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WILL THE PORTER WELL GUSH?

Persistent rumor says it will. It is said the drill struck the "big pay" last Thursday at noon at a depth around 3500 feet. Immediately thereafter Mr. Porter and his head driller left for Houston to get casing and strainer. The work of casing the well is now in progress and it is hoped that the well will be ready to bring in

today (Thursday). However, do not get excited—just wait and hope.

The Porter well is being drilled on the Austin farm, one and a half miles south of Crockett. It has showed good indications all the way down, and at 2200 feet a good showing of oil was found, but the well could not be brought in on account of water breaking in.

UNION CHAPEL NOTES

Union Chapel, March 6.—We have been having some real winter weather the past week, although it did not kill the garden plants.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Smith entertained their young friends Friday night. All enjoyed the occasion very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Olan Weisinger are the proud parents of a little girl.

We are requested to announce that the Percilla singing class will sing at this place next Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Garrett were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Olan Weisinger Sunday.

Miss Ethel Covington, who is teaching at Waneta, spent the week end here, the guest of Mrs. Charlie Brunson.

Rev. W. R. Durnell, who has been unable to fill his appointment here for some time, is expected to be with us next Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Arwine Skidmore and daughter of Grapeland spent Sunday with Mrs. Alice Pelham.

Willie Lois Payne spent Tuesday night with Ella Cutler.

Food Is Cheaper

Retail prices of food dropped 5 per cent. during January, according to the figures of the Department of Labor. Fresh eggs showed the greatest decrease in price.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Reynolds and son of Latexo were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Darsey Sunday.

ENON NEWS

Enon, March 6.—The debating society was a success last Friday night, and everyone present enjoyed the debate.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Colkin visited the latter's brother, Ben Brimberry, Sunday, who has been real sick for the past few days but is better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ferguson spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. M. L. Whitaker.

Mrs. Geo. Brimberry has been on the sick list the past week.

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

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ferguson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Mason Sunday.

Misses Fannie Mae and Bessie Brimberry spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Velma Whitaker of the Union Chapel community.

Mrs. Edington's Father Dead

Mr. J. B. Whittington of Tyler, father of Mrs. J. O. Edington of this city, died at his home at 8:30 Tuesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Edington and two children were with him when the end came. They have the sympathy of their many friends in their sorrow.

Watch your children for symptoms of worms. They undermine the health and breed sickness. Use White's Cream Vermifuge. It expels worms and restores health and vigor. Price, 35c. Sold by Smith & Ryan.

Winners in Misspelled Word Contest Announced

First prize, \$2.00 in cash, was won by Miss Hazel Kent, school girl of Grapeland high school. Second prize, \$1.00 in cash, was won by Mrs. A. H. Streetman, Grapeland, Route 3. Checks have been mailed to the winners.

A total of 58 replies were received, and after going through them all and carefully grading them, the judges made the above award for the nearest correct and neatest answers.

We thank all who participated in the contest for the two weeks it was conducted to make it such a success. We had lots of fun out of it, and we are sure the contestants did also.

SALMON ITEMS

Salmon, March 6.—The freeze last week did some damage to the gardens and damaged the woodpile considerably. Do not think the fruit was far enough advanced to get killed.

Bro. N. S. Herod is still on the sick list. We hope he will soon recover.

Norman Lasiter has been suffering from an attack of influenza. He is reported to be better this morning.

Miss I. V. Campbell had a light attack of flu last week, but was able to go back to school this morning.

Bro. Funderburk filled his appointment Sunday morning and evening. A large crowd was present at each service and heard two good sermons. He will be back in a month from Sunday.

Young Mr. Colvin was buried at Guiceland Sunday afternoon. The funeral was largely attended by people from Elkhart and this community. Mr. Colvin met with a fatal accident Saturday morning, which resulted in death that evening. He was trying to start a fire with gasoline when it exploded and burned him to death. He was employed by the county and was at work with the road gang. The county buried him and his body was accompanied by the County Judge, Mr. Stewart, Sheriff Rogers and others.

Mrs. Ella Starkey and children spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. L. N. Lasiter.

Now, we will talk about the editor just a little. We hope he will not think hard of us for this, because it is not an insane institution we are getting ready to send him to at Austin, so don't be afraid. The gentleman who made this call for new timber to represent us at Austin is pulling on the right string when he said Mr. Luker was the man. Knowing him as we do, and knowing that we have no better man in point of character and good standing with his fellowmen than he, we would be glad of the opportunity to support him.

Want to Buy Hogs

For the next ten days I want to buy some shoates, 40 pounds up; also fat hogs. See me and get my price before you sell. J. W. Howard.

FRIDAY SET AS CLEAN-UP DAY

Friday is clean-up day in Grapeland. This day has been set aside by the Parent-Teachers Association in conjunction with clean-up week in Texas, as proclaimed by Gov. Neff.

Everyone is urged to clean his premises thoroughly of all trash and rubbish and make it look neat and clean. The day should be observed in both the residential and down town districts.

FROM ROCK HILL

Rock Hill, March 6.—We fear the severe freeze we had a couple of days ago will considerably damage our gardens. However, we are proud that it isn't too late yet to have one. We all hope that we will not have the heavy rains this year that we did last.

We had a good crowd at Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. Sunday afternoon. The lessons and programs were rendered nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Martin visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Munsinger at Antrim Sunday.

Miss Luna Kolb left Saturday to visit her sister, Mrs. E. L. Tucker at Lovelady a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Streich spent the week end at the home of the latter's grandfather, R. H. Cook, in the Enon community.

Mrs. Lucy Willis and children and Mrs. Nettie Taylor visited relatives at Antrim Sunday.

Health of this community is reasonably good, with the exception of colds.

6 6 6 cures Malarial Fever.

ECHOES FROM BETHEL

Bethel, March 6.—Farmers who have planted corn wish they had it back in the barn, as most of it is severely frost bitten.

J. F. Fulton spent Saturday with his daughter, Mrs. Mal Whitaker, near Grapeland.

Homer Hodges and several friends attended a party near Rock Hill Saturday night. Raymond Garner, Jack Bishop and Seth Cunningham also attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Grounds visited Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Halton last week.

A Starkey and John Franklin went fishing Saturday night and report a fine catch.

Mrs. John Carter is visiting her father, Mr. Barry Gibson, and also Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carter.

Dan Shipper visited friends in Salmon last week; and also went to Palestine on business.

Next Sunday will be our regular preaching day. Everybody come out to Guiceland and bring some one with you. Bro. J. E. Goodman will fill the pulpit.

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John R. Owens Writes

Some Interesting Things

Dallas, Texas, 2-28-'22

Dear Friends of My Old Home Town:

It has been three years since I left Grapeland and during this time I have not written anything for the "old Messenger," my first love in the newspaper and printing profession, and where under Albert (Kid most of us still call him) I learned to stick type and print. Since leaving my paper at Trinity last October and accepting a position as traveling representative for the Western Newspaper Union, I have had the opportunity of visiting a number of towns in all parts of Texas and south-west Louisiana.

I will endeavor to briefly relate my travels to you and conclude with relating experiences of my last trip of three weeks in the western part of the State and tell you of the different relatives and friends I have met in my rounds, who many of you people in and near Grapeland know—as they were once residents of that section.

In October my work was in East Texas, including the towns of Lufkin and Nacogdoches. In Lufkin I called on Mr. and Mrs. Sam Parker. Most all the old-timers remember Sam Parker and although I was small when he left Grapeland, I believe Sam had the reputation of a "scraper." Well, he's still scrapping in the game of life, and has been very successful. His home in Lufkin is one of the most beautiful in the city and he has hosts of friends.

In Nacogdoches I met and visited Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Watkins (Mrs. Watkins being a cousin of mine) and before her marriage was Miss Clara Yarbrough. Charlie is well known in the Elkhart vicinity as that was his home town. He has a good position as office man for a large retail store in Nacogdoches and weighs over 200, although he used to be "skinny." The red dirt of Nacogdoches has agreed with him and his family.

