

# The Grapeland Messenger.

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## T. D. Zachary Buried at Hays Spring Cemetery

The remains of Mr. T. D. Zachary, who died Wednesday, December 20, in the Masonic home at Arlington, were shipped to Grapeland and interred in the Hays Spring cemetery the following Friday. The services were conducted by the Masonic order of this city.

Mr. Zachary was about 78 years of age. He was born in Louisiana, but came to Texas when a young man and settled in Houston county, where he lived the remainder of his life, with the exception of a few years spent in Falls county.

Mr. Zachary was an ex-confederate soldier, going through that memorable conflict as a brave and honorable soldier.

He always took an active interest in politics and was a delegate to the convention that nominated Jim Hogg for governor.

Since the death of his wife several months ago, Mr. Zachary's health failed rapidly and upon his own request was sent to the Masonic home at Arlington to spend the remainder of his days.

He is survived by his two sons, Dolph Zachary of Lovelady, and John Zachary of North Texas.

## W. O. W Elect Officers

At a regular meeting held December 16, the Woodmen of the World elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

C. L. Haltom, C. C.  
J. S. Eaves, A. L.  
Howard Guice, Banker.  
Arch Parker, Escort.  
Virgil Musick, Sentry.  
W. D. Granberry, Clerk.  
Howard Guice, Bob Parker and Herod Parker, Managers.

The regular meetings of the lodge will be held on the first Saturday night in each month.

## Pretty Christmas Program At the Christian Church

What was perhaps the prettiest Christmas program ever held in the city was the one given on Sunday night, December 24th at the Christian church. The church was tastefully and beautifully decorated for the occasion and the costumes were representative of the characters portrayed. The program consisted mostly of pantomime, interspersed by appropriate selections by the choir, which was concealed behind draperies. The scenic effect was especially arranged and produced the desired results. The program portraying as it did, the birth of Jesus, the visit of the wise men, and other sacred historic settings was most impressive.

The building was filled to its capacity and the large crowd showed its appreciation by strict attention and quiet attitude.

## Watermelon for Christmas Day

The editor can boast of eating watermelon on Christmas day, which is a very unusual experience. Early Christmas morning John Frisby presented us with a melon which he had been saving for the purpose. It was well ripe and had a delicious flavor. Mr. Frisby had several melons which he saved for Christmas time.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Brown of the Livelyville community will please accept thanks of the editor and family for a lot of nice sausage, ribs and hog head cheese which they gave us just before Christmas. It all came in mighty handy. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are mighty good neighbors—they give us pork in winter and watermelons in summer. Long may they live!

To prevent a Cold, take 666.

## Guaranty State Bank Closes Prosperous Year

The Guaranty State Bank has just closed one of the most prosperous years since its organization in 1911.

The stockholders held their annual meeting Tuesday at which time a dividend of 10 per cent was paid, \$1000 was passed to the surplus fund, bringing it up to \$11,000 and this made all the stockholders feel good.

The old officers and directors were unanimously re-elected as follows:

C. W. Kennedy, President,  
J. R. Pennington, Vice President.  
U. M. Brock, Cashier.  
Miss Melba Brock, Assistant Cashier.

With the above officers, M. P. Herod, W. T. Pridgen, J. C. Kennedy and P. H. Stafford constitute the Board of Directors.

We congratulate the institution upon its signal success and the helpful service it is rendering to the community.

## Luker Family Reunion

The Luker family held their annual reunion during the holiday season, the visiting members being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leaverton and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Luker. There were twenty-two in all, all being present except one sister, Mrs. Hale, who resides in Oklahoma, and her three children. It was a very happy occasion, featured by big dinners and a Christmas tree on Christmas eve night. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Luker and three children, Misses Rena, Oree and "Baby," of Alto; Mrs. J. B. Luker and son, Floyd, of San Augustine; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Parker and children, Reagan and Evelylin Maude, of Lufkin; and Rev. and Mrs. Frank E. Luker of Henderson. The reunion will be held again next Christmas at Alto.

## New Tailor Shop

Howard Campbell and Ben Frisby have opened a tailor shop in connection with Campbell's barber shop on second street and installed a Hoffman steam press.

## Ed Musick Responsible For this Big Fish Tale

Ed Musick, Ped Herod and Arthur Stedman went fishing last week at Taylor's lake on Trinity river. Mr. Musick related to us that they had the best of luck, contrary to the fate that usually befall fishermen. They caught oodles of fish, big ones and little ones. They caught one cat that weighed 10 pounds, one that weighed 20 pounds and one that weighed 41 pounds. In addition they killed several squirrels and 14 ducks. In as much as we have not seen Herod and Stedman to verify the above, we will have to accept Mr. Musick's word.

## Home from College

The following young people, who are attending school elsewhere, spent the Christmas season with home folk:

John Anderson, Lewis Nance Murchison and Walter Gainey, A. & M.; Rencher Brewton and Misses Adabel and Elizabeth Leaverton, State University, Austin; Miss Zelda Herod, Huntsville; Otto Walling, State Medical College, Galveston; Frank Granberry, Baylor University, Waco.

## At the Methodist Church

Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7 p. m.

Let's start the New Year right by going to the house of worship on the first Holy Sabbath.

B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

## At the Christian Church

Bible school at 10 o'clock. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Christian Endeavor at 6 o'clock. Evening service at 7 o'clock. Midweek prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

Morning subject—The Intrusted Talents.

Evening subject—Christian Union.

Arthur Hyde, Pastor.

Rub-My-Tism, an antiseptic.

## Distillery Found But the Operator Had Vamoosed

On Thursday before Christmas Constable Newt Ferguson and Deputy Sheriff C. E. Lively discovered a distillery in a thicket on Convict Spring branch south of town. It gave every evidence of having been in operation the night before, as they found barrels where the mash had been made. The operator was conspicuous by his absence, but the officers have their ears to the ground and may yet apprehend those guilty.

## TRINITY RIVER RIPPLES

Reynard, Jan. 2.—Notwithstanding the little brush of ice week before Christmas we had a rosie Xmas and are still having it. We have not seen such weather in 65 years.

We are sure all had a good Xmas if not a merry one. We had no public tree, but there were several private ones. The usual turkey and baked hams and hens and sometimes both, with plenty of cake and other things. Ye scribe helped to eat three of them, the last was Sunday; had turnip greens and tomatoes fresh from the bush. We put in every day except Tuesday and it rained that day.

