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GRAPELAND BOY IS WINNING FAME

George R. Darsey, a former Grapeland boy who worked in the F. & M. State Bank prior to going to Houston where he is employed by the South Texas Commercial National Bank, is not only a good banker, but is winning fame as a ball player, as evidenced by the following clipping from the Sunday edition of the Houston Post:

"George Darsey of the South Texas Commercial National bank team entered the baseball Hall of Fame by pitching a brilliant no hit no run game Saturday at the Forrest Hill diamond against the team from the Union National bank. This was the first no hit no run game of the season. Only three men reached first base and only one second. This was George's first game, as Chief Ellis was saving the big boy for a crucial game. Darsey had wonderful control at all times, walking only one man and striking out nine of the opposing batters."

George pitched the game for the South Texas Commercial National Bank team against the Union National Bank team winning the game 15 to 0. His many Grapeland friends will extend congratulations upon his signal victory and success.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Faris and son and Sam Howar Jr., Mrs. Faris' brother, returned Friday from an automobile trip to Wyoming and Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Faris, accompanied by Starling Boykin Jr. left Monday for their home in Lake Charles, La. They report a most pleasant trip, but said they encountered some very cold weather for July while in Wyoming. Their itinerary included a trip to the top of Pike's Peak.

RYAN BUYS LEAVERTON'S DRUG STORE

A deal was closed Monday whereby Jas. H. Ryan becomes the owner of the Grapeland Drug Co., which is managed by D. N. Leaverton. Mr. Ryan was formerly in the drug business here in partnership with Wade L. Smith. For the past several months he has been attending school at A. & M. College. He will finish his course this week and will return to Grapeland the early part of next week to take charge of his business.

The Messenger welcomes Mr. Ryan back to Grapeland as a permanent citizen. During his previous residence among us he was an ideal citizen, always found on the progressive side of every movement that had its object the betterment of conditions in general.

Mr. Leaverton stated to The Messenger that he had not as yet formulated any definite plans for the future.

COTTON HARVESTING IN FULL SWING

Donna, Texas, July 14.—Cotton harvesting in the valley is now on in earnest. Both Donna's gins are in operation and more than 200 bales have been ginned already. Prospects for a good crop are fine, regardless of the attack of the leaf worm, which has developed in the last few days.

Donna has the distinction of having ginned the first bale of the season, grown altogether by one farmer, W. T. Burch.

Walter Newman of Augusta was a business visitor to Houston last week.

Jim Sullivan is erecting a neat little cottage in north Grapeland on property he purchased from G. R. Murchison.

OFFICERS CAPTURE CRUDE WHISKEY STILL

Friday, the 13th, proved to be an unlucky day for some unknown whiskey maker and bootlegger. Constable Newt Ferguson, in company with Henry Shaw, found a large still in a thicket near the ElCaney Club Lake, southwest of town.

They brought the still to town and placed it on exhibition on main street, where it attracted a great deal of attention all day Saturday.

No arrests were made in connection with the finding of the still, but indications showed that a run had recently been made. Some whiskey and a large quantity of mash was found. Now, you folks who patronize bootleggers and guzzle shinney, listen to this: A one gallon can of concentrated lye water was found with the mash. We are told that shinney makers use concentrated lye to make fermentation quicker and to make their product hot like the real stuff. Incidentally, it will cause blindness, dethrone reason, cause permanent injury, and in many cases kill the man who drinks it.

DRYS WILL NOT SUPPORT AL SMITH

New York, July 14.—"No one can ride to the White House on top of an outlawed beer keg."

With this statement, Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon league, disposed of Governor Smith's chances for the presidency before sailing today on the President Harding to attend a meeting in Copenhagen next month of the International Congress against Alcohol. He departed as the appointee of President Harding as delegate.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Murchison of Ft. Worth were here a few days last week visiting the former's father, Mr. G. R. Murchison.

Miss Lileene Brown spent last week end here with relatives. She was accompanied by her friend, Miss Magele Lamb of Wortham.

JEFFERSON'S HOME TO BE PRESERVED

New York, July 14.—With arrangements completed for the purchase of the former Thomas Jefferson homestead, Monticello, the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation has appealed to the American public for \$1,000,000 with which to complete the deal. It is their plan to maintain the home as a national memorial.

Money for the purchase is being raised through the sale of "mileage," which is being sold at 1c per mile. The sale of the "mileage" has begun in earnest, it is announced at the foundation headquarters, in order to complete plans for the "Spiritual Pilgrimage of a Nation," to be held in Monticello in April of 1924.

Senator Royal S. Copeland of New York, who has been appointed "general ticket agent," opened the sale of mileage at a banquet in New York by disposing of \$61,500 worth at a penny a mile.

SHIRT KICKED OFF; MAN IS UNHURT

Temple, Tex., July 14.—John L. Thompson, a farmer residing near Rogers, south of here, had the novel experience of having his shirt kicked off him without a scratch being inflicted on his flesh. He was shearing a horse when the shears accidentally came in contact with the animal's flank. The horse kicked with both feet, divesting Mr. Thompson of his outer shirt and a major portion of the undergarment, but the blow missed the body entirely.

Farm For Sale On Easy Terms

156 acres, sandy land, 75 acres wood pasture, balance in cultivation, everlasting water, very good dwelling and several good out buildings, well of good water. For price and terms see J. M. Garrison, Salmon.

Miss May Williamson, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Fannie Caskey for the past two weeks, has returned to her home at Weldon.

ESTIMATED VALUES AT HEAVY DECREASE

Austin, Tex., July 14.—A total of 205 counties have reported their estimated tax values and the decrease under last year is \$18,722,000. J. W. Stewart, chief tax clerk in the controller's department, said that the decrease will be approximately \$25,000,000 under last year when all the returns are in from the 254 counties to submit their estimates July 15 and to be in hand Monday as the automatic tax law requires the assessors to submit their estimates July 15 and the automatic tax board to meet within five days and fix the state tax rates. The board is to meet not later than next Friday. However its action has already been forecast by the large deficiency and the necessity for levying the maximum tax rates, the aggregate of which will be 75c on each \$100 of valuation.

SPECIAL SESSION TALK IS REVIVED

Austin, Texas, July 13.—Friday State Treasurer Terrel said the deficit in the general fund will be larger on Sept. 1 than any estimate yet made.

He says it will be over \$4,000,000 and probably go to \$4,500,000 when all of this fiscal year's business is cleaned up. The highest estimate made of the deficiency, which occurred during the Legislature, was \$3,300,000. On Sept. 1 Mr. Terrel thinks it will be sure to go \$1,000,000 above that figure.

All of this has revived the talk of another special session next year to provide revenue to meet the deficiency. It is said in capitol circles that with the figures in hand Gov. Neff may call a special session before he vacates office. He has said "he did not want to leave the heritage of a deficiency to his successor nor does he want State warrants hawked about."—Dallas News.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kent and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Selts of Houston are here on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Will Selkirk.

Prices Down

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The people that keep the price down

Kimbell's best flour	\$1.85
Kimbell's highest patent flour	\$1.75
Best grade wheat bran	\$1.75
5 bu. sacks feed oats	\$3.15
2 cans large size evaporated milk	25c
4 lbs. best grade coffee	\$1.00
Cooking oil per gallon	\$1.15
Vinegar per gallon	40c

Keeland Bros.

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Don't forget that you can get better values at our store than elsewhere, and too, we give coupons for each cash purchase. It is worth your while to find out about the coupons and their value.