In November—the latter part and the first part of December I worked in southwest Louisiana and when I arrived in Lake Charles I found a whole bunch of old Grapeland folks. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, who for years resided in Grapeland live there. "Faith", and the Old Captain Johnston is pretty lively, despite the years that have been added to his life since I saw him, and Mrs. Johnston looks as though she would stay young always—and it was a pleasure to spend an hour with this good couple who have always held a warm place in my heart. I also had the pleasure of visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Faris, who reside in Lake Charles. Mr. Faris is "still in a hurry" all the time and both he and his good wife are enjoying good health and prosperity. I had lunch one day with Mr. and Mrs. Odell Faris and spent a pleasant hour with them. Odell, as usual was planning some repair work on a boat he had at a lake where they kill millions of ducks (they kill millions when Hermie Howard, who also lives there) goes with them. Odell and Bill Johnston (everybody remembers these two boys, who grew to manhood together, and have more or less of their lives drank through the same straw) have one of the nicest

exclusive ladies shoe stores in western Louisiana and have had a fine business. Bill is still a bachelor, but believe me, some of these days a sweet and demure damsel is going to trip in their shoe store and get fitted with a pair of shoes and take Bill along with her.

The latter part of December I was in southwest Texas near the border, in the section known as the Rio Grande Valley—where grapefruit and oranges grow in abundance. This country has a wonderful climate and you know, Albert, last June when we were down there at the Press Association meeting, I kinder learned to speak that "spick" languages in pinches and my second trip down there was easier. Geo. R. Whitley, who years ago, began practicing law in Grapeland, (a cousin of mine), is located at San Benito, where he has been for ten years, and is doing well there. He went with me over to Matamoras, Mexico, one afternoon and, as he is thoroughly familiar with conditions in that section, he told me a good deal about the customs of the people of Mexico and the commercial problems. Over in the little town of San Juan, some forty or fifty miles above San Benito, I went upstairs to put in a long distance call from the telephone office and as I passed along the hallway I noticed the sign on a door: "Oliver C. Aldrich, Attorney." I went in and spent awhile with this young lawyer, who hails from Crockett and is the son of Judge Aldrich. Oliver has met with substantial success in his profession at San Juan and holds several offices of public trust, which is strong evidence that he is "putting over the old stuff" in great style and system and enjoys the confidence and esteem of a vast number of the Valley people.

I also had the pleasure of dining with Mr. and Mrs. Seth W. Yarbrough at Weslaco. Seth is another cousin of mine and "sitting pretty" down in the land of palms and Oleanders.

My last trip was around Sweetwater, Merkel, Abilene and back over the T. & P. to Dallas. By the way, Albert, I met your good friend, Sellers at Brady and he said give you his regards. He has a good newspaper business

in Brady and is a live wire.

In Coleman I met up with Marshall Morris, a cousin of mine, son of Billie Morris who lives near Augusta, and went out and spent a night with him on a big ranch where he works. He carried me over a portion of this section in a car and the people he works for, Mr. and Mrs. Savage, are very cordial and hospitable people and helped make my visit to Coleman an enjoyable one. This section was suffering for water considerably as it had not rained a season there since last June. But I'll tell you folks here in East Texas if you were to face the hard knocks those west Texas people face some years you'd start a riot. Farmers of East Texas may not make a great yield per acre every year but you don't have near as many breaks against you and complete failures some years as the people in West Texas have. It's true in the good years, west Texas farmers "clean up," but there are as many or more bad years out there than in East Texas.

In Sweetwater I had dinner one evening with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Toler (she was formerly Miss Lewis Hollingsworth) and Mr. Toler has an automobile sales room in Sweetwater and has had a good business success. I was also with Harold Hollingsworth and his mother a while and Harold drove me over the country around Sweetwater and out to a club lake where there were about a million ducks and Harold kept driving closer to the lake, and we were interested looking at the ducks when the first thing we knew the car stuck in the mud. We got a fellow at the club house to help us and got out in a few minutes and made it back to town in time for Harold to go to work. He is night chief dispatcher at the Western Union Relay office and has a good position. Frank Murchison is in Sweetwater also, and works in the salesroom of his uncle, Mr. Toler. He also spent some time showing me over the town and adjacent country.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Hollingsworth live in Brownwood, but Waker is temporarily located at Hamlin, doing some railroad work. I met him in Hamlin and talked with him a few minutes

between trains, but as I did not go back through Brownwood, I missed seeing Mrs. Hollingsworth, whom I have known all my life. She was Miss Kate Lively before her marriage and a very beloved young lady in the social life of Grapeland.

At Merkel I went out four miles from the city and spent a Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Whitescarver. Mrs. Whitescarver is my mother's sister and I had not seen them in seventeen years, and to see this Aunt was about the same as seeing my own mother. While she has been an invalid for fifteen years, her condition is much better than a few years since and through all her years she has not lost her kindly smile. While at my Aunt's, Sam Martin, who lives near them, came over to see me a couple of hours and asked about a thousand questions about the folks back in the Grapeland country. He has a good farm and has done well in the Merkel country, but he told me he sure wished it would rain soon. He said he had a child just about a year old, and it had never seen it rain. Sam looks like he always did when he used to carry me 'possum hunting out in the Hays Spring community when I would visit there. I wanted to see Mack Herod, who lives near Abilene but my schedule would not permit. He is also a cousin of mine and has been away from Grapeland many years.

I believe this is about a complete relation of the familiar faces I have had the pleasure of seeing in my travels, and this letter is already lengthy, so will close.

With all good wishes to friends and acquaintances of Grapeland and vicinity, I am

Your friend,
Jno. R. Owens

Canal Guns Obsolete

Modernization of Panama Canal Zone forts is provided in the navy and army appropriation bill. Military experts say the forts are at the mercy of the 16-inch gun developed during the World war. The smaller caliber weapons now guarding the waterway will give way to their longranged brothers.

Mrs. Davis Writes

Huntsville, Tex., March. 2, 1922
Dear Editor:

As my subscription has expired guess I had better renew, as I don't want to do without the paper. I first must thank you for last weeks copy, for after reading the many items from various communities and the article written by J. W. Madden, I felt like I could not afford to do without the dear old Messenger. Indeed, it is a very welcome visitor in our home each week.

I am especially interested in agricultural schools and wish to keep up with them and their work. I am sure it is a grand work for girls and boys. I wish them the very best of success. You girls and boys at Liberty Hill be sure you raise plenty of watermelons, tomatoes, etc. for when I come home this summer we want plenty of such like, you know.

I thought probably some of our friends at Liberty Hill and adjoining communities might be glad to hear how we are getting along. We are doing very well, have splendid health, and ever so much to be thankful for. We consider we have the very best of neighbors out here in the country where we live; also have met and learned to think a great deal of some of the people in Huntsville. We live six miles west of town just off the Huntsville and Madisonville highway. We have splendid roads in this county in dry weather, but bad enough when it rains. This is a low flat country—used to be prairie. That's how this place got its name, Crabbs Prairie, though it isn't much of a prairie now, as there is a very thick growth of post oaks, rather low and scrubby.

We have a three teacher school at this place. The parsonage is only about three hundred yards from the school building and about one hundred yards from the church. We have a real lively Sunday school and prayer meeting. Every one seems interested and willing to do their part while the attendance hasn't been very good of late, owing to bad weather.

We will be very glad to see spring. Some of the farmers have planted a little corn. Most all have their gardens planted, but nothing will do any good till we have some warm sunshine.

Wishing the Messenger and its many readers a prosperous 1922.

Mrs. John B. Davis
Huntsville, Texas,
Route 1.

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

Business Improving

In the opinion of President Harding, business depression throughout the country reached its lowest point last year and is now on the upward trend. He bases his statement on the country's increased bank deposits. From Jan. 1 to Sept. 6, 1921, deposits were reduced \$1,133,552,000, but in the last four months of 1921 the aggregate of all deposits increased \$332,811,000.

The World Do Move



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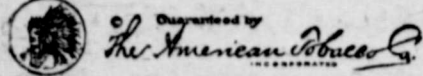
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Why Suffer?

Cardui "Did Wonders for Me," Declares This Lady.

"I suffered for a long time with womanly weakness," says Mrs. J. R. Simpson, of 57 Spruce St., Asheville, N. C. "I finally got to the place where it was an effort for me to go. I would have bearing-down pains in my side and back—especially severe across my back, and down in my side there was a great deal of soreness. I was nervous and easily upset."

TAKE

CARDUI

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ALL
DRUGGISTS

1.30

6 6 6 cures Chills and Fever.

WHY? IS A HORSESHOE SUPPOSED TO BE LUCKY?