T. S. Kent Jr., G. A. Walton, Sam Howard and Mr. Appling made it warm for the quail one day. We are not going to tell how many they bagged but do not think they went over the limit.

W. P. Chiles and Miss Louise Kyle went to Grapeland Wednesday night and called at the parsonage but the minister being gone did the next best thing and moved on down to his father's old friend and were married by J. A. Davis. They came in late Friday and will be at home to their friends after January 7th.

There were very little out of community visitors. We lost one hand last year but gained three others this year, so we are gaining. Think most all the out of community visitors got in Sunday evening and report ready for action Monday.

Good year to the entire Messenger family and all its readers.

## Our Resolution

RESOLVED, That we are going to keep prices down in 1923 just as we did in 1922.

If you don't believe just come around and make us prove it.

We thank you for past business and will strive harder than ever to please you.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

## Keeland Bros.

THE PRICE IS THE THING



GREETINGS  
for the  
NEW  
YEAR

## Hail to 1923

May it bring you prosperity and 365 days of happy health.

May it bring you new friends and pleasures.

This then is our Happy New Year to you.

GRAPELAND  
TEXAS

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DEPENDABLE  
MERCHANTS

# Punchettes



by  
Rev. M.A. MATTHEWS  
D.D. LL.D.

## Democratic Church

You are frequently presented with the statement that the church is composed of classes. There was never a greater falsehood uttered. The most democratic institution on earth is the church.

The Bible says that we are all included under sin. There isn't any man who is not classified as a sinner.

Some may lie about it and say they are not sinners and some may lie about it and say there is no such thing as sin. But both of those statements are infallible proof of the existence of sin and of the fact that we are all included under sin. That is democratic.

Those who are saved are saved by Christ; therefore all Christians, regardless of their name, are sinners saved by grace and all Christians are under grace.

That is democratic.

There is only one qualification for joining the church; namely, belief in Christ.

The rich and the poor, the high and the low, the learned and the ignorant, the wise and the foolish, the good and the bad, the young and the old, the pretty and the ugly, are all members of the church.

Christ is the Savior of all. And we meet in the common place to worship Jesus Christ. There is a common worship, and a common prayer.

The man in overalls, and the man in broadcloth, the woman in satin and the scrub woman in her apron, can sit down in the same pew, sing the same hymn, repeat the same prayer and worship the same Christ who died to save all.

The most democratic institution on earth is the Church of Jesus Christ.

## Living With Her New Daddy Now

—THE KAISER\*



Here is Princess Henriette at play on the grounds of her new daddy's exiled retreat at Doorn, Holland. She is the youngest daughter of the former kaiser's new bride.

ing them a long happy married life.

School starts after two weeks vacation. The teachers attended the institute at Palestine the first week and spent the holidays with home folks.

We have been requested to announce that the County Union of the F. L. U. of A. will meet at Union School house Friday, Jan. 5th. Everybody is invited to come and bring a well filled basket of dinner. You will be entertained in the forenoon by a good speaker. The business part of the meeting will be in the afternoon and outsiders will be entertained by games of basket ball.

Mr. Glenn has put a new addition to his store and expects to put in a barber shop in the near future.

Charlie Trigg of Houston came up and spent the holidays with his mother.

John B. Selkirk, wife and son of Trinity were holiday visitors here with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Cary Bridges of near Palestine spent a few days here last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bridges.

Miss Bess Howard, who has been working in Beaumont, came home for the holidays and will remain several weeks.

666 cures Dengue Fever.

## LIBERTY HILL NEWS

Liberty Hill, Jan. 1.—The health of our community is good. The weather is fine, so marks the close of 1922. We are looking forward with great expectations to the new year and what it brings.

The Christmas tree at this place was a grand success. This being the first tree we have had here for a number of years, it was a great treat to the children.

The young folks were entertained with several parties last week, first being a musical entertainment at Arthur Holcomb's.

Mrs. Mary Cutler entertained the young folks in honor of her niece, Miss Grace Rich.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Scarborough gave a social Saturday night in honor of Mrs. Scarborough's sister, Miss Ruby Lee Young, who is spending a few days here visiting before returning to Denton, where she is attending school.

Bro. Jno. B. Davis and family from Huntsville were our honored guests during the holidays. Bro. Davis preached for us on Sunday night. His sermon was an inspiration to all who heard him.

Miss Cordelia Holcomb, who is teaching near Jacksonville visited home folks the past week.

Miss Emma, Marshall and Rayford Moore, who are attending school in Huntsville, spent the holidays with home folks.

Miss Grace Rich of Waneta visited relatives in this community last week.

Jim Holcomb from Alto visited home folks last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harless Lasiter are spending a few days in Palestine.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Murchison also Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lovell from Weches visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gale spent some of the holidays in Rusk visiting Mrs. Gale's father, Mr. Glenn.

Bro. Dudley Davis and family were in our midst a few days the

past week mixing with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Holcomb of Alto visited in our community the past week.

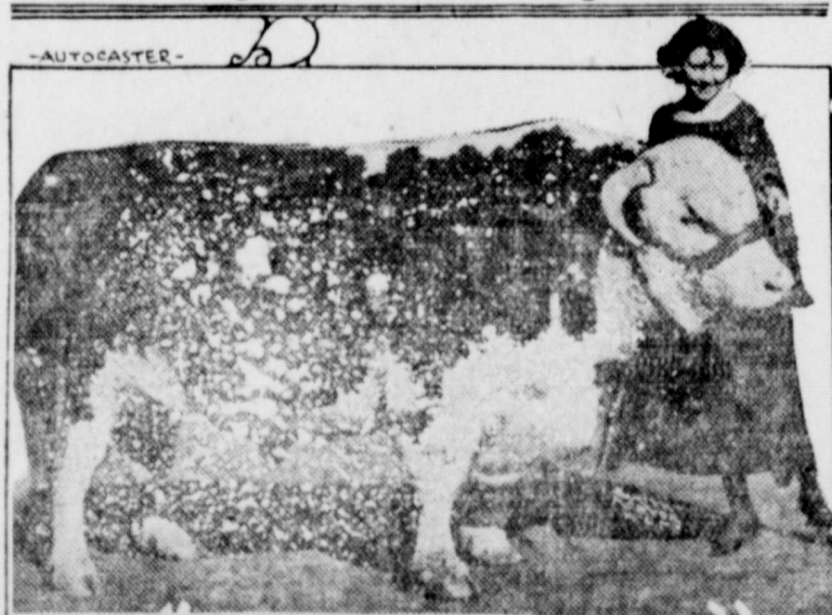
Walter McAnnally and family have moved into our community from Augusta. We welcome these new comers and wish them well during the year with us.