We have a few suits left of the lot that we sold for \$18.50 for \$13.75

One table of shoes for choice \$1.00

One table of a general assortment of staple dry goods, per yard 21c

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GRAPELAND TEXAS

McLEAN & RIAL

DEPENDABLE MERCHANTS

WANETA NEWS

Waneta, July 1 —We are still needing rain. Corn and gardens are almost burned up, but cotton is holding up well.

Bro. Parnell filled his appointment at New Hope Saturday and Sunday.

W. A. Teems and family of Grapeland spent a few days visiting in this community last week.

Randolph Duggar and family have gone to Ellis county to spend a few weeks.

Grandma Kennedy is spending the week at Alto.

Earl Thomas of Waxahachie is spending a few days with his aunt, Mrs. Scoggins. Misses Lizzie and Ruby will accompany him home.

Miss Allie Barnes spent Saturday night with Miss Pearl Dickey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jap Sheffield announce the arrival of a little girl.

Misses Estelle Monk, Bertha Chambers and Veda Hogan spent Saturday night with their aunt, Mrs. B. C. Monk.

Marshall Jones and family of Grapeland spent a few days last week with Ed Hendricks.

Miss Olive Hendrick spent the week end at Grapeland.

Miss Lillian Lively spent Sunday with Miss Grace Moore.

Misses Dollie and Fannie Jones were dinner guests of Miss Allie Barnes Sunday.

A. C. Barnes and wife entertained the young folk Sunday afternoon with a singing. A large crowd was present and all report a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Teems and little daughter are visiting L. R. Hendricks.

Mrs. Mary Lively spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Lena Penick.

Little Coleman Hendricks of Palestine spent last week with his grandmother Hendricks.

Raise plenty of everything needed for the home supply and something to sell every month in the year, is a plan for farming that will make a bank account sure.

Uncle John's Job

YES MA - PERHAPS MORE MARRIAGES, TO BE SUCCESSFUL SHOULD CONTINUE ON THE COO-PARTNERSHIP PLAN, EH?



EXHIBIT BROOMS

Palestine, Texas, July 15.—J. E. Tyer and D. O. Wallace, who jointly are establishing a broom factory here and are growing their own broom corn, have been exhibiting some fine specimens the past week.

The straw is very tough and measures 30 inches or better in length. The men have 50 acres growing in broom corn. Their establishment is to be known as the Palestine Broom Factory.

Statement from Newman Bros.

Financial losses caused by fire on June 1st renders us unable to continue business on a credit basis, so we take this means of notifying our customers that our books will be closed on and after July 15th. We will continue our business on a cash basis and will appreciate a portion of your trade. By closing our books we will be in a position to make you very attractive prices on all merchandise.

Yours to serve,
Newman, Bros, Augusta Texas.

G. W. Weisinger was called to Houston again the latter part of last week on account of the illness of his son, but reported his condition much better when he left there Sunday.

And our dead and gone frontiersmen would turn over in their graves if they could see the cosmetics our movie gunmen wear.—Snap Shots.

TRIBUTE TO COTTON

What a royal plant it is! The world waits in attendance on its growth. The showers that fall whispering on its leaves are heard around the earth. The sun that shines upon it is tempered by the prayers of all the people. The frost that chill it and the dews that descend from the stars are noted, and the trespass of a little worm upon its green leaf means more to England and to English homes than the advance of a Russian army upon her Asian frontier. It is gold from the time it puts forth its tiniest shoot. Its foliage decks the sombre earth in emerald green. Its blossoms reflect the brilliant hues of sunset skies in southern climes, and put to shame the loveliest rose, and when loosing its snowy fleeces at the sun it floats a banner that glorifies the field of the humble farmer, that man is marshaled under a flag that will compel the allegiance of the world and wring a tribute from every nation of the earth. Its fibre is current in every bank in all the world. Its oil adds luxury to lordly banquets in noble halls and brings comfort to lowly homes in every clime. Its flour gives to man a food richer in health-producing value than any the earth has ever known, and a curative agent long sought and found in nothing else. Its meal is feed for every beast that bows to do man's labor from Norway's frozen peaks to Africa's parched palms. It is a heritage that God gave to this people when He arched the skies, established our mountains, girded us about with oceans, tempered the sunshine and measured the rain. Ours and our children's forever and forever—and no princelier talent ever came from His Omnipotent hand to mortal stewardship.—Henry W. Grady.

John Lively brought us a great big watermelon Monday morning, which was very fine and greatly enjoyed.

The folks in cities who think country life is dull, are probably roaming around the streets wishing they knew somebody.

RED HOT SPECIALS

For Saturday

Just Received A Car Load of FLOUR, MEAL, SHORTS, CHOPS —BRAN AND OATS—

- Texas Queen Flour (none better) sack \$1.85
- Pearl Meal, per sack 65c
- Cream Meal, per sack 75c
- Wheat shorts, per sack \$2.00
- Corn Chops, per sack \$2.25
- Whole maize, per sack \$2.45
- Oats, 5 bushel sacks, per sack \$3.00
- 9 lbs granulated sugar \$1.00
- 5 lbs good ground coffee \$1.00
- 3 bottles 6 oz. Garrett snuff for \$1.00
- 3 bottles Roosters snuff \$1.00
- 3 bottles of Honest snuff for \$1.00
- 45 lb can of Swift's Jewel Lard for . . . \$6.50

SPECIAL PRICE ON CUPS AND SAUCERS

Bring us your Produce. We Always Pay the Highest Market Price

Long's Cash Store

UNION CHAPEL

Union Chapel, July 1.—The revival meeting will start here Saturday night before the 5th Sunday. Let everybody try to be ready and willing to do their part.

G. W. Weisinger and Robert Chapman were called to Houston last Thursday on account of the illness of Mr. Weisinger's son, Olan. They have returned and report his condition some better. His mother is still with him. Olan has many friends here who feel greatly interested in him and wish him a speedy recovery.

The singing school started here today, which is being taught by Tucker Campbell. The writer had the pleasure of attending an all day singing

at Sun Set Sunday and heard some very fine singing. It was conducted by Mr. Bullar. Quite a number from here attended: Miss Fannie Mae Rose of Grapeland spent Saturday night with Miss Irene Weisinger.

Little Travis Weisinger fell out of a tree Saturday. The doctor was called, but it did not prove to be serious.

Mrs. Omega Marshall and Misses Nannie and Flora spent last week end at Enon with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clark and Wilburn Smith spent one day last week in Palestine.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Davidson made a business trip to Crockett Saturday.

Eugene Lively went to Palestine Tuesday.

HOME SWEET HOME

For Oscar it will be "Fair and Warmer"

by Terry Gilkison



HOME HABITS

WANT YOU SEND US A HOME HABIT LATELY? IF NOT WHY NOT - WE'LL PRINT T. R.F.S. AND HIS WIFE WHISTLES WHEN SHE IS IRONING! WHAT DOES YOURS DO?

"Strong and Well"

"I WISH you could know how much I am improved since taking the Cardui," writes Mrs. Nannie Brown, of Black Rock, Ark. "You wouldn't know me for the same weak invalid I was before I took it. At my . . . I had to keep off my feet or I would fall. I couldn't do my housework, and just got where I'd most as lief be dead as living. Some one told my husband of Cardui. He got

it for me and I took three bottles before I stopped—then off and on for the last three years just as a tonic. I saw a decided improvement after my first bottle. I used the three, and was able to do my work with ease, and now I sew for my family and for others. I am feeling fine, and strong and well."

