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CITIZENS COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY COURT

Since, in the recent election a 15c road maintenance tax was voted in Road District No. 6, (east of the railroad) a citizens committee was appointed by the Commissioners' Court last week to have charge of the expenditure of the funds and look after the roads in the district. This committee, which was recommended to the court by citizens residing in the district, is composed of C. L. Haltom, J. W. Howard, G. W. Weisinger, W. Y. Watts and D. M. Jones.

The following overseers were appointed by the court on the different roads:

Ephesus road—Dock Payne.
Egg and Butter road—W. P. Davidson.

Belott road—J. J. Cutler and John Luce (Two sections.)

Lockout road—Tracy Skidmore and Henry Platt. (Two sections.)

Augusta road—C. A. Mills and Jake Sheridan. (Two sections.)

Middle Percilla road—Bill Lively.

Slocum and Grapeland road—Elmo Keen.

Livelyville road—Bert Owens.

Rusk road—Sampson Tyer and Dave Gallant. (Two sections.)

North Percilla road—Duffy Moore.

Slocum and Percilla road—B. Mitchell.

Waneta and Percilla road—Webb Kellum.

C. L. Haltom, chairman of the citizens committee, stated to The Messenger that he would in the near future call a meeting of all the overseers in the district and plan the work for the future to the end that the road district would greatly improve its highways.

1000 MAIL BAGS TO SHIP VOTES

A thousand mail pouches have been requisitioned for shipment of ballot boxes to Washington, where many thousands of votes cast in the general election of 1922 will be re-counted by the senate committee probing charges against Senator Earle B. Mayfield. Houston has been designated as one of the three concentration points in Texas. The other two are Texarkana and Fort Worth.

Twenty teams composed of special assistants to the sergeant-at-arms of the senate are busy collecting the ballot boxes at each county seat and forwarding them to the concentration points.

Each box will be sent to Washington in a separate mail pouch, under plans worked out by the railway mail service—Houston Post.

FOR SALE

I have 4 nice young mules and 1 horse for sale. Cash or notes taken. T. H. Leaverton.

SHOATES FOR SALE

30 shoates, will have them in Grapeland Saturday, the 26th. Price 6c, weight 70 to 100 pounds.

Dailey Bros.

NICHOLS WANTS ROADS ON THE WEST SIDE

Editor Messenger:

In view of the fact that the recent road bond election has passed into history and in view of the fact that we still have the mudhole, the gully and the sidling spots in all their glory, and as things stand at present will have them for an indefinite period of time.

After having several days to sum up the situation and after obtaining the views of a good many others, I wish to say a few words through the columns of the Messenger.

I wish to say first of all that I have no fault to find with any one in regard to the way they voted in the election just passed, as I believe in conceding to every one the right to vote as they see fit. And I believe every one voted their sentiments as to what they thought best for the district.

In summing up the sectional vote as polled in this election, we find that west of the I-G. N. R. R. gave an overwhelming majority voted for the bonds, while east of the railroad with the exception of the Grapeland box, a great majority voted against the bonds.

Now, as the views of the majority of the voters of this district are sectional, those on the west side in favor of bonds and those on the east side opposed to the bonds, why not take a logical view of this matter, divide the district along the center of the I-G. N. R. R. and give each section what they said by their votes they wanted?

If the district should be divided the bond issue will not be but about one half what it would have been had it carried with the district intact, while at the same time we will receive the revenue on a quarter of a million dollars tax rendition each year that would have been applied to roads of the east side as the tax rendition on the west side amounts to about one million dollars, that of the east side about a half million dollars, there being very little difference in the road

CROCKETT DISTRICT VOTES BOND ISSUE

The Crockett road district voted bonds in an election held Tuesday of this week. The vote was 561 for the bonds, and 156 against. The issue was for \$225,000, part of which will be used to build the north and south and east and west highways. State and federal aid will be secured on these roads. The balance of the money will be used to build lateral roads and retire bonds of a previous issue.

In order to get the north and south highway through the county, it looks like Grapeland road district west of the railroad will have to vote bonds, as a bond issue for the entire north end of the county was recently defeated.

Lovelady precinct already has the money to build the south end of the highway.

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mileage on either side. These facts should cause a lower tax rate on on hundred dollar valuation.

I believe that an early bond issue would insure us the State highway on this side of the I-G. N. R. R.

Excepting the church and the public school, there is no asset as valuable to a state, county, district or community as good public roads, and I think if there is any place in the whole world that need better roads it is this section of east Texas.

A person would need four mules today to get an empty wagon to Grapeland. And it is impossible for us to have roads unless we pay for them, so let's get busy and put the bond issue over in the near future and build roads that we will be proud of and can get anywhere we want to go in any weather conditions.

I feel assured that if the bond issue is voted on that after one year's time no one would change back to present conditions under any reasonable circumstances.

J. L. Nichols.

MARRIAGES EXCEED DIVORCES LAST YEAR

According to the records in the office of District Clerk A. B. Smith at Crockett, 128 divorces were granted during 1923. This includes both white and colored.

County Clerk Collins reports 351 marriage licenses issued during the same period. Mr. Collins could not furnish The Messenger with a complete statement of the number of births in the county, due to the fact that very few doctors in the county comply with the vital statistics law. Mr. Collins stated that the reports of the doctors are very irregular and that a small per cent of them make any report at all. The doctors should realize the importance of this law and obey it to the letter. It is very important to have all births recorded.

STATE MAY SEEK TO FORCE AUTO TAX REMITTANCES

Austin, Texas, Jan. 20.—Dallas County has remitted \$16,200 to the State Highway Commission, the first installment received from that county of the current year's automobile license tax. Tarrant County has not sent in a dollar. The Dallas remittance is insignificant when compared to the State's total from that county under the new law.

The impression here is that some of the larger counties are withholding the collections, pending the outcome of the cases to test the validity of the new act. The Attorney General may take action to force remittance by suits on Collectors' bonds, unless an injunction has been obtained.

PALESTINE GRAND JURY ASKS DRY AGENTS' HELP

Palestine, Texas, Jan. 20.—The sending of federal prohibition officers to Anderson county to assist local officers in the enforcement of prohibition laws was recommended by the grand jury impanelled for the present term of district court here, in submitting their final report to District Judge Ben F. Dent on Friday. Forty-eight felony bills of indictment have been returned by the grand jury.

MAYFIELD-PEDDY VOTES WILL BE DELIVERED

County Clerk W. D. Collins will deliver the Houston county ballots in the Mayfield-Peddy case to the proper authorities when they are called for, then the ballots will be sent by mail to Washington to be recounted in the Mayfield-Peddy investigation now being conducted by the U. S. Senate.

Mr. Collins received instructions sometime ago not to destroy the ballots, but to hold them ready for any contest that might arise.

Frost proof cabbage plants by parcel post, 100 for 35c, 200 and over 25c per 100.

Jesse Barnes,
Trinity, Texas.

400,000 MILES HARD SURFACED ROADS IN U. S.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Including sand-clay and gravel roads, which while good from the standpoint of the traveler, are not, strictly speaking, "hard roads, the mileage of surfaced roads in this nation is now more than 400,000.

The bureau of public roads of the department of agriculture states that at the close of the year 1921 the surfaced mileage was approximately 387,000 miles, and 35,000 miles were constructed in 1922.