## SALMON SAYINGS

Salmon, Jan 1.—A large crowd attended the singing Sunday afternoon and some good singing was rendered by the class and quartette. Among the visitors present from other communities were Cecil Bean and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Willis of the Oak Grove community and Jessie Murdock, who is visiting relatives and friends here a few days. The time of the singing has been changed from Sunday night to Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Two of our most popular young people, John Bryant and Miss Lottie Haltom, both of this community surprised their many friends Wednesday of last week when they quietly got married. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents. We join their many friends in wish-

## Grand Champion Hereford Weighs 3100 lbs.



Hartland Woodford, owned by Sen. J. N. Camden, of Versailles, Ky., is the Grand Champion bull of America, winning his honors at the American Royal Livestock show in Kansas City this month. He is the heaviest bull ever shown, weighing 3100 pounds.

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.

Miss Dot Scarborough, who is working at Cleveland, visited her mother, Mrs. George Scarborough, last week.

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, 33c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Smith & Ryan.

Miss Eula Mae Riall, teaching in Oklahoma City, visited her mother last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Lively of Livingston were Christmas day visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lively.

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15 for 10  
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New  
Year

TO  
ONE  
AND  
ALL



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## A Happy New Year

## Norman's Garage

J. C. Norman, Proprietor

## BIG DEMONSTRATION OF Rice Hotel Products TUESDAY, JAN. 9th

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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State Bank  
W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier

## Army goods at auction

WE HAVE RECENTLY PURCHASED 31,000 SETS OF NEW AND USED ARMY HARNESS WITH AND WITHOUT BREECHING

Other government goods we have to sell consist of: Stock Saddles, Riding Bridles, Lariets, Cavalry Bridles, Extra Team Bridles, Whips, Collars, Extra Lines, Halters, Halter Leads, Rain Coats, Slickers, Blankets, Shoes, Shirts, Breeches, Coats, Socks; in fact, everything man or horse can wear.

We will Sell at 1:30 p. m., Monday, January 8th, at Grapeland, Texas

JUST A WORD ABOUT BLANKETS—We have 25,000 O D Government Blankets and we can furnish you the best blanket you ever had a chance to buy for the money. Just the thing for a lap robe, camping parties, cots on sleeping porches; in fact, there are a thousand ways to use this blanket, and the handiest thing a man ever owned who owns an automobile. If you are in need of anything in our line, don't miss this sale. No matter what the price is we sell our goods. The U. S. Quarter Master Dept. has recently issued an order that all surplus army goods must be sold by June 22 and our government sold millions of dollars worth of goods the last 30 days, just forced them on the market and we own our goods so that you can buy them cheaper than you ever bought merchandise of the same quality.

YOU PAID THE COST—NOW SHARE THE PROFITS. Remember the date we sell our goods.

**U. S. FARM SALES COMPANY**  
SALINA, KANSAS. COL. W. J. HARRY, Auctioneer

### PERCILLA NEWS

Percilla, Jan. 1.—Since our last writing our community has suffered the loss of one of its most respected and pioneer women, Mrs. Lige Jackson, whose death occurred the 24 of December. Deceased was a type of that sturdy American womanhood who possessed the will-power and courage that successfully withstood the many trials and privations usually attending a pioneer life. We are told that when she and her husband began married life that the husband walked back and forth each day a distance of eight miles and worked for a dollar a day for money to live on and at the same time would chop the brush from new ground till midnight while the wife would pick up and burn same. Few women now living had such experience. A noble woman is gone, and leaves a husband and a number of children and grand-children to mourn her loss. We also come this time with

another wedding. This time it is Mr. James Brown and Miss Rezi Jones. We have failed so far to learn anything of Mr. Brown except that he is from Waco, but Miss Rezi is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Jones (Clay and not Claude, this time) and is one of our home girls, having been reared within this community and graduated from Percilla High School. From what we know about Miss Rezi we are willing to assure Mr. Brown that if he is not a perfect, jam up fellow in every sense of the word, he is considerably overmatched.

With this, we beg to ring off for this time. Since our last, there has been absolutely too much visiting to even think about beginning to report it. But will say that during this time every body has visited and has been visited by some one, or rather by from one to one hundred.

Miss Lucia Painter of Crockett was the guest of Miss Adabel Leaverton a few days last week.

### Our Honor Roll

The Messenger feels grateful to its many subscribers for their promptness in renewing their subscriptions. There are only a few names on the books that have not renewed. The new year is started with a clean record. We thank the following for their subscription or renewal:

Grapeland—Bob Wherry, Clarence McCarty, G. R. Murchison, J. A. Bean, E. P. McCall, Mrs. J. M. Selkirk, H. I. Luce, Miss Kattie Yarbrough, Virgil Musick, Mrs. S E Traylor, G W Mobley, T S. Kent, Howard Guice, Roy Brewton, E. W. Davis, H J Shaw, Frank Salmon, R. L. Pridgen, Mrs. Eleanor Kennedy, Dick Murchison, Mrs. Mal Whitaker. (By J. F. Fulton.)

Route 1—Robt. Keen, J. C. Hodges, W. P. Grounds, Mrs. J. S. Wells, Hiram Gaines, S. W. Duitch, George Brumley, Jimmie Caskey, E. W. Clark.

Route 2—W. A. Shaver, Ed Skidmore, John Luce, J R. Williams, W. S. Tyer, Lonzie Tyer, Ike Allen.

Route 3—Mrs. Lucy Willis, Ford Newman, Z. W. Weisinger, J L Nichols

Route 4—Lon Beauchamp, Hugh Richards, Richard Spence.

Percilla—C. F. Monk, R. F. Lively, T. C. Lively, Mrs. Dora Ritchey, Claude Sadler, Eugene Lively.

Elkhart—M. J. Baker, W. J. Kyle, J. B. Clark.

Palestine—J. E. Tyer, E. P. Bean, J F Lively.

Salmon—Dan Trigg, Ben Mose-ly.

Crockett—S. T. Allee, C. W. LeGory, G T Harrison, Route 1.

Troup—R. L. Williams. (By Mrs. Will Selkirk.)

Midlothian—W. R. Campbell.

Austin—Hon. E. Winfree, State University

Port Arthur—B. F. Hill.