Take Cardui! It may be just the medicine you need.

CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

DALY'S NEWS

Daly's June 16.—Road Working is on hand now and we hope to have a good road soon.

Mrs. W. C. Lasiter spent last week in Grapeland attending church, and we understand that she will remain there the rest of the week, or until the meeting closes.

Mrs. Chas. Dailey of this place spent last week in Grapeland attending the meeting.

Next Sunday is the day for our meeting to start here. Let's all go that can.

Little "Mutt" Spence of Grapeland is visiting Susie Lee Pennington.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pennington spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hill Huff.

Mr. and Mrs. Mingle spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Doc Huff.

Ruth Richards spent last week in Grapeland.

DAMAGE BY WORMS

Austin, Tex., July 14.—Considerable damage is being done to South Texas cotton by the leaf worm, according to a statement today from R. E. McDonald, state entomologist. McDonald said the worms are doing serious damage as far north as Gonzales County and that some have come into Travis County.

MOTHERS

Watch for symptoms of worms in your children. These parasites are the great destroyers of child life. If you have reason to think your child has worms, act quickly. Give the little one a dose or two of White's Cream Vermifuge. Worms cannot exist where this time-tried and successful remedy is used. It drives out the worms and restores the rosy hue of health to baby cheeks. Price 35c. Sold by Wade L. Smith

Miss Elizabeth Leaverton had as her guests last week Misses Lois Parker of Elkhart, Virginia Rutledge of Palestine, and Virginia Shaw of Dallas. They were the honorees at several social functions, one of which was a swimming party at Myrtle Lake Thursday afternoon followed by a picnic supper.

WHEAT PRICE FALLING

Chicago, Ill., July 14.—Wheat, which a few days ago dropped below \$1 for the first time since 1914, dropped to a still lower record on the Chicago Board of Trade today when July wheat slumped to 98 5-8c, closing at 98 3-4c.

WE WANT GOOD ROADS

Don't forget the subject of good roads. Whenever you have an opportunity talk good roads, create a demand for them, and lead everybody up to the point of insisting that we have them.

We need a tremendous amount of road improvement right here in this community.

The horse and buggy are becoming obsolete. They are too slow to suit the modern man and his idea of transportation.

The wagon as a means of hauling products to market soon will disappear. Motor trucks are more practical and the cost will soon be within the reach of the average farmer. Many have them now, where road conditions are anything like satisfactory.

The farmer is a shrewd business man and he dislikes to waste precious time where it can be avoided. He would prefer a truck to a wagon any day, but the present condition of many country roads is not conducive to economical motor transportation.

The remedy is better roads, and that remedy must be applied.

We want good roads.—Texas Highway Bulletin.

NOTICE, TRANSFERS

All those who wish to transfer their children into the Grapeland Independent School District for the coming term, should do so before August 1st. See F. M. Boone or Wade L. Smith, who will attend to the matter.

Commercial traffic through the Panama Canal during the fiscal year that ended June 30 showed an increase in tolls of more than fifty per cent over any preceding year. The number of vessels passing through the canal was 3,967, and the tolls amounted to \$17,508,199.

SLOCUM NEWS

Slocum, July 16.—The protracted meeting started at the Christian church last night. Rev. Kitts will do the preaching. Everybody is invited to attend.

Prof. Greenwood began his summer normal last Monday with 28 enrolled.

Several from here have been attending the protracted meeting at Silver Creek this week.

Miss Pearl Shoemaker of New Hope spent Thursday with Miss Ora Killgo.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers entertained the young folks of this community Friday night with a musical. All reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Killgo and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Millar spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Killgo.

Mrs. Annie Mae Camp and children, who have been here visiting relatives, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sneed Taylor of Dallas, who have been visiting their parents here have returned home. Mrs. Taylor and daughter, Katie, accompanied them home.

Mrs. North of Dallas is here visiting friends and relatives.

J. M. Vickery, Talmage Hodges, J. J. Spray and Powell Vickery have just returned from a trip to Oklahoma.

Mrs. Laura Day is very sick at this writing.

Luther Johnson is attending the singing school at Muse.

Miss Mary Killgo is spending this week with Mrs. Carl Millar.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dismuke spent Saturday night with Mrs. Bill Hardy.

Cyril Stewart of Teague is here visiting his parents.

Miss Della Hobson and her brother, Wesley, of San Springs, are here attending the normal.

Mrs. Della DeBerry, who has been off going to school, has returned home.

Mr. Gatlin has returned to his home in Austin, after a few weeks visit here.

Mrs. Lillie Turner and Mrs. Mattie Defore are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bosman of Palestine.

Tom Turner and wife and Chas. Turner and wife are on a visit to relatives in Monroe, La.

Mr. Vickery spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Killgo.

It is reported from Mexico City that the United States and Mexican recognition commissioners have agreed on two thirds of the disputed questions and have made "very gratifying progress" toward conciliation.

Mr. M. B. Ellis has returned to Rusk and is again in business, having bought the market and grocery he recently sold to Wiloughly & Strickland. He has secured a residence on the east side, the Hosmer property, and has moved in.—Rusk Press Journal.

Eward W. Bok, formerly editor of the Ladies Home Journal, has offered a prize of \$100,000 to the American who suggests the most practical way for the United States to cooperate with Europe to bring about world peace. Fifty thousand dollars is to be paid for the idea and \$50,000 when it is adopted by the Senate or has evoked sufficient popular response to indicate that it will be eventually adopted.

America's Marvels
NATURAL AND OTHERWISE

By T. T. Maxey

WYANDOTTE CAVE

The demand for gunpowder during the war of 1812 was so pressing that large quantities of the nitrous earth in the caverns of the bluffs along the Ohio river in Indiana and Ohio were used for manufacturing saltpeter.

One cave was so productive that it fell heir to the name Indiana Saltpeter Cave. Later this was changed to Wyandotte Cave. After the war the manufacture of saltpeter became unprofitable. Little attention was paid to this cave until it was noted that cattle were fond of licking the walls and floor. Investigation showed that a frosting of natural epsom salts covered extensive areas in this underground wonderland. Also, that when removed, this frosting rapidly reappeared. Sulphate of lime plaster of paris, and niter also were found here. Subsequent explorations brought to light the astonishing fact that in size this cave all but rivaled the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky.

The outstanding characteristics of Wyandotte Cave, in which it is said to excel all other American caves, are the unusual bigness of its corridors and vaulted chambers, unbelievable quantities of fallen rock, and the massiveness of its stone columns.

The "Pillar," upwards of a mile from the entrance, a magnificent column 25 feet tall and 15 feet through, is one of the show places. Another spectacular formation, Columbian Arch, is an almost perfect tunnel, half circle in shape, and 75 feet long. Near one end is a "chunk" of limestone, estimated to weigh more than 500 tons, which loosened and dropped from overhead no one knows how long ago.

The Senate Chamber measures 150 by 600 feet, its terraced sides of limestone culminating in a great dome from the center of this room there rises a great pile of rock. From the top of this rock pile an enormous fluted column of satin spar extends to the roof above. Almost a perfect circle in shape, 71 feet around, this mastodontic pillar is said to exceed in size any like formation in any cave in the world.

Certain sightless animals make their home in this cave. Thousands of bats which may be observed hanging head down from the roof, make their winter homes in Odd Fellows Hall. This great chamber is 90 feet wide, 210 feet long and 65 feet high.