The 1923 construction will not fall short of the previous year's record, and by January 1 the surfaced mileage was somewhat near 430,000 miles, making due allowance for the fact that a part of the 1922 and 1923 construction consists of the resurfacing of roads reported as surfaced at the beginning of 1922.

BOY SENTENCED FOR TRAIN WRECK

Palestine, Texas, Jan. 20.—Virgil Harrison, aged 14, charged with wrecking a T & N. O. passenger train near Frankston two weeks ago in which an engineer was killed, was found guilty here and given a sentence of seven years in the juvenile training school at Gatesville. He will be taken to the institution at once.

When the youth was arrested at his home in Athens shortly after the wreck occurred he made a statement to officers in which he said he had been put off a freight train at Frankston just prior to the time of the wreck and then went to a switch where he smashed the lock with a bar of iron and threw the rail open. A few minutes later the passenger train from Dallas crashed into the open switch derailing the engine.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY INSTALLS OFFICERS

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met at the church last Tuesday afternoon and installed the following officers for the ensuing year:

Mrs. Leon Anderson, president; Mrs. Willis Shaver, vice president; Mrs. A. M. Fisher, Rec. Sec'y; Mrs. A. H. Luker, Cor. Sec'y; Mrs. B. C. Anderson, Conf. Treas.; Mrs. S. N. Boykin, local treasurer; Mrs. Roy Brewton, agent for the Missionary Voice.

During the business session the society voted to have a valentine entertainment, the place to be announced later. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. J. C. Kennedy Tuesday, January 29th.

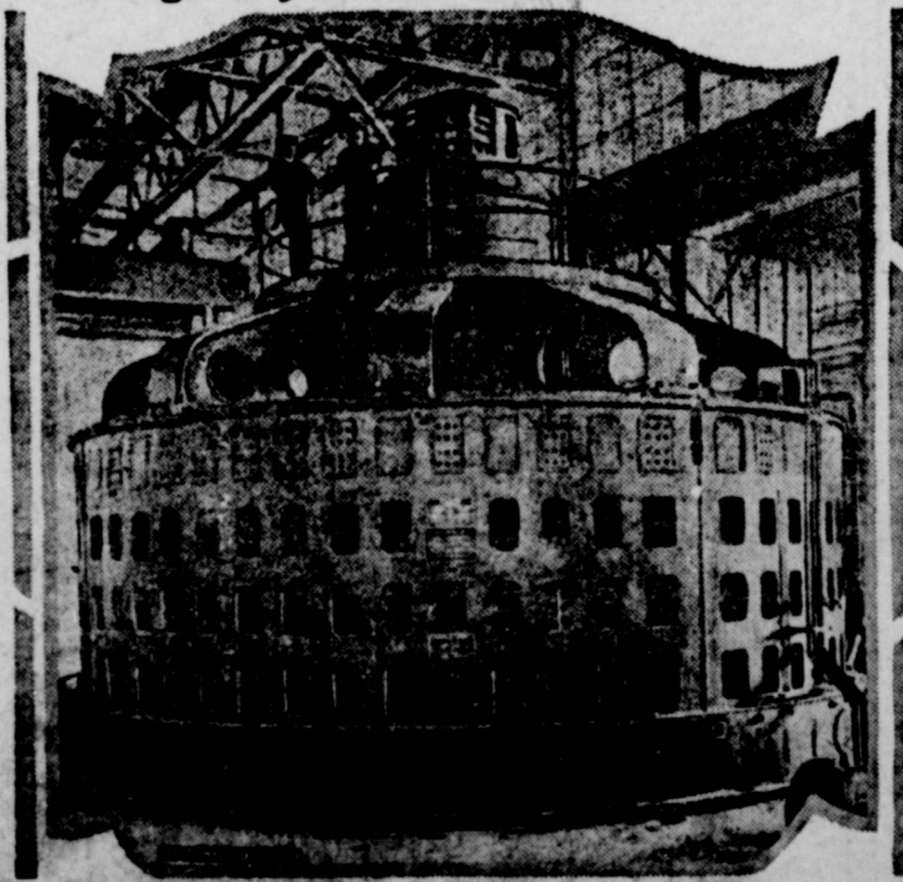
Reporter.

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Huge Hydro-Electric Generator



The largest hydro-electric plant in the world has been installed at the Niagara Falls power plant. Photograph shows the generator, developing 70,000 horsepower.

The Demonstration Agents of Houston County and their Work

There seems to be a misunderstanding upon the part of many citizens of the county as to the purpose and nature of the work the agents of Houston county are supposed to do. In order that the people of this county might have a better understanding how much money it costs to maintain these agents and the nature of their work, it will be necessary to give something of its history. "Demonstration work was first started in Texas in 1903 by Dr. Seaman A. Knapp. This was about the time the boll weevil had disorganized cotton farming, and Dr. Knapp's idea was to teach by the demonstration method that cotton could be grown in spite of the boll weevil. He also wanted to show that there were other crops that could be grown profitably in the South as well as cotton. The first demonstration farm was established near Terrell, Texas. In order to get a man to follow Dr. Knapp's instructions it was necessary that the business men of Terrell agree to compensate him for any loss that might be sustained by following Dr. Knapp's method. Not only were the business men not called upon to indemnify him, but he stated that he made over \$700.00 more than would have been made by his usual methods of farming.

The work at first was financed entirely by the Federal Department of Agriculture. By 1914 there were in the Southern States more than 500 men agents and 200 women agents engaged in demonstration work in the South. In 1914 there was passed what is known as the Smith-Lever Act. Under this act Congress appropriated a certain amount of money to be expended in the States, provided the state legislature made an equal appropriation less \$10,000.00. Texas along with every other state in the Union has accepted this offer. This joint State and Federal fund, however does not furnish enough money to employ County and Home Demonstration Agents in all the agricultural counties of the country, so the fund is supplemented by an appropriation by the Commissioners' Court of the various counties. In this state the Commissioners' Courts are only allowed to appropriate \$1000.00 for county agent work and \$1500.00 for Demonstration work, although in most states the amount to be appropriated is left to the discretion of the court.

On Jan. 15th the Commissioners' Court met in regular session and among other things considered the matter of appropriating sufficient funds to meet the Federal and State

requirements to continue the work of the two white and one colored agents in this county for the year 1924. After some discussion the appropriations were made and the work continued for the year. In the case of the Home Demonstration agent, Miss Ney Barnett, \$1200.00 was set aside to meet the Federal appropriations of \$240.00 and the State appropriation of \$960.00 for this year. In the case of the Farm Demonstration agent, Mr. R. R. Morrison, \$1000.00 was set aside to meet the Federal appropriations of \$240.00 and the State appropriation of \$1160.00 for this year. In the case of the colored Farm Demonstration agent, J. W. Hogg, \$300.00 was set aside to meet the Federal appropriation of \$240.00 and the State appropriation of \$960.00 for this year. These amounts are to be divided into twelve equal payments and paid to the agents by warrant monthly. These warrants are now being discounted at ten per cent but will be worth cash by the first of February. These warrants having been issued against the General fund of the county.

It is not within the discretion of the Commissioners' Court to employ any one of the agents but only to provide that part of the appropriation necessarily allotted to this county to make up the balance of the salary required and not provided by the other governments. The employment of these agents is controlled by the district agent and representative of the Agricultural & Mechanical College at College Station. The Commissioners' Court can recommend to the agent in authority that they would prefer anyone above another but it is optional whether this recommendation has any weight with them or not.