Cleburne—Mrs. Lucindy Officer. (By Dr. C. C. Officer)

San Francisco, Cal—O L Gibson. (Z. W. Weisinger.)

Stanton—J L Ward.

Houston—F. P. Fulton. (By J. F. Fulton.) Mrs. Bessie Caskey.

Snyder—Mrs. A B Dunman. (By Mrs. Mary Brown.)

Big Sandy—Rev. J. L. Willis.

Lamesa—John Killion

Henderson—E. P. Lynch.

Oakville—J C Scarborough.

Memphis, Tenn.—C. W. Butler Jr.

Damon—Mrs. Ed Holcomb.

Goose Creek—Carl Fulton. (By J. F. Fulton.)

West Columbia—Floyd Ferguson.

Shiro—Ben Keene.

Rusk—Mrs. Reta Marshall. (By G. W. Weisinger)

Barnes, Ark.—G R Sewall.

Baltimore, Md.—Olan Hyndman. (By Mrs. S E Traylor.)

Dallas—Mrs. J. B. Zimmerman

Colored—Ike Potts, Grapeland;

Pete Jackson, Route 4; Jim Webb, Mineral Wells

### The Cradle Roll

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Cherry Saturday, December 30, 1922.

### Remodeling Home

R. L. Pridgen is remodeling his home in South Grapeland, adding some porches and extra rooms, modernizing the roof and otherwise improving it. It will present a very imposing appearance when completed.

### ROCK HILL LOCALS

Rock Hill—Since our last letter the community has been made sad by the death of Mrs. Martha Hudnell, who died at the home of her son, Willis Hudnell, in the Hays Spring community, on the night of Dec. 18. She was the mother of J. W. Taylor and sister to Mrs. Lucy Willis, both of this place. She also had a son, W. F. Taylor, at Big Sandy, and another one, George Hudnell, at Houston. There is one daughter who lives at Altha, Florida. Besides these she also leaves her husband and many relatives and friends and since we know words are only emptiness on such a sad occasion, we can only commend the bereaved to "Him who doeth all things well."

Richard Streetman, who is teaching at Ash, spent the week with home folks. He gave us a most excellent talk at Sunday school on "How are we using our talents?" He is quite a young man yet fearless and courageous and we are inclined to believe the Lord will use him greatly.

Rev. Jesse L. Willis, who is a student in the S. M. U. at Dallas, spent part of last week here visiting his mother

Another one of our neighbors has decided to leave us. C. M. Streetman, who has resided here for seventeen years, will soon move to his new home two miles south of Grapeland. We understand that Newton Streetman has also purchased a place there, too, though he doesn't expect to move this year.

Misses Bennie and Thelma Morrow and Herman Shaw from Palestine were pleasant visitors at the home of C. M. Streetman Christmas day.

Mrs. Clara Teal returned to Terrell Sunday to take up her studies in school there.

Mrs. Bessie Weisinger and daughter, Miss Mamie, and little Miss Lois Willis spent Thursday in the Hays Spring community visiting Miss Rhoda Haynes.

Mrs. Lusky Gray and children spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lucy Willis.

H. M. Streetman and family visited relatives in the Antrim community Sunday.

Mrs. John Cook has gone to Cherokee county to attend the bedside of her sister, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Willis and children spent Christmas in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Little of Antrim spent the holidays with her parents.

Best wishes for a prosperous New Year to every reader of the Messenger.

### To the Citizens of Houston County

I desire to express my appreciation of the many favors shown me during my tenure of office as Tax Collector, and assure you that your kindness will long be remembered and that if I made good while serving you that I shall only attempt to remunerate you by making good in the future as I have tried to do in the past.

With best wishes for a prosperous new year, I am,

Yours very truly,  
C. W. Butler, Jr.

W. W. Aiken, editor of the Crockett Courier, was a visitor to Grapeland Sunday afternoon.

### Eaves Family Reunion

Among the many happy events of the Christmas time none surpassed that of the reunion by the Eaves family. While not all members of the family were present, yet they had a gay time and brought gladness and joy into the hearts of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Eaves. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Eaves and baby of Waco; Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Eaves and son of Granger; Mr. and Mrs. Kiser of Goose Creek, and Dr. and Mrs. Collier of Stephens, Ark.

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.

### Off on Big Hunt

Messrs. Frank and D. N. Leaverton left Saturday night for Abilene, where they will be joined by their brother, H. A. Leaverton, and other friends from Breckenridge, and will spend this week hunting and fishing somewhere in the west.

Spurgeon and Lawson Payne, who are attending school at Tyler, came home for the Christmas season.

**50**  
**GOOD**  
**CIGARETTES**  
**10¢**



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Crockett, Texas

# Society

## Christmas Weddings

W. P. Chiles and Miss Agnes Louise Kyle were married in Grapeland Wednesday night, December 27, at the residence of Esq. John A. Davis, who officiated.

Miss Agnes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kyle of the New Prospect community, an accomplished and popular young lady, whose charming disposition has won for her a large circle of admiring friends. Mr. Chiles resides in the Reynard community, and is the oldest son of J. L. Chiles. He is a young man of splendid character, popular among his associates and a leader in his community. They will make their home in the Reynard community.

The Messenger joins their large circle of friends in congratulations and best wishes.

George Scarborough, son of Mrs. George Scarborough, who resides in the Hays Spring community, was married Sunday, December 24, to Miss Velta Burk of near Palestine, and they will reside in that community.

Tom Clinton and Miss Luna Frank Lively were quietly married in Crockett Sunday night, since which time they have been receiving congratulations of their many friends. Miss Luna Frank is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Lively and was a very popular young lady among the younger set. They will make their home in Nacogdoches, where Mr. Clinton is engaged in the garage business.

Many Grapeland people know and remember Kirby Keeland, who formerly lived here and is a brother of Messrs. Claude and Bill Keeland. He was married Friday, December 29, to Miss Louella Milliken at New Waverly, and they will make their home in that city, where Mr. Keeland is engaged in business.

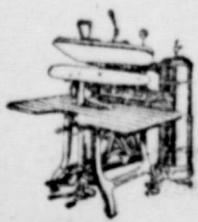
## Hogs Wanted

I will ship hogs Wednesday, January 11 and again Wednesday, January 18. Will buy all hogs offered 135 pounds up, paying highest market price.

Henry Dailey.

## New Tailor Shop

We have opened a tailor shop at Campbell's Barber Shop and have installed one of the latest



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We solicit your patronage, promising good work and prompt service.

