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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 31, 1924.

No doubt some of the candidates think that life is just one defeat after another.

An exchange says: "What this country needs is a lawn grass that will grow one inch and then take a rest."

The prediction that the automobile of the future will only weigh 100 pounds, moves an exchange to observe that this will give pedestrians an even break.

A good rain would certainly be appreciated to cool the air of this almost unbearable heat, most of which we are sure was generated during the closing days of the campaign.

A score or more persons were killed last week when automobiles and trucks lost a contest with passenger trains. Up to the present time, the railroad engine has won every time.

The election didn't go to suit you all the way through, of course, but be a good sport and take your defeat good naturedly. We all must live together and get along in peace and harmony.

Grapeland is still gaining fame as a trade center, as proof of which we cite you to the throng that was here Saturday. The crowd was variously estimated at from five to eight thousand people.

We have lots of things to occupy our mind since the election is over, and they are important things, too. For instance, the good road problem has not been solved. Our bad roads stick out like a sore thumb. We should give this matter serious and sober thought, for it must be solved. The time is here right now when a community without good roads is a back number and cannot compete with a section that has good roads.

R. W. Barry has sold the Beeville Bee to Arthur Shannon, formerly of the Wharton Spectator. Mr. Barry has owned the Bee for the past twelve years and was quite successful with it. He is a very capable fellow and popular among his many newspaper friends. His plans for the future are not made, but wherever he goes he has the good wishes of his friends. Mr. Shannon is a young man, full of vim with plenty of sense; he made a success of the Spectator and will no doubt maintain the high standard of the Bee. We wish him good luck.

Every once in awhile we hear of a new discovery in the realm of medicine that holds out hope for future generations. Such is the news from Paris, where Dr. Calmette is conducting experi-

ments with a vaccine which he believes may be the means of preventing, not curing, tuberculosis. He and his associates are careful not to claim too much. They tell of their experiments and say that the promise of better results is in sight. They do not wish to raise any false hope among the millions of sufferers from this modern scourge. If the doctor has succeeded in finding something that will prevent people from contracting this horrible and incurable disease he will rank high as a benefactor of mankind. How much more valuable will his gift be than that of some inventor of modern destruction, as for example, the man who claims to have discovered a "death ray."

LIVELYVILLE NEWS

Livelyville, July 28.—The revival services of the M. P. church will start here Saturday night. We hope we will have a good attendance and substantial additions. Everybody come and hear Bro. McMillan deliver his sermons.

There is no use talking about the weather—it's dry and that's all there is to it—and crops, well, "nuff said."

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Denson of Wortham, who have been here visiting friends and relatives returned to their home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Zack Wilson announce the birth of a boy July 2, 1924.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Ellis also have a fine new baby boy at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson of New Mexico are here visiting friends and relatives.

Ingram and Shaver are ready to operate their saw mill. They are located on G. W. Garner's farm.

Messrs. Jim and J. D. Swinney and G. W. Garner went on a fishing trip and returned home with a large catch of fish.

George Shipper and family are here from Arlington to spend a few weeks with their numerous friends and relatives.

Mrs. J. D. Swinney has been sick for several days at the home of her mother, Mrs. G. W. Garner.

MODERN POETRY

I stood on the bridge at midnight,
A beaver was damming the river,
And a guy with a broken radius rod
Was doing the same to his flivver.
—New Hampshire Highways.

THE CRADLE ROLL

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brimberry residing just east of town, announce the birth of a son Monday, July 28, 1924.

THE BATTLE OF PALO DURO CANYON

One of the most decisive battles in Texas was the battle of Palo Duro Canyon, fought September 28th, 1874, by General McKenzie and six troops of U S cavalry, numbering about 600 men against Lone Wolf and about 1500 Indian warriors. These warriors, made up of Kiowas, Comanches, Arapahoes and Cheyennes, had left the government reservations and gone on the warpath, accompanied by their squaws and papooses. They had located in Palo Duro Canyon, on the plains of Northwest Texas, and there had built an Indian village three miles in length and well fortified by the rocky defiles and hidden chasms characteristic of this Canyon.

General McKenzie and his troops signally defeated the Indians in a pitched battle, and destroyed the Indian village, which was a blow to the Indians from which they never fully recovered, as this was a formidable Indian stronghold and was used by the Indians as a base in their raids on white settlements in North and Central Texas.

The story of this battle has been written by Sergeant John B. Charlton, who took an active part in the battle, and it will appear August 7th, 1924, in the Magazine Section of the Grapeland Messenger.

Don't let your subscription expire, or you might miss this interesting story, which is true as to facts and details and is told by an eye-witness.

TO THE CITIZENSHIP OF HOUSTON COUNTY

Words are inadequate to express my appreciation for the splendid majority which you gave me in the recent primary election. When I shall have gone into office it will be the pride of my life to serve you courteously and efficiently. Again thanking you for all kindnesses which you may have extended me, I am, yours full of gratitude,
F. H. Butler.

HALE EXPRESSES THANKS

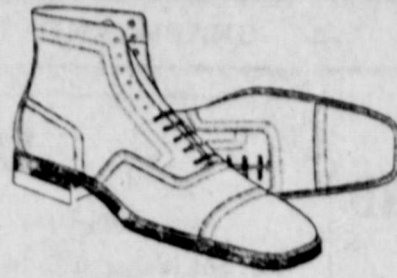
To the people of Houston county who gave me such strong support in the election last Saturday, enabling me to win the sheriff's office with a majority over both of my opponents, I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation. During the years I have served as your sheriff I have always tried to be fair and impartial, enforcing the law to the very best of my ability. The result of the election last Saturday makes me feel that my efforts to serve have been appreciated and inspires me to even do better in the future. From the bottom of a grateful heart, I again thank you.
O. B. (Deb) Hale.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

AN DODGED A MAN FUH
DE LONGES' T KEEP OUT
DOIN' SOME WORK FUH
'IM EN NOW ATTEN AN'S
DONE DID DE WORK HE
BIN DODGIN' ME!



This Store is Headquarters for Shoes



We wish to call your attention to our large stock of shoes which is very complete and extensive.

We have shoes for every member of the family—boys, girls, men and women, in low cuts and high tops, all sizes and styles.

Our stock is new and fresh—not a single old shoe in the house, and we are constantly adding new numbers every day or so.

We can fit your pocketbook, too, for our range of prices are from

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—per pair—

You can certainly find something in that price range and the assortment we have to suit you. Come to see us and let us fit you out when you need a pair of shoes.

We have other wearing apparel that will appeal to you beside shoes. All we ask is that you come around, inspect our stock, and we are sure we can please you in both quality and price.

KEELAND BROTHERS

NEW PROSPECT NEWS

New Prospect, July 28.—The meeting at the Methodist church closed Friday night with two additions to the church.

The revival services of the Baptist church will begin Aug. 3rd. Rev. McClung will assist Bro. Deckart Anderson during this meeting. We hope to see a large attendance at every service.

Quite a number of our people went to Ephesus last Sunday.

Lee Smith from Reynard was visiting here Saturday night and Sunday.

Will Ray and family from Cut visited at the home of A. R. Baker several days last week.

Mrs. Adcock has been here several weeks visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ford Newman.

Mr. Purcell, who has been in very poor health several months seems to be improving some. He was able to be in town last Saturday.

Mrs. L. C. Smith is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Ellis at Livelyville.

Mrs. E. J. Musick is at Reynard at the home of her son, Sam Musick.

Miss Edna Lue Martin from

Union Chapel and Miss Alma Spruill from Elkhart spent last week here the guests of Mrs. E. F. Musick.

Mrs. Thelma Collier from near Palestine spent last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Campbell.

Clifford Platt and Elliott Allen from Reynard were visitors here last week.

H. J. Shaw brought us some very fine Elberta peaches Saturday, for which he has our thanks. They were as large as any peaches we ever saw and the flavor was excellent.