The course of work pursued by each agent is planned and mapped out by the department at College Station and certain things are required to be done through certain months, at the end of each month a written report is required of each agent on what is done that month. The Farm Demonstration agent and Home Demonstration agents cannot exchange work since their work does not lie along the same lines. Through the Winter season the Farm Demonstration agent is terracing farms, assisting in analyzing the farm soils and recommending the kind and proportion of fertilizers to be used that year, vaccinating hogs against the Cholera, ditching for draining lands, organizing boys' clubs for better farming, holding consultations and carrying out an educational program for the uplift and betterment of the people of the county generally.

The Home Demonstration agent is canning beeves, organizing clubs for women and girls, "the aim of which is

to stimulate interest in home-making, based upon the dignity of home life; to develop ideals of true economy and thrift through systematic conservation, and elimination of needless waste; to encourage home industries through garden and poultry raising and dairying, thereby increasing food production; to develop leadership for community life; to develop in women and girls a new enjoyment and satisfaction that they might find their home environments and community life more happy." Also, it is her duty to plan and improvise means and devices to show the house keeper labor saving devices in the house as well as in the kitchen. These labor saving devices have been of untold benefit to many house keepers in Houston County. The greatest program of work advocated by the Home Demonstration agent is a health program, teaching sanitation in the home and about the premises and the care and proper treatment of the health of the child life in the home.

The colored agent is supposed to carry out the same program of work for the colored people as Mr. Morrison is scheduled to do for the white people.

Within the last six months something over 65 farms with a total of 3500 acres of hill side lands have been terraced and more than 5000 acres have been drained by ditching thus increasing the tillage acreage in Houston County. 100 or more boys have enlisted in clubs in this county for the advancement of agricultural purposes.

About thirty five beeves have been canned by the Home Demonstration agent during this Winter and numerous other requests are coming for aid along these lines from all parts of the county. Something over three hundred girls and 100 women have enrolled in clubs for instruction along the lines of home economy. This branch of work has taught the girls of the county to make their own clothing at a minimum cost to themselves and experience in the art of needle work. An unusual interest has been manifested by the girls of the county in poultry and garden work some 300 or more girls enlisting in these clubs.

At the last colored teachers' institute a voluntary subscription was raised to the amount of \$200.00 to secure the services of a colored Home Demonstration agent in Houston county. This amount was required to meet the requirements of the Federal and State appropriations for this work. Should this agent be installed in this county during this year it will not cost Houston county anything. This is a voluntary movement upon the part of the colored teachers of this county.

If you have a farm or home problem to be solved and need any assistance it would be to your interest to solicit

the services of your county agent to help you. The money it would cost you would be nothing compared to the loss you might sustain should you neglect to consult them. These agents are placed here in this county at a minimum cost to all and you can secure their services free of any additional cost by just telling them you need them.

Let's work with them to make Houston county the most desirable county in Texas to live in.

Sincerely,
Leroy L. Moore, County Judge.

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OUR HONOR ROLL

The first of the year is a good time to renew your subscription to the local paper. This is campaign year, and you will want to know who is running for office. As an extra added feature to The Messenger, an eight page magazine section, with a colored comic page, will be issued the first week in each month. In a short time The Messenger will be enlarged to a 6-column, eight page paper, and then we can truly say that The Messenger is Houston county's biggest and best newspaper.

The following have our thanks for their subscription:

- Grapeland—Howard Guice,
- Chester Tyer, Webb Brooks.
- Route 1—Hiram Gaines,
- Route 3—Webb Finch.
- Elkhart—E. D. Murdock,
- Brince Dickson.
- Crockett—A. L. Thompson.
- Houston—George R. Darsey.

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To the Voters of Houston County

I take this means of announcing my candidacy for the office of County Treasurer of your county. Two years ago I made the race for County Treasurer, and was defeated by a small majority of twenty-two votes. Taking everything into consideration, I accepted the vote as complimentary and appreciated it. I had no ill feelings toward my opponents or their friends. I considered it a decision of the people and not a personal difference between us.

My occupation prior to the preceding campaign caused my acquaintance to be rather limited in the county, being engaged in the noble profession of teaching school, and as the term did not expire until the month of May, naturally delayed my initiating an active campaign from the beginning, therefore, I unfortunately missed seeing quite a number of the voters, but have my business arranged so that I can assure you that I shall endeavor to see every voter in the county prior to the election day, and present my claim personally, but in the event I should fail to see any voter, I shall request you to please give my candidacy your serious consideration before casting your vote.

As I made the race for this office in the preceding campaign, I feel that it is not necessary for me to refer to my qualifications or citizenship in Houston county. In this campaign I have no issue to urge, except my own merits and ambitions, and if you find this such that it commends me to the office of County Treasurer, I certainly will appreciate your vote and influence and if elected to this responsible and important office of County Treasurer, I shall endeavor to repay you for the confidence entrusted in me by rendering you efficient service and being courteous on all occasions; however, if I am defeated, I am still your friend.

Yours very truly,
Frank H. Butler.
(Political Advertisement)

George E. Darsey Sr. spent last week end in Tyler on business.

THE STATE TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM

The State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, located sixteen miles north of San Angelo, Texas, was established by the Texas Legislature in 1911 and opened in 1912.

Its purpose is the treating of incipient and moderately advanced cases of consumption and teaching the best methods of prevention and cure of the disease.

Six hundred patients are treated annually in this institution, which is owned and maintained by the State of Texas.

A complete description of how patients are treated, kind of food served, social customs and regulations of The State Tuberculosis Sanatorium will appear in the Messenger Magazine Section February 7th. A compliment was handed the editor recently. He was told that The Messenger was getting better every way every day. We appreciate these little compliments, as we try mighty hard to earn them. During all this year we want to make The Messenger better and better. You can help us by asking some friend to subscribe or by phoning us in a news item.

FOR WORKING PEOPLE

The best of workers get out of sorts when the liver fails to act. They feel languid, half-sick, "blue" and discouraged and think they are getting lazy. Neglect of these symptoms might result in a sick spell, therefore the sensible course is to take a dose or two of Herbine. It is just the medicine needed to purify the system and restore the vim and ambition of health. Price 60c. Sold by
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Mr. Nichols And "Evolution"

Editor Messenger:

I am writing this to commend to your readers the splendid and very timely article by J. L. Nichols in your issue of last week on "The Virgin Birth And Evolution."

A more readable and well expressed and able article has not found its way into the public prints anywhere that I have seen on the subject Mr. Nichols discussed.

It will pay every one who may chance to read this article to read it again and again, and then pause long enough to think over and understand it and see its full meaning and what is certainly the ultimate effect for it is "Evolution" Theory, for it is only a "theory," unproved and unprovable.

And yet, while the subject Mr. Nichols has so ably and truthfully discussed is perhaps the most important and far-reaching question now before the American people and the world at large, it is astonishing how very few people are paying any attention to it of any consequence. In fact, the great "seething mass" of the people of the world know very little about it and are paying it no heed whatever.

As Mr. Nichols so forcibly says, if Christ was "not conceived of the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary" then there is on such thing as the Christian religion. And what is worse and only adds "insult to injury", the fellows who deny the "Virgin Birth of Christ" also go farther and deny the "Inspiration of the Bible," the "Resurrection of Jesus", the "Atoning Blood of Christ" and the "Fact of Miracles" thus wiping out in toto, every bed-rock on which Christianity stands.