B. A. FRISBY AND H. C. CAMPBELL  
Proprietors

## NEW PROSPECT NEWS

New Prospect, Jan. 2.—Wednesday night, December 27, Mr. Pledger Chiles and Miss Louise Kyle stole a march on their friends and were married in the presence of a few relatives. Esq. Davis performed the ceremony. The happy couple left Friday for their home at Reynard. They have many friends here who wish them much joy and happiness.

Misses Nannie and Flora Marshall and Miss Audine Keene were the guests of the Misses Chandler several days last week.

Mrs. Leslie Bridges visited relatives at Oak Grove last week. Carry Bridges and wife from near Palestine were visiting here Xmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dismuke of Slocum visited at Alton Baker's Saturday and Sunday.

Our school began work again Monday morning. Mr. Wilcox said so many people got married during the holidays he got uneasy and hid to keep from getting married.

P. L. Herod, Arthur Stedman and Ed Musick went to the river last week. If anyone wants to hear a real big fish yarn just go to these fellows; they can tell one too big for anybody to believe.

Miss Lila Dennis of Childress spent several days here last week visiting her sister, Mrs. Albert Gainey. She also visited friends at Daly's a few days.

F. P. Kenendy has sold his farm out on the Crockett road to C. M. and N. V. Steetman of the Rock Hill community, and the elder Streetman expects to move here sometime in February, while Newton will not move until fall. He will have to build a house before he can move. Mr. Kennedy expects to remove to West Texas.

Lewis Riall Yarborough came down from Jacksonville last week end to accompany his wife and baby home, who spent the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yarbrough.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Porter and baby returned to their home at Angleton, Monday, after spending some time her with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Goodson.

## We Thank You

We take this method of thanking our many friends and customers for the business entrusted to us during the past year, and wish each and everyone a happy and prosperous new year.

A. B. Spence, Ginmer.

## Bring in Seed

Those having a few cotton seed to sell had better bring them in at once as we are going to make the final shipment within the next few days.

J. W. Howard.

## Taken Up

One red horse mule, branded M. B. on left hip, split in right ear, gray forehead. Taken up Saturday, December 23, 1922, at my place, 1 and half miles north of Salmon on Palestine road. Owner please call for same or it will be estrayed by law.

J. Blackwell.



## A Happy New Year!

We have had a good year. For us it has been a year of achievement, toward which gratifying result you have generously and loyally contributed. Our resolution for the New Year is to serve you better that we might merit a continuance of your valued friendship, co-operation and patronage. We thank you, good people of Grapeland and this entire section, and wish you all a Happy New Year.

# 1923--LET'S GO!

Now is the time to start the new year right. The Darsey Co. is best prepared to serve your every interest with a complete and up-to-date stock of new merchandise and wearing apparel. The lines we sell are guaranteed to give satisfaction. Command us when we can serve you.

## WE SHOW THE NEW THINGS FIRST

## ALL LEATHER SHOES

Our shoe stock has been replenished with a big shipment of men's, women's, boy's, girl's and children's All Leather Shoes. Here you will find best styles in all sizes and leathers in

Ladies pumps, oxfords and shoes  
Men's Dress and Work Shoes  
School and Dress Shoes for Boy's and Girl's  
It Takes Leather To Stand The Weather

## LADIES WEARING APPAREL AT REDUCED PRICES

Our entire line of ladies ready-to-wear has been priced to move. There are some good numbers here in

COAT SUITS COATS DRESSES SKIRTS  
WAISTS AND GIRLS' COATS  
AND MILLINERY AT

## One-Half Price

Don't fail to see the wonderful values offered here in advance of those usually shown in towns the size of Grapeland.

## STAPLE DRY GOODS

While prices on all lines of apparel and dry goods are advancing, the rise will be more keenly felt in staples. And right now, you can make a liberal saving on such lines as

Dress Gingham Sheetings  
Shirtings Percales  
Apron Gingham Domestic

You will find them here in a number of good, fast color qualities.

**THE DARSEY CO.**  
GRAPELAND'S CASH DRY GOODS STORE

**LOCAL HAPPENINGS**

Barb wire at Darsey's.  
 666 cures LaGrippe.  
 Garden wire at Darseys.  
 107 for Chills and Fevers. At the Drug Store.  
 Dolph Zachary of Lovelady was in GrapeLand Sunday.  
 Plenty of salt in 25 and 100 pound sacks at Darsey's.  
 107 for Colds and Fevers. At your Druggist.  
 M. W. Johnston of Mississippi is here on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Johnson.  
 WANTED—Farm wage hand. Can furnish good house. tf C. A. Campbell, Salmon.  
 Ben Brooks of Palestine spent Sunday and Monday here with his family.  
 Dr. P. H. Stafford was a business visitor to Palestine last Wednesday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. George Pridgen of Houston spent the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. W. T. Pridgen.

Plenty of Kelly breaking plows, turning plows, Georgia stocks, extra beams, handles, mole boards, points, land slides and bolts at Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Stovall White of this city and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Lasiter of Elkhart went to Dallas during the holidays to visit Mrs. Dora White

**Hall's Catarrh Medicine**

Those who are in a "run down" condition will notice that Catarrh bothers them much more than when they are in good health. This fact proves that while Catarrh is a local disease, it is greatly influenced by constitutional conditions. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE consists of an Ointment which Quickly Relieves by local application, and the Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which assists in improving the General Health. Sold by druggists for over 40 Years. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.



1922 has been a GOOD YEAR!

We thank you for the part you played in making it so, and in the words of Dickens,

"A Happy New Year to us all. God bless us everyone"

**Henry Dailey & Co.**

Henry Dailey Dan F. Hill W. E. Kerr

Garden seed at Darsey's.  
 666 quickly relieves a cold.  
 Bile Cutters. No nausea, no griping. At Your Druggist.

Miss Mabel Boykin visited in Crockett Sunday.

Stalk cutters, middle busters and breaking plows at Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

Miss Gladys Beeson of Crockett visited her aunt, Mrs. Carl Gainey, several days last week.

Begin the New Year right by selling your chickens and eggs to Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

Mr. C. B. Keeland and children spent last week in Huntsville visiting her mother.

Barb wire, garden fencing, hog fencing, yard fencing, nails and staples at Geo. E. Darsey & Co's.

John Mason and family of Watt, where Mr. Mason teaches, came home for a visit last week.

Big shipment of new garden seed just received at Geo. E. Darsey & Co's.

