructed, the beginning of the year, January 1, was placed seven days after the winter solstice, and not in conjunction with it as logic would seem to dictate. The Julian year was made, by means of the 'leap year' device, 365.25 days long, which was an excess over the true year of 11 minutes and 14 seconds. This excess caused the nominal January 1 to creep gradually farther and farther beyond the winter solstice so that by the time of the Church Council of Nice in 325 it was eleven days beyond the solstice instead of seven.

"By the time of Pope Gregory's correction in 1582, January 1 was 21 days beyond the solstice and Christmas 14 beyond. If the calendar had remained uncorrected, New Year Day would have gone on creeping forward, first into spring, then into summer."

The Passing Years

YEARS whose cup of life o'er brimmed
With joys that could not be contained;
O years whose light of joy was drained;

Though on our lives are graven deep
The records of your fleeting stay,
When we with you did laugh or weep,
You took no thought of us away.

O years to come, in silent file,
Out of the future nearing fast,
You soon will pass us by and, while
We greet you, mingle with the past.

Though on your front the sunbeams play;
With garlands gay your brows be twined;

We know, when you have passed our way,
What deep regrets you'll leave behind.

And yet we welcome in its turn
Each new-year whate'er gifts it
For ever in our hearts doth burn

A spark of hope for better things;
Ever unquenched to live and glow;
Till fade the stars from out the sky;

In that great day when we shall know
That all our years have passed us by.

—Walter Lewis Patteson in the Illinois State Register.

Peace on Earth

TO LOOK back upon the past year, and see how little we have striven, and to what small purpose, and how often we have been cowardly and hung back, or temerarious and rushed unwisely in; and how every day and all day long we have transgressed the law of kindness; it may seem a paradox, but in the bitterness of these discoveries a certain consolation resides.

Life is not designed to minister to a man's vanity. He goes upon his long business most of the time with a hanging head, and all the time like a child. Full of rewards and pleasure as it is—so that to see the day-break or the moon rise, or to meet a friend, or to hear dinner call when he is hungry, fill him with surprising joys—this world is yet for him no abiding city. Friendships fall through, health fails, weariness assails him; year after year he must thumb the hardly varying record of his own weakness and folly.

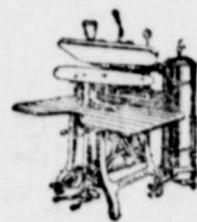
It is a friendly process of detachment. When the time comes that he should go, there need be few illusions left about himself. Here lies one who meant well, tried a little, failed much; surely that may be his epitaph; of which he need not be ashamed. Nor will he complain at the summons, which calls a defeated soldier from the field; defeated, ay, if he were Paul or Marcus Aurelius—but if there is still one inch of light in his old spirit, undimmed. Give him a march with his old bones; there, out of the glorious sun-colored earth, out of the day and the dust, and the ecstasy—there goes another Faithful Failure.

Old faded clothes can be made to look like new by dyeing. We represent the best dye works in the state. M. L. Clewis.

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M. L. Clewis

Quaint New Year Customs

IN SCOTLAND New Year's day has even more importance than Christmas. Highland laddies form processions and go from house to house singing and receiving food and gifts. From Scotland also comes the curious superstition that it is unlucky to take anything out of the house on New Year's day before one has brought something in; hence members of the family may be seen carrying a piece of coal or any small object into the house, to prevent misfortune during the new year.

A quaint New Year custom in Herefordshire, England, is to weave black-thorn into a crown, since it slightly over a fire and stand around it repeating the words, "Old Cider." The crown is then hung up for luck during the year.

The wassail bowl or loving cup, filled with spiced ale, was in use in New Year celebrations in Old World countries, and children would go about the streets caroling.

In England December 25 was the New Year's day until the time of William the Conqueror. His coronation occurred January 1, hence the year was ordered to begin on that day. England, however, gradually fell into unison with the rest of Christendom, and began the year the 25th of March. The Gregorian calendar restored January 1 as the gateway of the year but it was not until 1752 that England adopted this date.

The custom of exchanging New Year presents still holds in France and the Latin countries.

Autos Collide

Two Ford cars, one driven by C. W. Butler Sr. of Percilla, and the other by a Mr. Ford of Latexo, had a head-on collision Sunday afternoon on the Crockett road just beyond Elkhart creek. Both cars were knocked into the ditch running parallel with the road and considerably battered up, but none of the occupants were hurt, except a few minor bruises.

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Two Burglaries

Thieves entered Lively's meat market one night last week and helped themselves to some meat, cheese, etc. Earlier in the week, some one entered Murdock's restaurant and satisfied their appetite with pies and cakes.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank

Wishes its many friends and
patrons
A NEW YEAR OF PEACE
HAPPINESS AND
PROSPERITY

W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier

How's Your Ford?

Going right along, of course--no need to ask about its "getting there" qualities.

But has Henry been acting just exactly right? If not, don't delay bringing it to our shop at once. We know how to fix Fords.

Norman's Garage

J. C. Norman, Proprietor

LIVELYVILLE NEWS

Livelyville, Jan. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. Guy Lively, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Caskey, Mrs. R. E. Denman and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Denman spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Denman.

Mr. and Mrs. John Masters and children motored to Palestine Christmas eve and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lively.

Mrs. W. J. Wilkins left for her former home in Alabama December 26 to spend several weeks visiting her daughter and mother. She was accompanied by her son, Mack.

Mr. and Mrs. Malone Wright spent new year's day with kin-folk at Percilla.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Denman Monday, December 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Keen spent the holidays at Richards, Texas, visiting Mrs. Keen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Brown and Misses Rusie and Annie Lou spent Christmas day with Bro-

Hodges at Kennard.

Ruth Cunningham of Wichita Falls came in to spend Christmas with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Guice and Mrs. Elwin Smith spent Sunday afternoon at the home of G. W. Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Bishop spent Xmas week with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bishop.

Coleman Masters spent Christmas day with Raymond Garner.

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Scarborough left last Thursday for Oakville, where they are teaching, after spending the holidays with relatives and friends at Augusta, Crockett and Lovelady.

Rev. and Mrs. E. Payne and son of Duncanville visited relatives and friends here Christmas week.

NEW PROSPECT NEWS

New Prospect, Jan. 2.—Since our last attempt to give a write up of the happenings of our community another year with its fortunes and misfortunes has passed into history. We have all had our air castles shattered by the old year, which indeed, has been a hard one for the farmers, but we face the future bravely, building air castles perhaps, but we realize that if we are to win the battle we must never lose our faith in the future.