Mr. Nichols tells the truth when he says that such "stuff" as this can lead to nothing but the rankest infidelity. For, with Christ out of the scheme of human "Redemption", stripped of His attribute of "Deity," then the Bible, both the Old and the New, are a "myth" and a worse fraud was never perpetrated on the world than these "good Books" seek to foist upon unsuspecting humanity.

The very idea of it is nothing short of disgusting, and the most surprising thing about it is the apparent apathy of the preachers and teachers in Church schools and the editors of Church papers on the subject. They seem to be "afraid to even mention it." But just why I have not been able to fathom. I dare say there is not a Protestant Church in this country that is not more or less infected with this denial of the "fundamentals" of the Christian religion I have mentioned. Still, the very classes I have above named shake "like an aspen leaf" whenever the subject is mentioned to them. Frankly, I have never seen such "downright cowardice" in the supposed leaders of religious thought as they are exhibiting to-day in the utter failure and refusal to come out like men, brave men, and defend the religion they advocate from the bold, open and above board, radical and insidious attacks these certain infidels are making on the teachings of Jesus Christ. And when a defense is threatened and "heresy trials" are talked about, the next thing you hear of is that the "Trial Is Not Ordered," the brave (?) defenders have completely "backed down" and taken to the woods.

I wonder what they expect to accomplish by such "cowardice" as this, for cowardice it certainly is, and they utterly abandon the field to the beautiful little infidels to go on with their deadly work and allow them to destroy the Christian religion if they can. In this uncontradicted and admitted condition of things I am tempted to ask the Preachers this question: "Are you trying to preach the Christian religion, or something else, and if something else, pray tell me what it is?" Frankly, my dear good brethren, you in whom I have always had the greatest confidence and esteem, I would not give a copper nickel for a "cowpen" full of you."

I hope Mr. Nichols will write again.

J. W. Madden,
Crockett, Texas.

NEXT

The game is to see who will be the next man up. So let's stop and think. "In 1884—

The world's most famous automobile manufacturer was working in a bicycle shop.

A millionaire hotel owner was hopping bells.

America's steel king was stoking a blast furnace.

An international banker was firing a locomotive.

A president of the United States was running a printing press.

A great merchant was carrying a pack on his back.

A railroad president was pounding a telegraph key."

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THE MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice every Thursday as second class mail matter



THURSDAY, JAN. 24, 1924

It is well and proper for a man to love all mankind, but if he gets too loving towards all woman-kind he is apt to land in jail.

As a woman grows older she learns that it is much more important that a man be a good provider than a good dancer.

The activities of the republican candidates for president convince one that if the office happens to be seeking any of them it will have to get up and hustle.

No doubt there is much rejoicing in the Texas penitentiary when Pat Neff leaves the state. Acting Governor Davidson usually issues a few deserving pardons while the governor is away, thus bringing a ray of hope into the hearts of these despondent men.

Now comes some Boston gazook and tells us there isn't any hell. We have no time to debate a question like that. Even if there isn't, we want the folks to line up and give the politicians what we have always thought was hell. Have you got a poll tax receipt? This is the year.

Don't become alarmed over the announcement of Jim Ferguson for governor. It will not complicate the political situation in the least. The safe and sane voters of Texas will knock his political ambitions into a cocked hat, as they have always done, since his disgraceful impeachment by the senate several years ago.

SUN SET NEWS

(Delayed)

Sunset, Jan. 14—John Morris killed a fine hog a few days ago. It dressed 540 pounds.

T. F. Sanches is on the sick list.

Mrs. Rosa Johnston went to Palestine last Wednesday for an operation. She is reported to be doing fine.

Doug Walton and family were visitors at Ed Edge's Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. T. F. Sanches spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Ed Edge.

Mike Sanches visited his brother, T. F. Sanches, all of last week, leaving Saturday for his home at Streetman.

Odie Haltom of Salmon spent Thursday night with his sister, Mrs. T. F. Sanches.

Charlie Haltom paid a short visit to his niece, Mrs. T. F. Sanches, Sunday afternoon. While he and Mr. Wherry were out looking after some cattle, Charlie received a mess of old time sweet potatoes from his niece.

AT METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Preaching at Percilla at 3 p. m. Come and worship with us.

B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

Commissioners' Court Proceedings

Week of January 7. Petition to buy bridge at Bates' ferry on Neches River rejected. Motion carried to pay outstanding warrants and claims against Highway funds out of General Highway fund before being apportioned to various precincts upon valuation basis.

Motion carried to apportion to road District No. 3, 25 per cent of license fees paid into General Highway funds after outstanding warrants and claims are paid. Motion carried to apportion Highway funds collected from County automobile license fees to the various precincts of the County according to valuation, after 25 per cent of fees have been apportioned to road District No. 3 and not be apportioned any more according to mileage as formerly.

Order to issue preference warrant to county attorney out of R and B fund for fees due him on fines having been turned in to county Treasurer by County Judge before paying him his fees.

Motion carried to allow claims of each commissioner as balance of compensation for court and road service for the year 1923 for one half of June, all of July, August, September, October, November and December in amount of \$490.00, each said commissioner being entitled but account warrants being under the present law \$540.00, drawn for the month of June for \$100.00, which was \$50.00 in excess of amount due under law effective middle of June, the said \$50.00 is deducted from amount of \$540.00 now due said commissioners.

Order declaring result of election in Road District No. 1: 538 for bonds; 289 against bonds.

Order declaring result of 15c Maintenance Tax Election in Road District No. 1: 544 for the tax; 287 against the tax.

ADDING PROFIT TO FARM WITH SHEEP

Austin Callan, (brother of Jim Callan.) who has spent over half of his life among the sheep ranches of West and South Texas, writes an article in our monthly Magazine Section entitled: "Adding Profit to Farm With Sheep," which will interest all thoughtful-minded persons. Keep your eye on The Messenger. There are profit and pleasure in each issue, and you lose more than we lose if you are not one of our many subscribers.

A. E. Murdock and Nathan Guice spent several days in Houston last week, and while there Mr. Murdock purchased furniture and fixtures for his cafe and bakery which he will install in the brick building now being erected by George Shaver. Mr. Murdock stated that he bought good stuff and expects to have one of the best and most up-to-date cafes and bakeries to be found anywhere in a town of this size. We hope his venture will prove most successful.

MEAL AND CHOPS

I am prepared to furnish you with pure home ground meal and chops. Give me your order. J. M. Sullivan.

SOWS FOR SALE

I have several good, bred sows for sale. J. W. Howard.

Avoid irregularity in the bowel movements; it leads to chronic constipation; a condition that poisons the blood and breeds disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a man's remedy for putting the system in order. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith Special Agent.

THE DARSEY CO. GRAPELANDS CASH DRY GOODS STORE

Meeting the Needs of Mid-Winter

With wintry winds and cold rains, comes the need for warm apparel of all kinds. Our mid-winter displays offer a wide variety of garments and fabrics for every occasion. Latest modes are reflected in the merchandise on display at this store, quality is evident in every detail and the prices are most reasonable. With such complete stocks as that offered here, there is no need for you to suffer any of the discomforts of cold weather.