Wyandotte Cave, formed among the rugged hills in Crawford county, is near the point where the Blue river flows into the Ohio.

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Every farmer should have a few hogs, not selling to the packers, but for supplying his home with fresh meat in season and curing for the home supply, and if a surplus it can be sold locally at prices that will yield a fair profit.

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THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1923

We pay a direct tax for the roads we have built and their upkeep, which does not amount to very much, but the "bad road tax" we pay every year amounts to a lot more. This tax is paid in the form of wear and tear on teams and vehicles, time lost, more gasoline consumed, etc.

The dollar that goes out of the community never comes back. The money that is spent at home is used to develop the community and help make improvements. It supports the church, schools and good roads. Just suppose that home trading were discontinued. The result would be no towns in the country, no markets in which to sell or buy anything. This would be the result if all the people would quit buying at home, and even the occasional dollar that is sent away hampers the growth of the community.

There are twenty-five mountains in Colorado higher than Pikes Peak—D'ye ever hear of 'em? You most likely did not—they have never been advertised, few people know they exist, while tens of thousands spend millions of dollars every year in vacation trips to Pike's Peak. This is another instance of the power of advertising. Many is the time merchants who prided themselves on the fact that they were old and well established in the community have had young Pike's Peak merchants to absolutely relegate them to poor second-raters, through steady and consistent advertising. If you are not a regular advertiser, think of Pike's Peak—Clarendon News.

It will be 1925 before the people of Texas will have an opportunity to vote on the road amendment. In the meantime, counties and precincts will have to continue their road building programs by bond issues and state and federal aid as heretofore. The proposition is right up to Grapeland to do something and do it now. The longer we wait the more we lose. The Messenger suggests that the representative business men and farmers of this community get together and map out a program that will meet the approval of everyone concerned; get together

and see just what is the best thing to do. It has been suggested that the two road districts, east and west, be consolidated and a bond issue sufficient to build a highway through the center north and south and lateral roads be voted. To The Messenger this plan seems very sensible. It would cover the Grapeland trade territory and give an outlet to everyone residing within the territory affected. We might as well face the proposition squarely in the face. Houston county must build roads or suffer the penalty.

From present indications the people of Texas will have a number of candidates from which to choose a governor next year. Senator Joe Burkett of Eastland has already announced. Others preparing to enter the contest have been mentioned as follows: W. E. Pope of Nueces county; George B. Terrel, commissioner of agriculture; both the Davidsons, T. W., who is present lieutenant governor, and Lynch, ex-lieutenant governor; R. E. Thomason of El Paso, who made the race three years ago; Alvin M. Owsley of Denton; Lewis T. Carpenter of Dallas; Lucher Stark of Orange; W. A. Hanger of Ft. Worth; Lon A. Smith, comptroller; C. E. Gilmore, railroad commissioner; George Dixson of Houston, and so on. Politically speaking, there will be a hot time in Texas next summer.

YELVINGTON-HAYNES

Hays Spring, July 17.—Mr. Rube Yelvington of St. Louis, Mo., and his mother of Arkansas are here on a visit to relatives. While here Mr. Yelvington decided to take unto himself a wife, so he and Miss Carrie Haynes motored to Grapeland Monday afternoon and after preaching that night went to the home of Mr. W. D. Granberry, where they were married, Rev. W. A. Reagan officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Yelvington will make their home in St. Louis. Their many friends in this community congratulate them and wish them well. Miss Haynes was well known in this neighborhood and Grapeland, being a member of the Baptist church of that place.

F. A. Story and family visited Ed Story Monday.

Mr. Bill Clark went to town Tuesday. We expect him to tell us something interesting when he returns from the Rio Grande Valley.

Miss Mary Eva Rogers of Percilla is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brown.

GRAPELAND'S FUTURE

The future of this community is not speculative, judging the future by the past. Grapeland has doubled in population, in business and in home value within the last few years and no town in Texas has a brighter future.

With prospects for good crops, thousands of acres, extending from Neches to Trinity rivers, with Grapeland as a central shipping point, and Grapeland building schools and churches and inviting good citizens to come and cast their lot with us, and with good water, good health, and a country that produces a variety of crops, we don't have to speculate as to Grapeland's future. Contributed.

July Bargains

Coming to The Darsey Co. for your summer apparel needs means money in your pocket. Special prices prevail throughout the store, offering many rare bargains. Here are some of them:

SUMMER FABRICS

Perhaps you need another dress, blouse or skirt for Summer, and want to make it yourself. You'll find here the prettiest array of Summer Dress materials ever shown at this season in

Silks, tissues, organdies, voiles, flaxons, gingham and suitings.

SPECIALLY PRICED

Standard-Designer patterns with the Belrobe are guaranteed correct.



BATHING SUITS REDUCED 20 PER CENT

The season's favored materials ranging from most vivid to the most subdued colors, are to be found in a wide variety of designs for men, women, boys, girls and children.

And our display of caps, hose, bags, belts and other accessories offer many worthwhile suggestions.

Every Bath Suit regardless of former price reduced twenty per cent



THE NEW PARASOLS

We have just received another shipment of good parasols, just the kind you need for sun and rain protection. Many shapes and handles to choose from at

\$1.00 \$1.50 and \$2.00
Children's parasols 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.75
Solid and fancy colors



HATS FOR SUMMER HALF PRICE

Your choice of any Summer hat in our Millinery Department of braids and straws at half price in models that have many touches that add that chic note of style so hard to define yet so sought for by women who would be well dressed.

Fall Felt Hats \$2.50 to \$4.50



Don't overlook the special prices on our entire line of women's summer footwear. It'll be many a day before you have the opportunity to find such values as are offered at this time.

THE DARSEY Co.
GRAPELAND'S CASH DRY GOODS STORE

Mrs. W. A. Robbins and daughters, Alcine, Mildred and Myrtle Lee, and Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Crackram of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Bobbitt and daughter of Grapeland; Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, their son and his wife of Liberty Hill; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Denson and family, Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Ferrill and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Franklin and Mrs. Eddie Bridges of Percilla spent a very pleasant day with Mrs. T. J. Dotson at Percilla last Sunday.

D. P. Ferguson of Liberty Hill community was here on business Monday.

MICKIE SAYS—



DRIVE THE NAIL HARD

Whether one agrees with Dr. J. Frank Norris or not on all religious issues now involved, the Express believes him to be exactly right in his fight against the teaching of Darwinian Evolution in many of our universities, and we trust he keeps up the fight until this growing menace is ousted. It causes men and women to doubt the divinity of the Holy Bible, and when doubt is expressed in reference to the Scriptures, then man is treading on dangerous ground. Some say there is no need of alarm at the spread of evolution. There is need of alarm. The old devil never perpetrated a bigger lie to deceive people. If the Genesis account of creation isn't true, then the entire Bible is a fake, and man is hopelessly doomed. But it is true, regardless of what some "long handle" professors and a few ministers deny. We glory in Dr. Norris' relentless warfare on this growing curse and only regret that there are no more preachers with the same conviction and courage to swat it on every corner.—Venus Express.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade L. Smith and children and the latter's sister, Miss Esther Davis, left Monday via the auto route for Glenrose, Texas, where they will spend a week or two. They will be met there by some of Mr. Smith's relatives from north Texas.

Miss Stella James of Palestine was the guest of Miss Mary Abbie Langham last week.