The Xmas holidays were passed very quietly. There were several visitors from other places and also some from here visited out of the neighborhood.

December 22nd the death angel swept over the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baker and claimed their youngest son, Odell, just six years old, the petted idol of the home, gave promise of a bright future at noon, but was snatched away in a few hours, a victim of congestion. Weep not, fond parents, sisters, and brothers. While Odell can never more gladden your hearts with his sweet presence, he awaits you on the other shore with other loved ones gone before, there where parting is no more.

A gloom was cast over the community again, on Dec. 29 when the announcement of the death of Aunt Ann Parker reached us over the telephone. Aunt Ann's death had been expected for several months, yet her many relatives and friends were made sad by the news. She had lived in and near this community more than half a century. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dora Ritchey, at Grapeland. Aunt Ann was the wife of Rev.

F. H. Parker, deceased. She leaves eight living children, a host of grandchildren, three great grandchildren and numerous relatives and friends to mourn for her. To the bereaved family we extend our heartfelt sympathy and bow in humble submission to the will of Him who for many years made the pathway through life shine brightly for Aunt Ann and at last awarded the crown of righteousness laid up in glory for her.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Parker are the proud parents of a fine boy.

New Mercantile Firm

W. E. Kerr and Dan Hill have purchased an interest in the mercantile business of Henry Dailey. Mr. Kerr comes back to Grapeland after living at Goose Creek and Nacogdoches, and his many friends are glad to have him with us once more. We wish the new firm all kinds of success.

Take a dose of Herbine when you are bilious or constipated, or your stomach is out of order. It is a marvel of promptness in correcting these conditions. Price, 60c. Sold by Smith & Ryan.

At the Methodist Church

Don't forget the services at the Methodist church next Sunday. Sunday school at 10 o'clock and preaching at 11. If you did not start the new year right by attending services last Sunday, let's make amends by being present next Sunday. I will preach at Hays Spring at 3 p. m.

B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

ROCK HILL NEWS

Rock Hill, Dec. 26.—There is quite a lot of sickness in the community of lagrippe. J. F. Kiser has been dangerously ill for the past week; also Rev. W. R. Durnell. We wish for them both a speedy recovery.

Mrs. J. W. Taylor, who has been slowly recovering from a dangerous illness, is now visiting among her relatives.

Mrs. Walter Teel and Miss Alice Taylor are at Kennard visiting their uncle, W. F. Melton.

Our school suspended this week for the holidays and the teachers are visiting their homes.

R. E. Streetman of Palestine spent a few days with home folks.

Rev. J. L. Willis and sister, Miss Ola, and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Denson, visited their parents here a few days during the holidays.

Miss Ola Kiser and Willie Price were happily married Saturday evening at 3 o'clock at the home of the bride. They both have a host of friends who wish them a long life of happiness and joy. Rev. Funderburk of Elkhart officiated.

Mrs. Lella Little of Antrim visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Streetman this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Campbell moved last week to Mr. Brooks' place.

Purly Willis, who is attending school at Grapeland, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Lucy Willis.

Ruth Cunningham of Wichita Falls spent the holidays in this community visiting relatives and friends.

TO MOST PEOPLE A BANK IS JUST SIMPLY A BANK

Our Bank is your bank if you want it to be. We try to eliminate the cool indifferent atmosphere that prevails in some banks, and want every one to feel at home in our institution.

We want boosters, not knockers. By boosting for the bank you do business with, you create for yourself as well as for the bank an impression that reaches out to your neighbor, and at the same time lets him know that you have some system in doing business.

If you are proud of your banking connections, then tell it to your neighbor—let him know who you are—what you are—what service you are receiving from your bank, at the same time rendering service for the bank.

By making known these things you distinguish yourself and cash in on a good bank.

See Statement below which speaks for itself.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF

GUARANTY STATE BANK

Grapeland, Texas

At the Close of Business, December 31, 1921

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and discounts \$ 81,232.07	Capital stock\$ 20,000.00
County Warrants ... 3,450.79	Surplus 12,000.00
Liberty and Victory Bonds 29,066.95	Undivided profits\$2,839.04
Banking house, furniture and fixtures 5,815.60	Less tax paid 487.27 2,351.77
Interest and assessment in guaranty fund 3,618.58	Deposits 104,087.45
Cash on hand and in banks 31,340.23	Bonds deposited 16,150.00
Collections 65.00	
Total\$154,589.22	Total\$154,589.22

The above statement is correct

U. M. BROCK, Cashier

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A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

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THURSDAY, JAN. 5, 1922.

COMPARISON

Not only are the people alive today overwhelmingly in favor of peace instead of war, but just think of the countless millions who have been slaughtered in the past wars of the world. How would they vote if they could be brought back? Hundreds of millions have had war's experience and paid for it with their lives, and if here they would all make an overwhelming plea for peace. In comparison to that vast host who lust for war's so-called glory are but small minority. We who are yet alive should heed the wishes of the millions or our fellowmen whom war cast into untimely graves.—Grapeland Messenger.

War is a despicable enterprise. The people who compose nations are becoming too intelligent and well informed to believe war is a worthy occupation except as a defense against aggressive and unreasonable enemies. Kings used to take their countries into war at will. It was during those days that the monarch got the habit of referring to "my army" and "my navy," and having ships of war called "His Majesty's." In those days, which are not entirely vanished, an enthroned swell head could make war at his own pleasure, or whenever he thought he could conquer a weaker nation and add it to his own dominion. That political condition being passed, that psychology is rapidly passing. All sensible folk now know that war is a cruel and repulsive activity, one that rouses the worst in men by reason of its close association of their minds with death and violence and brutish instincts. War is so hateful that only the direct threat against a nation's sovereignty or an invasion of its accepted rights can justify it in the future.—State Press, Gal. Dal. News.

This new year let's be optimistic, good natured, happy, bright and cheerful. Let us soak in lots of sunshine—it never hurt anybody yet; go about radiating it. Let us make up our minds that we are not only going to help ourselves but to help all the rest of mankind just as much as we possibly can. If we will do this, 1922 will be a good year for us.

PICTORAL CURRENCY

The Treasury announces a new series of saving certificates bearing the picture of the late Theodore Roosevelt. It is all right for statesmen to get their faces on our securities; what we'd like to do is to get our hands on them.—Grapeland Messenger.