Summer Goods Must Go

35c voiles at	21c
20c organdies	10c
75c organdies	59c
65c Organdies	51c
\$6.50 Colored Shoes	\$4.75
\$4.25 Colored Shoes	\$3.25
\$10.00 Seersucker Suits	\$7.25
\$22.50 Suits at	\$19.25

We mean what we say—summer goods must go. The above prices assure you of cheapest prices you have heard quoted. The merchandise will not last long and the sooner you purchase the surer you are of getting your choice.

Our grocery stock is complete and prices are very attractive. Let us figure your next bill.

HIGHEST PRICES FOR CHICKENS AND EGGS

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DEPENDABLE MERCHANT

PROPER HOUSING OF POULTRY IN TEXAS
GOOD ROOF AND DRY FLOOR MAIN REQUIREMENTS

BY D. W. REID

Head of Poultry Husbandry Department
A. & M. College of Texas

A roof that is waterproof is the one absolute essential of a poultry house in Texas. One poultry house at Grapeland, Texas is really only such a roof with latticed walls. Yet the woman who runs it is a successful poultry raiser. Her hens' nests are covered and set on posts three feet high out in the shade of a large tree. The hens use them, for she gets good egg production.

During the warm weather the nearer our Texas poultry houses resemble a shed, open on four sides, the better the hens seem to like them and the better egg production we receive. For at least four months of the year drafts cease to be a menace and become a real blessing.

Roofs must also be poor heat conductors, as the summer sun will readily pass through a thin board roof and heat the interior of the house many degrees warmer than the thermometer will register in the shade. For example, one day when the thermometer stood at 95 degrees in the shade we took it into a low poultry house and it registered 106 degrees. By raising the roof at least two feet above the roosts and having the building open on all sides near the roof we can keep the temperature down to what it is in the ordinary shade.

Straw Sometimes Helps

The straw pack of the northern poultry house is not needed here in winter at all, but does help to keep the poultry house comfortable on hot afternoons. The deeper this straw and the more firmly packed, the better protection it seems to give.

A house open on four sides is not desirable in winter and must be closed when the first cool norther starts to blow. This usually happens early in September, so it is well to close the north wall tight about that time. Neglecting to do this may cause an epidemic of sorehead and roup.

The very low house that heats easily in the daytime and cools as quickly at night is very likely to be a disease breeder, while a house at least six feet high at the eaves, or a house with a well insulated roof will give the best results.

The key to ventilation is simply to open everything up in summer and close the three sides in winter. This is one part of the country where the fourth wall is largely an unnecessary expense. It is true that a tight wall two feet high on the fourth side will protect the hens from strong winds and so is a distinct advantage in cold, windy weather.

Cheaper Houses Possible

The fact that walls do not

have to be built to protect against cold makes it possible to build much cheaper houses than are required farther north. This is an advantage, as the beginner does not have to invest so heavily in equipment. S. D. Snyder of Bryan, Texas, got an average of 200 eggs each from fourteen hens kept in such a three-walled shed about six feet square. The best hen of the group laid 274 eggs, the poorest 101.

The Texas poultrymen can get along with much less space in his house per hen, for, as one young man expressed it, all Texas hens need is a sleeping porch and a place to get out of the rain. The hens of the Texas A. & M. College poultry farm have been out of the house every day during the whole winter, and one house twenty feet by thirty feet in size has proved amply large for 240 birds, including males. This flock has laid as high as 70 per cent during some of the winter months.

Dirt floors do not as a rule prove satisfactory, as they are too easily infested with rats and vermin. The concrete floor must be protected from capillary action of the water in the soil by either gravel or coarse cinders.

It is absolutely necessary to raise it above the level of the surrounding soil if we are to keep it dry, as East Texas soil gets very wet during the winter months.

Concrete also is easily cleaned and if kept covered with straw litter is no colder on the feet of the hens than is any other floor.

Colony Houses

Colony houses give a different problem. Some are built without floors and simply moved when dirty. This is not always advisable, however, because at the very time when we need the house moved most, the weather is too wet to move the house. Concrete is out of the question, so most colony houses have wooden floors. Such floors covered with a litter of straw are very satisfactory. They have to be raised off the ground so as to allow the boards to be kept dry. The common practice of allowing the hens to run under the colony poultry houses has several bad features. Stick-tight fleas are likely to infest such a place and are extremely hard to get rid of, as common salt simply drives them up onto the wood of the house, where they are very hard to reach. Woven wire placed around these houses keeps the hens out and at the same time allows the air to circulate freely and so prevents the rotting of the wooden floor.

For permanent buildings concrete floors are most satisfactory, while wooden floors are best for colony houses.

Shade trees planted at the west side of your poultry house so that they will shade the building on long summer afternoons will go a long way toward making your poultry house comfortable when it is hot. It is well to have these trees deciduous, as one does not care to have the house shaded in winter by evergreens.

Very little has been done to actually test out the different widths of houses here in the South, but the house fourteen to twenty feet wide is not subject to such quick change of temperature as is the extremely narrow house, therefore, many people now believe in the wider houses. To sum up, Texas poultry houses need good roofs and at least three walls that can be opened in summer and closed in winter. The remaining wall, which is usually toward the south, can be largely made of wire screen.

If hot weather saps your energy and you can't work well, it is a sign that your system is full of bilious impurities. You will be sick if you do not do something. Take Prickly Ash Bitters, the remedy for men; it cleanses the blood, liver and bowels, restores strength, vim and cheerful spirits. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith Special Agent.

ROCK HILL LOCALS

Rock Hill, July 28.—Since our last letter the revival meeting at this place has been held and has gone into history but we are sure the entire results will only be revealed in heaven. There were two additions to the church. Rev. Everett Funderburk from Rusk did the preaching at night and in every sermon there was a message to inspire and encourage the Christians and one to make every unbeliever meditate long upon his condition. Several from the surrounding communities attended the services.

Will Finch and family from Hubbard City spent part of last week here visiting his sister, Mrs. Bessie Weisinger. They had not seen each other in nineteen years so the few days were happily spent together.

Mrs. J. W. Taylor went to Palestine last Thursday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Allen Hamlett. She returned Saturday and Mrs. Hamlett accompanied her home for a few days visit.

R. F. Kolb and family and Tommie Helm returned Friday from Rotan, where they spent about three weeks.

A. U. Streetman and family from Grapeland spent Friday in this community visiting relatives.

Several from here went to the graveyard working at Antrim last Wednesday.

Mrs. Lee Martin and Miss Ruby Nichols spent Sunday with Mrs. Robert Little.

REVIVAL AT OAK GROVE

Our meeting will begin Saturday night before the first Sunday in August with Rev. E. M. Ogden in charge. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. The singing school will begin Monday, August 4th, with L. N. Lasiter in charge. We invite all who are interested in music to be on hand the first day.
J. A. Bean.

Conference At New Hope

The third quarterly conference of the Methodist Protestant church will meet with the New Hope church August 7th at 2 o'clock p. m. All official members please be present.
J. H. McMillan, Pastor.



Tourist at Niagra—Are we near the falls yet?

Guide—Yes, sir. As soon as the ladies stop talking you will hear the roar.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Lawyer—Before I accept your case I want to know whether you are guilty of the charge against you?

Client—Am I guilty? Watcht think I'd hire a lawyer as expensive as you are for if I wuzn't guilty?—London Tit-Bits.

"es," said the famous physician, "that man has spigoralic detrolia sponzulium and I'm charging \$2000 to diagnose his case."

"Beg your pardon," said the student, "what did you say this man has?"

"He has \$2000," replied the physician.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

A casualty insurance company required some additional evidence to support a claim recently received a letter from the widow of the insured, which ended:

"I have so much trouble getting my money that I sometimes almost think I wish my husband not dead."—Chicago Continent.

One of the fruit-stall men in the city market was striving hard to add a few cents to the total of his sales. "We've got some fine alligator pears," he suggested.