GASOLINE TAX

Careful compilation of data by the Attorney General's department shows that the prospective receipts from the 1c gasoline tax have been grossly underestimated. Texas citizens have been buying, the Attorney General's office found, 45,000,000 gallons of gasoline a month. The advent of summer months means that this total will be increased at least until cold weather again sets in. At this rate the 1c tax will bring in \$5,400,000 a year, which lacks just \$600,000 of being twice as much as the estimated yield. Three-fourths of that sum will go to the Highway Commission for road work, but the public schools incidentally will be materially helped, for one-fourth of that tax goes into the available school fund. Estimates of this never runs higher than \$750,000 there were not a few who said it would be much less. If the State collects on all gasoline sold, the public school fund will receive \$1,350,000 from the gasoline tax alone, or more than \$1 per scholastic—Denton Record-Chronicle.

Dr. W. D. McCarty and family expect to leave today (Thursday) for Vicksburg and other points in Mississippi to visit relatives a week or two. They will make the trip in their car.

Zack Harmon of Sweetwater and his son-in-law and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks of Athens, spent several days in this community last week meeting old time friends. Mr. Harmon lived here for a number of years.

The Utmost Care



The way we look at it, too much care cannot be used in filling Prescriptions just as the doctor writes them. It may mean the difference between life and death. So why not bring your prescriptions here and be sure.

Our prices are reasonable.

All Prescriptions filled by a Registered Pharmacist

SMITH'S DRUG STORE

Everything a Good Drug Store Should Have

America's Marvels NATURAL AND OTHERWISE

By T. T. Maxey

THE BELLS OF RIVERSIDE

It has been said that our everyday life is largely fixed by the sound of bells of one kind or another, but it remained for Mr. Frank Miller of Riverside, Cal., who had a hobby of collecting bells, to assemble the largest collection of bells on earth.

Each bell has a history of interest and romance. Among the noteworthy in this collection of approximately 450 bells are:

A bronze bell of graceful lines, dated 1792, which long hung in the tower of the New Orleans cathedral and later, by a peculiar turn of fate, served on the jail in the same city. A goat bell of pleasing tone, the only one of its kind, found in the Swiss, Italian or French Alps, thought to be more than one hundred years old. A church bell dated 1770, which, no one knows how long, served the master of a castle in Scotland. A facsimile of "Big Ben," the largest clock-tower bell in the world, which hangs in the tower of the house of parliament in London. An iron horse bell from Norway—thought to have been made about 1750. A bronze gong, said to be more than eighteen hundred years old, which came from a temple in China. A bronze bell which belonged to a ship that sailed from Boston in 1755. The ship was wrecked, but, after lying at the bottom of the ocean for almost 100 years, the bell was recovered. The town crier's bell which awakened the good people of Bedford, Mass., the night on which the patriot, Paul Revere, made his famous ride. An ancient, acorn-shaped dog bell from China. A gong from Borneo, used in native war dances. An old-fashioned Roman bell which was unearthed in the ruins of Herod's palace at Ascalon. An antiquated, cup-shaped bell from Mecca—that sacred city of Mahomet, in Arabia. An ornamented brass Roman cow bell inscribed, in Latin, "Paul, Third, Most Holy Supreme Pontiff", indenting ownership by a pope who died in 1549. A bell, cracked and clapperless, carrying an inscription showing the date of manufacture to have been the year 1247, said to be the oldest dated bell known and to have been made or used in Spain. This bell was in existence 245 years before Columbus discovered America.

And last, but by no means the least, the forefather of the bell family, a "clink stone", which, suspended from a rope and struck with a mallet, gives off a ringing sound. The "clink stone" was the earliest form of bell known. It was used, it is thought, as early as 800 B. C.

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Mrs. Nesbitt Lively and baby left Saturday for Texarkana to visit relatives.

Miss Frances Leaverton left Sunday for Medill, Ok., where she will spend several weeks visiting relatives.

THE ROMANCE OF WORDS

"CLOTH"

BACK in the days when the original Teutonic race roamed the forests of northeastern Europe—centuries before it migrated north, west and south to split up into the Scandinavians, the Anglo-Saxons and the modern Germanic races—these tribes had a word which they pronounced as though it were spelled klar-eth, though they spoke it more rapidly and almost as a single syllable.

If we lengthen the vowel sound just a trifle, making it "aw," we will have the word "cloth" used by millions of people today with reference to their garments and the materials used for many other purposes. Those who are expert in the study of languages and the changes which occur in the transition of centuries have not been able to trace this word any farther than the forests of northeastern Europe. But they incline to the belief that it was derived from a still more ancient word-root of the ancient Teutonic language—kll, meaning to stick or cling. "Cloth," therefore, literally means something which sticks or clings, either together or to the wearer and probably made its way into the language in contradistinction to the clothing of hides which are hard and far from clinging.

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CATARRHAL DEAFNESS

is often caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing. Unless the inflammation can be reduced, your hearing may be destroyed forever.

HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will do what we claim for it—rid your system of Catarrh or Deafness caused by Catarrh. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE has been successful in the treatment of Catarrh for over Forty Years. Sold by all druggists. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

On the Second Every Second

Human wants are constant and continuous. Food, clothing, shelter, and their infinite subdivisions are daily needs.

There is not a clock tick that does not register a million human desires.

The newspaper is the closest thing in the world to the people's daily wants. It is an expression of the ever pressing desire for news.

The advertiser who uses the newspaper reaches people with his message at exactly the right moment.

Somewhere, with some person wanting something, newspaper advertising registers every second of the day.

It brings buyer and seller together because it brings the right message at the right time.

There is no advertising medium so close to the people as the newspaper.



The Messenger Is a Good Newspaper

SOME SMILES



Hickory Dickory Dock,
The mouse ran up the clock,
But hearing a scream,
He slid down a seam—
For the clock was on a sock.

Mary had a little hen,
A busy little layer;
So Mary bought a dozen more,
And made the business pay her.

"A man kin have an education dat he can't use," said Uncle Eben, "same as he kin have a grand piano wifout bein' able to play it."—Washington Star.

"Hear you got a new car. Does she rattle."

"Rattle? I'll say she rattles—sounds like a skeleton having a chill on a tin roof."

HUMAN NATURE

Musician: "I've been playing Mendelssohn."

Golfer: "Bet you beat him. That guy never could play golf."

BOTH RIGHT

Customer: "Sir—(his salmon smells.)"
Butcher "Impossible, madame—it's dead."

Teacher—Now, Tommy, if your father had 20 dozen eggs in his store and found 18 of them bad, how much would he lose?

Tommy—Nothin'; you don't know Pa.

DUMB—JUST DUMB

Love girl; my dear love girl,
You're the breath o' my life, he cried.

Won't you hold your breath?
She coyly asked.

The mutt said he never had tried

NO CUT RATES

Smirker: "Come here, little girl, I'll give you a penny for a kiss."

Little Girl: "Huh-uh, I can earn mor'en that taking castor oil."

"Mama," asked Freddie, "are we going to heaven some day?"

"I hope so," was the reply.

"I wish papa could go, too," continued the little fellow.

"Well, and don't you think he will?" asked his mother.
"Oh, no," replied Freddie; "he could not leave his business."

THE BONEHEAD

Susie: "Mother I want you to whip Tommy. He just broke my doll."

Mother: He did? How?"

Susie: "I hit him on the head with it."

REASON FOR EVERYTHING

Wife: "John, I'm disgusted with this old car. It squeaks dreadfully."

John—"Can't be helped m'dear. There is pig iron in them axles."