Timely reductions in many departments makes this an opportune time to make your purchases.

IT TAKES LEATHER TO STAND THE WEATHER

Whether you need shoes or slippers for work or dress, it is to your interest to demand that they are ALL LEATHER. There is no guess work about it here. Every shoe we sell is GUARANTEED solid leather throughout.

Our line of flexible work shoes is especially appealing to the man who wants both comfort and service.

Viscol keeps your shoes waterproof. Get it here

NEW SWEATERS AND CAPS

While at many places, shop-worn knit goods are trying to be worked off, this store has received a bright, clean, new line of ladies' and men's sweaters in the newer styles and colorings. These are offered at exceptional values and were received within the past few days.

Also a NEW SHIPMENT OF KNIT CAPS for ladies girls, boys and children in newest patterns and popular styles at 25c to \$1.25

RAINCOATS—OVERSHOES

It's better to spend a little now for apparel to protect you from the weather than to have a spell of sickness. New stock of overshoes in most all sizes are offered here and the best line of raincoats in town. This store is headquarters in GrapeLand for the famous—

Moon Brand Waterproof Clothing (Guaranteed for a year)

Stadium Coats Slicker Hats Feather Weight Slickers

GET OUR PRICES

We invite comparison of quality and prices on whatever you may need. We strive to sell the best, not something just as good. Months ago we began making purchases covering our requirements for this present season and are therefore in position to pass our savings on to you. Whatever you may need in dry goods, clothing, wearing apparel, shoes, etc., you can save both time and money by coming here first.

We Guarantee Satisfaction all the Time

IN THE MIDST OF WINTER OUR THOUGHTS TURN SPRINGWARD

If you are thinking of new draperies, house furnishings, linen suitings, cotton suitings you'll find our showing at this time decidedly cheering. You will find some very chic new hats in our millinery department as well as some smart, modish NELLY DON frocks in our cases.

Locals

666 for Colds and La Grippe.

If it is tailor work you need phone Campbell & Eaves.

Gardening time will soon be here. Get your seed at Long's Cash Store.

Misses, Boys, and Men's Underwear, cheap.
C. H. Sewell & Co.

Miss Moselle Martin of Texarkana is here to spend awhile visiting her many friends.

Minnesota Triumph Seed Potatoes.
C. H. Sewell & Co.

D. M. Ferry's and Crossman's garden seed sold at Long's Cash Store.

Deputy Sheriff Will Musick and District Clerk, A. B. Smith of Crockett were here last Friday.

666 for Headaches, Colds, etc.

Rhold Island Red eggs for sale. Mrs. R. B. Edens.

FOR SALE

A pair of goats. Apply to Bill Howard.

Mrs. Nesbitt Lively has gone to Texarkana to see her brother, Hershall Ferguson, who is ill.

Try a sack of vegetable fertilizer on your garden. For sale at Long's Cash Store.

D. M. Ferry & Co Garden Seeds—fresh.
C. H. Sewell & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hunt spent last week end with relatives at Conroe.

If you expect to do any painting see T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co. We have a guaranteed paint at \$2.25 per gallon.

See us for Gingham, Percales, Black Satine, Khaki Cloth Denim and Staple Dry Goods.
C. H. Sewell & Co.

666 for Malarial Fever.

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

666 prevents Colds.

For fresh milk, fresh butter and eggs see Mrs. C. L. Haltom.

When your clothes need to be altered, cleaned, pressed or repaired, call Campbell & Eaves.

Three good work mules for sale. Cash or good note.
R. B. Edens.

A generous tube of Ryan's Tooth Paste for 25c. Try a tube today.

PEAS WANTED

We are in the market for speckle peas. See us if you have any to sell. J. W. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Maxwell of Overton are moving to Grape-land to make their home. We extend them a welcome.

Let us show you our new line of paints; all shades and colors for \$2.25 per gallon. T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.

If you have a few Spanish peanuts to sell bring them in; will ship a car Thursday.
J. W. Howard.

Webb Brooks, who has been in Lamesa for the past few months, has returned to Grape-land.

I have some town lots and farms for sale. See me for price and terms.
R. B. Edens.

FOR SALE

Auto knitting machine at a bargain; also 10 pounds of yarn. Mrs. J. C. Bynum, Route 1.

Outings. Canton Flannels Sheeting and Bed-Ticking. Get our prices.
C. H. Sewell & Co.

Did you know that you could buy a guaranteed paint for \$2.25 per gallon at T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co's.?

WANTED—Sawmill workers to work at mill east of Grape-land; will furnish houses; work the year around. See me here in Grape-land. J. S. Hunt.

Frank Butler was here Monday and left his announcement with The Messenger for county treasurer. His name appears in our announcement column and a statement from him is printed elsewhere in this issue.

Will Robbins has returned from Crockett, where he was engaged in the restaurant business and will engage in the same business here. He has rented the Whitaker building, which is now being altered and arranged for restaurant fixtures.

J. O. Herod ordered an ad run twice, but one insertion was sufficient to sell that milch cow he advertised. And results were quick. Three different parties called at his home on Friday after the paper was circulated Thursday. It pays to advertise.

An Atchison motorist chants this complaint: "We stopped, looked and listened, and a blooming idiot bumped into our rear."
—Kansas City Star.

EDISON PHONOGRAPHS!

One slightly used demonstration Edison Phonograph, retail price \$58
Now only \$25.00

One perfectly new Edison, same as above
Only \$30.00

One Edison disc instrument—Edison's official model, retail price \$295.00
Now only \$150.00

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Cylinder records, each 25c

A Graduate in Pharmacy Here

SMITH'S DRUG STORE

Everything a Good Drug Store Should Have

You Can Save Money By Trading Here



We have just received a big shipment of—**PETERS' SHOES**
We have the shoe you need, whether it be a work or dress shoe, high or low. And we have them priced absolutely right!

Our Stock of Dry Goods

is complete in every respect and we can offer you anything you want in staples at the old price. Come and see. Ask your neighbor.

Gingham, 27 ins., as good as you ever bought for only **20c**

Gingham, 32 ins., Toile du Nord, at **30c**

Gingham, 32 ins., an extra value, at **25c**

This is just an example of what we have in values.

The biggest and best towel anywhere, per pair only **50c**

McCormack Dering Farm Implements

- STALK CUTTERS
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 - WALKING PLANTERS
 - MIDDLE BREAKERS
- Be sure to see this line before you buy

We can fill your entire work time needs

Henry Dailey & Co.

Where the Price is absolutely right

Political Announcements

These announcements subject to action of democratic primary in July.

For Commissioner Prect. 1: S. W. Duitch.

For Commissioner Prect. 2: C. A. Story (Re-election.)

For County Treasurer: Frank H. Butler

FOR SALE

I have 4 nice young mules and 1 horse for sale. Cash or notes taken. T. H. Leaverton.

Speaking of endurance tests, there is the wait for an amateur performance to begin.—St. Joseph News-Press.

A New York broker, retiring at 42, says he's going to devote the rest of his life to play, and incidentally run a newspaper. Funny ideas of play some people have.—Evansville Courier.

As in the case of the automobile, it isn't the first cost of the marriage but the upkeep that counts.—Providence Journal.

Miss Lizzie Ford was an Illinois bride of a few days ago. We'll bet she can hardly wait for her tin wedding anniversary.—Tulsa Tribune.

