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## WOODMEN TO HOLD BIG CELEBRATION

Dedication Ceremonies and Banquet for Entertainment of the Visitors.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7 THE DATE

All Camps and Circles with Their Families Invited to Participate in the Festivities.

The local Camp of the Woodmen of the World are preparing a big affair for March 7th, to celebrate the completion of the payments on their building. The event will be dedication ceremony and banquet, and all the Camps in Young county with the Circles, and their families have been invited to participate.

In 1907 the Woodmen of this place entered into a contract for a two-story building. The building was erected and payments have been made on it regularly since that time. The first of March will be the last payment and the members feel disposed to celebrate the occasion in a manner befitting the undertaking that has been accomplished.

This will no doubt be the largest affair of its kind ever given by a fraternal organization in this county and the credit for the occasion is due almost wholly to Sov. W. J. Rehder, who has done more for this order than any other man in the county. He never fails to say something for the W. O. W. whenever occasion arises, and has written nearly every application for new members in the past several months for the local camp.

Sov. Rehder has three boys who are members of the Camp and on the last meeting brought in the application of a fourth son, the last one of the family old enough to join. Mr. Rehder will be in charge of the celebration and everyone that knows him feels sure the visitors will be royally entertained.

Following is the program: Competitive drill of W. O. W. Teams at 12 o'clock. Dinner—1 to 3 o'clock. Free moving pictures—1 to 3 o'clock. Street parade forms at W. O. W. Hall at 3:30 o'clock. W. O. W. Oration at 4 o'clock. Lunch—6 o'clock. Exhibition drill by winning team—8 o'clock. Dedication ceremonies—8:30. Music by the band.

### A Fine Grade.

The following honor roll from the Upper Tonk Valley school is very remarkable for a school in the country, and we doubt if another in the whole county could make a better showing. The Reporter invites other schools to send in their honor roll.

The fourth Grade made the highest average for the past month. Below are their names: Inez Cherryhomes, Pearl Lowery, Lara Seddon, Allie Thomas, Ray Thomas.

The average for each of these pupils for the month was 90-3-5.

Messrs. E. W. Fry and R. L. Tankersley made a business trip to Woodson this week.

## What We Find on Record at the Court House.

The 1874 returns show: For Graham, 101; for Belknap, 4; for Center, 24. Signed by N. J. Timmons and Judge Glasgow.

"I hereby enter my protest against the above order. Signed H. D. Williams."

Nov. 3, 1874, votes canvassed. Nov. 24, 1874, records ordered moved. (Vol. 1 1/2, pages 10-11, Commissioners' Record.)

I think you will find that the county borrowed \$20,000 last year and paid 10 per cent on it.

Now, all I ask of any man, when he hears of this great gun play in 1874, when, it is said by some, the records were stolen from Belknap, is for you to go to the court house and see the records for yourself and listen to nobody's bosh. And as for the condition the court house is in, go and look at it with your own eyes. As for the jail, it has been holding them all right. Possibly since the county has been thicker settled it may be it needs to be larger. As for the people carrying guns those days, it would have been very foolish for a man to have gone without one.

I have no interest either at Newcastle or Graham, but if our hearts still beat on the right side we ought to remember what the Graham citizens have done for us. There are a whole lot of us who would have had to do our voting in some other county if we could not have had help.

Who is it?—M. K. Graham, E. B. Norman, S. R. Crawford, and all the merchants in town, and I venture to say that some of them are now carrying accounts that are thirty years old.

M. K. Graham brought in a car of oats that money could not buy, but the farmers who did not have the money got them.

Now, all I ask is for the voters of Young county and their wives to sit down by their own firesides and talk the matter over and decide whether it is best for them to throw aside \$300,000 of what is already paid for, or shall we shoulder an indebtedness of at least \$600,000 to make improvements that will have to be at the mining town of Newcastle, on the brakes of the Brazos.

This is not for us old fellows alone, but for our children—yes, our grandchildren, who will never see the day when it is all paid.

So I will close by saying: God bless the little girl that signs herself "Western Girl," and who said, "I am yelling for Graham."

C. D. Yancy.

### Christian Endeavor Program.

Consecration meeting. Topic, The Ideal Christian; Practical Service; Observation meeting.