SMART K-9

Jenkins—"Purty good dawg ya got there, Steve—why do you call him 'Hardware.?' "

Steve: "Natural—most natural. Every time I think I'll whip him he makes a bolt fr' the door."

Two Scotsmen decided to become teetotallers, but McGregor thought it would be best to keep one bottle in case of illness. The whiskey was bought and put in a place agreed upon.

After three days Sandy could bear it no longer, and he said, "McGregor, I am ill."

"Too late," said McGregor. "I was ill all day yesterday."

Signs You Can Believe In

If your breath is bad and you have spells of swimming in the head, poor appetite, constipation and a general no-account feeling, it is a sign your liver is torpid. The one really dependable remedy for all disorders in the liver, stomach and bowels is *Herbine*. It acts powerfully on the liver, strengthens digestion, purifies the bowels and restores a fine feeling of energy, vim and cheerfulness. Price 60c. Sold by

Wade L. Smith

Many a man in the spring of youth drifts into the autumn of age vainly waiting for the opportunity that never finds him. In that one short sentence the secret of life's success or failure is told. Waiting for the opportunity that never finds him! In stead of going out and searching for opportunity, which is easy to find, he waits for opportunity to hunt him up and climb obligingly into his lap, which opportunity never does. America is a land of wonderful opportunities, but the young man who would grasp them must first seek and find them. Success comes in no other way—except by inheritance.—Ex.

ROCK HILL LOCALS

Rock Hill, July 16.—Everybody most are about up with their work and fishing seems to be the order of the day.

We had a nice rain Monday, which was very badly needed. Lots of corn was already too far burned up for the rain to do any good.

There is quite a lot of sickness around here now. Dr. Hill was called to Aunt Lucy Matthew's one day this week. A. H. Streetman has been in bed all week with a stubborn case of malaria. Tony Woods had an attack of appendicitis though is better at this time, and Miss Polly Ida Kolb is very sick at this writing, also Victor, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Streetman.

Many of our people are attending the revival at Antrim and report a good meeting.

Miss Alice Taylor attended church at Walston Springs last week.

Rev. and Mrs. Jesse L. Willis recently visited at the homes of the former's brother and sister, Willie Willis and Mrs. A. H. Streetman.

Mrs. Rufus Denson of Dallas spent a few days last week here with relatives. She will visit in Montgomery county before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Munsinger and children and Miss Lillie Taylor visited at the home of Mandy Wilson in Rocky Mound community Sunday.

Mrs. C. A. Powell, formerly of Cedar Keys, Florida, but who is now making her home with Mrs. Lucy Willis at Grapeland, spent several days here last week visiting friends.

Idas Nichols and sister, Miss Ruby, have gone to Kennard to spend the week at the home of their uncle, Warren Melton.

The families of J. N. Nichols, J. W. Taylor and Lee Martin spent several days last week on the river, trying their luck with the finny tribe and report a successful catch.

Willie Willis and family spent Sunday in Grapeland with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Bagwell and children visited at the home of C. W. Weisinger Sunday.

Our revival will begin next Saturday night. The preaching will be done by the pastor, Rev. Funderburk. We are looking forward for a good meeting and invite those who care to come and be with us.

TO KILL MOSQUITOES

If your neighborhood is infested with mosquitoes you should see that all stagnant water is treated with oil so as to put a curb on the propagation of the pests. Kerosent is good; spray or sprinkle it on the water and it will spread and form a film which will shut off Mr. Mosquitoes air. Or you can take the old oil out of auto crankcase and put it to this useful purpose. Mosquitoes are not only annoying but they are the carriers of malaria; they should be fought to a finish as the mortal enemies of man.

Comanche county, Texas, has a 70-year-old club. Only residents of the county who are 70 years of age or older are eligible to membership. The club has 108 members and has lost only three members by death since its organization.

LIVELYVILLE LOCALS

Livelyville, July 16.—The rain that fell last Wednesday was an old fashioned "chunk mover" and we believe if the weevils will spare the cotton a goo crop in this locality is assured.

Wade Adams and family and Mrs. Minnie Gaines attended the all day singing at Sunset.

Tom Lively of Augusta entertained a large number of his kinfolk Sunday, the occasion being his birthday. Dinner was served under the trees and watermelons and cantaloups were enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lively from here were among the guests.

County treasurer V. T. Garner of Athens and Mr. J. N. Garner of Paris spent Sunday and Monday with the latter's brother, Mr. G. W. Garner. Mrs. Garner motored back with them to spend a day or two.

Frank Wilson and W. C. MacDonald returned home Sunday after spending two weeks at Palestine.

Mr. and Mrs. Watt Campbell from near Palestine visited Mr.

and Mrs. Claude Masters Saturday and Sunday.

Little Dawson Masters is suffering with tonsilitis.

Miss Irene Shipper spent the week with Misses Belle and Rosie Hodges.

Miss Ruth MacDonald is visiting her friend, Miss Erma Lou Elliott this week. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Garner spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Elliott.



GET THE TRUTH:—Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.—Proverbs 23: 23.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Boone accompanied Mrs. Boone's mother, Mrs. Gustine and her son to their home in Alcedo Monday morning. While away Mr. Boone will inspect the school heating systems in Lufkin and other places getting data to be used in installing a heating plant in our new building.

Let Us Figure With You



The next time you want some printing—let us figure with you.

And whatever price we quote, you may be sure that the quality of the work you receive will be the best it is possible to produce.

If it is not convenient for you to call at the office, Phone and we will be glad to come to your place of business to talk it over.

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

poem by UNCLE JOHN



Unless I'm poor at guessin' there ain't a grander blessin' that's sent to cheer this anxious world of ours. . . . When the farmer starts to frettin' and the medder needs a wettin'—the thing that helps the bettin' is the showers. . . . I've saw a heap of weather—takin' years, an'

FOR A RAINY DAY years together,—an' I reckon I have et my sheer of dust,—and I've allers been befriended, when the fervid drouth was ended by a copious an' splendid thunder-gust! And I've never had it fail me, when the prickly heat would ail me,—I'd do my level best to not complain, for I know my blessed Master watches o'er His earthly pastur' and will jugulate disaster with a rain. . . . In spite of their devotion, there's some that get the notion, that fortune or misfortune's only luck,—but it's been my observation, there's a mighty close relation between a man's salvation—an' his pluck! An' so, in rainy weather, I never wonder whether we face annihilation by the flood,—but I keep my sperit happy with a rhyme that's nice an' snappy, though my cloze is wet an' flappy with the mud!



IF YOU ARE IN A BIG HURRY WE CAN PRESS YOUR CLOTHES WHILE YOU WAIT SERVICE IS OUR MIDDLE NAME

M. L. Clewis
Your Tailor

**WANT TO REMOVE
SOLDIER'S BODIES**

Washington, July 14.—Senator Harris, of Georgia, today made public a letter received from the war department advising him that the commissioners representing the United States, who recently arrived in Mexico City, had been instructed by the State department to discuss with the Mexican government the removal from that country of the remains of eight American soldiers killed in 1916 while serving there with the Pershing expedition.

A Mexican law prohibits the removal of the remains and Senator Harris was recently advised by the State department that an attempt would be made to obtain special permission for their removal as soon as this government recognized some government in Mexico.

THE REASON

There seems general agreement among those who have been there that the mountains and climate and general attractiveness in the Fort Davis section of Texas are just as good as in Colorado, but meantime hundreds of Texans are visiting the Rocky mountain resorts as compared with dozens in the Texas mountains. The difference seems largely to be explained by the fact that Colorado has advertised and the Texas resorts haven't.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

"And how much would you say this colt was worth?" asked the railroad claim agent of the farmer.