STOP THAT ITCHING

Use Blue Star Remedy for Eczema, Itch, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Ring Worms, Chapped Face, Poison Oak, Sunburns, Old Sores or Sores on Children. It relieves all forms of Sore Feet. For sale by
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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.

Big Line of Dry Goods!

We have added a big stock of DRY GOODS to our already complete lines of Hardware Furniture, Groceries and Feed.

Having re-arranged our stock, adding more floor space, we are equipped to give you better service than ever.

While we have made changes in stocks, we have not changed the policy that has so long been in vogue with our business—that of

KEEPING THE PRICE DOWN

We have saved many customers many dollars on their purchases. Ask your neighbor, if you have not been one of our customers.

Our stock will be larger than ever and we will appreciate your adding to your list of needs in the lines that we have heretofore carried any items of dry goods you may need.

Watch Keeland Bros. in 1924!

Keeland Bros.

The people that keep the price down

SOME SMILES

"Don't you think that young man is nice, mama?"

"I do not, my dear. He looks too much like your father when he was a young man."—Life.

"If I'm not home by 11 o'clock you need not wait for me," said Albertson to his spouse.

"Indeed I won't," she replied, "I'll come for you."

The Frightful Substitute

"Are you sure we have taken the right road?"

"Somebody has. Dreadful thing they left in its place, isn't it?"—Sydney Bulletin.

"I have been on this train seven years," said the conductor of a slowly-moving Southern train, proudly.

"Is that so?" said a passenger. "Where did you get on?"—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Two negroes were arguing. "You ain't got no sense," said one.

"No sense? Den what's dis head o' mine for?"

"Head? Dat's no head, nigger. Dat's jes' a button on top of yo' body to keep yo' backbone from unravelin'."

"Pop," said a young colored boy, "which am de most useful to us, de sun or de moon?"

"De moon, boy, co'se, yo' fool chile," said the boy's father. "De

moon am de most useful to us, kase she shine in de dark an' light us up. De sun, he ain't no good. He on'y shine in the day time, when he ain't needed."

Give Her Time

Rastus: "Ah wants a divorce. Dat woman jes' talk, talk, talk, night an' day. Ah cain't get no rest and dat talk am drivin' me crazy."

Young Lawyer: "What does she talk about?"

Rastus: "She doan' say."—Life.

Unrepentant

Wife—"Your Honor, he broke every dish in the house over my head, and treated me cruelly."

Judge—"Did your husband apologize or express regret for his actions?"

Wife—"No, Your Honor; the ambulance driver took him away before he could speak to me."—United Noise.

Frank Man

The speaker whom I am about to introduce is a blunt man who says a lot in a few words. I ate dinner with him at the restaurant today and the music of the long-haired sax player who furnished music with the meals was terrible. My friend called the waiter and asked:

"Does that fellow ever play anything by request?"

The waiter said he did, and my friend said:

"Then request him for me to play dominoes till we get our dinner eaten."

"Thoughts are the children of your brain and words are the garments they wear—do not make tramps of them. Words are all powerful—they can wreck homes, destroy lives, ruin business and devastate property."—George Washington Robnett.

The End of an 80-Hour Day

A man stayed at home with the children for half-day while his wife did her Christmas shopping and submits the following statistics:

Opened door for children—108 times.

Closed it after them—108 times.

Tied children's shoes—16 times.

Number of stories read to them—21.

Stopped children from playing piano—19 times.

Smoke rings blown to amuse them—498.

Arbitrated children's quarrel—77 times.

Put doll carriage out—28 times.

Brought doll carriage in—28 times.

Mended Kiddie car—5 times.

Cautioned children about crossing street—66 times.

Children crossed street—66 times.

Peddlers rang door bell—7 times.

Dried children's tears—14 times.

Toy balloons bought for children—6 times.

Average life of baloon—3 minutes.

Assisted children to blow noses—14 times.

Telephone calls answered—8 times.

Percentage of wrong phone numbers—100 per cent.

Slices of bread and butter served—12.

Drinks of water served—9.

Refused to buy candy—87 times.

Questions dodged about Santa Claus—1,051.

The statistician is now advertising for two nurse girls and a governess.—Journal of Home Economics.

The Business Man



To be successful in handling your business affairs, no matter how extensive or how limited they may be, you must handle them in a businesslike manner.

Paying all bills by Check is one of the first steps, since it gives you an absolute record of receipts and expenditures.

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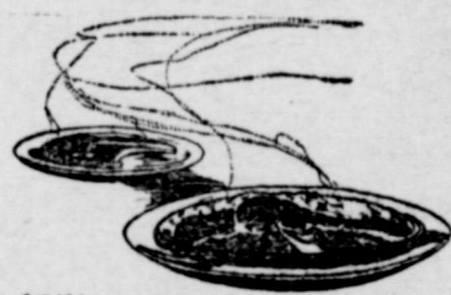
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Why You Should Order Your Ford Car Now

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Actual retail deliveries in December, establishing a new high record for winter buying.

Considering that, as spring approaches, retail buying will become more active, there will be a greater demand for Ford Cars this spring than ever before.

Therefore, the only way you can be sure of obtaining delivery this coming spring or summer is to place your order immediately.

If you do not wish to pay cash for your car you can arrange for a small payment down and easy terms on the balance. Or you can buy on the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan.

See the Nearest Authorized Ford Dealer

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Detroit, Michigan

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER, GRAPELAND, TEXAS

NEGRO FAIR HELD AT GRAPELAND

Editor Messenger:

Houston county's first Negro Annual Fair exceeded surmises, in point of interest, attendance and profitable results.

Each of the three days was largely attended, the crowd ranging from one to five thousand interested participants and spectators.

The formal opening occurred at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon, December 21, staged with a parade of decorated automobiles, wagons, floats, horseback riders, vehicles and walkers, reaching business section of the progressive town and finding several hundred people lining the streets, waiting for activity the great meeting was pleased to give. Four county high schools, viz: Crockett, Grapeland, Hopewell and Mt. Zion, rendered some yells, appropriate choruses and laughable stunts that brought vociferous applause.

The programs throughout were interesting and profitable. Canning lectures, followed by demonstrations, elicited much of our time and attention. Mrs. Maggie Lee, county home demonstration agent of Grimes county, came as a special of the government and gave demonstrations in canning sweet potatoes, chickens and beef. More than 400 cans were prepared by students and their respective teachers from several schools in the county.

The following schools were represented: Crockett High, Center Hill, Cedar Branch, Beria, Daly, Grapeland High, Hayes Springs, Fordice, Germany, New Salem, Oakland, Mt. Herman, Mt. Zion and Shiloh.

County fairs, their advantages, the great indispensable mission they serve, the awakening and interesting activities they create, the advanced ideas and modern conveniences that they place in reach of our people; all clearly indicate and go to show plainly that that teacher who fails to marshal his community forces, to group, organize and lead in representing his school and community in bringing forward specimens of skill and faithful work, in swapping ideas and getting modern and better ways to live more easily and completely; he is almost a failure to start with; he is not making hay while the sun shines, he is not exerting his or her-

self in trying to keep his people up with the industrial awakening with the shortcuts to making home-life more to be admired, with the saving of man-power and putting more bread and meat into our needy homes. Sentiment will whip into line those lethargic teachers. Modern demands for service will press them into rendering service of that kind or will relegate them to service not so important, and too, that they are able, no doubt, to better perform.