Leader—Miss Roberta Akin. Silent prayer.

One verse of a song interspersed between each of the following one-minute talks:

Matt. 5:13-24—Leader

Read the scripture lesson; make the comments.

Testifying, Acts 1:6-11—Estelene Price, Mrs. Hudson.

Shining Lines, Eph. 5:3-14—Mary Hudson, J. W. Akin.

Serving the Poor, Matt. 19:16-22—Richard Price, Fred Hudson.

Leaving the Nation, Rom. 13:1-10—Clara Price, Mr. Rose.

Serving the Church, Acts 6:1-7—M. M. Akin, H. D. Akin.

Serving the Lost, Matt. 9:32-38—Marjory Hudson, Mr. Jones.

Roll call answered by an observation on service that we may do or suggest.

Closing exercises.

## Standing of Contestants

The following nominations in The Reporter Piano Contest have been received up to the present time. Look over the list and select the candidate you want to support and help her out. This piano is a valuable prize and one that will grace the home of any lady.

Mrs. H. W. McGowan, Graham	48,000
Miss Stella McBride, Lone Oak	27,000
Miss Bessie Hinson, Salem	22,000
Mrs. Ella Carter, Graham	17,500
Miss Ramelle Cooper, Graham	7,000
Miss Myrtle Sensibaugh, Spring Creek	7,000
Mrs. Brit Alford, Flat Rock	6,000
Mrs. Lillie May Gregg, Markley	5,000
Miss Clara Rowe, Briar Branch	4,000
Mrs. Rhema Campbell, Proffitt	4,000
Miss Lila Ritchey, Cedar Creek	3,000
Miss Stella Stephenson, Bryson	3,000

Owing to the fact that several of the contestants were late in getting their reports to the office we did not publish the changes in the votes but will do so next week, and we wish to urge all the contestants to hand in their subscriptions not later than Wednesday at noon.

This is the best time possible to get subscriptions to The Reporter as the people all over the county are vitally interested in the county seat proposition and are clamoring for news about it. Quite a number of subscriptions came into the office unsolicited this week and we feel sure that if each contestant will use her best endeavors it will be no trouble at all to get a large number of subscriptions.

The contest will not last much longer and you had better make hay while the sun shines. Some one is going to get that fine piano. Will it be you?

## The Court House Proposition At the Temple of Learning.

Why do you want to make a debt for your children to finish paying?

Who would want to put their children in school at a town like Newcastle?

Why do you want to move the county site from a clean town to the roughest place in the county?

Isn't it a fact that Graham was a business town when there was nothing in that part of the county and carried the county over those hard years?

Isn't it a fact that lots of people would have lost their farms if the business men of Graham had not carried them over year after year?

How many of the men that are yelling Newcastle are going to Graham for all their accommodations?

If the court house was at Newcastle the people in the North east and South east would be twenty-five to thirty-five miles away and very rough road.

The people that are the farthest away now have good roads.

I think it would be better to put the money on the roads as it is badly needed and nothing adds to a country more than good roads.

Let's be careful and not do something that we will be sorry of.

To move it to Newcastle would benefit just a few men as a good part of the homes there are rent places.

Most of the people in Graham own their property and are at home.

I think all we need to do is to study this proposition over and then vote our sentiments.

We have got this one paid for and in a good quiet business town and reasonable handy for all, so let's let well enough alone.

N. E. Cantwell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Loving arrived here Saturday from their wedding tour to San Antonio, New Orleans and other points of interest. On behalf of this community, The News extends Mrs. Loving a welcome to our midst. —Jermy News.

The Seniors held their regular meeting last Wednesday afternoon. Reports of the various committees were received and directions given them. After some minor business had been attended to the class adjourned.

On Monday afternoon a called meeting of the Seniors was held and at this meeting it was decided that a year book should be published in honor of the Seniors and as a memorial of their last days at High School. This is something entirely new to the school and shows very well the progressive spirit of the Seniors. Only a few of the largest schools of the state attempt an undertaking similar to this, so it places the school in its proper class, among the largest and best in the state. After a committee to look after the publishing and naming of the book had been appointed and reports of the other committees received the class adjourned.