"Silly," laughed the very, very young housewife. "We don't even keep a goldfish."—Houston Post.

She was anxious to find out where her husband was, so she rang up a club to which he belonged. "Is my husband there?" she asked.

"No madam."
"But I haven't even told you my name," said the astonished woman.

"That's all right madam," said the discreet clerk; "nobody's husband is ever here."

Sam—What am you doin' now?

Bo—I'se an exporter.

Sam—An exporter?

Bo—Yep, the Pulman company just fired me.—Black and Blue Jay.

Fat—That auto looks pretty well worn out.

Slim—It ought to. It's the sole survivor of four love affairs.—JaJck O'Lantern.

LOCAL MARINE ON PACIFIC DREADNAUGHT

San Diego, Calif., July 28.—After completing a period of special training at the Sea School here, Jeff Simmons, son of James W. Simmons of Grapeland, Texas, has been assigned to duty on the U. S. S. Nevada, where he is a member of the U. S. Marine guard.

Jeff joined the Marine Corps at Houston in August, 1922, and for several weeks was sta-

tioned at San Diego, where he learned the duties, department and daily routine required of Marines on battle ships. His assignment to duty on the Pacific dreadnaught followed.

The Nevada patrols the Pacific waters in the vicinity of the West Coast, frequently dropping anchor in some harbor. The vessel was recently reported at Bremerton, Wash., but will probably leave shortly for some other port.

Middling Cotton 31c

Monday's papers quoted middling cotton in Houston at 31 cents. A year ago the same day, middling cotton was quoted at only 21.75. This is a difference of \$46.25 per bale.

It is predicted that with the present conditions of the crop, based on government reports that cotton will sell at a record high price this fall.

In this immediate section, the drouth has done much damage to cotton especially on the hill lands. But with an increase in price which promises to be approximately \$30 to \$45 per bale more than last year, based on present quotations, the shortage of production is offset to a considerable extent and should be encouraging to farmers in this section.

The old law of "supply and demand" often pierces the darkest clouds of adversity, showing a silver tinted lining—sometimes dim—sometimes bright, but if looked for it is usually found.

The record sales of Ford Cars, Trucks and Fordson Tractors this year reflects increased prosperity of the country, every month the sales increasing over the sales of the previous month and over the same months of 1923.

WHETHER YOU WANT A CAR, TRUCK OR TRACTOR FOR CASH OR ON OUR EASY PAYMENT PLAN —WE ARE WELL PREPARED TO SUPPLY YOUR DEMANDS AND NEEDS.

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If you have never tried this satisfactory way of buying Meat now is a good time to try it.

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J. C. Norman, Prop.

FOOLISH QUESTION NO. 1

The silliest question anybody ever thought to ask is this one. "Is it hot enough for you?"

Of course it's hot enough for everybody. But there might be some chance of forgetting the heat if kindly acquaintances did not insist upon emphasizing the matter.

Every time a man puts into words the fact that the heat is bearing down with merciless persistence, it makes him and all those who hear him that much more uncomfortable.

There are cold drinks, electric fans, shady spots and an occasional breeze that most business folks enjoy sometime during the day. There are even pictures of icebergs and snow covered mountain tops that suggest coolness that could be used as a last resort.

In fact there are a number of little things that might be combined with the day's work to make suffering humanity forget the heat, except for that idiotic question—

"Is it hot enough for you?"

GRAFTING IN LITTLE WAYS

The average taxpayer is willing to pay for what he gets but most of them are impressed with the extravagant expenditure of public money. Almost anybody is given the job of expending the public funds and much of it is expended unwisely, and in a way that would beggar an individual unless he had unlimited funds.

The need of government today is the economical use of funds. So often there are in public office men who are willing to distribute the taxpayers' cash in order to make a few friends for himself, or a few dollars. The public purse is used to achieve some popularity, and its use for this purpose is so frequent as to amount to scandal.

The best method of safeguarding public funds is to elect to office only men of established probity. Too often glib talkers, with great reforms outlined, have them in mind only to get the office, and when installed use their power in a hundred forms of petty graft. That is the besetting sin in the local, state and national governments today. Election year is the time to make a change in officials who have shown themselves unmindful of the public welfare.

It looks as if nature would take care of the overproduction scare this year. The continued cold and wet weather has held back production far better than any legislation or co-operation could have done. The crops will be shorter than was expected, and the demand will be good.—Rural New Yorker.

A pessimist is a man who has endorsed his friends' notes.—Columbia Record.

THE EDITOR'S BEATITUDES

By D. C. Menefee Blessed are the Merchants who advertise because they believe in it and their business; for their prosperity shall increase many fold.

Blessed are the Country Correspondents who send in their well written items every week; for fame of their friendly neighborhoods shall go abroad in the land.

Blessed is the woman who sends in a written account of a party or wedding; for she shall see the details of the function and the names of her guests correctly reported.

Blessed are all those who do not expect the editor to know everything but who call up and tell him whenever an interesting event occurs to them; for they shall have a newsy paper in their town.

Blessed are they who got their copy in early; for they shall occupy a warm place in the editor's heart.

Blessed are all those who cooperate with the editor in his efforts in behalf of the Community; for their town shall be known far and wide as a good place in which to live.—Vilas County (Wis.) News.

FACING THE TRUTH

Not being privy to the secrets of the beauty doctors, we confess that we have read with an interest not unmixed with astonishment the recently published symposium by American club women which advocated strongly the use of pure water, a pure white soap and a cloth for cleansing the face. Shades of Phryne! Is such advice necessary? Have things come to such a pass that women don't wash their faces?

We confess that we have not infrequently had sight of feminine faces that appeared to have been treated every morning to a coat of what the house-painters call "flat finish"; but in our innocence we had supposed that they were washed first. We gather from the club women's remarks, however, that it is no uncommon practice for an American woman to apply to her face only lotions and creams, rarely any water, and never any soap.—Greensboro News.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held in Grape-land at the auditorium of the high school building Friday night at 8:30 o'clock, August 29, 1924, for the purpose of organizing the Grapeland Cemetery Association and electing officers for same. All interested parties are requested to be present.

W. G. Darsey, Sam Kennedy, A. H. Luker, Committee.

Read all the ads.

WANETA NEWS

Waneta, July 28.—Rev. Mc-Millan closed his meeting at New Hope Wednesday night. He did some real old Bible preaching.

Mrs. C. B. Lively is on the sick list at this writing.

Raymond Edwards and family of Wichita Falls, who have been visiting here for some time left Saturday for their home. They were accompanied home by Will Peterson and family.

C. L. Day left Sunday for Marlin for treatment for rheumatism. He has been suffering for quite awhile. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Miss Mary Killgo of Slocum is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Vertice Cooper.

Mrs. J. E. Harrington's sister and family of Cleburne and brother of Mabank left this morning after a few day's visit here.

Earnest Hogan and wife spent Saturday night and Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Barnes.

Mrs. Mary Hendrick and children spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Monk.

Misses Bertha and Ida Barnes and Ethelen Sutton spent Sunday with Lillian Lively.

Charley Hendricks and wife and little son of Palestine were in our community Sunday.

Miss Maudia Jones is spending a few days in Grapeland visiting her brother.

Boyd Dickey made a business trip to Huntsville last week.

Miss Ida Barnes spent Sunday night with Miss Allie Barnes.

Mrs. Lizzie Jones and children of Black Jack spent this week visiting in this community and attending the meeting.

Mrs. John Penick and children spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Scoggins.

CARD OF THANKS

I take this opportunity to thank the people of Houston County for the vote given me for Tax Collector in the recent Democratic Primary election. I assure you that I shall endeavor to discharge the duties of the office faithfully and with a due regard for the rights of the people. I regret very much indeed that a recent surgical operation prevented my getting out and meeting with you during the campaign before the election. Again thanking you for the honor and trusting that you shall not have cause to regret your choice, I am, Yours Sincerely, John L. Dean.