We care not what statesman's phyz ornaments our money as long as we have the spending of it. But why do we put the pictures of our great men on our currency? If money is the root of all evil, it looks like we do our dead heroes a poor service when we depict them on such intimate terms with filthy lucre. We should reform this practice or reform our estimate of cash. The latter might be easier. As a matter of fact, we know to begin with that money is not the root of all evil. What we have been told authoritatively is that the love of money is the root of evil. When a man so loves his money that he hates those who would like to separate him from a little of it, respectable people, like his wife and children, for example, or his friends and neighbors, or the storekeepers, or the heathen in far-away lands, or the starving victims of treason and stupidity, as in Russia—when a man so loves his money that it hardens his arteries and saps the sympathies from his heart, he has made it an evil out of which a hundred other evils may evolve. Still it must be admitted, a man who has no regard for money, who considers it trash, who claims to be superior to it, is a good deal of fraud. Such a man has to be supported by some other person, some person who has no such contempt for money as the supportee professes. To love money well enough to work for it honestly and spend it properly, saving a few simoleons for the inevitable rainy day, is not the sign of an evil man, but of a man of good sense and a sweet disposition.—State Press.

Our idea of an optimist is a democrat who takes the examination for a postmaster-ship when a republican takes the same examination.

You may kneel down and say unto the Lord "give us this day our daily bread" until you are black in the face, but He is not going to do any such thing unless you do some work for it, instead of idling away your time and griping hard times.

If the armament conference can end for ten years the crazy rush of the big powers in building battleships and maintaining huge armies that are breaking the backs of the tax payers of the world has done a mighty work and deserves the praise of every sane man and woman.

Miss Melba Brock returned Tuesday to Lewisburg, West Va., to re-enter school, after spending the holidays here with her father.

Miss Lucindy Darsey left Wednesday for Gainesville, Ga., to resume her school duties in Brenau College. She was accompanied to Crockett by her mother and Mrs. M. E. Darsey where she boarded the Sun Shine Special.

THE DARSEY COMPANY

GRAPELAND'S CASH DRY GOODS STORE

In putting our Dry Goods business on a cash basis, it is with the best interests of our friends and customers in view. By eliminating the extra expense connected with selling goods on the credit, we can sell our merchandise on a closer margin of profits. By selling for cash, we can pay money for the goods we have to buy, and take discounts instead of paying interest—another saving for our customers. There are many other agreeable features you will find connected with a cash business which we hope you will profit by. In making your plans of where to trade during 1922, we trust that you will favorably consider the many advantages afforded you by a "pay-as-you-go" system and profit by the many savings that are offered at this store.

We are truly grateful for your patronage in the past and trust that you will continue to give us that same hearty co-operation. We extend to you our heartiest good wishes for a Happy New Year and it is our aim to help you make it a Prosperous one.

We show the new things first

New merchandise is now enroute to replenish our depleted stocks and within the next few days, the many new things will be calling to you from every case and shelf. In the meantime, we want you to visit our store, get acquainted with the new arrangement of things and offer us whatever suggestions you may have that will enable us to render a greater service.

"LET US SERVE YOU"

Watch this Space

Each week, through the columns of this paper, we will bring to you many interesting merchandise new items that will mean money for you. This week, we offer many necessary items in winter wearing apparel at a substantial saving, including

WOMEN'S READY-TO-WEAR GIRLS' COATS
MEN'S OVERCOATS, MEN'S SUITS
BOYS' SUITS

THE DARSEY COMPANY
GRAPELAND'S CASH DRY GOODS HOUSE

George E. Darsey & Co.
THE SERVICE FIRST STORE

To Our Friends and Customers:

Believing that we can better serve your interests in every way, we have separated the Dry Goods Department from our regular General Merchandise business and it will be conducted on a cash basis under the supervision of Messrs. S. N. Boykin and M. E. Darsey. This will enable that department to be run on its own merits without sharing the extra overhead expense of the credit department, making it possible for them to pass this saving to you in lower prices. Under this change, we will be better able to assist a greater number of customers than under the old system.

In our General Merchandise Store, we will carry at all times, a complete line of groceries, hardware, furniture, staple dry goods, shoes, etc. and will pay the highest market prices for chickens, eggs and other produce.

When you are in Grapeland we want you to come around and let us show you through our re-modeled store and point out to you the many advantages that are to be derived therefrom:

We sincerely thank you for your hearty cooperation and friendship during the past year and trust that the same will be ours during the years to come. Our aim is to serve you better in 1922.

With every good wish for a Happy and Prosperous New Year we are,
Respectfully,

GEORGE E. DARSEY & COMPANY

LOCAL ITEMS

6 6 6 cures Malarial Fever.

T. W. Marshall spent the holidays here with his family.

6 6 6 quickly relieves a cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Long of Guntersville spent the latter part of last week here visiting relatives.

Bring on your butter fat and get the best market price.
J. G. Dickson.

Rub-My-Tism for Rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cutler recently moved back to their home at Augusta from West Columbia.

Miss Bess Boykin left Monday for Huntsville to enter school at Sam Houston Normal Institute.

Miss Sarah Mack Crook of Crockett was the guest of relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ory Heath returned to their home at Aldine last Thursday, after a pleasant visit with relatives.

Arnold Clewis of Houston has been here some time visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Clewis.

Mrs. J. O. Edington and daughters, Misses Lorene and Grace, visited relatives at Tyler during the holidays.

Miss Thelma Lee Clewis of Lake Charles, La., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Clewis.

Ben. R. Gustine and his sister, Miss Lucile, of Alcedo, spent last week here visiting their sister, Mrs. F. M. Boone.

Earle Howard of Port Arthur spent a couple of days here during Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Keeland and son visited relatives at Huntsville and New Waverly last week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Whitaker spent several days last week at Willis visiting their daughter, Mrs. Ely Willis.

Will Musick spent the holidays here with his wife and children. Mr. Musick is at present located at Marble Falls, having a position with Smith Bros., road builders.

A. A. Murray of Alpine visited his brother, J. M. Murray a few days last week. G. L. Murray and two sons of Lovelady were also here.

Mrs. W. P. Traylor and children of Cleveland and Mrs. Schnorr of Palestine visited their mother, Mrs. George Scarborough, during the holidays.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.
Sold by Druggists, etc.
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

To break a cold take 6 6 6.

Mrs. G. H. Black and son of Palestine visited here a few days last week.

6 6 6 cures Chills and Fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moore and children of Crockett visited relatives here Sunday afternoon.

To prevent a cold take 6 6 6.

Miss Ora Gainey of Whitney was here during the holidays visiting relatives and friends.

Jeff Raines of Teague visited his numerous friends here a few days last week.