**Notice—Posted**

No hunting allowed on any of my premissis. 2t W. H Holcomb

Capt. N. H. Phillips of Crockett was here on legal business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Brooks of Palestine visited relatives here Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Lively and little daughter were here for the holidays to see their relatives and numerous friends.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. LeMay and little daughter of Athens visited relatives here and at Crockett last week.

Cooking stoves, heating stoves stove pipe, rain proofs, bedsteads, springs, chairs and mattresses at Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

Rub-My-Tism for Rheumatism  
 For both quality and price, call at Howard's for flour and feed. None better than Ruth flour.

Mr. and Mrs. Stokes Pelham came home from Huntsville for a few days visit last week.

107 for Colds, Chills and Fever. No cure, no pay. At your Druggist.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Keene, who are teachings at Shiro, came home for the holidays.

**Service Car**

Rates cheap. See W. R. Stephens. 2t

**Wanted to Buy**

A few cars of fat cows, calves and bulls. See George Calhoun or Bob Wherry. 3t

Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Murray of Trinity spent a day or two here last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Murray.

John Skidmore is making some improvements to his home in the way of a sleeping porch and additional porch room.

Miss Bess Boykin spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Boykin. She has returned to her school at Watt.

Miss Carnie Murchison has returned to her school at Wilmer after spending the holidays here with homefolk.

Plow bridles, hames, back bands, traces, collars, collar pads, and plow fixtures at Geo. E. Darsey & Co's.

Herman Murchison, who is working for the Grand Leader in Palestine came home to see the folks Christmas day.

Just unloaded a car of flour, bran, shorts, corn chops, oats and maize. Also, Landa's chicken feed, all at lowest prices.

S. E. Howard.

Mrs Sam Howard Jr. and children went to Lake Charles, La., t week for a visit with her ents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. aston.

**Calendars at Darsey's**

All persons that has not supplied themselves with a Calendar will find one for them at Geo. E. Darsey & Co's.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Blalock and son and Mr. and Mrs. Nat Davis and three children of Livingston were holiday vistors here with relatives.

Rev. John B. Davis and family of Huntsville came up during the holidays and visited relatives and friends at their old home in the Liberty Hill communiy.

**Notice—For Sale**

I have a big six year old jack that I want to sell; will take some trade. For price and terms see or write ' Hub Starkey, 3t Grapeland, Route 1.

**Notice—Posted**

I am not going to allow any more hunting, fishing or trapping on any of my premissis. Please take notice and stay out. 4t George Calhoun.

666 Cures Malarial fever.

**Be as Careful**

In Selecting Your Druggist as You are in the Selection of your Family Physician.

One is just as important as the other. Start the New Year off right by bringing your prescriptions to us.

In asking you to do this, we assure you of quality, service and accuracy.

**Smith & Ryan**

DRUGGISTS

Everything a Good Drug Store Should Have

**"Jack Knife Man"**

A Special Feature at the

**STAR THEATRE**  
 Always Worth While

**Friday Night**

Played By—King Vidor

A Wonderful picture that you will enjoy

Also 2 reel Comedy

Come out and spend an hour of real pleasure.

No Extra Charge

—Also—

Good Program for Saturday night With Comedy

**For Sale**

1 five passenger Ford in good shape. See W. R. Stephens. 2t

Bile Cutters. Take one tonight. They make breakfast taste right. At your druggist.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ellis of Crockett visited here during the holidays

Ladies, let Clewis have your old winter coat suit, waist and skirt dyed.

John B. Zimmerman of Dallas spent a few days here last week with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Pridgen Jr of Beaumont spent a few days this week visiting their sister, Mrs W. T. Pridgen.

Mrs. Bessie Caskey, who spent some time here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bridges, returned to her home, in Houston last Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Tunstall of Crockett visited friends here this week.

**Notice—Posted**

No hunting, fishing or trapping allowed on any of our premissis. 3t

Murray & Murray.

Miss Dot Lively of Percilla returned last week from Damon, where she spent several days visiting her sister, Mrs. Ed Holcomb.

U. M. Brock is the latest to install a radiophone in his home and enjoys "listening in" every night to concert programs being broadcasted from various cities in the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Anderson left Thursday night for their home at Paris after spending the holidays here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Darsey.

Rev. B. C. Ansley, for three years pastor of the Methodist church here, spent Sunday and Monday in the city mingling with his many friends. Bro. Ansley is now located at Neches, being assigned to that church by the recent annual conference.

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A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

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THURSDAY, JAN. 4, 1923

If you can make it over to the first of February with your good resolutions intact the chances are they will hold out the remainder of the year.

1923 program for Grapeland: Secure a light and ice plant; incorporate the town; build sidewalks; create sentiment and go after good roads; love one another and be neighborly.

If you withstood the Christmas shock and had money left to pay your taxes—state, county, school, city, automobile, etc., don't draw a long breath and congratulate yourself—income tax time is coming.

Happy New Year to you, folks. Last year was a pretty good one, but we can make this one better if we will to do so. Let's put lots into it and we will get lots out of it. A fellow draws dividends only to the amount invested.

The road running through Grapeland north and south, known as the Palestine-Crockett road, is a state highway. Grapeland Road District could issue

bonds in the sum of \$50,000, which in turn would be supplemented by the state with \$50,000, and by the United States government with \$50,000 making a sum total of \$150,000.00 for road building. The distance from the Anderson county line to Elkhart creek is about 11 miles. Eight to ten thousand dollars per mile would make it a permanent hard-surfaced road. The balance could be spent on the Salmon and Daly's roads, putting them in first-class condition. Anderson county is going to build the road through that county to the Houston county line. Grapeland should lead Houston county in a road building program just as she did several years ago in being the first to issue bonds for good roads. We should adopt this project as one of the things we are going to accomplish in 1923.



**Fruit of the Spirit:**—Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.—Galatians 5:22, 23.

**WANETA LOCALS**

Waneta, Jan. 1.—The whole community was saddened last Thursday afternoon when the news came that Mr. Bascom Jones had been shot and instantly killed. Fletcher Sheffield was taken in charge by the officers charged with the killing. The killing took place some where near the river, and the body was removed to his sister's. Mrs. Charlie Monk, until time for burial, Mr. Jones had lived in this community a long time but moved to Cherokee county about a month ago. He leaves a wife and four little children, an aged father and several brothers and sisters to mourn his death. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Wright at the Muse cemetery Friday afternoon, where his remains were laid to rest. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cliburn

**CARTOON REVIEW OF 1922**



are rejoicing over the arrival of a big boy baby at their house last Tuesday, Dec. 26.