Miss Fannie Bye Rogers has been indisposed to the extent that she has not been able to meet her classes this week.

It has been necessary to have a substitute teacher at the 4th St. School this week to take the place of Miss Ethel Atwood.

The Juniors have adopted the following novel way of writing their class roll:

Jewell Steen  
Allie Hogue  
Mario Copeland  
John Fisher  
Joe Wootton  
Ethel Birdwell  
Ada Rickman  
Leonard Norman  
Mary Allen  
Elver Stone  
Henry Schlittler  
Nelle Graham  
Bryan Hall  
R. F. Short

The Newton Stock Company, showing at the Graham Theatre, played to a full house on Monday night. The play Monday night was given a generous amount of applause and the audience seemed very well pleased with the show. They play here tonight and for the balance of the week.

## Is it Applying the Doctrine of "Equal Rights to All, and Special Privileges to None," when You Make the Rich Richer and Poor Poorer?

We would deem it a duty left undone if we did not say something on the county seat question in defense of the plain people. The whole proposition of moving the county seat was gotten up by moneyed people, and we doubt if there was a single man of moderate means who had a hand in fostering this thing on the people, unless he had a grudge or was paid to do it.

The moving of the county seat would not for an instant hurt any man who has lots of money. He could just transfer his investment to another point and go on making money just the same as before.

But the poor man will be the one to suffer in such a move. The tenant farmer, constituting the largest part of the population of Young county would be the first man to suffer in the move. To him it would mean living under adverse circumstances for twenty years, because of the burden of high taxes laid on the landlord, keeping him from improving his tenant's home. We do not mean the landlord who has his thousands, but the man who owns just a farm or two. For several years past very little has been produced in this county and the landlord has made practically nothing on his farm investments and he is not now able to put the necessary improvements on the place where the tenant has to live. If you add this extra burden to his expense account you, the tenant, make your own condition worse. Just study that out for a moment and see if you do not agree with us.

Next to the tenant farmer the small landholder is the man who will suffer. He, like the tenant, is in very poor condition, owing to the crop shortage for the past four years, and if the extra burden of helping to pay out three or four hundred thousand dollars, is placed on his shoulders, and we were to have one or two more crop failures, he would be in a

worse predicament than the tenant. The home should be more than just a place to live. Why not take the money that would be uselessly spent in building a new court house and jail, and turn it over to the wives of the farmers and let them buy decent household furniture and some of the things that go to make home life a pleasure.

To go back to the rich man—he makes his money by the fact of having money to make it with and in this county, he makes it off the poor man as a rule. Those in this section of the county would suffer very little, because they could buy up the farms in the central or northern part and force the poor man to pay whatever price they wanted. That would only make them richer and the poor poorer. By moving the county seat you put an inflated or water value on the land held by the rich men around Newcastle, and you well know that they are not interested in whether or not you have a home, but how much they can make on you when you take a notion to buy a home for yourself and family. Are you helping them to do it?

Every extra dollar of taxes you put on a piece of land means that the poor man will have to dig these extra dollars in the long run. The price of the extra taxes will be added to the land and then comes the extra interest you will have to pay when you buy, for nine-tenths of the farms bought are bought on credit. Is there any justice to the poor man in this?

Is it equal rights to all when you place in the hands of the rich man a weapon of this kind to fight you with? The rich men in the southern portion of the county are your friends and have proven themselves as such; can you say as much for those who are trying to get you to spend three or four hundred thousand dollars to help put money in their pockets?

### Les Hibeaux.

On last Thursday Miss Aline Johnson entertained the Les Hibeaux Club with five games of Bridge. The house was artistically decorated in cherries and Hatchets to represent George Washington's Birthday; the score cards were handpainted with George Washington's picture on them.

Mrs. Ed Graham won the high score prize and Miss Vera Norman won the second prize in a cut with all present. Delicious refreshments were served consisting of ice tea, fruit salads, pimento sandwiches and olives to the following Club members; Mesdames Q. Street, Harry Wadsworth, M. K. Graham, Ed Graham, John Gay, L. D. Clark, Frank Parrish, W. D. Norman and Robert Fowler, Misses Bladen Garrett, Eula and Allie Logan and Vera Norman.

