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MY VISIT TO AMARILLO AS GUEST OF THE T. P. A.

(By M. E. Darsey)

The 45th session of the Texas Press Association which convened in the city of Amarillo June 18th to 20th was one of the most successful and interesting held since the organization of the association. All day Monday and early Tuesday morning, newspaper folks and their families from all over east, north and south Texas arrived in Fort Worth and gathered at the Texas hotel, which was Fort Worth headquarters. Tuesday morning the visitors were guests at a breakfast given in their honor by the leading newspapers of Fort Worth and the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. Cars were furnished to carry the editors to the railway station where the Fort Worth and Denver City railway had a special train in waiting. Leaving Fort Worth at 9 a. m., the first scheduled stop was Wichita Falls, a city of about fifty thousand population, which place was reached shortly after noon. Here a magnificent luncheon was served at the Kemp Hotel and after spending an hour here, the journey to the plains was resumed. The next stop was at Vernon, where a bevy of pretty little girls boarded the special and handed everyone a box of brick ice cream with the compliments of R. H. Nichols editor of the Vernon Record. A short stop was next made at Quanah, where we were given our initial welcome to the Panhandle. It was here that several cases of ice cold near beer were loaded into the baggage car and Quanah will be remembered as the coolest spot on the route, although the sun was hitting around 110. The near beer and ice cream had hardly settled when we arrived at Childress, where the citizenship of the thriving little city was at the station with autos to carry the bunch to the Y. M. C. A. grounds where a band concert was given and a sumptuous plate luncheon was served picnic fashion. So hearty was the welcome accorded here that several of the editors stayed over until the next morning. It was here that we met our old friend, Oscar Dennis, who says he likes the Panhandle too best in the world. He says that he and the folks are doing nicely but he decided that it wouldn't make him mad if he could see a pine tree. We left Childress at 5:30 and started the climb up onto the cap rock, arriving at Amarillo at 9 P. M., hot and happy.

The first days' session of the Press Association was held at the magnificent City Auditorium which was built at a cost of near four hundred thousand dollars and has a seating capacity of some thirty five hundred. In addition to the address of welcome by Mayor of the city, Dr. Nunn, an old time resident and newspaper man of Amarillo and a live wire in the Panhandle, assured us of the warmth of Amarillo's welcome and said that the weather had been specially ordered that the warmth of our welcome might be all the more emphasized. The afternoon session was also held at the auditorium, and after adjournment, the visitors took advantage of the few hours to learn something about the city, inspecting the County Library, Newspaper plants, etc. Wednesday evening, the editors were guests of the Bell Telephone Co. at a dinner at the Amarillo Hotel, after which, auto rides, picture shows and other forms of entertainment was sought. The session Thursday was held at the Mission Theatre and was of particular interest to the newspaper men as several important matters were discussed. Adjournment

was had at 11:45 and upon leaving the theatre, scores of cars were lined up with engine purring, ready to start on the trip to Palo Duro Canyon.

On this trip, the writer was the guest of a Mr. Hill, who is a native of Potter county and a resident in the city of Amarillo. From him, we learned many interesting facts about that section of the country. Arriving at the canyon and driving down through its ravines and passes, we halted near the center where a sumptuous barbecue had been prepared. The editors and their friends on this occasion were guests of Mr. Harding, on whose ranch this typical West Texas barbecue was prepared and served and which consisted of fat Hereford cattle. After the dinner, the autos were again loaded and headed up the canyon to the Devil's Kitchen, a spot that is beyond our command of words to describe. It is one of those inspiring wonders of nature that makes a fellow feel how really small and insignificant he is. The spot is walled about by the perpendicular walls of the canyon, which are dotted with small growth and "mud dauber" bird nests. Flowing through the boulders, is Prairie Dog Creek, whose sparkling waters add splendor to several beautiful waterfalls. Overlooking all this, is the Devil's Kitchen a huge overhanging precipice, which forms a huge cavern capable of holding several hundred people. Through this rock, spring water dripped continuously and there were numerous springs about the place. Huge boulders afforded seats and speaker stands, etc. and it was the coolest place in the Panhandle. We were told by a lady representing the Park Department that the canyon was sixty miles long and contained other wonder inspiring sights. Plans are under foot to make this a National Park and secure a 60 mile paved road from end to end, and if the folks up there go after it with their usual pep, somebody can be getting ready to start work on the road.

Leaving the Canyon, we then drove eighteen miles to Canyon City, where we were guests of the Northwest Texas Teachers' College. We were impressed by the size of the building, it being the largest state owned school building in Texas; the



STORES WILL CLOSE JULY FOURTH

We, the undersigned business men of Grapeland, announce that our respective places of business will be closed all day Friday July 4th.

Grapeland Messenger,	W. D. Dyal,
The Darsey Co.,	S. E. Howard,
Geo. E. Darsey & Co.,	Willis Shaver's Market
J. D. Baker,	9 a. m.
Kennedy Bros.,	C. H. Sewell & Co.,
Keeland Bros.,	J. T. Rains, 10 a. m.
Denson & Newman,	Long's Cash Store,
Guaranty State Bank,	T. H. Leaverton Lum-
W. A. Riall,	ber Co.,
Wade L. Smith,	J. B. Lively's Market
Henry Dailey & Co.	9 a. m.
F. & M. State Bank,	H. C. Campbell,
Ryan's Drug Store,	M. L. Clewis.

size of its faculty which numbered about 85; and its thirteen hundred students. After inspecting the building and grounds, an address of welcome was made by President Hill of the College which was responded to by Editor Henry Edwards of Troupe. Then followed a parade of the students, led by the college band, yell leaders and boosters. After this pageant another picnic plate luncheon was served which was followed by an entertainment in the school building. This school is one of the best equipped in Texas and has students from practically every county in the State. Returning to Amarillo, we were treated to a short dust storm and a refreshing shower. The last day's session was

held in the Mission Theatre Friday morning and consisted of winding up the business carried over from the other sessions. A luncheon was served at the Amarillo Hotel by Colonel Thompson, owner of the hotel, who was away on his honeymoon. His instructions to give the Press Associations the best treatment possible, were amply carried out by the hotel management. After the luncheon, a program of talks and readings and songs were rendered, Hon. Lee Satterwhite acting as toast master. Afterwards, the business session of the Association was resumed and election of officers proceeded. Our good

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Dr. M. W. SHERWOOD
As a result of a campaign waged by Dr. M. W. Sherwood of Temple, State Commander of the American Legion, the State Textbook Commission has authorized the teaching of "Flag Etiquette, in the public schools. The standard flag rules are to be made a part of the civics textbooks.

FLAG ETIQUETTE TO BE TAUGHT

Temple, Texas, June 30.—Within another year or so the proud American who wants to be patriotic on July 4 and takes his family out to see the big parade, may find one of his children nudging him and whispering to him to lift his hat with his right hand and place it over his heart as the American flag comes sweeping by in the procession.