"Not a cent less than \$500!" emphatically declared that sturdy son of the soil.

"Pedigreed stock, I suppose?"
"Well, no," the bereaved admitted reluctantly, "but you never could judge a colt like that by its parents."

"No," the attorney agreed dryly. "I've often noticed how crossing it with a locomotive will improve a breed!"—Country Gentleman.

**A GOOD FAIR WILL
HELP YOUR COMMUNITY**

The writer acted in the capacity of judge at three community, two county, and one state fair in 1922. At each of these fairs people were heard criticising many exhibits and saying that they had better stuff at home. Of course some of these good people were merely exercising their privilege of bragging. But some of them really did have something better at home than the entries they saw at the fairs. At one of these community fairs two people after looking over the exhibits did go home and bring entries that were better than anything previously entered.

Fairs are for everybody and we should each and everyone contribute to their success. We should look upon them as our fairs. They are just as good and as big as we make them. When we go to our fairs and say, "I can beat that," we indict ourselves for neglect of a duty. Don't let's stand off and scoff. Fairs are a good thing. Let's help them along. If we contribute to our church, patronize our school, or deposit in our bank, we take more interest and pride in these institutions, and we become better citizens by doing so. It is the same with fairs when we exhibit at them and thus contribute to their success.—Progressive Farmer.

WHICH SHALL WE HAVE

Good roads make the difference. The highway user can bump along or plow through the mud wasting time and spending his money for more gasoline, tires and car repairs or other expenses. Or he can put the money into road improvements and ride in comfort and with economy. The cost is about the same. It is mainly a matter of choice.—Texas Highway Bulletin.

Thrift is the art of resisting the blarney of the man who offers you something on the easy payment plan.—St. Joseph News-Press.

*Something to
Think About*

By F. A. WALKER

VACANT HOUSES

IN THEIR grave solitude and desolation, vacant houses are pathetic reminders of empty minds, neglected and forgotten by those able to take best care of them.

On old country roads you may often see such habitations, seemingly eager to proffer a smile of welcome, but quite unable to do it.

Rank weeds are about the doors, the walls are weather-worn and stained, presenting altogether a sad picture.

And these vacant houses started gayly in life; warm in friendship and love, full of hope and aspiration, dreaming of enduring usefulness and happiness.

As the years rolled by they dreamed less and finally sank into a hopeless state of despondency.

You may like vacant houses or not, but there they are, telling in a language of their own of the days that are departed and the joys that are done.

And what happens to vacant houses happens in a far more lamentable way to empty minds, whose owners habitually neglect them, and pay for their disregard the sharpest penalties, at a time when their own reward should be munificent.

If you are wilfully neglecting your mind, allowing the weeds to grow about the doorway, you will find some day that you are living in solitude in a dreary dwelling, from which your friends of old turn away in sadness.

You were so self-reliant in your youth that you did not care to enlarge and beautify your thoughts.

Gradually you neglected this important duty until the weeds grew and crowded out the flowers. Too proud to stand up straight and stretch out your arms to embrace knowledge, you sat down in idleness or shirked your opportunity.

Being now your own witness and your own judge, there is alas! no possible escape from punishment.

The world has moved on and left you behind in a wilderness of mold and darkness, where you have time to reflect and repent.

But, be it known, whatever your age, you may yet improve your vacant house and make of it a thing of beauty.

Women, as a rule, can do this more readily than men, yet men at forty and fifty have been known to form studious habits and flood their old vacant houses with light until its brilliancy illuminated up the whole world!

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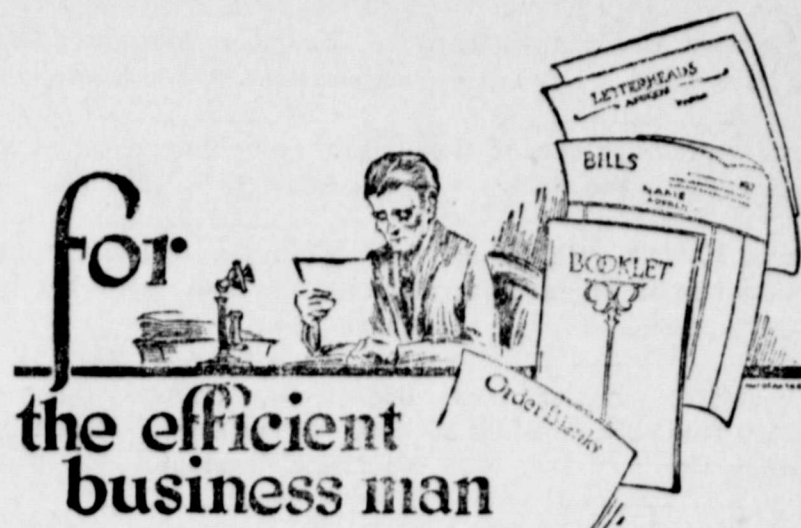
**MANY NEGLECTED
ORCHARDS**

Why waste space with an orchard that is not considered valuable enough to be taken care of? Throughout nearly every section of the Southwest one will find orchards overgrown with grass and weeds with many trees half dead, others dead and still others just beginning to show the effects of neglect. These trees cost money. It took considerable time to set them, and they are occupying land that could be well used for other purposes. Yet, if the orchard were well cultivated, the trees pruned and sprayed, it would yield in profit many times that received from any other acreage of equal size on the farm.

Summer cultivation of orchards is necessary to keep down the weeds and to conserve moisture. A clean orchard is not subject as badly to the attacks of the borers, other insects and diseases. A clean orchard more than pays for the trouble it gives to make productive. It is also a mark of thrift. An unclean unsightly orchard near any home is not a recommendation or a credit to any farmer.—Farm & Ranch.

The country has all the sex novels it needs, but it could stand a lot more cook books.

**Good
Printing**



The efficient man would as much think of sending poor, unattractive printed matter as he would an unkept, careless, or ill-bred salesman.

Your printing often introduces you to your business prospects. If it fails to make an acquaintanceship, it's an unsatisfactory job. Particularly does it apply to the stationery you use—as well as other printed matter.

We are equipped to handle any printing job you may want and we take pride in turning out only the best work.

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

Booklets, Business Stationery, Office Forms

Ten Million Dollars

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That is the amount the State GUARANTY FUND of Texas has paid depositors in State Banks in this state that were closed in the oil fields and elsewhere, a record unsurpassed by any state in America.

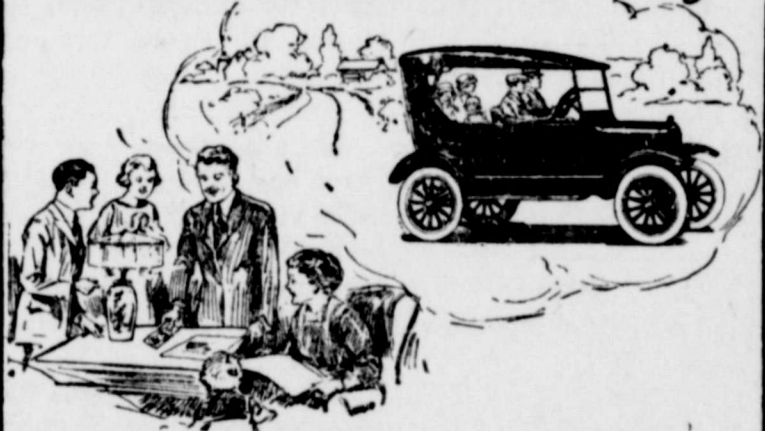
Our bank is a member of the Guaranty FUND of the State of Texas and for 12 years our active officers have been running a good bank, devoting all of their time and attention to the affairs of our bank, having no outside business or ventures of any kind.