McLEAN THANKS VOTERS

It is with a grateful heart that I come to the people of Houston County to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the splendid majority they gave me for tax assessor in the election last Saturday. I am just as appreciative as I know how to be, and will try to give expression to it in the future by making you the best tax assessor I possibly can. I thank each and every one who supported me, and bear no ill will toward those who did not see fit to do so.

Will McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McLean and sons, Dan and Harry, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Newman and son of Augusta, left Monday morning for an auto tour through the lower Rio Grande Valley, and will visit Mrs. Newman's brothers, Messrs. Clyde and Edwin Davis at Kingsville and San Benito.

Miss Ardis Murray has returned from Crockett, where she visited Miss Frances Leaverton.

Mid-Summer Necessities

The most sought for thing now is comfort. A proper selection of wearing apparel will afford you maximum relief from the heat. You can choose no better place to buy your entire Summer needs than at this store. We are making some attractive prices on merchandise of known quality prior to our inventory next week. It will pay you to buy at Darsey's.

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In our Millinery Department you will find the last word in felt hat styles for early fall wear in a dozen or more popular shades. The wide variety of head sizes makes it possible for us to fit most every lady with a becoming style.

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WHO KEPT COOLEST YESTERDAY?

When the thermometer was hitting around a hundred and over, were you one of the men suffering less from the heat? You were if you enjoyed the lightness and comfort of one of our specially designed Summer suits. We're offering some hot values in cool clothes this week for men.



LORRAINE SEERSUCKERS now only \$8.90

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THE DARSEY CO. GRAPELAND'S CASH DRY GOODS STORE

WHERE YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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EVERYTHING ELECTRICAL HOUSE WIRING

Don't wait till the last minute. See me about wiring your home before the rush comes. Advice and prices given cheerfully. All work guaranteed to pass inspection. Honest prices, honest work. At Goodson Hotel or call me up and i will gladly come and look over your house and give estimate.

Bert Kelly

Locals

Is 7 your lucky number?
 Mrs. Ed Holcomb of Damon is visiting relatives at Augusta.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hunt visited in Conroe this week.
 Do you believe in luck? 77777
 777777.
 Good Jersey milch cow with young calf for sale.
 Loyd Anderson.
 Mrs. John Gainey and son of Houston are visiting relatives here.
 We deliver parts, gas, oil and grease.
 Carlton Motor Co.
 Mr. and Mrs. Hadie Gilbert spent Sunday at Kerens with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Lively.
 All sizes in fruit jars at the right prices at—
 Long's Cash Store.
 Mrs. Mosely of Hattisburg, Miss., is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Rencher.
NOTICE FOR SALE CHEAP
 1 carbide light plant with all fixtures. See A. B. Guice.
 Chas. Kent of Alexandria, La., has joined his wife here on a visit to relatives.
 Let us fill your grocery orders. We will save you money.
 Long's Cash Store.
 Mrs. L. F. Lively and children of Kerens are spending the week here with relatives.
WANTED—1000 boys, ages 16 to 99 years to look over my new spring samples. Clewis.
 Mrs. Alton Lively of Kerens visited relatives here a few days last week.
 George R. Darsey of Houston spent Saturday and Sunday here with home folk.

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 7 will be lucky for you soon. Watch.
 Mrs. Nesbitt Lively left Saturday to spend some time visiting relatives at Texarkana.
 Miss Melba Brock returned last week from her vacation spent in California.
 Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Long visited relatives at Huntsville the first of the week.
FOR SALE
 2 Jersey milch cows now fresh S. W. Haynes, Route 4.
 Miss Lorene Edington spent last week in Palestine with relatives and friends.
 Mrs. D. J. Adecock of Notasulga, Ala., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ford Newman.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones and children of Oakwood spent Sunday here.
 Mrs. George Shipper and children of Arlington are here this week visiting relatives.
 Try our \$2.25 paint. We know it will give satisfaction. It has satisfied others.
 T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.
 Mrs. Lester Sloan and daughter, Evelyn, of Houston are visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Darsey.
FOR SALE
 My home in north part of town. See me for particulars.
 2t G. B. Wallace.
 Mrs. W. H. Lively and daughter, Miss Anna Cecil, are visiting relatives in Livingston this week.
 Mrs. Howell Appling and son of Beaumont are here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Howard.
 School starts in a little over a month. Save money on school clothes by buying your materials now at The Darsey Co.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Thornton and son and family from Timpson spent last week end with their niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Newman.
 Log teams and contractors, also log cutters, wanted quick.
 J. S. Hunt Lumber Co.
 Grape land, Texas.
 Mrs. Ray Pegg has returned to her home in San Antonio after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Weisinger.
 Miss Norene Jackson of Mexia is here on a visit to Misses Lonnie Mae and Castine Guice.
 W. E. Keeland went to Frankston Sunday to meet Mrs. Keeland, who returned from a visit with relatives in Dallas.
 Buck Clewis has returned from Lake Charles, La., where he visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Johnston.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ed Parker returned Saturday from an auto trip to Muskogee, Ok., where they visited relatives.
HORSE SHOING
 Now have an expert horse shoer and can give you prompt service.
 G. F. Salmon, Blacksmith.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Hodge have returned to their home in Kirven, after a visit with relatives and friends in this community.
 If you are skeptical about our \$2.25 paint, let us show you some of our jobs here in town. They will convince you.
 T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.
 Lewis Nance Murchison came home Saturday from San Antonio, where he spent several weeks in the Reserve Officers Training Camp.
 F. B. Rea of Forney came in and spent a few days last week, and was accompanied home by his wife and children, who had been here visiting her mother, Mrs. Hill.

R. L. Williams of Overton was here last week visiting his daughter, Mrs. Will Selkirk.
 Davis Denson and family of Wortham came in last week to visit relatives in the Livelyville community.
 Mr. and Mrs. Carter Anderson and children of Paris returned to their home Monday morning, after spending the week end here as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Anderson.
 Mrs. J. S. Weisinger returned home Saturday morning from Tennessee Colony, where she was called on account of the serious illness of her son's wife, Mrs. Fletch Weisinger.
 We have a splendid value in a screen door, 1 1-8 inch thick, white pine, well built, for \$2.25. In addition to this special, we have a complete line of screen wire and screen mold.
 T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.
 Since the season opened several weeks ago, Chuck Skidmore of Route 2, has been selling his watermelons here and at Crockett with good success. He raises a very fine melon and is building a reputation for them.
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.
 We had the pleasure Monday morning of meeting Rev. Hopkins, who is assisting Rev. C. A. Campbell in a revival at Salmon this week. Rev. Hopkins is the Missionary of the Walker County Baptist Association.
SPECIAL
 1 1-8 inch screen door, made of white pine, well built, special price \$2.25. We also have a complete line of screen wire and screen mold.
 T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.
 Wade L. Smith was called to Prosper last Friday to attend the funeral of his mute brother, Willie Smith, who died Thursday at his home in Fayetteville, Ark. His remains were sent to the old home at Prosper for burial.
 Esq. John A. Davis has requested the Messenger to issue a warning to car owners who persist in driving around town at nights without lights, and also to warn some of the "young bloods" against speeding. Both are a violation of the law and Mr. Davis says he is going to enforce the law, hence this warning.
 L. N. Lasiter will close a fifteen days' singing school at Belott Friday night with a concert free to all. He reports having a fine class and good interest manifested. Misses Annie Mae Gerrard and Ina Mae Weisinger of Union and Cecil Bean of Grape land are attending the school. They spent last week end at home and were accompanied by Miss Fannie Deer. Mr. Lasiter will begin a school at Oak Grove August 4th. He invites the co-operation of the surrounding communities in making it a success.

Hot Weather Comforts

Think of this store when the weather is hot as the place where you can quickly secure what you need to keep cool and comfortable.