Rev. B. C. Anderson and family visited relatives at Timpson last week.

Harvey Collins underwent an operation Tuesday morning for appendicitis in a Palestine sanitarium.

Lee Finch and family and Arthur Brooks and family of Alto visited relatives and friends in this community last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. LeMay, formerly of this city, now of Cooleedge, visited here and at Crockett during the holidays.

Miss Eula Mae Riall of Oklahoma City spent the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. A. O. Riall.

Miss Clara Anderson, who teaches at Joaquin, visited her parents here a few days during Christmas.

Miss Velma Waller of Houston was the guest of Mrs. J. J. Knoble and Mrs. Cora Mae Wooley last week.

Mrs. F. B. Rhea and Miss Mary Bell Hill of Forney spent the holidays here with their mother, Mrs. E. C. Hill.

Miss Annie Mae Hill of Carthage was a guest of Miss Bess Howard during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Louella Holcomb returned to school at Huntsville Monday, after spending the holidays at Augusta with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Holcomb.

J. A. Bynum and wife, who teach at Volga, spent the holidays at Latexo with Mrs. Bynum's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bowman.

Murdock Murchison of Port Arthur spent a few days here during Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Murchison.

W. N. Warlick of Holly spent a few days here last week meeting his numerous friends. Mr. Warlick formerly lived in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Murray of Trinity and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mangum and children of Ratcliff were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Murray Christmas day.

Mr. Rodgers and family of Alabama arrived here Christmas week and will make their home on the Eaves farm west of town. Mr. Rodgers is a son-in-law of W. M. Brown of the Hays Spring community.

Rub-My-Tism, a pain killer.

Albert Gainey has gone to Huntsville to attend school.

6 6 6 cures Bilious Fever.

Olan Hyndman of Houston spent the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Traylor.

Miss Linnie D. Haltom was home from Trinity for the holiday vacation.

Miss Beatrice Parker of Troup was the guest of friends here a few days last week.

Rev. J. L. Willis of Big Sandy visited his mother in the Rock Hill community last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Murchison spent the holidays at Camilla with relatives.

WANTED—2 farm hands for wages. Can furnish two houses.
C. A. Campbell,
Salmon, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Allen and son of Palestine were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen a few days last week.

For Sale or Rent

The Webb Finch farm is for sale or rent. For particulars see Webb Finch

Kirk Denson returned to Houston Wednesday, after spending a few days here on business.

Herman Murchison has returned home from Marlin, where he spent several weeks taking treatment for rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Anderson have returned to their home in Paris, after spending the holidays here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Darsey.

Notice Woodmen

We will have a meeting Saturday night, January 7. At this meeting we will elect officers for this year.

J. S. Eaves, C. C.

Yearling Strayed

Male yearling about 11-12 years old, light red with few white spots, horns about 3 inches long, long bodied, no marks or brands. Notify R. Cunningham.

For Sale

Pure bred McDonald's strain light barred Rock cockrels, June hatch, now ready for service. \$2.00 each or 2 for \$3.50. Eggs for hatching \$1.50 for 15.

Mrs. John Daniels,
1t. Percilla, Texas.

Money Talks

From this date on meal and hulls will be cash on delivery. I have to pay cash for what I buy and will have to have the money to pay for them.

J. W. Howard.

Hogs Wanted

I will ship a carload of hogs Saturday, January 14. Will buy all hogs offered, 150 pounds up, at best market prices, but do not want them delivered to me before Friday and Saturday, January 13 and 14.

J. W. Howard.

THANKS

For the business of the past year 1921 we thank you.

For the current year we wish you joy, happiness and general prosperity, and a bigger portion of your business.

We thank you.

Smith & Ryan

DRUGGISTS

Everything a Good Drug Store Should Have

GRAPELAND HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Elizabeth Leaverton, Editor

School opened Monday morning with everybody ready to go to work. This is monthly examination week and everybody is working hard. We take mid-term examinations next week and from all we hear the ones that are exempted are few and far between.

All the teachers spent the holidays in their respective homes. Miss Kenley in Groveton, Miss Tenney in Lufkin, Miss Thomas in Crockett, Miss Fetters in Palestine, Mrs. Murchison in Camilla, Mrs. Keeland in Huntsville and Mrs. Eaves and Mr. Boone in GrapeLand.

Miss Jameson, the state inspector visited our school the week before Christmas for a day. She seemed to be well pleased with the order of the pupils but she made several suggestions some of which are: To have more room and to have more teachers. She urged that the Seniors take some of the college entrance examinations in April. She criticized very severely the crowded conditions of the building and said that every teacher had more pupils than she could successfully handle.

The Mother's Club will meet Friday afternoon Jan. 6, every mother is urged to be present. New members welcomed.

George Murchison, "Yes ma'am"

George V had a black mustache on the upper lip and chin." (And the state inspector was there!) "Mr. Boone," said Leon Clewis, "is school going to turn out to-morrow?"

"Why yes," said Mr. Boone, "I've never heard of us keeping you here all night."

To Whom Interested

All parties who have claims against the late S. T. Anthony will please mail same to me at Pecos, Texas, for settlement. Those owing the estate will please take the matter up with me for settlement.

H. F. Anthony,
3t. Pecos, Texas.

LOST

A small 18-inch red hand bag some where between Palestine and 5 miles south of Crockett. It contained 1 pair ladies one-strap brown pumps and hose and various other apparel for lady and boys. Will give reward to finder. Please bring to the Messenger office.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Porter and baby returned to their home in Angleton Wednesday, after spending the holidays here with relatives and friends.

Albert Long of New York state spent Christmas week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Long, at Augusta. This was his first visit to the old home in twenty years.

Hughes & Sons Auto Shop

We will appreciate a part of your business and hope we will have some of your future business

A Trial will Convince you

Goodyear Tires and Tubes for Sale

Home For the Holidays

The holidays were more joyous by having at home all the boys and girls who are attending school at other places. Those coming home were Ross Brock and Otto Walling, State Medical College, Galveston; Jot Davis Hollingworth and Miss Louise Selkirk, Southwestern University, Georgetown; John Kennedy and Miss Adabel Leaverton, University, Austin; Lewis Nance Murchison, A. & M. College, Bryan; Miss Melba Brock, Lewisburg Seminary, Lewisburg, W. Va.; Miss Eva Gene Murchison, S. H. N. I., Huntsville; John Anderson, High School of Livingston; Miss Lucindy Darsey, Brenau College, Gainesville, Ga.