Mr. Cad Sheffield of Huntington is spending a few days with his parents here.

Van Wilson, wife and daughter, Miss Clara, of Lufkin, attended the funeral of Mr. Jones Friday.

Dick Scoggins and wife of near Alto spent Xmas with relatives here.

Lorenza Goff and wife of Rusk spent Xmas here. Mrs. Eula Harrington and baby spent from Thursday till Saturday with her mother near Percilla.

Misses Luna Frank and Wilma Lively of Grapeland spent Tuesday at Mr. Harry Lively's.

Joe Lively is still very low at this writing.

Waneta Basket ball team played the Grapeland team Thursday afternoon at Grapeland. The score was 15 to 8 in favor of Waneta.

W. H. Wall of Augusta, who recently underwent an operation in a Palestine sanitarium, was able to return to his home last Wednesday.

Miss Clara Anderson has returned to Lindale to resume her school duties, after spending the Christmas time here with home-folk.



May the gods of joy, happiness, pleasure, mirth and sunshine come early and the cheer of their presence linger thru the new year.

Phone us when you want meat or Groceries. We deliver

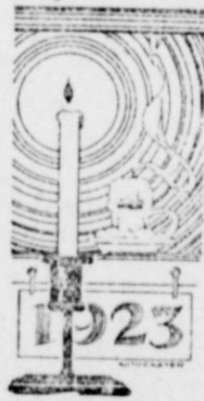
**PARLOR MEAT MARKET**  
 J. B. LIVELY, Prop.

**Uncle John's Josh**

IT WAS NEW YEAR'S & "DAZE" FOR SOME FOLKS!



**NEW YEAR GREETINGS**



New year's tales are often told.

May the tales you will tell of 1923 be better than any you have ever heard or told before.

**OUR RESOLUTION:**

To serve you more efficiently in 1923.

We want your Business

**M. L. Clewis**  
 Your Tailor

**THE MESSENGER'S AMERICANIZATION SERIES**

**WORK OR DIE**

In the complex organization which we call society we have lost sight of the simple business of life. We say that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are three inherent rights of the individual. Life is a good thing, but the fact of our being born into this world does not give us the right to life. The world is beautiful. The scheme of life is good, but we enjoy title to life only in so far as we pay the unit installments; only as we meet our obligations from day to day and from year to year until life is done. The one appropriate currency with which to pay for life is work. Man is capable of transforming the fuel of food into energy and work. We can buy the right to live with a proper daily expenditure of useful work. The individual who does not pay the price of life has no right to it.

Brains have respect for muscle and muscle has respect for brains. A man who spends his strength in useful work gets from his work something besides the silver of his daily wage. Work is enjoyable and beautiful, and men who have worked know this. Fatigue that follows effort is the reward that answers the question of the day: "What have I done to earn life?"

The United States is composed of parasites and producers. The people of a nation are all consumers. They must eat. In a community where all men are consumers and one-half producers it follows that each producer is sustaining his own life and the life of one parasite.

Society is made up of men, women and children. Men and women must work. In the United States only a small percentage of men and women do work. When every man and every woman works the high cost of living, political disorder, strikes and all the phenomena of social unrest will be at an end. Work is the cure. It is the only cure.

The final rewards for work performed are delayed by a hundred foolish afflictions which society suffers today. Most of these would disappear if men would work. Most of the ills which now affect the workers of a population would disappear if men who work would learn the real reward of effort. Not many laborers or mechanics or professional men carry with them the realization that their work is something more than a means of obtaining cash with which to buy the things essential to their lives. The man who works is bound by an obligation greater than his contract with his employer. He is bound by his debt for life received. Not many men realize this obligation. Until men discover that they must buy the right to live with the coin of sweat they will continue to side-step the obligation of delivering a day's work in return for their wages.

The first need in the government of the United States is a first-class business man for President and a group of assistants such as any first-class business man would surround himself

with. The United States is a good place to live in, but a business administration could improve a million per cent. The people of the United States have much to learn. Experience is a great teacher, but unfortunately experience dies with the individual. We persist in neglecting to take advantage of the knowledge which can be gained from other men's experiments and other men's mistakes. With our own hands we must pick up a live wire before we can appreciate the kick that can exist in unseen forces.

There is salvation in the fact that the moral instinct exists in every man. With it is an ambition for the good things of life. Work is the one agency through which these things may be enjoyed. Work will buy life and happiness.

On the day that all men sense the moral obligation which demands that they shall pay in honest useful work the price of life they will know contentment. An appropriate expenditure of brain or muscle is the price of life. There is no honest alternative. Work or die.—Hugh Wiley.

Calvin Duitch, who has been working at Wootters, has returned home.

**Son born to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hill**

Mr. and Mrs. George Washington Hill are being congratulated upon the birth of a son in their home, 570 Park Avenue, New York City, on Sunday, December 17th, 1922. The child will be christened Percival Smith Hill the 2nd, after his grandfather, Mr. Percival S. Hill, President of the American Tobacco Company, of which the boy's father, Mr. George W. Hill, is Vice-President.

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.

Mrs. Woodie Eaves of Goose Creek came home during the holidays to visit her father, G. B. Kent, in the Reynard community.

**GAS ON STOMACH WON'T LET YOU SLEEP**

Gas often presses on heart and other organs, causing a restless, nervous feeling which prevents sleep. Simple buckhorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adlerika, expels gas and relieves pressure almost instantly, inducing restful sleep. Adlerika often removes surprising old matter from both upper and lower bowels which poisoned stomach and caused gas. Excellent to guard against appendicitis. Smith & Ryan.

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.

Hiram Smith and family recently left for Lamesa, in west Texas, where they will reside in the future. There are so many Grapeland and Houston county folk at Lamesa we are sure that Mr. Smith and family will feel quite at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell Appling and children of Carthage, who spent the holidays here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Howard, have returned to their home.

Bad digestion robs the body of the nourishment it needs to maintain health and strength. To restore tone in the digestive organs 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.

666 Cures Bilious fever.

**Business is Business**

Business is Business, but life is life,  
So we're all in the game to win it,  
Let's rest sometimes from the heat and strife,  
And try to be friends a minute.

Let's seek to be comrades now and then,  
And slip from our golden tether.  
And we're all good friends together.

—Tom Drier, Boston.

Business is Business, but men are men,  
As we start out the new year let's apply the  
above to our business relations and be happier,  
and share with each other the joys or sorrow  
that may come our way.