Talcum Powders	Sponges
Cold Creams	Sun Burn Lotions
Face Powders	Bath Goods
Corn Remedies	Mosquito Lotions
Toilet Soap	Fly Paper
Perfumes	Baby's Needs

A Graduate in Pharmacy Here

SMITH'S DRUG STORE

Everything a Good Drug Store Should Have

To the Voters of Precinct No. 1 of Houston County:
 I wish to thank you for the very liberal vote you gave me in the First Primary on July 26 and to assure you that I will appreciate your support again in the Second Primary, August 23.
 W. H. Holcomb Jr.

The revival meeting held at Ephesus last week by Revs. Durnell and McClug came to a close last Sunday morning at the waters edge when twenty five members were baptised. There were thirty-seven additions to the church. They are conducting a meeting at Antrim this week.

FOR SALE
 My place of 12 acres, fenced and cross fenced, with new 5-room house, well of good water and out buildings. Ideal for poultry, farm 3-4 miles from depot, half mile from high school; cheap for cash.
 S. W. Barfield.

The bad luck in \$2 bills is not having them.—Chicago Blade.

Earle Howard of Port Arthur is here on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Howard.

The hotel bills broke the Democratic convention deadlock.—Ashville Times.

Mrs. Roy Harvey, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Weisinger, will leave Friday for Little Rock, Ark., to join her husband, who is there attending school.

Miss Esther Davis returned to Livingston Wednesday morning after a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Davis.

G. R. Murchison left Wednesday for Manning to visit his daughter, Mrs. W. B. Faris, then will go to Houston to visit his son, Daley Murchison, and wife.

Perhaps no other things have such power to lift the poor out of poverty, the wretched out of misery, to make the burden bearer forget his burden, the sick his suffering, as books.—Success.

The job holder is the backbone of every political party. Jobs are the currency in which party debts are paid. This currency is at present inflated—we have too many job holders eating up tax funds.

TWO MILLION LAWS

It is declared that the total number of laws and ordinances now effective in the United States exceeds two million. No wonder the most of us are law breakers whether we know it or not! But that wouldn't be so bad if it weren't for the fact that new laws must be enforced, which calls for an ever increasing army of law enforcers. Some laws call for large additions to the public pay roll. Usually the number of public employes grows as work inaugurated by a new piece of legislation branches out and appropriations for it increase, as they have a habit of doing. Walter W. Head, president of the American Bankers' association, in a recent address, declared that "Out of six days that we labor, one day's labor—on the average—goes to pay the cost of government, to pay the living expenses of the hundreds of thousands of government officials and employes whose labor is not productive, whose talents and energy are devoted to regulating the rest of our people."

Some day a reaction will set in. Then some political party will be swept to victory on a platform that calls for reduced legislation and elimination of regulatory activities that do more harm than good.

IT CAN'T BE DONE

Prosperity cannot be restored by standing around and whining about inequality of opportunity.

Law enactment can never take the place of industry and thrift as potential factors in permanent prosperity.

Waste may not be indulged in without the danger of facing want.

Theories are not fit foundation stones for government until they have been made demonstrated facts.

Law enactment is the simplest step toward curing of evil conditions but law enforcement is impossible without the backing of public opinion.

This country cannot waste and have; it cannot stand still and go on to perfection; it cannot destroy and keep; it cannot build from the top downward.

There are some things that simply can't be done.—Omaha Bee.

Farmers are not foolish as a rule. They will keep right on plowing and planting, in season, instead of waiting for the farm bloc to do it for them.—Toledo Blade.

New Seasonable Goods

We have just received a big shipment of new, seasonable goods of all kinds. Why buy from a stock that is depleted and picked over when we offer you an absolutely new, clean stock of Dry Goods and Notions that are just in the shelves and at new low prices?

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| <p>HANDKERCHIEFS—Ladies handkerchiefs in a wide range of colors and patterns, all new 10c to 25c</p> <p>LADIES' KID BELTS—Wide and narrow widths, white and colors 25c and 50c</p> <p>"LADY BOBBY" COMBS—Taking the place of barrets, absolutely new 10 to 50c</p> <p>SANTOIR COMBS—For bobbed hair at 25c and 50c</p> <p>RIBBONS of all colors and kinds up from per yard 5c</p> | <p>LACES—A most complete stock at all prices.</p> <p>TOWELS—A bleached Turkish towel, 22x40 ins., per pair 50c</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A Real Bargain</p> <p>Binding, braids and edging in all colors and kinds in packages of 3 to 6 yards, at 10c and 15c</p> <p>TATTING EDGES—all colors, yd. 5c</p> <p>THREAD—Silk and cotton, all colors at 5c and 10c</p> |
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PIECE GOODS

- NORMANDY VOILE**—New pieces, several colors, absolutely guaranteed in every way, per yard **50c and 60c**
- Silk mixed canton crepe, all colors, regular \$2.00 grade, at only per yard **\$1.65**
- Hilk mixed printed crepe, wide range of colors, was \$1.25 per yard, now only **\$1.00**
- CREPE DE CHINE**—All colors, regular \$1.50 value, now at only **\$1.25**
- Plenty of cotton crepe, charmeuse and lingette for underwear at only **25c to 75c**
- TISSUES**—Wide range of patterns, very appropriate now at only **40c to 65c**
- LADIES GOWNS**—in muslin and serpentine crepe at only **\$1.00 to \$1.50**
- LADIES' UNIONS**—in knit, plain and silk stripes at only **50c and \$1.00**

MEN'S READY-TO-WEAR

Our stock of men's ready-to-wear is complete. Just received a new shipment of hats, gloves, underwear, socks, handkerchiefs, etc. Also a complete line of trousers, collars, shirts ties and shoes.



Humming Bird
PURE SILK HOSIERY
 WEARS LONGER

Humming Bird, Pure Silk Hose, all colors, the best on earth, at **\$1.50**

"Seven Seventy Four"—the best ladies silk hose in town, all colors, at **\$2.00**

Henry Dailey & Co.

Where the Price is absolutely right

CATARRH

Catarrh is a Local disease greatly influenced by Constitutional conditions. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE consists of an Ointment which gives Quick Relief by local application, and the Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces and assists in ridding your System of Catarrh. Sold by druggists for over 40 Years. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

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is a prescription for Malaria, Chills and Fever, or Bilious Fever. It kills the germs.

ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN

An impatient act expert of the early days used as his assistant a beautiful young woman, who posed fearlessly against a wooden background while the "artist" outlined her figure with knives, spears, and battle-axes. At the finish of the act the girl would step smilingly from her framework of cutlery and bow to the audience. On one occasion, how-

ever, when the girl became ill, the man had to scour the town for some one to take her place, and the only one he could find with nerve enough was a girl who was homely enough to curdle milk by looking at it. When the man poised the first knife, took careful aim, and sent it hurling toward the board, a gruff voice was heard to exclaim: "Blowed if he ain't mis-hered."



THE WINDOW OF PROSPERITY

When you make it a habit to pass a part of your earnings through the Receiving window of this Bank each pay day you are looking regularly through the Window of Prosperity.

Almost without exception the great fortunes of today had their foundation in small sums saved in this manner, and there is no reason in the world why you should not start the same way.

The opportunities to become wealthy today are more plentiful than ever before, but you must make a start by Saving.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank
Grapeland, - Texas

At your Service--

M.K.T

Missouri-Kansas-Texas Lines
"EVERY MILE A RAILROAD"

THE KATY FLYER
THE KATY LIMITED
TEXAS SPECIAL

—TO—

POINTS IN TEXAS, OKLAHOMA AND KANSAS CITY, ST. LOUIS and Points Beyond

Complete Pullman and Dining Car Service
Also

"The 11 o'clock Katy"

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Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco, Temple, Austin and San Antonio

For Further Information Call or Write

W. G. CRUSH
PASSENGER TRAFFIC MANAGER
DALLAS, TEXAS

STATE FAIR PREMIUM LIST FOR 1924 NOW BEING DISTRIBUTED

Containing 168 attractive pages, with ten colored inserts, and carrying premiums and purses of more than \$75,000, the premium list for the State Fair of Texas at Dallas, Oct. 11-26, this year, is now being distributed. A copy has been received by this paper and the volume contains much interesting reading.