Bad digestion robs the body of the nourishment it needs to maintain health and strength. To restore tone in the digestive organ there is no better remedy than Prickly Ash Bitters. It is the remedy that men use for purifying the stomach, liver and bowels. Price \$1.25 per bottle.—Smith & Ryan Special Agents.

G. B. Cutler of Alto, spent several days last week, with his son at Augusta and was in Grapeland Saturday shaking hands with his numerous old friends. Mr. Cutler formerly resided in this community, but has been living in Cherokee county for several years. He paid the Messenger office an appreciated visit and we were delighted to meet him again.

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

Notice Potato Growers

Those interested in growing sweet potatoes will meet at Judge Davis' office at 1 o'clock Saturday, January 7th. This is the final meeting.

M. L. Williams, Secy.

A bad wound, burn or cut should be cleansed of dirt or impurities and dressed with Liquid Borozone. It heals the flesh with marvelous speed. Price, 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Sold by Smith & Ryan.

Preaching at Hays Spring

Don't forget that Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m. is Bro. Anderson's regular appointment at Hays Spring. Come and hear him. It will do you good.

M. L. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Eaves, who lived in West Texas last year, will make their home in Grapeland this year. Mr. Eaves came in a few days before Christmas, but Mrs. Eaves is in the Baptist sanitarium at Houston taking special treatment. Her many friends hope her health will soon be restored.

Constipation is the starting point for many diseases that end fatally. Healthy regularity can be established through the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is a fine bowel tonic, is mildly stimulating and strengthens the stomach, liver and kidneys. Price \$1.25 per bottle.—Smith & Ryan Special Agents.

Retires From Business

J. M. Murray has retired from the mercantile business in Grapeland, having moved his stock to his farm on Trinity river and will run a commissary.

Mr. Murray will devote his entire time and attention to his farming interests. He and his nephew, A. E. Murray, own one of the finest farms in the state, located on Trinity river, and they will have in cultivation this year about 1,000 acres.

The Aurora Well

There is nothing definite to report from the Aurora well this week. An effort was made to pull the twenty-seven hundred feet of drill stem out of the well Sunday and Monday but was unsuccessful. Officials of the company at Aurora, Ill., were notified and wired back that they would reach Corckett this afternoon on the Sunshine Special. Both Mr. Robinson and Mr. O'Hara think that it is impossible to save the well which is caving in. The special tools secured at Houston to be used in fishing out the drill stem were broken. Mr. O'Hara says that another well will be drilled by his company. The well was about thirty-four hundred feet deep when the accident happened, and in a fine showing of oil and gas. The loss of this well, which now seems certain, is regretted by all. It is our understanding that more than thirty thousand dollars was spent in drilling the well.—Houston County Times.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends for their kindness shown us in the sickness and death of our dear mother. Also for the beautiful floral offerings. Her children,

Tom Parker,
Charlie Parker,
Archie Parker,
Nettie Musick,
Coila White,
Jemima Beauchamp,
Dolores Brown,
Dora Ritchey.

Miss Elizabeth Leaverton was the guest of relatives at Corckett during Christmas week.

D. N. LEAVERTON

takes pleasure in announcing that we have been selected as one of the distributors, in this State, of VIM-O-GEN Genuine Yeast Vitamine Tablets.

It is not our custom to recommend articles unless they are worthy and reliable. It is not our habit to guarantee a product unless we can do so with unqualified sincerity, or to say "your money back if you want it" unless we mean it.

We urge our friends and patrons to try VIM-O-GEN; we offer VIM-O-GEN Yeast Tablets on a money-back guarantee, for the following reasons:

It is a scientifically cultured, highly concentrated yeast product. It contains ALL THREE of the vitamins which science declares are necessary to life and health, and which build bodily vigor, strong muscles and steady nerves, firm well-rounded flesh, energy and vitality. It also contains iron and other tonic, blood-enriching properties.

The remarkable success which VIM-O-GEN has met is due chiefly to the presence of the three vitamins. Baker's yeast, widely used for similar purposes, contains but one; some food products contain two when fresh and uncooked.

The guarantee is this: Come in and get a bottle of VIM-O-GEN tablets and take as directed. If you are not delighted with the result; if VIM-O-GEN

doesn't do everything this advertisement leads you to believe, we'll return your money without argument or question.

INSIST ON VIM-O-GEN YEAST

Look for the White and Blue package and beware of inferior substitutes and imitations.

Youth is always beautiful. You look young if you feel young. You feel young if you are strong and healthy. — That is the secret! Keep healthy and you can defy the years.



Your Mirror tells the story

VIM-O-GEN

Genuine Yeast Vitamine Tablet

WANETA NEWS

Waneta, Jan. 2.—Farmers are beginning to plow and fix for another crop.

Cuin Barnes entertained the young people with a party last Tuesday night.

Will Wilson and wife spent the past week at Lufkin with the latter's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hendrick have a real sick baby at this writing.

Mrs. Scoggins visited relatives in Cherokee county last week.

Al Sheffield and children left for Trinity last Thursday where they will reside for a while.

Grandmother Jackson has been on the sick list for the past week.

School opened up again this morning after a week's vacation.

Mrs. Eula Harrington and baby spent the latter part of the week with relatives at Percilla.

Euell Sheffield spent Sunday with Ollie Harrington.

Dr. A. M. Fisher of Lovelady has succeeded Dr. J. J. Pelt as dentist, having taken charge of the office last Monday. Dr. Pelt will return to Houston. Mrs. Fisher is expected to arrive here today from California, where she has been visiting relatives.

TRINITY RIVER RIPPLES

Reynard, Jan. 2.—The following out of community visitors were here during the holidays: Misses Grace and Maggie Kent and brother, Alpheus Kent, and Mr. Emmett of Houston; Mrs. McCall and daughter, Miss Vera.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. West spent part of the holidays at Corckett.

Mrs. Tom Kent entertained a number of her relatives Christmas day.

Mrs. G. B. Kent and daughters sent the holidays in our midst and did their part to make it a merry Christmas.

Miss Gertrude Fulgham spent the week end in Grapeland.

W. W. Pridgen spent yesterday with J. L. Chiles.

J. L. Chiles was nearly out of commission the first of the holidays, having a light attack of pleurisy, but is about normal again.

Most all put on their work gear this morning and are on the job for the new year. And, by the way, we look for great activity along farming lines.

J. C. Moore of Corckett spent a couple of days with his sister, Mrs. J. L. Chiles.

Tom Kent and family spent the week end in Corckett.

UNION CHAPEL NEWS

Union Chapel, Jan. 2.—Another year has passed and a new year is facing us. We wish for all a well contented and prosperous year.