Miss Atwood who has been confined to her bed room with a severe attack of tonsillitis for the past week, is reported improving.

### The Priscilla Club.

The Priscilla Club met with Mrs. Eugene Stovall, with eleven members present. The meeting being a business one there were no guests.

The resignation of Mesdames A. A. Morrison and H. P. Rose was accepted, though with the deepest feelings of regret as those ladies were charter members. The Club will miss them in their meetings and each member is sorry that both Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Rose felt it necessary to withdraw.

Mesdames J. F. H. Crabb and A. B. Eddleman were unanimously elected to membership and we heartily welcome these charming ladies to the Club.

Mrs. J. Hall Bowman will be hostess next week. Will all the members be present as this is to be a business meeting.

Chas. Widmayer went to Dallas this week to get two more Ford cars, these making sixteen he has sold in this county in the last few weeks.



### A West Texas Farmer.

I will try to tell the public a little of my experience in farming. I was raised in one of the best towns in Arkansas and learned to wear my pants rolled half way to my knees, my hat on one side of my head and also smoke a few cigarettes. When I was about as large as pa we moved to the farm; I did not know my age. I soon married a nice looking little Arkansas girl. She was about six by four and wore number nine shoes. You all may think she was a little large but there is more sweet in a large lump of sugar than a small one. The girl's name was Jane Janes so Jane and myself had to go farming for a living. I bought me a full set of farming tools which consisted of a six-inch turning plow and Georgia stock and took old Jude and the plow and went to the field. Jane took her tooth brush and snuff box and went along too. When we got to the field gate, a little, narrow one, old Jude, the plow and myself made it through all o. k., but Jane got hung up in the gate and I had to stop and help her out. I had to go get the ax and cut the gate post down and we started on. Of course Jane was mad at me for making the gate so small. She got so mad she began to pull her hair and stamp the ground and stepped on a thorn, and of course, as any kind husband would, I stopped and performed an operation on her foot, so we went on to the field in a good humor and good spirits. I commenced to lay off my first land. The first thing I struck was a stump. The plow flew up and the handle took effect just above the waist of my pants. I lay down in the furrow and Jane went and got the faint bottle, so I soon recovered and started on. My darned old shoe soles were tied on with wire which hung on a grub and the lines were around my waist. Old Jude just went on and stretched me plumb across the field and by the time I got back it was night and we were happy as two larks.

I will try to write again and tell some more of my trip to West Texas. WIRE FOOT BILL.

### Cotton Information

According to the census bureau cotton consumed in the United States during January amounted to 533,251 running bales, compared with 455,287 bales during January, 1912. Every month during the current season, except one, has shown a substantial increase. At this rate of consumption the American mills will use at least half a million bales more this season than they used last season.

According to Secretary Hester of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, the takings of all spinners since Sept. 1 amount to 8,260,000 bales compared with 8,233,000 last year and 6,932,000 the year before. That is but a slight increase over last year, but it indicates at least that spinners will absorb the present crop at present prices. Remembering the big crop of 1911 and the generous remnant of it that came into this season's supply, the figures impressively demonstrate that cotton under the law of supply and demand is none too high; indeed, they suggest that cotton would be much higher but for the fear of increased acreage this year. The prices of "futures" in new crop months are a full cent a pound below prices for "spots." This means that speculators are counting upon an increased supply and a consequent decline in values, while conceding the value of the present supply. If it were made plain that acreage and supply in 1913 will not be increased, then "futures" in the new crop months would be as high as "spots," for the spot price represents the actual demand less the depression of an expected increase in supply.

Farmers are forewarned that an increased acreage will prevent them from getting fair value for the remainder of the crop of 1912 and will insure lower prices for the crop of 1913.

Another important deduction from these figures is the need for further information concerning cotton demand. The census bureau reports only American consumption which is but a third of the world's consumption. If there were reliable information to show that foreign consumption is increasing in the ratio of domestic consumption, prices would undoubtedly be higher. Hence the need for the census department to expand its services and report foreign as well as domestic consumption.