There will be thirteen days of racing at this year's State Fair, and the live stock and poultry shows, it is declared, will be bigger and more comprehensive than any before.

Many changes will be noted in buildings at the Fair of 1924. The former Coliseum is being turned into a magnificent, great Agricultural Building, which will bring agricultural interests right at the entrance of Fair Park. The interior of the main exhibit building is also being made over in most attractive style, with the basic plan the colorful Spanish effect.

There will be a big musical "revue" given in a theatre structure especially built to provide for this feature prior to completion of the new auditorium to be erected in the Gaston Park tract of the grounds, and "Tokyo," based on the great Japanese earth quake, will be the nightly big fireworks feature.

Copies of the premium list are being mailed to all exhibitors of previous record. Those desiring copies may secure them by applying to W. H. Stratton, Secretary, State Fair of Texas, Dallas, Texas.

Brimberry Thanks Voters

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the voters for the support given me in the primary last Saturday. While I was defeated, yet I hold no malice or ill will toward anyone, and the new friends I made in the campaign more than repays me for the efforts put forth to win the office.

Ben Brimberry.

AT METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school 10 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m.
No preaching at night.
Preaching at Reynard 3:30 p. m.

This will be the beginning of our meeting here.

We begin our meeting at Percilla Sunday week, August 10th. Rev. A. A. Tharp of Groveton will be with us in this meeting and Miss Dickey will lead the singing.

B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

If you can't work well in hot weather take Prickly Ash Bitters, it purifies the stomach, liver and bowels and fortifies the body to resist the depressing influence of summer heat. It is fine for working men. Price \$1.25 per bottle Wade L. Smith Special Agent.

A beautiful line of gents' dress caps at the Variety Store.

ADVERTISING IS PUBLIC PROTECTION

Rarely have the main truths about advertising been compressed into fewer comprehensive words than in the opening sentences of Francis H. Sisson's address to the convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World in London. To Mr. Sisson, who is vice president of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, was assigned the subject "Advertising as a creator of public standards in business." He said "it leads to the consideration of advertising not primarily as a sales aid or business stimulant, but as a moral force, establishing business ideals and ethics, impelling quality as well as quantity production. It brings business out into the open. It invites inspection. It seeks the light and bids its devotees as children of the light to walk in the light. It forces its users to square promises with performance. It gives greater character and permanence to business and assures the delivery of goods 'as advertised,' or failure."

Advertising has put popular trust into business and increased the faith of man and his fellows. It has been one of the most constructive moral forces of the ages. It has been the chief aid to the orderly progress of enterprise, has removed business from the borderline of chaos and stabilized it in the broad field of public confidence. Concurrently it has cut the ground from under the feet of the agitator and demagogue. These gentry are still with us, and active, but they do not fool the people as once they did. Their lamentations and their canards crash against the shield of truth, advertising and are harmless. The public ruin which their success would bring is forefended by the truth spread far and wide by printers' ink. Advertising is the people's protection. Crooked advertisers there are, but their careers are short because publicity is the foe of misrepresentation. The crooked advertiser is soon found out and gets his deserts. And this strengthens the case for advertising as the moral force which Mr. Sisson described it.

The Associated Advertising Clubs of the World has for its mission not merely the expansion of advertising, the improvement of the art of advertising, but the increase of public faith in advertisements through sheer merit. And it is achieving success deservedly.

BEAUTY, EFFICIENCY AND THE FARM HOME

Mr. David J. Morris owns Rosehill Farm, at Weir, Williamson County, Texas. He has written a story for the Grape-land Messenger on the Beauty and Efficiency of the farm home, which will be published in our monthly Magazine Section August 7th, 1924.

Mr. Morris' story is interestingly told throughout. You are sure to enjoy it. There is food for thought in what he says.

JONES THANKS VOTERS

I take this means of extending sincere thanks to the voters of Precinct No. 5 for the splendid vote given me last Saturday, resulting in my nomination for the office of public weigher. Upon my election it will be my aim to so render service that everyone will be satisfied. Again I thank you. Sincerely,
Homer Jones.

World is Growing Better

In spite of the pranks of modernism and the festivities in crime, the world must be growing better, because the churches are growing stronger.

The churches certainly could not be growing in membership and usefulness and the world be growing worse at the same time. The gain in church influence represents a corresponding gain in the cause of Christianity, and the rate at which the churches are gaining ground indicates ultimate complete conquest of the forces of evil—Charlotte Observer.

Unshorn Tresses Useful

Miss Noni Ward of Washington owes her life to the fact that she is distinctive among her girl friends because she has not succumbed to the bobbed-hair style. While at work at the department of agriculture a large piece of plaster fell from the ceiling and hit her on the head. Her heavy tresses broke the force of the blow. Now Miss Ward is reciting: "Barber, spare that hair, Touch not a single tress; From death it sheltered me, I can use 'it all, I guess."

Man takes a chance when he marries but gets very little chance after that.—Jersey Journal.

WRIGLEYS
Chew it after every meal!
It stimulates appetite and aids digestion. It makes your food do you more good. Note how it relieves that stuffy feeling after hearty eating.
Whitens teeth, sweetens breath and it's the goody that Loo-o-o.

ABSTRACTS
You cannot sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the Only complete up-to-date Abstract Land Titles of Houston County.
J. W. YOUNG
Crockett, Texas

LONE STAR KLAN 23
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
Grapeland, Texas
Meets the Third Saturday Night in each month
Members urged to attend
Visiting Klansmen Welcome

Be of good cheer about death, and know of a surety that no evil can happen to a good man either in life or after death.—Socrates.

Put a Part of It Away

As you receive money as a reward for your services, whether you get it daily, weekly, or monthly, make it a habit to put part of it in our bank. There will come a day in your life, sooner or later, when the possession of money will mean the difference between success and failure.

If you have saved, have the money when you need it, then you can take advantage of opportunity when it is open.

WHAT'S THE USE
By L. F. Van Zelm
© Writers Newspaper Club

SYMPATHY

OH MRS. FEDDERHEAD, WHO DO YOU THINK VOT I SEEN TODAY?—LIZZIE, DER LAUNDRESS—VI I AINDT SEEN HER SINCE REVOR VOT HER HUSBUN DIED, SO I SEZ TO HER, KINDA COMFORTIN' LIKE— I SEZ

LIZZ, MINE HEART TO YOU GOES OUT IN YOUR LONESOMENESS—IT MUST BE AWFUL TO SEE DOT, EMPTY CHAIR ALONG DER SIDE WUN DER TABLE GESITTIN' UND DEM EMPTY SLIPPERS DER BED UNDER

BUT STILL, LIZZ, I SEZ I WOULDN'T WORRY MUCH—HE WASN'T SO GOOD TO YOU—REMEMBER DER TIMES VOT HE USED TO BEAT YOU—VELL DON'T WORRY, HE'LL SUFFER UND GESIZZLE FOR DOT ALL RIGHT

YOU KNOW, MRS FEDDERHEAD, I JYST COULDN'T HELP BEIN' SYMPATHETIC

"NINETEEN YEARS AGO"

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

The scholastic population for the Grapeland Independent School District in 1905 was 563. The per capita state appropriation was \$5.25.

George Richards came in from Troup Monday night to visit friends and relatives a few days.

In the case of B. S. Harrison, charged with assault to murder his divorced wife, on trial in the District Court at Palestine last week, a verdict was rendered for the defendant and Harrison is now a free man. The case was a very sensational one, with some very sensational features. Some witnesses swore they saw Harrison in Palestine the night of the attempt to kill, and others just as positively swore he was elsewhere. At a previous trial, Harrison was found guilty and sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary, but was granted a new hearing.