FROM time immemorial, the new moon has been considered to bear good fortune, and, from the moon itself, this belief gradually spread until it included articles which were crescent-shaped.

Iron, which was probably the first metal known to man, has likewise been surrounded with a halo of luck—the ancients evidently believing that it was so essential to commerce and manufacture that it possessed a distinct influence for good.

These two beliefs date back to the early history of the Egyptians, the Phoenicians and the other nations in the vicinity of the Mediterranean. Gradually they spread until they reached the British Isles where, even in the only tales of mythology, the horse was regarded as a beast of good omen—probably for the same reason that iron was favored, because of its service to mankind.

In the horseshoe we find these three ancient beliefs combined in one object—a piece of iron, a crescent and something pertaining to a horse—which accounts for the esteem in which the horseshoe is held, even by those who will not admit that they are superstitious.

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Mother's Cook Book

Oh, wooded streams and silver lakes,
Beloved by moon and star—
For us how much of life and love,
And youth and home, you are!
—Elizabeth Mott.

PINEAPPLE DISHES

FOR dainty fruit dishes, pineapple is one of the most tempting of fruits.

Pineapple Sponge.

Heat three cupfuls of grated or crushed pineapple, add one-half of a package of gelatine soaked an hour in one-half cupful of cold water, take from the fire and set the pan in a dish of chipped ice. When partly cool add the well-beaten whites of four eggs and beat until the whole is spongy and thickened. Pour into a mold and set away to harden. Serve with whipped cream, sweetened and flavored, or with a custard, using the yolks of the eggs, a quart of milk and four tablespoonfuls of sugar.

Steamed Sponge Cake and Pineapple Sauce.

Take angel food, or any plain cake, cut in serving-sized pieces and steam until well heated and soft. Serve with:

Pineapple Hard Sauce.

Beat four tablespoonfuls of butter until creamy, add one-half cupful of powdered sugar gradually until the whole is white and light, flavor with a teaspoonful of vanilla and a cupful of crushed pineapple, drained from its juice.

Nellie Maxwell
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THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

By sympathy I live so much
Enjoying other people's pleasure,
And feeling all their grief as well
Though in a moderated measure.



Auto Takes Heavy Toll

One person was killed every 35 minutes in auto accidents during 1921. The National Safety Council estimates the total number of deaths from that cause to be 15,000.

Complete results to date, of the armistice of 1918: Men have gradually stopped wearing wrist watches.—Robt. Quillen.

Produce Wanted

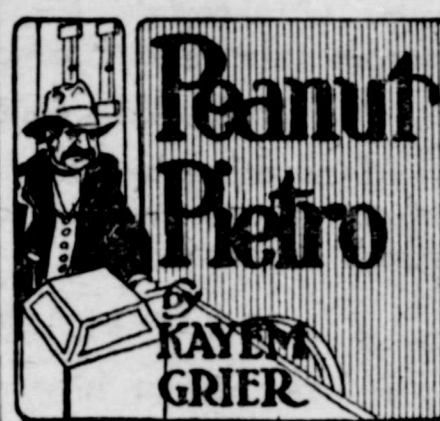
I want to buy your chickens, eggs and whippoorwill peas.

J. W. Howard.

Elizabeth North



Handsome Elizabeth North, only seventeen years old, is a full-fledged "movie" star. She has become more popular recently because of playing the principal role in a well-known picture. Miss North has a mania for collecting daggers. At present, she is said to possess 300 swords and knives.



SEEMA lika da streeta car every place een da country now maka da keek because he no maka da money. He wanta more fare for holda bees job too mooch. But I do no tink da streeta car ees entitle moocha keek. He loafa round too mooch and taka too longa time getta some place.

Before I buy da flevver I am late for da work every day. Eet taka so long for dat son-of-a-gun streeta car show up een da morning. I tink he been out alla night and losa da pep. Da boss aska me one time wot's matter I am late every day. I say was da streeta car no show up queeck enough.

"Well, why you no catcha da car dat come before da one wot maka you late?" he tella me.

I say eef I do dat I come to work deesa morning day before yesterday. Dat streeta car run every tree day eef he feela good.

But I foola dat car and da boss sama time one morning. I reacha da work almosta same time when I queet night before. Da boss tink I no been home yet. I been home all right, but I no waita for da streeta car—dat morning I walk to da work.

One other time I go to work lika devl pretty queeck, too. While I am waita for da streeta car one guy come along weeth a motorcycle wot gotta bathtub on da side. I jumpa een da bathtub and believe me I am no late for da work dat time.

I tink eef da streeta car would taka lesson from da motorcycle how can getta someplace he pretty queeck would maka more money.

Wot you tink?

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YOUR HAND

How to Read Your Characteristics and Tendencies—the Capabilities or Weaknesses That Make for Success or Failure as Shown in Your Palm

THE HAND OF A DOCTOR

FOR a successful physician, the line of fortune, which starts at the line of life, near its end, and runs to the finger of Mercury, the little finger, should be strong and well marked, to indicate personal merit. The mount of Mercury itself sometimes bears two parallel vertical lines, to show successful ability in the healing profession, and the making of money thereby. Lines on the same finger, running from the bottom phalanx to the top of the middle phalanx, show scientific or medical knowledge.

The mount of Mars, lying between the outer ends of the line of the heart and the line of the head, should be well marked, to signify courage, presence of mind and quickness in diagnosis. The same qualities are shown by what is called sometimes "the second mount of Mars," lying at or near the junction of the thumb.

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Some Practical Pointers

Several thicknesses of newspaper between the mattress and springs of a bed makes the bed decidedly warmer. In emergencies newspapers placed between the covers over a sleeper are equivalent to a woolen comfort for retaining warmth.

If painted woodwork has been marred by marks of matches rub the discoloration with a piece of lemon. Then go over it with a damp cloth sprinkled with whiting and rinse with clear, cold water. Finally wipe dry with a soft cloth.

Soak mildewed articles in a solution of four tablespoons dry chloride of lime in a half pint of water. After 15 minutes squeeze out and immerse in a solution of one part muriatic acid to four parts water. For laces and other delicate fabrics the lime chloride solution should be more diluted, say three tablespoons of the powder to a half pint of water. After removing the articles from the acid solution they should be rinsed thoroughly and allowed to dry in the sun.

Stir half an ounce of powdered pumice stone into half a pint of paraffin oil. Use the mixture on a soft cloth for scouring bathtubs, sinks, lavatories, etc. Finally wash with warm water and soap.

Celluloid articles can usually be whitened by rubbing with a woolen cloth and a little tripoli, or rottenstone, afterward polishing with a clean woolen rag. If coloring does not disappear, spots are permanent.

Old casks and barrels can be cleaned only by putting a few pounds of unslaked lime in the barrel, adding water and covering. In a short time add more water and roll the barrel about. Rinse out with clean water.

Sweet Potatoes at Court

The report that sweet potatoes are appearing on the table of King George of England holds special interest for East Texas farmers. The king sets the pace, socially speaking, in England, and if the Britishers find their sovereign enjoying sweet potatoes from America, they will soon be emulating his example.

Steamship agents of Charleston, and the South Carolina Sweet Potato association, are responsible for introducing the toothsome delicacy to his majesty's table. A shipment of 2000

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pounds was sent to England and distributed among members of the court. A book of instructions on how to prepare them was included.

It would have been better, of course, had it been possible to send along an old Southern "black mammy" cook to make sure that the yams were prepared properly, but it is altogether likely that, even as it is, they will be a favorite dish in Britain.

This is not an idle piece of propaganda for the sweet potato. It is simply indicative of the possibilities of exporting this Southern product. That has been made possible only by the development of the new scientific curing and storage process, which enables the potatoes to be kept in perfect state of preservation for several months.

The farmers of East Texas are hoping that Queen Mary will have these samples of sweet potatoes prepared so deliciously that the king will demand them every day along with his beef roast and plum pudding.

For with an active export market developed, East Texas and the other sweet potato producing sections of the South, will have a crop rivaling cotton as a money producer.—Houston Post.