The farmer is not getting a square deal from the federal government's reports on cotton statistics. Reporting "American production gives the spinners accurate information on two-thirds to three-fourths of the world's supply; reporting domestic consumption gives the farmer accurate information on only one-third of the world's demand." Ft. Worth Record.

### Pay Cash and be Happy.

There seems to be a movement on the part of the housewives and their "worse halves" particularly of the younger generation, to transact all dealings with the tradespeople on a cash basis only. The pay cash and be happy movement has been taken up by not only individuals, but also prominent magazines and newspapers, and it has gathered substance with the speed of a snowball going down hill. The following is a letter on the subject published in Pictorial Review for March 1912.

"I am a wage-earner's wife with twenty years of housekeeping blunders behind me, and I think I have learned by experience a few things worth passing on to others just starting in life.

When we married, my husband was making \$2.25 per day, which if wisely spent would have supported us comfortably and some to spare. Instead of buying a small home and economizing to pay for it while unencumbered by a family, we rented houses much larger than we needed, and moved five times in four years—twice long distances by rail. The best cooks could be had for \$1.50 per week, so I kept a servant all the time, and it was a long while before I realized that a wasteful, dishonest cook was dear at any price. I was fond of dress, too, and insisted upon having better clothes than our means justified. We were soon deeply in debt and at the mercy of the merchants with whom we traded. When pay day arrived the money had to be divided among our creditors; so we seldom got the advantage of buying for cash and often had to accept inferior goods at exorbitant prices because the article was a necessity.

"After four years of such management I began to see some of my mistakes, and I am sure that reading household articles in good magazines helped me to do so. My first step toward reform was to persuade my husband to buy a home. He ridiculed the idea—said he had nothing to buy a home with, was head over heels in debt, was not making enough money to live on, and so on. He was earning \$2.50 per day then, and the family had increased to six—three children and three adults. Taking this into consideration, it did seem preposterous to buy a home, but I was determined to have one, and finally induced him to make the venture.

We selected a large lot in new but desirable locality. The owner had a five-room cottage built on it and sold us the place under a deed of trust for \$1,000. We borrowed \$100, for the first payment and gave notes of \$100, each at 6 per cent, for nine deferred payments. This, with taxes and insurance, was about

the same as we had been paying just for the privilege of living in some one else's houses. If we had bought our home four years before it would have been half paid for at the time when we actually took possession, and we could have made the final payments much sooner and easier than we eventually did.

That was our fifth move and our last for nearly sixteen years. I dismissed the cook and buckled down to work. As I should have done at first, I studied household economy and soon discovered that our system of buying was at fault. To get the most for our money I saw that we must pay cash and buy in the largest quantities we could use to advantage; but it was a long while before I could fully test the theory on account of those old debts which harassed us for years. To pay an old bill forced us to make a new one, and so it went.

"We managed to take up our notes every year, however, lived comfortably and decently and kept our children in school. We improved the place in many ways and were doing finely when serious sickness first overtook my husband, then myself. For two years we failed to save the money necessary to pay on the home and were wondering what on earth to do about it when Providence took a hand. A legacy of \$500, to which we had no legal right and which we had never expected to get was given to us by the people who had taken it years before. It was ours by moral right; so we accepted it thankfully, took up the notes, paid our bills, and had some left.

"From then on we have prospered. My husband's salary went up to \$3 per day, and with no debts to hamper us we tried out the cash system of buying and were astonished to find how it reduced our living expenses." Pictorial Review.

### Your Boy.

A boy's world is open to no one but a boy. You never really revisit the glimpses of your boyhood, much as you may dream of it. After you get into a tail-coat and tight boots, you never set foot in a boy's world. You lose this marvelous instinct of the woods; you can't tell a pignut tree from a pecan, you can't make friends with strange dogs, you can't make the terrific noises with your mouth, you can't invent inimitable signals or the characteristic catchwords of boyhood.