That observation was made here on June 14th by Dr. W. M. Sherwood, State Commander of the American Legion, who has been advised that standard flag rules are to be taught in the public schools of Texas as part of the course in civics. Under the leadership of Commander Sherwood the Texas Department of the Legion carried on the campaign to bring about teaching of the flag etiquette in the schools of Texas.

"It will be a glorious day for Texas," said State Commander Sherwood, "when all of our children learn the accepted rules for draping and paying proper respect to Old Glory on all occasions, and just as soon as they begin their studies of these rules in the public schools they will put their newly acquired information to good use by assisting their elders in decorating floats and buildings for patriotic occasions.

"All of us are loyal citizens. We would fight for our country at the drop of the hat, if necessary. But few of us have ever been told that we should lift our hat and place it over our heart as the national colors come by in parade, and that is the reason so few of us do it.

"If I could send a Fourth of July message to the people of Texas I would say, let us begin now to help our children learn the flag rules they are going to study in school later. When the flag comes by in parade the man should lift his hat and place it over his heart. The woman should place her right hand over her heart. All should remain quiet until the colors have passed."

THE CRADLE ROLL

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Bradshaw of August Sunday, June 29, 1924.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yarbrough left Monday for Kerrville, where they will spend a month.

TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS AT ELKHART

F. M. Boone and family left the first of the week for Elkhart where Mr. Boone will engage in the mercantile business.

It is with a great deal of regret that Grapeland gives up this splendid family. For the past three years Mr. Boone has been connected with the Grapeland public school, two years as superintendent. He was re-elected for the coming term, but resigned to go into business.

His work as a school man was very satisfactory and the school made great headway under his supervision. He was also a splendid citizen, taking a great interest in everything that had for its object the advancement of the community. To his initiative and hard work is due the success of the two community fairs Grapeland held.

In his new line of work, his many friends in Grapeland wish him unbounded success.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETS MONDAY NIGHT

The regular monthly meeting of the Grapeland Chamber of Commerce will be held next Monday night, July 7, at the high school building.

We have several important things to come up for discussion and a full attendance is requested.

How about your dues, have you paid up for this year? See the secretary and attend to this.

A. H. Luker, Sec'y.

MISTAKES MADE IN MIXING GRASSHOPPER POISON MASH

College Station, Texas, June 30.—In every instance where complaint has been made that the poison recommended by the A. & M. Extension agents was not effective in killing grasshoppers, investigation has shown that directions for preparing the mash have not been followed exactly. Instead of "white arsenic" as recommended some farmers have used "calcium arsenate." Some druggists have advised the substitution. Only Paris Green will take the place of "white arsenic." Others have failed because they have used foul water in mixing which destroyed the attractive smell which the lemon or orange content is supposed to give. Still others have put the mash in piles instead of sowing broadcast. County Agents will give directions for the mash and if followed accurately it will be effective.

GRAVEYARD WORKING

The graveyard working at Lone Star cemetery will be held Wednesday, July 9, instead of the 22nd, as recently published. All interested will please take notice.

Mrs. J. N. Tyer.

We have just received a car load of rubber roofing in 1, 2 and 3 ply. We are able to make you a better price on account of buying in car load lots. T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.

The Fourth



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OUR PURPOSE—It is the purpose of The Messenger to record accurately simply and interestingly the moral, intellectual, industrial and political progress of Grapeland and Houston County. To aid us in this, every citizen should give us his moral and financial support.

THURSDAY, JULY 3, 1924

OFFICIAL

The editor of the Messenger is away this week on his annual vacation, attending the meeting of the Texas Press Association at Amarillo. It is hoped that the editors will hold their convention next year down in East Texas at Tyler, which place is making a strong bid for the next meeting. It is a policy of the association to meet in various sections of the State and it is now East Texas' time, for no meeting has ever been held closer than Houston.—Grapeland Messenger.

The editor of the Messenger went where he said he was going. And the next press convention will be where he said he hoped it would. Moreover, the Messenger editor was elected president, an office of much honor, but entirely emolumentless. In fact it costs something to support the dignity of a president of the Texas Press Association, and as nobody pays it for him he has to pay it himself. This fact does not subtract from the value of the office, but does add something to its convenience. A lot of dignified offices are that way—all outcome and no income. Some persons scorn the office of Vice President of the United States because the salary is less than enough to support a family, yet the vice presidency of the United States pays more than the presidency of the Texas Press Association, to which office there are always aspirants. This is on account of the relative importance of the two stations. To be Vice President of the United States is to be soon forgotten, but to be president of the Texas Press Association is to linger in the hearts of one's countrymen. This much is said for the new president of the last-named organization, for his consolation when his office begins two-biting him like a small automobile in a declining state of health.—State Press in Dallas News.

THE CAREFUL CROSSING CAMPAIGN

The death of nine thousand motorists in accidental collision with railroad trains in the past five years should teach all drivers of automobiles a lesson. Nevertheless, the accidents continue to multiply, and the grade crossing throughout the land might well be marked with the death's-head skull. With millions of automobiles constantly traversing every road in the land, and thousands of trains running over the tracks it is easily foreseen that very often at certain places, traveling vehicles are coming together. When they do it is easy to guess the results—no car is yet advertised to resist head-on collisions with railway engines. The trains run on a set

track, and many have argued that there is no excuse for a motorist being killed at a crossing. So strong is this feeling that it is the duty of the motorist to avoid disaster that several states have passed a stop law, forcing automobiles to come to a stop before passing over railway crossings. In general, we are inclined to believe that greater care should be exercised by drivers of automobiles but the fault is not always carelessness of the driver.

DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS

The Baltimore Sun offered a prize for the best letter explaining the "difference between a Democrat and a Republican," and this answer won:

"A Republican is a person who thinks a Democratic administration is bad for business. A Democrat is a person who thinks a Republican administration is bad for business."

The letter expresses a common thought but only part of the truth. Occasionally one finds, in either party, a sincere man of principle, devoted to doing what is best as he sees it. Unfortunately, our political campaigns do not as a rule develop the better side of candidates, but those elected, as a rule, try to administer their trust honestly.

There are good men in both parties. About the only fundamental difference between Republicans and Democrats is the tariff question.

The spoils system is the curse of politics. Any officer holder who uses his power to make money for himself, or to reward henchmen, is unfit for public service. A party system which encourages vast patronage, distributed as pie to repay politicians, is vicious. The people are getting tired of it. When offices are distributed as political favors with the people paying the bill there will be new

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

DEYS LAUGHIN' BOUT ME
GWINE T' SLEEP SUNDAY
MAWNIN' IN CHUCH, BUT
AH WANT ER-SLEEP--AH'S
JES' PLAYIN' POSSUM ON
COUNT DE WAY DE PAHSON
WUZ TECHIN' UP WE-ALL
SINNUHS!