The programs occurred in the largest negro church in Grapeland, which was far too small to accommodate the interested mass of humanity. Experience has taught us already that for these annual occasions, when worked up properly in this progressive county, big tents will only answer for comfort. The programs, however, in the house that was overcrowded, packed and jammed at every performance, were listened to with keen interest, for so many profitable, modern and interesting devices, constructions or productions were explained and shown by experts.

The open-air sports were side splitters; the horse bucking contest was pleasing, amusing and interesting to every spectator. The \$2.50 prizes were won by D. Johnson, Grapeland, and Mike Moore, Grapeland.

The big, fat turkey promised as a result of the turkey shooting contest was won by the Mt. Zion community, the fatal shot being fired by Lipscomb Williams.

Some very fine specimens of the different thoroughbred standards of poultry were placed on exhibition.

Some poultry contestants, however, did not make proper entries, or carried their pen away before judges' time came for inspection, hence fell out of the race, or better said, did not ever get into the contest.

The swine department was worthy of inspection, several registered hogs being in evidence. C. F. Benson, Palestine, Texas, did signal work as director of this department.

The sewing exhibition rooms were tastily prepared, each teacher having a six-foot sign prepared, which had in large type the name of their community and teacher, and under his respective sign displayed needle and art work that impressed the large masses of colored and whites with this fact, viz: Negroes are trying to keep pace with the daily industrial cam-

paign of activity. Mrs. Maggie Lee, extension agent of Navasota, Texas, having experience in this special line of activity, passed on the best of everything as the premium catalogue stated.

The agricultural department housed its exhibits in a special building. Many varieties were up for inspection and exchange of ideas, many of which were educative, informatory and, all in all, the procedure was far-reaching in portraying the diversification advantages our progressive county affords.

Broom and mattress making consumed a profitable share of our time. The factory for making each was transferred from the Crockett High School to the fair grounds in Grapeland, Texas, and brooms and mattresses skillfully constructed by the Crockett High School class, each step being fully explained as construction went on. Too much encouragement cannot be given to Prof. J. H. Johns for his introduction, into his busy school, of these very necessary trades. He is supplying many families, white as well as colored, with brooms and mattresses at most reasonable prices and at the same time learning many boys the trade. Our hat is off to Prof. Johns.

The appointment of the fair at Grapeland meant much to the Grapeland colored citizenry. It aroused the lethargic interest formerly had on the part of the school patrons to the extent that their efficient principal, Prof. F. J. Grant as leader, fenced in their school property, purchased a school piano, made some necessary repairs on their dilapidated school building and I understand are now completing plans to paint the little school building.

All in all, the fair carried the largest continuous three-day delegation of negroes this county has ever witnessed together at any place in Houston county, and the proceedings were systematically and peacefully carried out. No friction whatever from any source was heard of by the agent.

At a special meeting the fair promoters and general negro body decided to make the annual fair permanent, and the county agent was asked to early call a county meeting for a permanent organization.

Too much praise cannot be given to the good white people of Grapeland for their generosity displayed in policing the town and especially in furnishing all the money to make it possible to give away \$150.00 in prizes and take care of \$50.00 other running expenses.

Cooperator.

FROM EPHEBUS SCHOOL

Our school is progressing nicely and everybody seems to be co-operating with the teachers and pupils to make this the banner school term for Ephesus. We as teachers deeply appreciate this spirit of helpfulness and co-operation, because without it we would not be able to give you value received for the investment you are making.

Our attendance has been fairly good, considering the conditions, and parents, here is hoping that you continue to make it a point to see that your children are at school every possible day.

Our basket ball teams were hosts to the Latexo teams on Friday afternoon, January 11. A large crowd was present and we had two fair games of ball despite the fact that the boys' game was a practice affair for the Latexo team. This game came out 14 to 6 in favor of the visiting team. The girls' game was far more interesting owing to the fact that the teams were more evenly matched up. When the timekeeper's whistle ended the game the score was 14 to 12 in favor of Ephesus. Latexo, we appreciate your spirit of "fairness" and your "sportsmanship" and will endeavor at any possible time to again engage in a few "practice" games with you.

Come on you Ephesus! We believe in you!

The Teachers.

UNION CHAPEL NEWS

Union Chapel, Jan. 21.—Rev. W. R. Durnell preached here Saturday night. He was accompanied by J. L. Nichols of Rock Hill. While here they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Davidson.

The singing here the second Sunday was well attended and some good singing and plenty of dinner.

Mrs. Omega Marshall and Misses Nannie and Flora were the guests of Mrs. G. W. Weisinger Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Smith have moved to Turner Skidmore's farm, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Turner will occupy the home vacated by Mr. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Spruill recently visited the latter's son, Roscoe Cutler and family.

W. P. Davidson attended church at Ephesus Sunday.

John Clark made a business trip to Houston last week. We understand he and his family will move to San Antonio in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Skidmore announce the birth of a son, January 12th.

Mesdame John and Arwine Skidmore and children of Grapeland spent several days last week with Mrs. Tracy Skidmore.

Mrs. John Clark and son spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. Lewis Garrett.

Miss Irene Weisinger was the guest of Mrs. Gaylon Skidmore Sunday.

G. W. Weisinger, W. P. Davidson and Billy Ferguson made a business trip to Crockett Saturday.

Preparedness applies to the human body as well as to nations. A bottle of Prickly Ash Bitters on the shelf at home is the best and cheapest form of preparedness for indigestion, constipation and kidney troubles. It is the dose taken in time that wards off sickness and saves money. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith Special Agent.

As long as you keep your mouth shut, people can only surmise that you are a fool.—Greenville Piedmont.

SAN PEDRO NEWS

San Pedro, Jan. 21.—The school is progressing fine under the supervision of Miss Stuckey and Mrs. Chapman.

Joe Hollis and family, who have been living at Vincent the past year have returned to their old home. We welcome these good people back in our circle.

Coy Clark, who is working at Palestine, returned home Saturday night ill with blood poison in his hand.

Miss Annie Lou Clark and Miss Stuckey were the guests of Miss Irene Weisinger Saturday evening.

Mrs. Will Johnson, who underwent an operation several days ago, is improving rapidly.

Guy and Marvin Stewart visited their grandmother at Belott Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shaver are the proud parents of a fine baby girl.

Lonzo and Sampson Tyre, who have been working across the river, visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

We had quite a scare in our midst last Monday morning. A mad dog came through biting all dogs as he went. H. L. Fulmer killed the dog on the premises of J. F. Fulmer.

Mrs. Cora Chapman visited Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fulmer last Monday night.

Miss Viola Fulmer visited Miss Cleavia Tyre last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Grounds and little Mildred Lee Grounds spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fulmer.

A patient man is one who doesn't swear when using a post-office pen.—Milwaukee Journal.

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"What's in a Name?"

By MILDRED MARSHALL

Facts about your name; its history; meaning; whence it was derived; significance; your lucky day, lucky jewel

JOAN

JOAN is the feminine counterpart of John, and yet it has never had the common vogue of that most popular of male proper names. Joan signifies "gift of the Lord" and there is considerable question as to whether its origin was English or Teutonic.

At any event, the name first made its appearance as Joanna and is said to have originated with Joanna, holy woman of the Gospel. She was never canonized, so it is believed that the name was adopted rather in honor of one of the Saint Johns than as a tribute to her, particularly as there are 30 feasts of Saint John on the Roman calendar and only two in honor of Joanna.