He is getting on, is your boy. He reaches the dime novel age. He wants to be a missionary. Or a pirate. So far as he expresses any preference, he would rather be a pirate, an occupation in which there are more chances of making money and fewer opportunities for being devoured. He develops a yearning love for school and study about this time, also, and every time he dreams of being a pirate he dreams of hanging his dear teacher at the yardarm in the presence of the delighted scholars. His voice develops, even more rapidly and thoroughly than his morals. In the yard, on the house top, down in the street, around the corner; wherever there is a patch of ice big enough for him to break his neck on, or a pond of water deep enough to drown in, the voice of your boy is heard. He whispers in a shout, and converses in ordinary, confidential moments, in a shriek. He exchanges bits of back-fence gossip about his father's domestic matters with the boy living in the adjacent township, to which interesting revelations of home life the immediate neighborhood listens with intense satisfaction, and the two home circles in helpless dismay. He has an unconquerable hatred for company, and an aversion for walking downstairs. For a year or two his feet never touch the stairway in his decent, and his habit of polishing the stair rail by using it as a passenger tramway soon breaks the

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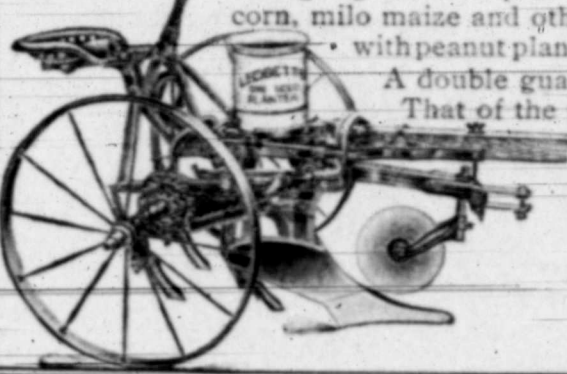
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## What Distinguishes Man from Animals?

Gratitude is a peculiar quality. You can pay a debt of gratitude or you can deny it, and it is just as fully cancelled. You may want food or clothing or money badly, and try numerous men to get them from without success. Finally you come to some man who is able and willing to supply your needs, and your heart is warm towards that kindly man. Nothing you have is too good for him. You think much of him, and mentally resolve that if you can ever do anything for him as a favor you will jump at the chance.

Circumstances change, and you are able to repay the kind friend with interest. Then this feeling of gratitude may begin to wane. Some Eliphaz, or Bildad, or Zopher reminds you that your friend was in the business of doing kindly acts of letting out food or clothing or money on poor or no security; that you have returned him the full amount with interest; that, hence he is entitled to no consideration—in fact, that he has profited so much by such transactions that he has grown wealthy, and that, according to the principles of equal rights to all and special privileges to none, you should entirely leave out of consideration this gratitude towards your kind friend, as you have fully re-

paid him in money, and give some of those who could not or would not come to your assistance an equal right to and share of your trade, with the special privilege of also growing wealthy.

Which may remind you of the story of the railroad president and one of his employes who had been with the company a long time and was living in as fine a house and wearing as many diamonds as the president himself. When the president's attention was called to the fact that the employe's salary did not seem to justify such a fine house and so many diamonds, and that the company was being robbed and that the employe should be discharged, the president replied that he did not want to fit another man out with a house and diamonds, that this man's wants must be nearly satisfied and that he would just keep him and watch him a little more closely.

So, even if it is forgotten that gratitude is what distinguishes man from the lower animals, it may be well to remember that the wealthy man who has grown rich off you may be in a better position to serve you and may be more easily satisfied than the man who has it all to make off of you.

G. W. BLACK.

## The Court House is Safe and Amply Large.

Graham, Texas, Feb. 14, 1913.

To the People of Young County:

We, the Commissioners and County Judge of Young County, do hereby certify that the Court house in the said County is in good condition; that no suggestion of condemnation of said building has ever been made to our Court, and the said building is in every respect adequate and sufficient for many years.

E. W. FRY, County Judge.

A. H. JONES, W. E. McCHAREN, A. C. CASEY, J. T. HUNT, Commissioners.

## A Pioneer's Experience.

Murray, Texas, Feb. 22, 1913.

I have lived in Young County for more than 30 years. I have served the people of Young County as one of their Commissioners. When I went to Graham, the county seat, I had practically no road to travel on, gates to open, creeks and rivers to ford or swim, and when I reached Graham I had to tie my team up to a tree on the creek and had to either camp out or stay at a small, crowded hotel. There were no wagon yards in Graham then; no restaurants, limited hotel facilities, no public water—all the inconveniences incident to the frontier. Now I go there on a good, first-class graded road, cross the creeks and river on bridges, and when I get there I find good livery stables, good wagon yards, splendid restaurants, ample hotel facilities and an abundance of filtered water.