WE INVITE YOUR BANK ACCOUNT

Guaranty State Bank

U. M. BROCK, Cashier.

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**Weekly Purchase Plan
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For as little as \$5.00 you can start toward the ownership of a Ford Car under the terms of the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan. This enables you to become a Ford Owner out of your weekly earnings.

Your money is deposited in the bank and draws interest. What easier way could there be? The whole family can participate.

You'll be surprised how quickly the car will be yours.

Come in! Get full particulars!

Grapeland Motor Co.

Local Happenings

You can get DJER KISS soap at The Darsey Co.

Clewis represents one of the best dye works in the state.

666 cures Malaria, Chills and Fever, Dengue or Bilious Fever. It destroys germs.

A beautiful line of boxed stationery from 25c to \$1.00 at The Darsey Co.

2,000 pounds of Landa's chicken feed to arrive this week at Howards'.

Rev. B. C. Anderson is conducting a revival meeting at New Prospect this week.

Mrs. Vanoy Franks of Elkhart was here a few days last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dyal.

Don't forget KIRCH guaranteed flat rods when you put up those new curtains. See them at The Darsey Co.

We buy eggs and chickens, either for merchandise or cash. Try us.

S. E. Howard.

Dr. W. B. Taylor of Midway was here Saturday visiting his mother, Mrs. Josie Taylor, who has been sick. She is now much better.

NOTICE

I now have my registered Jersey male at my home in town. If you wish his services see or phone me. C. C. Hill.

Although funds are said to be lacking for the proper beautification of Washington, the office seekers are all reported as willing to accept jobs there.

NOTICE POSTED

No hunting or fishing allowed in our fields.

Geo. Chaffin,
C. E. Brooks.

FOR SALE

A few White English Leghorn cockrels; M. Johnson's best trap nested stock. Price \$1.50. Mrs. R. E. Martin, Grapeland, Texas, Route 2. 2t

PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN



He doesn't say much, does the cheerful giver, but he's there with the willing dime into the Ole Wallet whenever some Worthy Project in the Home Town needs Financial Assistance, which is the Kind of Conversation that Counts.

A full line of Palm Olive Toilet preparations at The Darsey Co.

Have your hats cleaned and reblocked. M. L. Clewis.

J. M. Murray spent the week end in Lovelady with his brother.

666 quickly relieves Constipation, Biliousness, Headaches, Colds and Lagrippe.

Don't ruin your eyes with old glasses. Call at Howard's and fit a pair of Hawkes' glasses.

My vegetables are for sale at McLean & Riall's at the same price I've been asking.

Gratan Streetman.

Djer Kiss, Woodbury's Palm Olive, Colgate's and other brands of soaps and powders at The Darsey Co.

Less suspicion and more cooperation will insure advancement for all of us.—(Mason's Monthly.

Mrs. Walker Rather and son returned to their home in Austin the latter part of last week after a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Hague, east of town.

Mrs. S. E. Howard has been called to Carthage on account of the serious illness of a grandchild, the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Howell Appling.

The Howard Land Co. offers some nice homes in and near town for sale; also some close in farms, all cheap and on easy terms.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown, who have been living at Axtell, are now visiting Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Jones, at Percilla and may make that place their home in the future.

When the florist sees the auto speeder go by at 70 miles an hour, he commences work on a cute little piece called "The Broken Wheel."—Shakopee Argus.

TO MY CUSTOMERS

Having sold my drug store to Mr. J. H. Ryan, I ask all those who owe me an account to please call at once and make satisfactory settlement of same.

Respectfully,
D. N. Leaverton.

A RULE OF THREE

Three things to govern—temper, tongue and conduct.

Three things to cultivate—courage, affection and gentleness.

Three things to commend—thrift, industry and promptness.

Three things to despise—cruelty, arrogance and ingratitude.

Three things to wish for—health, friends and contentment.

Three things to admire—dignity, gracefulness and intellectual power.

Three things to give—alms to the needy, comfort to the sad and appreciation to the worthy.—Ex.

REVIVAL MEETING CLOSSES TONIGHT

It has been announced that the revival meeting at the Baptist church will close tonight (Thursday) with a special flower service.

The meeting has accomplished a great deal of good, and its influence has been felt throughout the entire community. Bro. Reagan, by his able preaching, has endeared himself to the people of this community, and he and Mr. McMurray, the singer, will leave many warm friends behind them.

Twenty-three were added to the membership of the church, by letter and confession.

FROM CENTER GROVE

Center Grove, July 16.—We are needing rain badly in our community. Crops were fine but we have only got showers, not sufficient to do them much good. But we have no control over these things, so we are thankful for the showers and live in hopes of a good rain.

John Clark stuck a nail in his foot and is laid up with it. We hope he will soon be allright.

A horse ran away with Preston Dickson and bruised him up a right smart, but nothing serious.

Mr. Dickson has been sick but is improving.

Our revival meeting closed last Monday, the 9th. The fourth came right in the middle of the meeting, but after it was over we had a great revival; seven fine boys for baptism, others reclaimed, and one old man by statement, Mr. Nat Campbell, the blind man, who is known far and near. He was

saved at the age of 14 years in a prayer meeting while in the institute for the blind at Austin, and united with the Baptist church there. We have a fine old servant of God for a pastor, Bro. L. D. Funderburk, of Elkhart, and one of our own Rusk preacher boys did the preaching, Bro. W. J. Starkey. He is not afraid to declare the "whole counsel." We are praying the Master to use him in a great way and we believe He will do it. Pray for us.

Mrs. J. R. Taylor.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mr. T. C. Lively, who resides in the Percilla community, was 76 years old last Sunday, but the day would have slipped by unnoticed had it not been for his children, who planned a surprise party for him. All of his children except two were present and spent a very happy day. Dinner was served under the shade of trees and in the afternoon watermelons and ice cream were enjoyed.

Those present were Eugene Lively and family, John Sloan and family, Charlie B. Lively and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Holcomb of Damon, Earle, Homer and Sidney Lively and their families.

May Mr. Lively live to enjoy many more birthdays as happy as the one last Sunday.

The most shocking thing in the world is the electric chair.—Lufkin News.

Don't worry about the lies that people tell about you. It will be time to sit up and take notice when they begin to tell the truth about you.—Ex.

HALF OF WORLD WORKERS ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURE

Fully one-half of the workers of the world are now engaged in agriculture, according to figures published by the United States Department of Agriculture. Of all occupied men and boys in 23 leading countries, 51.4 per cent are engaged in agriculture, and, of all occupied women and girls, 50.6 per cent follow agricultural pursuits, statistics show. The figures do not include the large agricultural populations of Russia, China, Serbia, Hungary, Argentina, and Brazil.

The largest number of both male and female agricultural workers in the countries covered is in India, where 171,000,000 males and 34,000,000 females are so employed and comprise 72 per cent of the total number of workers. The United States is seconded with 11,000,000 male and 2,000,000 female agricultural workers, or 29 per cent of all employed persons.

The figures were compiled to show that problems concerning agricultural workers affect a large number of workers in almost every country than those engaged in manufacturing, mining, lumbering, or commerce, and in a few countries more than in all these industries combined.

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