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Residence 11

THURSDAY, MAR. 9, 1922

THE FARMER FEEDS US ALL

We hear and read a good deal about what this or that political party or administration has done for the country, how it prospered under McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson or somebody else, but the fact is that the country has not prospered because of its laws and government, but in spite of them. Under the administration of the various political doctors during the past quarter of a century the country would have gone into the hands of a receiver and half its inhabitants to the poorhouse if it had not been for the farmer. The farmer has raised such prodigious crops that all the machinations of Big Business, Wall street, the politicians and the devil himself could not prevail against it. If you don't believe it, send and get a report from the Secretary of Agriculture, and you will see very plainly. This great country of ours plows and harvests a cornfield each year much larger than the whole of Italy, and nearly as large as either France or Germany. That cornfield produces over four billion bushels a year.

Now add to this the other wonderous crops of grain, fruit vegetables, live stock and other products of the farm, and you can understand how the pirates of commerce and plunderers of politics can and do wax fat and rich and yet be unable to get away with only a small portion of it, comparatively. They would take it all if they could, but they can't.

Good resolutions and automobiles have done a lot of skidding since the first of January.

A sunny disposition will cure most any old thing, from a flat chest to a bent and busted heart.

A new oil field is going to be opened up in East Texas and we predict it will be right here in Houston county.

One of the great secrets in this life is to find interest, attractiveness and happiness in your work. In proportion to your doing the work for the love of work, instead of for profit, your success and contentment enlarges. Try it and see if it doesn't work that way.

Most all of us are adepts at figuring out trouble that never happens.

The sun has just shown up with spots on it covering 50,000 miles of territory, and the aurora borealis is all het up about it. We just knew that Borah, LaFollete and Tom Watson would start something.

Those who want light wine and beer had just as soon have it dark as light, just so it is beer and wine. In thirty days after they got it they would demand whiskey.

Fatty Arbuckle will go to trial for the third time on a charge of murdering Virginia Rappe. The California courts are having a hard time determining his fate, but we guess the lawyers are having better success in dividing his cash.

Will Hays has resigned as postmaster general and taken up his duties as counsel for the movie industry. Mr. Hays says he expects to develop the spiritual and moral value of the film industry. This is the first intimation we have ever had of its possessing any such thing.

A poll of the large cities of the country by federal authorities shows that aside from New York, Chicago, St. Louis and a few others where the percentage of foreigners is three to one, the country is not in favor of granting any light wine and beer privileges, but most decidedly against it. Booze has received its death blow in America, and the Volstead act will never be repealed.

FROM OAK GROVE

Oak Grove, March 7.—There was not very many out to Sunday school; too much grippe; also small attendance at B. Y. P. U. The leaders are arranging for a play in the near future.

There are some sick at J. I. Bean's. Graton Streetman, Pat Taylor, Frank Willis and Mrs. Fannie Bean are sick. Hope they will all soon recover. We give it as our opinion the less strong medicine you take the better you will get along with the lagrippe. Strong medicine that weakens the vitality only gives the germs the advantage of the weakened condition of the patient to prey on. Air and sun shine is nature's remedy, so let's have enough air in the room to carry the germs away as we cough and breathe them out so they will not be breathed again to multiply the disease.

If it wasn't for taking up too much space we would like to say something about the road law, but it seems it has been legislated out of existence, so we guess there is none to speak of. We would like for someone to tell us where it went. It is easy to see where the roads are going.

At the Methodist Church

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

You have a cordial invitation to attend these services and we will do our best to make them helpful to you.

Preaching at Hays Spring at 3 p. m.

B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

Your April
DESIGNER
is Here

THE DARSEY CO.
GRAPELAND'S CASH DRY GOODS STORE

Your April
DESIGNER
is Here

Things You Will Find on Display at Our Store

You will revel among new creations, new designs and glorious spring colors on your next visit to our store. Many new things received this week and our Springtime collection is complete. Space here will only permit us to tell you of the splendor of a few items, yet many delightful surprises await you

COLORED RATINE

You will be delighted with the splendid quality and colors in this popular material. It's one of the newest fabrics for Spring.

only 50c a yard

Many other beautiful materials of cotton and silk in our dress goods department.

STRAP PUMPS

A light brown, low rubber heel one-strap pump—one of the season's newest—arrived this week in all sizes priced at

only \$6.00

Strap pumps, oxfords, etc. in all leathers—patents, kids, calfskins, etc.—received this week.

\$2.50 to \$6.50

MILLINERY

Our Millinery department is fairly blooming with the many attractive new creations for Spring. A careful survey of the coming styles and our connection with some of the most reliable millinery houses enables us to show the new hats at most reasonable prices.

DRESSES—COAT SUITS

We now have enroute, three more shipments of new spring dresses in taffetas, cantons, crepe, and other materials. Wait for their arrival.

The spring coat suits in our ready-to-wear department are the last word in style at most reasonable prices.

"We Show the New Things First"

W. R. Campbell Writes

Midlothian, Tex., Feb. 28, 1922
Dear Editor:

I will again attempt to answer the request of my friends to write them through the Messenger. I consider the Messenger the best local paper, considering the size of the town, that I have ever read. But what of that—why shouldn't it be, when we think over whom the town is composed of and the hearty co-operation it receives?

George E. Darsey & Co., Kennedy Bros., Smith & Ryan, T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co., S. E. Howard, and two of the best banks to be found most anywhere, and with such other men as J. E. Hollingsworth, John A. Davis, Jim Owens, Tom Kent, W. F. Murchison and others whose names I haven't time or space to mention, except to mention the "Kid" and also our loyal friend, Bob Scarborough, who are at the head of all this valuable little paper.

When I went back to old Grapeland I was not at all surprised when so many of my old friends would give me that strong hand shake and say, "I wish you would come back." And believe me, it gave me a longing at the heart to be back, especially when I would look up those old telephone poles that I have climbed so many times. And now assuring each and every one of you that all these things are treasured in a special place in our heart, but Midlothian is now

our home, and I must say it is one of the most beautiful little towns to be found anywhere. I have been prospecting of late, both east and west, and I failed to find any thing that will equal it. These people here are as good as can be found; the little town is kept almost perfectly clean. There is an inexhaustible supply of pure water. The health is the best that I have found anywhere.

We have the most fertile soil in the state. Most all farmers live at home, having good cows in the pen, plenty of meat in the smokehouse, plenty of corn and oats in the barn. I saw more produce last spring and summer, such as tomatoes, onions, cabbage, peaches, watermelons and plums than I have ever seen anywhere in East Texas.

Our churches are well attend-

ed each service, especially the Baptist and Methodist. We must give no little praise to our loyal editor, Mr. Ursy, who is getting out a paper which I believe is second to the Messenger for the progress of the town.

W. R. Campbell.

"Scraps" tells us that there are more than 8,000,000 women and girls working in the United States. The women who are not working are those on the farms who have nothing to do, except to build fires, cook meals, clean house, wash the clothes, work in the fields and probably attend to one small baby and six other larger children.—Houston Post.

Maize Heads

I have a car of maize on the track. Come in Thursday and Friday and get your supply.

J. W. Howard.

CASH GROCERY COMPANY

C. B. KEELAND, Proprietor

A Full Line of

**STAPLE and FANCY GROCERIES
FRESH and CURED MEATS
BREAD, FRUIT, VEG-
TABLES, ETC.**

**We Handle Quality Goods. Phone Orders
given Prompt Attention**

LOCAL ITEMS

To break a cold take 6 6 6.

Plenty of cane seed at Henry Dailey & Co's.

D. M. Ferry's garden seed. Henry Dailey & Co.

The best shoes in town for sale by Henry Dailey & Co.

Buy your seed corn and cane seed at Darsey's.

Beautiful line of caps at Kennedy Bros.

Best collar pad in town for 50c at Henry Dailey & Co's.

Best line of \$1.50 horse collars at Darsey's.

We sell double bit axes for \$1.50. Keeland Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cook of near Palestine visited relatives in this community last week end.

Men's pongee colored shirts at \$1.00 each.

Henry Dailey & Co.

We want to buy 500 chickens this week. Highest prices will be paid. Keeland Bros.

Elmo Murdock and Milburn Ellis went to Houston Sunday afternoon on the Sun Shine.

Cultivators, corn and cotton planters and spring tooth harrows at Darsey's.

Sell me your peas, eggs, hogs and chickens and get best prices. J. W. Howard.

Let your next sack of flour be Oriole. It sure is good. Darsey has it.

Eggs for Setting

White Orpington strain. \$1.50 for 15.

Mrs. M. L. Clewis.