Misses Jewel and Luna Taylor of Reynard are in the city visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Knox Miller of Houston came in Saturday night to visit Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Spence.

Elonzie Tyer and John Burden left Tuesday night, Elonzie going to Dallas to visit his brother, Albert, and John to Wills Point to visit relatives.

Jack Spence's buggy horse took a kicking spell Monday

afternoon on the street and kicked out the front end of the buggy.

Rev. J. B. Luker of Burke visited relatives and friends in the city Sunday and Monday, and filled the pulpit at the Methodist church for Rev. Morgan Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lea left last Saturday for Chathamville, La., where Mr. Lea has a position as station agent with the Tremont & Gulf railway.

Zander Woodell, Hood Murchison, Harold Leaverton, Luscious Browning, Harold Hollingsworth and "the cook" left Monday afternoon for Trinity river to spend a few days fishing and fighting mosquitoes. We hope they will succeed in making "a good catch."

Mrs. H. C. Leaverton visited relatives at Crockett several days this week.

Byron Bush came down from Palestine Saturday and visited home folk at Percilla Sunday.

Mrs. Dr. Meriwether and children of Latexo were in the city Tuesday.

Miss Florence Keen came in Monday night from Knoxville, Tenn., where she has been attending school. Miss Florence will spend several weeks here and at Daly's visiting friends and relatives, then will go to Houston, where she has a position in the Heights' school.

THE PASSING DAY

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

Most of us are quitters. We start out well, but most of us soon tire in what we undertake. This characteristic develops early in life. It is much in evidence with students of the University of Texas with whom I come in contact, and, for that matter, with young people everywhere. They start to school with their minds made up to use their time to the best of their advantage; in a short time they begin to weaken in their determination, and by the end of the first term they are sent home solely because they lack interest in their studies. They are just quitters, plain quitters, who lack the energy to work at a thing till they succeed.

Once the piking habit is formed, it is hard to shake it off. It soon develops into an "oh-what's-the-use" attitude toward everything in life that requires effort. The school loafer in most cases will loaf along through life whenever he gets the chance. Procrastination soon becomes habitual. It is always easier to follow the lines of least resistance, to drift from one day into another. It takes effort to go against the current, and when effort fails not only does progress stop, but the advance already made is soon lost, and more strength is required for another trial.

One often wonders why some fail in business while others with less capital, fewer friends, and poorer opportunities succeed. The failures are usually quitters. They start out well with plenty of money, many acquaintances and bright prospects, but when reverses come or business gets dull, they stop and take a rest. I once knew a prosperous merchant with a good trade who found his business up against a serious drouth that considerably diminished trade. He decided to begin to cut down expenses by cutting off his advertising. He saved some \$30.00 a month in that way, but his business fell away to almost nothing. A young fellow, almost a stranger in the town doubled his advertising as the drouth became worse, and was soon doing twice as much business as any store in the town. The old merchant had to close his store after two years of unprofitable business, but the chap who wouldn't quit is now the leading merchant of that town.

Some farmers are quitters. When the sun gets hot and the ground gets so dry that weeds will not grow, they quit working their crops. They reason that as weeds are not growing and rains do not bake the soil there is no need to keep the plows and hoes going. It does not take a good farmer to see the folly of such a method. Farming requires intelligent action just as much as it is needed in business. The worse the crop prospects look the greater, usually, is the need for hard work and intelligent effort. Whatever one is doing should get his best efforts all the time and especially when the outlook is most discouraging.

When the smoke of this political campaign has cleared away, as it will soon clear, we will be left wondering why so many people allowed themselves to get so excited. It is good politics for candidates to arouse the people to a high pitch of political fervor, for otherwise many of them would go through a campaign unnoticed, but it is largely a wasteful pastime for the average citizen. He seems

to enjoy it, though and as it is a harmless sport, no serious objection can be offered. It enables voters to let out a large amount of pent-up enthusiasm in a way that does little or no harm.

Mist of the large towns in Texas are growing. Many new and improved homes are being built in them. Except along a few well constructed highways not many new country homes have been built in this State in the last few years. The most noticeable improvement in country districts recently has been in the school buildings, largely as a result of consolidating school districts. The ideal condition is where farm improvements keep steady pace with those in the towns and cities. Improved machinery and quick transportation over country roads are taking many people out of the country, because so many are not needed to do the farm work. Those who are left in the country should soon be doing well enough to build better homes and to live more comfortably.

PERCILLA NEWE

Percilla, July 28.—The weather here continues hot and dry. All crops are too far gone now for rain to do any good. The premature opening of cotton has begun.

Mrs. J. W. Furr and daughter, Miss Ina, left Friday for a visit with relatives at Wichita Falls.

C. E. Jones and family left Sunday for a visit with relatives in Abilene and some other West Texas cities.

Mrs. Clay Henderson spent the past week with relatives in Palestine and with her husband who is working there at the barber's trade.

Chester Sewell of Howard County is here visiting oldtime friends and relatives.

May Jones and family visited D. M. Jones here Sunday. Charlie Diekey and wife of

Palestine visited relatives here Sunday.

Charlie Hendricks and family of Palestine visited here Sunday and attended singing Sunday night.

Milton Adams and Miss Lola Belle Dickey made a trip to Centerville Sunday, where we understand Milton is to teach a singing school in the near future.

THOUGHT MONKEY WAS A BABY

Honey Grove, Texas, July 27.—Citizens living a few miles southwest of this city were upset Sunday morning, not so much over the result of the election, as at the finding of what they thought to be the decomposed body of an infant, encased in a small box.

They summoned Justice of the Peace John T. Damron of Honey Grove to hold an inquest. The Coroners' verdict was that the body was that of a monkey.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to announce that the singing school which was to begin at Livelyville August 4th has been put off one week and will begin August 11th.

W. J. Wilkins, John Adams, W. C. Howard, Committee.

Old hats made new. Have Lewis to clean and reblock them

"Well, now your paper is out, so you can take it easy," was the remark of a visitor at the Independent office the other day. At the very moment he got off his wise crack we were laboring on the typewriter on material for next week's paper. One of the nicest things about publishing a paper, you know, is that when you get out one issue all in the world you have to do is to set to work to get out another one.—Eskridge (Kan.) Independent.

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JERUSALEM'S WATER SUPPLY

The solidity and enduring quality of Roman masonry have been a proverb for generations. That they may be put to modern uses is not so familiar an idea, in spite of occasional instances. Most remarkable of these is the present employment by the department of public works in Palestine of the reservoirs built during the Roman regime to supply Jerusalem with water. The Pools of Solomon—which have nothing to do with that monarch except that they are located near the gardens named for him—were constructed by Roman engineers to supply a population that must have been much the size of that which occupies the Holy Land today. They consist of three large reservoirs with a total capacity of 40,500,000 gallons and are situated about eight miles from the capital. Two have been cleaned out, the leaks that have developed during centuries of disuse have been stopped up, and, and—presto!—Jerusalem has water-works as modern as the heart of an engineer could desire. Even the surface aqueduct and tunnels that the Romans left have been repaired and are in use, connecting the pools with their source of supply, a large spring rising in the cavern called Bir Darash. The latter operation required the removal of a huge quantity of silt and stones.—Living Age.

Don't Waste Those Squeals

The meat packers say they make use of every part of a pig except the squeal. But now the radio manufacturers seem to be doing that.—Winton Vindicator.

No insurance has yet been found which will prevent death and destruction from fire or accidents; hence it pays to be careful.