Christmas was very quiet, nothing unusual happening, just visiting around among friends.

Mrs. Mary Cutler and daughter spent a few days last week with Mrs. Jim Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weisinger and family spent the week end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ingram.

Mrs. Lillie Goolsby and children spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Omega Marshall.

Misses Eula and Ruby Davidson entertained a number of friends the night of the 25th with a musicale. All enjoyed the occasion very much.

Rev. Deckart Anderson preached here yesterday. We hope he will come again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Keen and children visited R. E. Martin and family last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith and baby have moved to Louisiana. We wish them well in their new home. Wilburn Smith is going to be the housekeeper at the Smith home. We suspect some young lady will be offered the job when he tries it a short while.

Miss Jewel Kelley is at home after spending several months in Palestine.

Mrs. Alice Pelham has gone to Corckett to stay awhile.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Martin and daughters visited relatives at New Prospect last Wednesday.

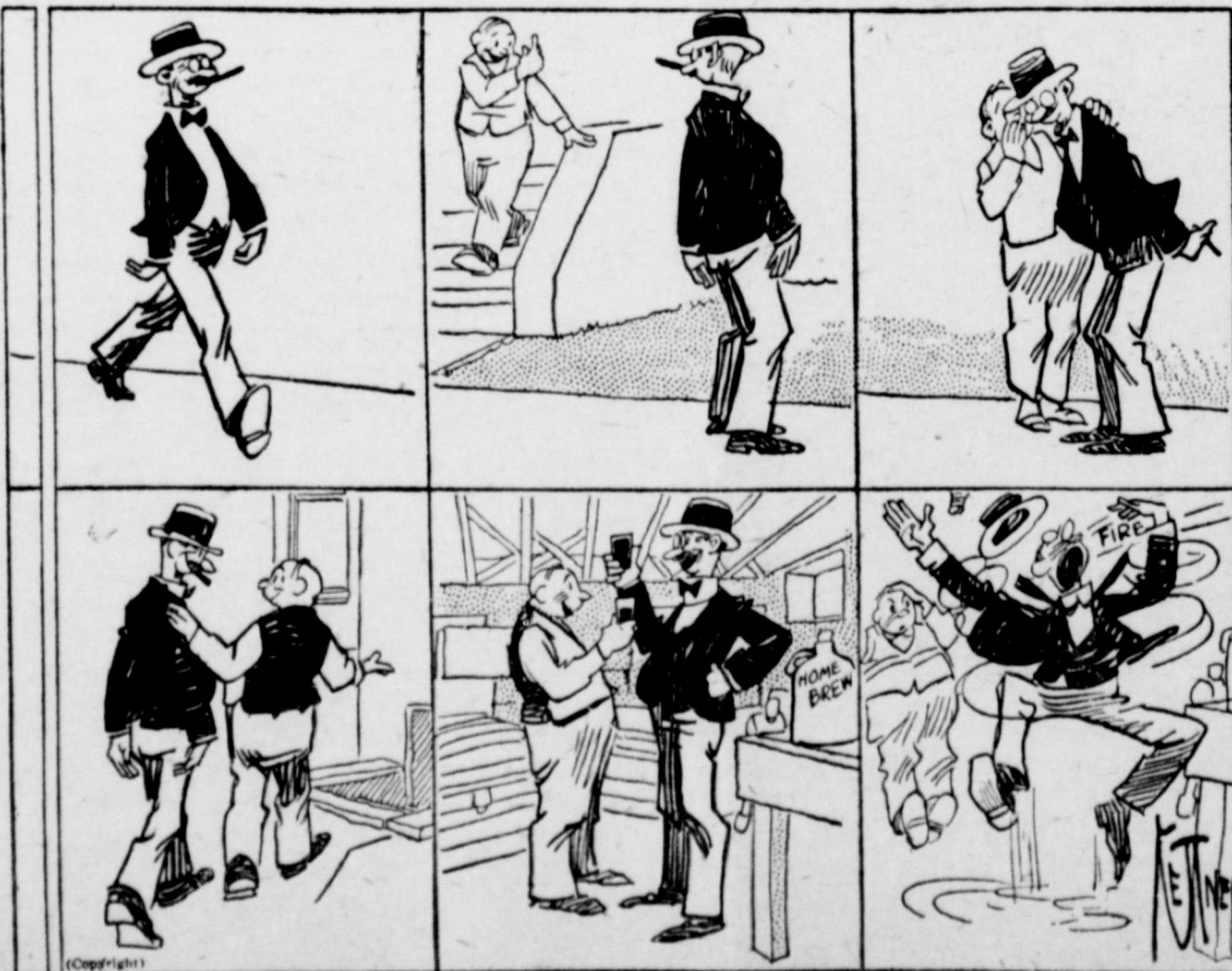
At the Methodist Church

Rev. D. H. Hotchkiss, Centenary Secretary for the Texas Conference, will be here and give a stereopticon talk at the Methodist church next Sunday night. His subject will be, "Pushing out the Frontiers of Methodism." Bro. Hotchkiss is naturally a very fine talker, going deeply into the subject that he is going to present, and by the use of the lantern and slides, I am sure he will make this a very interesting address. Come and hear him.

B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Keen, who teach at Jones School House, had a very pleasant visit with relatives in Montgomery county, during the holidays.

The End of a Perfect Day



Feelin' Mean?

Headache? Nausea? Dizziness? Biliousness? Constipation? Lazy and good for nothing most of the time? What you need is a shaking-up of your "innards" and a gingering-up all over. The thing that'll fix you up is:

Dr. THACHER'S LIVER AND BLOOD SYRUP

An old doctor's prescription; in use for 68 years. Enlivens your Liver, purifies and enriches your Blood. Regulates your Bowels and is a fine family TONIC. Get a bottle from your drug store and you'll soon be

Feelin' Fine!
Smith & Ryan
Druggists

THE "OLD RELIABLE"

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

White Haired Alabama Lady Says She Has Seen Medicines Come and Go But The "Old Reliable" Thedford's Black-Draught Came and Stayed.

Dutton, Ala.—In recommending Thedford's Black-Draught to her friends and neighbors here, Mrs. T. F. Parks, a well-known Jackson County lady, said: "I am getting up in years; my head is pretty white. I have seen medicines and remedies come and go but the old reliable came and stayed. I am talking of Black-Draught, a liver medicine we have used for years—one that can be depended upon and one that will do the work."