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offices created as often as there are favorites to be cared for. The high cost of government is a result of the spoils system. We have too many bureaus and commissions. Every new one created carries a large appropriation for salaries and office expense. Once created and the officers installed, it is next to impossible to abolish it. It is a constant, and in many instances, a useless drain upon the public treasury.

Henry Ford did not start anything new when he calls five days a week. Lots of people get by on less than that.

The reason we didn't get a wrong number fifty years ago was because we walked a mile for a minute's chat.

HISTORY OF AUGUSTA

(By Frances Stafford)

(Editors Note—This is fifth of a series of articles dealing with local history written by students of the Grapeland High School.)

Augusta is the oldest settlement in Houston county and one of the oldest in the state. It was formerly called "New Boston," but later it was christened with the name that it now bears. At one time Augusta was the thriving center of Houston county, while Grapeland was almost nothing.

About 1831, Daniel McLean came to Texas with Austin's colony and got into a land dispute in South Texas. He then came back to what is still the old McLean place and settled. Others of the very oldest settlers were the Sheridans and Murchisons, a few earlier ones were John Edens and Davis.

During these times the country was very wild, being full of Indians as well as wild animals. One night the settlers heard of a raid the Indians were planning to make so they all gathered together at one of the homes, the Edens home I think. The women and children were in one hut and the men and ammunition were in another. They kept watch until about ten o'clock and finally decided that all was safe and went over to the other hut to talk a while, leaving their ammunition behind. When they reached the other hut the Indians were watching and made their attack. As the men were cut off from their guns they were helpless and were all killed except Grandmother Edens, who was badly wounded and who pulled herself up on a bed and remained there all the night alone.

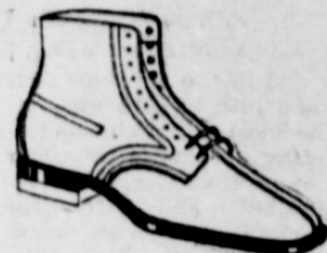
One day Daniel McLean and Mr. Sheridan were out hunting some horses which had gone astray and were attacked by Indians at what was then Murchison Prairie and what is now Percilla. They were riding along about sundown and all at once were fired upon by a band of wild Indians with arrows. Both men put up a fight but in vain for they were only two against a dozen or more Indians. McLean was shot off his horse and floundered around on the ground for some moments before another arrow was placed through his heart and he was dead. But the Indians did not stop at this but also scalped him. Sheridan was found near by McLean with a hole in his heart and a clenched dagger in his hand. It is supposed that the knife was put into his hand to mislead anyone who should find him to believe that he had killed himself. When the news reached Augusta and the families of the two murdered men Mrs. Sheridan went to the scene of action with a small Mexican lad as a companion in a small buggy or hack. In this she brought her dead husband back to her home and gave him a Christian burial.

A few years later Mr. Charlie Butler went into the mercantile business at Augusta.

As the years went by Augusta became a thriving trade center. Before the Civil War the William Wingfield family moved to town and during and after the war Davis and McLean were in a partnership business, Kyle and Aldrich did business and Madden and Adams. After the Civil War was over in the years from '68 for several years afterward Augusta's trade reached its climax. One reason for this was that the negroes were freed and naturally settled where they had formerly been living. The first school teacher in Augusta was Waddell. He was on very bad terms with some of his pupils and both carried guns. One day Jim Madden, (who was a small lad then) started to school for his first day when he was seated and wondering what would come next, lo! the teacher pulled out a big pistol and laid it on his desk. This frightened Jim very much and he immediately got his hat and left for home and didn't return that year. Much agriculture was carried on



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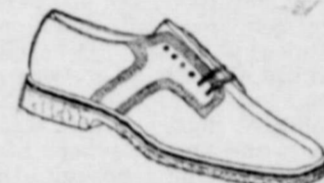


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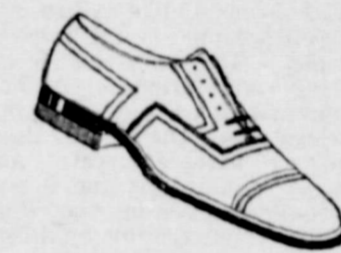
- \$2.50 men's work shoes — \$1.95
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- \$3.50 ladies shoes — \$2.95
- \$4.00 ladies shoes — \$3.45

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of one hundred five years. Other products such as cotton, corn, peanuts, to be sold. As business became livelier Dr. McDonald, Dr. McDowell, and in later years Dr. Douglas and Dr. Cunningham were the practicing physicians of Augusta. Also Parson Wilson and his family moved to Augusta and he filled the first pulpit in Augusta as Christian minister. The McKlenne family was one of the community families at this time, also the Drury Kirkpatrick and the Dr. Kirkpatrick were residents of Augusta. Mr. Cannon was also living here at this time and lived to the remarkable age

of one hundred five years. Other families were the Willet Wilson, who married Easter Cannon, the Bracken family, and the Frizzell family, Mrs. Frizzell who was a Sheridan. Along with other business places was the saloon which kept things in a disturbed state. One day Easter Cannon was out in her yard playing and a man of the community rode up on his horse and said, "Good morning, Easter."

The man seeing he could have a little fun replied, "You are a dam fool Easter." "You are a dam fool Easter," replied the girl. For a period of about twenty five to fifty years Augusta was the town of Houston county. Even Crockett was no busier—Augusta was a busy town while Grapeland was a mere community. But after railroads were run through Grapeland and Crockett, Augusta began declining and has finally become a mere community with only two or three stores.

Extra Specials

Our special prices offered for last Saturday met with such response that we are offering some extra specials

FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

- 65c Organdy for per yard 59c
- 35c Organdy for per yard 24c
- 65c Romancy Cord per yard 59c
- 35c Tissues per yard 24c
- 20c Marie Organdy per yard 11c
- The very newest in ladies strap pump regular values at \$6.00
- values at \$5.00

New shipment of laces due today. All color silk hose at extra special prices.

HIGHEST PRICES PAID FOR CHICKENS and EGGS

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DEPENDABLE MERCHANT

"NINETEEN YEARS AGO"

News Items Taken from File Copies of The Messenger
Nineteen Years Ago

A. M. Wodell spent Sunday afternoon in Elkhart.

Will Lively left Sunday for West Texas and will be absent several days.

Miss Ida Stubblefield of Elkhart is in the city visiting friends.

Dr. Meriwether and son, Lewis Keen, were in town Wednesday from Latexo.

Mrs. B. F. Hill and children went to Crockett Monday to visit relatives.

Wright Pridgen returned Monday from Tyler, where he had been on business.

Prof. Jas. O'Keefe of Mt. Selman was in the city Wednesday on business and shaking hands with his many friends.

Miss Lillian Eaves of Groveton is here on a visit to her cousins, Misses Etta and Birdie Eaves.