Car of Maize Here

Our car of maize is here and we will deliver out of car Friday and Saturday.

Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

Grapeland Bottling Works

For Sale or Trade

Cash or terms. For particulars see Mrs. Frank Allen.

For Sale

Buff Leghorns eggs, Terrar strain. \$1.00 for 15, no delivery. Mrs. Sarah Gee.

We want to buy 50 dozen frying size chickens from 1 1/2 to 2 pounds. See us if you have any to sell. Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

Lost

Black Poland China hog, white face, marked underbit in right ear, weight about 100 pounds. C. C. Hill

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions.

After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. P. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Feed oats and seed oats at Long's Cash Store.

Roy Wherry was down from Elkhart Saturday.

New collar and cuff sets at Kennedy Bros.

Ladies hose 10c per pair at Henry Dailey & Co's.

If you have any peas to sell see Keeland Bros.

Get prices from The Darsey Co. before you buy dry goods.

Men's socks at 10c per pair. Henry Dailey & Co.

Don't sell your produce until you get Darsey's prices.

The newest dress goods at Henry Dailey and Co's.

Plenty of planters and cultivators at Darsey's.

We pay highest prices for eggs. Henry Dailey & Co.

Window shades from 50c to \$1.40 at The Darsey Co.

The editor thanks Jesse Barnes of Trinity for a nice lot of cabbage plants.

High-class cleaning, pressing and dyeing. Work called and delivered. Clewis.

Albert Smith of Crockett was here Saturday in the interest of his candidacy for District Clerk.

We want to buy your produce. Will pay highest prices. Long's Cash Store.

Percales, 36 inches wide, special at 18c per yard. Henry Dailey & Co.

Mrs. Allen Newton of Galveston and Mrs. Gossett of Crockett are visiting Mrs. C. C. Hill.

For Sale

Buff Leghorn eggs, Everett strain. \$1.00 for 15.

H. C. Jones, Route 1.

For Service

Fine Jack at my farm at Daly's. Fee \$10.00 insured. Arthur Lasiter.

If you want a sack of REAL GOOD FLOUR, try MARECHALNIEL. Long's Cash Store.

Wanted To Buy

A few old hens and old roosters at Darsey's. Don't make any difference how old they are—we want them.

For Sale or Trade

A Corona and an Emerson typewriter. Will trade either for a good pistol, small gun preferred. Advertiser's name furnished at the Messenger office.

J. H. Leaverton has returned from Franklin and has formed a partnership with Frank Allen in the produce business. They are located in the building next to the ice house.

Planting Seed

Red top, Orange and Amber cane seed.

Extra early and regular field seed corn, seed potatoes and onion sets and a new shipment of garden seed at Geo. E. Darsey & Co's.

"K. K." week is coming.

Sun Set coffee, 3 pound cans for \$1.25 at Henry Dailey & Co's.

Men! Boys! "K. K." week is coming.

See the new belts at Kennedy Bros.

Geo. E. Darsey & Co. buy peas and peanuts.

O Caskey, who has been working at Mexia for several months, has returned home.

New gingham and tissue gingham at

Kennedy Bros.

Shirtingly, Sir! You can get the best work and dress shirts at The Darsey Co.

For Rent

My home. Call me at home of R. B. Edens.

Mrs. Dora White.

Be Ambitious

"To rest content with results achieved is the first sign of business decay." If you want to be right up to now you should have your spring suit ordered to your measure by Clewis.

Hogs Wanted

We are in the market for both shipping and stocker hogs from 35 pounds up. If you have any to sell it may pay you to see us. Dailey Bros.

Notice Masons

Next Saturday night, March 11, is our regular meeting time. Let's have a full attendance. Visitors welcome.

M. E. Darsey, W. M., Harry Richards, Sec'y.

Strayed or Stolen

Bay mare, roached mane, about 11 years old, weight about 950 pounds, splendid pacer, left January 25, and think she is between Elkhart and the river. Liberal reward for recovery. Phone Jim Owens or Dock Payne, Grapeland, Texas.

Death at Salmon

Mrs. W. W. LaRue, aged 66 years, died very suddenly at her home in Salmon Monday night. Her death was a great shock to her family and friends, as she was seemingly in good health, and had prepared the evening meal just prior to her death. Heart failure is attributed as the cause.

Her remains were carried to Lovelady and buried Tuesday afternoon. She is survived by her aged husband, a daughter, Mrs. Bob Smith, of Salmon, and Joe LaRue, a son, of Palestine.

Car of Hulls Caught Fire

Monday morning when J. W. Howard opened a car loaded with hulls, fire was discovered smoldering in them, which blazed up when the air was let into the car. The blaze was quickly extinguished and the burning hulls taken out without doing much damage.

The car was shipped from a point in Arkansas and had been on the road eleven days, no doubt burning all that time. Mr. Howard stated the fire was likely caused by friction from the machinery in the oil mill where the hulls were crushed.

Rogers Silverware Free

This is the last month in which you can redeem your coupons, thereby securing

Rogers Silverware Free

For the next two weeks, or until all coupons are given out,

We will give 50 Coupons with every \$2 purchase

These Coupons will be redeemed for 1 Rogers Silver Spoon

Smith & Ryan

DRUGGISTS

Everything a Good Drug Store Should Have

LIVELYVILLE NEWS

Livelyville, March. 6.—We have seen that Mr. Ground Hog isn't such a bad weather prophet after all; most early gardens are victims of Jack Frost.

We are glad that Livelyville folks carried off first prize in the misspelled words contest.

We had a good number out to hear Bro. Goodman deliver his message. We will try again to organize a Sunday school and we hope for the co-operation of everybody, young and old. We can have a Sunday school here as well as anywhere else. Why should our young people go to other localities and become members? Let us keep them here and have a big crowd at Sunday school, prayer meeting and singing. We hope Livelyville will be among the first and stand highest in church work in the near future.

Miss Letitia Collins of Ft. Worth is spending two weeks here with her mother, Mrs. Jim Beeson, and relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Denman visited Mr. and Mrs. Homer Denman Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson visited Mr. and Mrs. Alton Dickey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Masters spent Saturday and Sunday with the former's father, Mr. Ben Masters, at Oak Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Howard spent the week end with the latter's mother, Mrs. Jo Keen.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Garner spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Denman, who has been very sick.

We are sorry to report Mrs. C. A. Mills is on the sick list. We hope she will speedily recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bishop visited Mr. and Mrs. Dick Pennington Sunday.

Lufkin Remedy cures itch. No unpleasant odor, no grease. Apply according to simple directions, then go right on with your work. Guaranteed by your druggist.

MARCH—right to The Darsey Co. for lowest prices on Dry Goods.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Messenger is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the democratic primary:

For Commissioner Prec't. No. 2: G. R. (Ross) MURCHISON (Re-election)

For Tax Collector:

HARRY LONG
JOHN L. DEAN
R. S. WILLIS

For County Treasurer:

WILLIE ROBISON (Re-election)
FRANK H. BUTLER
MRS. GEO. BRAILSFORD

For County Clerk:

W. D. COLLINS (Re-election)
MRS. KARL (Winnie) PORTER

For District Clerk:

V. B. TUNSTALL (Re-election)
A. B. (Poor Albert) SMITH
Mrs R D (ETHEL) CALHOUN

For Tax Assessor:

WILL McLEAN (Re-election)

For Public Weigher:

VIRGIL MUSICK
JACK MURCHISON
JACK BEAZLEY
C. E. LIVELY (Re-election)

For Commissioner Prec't. No. 1:

JOHN C. LACY
WILLIE HOLCOMB JR.

For School Superintendent:

J. H. ROSSER (Re-election)
J. A. BYNUM

For County Judge:

NAT PATTON (Re-election)
LEROY MOORE

For County Attorney:

EARLE P. ADAMS (Re-election)

For Sheriff:

O. B. (DEB) HALE (Re-election)

JOHN SPENCE

Lawyer

CROCKETT, TEXAS

Office up stairs over Millar & Berry's Store

Miss Jewel Taylor has returned from Houston, where she visited her sister, Mrs. Aubrey Lively.

The Scrap Book

UNHURT BY DEADLY POISONS

Many Animals and Birds Make Food of Insects and Reptiles That Are Usually Avoided.

There are many animals and birds which are quite unharmed by the stings of insects, or even the poison of the most deadly snakes.