"Black-Draught will relieve indigestion and constipation if taken right, and I know for I tried it. It is the best thing I have ever found for the full, uncomfortable

feeling after meals. Sour stomach and sick headache can be relieved by taking Black-Draught. It aids digestion, also assists the liver in throwing off impurities. I am glad to recommend Black-Draught, and do, to my friends and neighbors."

Thedford's Black-Draught is a standard household remedy with a record of over seventy years of successful use. Every one occasionally needs something to help cleanse the system of impurities. Try Black-Draught. Insist upon Thedford's, the genuine.

At all druggists.

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LIBERTY HILL ITEMS

Liberty Hill, Del. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morris have moved from our community to Percilla. We hate very much to give them up.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones moved in this community last week from Cherokee county. Fay and Jack Jones are visiting them for a few days.

J. B. Young spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. J. B. Davis, at Huntsville.

Jim Holcomb and Miss Ruby Lee Young of Alto spent the holidays here with home folks.

Miss Tommie Holcomb and

Bernard Avera, who are attending school at Crockett, are spending the week with home folks.

Misses Cordelia Holcomb and Emma Moore, who are teaching at Hickory Grove, are also spending the week at home.

Our teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Reese, left last Wednesday for their home in Trinity county, but will return Tuesday and begin their school work again.

The Liberty Hill basket ball team went to Weches, where they played a game of ball, the score being in favor of our boys. Our team also went to Waneta and played, the score there being for Waneta.

Kidney weakness, bladder troubles and digestive disorders are all within the curative power of Prickly Ash Bitters. As a tonic for the kidneys and urinary organs it has proved its value. Price \$1.25 per bottle.—Smith & Ryan Special Agents.

John R. Owens spent last week end here with his mother, leaving Sunday for Dallas, and will travel in north Texas for the next few weeks. He is with the Western Newspaper Union of Houston and Dallas.

Notice By Publication

The State of Texas, County of Houston.

In Probate Court

The State of Texas—To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston county, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation published in said county, at least once a week for ten consecutive days before the return day thereof, the following notice:

The State of Texas

To all persons interested in the estate of P. B. Bryant, deceased, to answer an application filed by C. W. Kennedy, in the county court of Houston county, Texas, on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1921, to probate the last will and testament of the said P. B. Bryant, deceased, in accordance with the terms and provisions thereof, which said proceeding will be heard by said court on the 6th day of February, 1922, at the court house of said county, in Crockett, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and answer said proceeding, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Crockett, Texas, this 29th day of December, 1921.

(Seal) W. D. Collins, Clerk, County court, Houston county, Texas. 12-2t.

Citation By Publication

The State of Texas—To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston county, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Taylor Leonard by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the county court of Houston county, to be holden at the court house of said Houston county, in the town of Crockett, on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1922, it being the 6th day of February, A. D. 1922, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 31st day of December, A. D. 1921, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 1728, wherein Kennedy Brothers, a mercantile firm composed of C. W. and J. C. Kennedy, are plaintiffs and Taylor Leonard is defendant and said petition alleging:

A suit on open account for the amount of two hundred sixty and 93-100 dollars.

Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, W. D. Collins, clerk of the county court of Houston county.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Crockett, this the 31st day of December, A. D. 1921.

(Seal) W. D. Collins, Clerk, County Court, Houston County, Texas. 12-4t.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Lively of Livingston spent Christmas day here with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lively. Miss Anna Cecil Lively accompanied them home for a week's visit.

Some Good Advice



Notice By Publication

The State of Texas, county of Houston.

In Probate Court

The State of Texas—To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston county, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation published in said county, at least once a week for two weeks or ten consecutive days before the return day hereof, the following notice:

The State of Texas

To all persons interested in the estate of S. T. Anthony, deceased: Mrs. V. M. Anthony has filed in the county court of Houston county an application for the probate of the last will and testament of said S. T. Anthony, deceased, filed with said application, and for letters testamentary of the estate of S. T. Anthony, deceased which said proceeding will be heard by said court on the 6th day of February, 1922, at the court house of said county, in Crockett, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and answer said proceeding, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Crockett, Texas, this 27th day of December, 1921.

(Seal) W. D. Collins, Clerk, County Court, Houston county, Texas. 12-2t.

Mrs. Ann Parker Dead

Mrs. Ann Parker died Thursday, December 29, 1921, in this city at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wyle Ritchey. She had been ill for about six months, and death was due to cancer of the stomach.

Mrs. Parker was 77 years of age, and had been a resident of this community since childhood. Her home was in the New Prospect community.

Her remains were laid to rest in the Parker cemetery by the side of her husband, the late Frank Parker, who preceded her several years ago. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Parker of Lovelady, a Baptist minister, of which church Mrs. Parker was a devout member.

She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Wyle Ritchey, Mrs. Lon Beauchamp, Mrs. Nettie Musick, and Mrs. Ed Brown, all of this community, and Mrs. Coila White of Lamar county; Messrs. Charlie, Archie and Tom Parker.

To the surviving children and relatives the Messenger extends condolence in their hour of grief.

Mrs. James H. Ryan went to Houston last Friday to spend a few days with her husband, who has been in Camp Logan hospital several weeks taking special treatment.

Murchison-Riall

Mr. Murdock Bernice Murchison and Miss Lucretia Riall were married Sunday evening at 5:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. A. O. Riall, Rev. Joseph Keevil of Palestine officiating.

The wedding was very quiet, only a few friends and families of the contracting parties being present. They took their many friends by surprise.

After the ceremony Mrs. Riall served a sumptuous supper to the guests, and the bride and groom received congratulations and best wishes from all.

Mr. Murchison is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Murchison and is a young man of splendid character and business ability. His charming wife is popular with all who know her. The Messenger joins their many friends in wishing them a long and happy life together.

Mrs. Loyd Anderson and daughter returned to Huntsville Monday after spending the holidays with Mr. Anderson at his home east of town. Miss Anderson attends school at Huntsville.

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New Year Parties

Here's to the old year, drink boys, drink.

*Here's to the days that have fled,
Old friends, old wine, old memories;
Drink to the joys that are dead.*

Here's to the New Year stretching ahead,

To the days that are blithesome and gay,

May the joys of the old be the joys of the new,

Its sorrows fade gently away.



ANOTHER New Year comes to us with a volume all pure and unspotted, on which we will soon begin to write a history that will go on to be bound with the thousands of other records we call years. May 1922 bring us counterparts of the happiest days of the year just closing, and a heart for "any fate," and may we all learn the lesson of how "to labor and to wait."