May the New Year bring to all of us the  
greatest degree of prosperity and happiness  
that it has been our pleasure to enjoy.

**Guaranty State Bank**

U. M. BROCK, Cashier.

**Iowa Girls Win Trip Abroad**

Buelah Rodgers and Kathryn Boli-baugh of Iowa are two country misses from Iowa who won the canning contest at The International Livestock Show at Chicago. Their prize is a three months' trip to Europe with all expenses paid. They competed against farm girls from every state. They will demonstrate their ability in canning in devastated zones France.



May your cup of cheerfulness in the New Year be filled to overflowing. May it be the best you've ever lived.

**Nathan Guice**

BOLLED COCO-COLA AND ICE

**CARDUI**  
The Woman's Tonic

**Campaign for Better Prices and Better Farming Methods**

Austin, Tex., Jan. 1, 1923. To Farmers and all Business Interests, New Year's Greeting:

"Farming must pay or the nation will perish."

Twentieth century civilization, with its boasted achievements, will perish from the face of the earth, unless agriculture is made profitable.

This is axiomatic and needs no demonstration.

Our lands are depreciating in production, because of erosion and loss of plant food.

Erosion cannot be stopped and plant food cannot be restored without profitable prices.

Money spent for good schools and good roads is a great investment when intelligently expended, but it raises the price of land and increases taxes, without increasing the productive capacity of the soil. In order to support good schools and build good roads, the farmer must receive better prices for his products.

Cotton is the greatest commercial crop of the United States it brings more actual money and is almost the sole dependence of the South. With depleted soil, ravages of the boll weevil and other pests, and the high cost of living, it is no longer possible to produce cotton as economically and as cheaply as it was formerly produced.

Estimates of cost of production filed in this department by thousands of practical farmers, show that the average cost of producing the cotton crop of 19-21 was 25.8 cents per pound and the average cost for the 1922 crop was 22 cents per pound. The 1920 and 1921 crops were sold at a loss, and the 1922 crop sold for about cost, with a small profit to the most successful farmers.

Business conditions materially improved because of the small profit to some of the farmers. This ought to convince every intelligent man in Texas and the South that cotton cannot be profitably grown for less than 20 cents, as the minimum price.

**The Remedy**

1. Raise all the food and feed crops to supply the farm and the local town or city market and make the farm self-supporting.

2. Stop erosion or washing of the soil by terracing or other means, and plant enough peas, velvet beans or other legumes to replace the plant food taken from the soil.

3. Reduce the cotton acreage 25 per cent and improve the cultivation, curtail insect ravages, and produce more per acre at lower cost per pound. This plan will produce as much cotton, and bring more clear money to the farmer. Demand 20 cents per pound, or more, according to cost of production, supply and demand.

These suggestions, if put into execution, will materially benefit the South. The farmers, as a rule, are not properly organized and not financially able to carry out this plan, but are willing to do their part.

I appeal to all business interests to assist the farmers in a campaign for soil improvement, better methods in farming, and better prices, and this assistance requires both moral and financial support, and a campaign to apprise the cotton consuming world that cotton cannot, and will not, be produced hereafter for less than cost, and a reasonable profit. I appeal to the newspapers to assist in this campaign.

George B. Terrell, Commissioner.

**Card of Thanks**

I desire to extend thanks to all who assisted in any way in putting father away in his last resting place, especially thanking members of the Masonic Lodge and to those who gave flowers.

Dolph Zachary.

**Hogs Wanted**

I am in the market for hogs weighing from 135 pounds up from January 13 to 17 and will ship on the latter date. If you have any to sell it will pay you to see me.

J. W. Howard.

Artis Streetman and family moved in last week from the Rock Hill community, and Mr. and Mrs. John Cook removed to the Streetman farm at Rock Hill

Misses Mattye Leigh Mosely of Marshall and Katherine Hassel of Crockett, both former teachers in our school, visited friends here last week end.

To drive out 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.

# To our Friends and Customers:

It affords this firm the greatest of pleasure to say to our customers and friends another year is past and gone into history. We all more or less, have suffered some agony and pain and hardships, but the sun is still shining. Let's go into the New Year with more zeal and determination to make 1923 the best of all. We have a great country. Let's make it go. Be nothing but boosters.

To our old friends, loyal and true; to our valued new friends; and to those whose friendship we strive to deserve; we heartily wish unmeasured happiness and good fortune throughout the coming year.

With grateful appreciation for all the favors received by us from you, and for that priceless though intangible asset, your good-will, which we prize beyond measure, we seek to merit your continued confidence, and aid to serve you helpfully in the future.

## KENNEDY BROTHERS

Mrs. Clyde Glazener of Fairfield is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sambo Pridgen at Daly's.

Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Fisher had a very pleasant visit with relatives at Grand Saline last week.

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

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

Miss Dora and Master David Williams of Troup are here visiting their sister, Mrs. Will Selkirk.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Ryan had a very pleasant visit with relatives at Center a few days during the holidays.

## Poem by UNCLE JOHN

Though she's fickle and contrary, there's a charm in Janoary, to the feller that's accustomed to her curves. . . . With her north wind skallyhootin' and her temperature pirootin' in among a feller's sensory nerves! And, when she fights a duel with the little jag-o-fuel, that's waitin' out-o'-doors to keep ye warm,—O, it takes a cheerful giver, and an optimistic liver, to demonstrate old Janoary's charm. . . .

But—when the neighbors gather in defiance of the weather—to taste the joys of settin' by the fire, there's an institute of learnin' where the home-fires is a-burnin'—where patriotism is parent of desire! Then we find in Janoary, not a bandit gaunt an' bleary, but a bosom friend beneath the wintry vest. . . . Where we find congenial labor, swappin' ideas with our neighbor, and adoptin' the conclusion which is best. . . .

While her breath is mighty searchin' where the naked trees is lurchin' and where aint no hint of mercy in her grip,—yet the maple-sap flows sweeter, and the spring shall dawn complete, at the final crack of Janoary's whip. . . . Then, rally all ye merry, to the call of Janoary, —Awake, an' taste the real joys of life.—No season more entrancin' with fiddlin' an' dancin' —Brace up, an' get acquainted with yer wife!

*Uncle John*



**HOME HABITS**  
HAVE YOU A LITTLE HABIT IN YOUR HOME SEND US ONE WE'LL PRINT IT - H.R.M. GENT. THIS "MY HUSBAND AT DINNER, PUTS HIS NAPKIN IN HIS POCKET BY MISTAKE"