Ducks love to feed on bees, which they will swallow in dozens without any ill-effects. The same immunity is shared by another bird—the bee-eater, and apparently by the death's-head moth.

The South American ant-eater makes tasty meals off ants of the most poisonous kinds. He goes to a hill and proceeds to scratch a hole in it with his powerful fore-claws; then, lying down, he pushes his long tongue into the breach. The ants swarm on the waiting tongue, and as soon as it is nicely covered its owner draws it in.

The badger's thick fur seems to protect him completely against the attacks of wasps. His fondness for honey often induces him to dig out a wasp's nest. Most curious of all are certain birds which delight in eating deadly snakes. The stork lunches contentedly on an adder or two, though he has swallowed poison enough to kill a man.



NOT BIG ENOUGH

"Do you think this hat is too big, John?"
"Not for the money it cost."

Read Forty Pages an Hour.

How fast can you read? President R. M. Hughes of Miami University, after an investigation states that in the case of ordinary reading the average college student should be able to glean the thought from the printed page at the rate of 40 pages an hour. He also says that there are several students at Miami able to read intelligently at the rate of 120 pages an hour.

Tests were made with regular reading assignments made by the professors and not with light reading such as fiction. It is sometimes erroneously thought that the rapid reader skims over his text, not comprehending completely what he reads. However, it has been definitely proved that the efficient reader is the rapid reader and as the result of his investigation, President Hughes is requiring all Miami freshmen to attend a series of lectures given by the faculty men on the subject of efficient reading.

Ancient Myth of the Forget-Me-Not.

How the forget-me-not was named goes back to an old, old myth. A knight and his love were walking by a lake when she saw at the other shore some beautiful blue flowers and expressed her wish for some of them. For her to wish was for him to obey. He dashed into the lake, swam to the opposite bank, plucked the flowers and was returning to his love. Near the shore his strength gave out. He threw the flowers to his beloved, crying, "Forget me not," and then sank.—Cleveland News-Leader.

Bees Faster Than Pigeons.

Which fly the faster; bees or pigeons? Two rival fanciers in England decided to put the speed of their pets to the test over a distance of three miles. Twelve bees and twelve pigeons being selected to cover the course. The first bee romped home an easy winner, arriving a whole minute sooner than the earliest pigeon to appear. Then came three more bees, followed by the second pigeon. The remainder of the contestants reached the winning post more or less together.

Deaf People Enjoyed Singing.

A majority of nearly two hundred persons with defective hearing heard vocal music for the first time when they gathered in the specially wired auditorium of the New York League for Hard of Hearing, to hear Miss Amelia Donovan, a concert contralto. The singer's voice was heard by all through a device that magnified the voice to coincide with various degrees of deafness.

Rub-My-Tism for Rheumatism.

ADVANCING YEARS.

When first you find within your mind
For quiet joys a preference;
Or when, again, some younger men
First treat your views with deference;
When you'll confess to more or less
Political perplexity—
When first you gaze adown your shape
At manifest convexity;

When first you choose some easy shoes
That strike your wife as hideous;
But with the care you give your hair
You're more, not less fastidious;
When first you feel your blood congeal
To hear an unluckied laddie call
"Old-fashioned guff" the daring stuff
That you considered radical—

But most of all, when first you call
Will "undermine society,"
When first you say some modern way
A new idea "imply;"
You are not old—your heart is bold—
You've courage, strength, ability—
Yet you have passed the peak at last—
You're headed for senility!
—Ted Robinson, in Cleveland Plain Dealer.

BAGGED BOTH FISH AND FOWL

Dover (N. H.) Man Shot Drake and Got Pickerel That the Bird Had Been Carrying.

George Hayer of Dover, N. H., tells a remarkable hunting story, which is vouched for by witnesses, says the Manchester Union. Waiting patiently behind a blind at Ayers pond in Barrington, Hayer and his companions saw a large sheldrake alight on a rock just outside of gunshot on the opposite side of the pond, and after making quite a lively turn there took to the air again and alighted in the water 30 yards from the blind. Hayer fired and killed the drake.

An abnormal bunch or swelling noticed in the bird's throat, which appeared to have nearly shut off the breathing, was not investigated until the return to town, where it was found that the drake had captured a large pickerel and had devoured the head, after which it had attempted to swallow the rest of the fish. The body of the pickerel stuck in the drake's throat. It measured 14 inches in length. The drake weighed, without the fish, four and one-half pounds. Hayer and his friends were served drake with pickerel on the side at the spread that followed the hunting expedition.

"AEROPLANE" NO NEW WORD

Was First Used by French Inventor to Describe Flying Machine, in the Year 1879.

The word, "aeroplane," only recently admitted to the dictionary, has been traced back to the year 1879. In that year a Frenchman named Tatin, applied the name "aeroplane" to a flying machine of his own invention driven by compressed air.

Possibly it was from Tatin that was borrowed the corresponding English word (similar save for the accent) by Ella Merchant and Alice Jones, joint authors of "Unveiling a Parallel" (1892). The hero of this novel is a birdman who soars in his "aeroplane" to Mars, where, among other wonderful things, he finds woman on terms of perfect equality with man.

Fifteen years later H. G. Wells used the word, "aeroplane" in one of his novels, but the term didn't become popular. And nowadays the word is being condensed into the two-syllabled word, "airplane."—The Leatherneck.

Swallowed Snake While Drinking.

A New Brunswick man while making hay, took a drink from a spring. Not long after he began to feel an internal pain which continued to increase gradually until after a year or so he was operated on in a New England hospital, and a snake six inches long was found in the lower part of his intestines. He thinks that he swallowed the snake, when it was small, while drinking from the spring. As he had no cup or other drinking vessel he could not have seen the snake. He has had the snake preserved.



TIMES HAVE CHANGED

Excited Person: I want you to insert this ad. in your "Lost and Found" column for your next edition.

Newspaper Clerk: Yessir! What is it?

Excited Person: Lost one 7-passenger touring car, containing one case of five year old, bottled in bond. Finder please return case and keep automobile. No questions asked.

Wanted to Buy

Your peas, eggs, chickens and hogs. Highest market prices always paid.

J. W. Howard

KIDDIES SIX

By Will M. Maupin

THE NAME

THEY figured first on Raymond, Then Clarence, George and John; They thought somewhat of Eugene, But none could fix upon. Some thought was given Edward, And quite a bit to James; In fact, they were quite worried Among so many names.

One good friend wanted Arthur, Another wanted Paul; One uncle mentioned Asa, Another said, "No, Saul." Grandpa suggested William And grandma Benjamin; Then went the list together And then began again.

They dwelt awhile on Peter, On Matthew, Luke and Mark; They argued from the morning Until the day grew dark. They argued long and loudly Until one fateful day They quickly got together And named her Charlotte May. (Copyright.)

The Friendly Path

By Walter L. Robinson

THE MIDDLE COURSE

IT'S safest to take the middle course.

When one is uncertain which course is the right one when there are three paths ahead, anyone knows that the surest way to avoid a long detour is to take the one leading directly ahead.

The same rule applies to nearly everything one may set out to do in life.

There lies ahead of one in any endeavor three distinct pathways. One may take a conservative, a liberal or a radical way to accomplish his ends. Perhaps either one of the three may bring him to his goal without great difficulties or disappointments. But in this day the liberal course seems to hold the greatest assurances of success.

Certainly it always is best to make sure that one chooses the right path. Careful surveys are essential and one should be able to read the signs blazed along the charted route. But very often we cannot be positive of the right path until we have felt our way along the mountain's side.

With this thought well understood, it seems little less than absolute folly to start plodding along at a snail's pace through the conservative path or to stumble recklessly into the dangers of the radicals' unexplored trail.

Much of the happiness in life is missed by the large number who slowly make their way because of extreme conservatism; more lose real enjoyment because they rush headlong into the dangers of radicalism. But it is refreshing to look about and witness the undisputed progress of so many who are neither too cowardly to take a reasonable chance nor still so reckless as to risk everything on a dangerous leap.

It's poor policy either to go too slow or too fast.

(Copyright.)

BEAUTY IN A BEASTLY MOOD.



Doctor — Do you suffer from morning headaches?
Debutante — Certainly I suffer. If I enjoyed them as I do a dance I certainly shouldn't have consulted you.