Political Announcements

The following announcements are subject to the action of the run-off democratic primary Saturday, August 23:

For Commissioner Prec. 1: S. W. Duitch. W. H. Holcomb Jr.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES

For Congress, 7th District: Clay Stone Briggs

For District Attorney, Third Judicial District: W. D. Justice

For Representative: C. C. Rice

For County Treasurer: Frank H. Butler

For Sheriff: O. B. (Deb) Hale

For Tax Assessor: Will McLean

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

For Tax Collector: John L. Dean

For County Superintendent: Mrs. Gertie Sallas

For County Clerk: W. D. Collins

For County Attorney: Earle P. Adams

For County Judge: Leroy L. Moore

For Justice of Peace Prec. 5: Jno. A. Davis

For Commissioner Prec. 2: C. A. Story

For Public Weigher: Homer Jones

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

ROBERTSON BOWS IN REVERENT THANKS

Judge Felix D. Robertson of Dallas leading candidate for governor, has issued the following statement:

"Having made a fair, clean campaign on issues with malice to none and charity to all, I first bow in reverent thanks to him who rules the affairs of men, and then, hand in hand with my wife, who has so nobly stood by my side in joy and sorrow, we come to express our profound thanks to the thousands of men and women who have made our victory possible.

"Let me assure the people of Texas that I hold no ill will against anyone who voted against me; on the other hand, I respectfully solicit the support of all who honestly differed with me and ask them to join in the good work of giving Texas common-sense, honest, Christian government.

"Let us drive intolerance from our hearts so that we may meet the future with clear vision and steadfast purpose."

Reflections of a Bachelor Girl

By HELEN ROWLAND

A WOMAN would rather have you assure her that her eyes were like "twin stars" than tell her of the discovery of seven new planets.

Alas, when did a bald spot, or a lean purse, or a tendency to embonpoint ever deter any man from seeking a perfect woman for his mate?

No matter how a wife may long to see her husband "well-groomed," somehow, it always gives her a cold shock of suspicion when he comes home with a bright, new, pink polish on his finger nails.

A man who can remark in an abstract way that he "loves the beautiful" and at the same time gaze into a woman's eyes with such concrete significance that it gives her a little thrill, has mastered the art that conceals art—to say nothing of the first law of nature.

"Beware of the Greeks when they offer gifts"—and beware of a woman when she ceases arguing and begins smiling at a man's defections.

A bachelor's feeling toward a married man is something like that of the homeless stray, who gazes with mingled scorn, pity, amusement and envy at the pampered, overfed pet Pooz straining at his leash.

Sudden shock has been known to turn a woman's hair white in a night—but then, sudden determination will always turn it dark, again, in a day. Isn't nature wonderful?

A woman's pity for a discarded lover may be akin to love; but a man's pity for the woman he has just escaped is a blood relative to ennui.

Bachelors are like barges without tugs; they may carry a lot of weight, but they never get anywhere.

Man proposes—but not until woman has got him so blindest and tangled up that he can't see any other way out.

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A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

GREETING

WHEN I wake o' mornings, at the break of day, "Hello, everybody," 's what I'd like to say. Meeting with a greeting friendly in its style, Everybody, everywhere, who'd care to have a smile; And for the beginning there's no better time Than this very morning when I write my rhyme. So, whoever you may be—I don't really care—Hello, everybody! Hello, every-where! (© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

Stage Type.

"My bride is rather disappointed about housekeeping." "What's the trouble?" "She can't get a maid who will carry to the door in the medical comedies she goes to see."

Among the natives of Nigeria, the fathers of the tribe are said to be fond of their children, but are never guilty of carrying them.

DEAD MAN VOTED IN PRIMARY

Fort Worth, Texas, July 28.—Voting in the Democratic primary election here, Ed Sorrels, County Clerk of Tarrant County, cast a ballot for a dead man.

Mr. Sorrels cast a vote for C. A. Puckett at the Eighth Ward Fire Hall voting booth, while funeral services for Mr. Puckett were being held at the Central Methodist Church, just across the street.

Mr. Puckett made out his ballot some days ago, before leaving Fort Worth for El Paso, under the provisions of the absentee voting law. He died on Wednesday, en route to El Paso, and the County Clerk cast the ballot for the dead man.—Dallas Nws.

Decent Burial for Aged Mule

A mule that was 39 years old died in Collin county the other day. Not much of an item for a newspaper, you will say, but we see in it a great big story. The owner of the mule gave the beast a decent burial, by wrapping the body in a shroud and burying it in a shady nook on the farm. The owner said the mule had toiled for him 36 years—helped to raise his children—and after had grown too old to work, tender care was given. A monument will mark the mule's resting place. Men are slow to recognize the service rendered them by the dumb animals, and when we find a man who shows appreciation of the brute that helped him to feed his family, we feel that he is entitled to honorable mention and the highest commendation. The scriptures tell us that a righteous man regardeth his brute. If a man fails to meet this Scripture test his claims to righteousness are but sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.—Honey Grove Signal.

America's Marvels NATURAL AND OTHERWISE

By T. T. Maxey

THE CRADLE OF LIBERTY

Independence hall, oft referred to as "The Cradle of Liberty," in historic Chestnut street, Philadelphia, where "Uncle Sam" was born, more than 166 years ago, stands and looks very much as it did when, on July 4, 1776, the liberty bell rang out to the world from its place in the tower the news that the colonies in America had agreed to withdraw from the rule of England.

The plans for this venerable brick building, which is 100 feet long and 44 feet wide, were laid in 1729. Except for the wings and the tower, the structure was completed a few years later as a home for the Continental congress.

Possessed of a simple dignity and a quiet charm, Independence hall is a substantial and imposing relic of Colonial architecture—perhaps the most historic of all American buildings. To and through it come and go annually hundreds of thousands of citizens, representing every state in the Union and many lands beyond the seas.

This building has been the center of many a stirring and history-making scene. In it met that Continental congress which debated, then shaped, subsequently adopted, and finally signed, the Declaration of Independence. From its steps this precious document was read to the people. In it George Washington was commissioned commander in chief of the Continental armies. It was here that the first American flag was raised on his birthday in 1861. It was to this building that his body was carried to lie in state, and here it was that congress convened, following the close of the Revolutionary war during the summer of 1787, to agree to sign a constitution for the newly-created United States.

The room in which, one by one, the authorized representatives of the 13 colonies advanced in a tense atmosphere and affixed their signatures in ratification of the Declaration of Independence is indeed dignified. The walls of the building are graced with portraits of the signers and a painting of that dramatic moment when the signing was in progress.

Liberty bell, the most famous of all bells in America, was removed from the tower many, many years ago, and now reposes within a glass cabinet on the main floor, almost directly beneath the location from which it rang out the message of freedom on July 4, 1776. (© 1924, Western Newspaper Union.)

OUR HONOR ROLL

The following have our thanks for their subscription: Grapeland—Mrs. Josie Taylor. Route 1—John Masters. Route 2—Chuck Skidmore. Percilla—R. F. Lively, M. H. Sammons. Elkhart—Miss Bula Sheridan. Crockett—Frank Butler. Feaumont—Mrs. J. C. Sanders. Troup—A. C. Driskell. Alexandria, La.—Chas. Kent. Colored—J. W. Walker, Route 4.

The Bad and the Good in us

An inconsiderable number of our disappointments and failures in life comes from over-readiness to let the worst in us conquer the best in us. And there are too many people in the world who exert every effort to drag others down; do their "darndest" to destroy in them all that is good and fine and worth while. But,—thanks to a generous Providence, there are others; men and women who help mankind upward,—help it to do great things and good things.—Facts and Fiction.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Spence and children and the latter's sister, Mrs. R. H. Wherry, of Memphis, spent last week end in Galveston.



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Someone has suggested that as a means of decreasing grade crossing accidents, signs be put back two or three hundred feet. That might do good, but we doubt it. Of the fifteen or so thousand persons killed in grade crossing accidents each year, 99 and 44-100 per cent are people who know the railroad is there, but bet with eternity that they can beat the train across, and lose. The way to eliminate grade crossing accidents is to educate the young. Since it is claimed that a child's education begins one hundred years before it is born, we

might begin now and insure against grade crossing accidents one hundred years from now. Of course, by 2024 all our traffic may be by airplane, and then the grade crossing wouldn't avail.—Southwestern Machinery.

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