Olan Davis and Ainsworth Selkirk are nursing fourth of July wounds, received while playing ball.

Major Whitaker has returned from Turney, where he has been for several months, and will spend the summer here.

Miss Cora Woodard visited relatives at Salmon several days this week.

Mrs. J. J. Davis and daughter, Joe Vauda, visited relatives at Elkhart Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Maude Sory has returned from Lufkin, after a visit with relatives.

Rev. J. G. Braly and W. F. Murchison of Percilla left Monday for Troup to attend the Presbytery of the Presbyterian church.

Latexo item: "Mr. Riley Murchison is shipping cantaloupes this week. They are quoted at \$1.25 per crate."

LONE STAR KLAN 33

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Grapeland, Texas

Meets the Third Saturday
Night in each month

Members urged to attend

Visiting Klansmen Welcome

REPLY TO COMMISSIONERS' COURT

In the county papers of May 22nd, there appeared an article by the commissioners' court in which they attempted to answer a criticism of that body for their attitude toward the expenses of the County Superintendent's office. This statement of the court was in response to a talk made by me at the court house before a meeting of the district school trustees of this county.

It seems that the court, being in such haste to get into print with this matter, never took time to find out just what they were charged with. They began their article with a misstatement of facts. The predecessor of Mrs. Sallas received \$300 from the commissioners' court and \$300 from the county school board. When Mrs. Sallas was installed, the present court refused to pay the \$300 as the former court had been doing. The Attorney General was asked for an opinion and he gave the one quoted in the statement by the commissioners' court. This opinion was given nearly two years ago and in no way concerned the approval of bills accruing in the County Superintendent's office, but a stipulated \$300 the court had been paying to the Superintendent's office. Since this opinion was handed down, neither Mrs. Sallas nor any member of the county school board has ever asked the court for the \$300. Just why they would rush to print stating they were being criticised by not allowing the \$300 is more than I can understand.

I did criticize them before a meeting of the district school trustees of the county for not approving the expense bills of the County Superintendent's office like they are doing the expense bills of other offices of the county. I stated that the court had the same right so far as the statute was concerned to pay the expense bills of Superintendent's office as they have to pay the expenses of the County Judge's, County Attorney's or any other office of the county. If they can pay the expenses of other offices of the county without statutory authority, why in the name of common sense can't they exercise the same privilege in paying the expenses of the County Superintendent's office. If the court would justify their acts in the case, let them give the statute that authorizes them to pay the expenses of the offices of the county other than that of the County Superintendent, or else give the statute forbidding them to pay anything toward the expenses of the superintendent's office. I have been legally informed that there is no statute covering either case.

Is it right to discriminate against the office of County Superintendent and the public school system of the county, thereby forcing the superintendent to pay her own money for the necessities of her office? For the purpose of illustration, I will give

one such case. This is the time of year to transfer children from one district to another and there is an official form required in order to make these transfers. A short time ago, Mrs. Sallas had a quantity of these forms printed. The bill was presented to her and she gave her personal check to cover same. I wonder how many people in the county believe this is fair treatment. I don't think there are many who can be convinced that this is right unless there can be found somewhere in the confines of the laws of Texas a statute directly prohibiting the commissioners' court from paying these expenses. Let the court produce that statute. The \$300 paid the Superintendent by the county school board will not pay her traveling expenses much less take care of the office expense.

The commissioner's court say that they are "heartily in sympathy" with the school movement in the county. I fail to recall one act of the present court that would lead anyone to think they are in sympathy with school progress. I can call to memory, however, several acts that cause me to believe the rights and feelings of the County Superintendent are of little concern to the court.

I have always disliked the idea of getting into newspaper controversy, but in this case felt it imperative. Some might think after reading the commissioners' statement that Mrs. Sallas has been contending for something to which she was not entitled. Mrs. Sallas did not know that I was going to make that talk to the district trustees of the county. I made it because I thought Mrs. Sallas was not being treated fairly. On Monday before the court's statement appeared in the paper, Mrs. Sallas went before the court and told them that she was not then, neither did she ever expect to ask them for one thing anymore. After having that statement made to them, they allowed an article published that probably led some to think that she was asking something of the court that would be illegal for them to do. It has never been the desire of the County Superintendent nor any member of the county school board for the court to do anything for the Superintendent's office or any other office that would be a violation of any statute.

Hoping that I have presented the facts as I see them in such manner that the public can understand just what has been requested of the court and why I believe it can be done, I am for larger and better schools.

W. H. Tomme,
Member, County School Board.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the county of Houston, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for a period of ten days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To all persons interested in the estate of Otto Fritz, Deceased, Chas. Fritz has filed in the County Court of Houston County, an application for the Probate of the last Will and Testament of said Otto Fritz, Deceased, filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the second Monday in August A. D. 1924, the same being the 11th day of August A. D. 1924, at the Court House thereof, in Crockett, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so. Herein fail not, but have you

Giving Away \$550

Worth of labor on repair jobs done by us
DURING THE MONTH OF JULY ONLY

For those who have purchased Ford Cars, Trucks, or Tractors from us during the year we have been doing business in Grapeland.

We are going to distribute this \$550 worth of FREE LABOR in this manner:

To each person who has bought a car, truck or tractor from us the past year, we will allow a credit of \$2.50 on labor for any repair job he or she may need during the month of July.

This credit will apply on labor only and cannot be allowed on purchases of cars, parts, accessories, oil or gas.

These \$2.50 credits to our more than 200 purchasers will be allowed during the month of July only.

This feature of our service is just a little more gilt edge proof that our service department believes in "heaping up" and running over the measure which we use in serving our satisfied car truck, and tractor owners, the number of which is being substantially increased every month.

This premium we are offering for thirty days is extra to our regular 90 days FREE service which we render to every purchaser of a Ford Car, Truck or Tractor.

If there is any repair work needed on your car, it will mean just \$2.50 on the labor charge SAVED—if you bring the job to our EXPERT FORD MECHANICS during the month of July.

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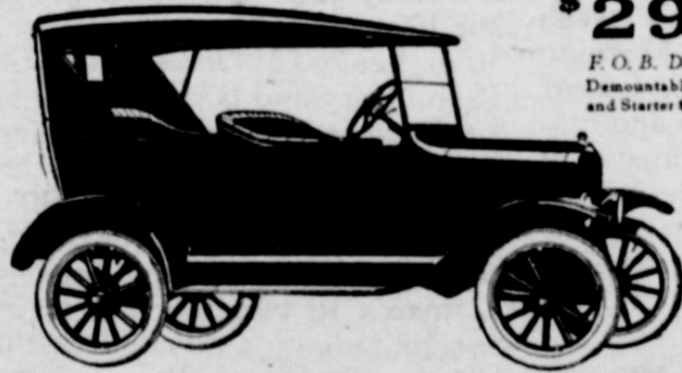
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Beans may be used with beets, onions and chopped cabbage, peppers or pimientos, chopped celery and onions, dried pinto, lima and navy beans may be used.