Less Coal Produced

The world's output of coal last year was 1,100,000,000 metric tons, a decrease of more than 200,000,000 as compared to 1920, according to an estimate by the U. S. geological survey. France and Germany were the only nations showing increased production.

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

We Pay You to Save for a Home

To Educate the Children or Provide for a Rainy Day

Ask the man who has saved and loaned his hard earned money to his neighbors or others at 10 per cent interest if it is a profitable business; almost nine out of ten will tell you no; his losses are more than all the interest he has ever collected.

We take your money for 6 or 12 months and give you a reasonable rate of interest, then when the interest comes due you are not in doubt about getting it.

LET US HANDLE YOUR CHECKING ACCOUNT

If you have surplus funds which you do not need we will also handle that, giving you a reasonable rate of interest.

The Guaranty State Bank

U. M. BROCK, Cashier.

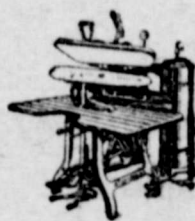
Today's Best News



HAVE YOU HEARD IT?

Clewis announces the arrival of hundreds of new Spring Samples that will prove a delight to the men of this town and community.

We extend you a cordial invitation to come see them.



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This Year's Cotton Crop

A poor cotton crop in Texas is nothing short of a calamity, not only to the farmer, but to every merchant, banker, or other business man, as well.

Government estimates state that two million bales of last year's crop in Texas were destroyed by the boll weevil, so the cotton farmer must divide his crop with that insect. If he plants an acre for himself, to be safe, he must plant another for the weevil.

The State's chief money crop is now endangered by the spread of the pink boll-worm, whose ravages are even greater than those of the weevil.

This pest was brought into Mexico in 1911 in a shipment of seed from Egypt. In five year's time it had developed to such an extent that it destroys 50 per cent of the Mexican crop annually. In 1916 the pink boll-worm made its appearance in Texas at Hearne.

Since then it has been found around Trinity Bay, in the Big Bend on the Rio Grande River, at El Paso, and in the Pecos Valley, recently it was discovered in Ellis and Grayson counties. Shipments of infested seed from New Mexico have been traced to twenty-four Texas counties, some of which are among our most important cotton producing counties.

This is a serious situation that threatens the prosperity of Texas agriculture, commerce and industry. State and Federal authorities are working to check the spread of the pink boll-weevil but they must have the full co-operation of everyone concerned.

Non-cotton zones are recommended for eliminating the worm, and regulated zones to check its spread locally. Sterilized seed, which all Texas seed breeders can furnish, are recommended by the State Department of Agriculture, and the Federal Horticultural Board urges the adoption of every cultural practice, such as a thorough preparation of the seed bed, the use of early maturing seed, early planting, and frequent cultivation, so as to have the crop mature early. The fields should be thoroughly cleaned by burning all old stalks and bolls, grasses, leaves and weeds, for in this rubbish the boll-worm hibernates. The cleaning and fumigating of all gins, oil mills, and seed warehouses is advised.

If Texas is to save its cotton crop, and that of the entire South the pink boll-worm must be eradicated, to do this will require the united efforts of all. We earnestly desire to be of assistance in this matter.

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Looking Through Lincoln's Eyes

I never pass through Chicago without visiting the statue of Lincoln by St. Gaudens and standing before it for a moment uncovered. It is to me all that America is, physically and spiritually. I look at those long arms and long legs, large hands and feet, and I think they represent the physical strength of this new country, its power and its youthful awkwardness. Then I look up at the head and see qualities which have made the American—the strong chin, the noble brow, those sober and steadfast eyes. They were the eyes of one who saw with sympathy and interpreted with common sense. They were the eyes of earnest idealism limited and checked by the possible and the practicable. They were the eyes of a truly humble spirit, whose ambition was not a love for power but a desire to be supremely useful. They were eyes

of compassion and mercy and deep understanding. They saw far more than they looked at. They believed in far more than they saw. They loved men not for what they were but for what they might become. They were patient eyes, eyes that could wait and wait and live on in the faith that right would win. They were eyes which challenged the nobler things in men and brought out the hidden largeness. They were humorous eyes that saw things in their true proportions and in their real relationships. They looked through cant and pretense and the great and little vanities of great and little men. They were the eyes of an unflinching courage and an unfaltering faith rising out of a sincere dependence upon the Master of the Universe. To believe in Lincoln is to learn to look through Lincoln's eyes.—Franklin K. Lane.



"When a woman is in love she acts like a fool."

"Maybe, but when a man is in love it isn't altogether acting."—Legion Weekly.

"Son, what did you learn in school today?"

"I learned that the arithmetic problems you worked for me last night were wrong."—Farm Life.

"And when I kissed her I smelled tobacco."

"You object to a woman who smokes?"

"No, but she doesn't smoke."—Sydney Bulletin.

"Is pants singular or plural?"

"If a man wears 'em it's plural."

"Well, if he doesn't?"

"It's singular."—National Republican.

Boy to his Dad—Dad can you sign your name with your eyes shut?

His Dad—Certainly.

Boy—Well, then shut your eyes and sign my report card.

"The thief took my watch, my purse, my pocketbook—in short, everything."

"But I thought you carried a loaded revolver?"

"I do—but he didn't find that."—Copenhagen Klods Hans.

A Forgivable Fault

An admiral said at a recent dinner: "There are too many people who can't bear the truth. We must pretend to these people that everything American is perfect. If we criticize, it must be

criticism as mild as the chicken dealer's.

"Do you guarantee this hen?" I once asked a chicken dealer.

"You bet I do, Admiral," said the man.

"Has she got no faults—no faults at all?" I asked cautiously.

"Well, Admiral," the chicken dealer confessed, "one fault she has, and there ain't no use denyin' it—she will lay eggs on the Sabbath."—The Gentlewoman.

Minister—James, I have not seen you at church for some months. Does not the voice of duty call to you?

James—May be it do, sir; but since I had the influenzy last winter I've been as deaf as a post.

Robinson—Why did you have the telephone taken out of your office?

Smith—Do you consider anything a modern improvement which gives your wife the opportunity to ask you for money during business hours, after going through your pockets the night before?

Keeness Of Youth

"Remember, boys," said the minister, "that in the bright lexicon of youth there's no such word as fail."

After a few minutes a boy raised his hand.

"Well, what is it my lad?" asked the master.

"I was merely going to suggest," replied the youngster, "that if such is the case it would be advisable to write to the publishers of that lexicon and call their attention to the omission."

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News Notes From Group A, Vocational Agriculture Schools

By A. C. CASEY, Instructor

We were sorry to miss connection last week with the Messenger, but so many things were happening along about the same time there was not time to do all of them, so we had to omit the school notes. We are going to try to be in on time every week from now on.

The bad weather of last week and the very muddy roads made every thing slow up, but with the coming out of the sun and an indication of warm weather in a month or so we will get the life and pep back into us and go to running in high now.

One of the boys that we all know, I will not call his name, was pretty well discouraged last Tuesday. It seemed as if every thing that could happen had happened to discourage him, but you bet your life he did not give up. He is making a new start and is determined to win out yet. That is the stuff that makes men out of boys. Have the courage to get up and go again when you have lost ground. You are going to find a thousand places along the road of life where it is going to take courage to go ahead.

I read a little poem once. It is rather old and I suppose that most of you have read it, but any way it is worth repeating here. There was the picture of

the most miserable looking tramp that you can imagine except that he had a big happy smile on his face. Under the picture were these words. "It is easy enough to smile, when the world goes along like a song; but the man worth while is the man with a smile, when every thing goes dead wrong."

Some of the boys had corn planted before the winter weather started in. We can not tell yet whether or not it will come up. It is to be hoped that it does. Several men around had large acreage planted, some as much as twenty-five acres planted.

We assisted Mr. Teems in pruning a large part of his young peach trees last week. Mr. Teems lived in a fruit country before coming here and has good ideas about pruning. He has his trees shaped up very well indeed. I want to call your attention to his orchard when you pass there again.

All you boys and girls listen now. It is the very time of the year for you to be ready to plant the crops that you are going to raise and if you are not ready you are going to be left at the switch. Now get busy all of you. The bad cold weather has taken our pep to some extent, but let's get warmed up again.