In the Twelfth century the name began to be used with inexplicable frequency in southern France, when ladies named Juana in Spanish, and Jeanne or Jeanne in French, married into every royal family of the time. The first English princess so called was the daughter of Henry II. Indeed, almost every king had a daughter Joan or Jhone.

Joan Makepeace was the name given to the daughter of Edward II when the long war with the Bruces was partly pacified by her marriage. Another famous Joan was Jean Beaufort, the maiden romantically beloved by the captive James I. As his widow she so fiercely revenged his death, it will be recalled.

Curiously enough, Hannah is derived from Joan through the German favorite peasant name, Johanna. Hannah, however, is purely English. For a time Joan, favorite name of queens, lost vogue in England and descended to the cottage and kitchen. It became the name for domestics, and in this day of servant problems one might well understand how it came to mean "gift of the Lord."

Joan's talismanic jewel is the heliotrope or bloodstone. It is an opaque stone, deep green in color, and sprinkled with red jasper as with blood. It promises staunch affection and true love for the wearer, whose lucky day is Saturday and whose mystic number is 4.

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NOT AN ASSET

Why do you pay so much for a watch when you can get one for a dollar? Did you ever try to pawn a dollar watch?



A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

HOLD!

WHEN all your Hope seems wholly gone—

Hold on.
When skies are darkly overcast—
Hold fast.
When Faith's besieged by hosts of Doubt—
Hold out!
In all things keep your Spirit bold.
And hold!

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Father insists that the family get up for church Sunday morning. It gives him quiet to sleep until noon.—Youngtown Vindicator.

Doc Cook's next book should be called "From Pole to Pen; or, Gum and Oil Drops."—Brooklyn Eagle.

'Tis Something to Have Lived

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

'TIS something to have lived a minute.

However long the after-years,
An instant with an aeon in it,
Too glad for smiles, too sad for tears.

For in that instant heaven nears,
For in that moment God has found us—

Earth nevermore but earth appears,
Whatever shadows gather 'round us.

'Tis something to have lived a little,
One little hour, however small;
However brief, however brittle,
However soon our castles fall,
Oh, it is something to recall—
To sound the depths, to walk Parnassus.

In one short hour to live it all,
Though love may fall us, fortune pass us.

'Tis something to have lived completely,
If only for a moment's span,
Have lived a moment madly, sweetly,
Have lived the floodtide while we can.

Whatever skies we ever scan,
Whatever books we ever conned us,
It is the hour God whispers man
That there is something yet beyond us.

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She'll Outgrow It.

Little Girl (in secretive manner)—
I know something, but I'm not going to tell it.

Uncle (woman hater)—Yes, yes, my girl, you'll get over that when you become older.



NO OTHER WAY

"Mister, I am slowly starving."
"Of course. It's a thing you can't do in a hurry, you know."

THE ROMANCE OF WORDS

"ALLIGATOR"

WHEN the alligator, the ugly crocodile of the new world, was first seen by the Spanish discoverers, they had a true insight into its species and called it "el lagarto" or "the lizard"—the article being accented because of the size of the monster. In Sir Walter Raleigh's "Discovery of Guiana," the word still retains its Spanish form, for the discoverer writes: "Sailing up the Orinoco we saw in it divers sorts of strange fishes of marvelous bigness, but for lagartos it exceeded. There were thousands of these ugly serpents, and the people call it, from the abundance of them, the river of lagartos in their (the Spanish) language."

The English sailors who brought the word home with them had probably never seen it written and naturally considered that the article "el" was part of the noun "lagarto." In Ben Jonson, who writes it "alligarta," we find the word in the process of its transformation, "alligator" being merely the Anglicized version of the Spanish name, coupled with a more phonetic form of spelling.

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In a Sunday-school class in a Western town the young woman in charge asked: "And how did Noah spend his time in the Ark?"

"Fishin'," was the suggestion of a boy pupil.

"A very reasonable suggestion," said the teacher.

"But," continued the boy, "he couldn't have caught much."

"What makes you think that?"

"Because," answered the lad, knowingly, "because, you see, he had only two worms with him."

—Harper's.

Society

THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB

The Thursday Bridge Club met last week with Mrs. Leon Anderson at the home of her mother, Mrs. Geo. E. Darsey. After several hands of bridge, dainty refreshments were served. Mrs. Hunt came in as a new member. Mrs. Murdock Darsey was a guest of the Club.

Reporter.

A good mash for breeding and laying hens of general purpose breeds containing only 17 per cent of meat scrap has been developed by the United States Department of Agriculture. The remainder of the protein in the mash is continued in vegetable form and the 33 per cent of ground oats and bran gives the rations the desired bulk. The mash seems to be particularly good in raising the hatchability and fertility of eggs. The more stimulating rations seem to cause an overfat condition, in general-purpose birds, especially during the second year of production. Special attention is now being given to the vitamin content of eggs and their fertility and hatchability as affected by rations.

ONLY TWO

Women's faults are many;

Men have only two;
Everything they say,
And everything they do.

—Marion Line.

Those who ride fast over railroad crossings often follow it with a very slow ride a few days thereafter—Harrisburg Telegraph.

Wear your Christmas neckties all during the leap year and they will help you stay single.—Dayton News.

Film on Teeth

That dingy coat which hides the beauty of your teeth

A large per centage of people still let film hide the beauty of their teeth. Yet thousands know how to combat it.

Look about you; note the pretty white teeth you see in the average crowd. If you should ask them what makes their teeth so pearly many of them would tell you—

RYAN'S TOOTH PASTE

Buy a tube the next time you are in our store

A large tube for only 25c

Ryan's Drug Store

Prescriptions Filled by Registered Pharmacist
Quality, Service and Fair Price

USING NICOTINE NOW TO CONTROL BOLL WEEVIL

Clemson College, S. C., Jan. 19.—Promising results in controlling the boll weevil by the use of nicotine as a substitute for the calcium arsenate commonly used in poisoning the pest have been obtained by the South Carolina experimental station, according to a statement made public here by Prof. A. F. Conradi, etymologist in charge. Tests have been under way for several months, Prof. Conradi said, and comparison of results obtained by the use of the nicotine showed that it was as effective as the calcium arsenate used in neighboring fields.

The nicotine is applied as a dust similar to calcium arsenate.

It is obtained from waste tobacco and can be prepared more economically than the arsenate preparation, it was said.

NOTICE. WOODMEN

We will have a meeting at the hall Saturday night, January 26th. Some important business to attend and all members are urged to attend.

C. L. Haltom, C. C.

E. L. Frisby has recently made some improvements in his cafe on second street, putting in a double door glass front and otherwise making changes that will facilitate service to his patrons. Campbell & Eaves also put in glass doors to their tailor and barber shop.

Attention Men!



We have the best and biggest stock of men's clothing to be found in any town the size of this.

Spring lines are coming in every few days, but if you can't find what you want we will have it later

We have a big stock of work clothes for men

MEN'S HATS—We have just received a shipment of Men's Stetson hats.

NUNN-BUSH SHOES—We now have in stock a full line of Nunn-Bush shoes for men. These shoes are equal to an Edwin Clapp for style, beauty and service, but are not as high priced.

KENNEDY BROS.