Potatoes may be used with beets and onions, cucumbers cut into cubes.

Tomatoes may be used with cucumber, celery, peas, asparagus, cheese or nuts.

Pears with raisins, nuts, cheese or cottage cheese.

Apples with celery, nuts; cabbage; dates sprinkled with powdered sugar.

Oranges with grapes and bananas; pineapple and marshmallows; dates.

Bananas with peanuts, pineapple; cherries.

Peaches and nuts with a dressing.

Meats—Chicken, turkey, veal or mild cold meats with cabbage and nuts; pimientos or peppers add to these.

Tuna and Salmon—Cabbage, celery, nuts and hard cooked eggs make excellent combinations.

Salad Dressings—

Salad dressings should be kept covered in a cool place, in glass, enamel or crockery containers. It should not be mixed with fresh fruits and vegetables until just ready to serve, otherwise the crispness of the salad will be affected. All materials should be fresh, crisp, and cold. Sour Cream Dressing (for slaw)

1-3 cup vinegar, 3 tb. sugar, 1 cup sour cream, 2 tsp. salt, white pepper. Stir sugar and salt into vinegar until dissolved add cream gradually, stirring until mixture thickens. Pour over finely shaved or shredded cabbage and sprinkle with pepper.

Boiled Dressing—

2 tb. flour, 2 tb. sugar, 1 tsp. mustard, 1 tsp. salt, 2 eggs, 1 cup weak vinegar, 2 tb. butter, dash paprika or white pepper.

Mix dry ingredients well by putting through a sieve into a small mixing bowl. Beat the whole eggs together and thor-

oughly mix with the dry ingredients. Have the vinegar heating in a double boiler, add the vinegar slowly to the egg mixture and put all in the double boiler to cook. When it thickens, beat with a Dover egg beater. When cooked and fluffy, add the butter. Stir well and remove from the fire. Cool before serving. 1-2 tsp. celery seed may be added before cooling. When cold, whipped cream may be folded in just before serving, if desired.

Gladys Mitchell, Demonstration Agent.

MEETING AT PERCILLA

The Christian meeting will begin at Percilla Wednesday night, July 2. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

J. W. Furr.

The Railroad Commission of Texas has very vital regulatory power affecting property in our State valued at nearly a billion and a half dollars, including the railroads, express companies, pipe lines and oil and gas properties. The duties of the Commission are today more varied and of more importance than ever before in its history. Clarence E. Gilmore, Chairman and senior member of the Commission and who is a candidate for a second term, has given intensive study to all these problems. He has devoted every moment of his time to the discharge of his official duties with fairness and impartiality to all. He has neither played politics nor sought to use his position for political purposes. A man with this vision of the public service should be retained at this important post by an appreciative public on July 26th.

MONK—HALTOM

Mr. Grady Monk of Crockett and Miss Mildred Haltom of this city were married Tuesday night at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. B. C. Anderson officiating, and left immediately for Crockett where they will make their home, Mr. Monk being a prominent young business man of that city.

Miss Mildred is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Haltom and is a young lady of charming personality, and was very popular among the younger set.

They have the best wishes of a host of friends for their future happiness.

Of course Americans trust in God. You can tell by the way they drive.—Sharon Herald.

NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF GRAPELAND

My place of business is now open with a complete line of lighting fixtures and wiring devices, in the store of Mr. W. H. Long. Our prices will be reasonable and all our work and fixtures will be absolutely guaranteed. A share of your patronage will be appreciated. References as to my ability and experience in this line of work: J. T. McDonald, Mgr. T. P. L. Co., Palestine; George E. Dilley & Son, Palestine; T. M. Campbell Jr., Palestine; Guaranty State Bank, Palestine; George E. Darsey Jr., GrapeLand; W. G. Darsey, GrapeLand.

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This is to certify that W. M. Easterlin has been doing wiring work for the Texas Power & Light Company for several years and also other electrical work. His work has been entirely satisfactory in every respect. Work has been done in line with national code and local requirements of the city officials.

I take pleasure in recommending his work to anyone who might inquire about this class of work.

Yours very truly,
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We have only a few sizes left in our fast color line of men's summer suits and you will have to come early to insure a good selection. Note these prices:

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This assortment includes our entire line of three piece all wool suits in the new spring patterns and fast color blue serges

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- \$35 Styleplus Suits **\$28.00**
- \$30 Styleplus Suits **\$24.00**

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ALL SUMMER MILLINERY AT HALF PRICE

This includes every Summer hat in our Millinery Department except the new felts which have just arrived.

SPEAKING OF FOOTWEAR

Satisfied customers are made happy every day in our shoe department. Bright new styles in easy wearing neat fitting lasts are featured here at prices far under what you would expect for the high quality and workmanship in the lines of shoes here. We will have some surprises for you in our shoe department in MEN'S WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S LOW SHOES

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 - 65c 36 in. Everfast gingham **49c**
 - 35c 32 in. Jap Crepe **25c**
 - 29c 32 in. Utility Ginghams **25c**
 - 20c Lady Jane Gingham **17c**
 - 20c Fast color 36 in. Percal **17c**
 - 36 in. heavy LL Domestic **13c**
 - 36 in. Fairyland Bleached Domestic . . **13c**
 - 9-4 Bleached or Brown sheeting **40c**
 - One lot Window Shades **50c**
 - Curtain rods at **90c down to 10c**
 - Big lot ladies percal aprons **89c**
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and if need be, fight for it. Critics there always have been and always will be, but to the strong-minded they are a help rather than a hindrance. As the horse spurts forward when prodded with the spur, so the doers forge ahead under the lash of criticism. Take your part on life's stage and play your part to the end; stand for that which is good; be a doer, not a drone; look the world in the face and let the critics criticize, keep them busy and if you can eliminate only one of the

many reprehensible practices which are operating around you something has been achieved. Again we say to you, keep the critics busy.—Exchange.

The condition of Mrs. Connor Denson is said to be improved since undergoing an operation a week ago in a Palestine sanitarium. Her condition for a time was serious.

The quickest way to disperse a crowd is to take up a collection.—Illinois State Journal.

THE CRIMINAL

When the donkey saw the zebra He began to switch his tail; "Well, I never" was his comment, "There's a mule that's been in jail!"
—Washington and Lee Mink.

Seven thousand five hundred dollars a year is enough money to pay a congressman who couldn't earn that much out of office.—Toledo Blade.

ROCK HILL NEWS

Rock Hill, June 30.—Last week was one of regular old summer time and everyone made good use of it to kill grass. However, it's raining again this morning.

Mrs. Will Finch and daughter, Miss Loraine, from Houston are spending this week with the former's sister, Mrs. C. P. Ray.