Wage Aggressive War against the Common House Fly

Austin, Tex., March 6.—The common house fly is the chief cause of typhoid fever and it also transmits such diseases as tuberculosis, dysentery, anthrax, cholera and diarrhoea, states D. E. Breed Executive Secretary, Texas Public Health Association.

Flies thrive in such places as cess pools, manure, decomposing vegetable matter, etc. It takes the eggs a week to hatch so their breeding places should be removed or disinfected at least every five or six days.

To secure comfort as well as protection against infection by flies and other insects every one should see that they cannot gain admittance to the home. It is much better to screen the house and prevent their entrance than it is to try to kill them with swatters after they gain an entrance. If the breeding places of flies are destroyed and house properly screened the spread of many diseases will be materially lessened.

Now is the time to start the campaign against the fly as his army at this time is very small. However the fly increases so rapidly that unless we wage an unremitting campaign against him from this time until every house, town and county is free from this pest, our earlier efforts will have been in vain.

Eugene Walling has returned from Galveston, where he accompanied his brother-in-law, W. T. Cox, who is in a sanitarium taking treatment under a specialist. He reports Mr. Cox's condition as unfavorable.

A few more days like this will make all the men want to get into "K. K."

Plans Completed For Tests In Vicinity Of Crockett

Crockett, Tex., March 4.—Drilling of the LaTex Oil and Gas Company's well on the Driskell farm, nine and one-half miles east of Crockett, which has been closed down for the past few weeks, will be resumed next week. This well is down to a depth of 1,428 feet and the contract calls for a depth of 3,700 feet, unless oil in commercial quantity is found at a lesser depth.

Arrangements are about closed for testing out the shallow field in this county. A rig for that purpose will be installed as soon as the roads get in condition to haul the machinery to the location. Much interest is centered on this feature of the oil situation here.

The Porter well, now being drilled on the Austin farm, one and one-half miles south of Crockett, has reached a depth of about 3,600 feet. The management states that the indications are that the drill is nearing the oil sands and they look for oil developments of a positive character.

The rig which is to be placed on the location at Porter Springs, ten miles west of Crockett, can not be hauled there until the roads dry out. The drilling crew and Mr. Beal and Mr. Cox, the geologists, are here waiting to begin work.

Mrs. John B. Selkirk and son and Miss Beatrice Parker returned to their home in Trinity Sunday afternoon after spending the week end here with relatives.

Plenty of whole maize, corn chops, shorts and bran at Long's Cash Store.

S. M. N. Marrs Will Speak At Crockett Saturday Night

Crockett, Tex., March 6.1922. Dear Editor:

Those persons interested in the county would probably be pleased to attend the meeting of the Houston County School Club at the court house Saturday night, the 11th at 7:30. Permit us to announce that First Assistant State Superintendent, Mr. S. M. N. Marrs, will be with us in the meeting. Mr. Marrs is an entertaining and forceful speaker and is probably the best posted man in the state in school matters. As you all know, he is a candidate for the State Superintendency, but I wish to assure you that his business here does not relate in any way to his candidacy. He is coming here in response to our urgent request on purely a scholastic mission in the hope that he may do or say something to brighten the hopes and prospects of the people and teachers along educational lines. The outlook for schools and for the funds to maintain them suitably is, like a great many other prospects, somewhat doubtful and gloomy just at this time; so it is the hope of our School Club to frequently bring broad men into our midst from wherever we may get them and gather from them that hope, that vision, that inspiration and information which will make us bigger and broader and the better able to forstall the inclinations of despair and pessimism which are so current and "Which doth so easily beset us!"

This announcement in your paper will be duly appreciated by the Club and I trust that you and all your subscribers will meet with us.

Yours respectfully,
J. H. Rosser.

Deb Hale For Sheriff

O. B. (Deb) Hale announces this week as a candidate to succeed himself in the sheriff's office, his candidacy, of course, being subject to the action of the democratic primary.

Mr. Hale is now serving his first term in this office. He made the race two years ago, and while he received a very flattering vote, he was defeated by the late Preston Lively. Mr. Lively died before the general election, and the democratic executive committee certified the name of Mr. Hale as the nominee.

Mr. Hale has made an enviable record as a peace officer. We have never heard any criticism of his official conduct, although we have heard many favorable comments upon his record. He is a terror to bootleggers and law-breakers of every variety, who know that if Deb Hale gets on their trail, sooner or later they must account to the law for their conduct.

Mr. Hale feels grateful to his friends for past favors and solicits their support in this race, promising, in the event of his election, to do his whole duty.

The meanest man in the state has been discovered over in East Texas. A woman sued him for breach of promise and he agreed to submit the question to any jury of twelve men, if, after seeing her, any sane man would offer to marry her.—Mineral Wells Index.

Sunday School Report From New Prospect

Our Sunday school is progressing fine. We are looking forward and hoping to have one of the best Sunday schools we have ever had in New Prospect. We think everyone will attend as soon as the weather will permit.

Our superintendent has put new life and power in the work, and if the people will come to Sunday school and help in the work we think we will measure up to what Solomon said when he asked the question: "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning; fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?" Songs of Solomon, 6-10.

So let us lend our presence and our influence; come with well prepared lessons and the Lord will bless our work and give us victory, for He has said, "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The Lord will help us to understand His word if we will read and study it.

Bro. Bretton filled his appointment Saturday night and gave us the story of Sampson and Delilah, and at 11 o'clock Sunday the resurrection of Christ, which was enjoyed by all who heard his discourses.

We invite all and give them a hearty welcome who will come and take part or be with us in our Sunday school, prayer meeting and all services.

Velma Chandler, Reporter.

For District Clerk

The Messenger is authorized this week to place before the voters of Houston county the name of Mrs. R. D. (Ethel) Calhoun for District Clerk, whose candidacy is subject to the action of the democratic primary in July.

Mrs. Calhoun is the widow of the late R. D. Calhoun, and daughter of T. C. Lively of the Percilla community, a highly respected citizen of the county.

Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Calhoun taught school at various places in the county and has many friends in different sections who will be glad to support her and further her chances of success at the polls in any honorable way they can. She is a very capable woman, fully qualified to fill the office and earnestly solicits the support of everyone. She wants the office, she says, because she needs the salary for the support of herself and her young son. In the event of her election, she promises to faithfully and efficiently discharge her duties. We commend her name to the voters for their careful consideration.

Great is music. Long ago some one told us that "music hath charms to soothe the savage breast." But music is doing more than that. There are phonograph records now that will make fat folks lean and lean folks fat. Soon, no doubt, we will have phonograph records that will sing the baby to sleep and put the girls in such a fine frame of mind that they will wash the dishes for mamma.—Honey Grove Signal.

Not a particle of dandruff can be found after the first application of KESSIDE; it restores falling hair and heals scalp sores. You will be pleased with the quick results obtained. Sold by your druggist.

Large Independent Concern Enters Palestine Oil Field

Palestine, Tex., March 4.—The leading oil announcement of the week was the entrance in this county of the Rosser Petroleum Company of Fort Worth, one of the leading independent producing companies. This company has made a location close to Mont Alba, ten miles north of Palestine, and will drill within the next sixty days.

Scouts representing the Gulf Production Company have been taking leases in the same locality. These are the first leases taken by the Gulf in this county for two years, according to the county clerk's record.

The bad weather has hampered the activity of smaller lease buyers, but apparently has not interfered with the actions of the larger companies.

CENTER GROVE NEWS

Center Grove, March 6.—Miss Estelle Keen of this community and Ben Chaffin of the Oak Grove community were married in Grapeland Saturday night. The bride is the daughter of Ed Keen, and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Chaffin. We extend them our best wishes and congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Burlus Brown spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown. Mrs. Lou Smith accompanied them home.

Mrs. Hoyt Garrard spent Sunday with Mrs. Lee Steadman.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Bassett of West Point, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Chaffin, Mrs. Mamie Bean and mother, Misses Kate and Mellie Ellisor and Maude Chaffin spent Sunday at the home of Ed Keen.

Chris Wright spent Sunday with Jim Tyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wilson spent the latter part of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Steadman.

Miss Loye Caskey spent Saturday night with Mrs. Fred Wright.

Miss Louise Caskey spent the latter part of last week with her sister, Mrs. Harry Denson.

An East Texas Editor claims that his town is now firmly fixed on the oil map since one of the young ladies there has married a lease hound.—Mineral Wells Index.

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