Now for a jolly New Year's eve party that you may like to get up. Send out invitations for a "watch night" party or "remembrance" party, as one girl is going to call the intimate little affair she is arranging for New Year's eve. If you can sketch, draw an hour-glass, a "Father Time" or clock face with the hands at midnight or the last leaf on the calendar with "December 31" done in scarlet. Ask each one to tell of their happiest day in the year that is past and in what month it happened.

You may play cards, dance or "reminiscences," just as suits you best. Have a cake with 12 candles surrounded by a wreath of holly and mistletoe and the favors symbolic of the year's special days; for instance, a calendar for January, a Cupid or heart for February, a kite for March, a tiny umbrella for April, a posy or bouquet of artificial flowers for May, or a wee May pole; a doll bride or a basket of roses for June, a firecracker for July, a golf set or picnic basket for August, bunch of grapes or a tiny washtub for September, the latter signifying "Labor day."

Represent October with a wee jack-o'-lantern cut from an orange, a pumpkin or football for November, or a turkey, and for December a miniature Christmas tree. These articles could be procured in duplicate and be used to find partners, or they may be placed in a Jack Horner pie made to represent the face of a clock, red ribbons going to each place.

This is an occasion when the fortune nuts may be used, faking perfect English walnuts and removing the meats, inserting a narrow strip of paper bearing a pleasant prophecy for the coming season, and then gluing the shells closely together. These may be gilded and passed at the table. A wise hostess who knows her guests well will be clever in making these forecasts right.

Much merriment ensues when the girls ask the boys to dance, invite them to supper, and in general reverse the usual order of social conventions.

When all the scrapping of warships takes place, why not sink the island if Yap—Portland Press-Herald.

Drilling to be Resumed in the O'Hara Well

January 15 is the date set to resume drilling the O'Hara well on the Bean farm north of town.

The Brown-McAlpine-Wilson Co. of Denver, Colo., has assumed control of this property and are under contract to drill the well 3,500 feet.

It is our understanding that officials of this company are now on their way to Grapeland to arrange for the drilling to start.

Uncle Ike is Father of 33, All Living on one Farm

Palestine Tex., Dec. 27.—East Texas is prolific as well as productive. Families of ten to twenty are plentiful in the country, but Ike Clewis, a negro in the Alder Branch community, is the father of thirty-three. He has been married three times, and has three sons named John, one by each wife. When Ike was asked how he remembered the names of all his children he stated he did not, but if he wanted one he said: "Come here, nigger," Ike owns 640 acres of land and has given many of his children parcels of it, but never gave them a deed, stating these "young fool niggers" will sell their land if they get a deed. An oil lease was recently taken on the land and on account of this condition it was necessary to secure sixteen signatures to it.

Toy Balloon Causes Death

While blowing up a toy balloon as he walked with another boy eight-year-old Earl O'Connell of Providence, R. I., sucked the plaything suddenly into his mouth and without a word fell unconscious. His companion's cries for help attracted a doctor but by the time he arrived the boy was dead. The tragedy was due to suffocation caused by the balloon lodging in the windpipe.

Some Abe-Martin-isms

Prob'ly our school teachers don't git anything like what they earn, but they couldn' look any peachier on \$75,000 a month. Th' feller that knows jest exactly how t' farm is allus on th' lecture platform.

A farmer's wife works jest th' same when it rains.

Th' republican party is goin' t' give us a purty fair corn crop in spite o' th' drouth.

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Happy New Year!

At this time--the dawn of the New Year--we wish to express our gratitude and thanks to the people of Grapeland and Houston county for their liberal patronage, confidence and friendship during the year that has just closed.

It has been our purpose to serve you well; in fact, just a little better than seems necessary, for here you will find only high-grade merchandise offered, the best being considered none too good for our friends and customers.

On this basis we solicit a continuation of your confidence and patronage during the new year.

With best wishes for your happiness, contentment and prosperity, we are,

Respectfully,

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ANTRIM NEWS

Antrim, Jan. 2.—The Christmas tree and program given by the school Dec. 22, was good. A large crowd was present and we think it was enjoyed by both young and old.

Our teachers went to their homes to spend Christmas week. Miss Ollie Crawford to Huntsville and Miss Jewel Lansford to El Dorado, Ark.

Miss Ola Kiser and Willie Price were united in marriage Saturday, December, 17, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kiser. The writer joins their many friends in wishing them a long and happy married life.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Keen and children spent Christmas with Mrs. Keen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Martin.

Miss Esther Durnell entertained a few of her friends last Wednesday night and all report a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Martin spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Martin.

Analee, Edith, and Texas Brinson spent Tuesday with Minnie Ola, Estelle and Alma Martin.

A. U. Streatman and family spent Sunday at the home of J. F. Kiser.

R. E. Martin and daughter, Edna Lou, spent Wednesday with his mother, Mrs. S. J. Martin.

Not long ago a mule kicked W. R. Durnell on the forehead and erysipelas set up in it. He has been confined to his bed for the past two weeks, but is reported to be better at this writing.

Miss Katie Martin and little sister, Alma, recently visited their brother, Lee Martin, in the Rock Hill community.

Miss Euna McDaniel spent the latter part of last week with Miss Esther Durnell.

J. F. Kiser has been very sick for the past two weeks and Drs. Hill and Kennedy were out there the other day and report Mr. Kiser very low with typhoid fever.

J. H. Edens of Orange, Texas, recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Edens.

Orie Brinson spent Monday night with Chester Martin.

George Hudnell spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hudnell.

Miss Emma Charm Edens entertained a few friends with a

forty-two party last Thursday night.

J. F. Martin and daughter, Katie, spent Saturday and Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. A. B. Keen.

Allie Little was a pleasant caller at the home of A. N. Edens Christmas day.

J. F. Martin had the misfortune to lose a fine meat hog new years day.

Judson Davis spent last week with his Uncle, Jasper Simpson and family.

Mrs. J. W. Taylor and baby spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. W. F. Taylor.

Mrs. Jasper Simpson and children spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. J. M. Gray. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Willis and children spent Sunday morning with them.

Miss Lura Gray spent Sunday night with the teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Selkirk of Trinity spent the holidays here with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Selkirk recently moved to Trinity from Troup.

Futhermore, if we didn't use handkerchiefs probably we wouldn't get anything at all for Christmas—Snap Shots.

New Year Greetings

We extend to all our friends
Best Wishes for a
Happy and Prosperous
New Year

We are going to try harder than ever to please you in 1922

THE CITY MEAT MARKET

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