Julius Shaver from Kernes is

working here for a while. Miss Eva Platt and little brother, Lacy from Reynard are visiting at the home of A. L. Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Barton Taylor from Elkhart spent Sunday at C. P. Ray's. Uncle Edd Weisinger is visiting in Tyler at the home of his son, C. W. Weisinger. Miss Audry Box and brother, Gladden, spent Saturday night and Sunday at their

grandmother Meredith's at Elkhart. Miss Ola Willis from Dallas, Guy and Lois Willis from Grapeland visited their sister, Mrs. A. H. Streetman last Wednesday. Rev. W. R. Durnell preached here Sunday morning and night. He was accompanied by his family. J. L. Nichols extracted a nice lot of honey last week, getting near 300 gallons. W. M. Durnell, J. F. Durnell and two daughters, Erla Maude and Edith Lois from Antrim attended preaching here Sunday. The second Sunday in July has been set for the time to begin our revival. The pastor will have some one to assist him though we haven't learned yet just who.

special voting box of Reynard, Texas, Houston County Texas, and Mr. Herman Beasley is hereby appointed manager of said election, which voting box is situated in said school district number 55, and a copy of this order signed by the County Judge shall serve as a proper notice of said election, and the County Judge is directed to cause said notice to be published in a newspaper published in said district, if there be one, and if no newspaper be published in said division of the county then by posting copies of such order within three public places within the subdivision, for not less than thirty days preceding the date of said election. Leroy L. Moore, County Judge.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL STOCK LAW ELECTION

On this the 9th day of June, 1924, the Commissioners' court of Houston County, Texas, being in regular session came on to be considered the petition of Glen Beasley and one-third other freeholders residing in the territory now described as Common School District No. 55 of Houston County, Texas, praying for an election to be held within the territory now covered and described as Common School District No. 55 of Houston County, Texas, to determine whether or not horses, mules, Jacks, Jennets, and cattle shall be permitted to run at large within this subdivision of Houston County, Texas as said election being petitioned for under the Chapter 6 Articles 7235 to 7255 of Vernon Sale's Statutes as amended by Chapter 72 General Laws of the 33rd Legislature, and chapters of 26 and 99, General Laws of the 34th Legislature, and Chapter 131, General Laws of the 35th Legislature and Chapter 10 of the 3rd Called Session of the 35th Legislature and Chapter 13 of the 4th Called Session of the 35th Legislature, and Chapter 35 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the 36th Legislature and Chapter 105 of the Acts of the 36th Legislature, and Chapter 50 of the General Laws of the 3rd Called Session of the 36th Legislature, and chapter 32 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the 37th Legislature and Chapter 10 of the General Laws of the First Called Session of the 37th Legislature with reference to the mode of preventing horses and certain other animals from running at large within all counties mentioned in the statutes, and it appearing to Court that said petition is in due form and signed by the proper number of freeholders who are qualified voters, said petition is therefore in all things granted.

It is therefore ordered that an election be and the same is hereby ordered held in said territory, a subdivision of Houston County, Texas, which is a duly defined school district heretofore designated by this court as described in Vol. 1, page 64 of Record of School District Field Notes of Houston County described by field notes as follows:

Beginning on La Riviere & Greenwood Leagues line half way between the N. E. & S. E. corners of La Riviere League.
Thence S. 55 W. through La Riviere & Thompson Surveys about 9630 vrs. to Trinity River.
Thence down said River to mouth of Elkhart Creek.
Thence up said creek to mouth of Little Elkhart Creek.
Thence up Little Elkhart Creek to a point S. 85 E. from Daniel McLean & Chairs Leagues corner.
Thence N. 35 W. at about 3050 vrs. passing said corner and with the line of said surveys 550 vrs. to the S. line of the La Riviere League.
Thence N. 55 E. 20 vrs. to S. E. corner of same.
Thence N. 35 W. 2790 vrs. to the place of beginning containing 11600.5 acres.
Said election shall be held on the 12th day of July, A. D. 1924.
Qualified voters who are freeholders in this district shall be permitted to vote, and those in favor of the above named animals being permitted to run at large in the district shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "against the Stock Law", and those against the animals mentioned in this petition from running at large in this district shall have printed or written on their ballots the words "For the Stock Law", and said election shall be governed by the General election laws of the State of Texas.
Said election shall be held at the

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A FAMILY REUNION

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Caskey's Sunday was a great crowd, the same being Mrs. Caskey's brothers and sisters, their wives and husbands and all the children. Mrs. Caskey is the oldest child of J. F. Lively. It is the first time all the brothers and sisters have been together in six years.

Dinner was spread out doors in a pretty shade and such a feast oh, my; it was enjoyed by everyone.

After dinner they all scattered out in the shade of the beautiful sycamores and enjoyed themselves by recalling the past and taking pictures of the family.

Those present to enjoy this occasion were: Mrs. Gilmore and children of San Antonio, Guy Lively, Jim Tom Lively, J. H. Masters, Hubert Denman, Mahlon Wright and A. M. Caskey and families.

There were thirty three in all of which twenty five are the children and grand children of J. F. Lively.

We hope to see these brothers and sisters together again and be one of the happy number to enjoy the great occasion.

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L. N. Lasiter has been employed to teach a fifteen day's music school at Belott, beginning July 14th. He has also been employed to teach a school at Oak Grove some time in August, the exact date to be announced later.



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THE PASSING DAY

By Will H. Mayes, Department of Journalism University of Texas

In their state convention at Austin, the Texas Retail Druggists Association devoted much time to a discussion of liquor selling by druggists in violation of law. It is generally agreed that but few druggists who sell liquors on prescription disregard the law, but enough do so to bring the drug trade into bad repute. It seems to be up to the druggists themselves to re-assert a strict observance of the liquor laws of the country on the part of all druggists. Unless indiscriminate selling of alcoholic beverages in drug stores is stopped, even though they be sold on the regular prescription plan, the drug store is bound to suffer. A saloon operating as a drug store can do irretrievable harm to the legitimate drug business.

The position taken by the Texas druggists was in marked contrast with that of the physicians in the meeting at the same time of the American Medical Association in Chicago. That association passed a resolution deploring the interference of the government with the right of physicians to the unrestricted use of alcoholic liquors in their practice. At this distance it looks like the doctors at Chicago want to become monopolizers of the liquor trade and to have the privilege of saying, for a fee, who shall and who shall not drink intoxicants. With the doctors' license mills running overtime and every doctor prescribing liquors without restriction, the country would soon be in a pretty fix indeed.

In a recent advertisement in a Texas paper of a physical endurance course for women the statement was made that vulgarity and profanity would not be tolerated in the class. Just what is the world coming to when any kind of a teacher feels that he should make an announcement of that kind? There was a time when men were occasionally punished for using vulgar, obscene and profane language in public places, but except in a few places that law is now regarded as obsolete.

That is a reminder that Brownwood is receiving much newspaper criticism for permitting its citizens and guests to violate certain laws during the meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, and despite the great amount of publicity received, Brownwood is left to doubt whether that meeting was an asset or a liability to the town. Ordinarily Brownwood is a law-observing little city, and if it winked at law-breaking it was done through courtesy to its guests, a mistaken idea that is too common to cities entertaining conventions. It was unfair to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce for if that organization gets a reputation for holding an annual orgy of dissipation and lawlessness it will soon die.

Most people to whom I have talked on the subject say that they have grown tired of "jazz" music and some go so far as to say that they will not go to entertainments if they know the music is to be of that kind. These people are not musical highbrows either; they are just plain people with simple tastes who have been covered on the noisy, discordant, senseless airs that have characterized our music for the past few years. They know little about Wagner or Beethoven or Schubert and are not especially anxious to return to the music of the old masters, but they do want

something better than modern "rag-time jazz."

One evidence of the musical reaction already under way is the growing popularity of singing conventions and community singing, where the songs of twenty or fifty years ago are the most popular, and at which thousands of human voices are blended in the well-known old-time melodies. It is not at all unusual for four or five thousand people to gather in one county and spend two or three days in such song-feasts, and these gatherings become reunions of those who delight in the associations of those of like tastes. "Jazz" is tabooed in both song and conduct at such reunions. These gatherings give hope for the early return of sanity in American music.

MEETING AT GUICELAND

Our meeting at Guiceland will begin July 9th at night. Everybody is invited to come and take part with us and let us all work for the Lord.

J. H. McMillan, Pastor.

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Read all the ads.

DISTRICT SINGING AT CEDAR POINT

Please announce that the quarterly district singing convention will meet with the Cedar Point choir the first Sunday in July. Everybody is expected to carry dinner. The Vaughn quartette will be present. Don't fail to hear them. Ed Bullar.

AT METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching at Reynard 3:30 p. m. On account of the Baptist meeting now in progress, there will be no preaching services here in town. B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

Mrs. R. T. Murchison and two small children left Tuesday for Beaumont to visit Mr. and Mrs. M. S. and Miss Lucy Mae Murchison.

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TRIP TO AMARILLO
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friend and fellow townsman, A. H. Luker, was unanimously elected president. Luker has been a member of the T. P. A. for about thirteen years and has only missed one session. He is a live wire in the Association and is loved by the whole bunch. East Texas and Grapeland in particular have been honored in election to this post as it is one of merit not only to the receiver but to the town and country he comes from. A fellow has to be top notcher to have this honor and we believe the bunch has chosen well. Our new made friend Bill Smith of San Saba was elected vice-president and our other newly made friend Sam Harben, was told to keep his seat at the Secretary's desk. Other officers were chosen, Tyler was selected as the next meeting place and the 45th session of the Texas Press Association came to an end.

This was the writer's first trip to this section of Texas and his first attendance at a meeting of the Texas Press Association and it is hard to close this article without giving some personal observations and expressions of feeling. Outside of the incident that occurred early Monday morning when friend Luker was jerked up for Jay-Walking, the trip was one continuous round of pleasure. Acquaintances were made and friendships formed that will never be forgotten. The glad hand was out all along the line. One would think the maximum of hospitality was reached until arrived at the next town. The people of the Plains and the Panhandle believe in their country. We were given free passes to all shows.

On the trip, we met Mr. Kates from Bartlett who edited the first newspaper in Amarillo and left there 28 years ago. He told us of the cow town of those days with 800 population. Arriving there, instead of the desert we expected to find, fields in cultivation were in sight as far as eyes could be held. Thrift and progressive-ness were evidenced everywhere. The people of the plains are going in for farming, in addition to wheat, oats, hay and the like, cotton farming will be tried on a large scale. So optimistic are they that they are already thinking about harvest hands and cotton pickers. While the country has many things that perhaps would not appeal to many folks in this section, the pep and faith these folks have in that country would make any country go and grow. If we had about ten per cent of it in East Texas, this would be the greatest spot in the world.

Amarillo is one of the fastest growing cities in Texas. In 1900, there were less than fifteen hundred people; in 1920, about fifteen thousand and in 1924, about twenty two thousand. We were told that from 1920 to 1923 over a thousand residences were built and about thirty business buildings erected.

We met so many folks on this trip that it would be an impossibility to mention all of them here. Among those with whom we were more closely associated were Messrs. Billy Aiken and Tom Welch of Crockett, George Neu of Brenham, Bill Smith of San Saba, Sam Miller of Mineral Wells, Henry Edwards of Troup, Senator Tom Pollard of Tyler (Smith County) and Arthur Lefevre of Houston whose hospitality we enjoyed on our return stop over in Houston. We also enjoyed the friendship of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Edwards, the honeymooners from Troup, and Miss Pink, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Tyler who landed the next session for Tyler. Then there were the scores of Amarillo folks who had cars ready for everybody anytime they wanted to go any place and the only way you could wear out shoe leather, was to just do so voluntarily. The Texas Press Association is composed of as fine bunch of men as I have ever had the pleasure of associating with, and having enjoyed their company on this occasion it will be hard to refrain from attending every other session.

Editor's Note—Mr. Darsey was doubtless too modest to say that he delivered an address on advertising to the association which made so big a hit that it was ordered printed in pamphlet form and distributed to every member. In the parlance of the street, he set 'em afire!

Have You This Habit?

By Margaret Morison

MISS STAR

"WHAT a charming person Miss Star is, and what interesting things she has done!" one of her guests said to Mrs. George the day after her dinner party.

"Miss Star told me all about knowing this explorer who's just come back from Greenland, and described some of the things he told her. I've never enjoyed a dinner more."

Mrs. George of course repeated this conversation to Miss Star on their next meeting. Miss Star looked confused. "Oh, ah, yes," she said vaguely, "I went to the illustrated lecture the other night."

Then Mrs. George forgot her impression of discrepancy. It was a month before she saw Miss Star again. Miss Star was drooping about, decoratively watching a tennis tournament. Mrs. George asked why she wasn't playing, and Miss Star replied, "I don't wish to alarm my friends; but the doctor as good as told me this morning that I could never play again. Heart," she whispered mysteriously. "I've got to be very careful for a long while!"

Mrs. George was really concerned. She spent the afternoon making herself useful and delightful to poor Miss Star, who was so good-looking. She was surprised, therefore, the following day to find Miss Star out on the courts as usual.

"Oh, I guess the doctor was mistaken," was Miss Star's somewhat unconvincing explanation.

A month later Miss Star was asked to come informally to family supper with the Georges. The evening passed pleasantly and quietly. Not long afterward an acquaintance asked Mrs. George about her banquet for a certain feted foreigner—Miss Star, who had been present, had described the occasion to the acquaintance as very brilliant. And Miss Star's subsequent explanation to Mrs. George that the acquaintance must have misunderstood somehow didn't hold water.

After that, when Miss Star talked about her admirers and her engagements and her adventures, Mrs. George deducted a large percentage, and then accepted the remainder tentatively. So she got on with a good deal of amusement and no disillusionments.

Then one day Miss Star told her that she was going away to live, that she was leaving in a week, and that probably they would not see her again. No one believed the news, Mrs. George least of all. She felt a good deal of attachment for Miss Star, and was glad that she did not have to accept this announcement for fact. Having forgotten the incident she stopped one day to call. Miss Star's house was empty. Her habit of so dramatizing every situation that people discounted everything she said, had left her farewell performance without an audience.

HAVE YOU THIS HABIT?
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The Young Lady Across the Way



The young lady across the way says basketball is the great winter game, and the inside baseball she reads so much about doesn't seem to be making much headway.

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Has Anyone Laughed At You Because—

You use perfume

You evidently don't use enough. Perfume is a lovely thing in moderation. The flowers profit by it, the world profits by it. Why shouldn't you add to the beauty of things too? Of course when perfume covers a deficiency of the sanitary code and when it annoys people, then it is the time to put on the stop code! Perfume is lovely when it is, but baleful when it "ain't."

SO
Your get-away here is: That they only laugh and don't complain.

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SANDERS—BRANCH

Miss Ruth Branch was married Saturday June 28, to Mr. J. C. Sanders of Beaumont, and they will make their home in that city.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Branch, and was reared at Percilla, where she has a host of friends who will join The Messenger in congratulations and best wishes.

Prior to her wedding, Miss Ruth had been making her home in Port Arthur.

BAPTIST REVIVAL

The revival at the Baptist church started Monday night with "pep." Rev. R. E. Day of Conroe, who is doing the preaching seems to be a "live wire" and we are sure his preaching is going to be a real drawing card and appreciated by the people of the town. His son, Morris Day, has charge of the singing.

Two services are held daily, at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended every one to attend these services.

Brince Dickson came by to see us Monday morning on his way home from Latexo, where he had been to see his mother, Mrs. Newton Dickson, who has been sick for some time. He reported her condition very grave.

SCREEN DOOR SPECIAL

A splendid value in screen doors, 1 1-8 inch thick, made of white pine, well built, for only \$2.25.

T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.

Political Announcements

These announcements subject to action of democratic primary in July.

For Congress, 7th District: H. L. Nelson (Galveston Co.) Clay Stone Briggs (Galveston Co. Re-election.)

For District Attorney, Third Judicial District: Ned B. Morris, Jr. (of Anderson County)

For Representative: C. C. Rice (Re-election)

For County Treasurer: Frank H. Butler Willie Robison (Re-election)

For Sheriff: O. B. (Deb) Hale (Re-election) J. L. Hazlett R. R. (Boss) Scarborough

For Tax Assessor: Will McLean (Re-election.) Ben Brimberry

For District Clerk: A. B. (Poor Albert) Smith (Re-election)

For Tax Collector: John L. Dean (Re-election.)

For County Superintendent: Mrs Gertie Sallas (Re-election)

For County Clerk: W. D. Collins (Re-election)

For County Attorney: Earle P. Adams (Re-election)

For County Judge: Leroy L. Moore (Re-election) Nat Patton

For Justice of Peace Prec't. 5. Jno. A. Davis (Re-election.)

For Commissioner Prec't. 1: S. W. Duitch. C. B. Lively W. H. Holcomb Jr. C. W. Jones Jack Manning

For Commissioner Prec't. 2: C. A. Story (Re-election.)

For Public Weigher: C. A. Mills. Homer Jones

For Constable Precinct No. 5: H. J. Shaw.

For Justice Peace Prec't. No. 5: John A. Davis (Re-election)

FIGHT MOSQUITOES

There has been reported to the State Board of Health 500 cases of mosquito bite victims (Dengue and Malaria) for the first five months of 1924. This represents only about 50 per cent of the actual cases that have occurred. With the mosquito season just coming on, and with the weather conditions favorable to mosquitoes, we may expect a rather large case rate for the remainder of this year unless each community begins immediately to control the breeding of this disease carrier.

The Isthmus of Panama, for years the despair of humanity, was freed from mosquitoes. Why not free Texas of this menace? Mosquitoes are not migratory, so if you have mosquitoes they were raised in the vicinity of your home. If you have a pool or tank of water, stock it with minnows and they will destroy the wiggle tails; if you haven't the minnows, they will be supplied by the State Board of Health upon application. Perhaps mosquitoes are breeding under the house where the ice box drains, or in water left in tin cans and tubs after a rain. When a mosquito bites you, consider it a danger signal that the enemies of "Health" are abroad and getting in their deadly work; and that the red welt raised by the mosquito is a symbol of the red flag of warfare that you should raise against him. You have heard that "Oil on troubled waters" will relieve discord; know also that "Oil on stagnant waters" will relieve you of mosquitoes by destroying their breeding places.

Mosquitoes are more dangerous than the Bubonic rat, yet if a rat is discovered in a town be-

Outing Pleasures for July 4th

Many will celebrate this 4th with a picnic, an auto trip or a lark of some sort, some place, but regardless of destination the big idea is lunch and a cool swim.

To complete your equipment for these summer joys we have stocked a snappy line of bathing caps, bathing suits and bags to carry them in. See them today.

PRICED RIGHT!

- Bathing caps plain rubber 30c, 35c, 45c and 50c
- Bathing caps fancy trim 40c, 45c, 60c, 70c, 80c and 95c
- Diving Hoods 40c to 60c
- Bathing suits new models \$1.98, \$3.25, \$4.95 to \$6.35
- Serviceable rubber bags for bathing suits, each 70c



Prescriptions Filled by Registered Pharmacist

RYAN'S DRUG STORE

Quality, Service and Fair Prices

set with Bubonic Plague, a great alarm is sent out; a quarantine is declared; strenuous methods are employed to rid the town of this disease carrier, while the mosquito is treated as an old acquaintance—one of the family and given special attention.

Wake up! Destroy the Mosquito! Rid Texas of Malaria!

If you are not able to buy a new suit. Clewis will have the old one dyed

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kelley of Port Arthur have moved to Grapeland to make their home. Mr. Kelley is an electrician and in the near future expects to put in an up-to-date line of electrical goods. He is at present engaged in wiring houses.

Just a few
Bargains
in Seasonable Dress Goods

- 50c Tissue Gingham for 40c
- 35c Voile for 25c
- 50c Voile for 45c
- 75c dotted Voile and Swiss for 65c
- 50c Zephyr Gingham for 45c
- 25c Ginghams for 19c

We have a few children's hats left.
To avoid carrying them over to next season we will sell them very cheap

KENNEDY BROS.
The Store for Everybody Grapeland, Texas