If we move the county seat to Newcastle it will be the same thing over again—gates to open, creeks to ford, no very good accommodations when I get there, and I will not live to enjoy the things there that have been so long coming. Hence, I favor leaving the county seat at Graham.

TOM PRICE.

## It is Better to Be Safe than Sorry.

## VOTE FOR GRAHAM!



# The News from our County Correspondents

## Proffitt

We have had a week of sunshiny weather and everybody is busy plowing, getting ready for another crop.

Monday was a big day in Newcastle; most everybody in and near Proffitt went.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin and Grandpa Putman went to Newcastle Monday.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Oscar Downs' little boy who died Monday and was buried Tuesday at Proffitt cemetery. They have our sympathy.

John Rogers' mother from Frederick, Okla., is visiting them.

Misses Maud and Ora Holbert went to Newcastle Monday.

Miss Bettie Gibbs and mother spent the evening with Mrs. Pannell Tuesday.

Mrs. Hester and daughter, Ivy, visited Mrs. Hudson and John Crawford's family Wednesday.

Mr. Crawford from Graham was in our midst Tuesday.

Mrs. Hattie, Pierce and Mrs. Campbell visited Mrs. May Crawford Thursday.

Mrs. Sarah Wilhoit visited Mrs. Waldrige Tuesday. Mrs. Waldrige and three children are sick with measles.

While plowing Monday Will Gibbs broke his tongue. Poor Will.

Mrs. Hester spent Tuesday with her son, Charlie.

Miss Ola Strother and Messrs. Wear, Reed and Worth Halbert visited the school one day this week.

Mrs. Ida Proffitt and little girl from Newcastle is spending a few days with Mrs. Pannell.

The guests at Will Gibbs' Sunday were W. M. Gibbs and family, G. W. Wilhoit and family, Mrs. Strother and three girls, Misses Ola, Grace and Pearl, Mr. Hudson and family, Mrs. Pannell and little girl, Miller Gibbs and wife and Mrs. Hester.

Miss Bettie Gibbs spent the afternoon Thursday with Miss Ivy Hester.

Mrs. Hudson spent the afternoon with Mrs. Mattie Gibbs Tuesday.

Hurrah for Gopher, we echo what he says about Graham.

A nice rain fell here last night.

SNOW FLAKE.

## Dakin.

Well, Blondie was too busy with her school work last week to write to the dear Reporter.

We had a good rain Thursday night which every one was glad to see.

Josh Moore and wife spent Sunday with Bud Garrett and wife.

Mrs. J. M. Whitfield was shopping in Graham Saturday.

L. H. Chambers, wife and little son Leonard Hugh, of Bryson visited Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Findley Sunday.

W. C. Reed and family attended church at Rocky Mound Sunday, also T. D. Findley and wife.

Well, were you ill present last week? I feel like I missed something by not writing last week, the page is certainly improving each week.

Some of the Dakin kids enjoyed several games of croquet last Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Findley. They say moonlight croqueting is fine.

Thomas and Leslie Reed, Curtice Findley and L. J. Bryan attended the singing at Oakland Sunday evening.

Mrs. A. J. Bryan was one among the many at church Sunday at Rocky Mound.

Earl Brewton is working for A. J. Bryan now. We are glad to have "Sally" Earl with us. My, you surely got cold coming from Flat Rock Sunday night, didn't you Earlie?

Well, Blondie must begin studying her lessons for Monday or the teacher will be ready to stand her in the corner.

Wishing The Reporter every success.

BLONDIE.

## Cedar Creek.

When life seems filled with clouds and rain, and I am filled with naught but pain, who soothes my thumping, bumping brain?—Why, The dear old Reporter, of course.

Real Estate is pretty high in this lonesome little valley tonight, and as the wind whistles through these lofty oak tree tops reminds us that the March Lion is almost here.

W. A. Cretzinger, and D. A. Upham, were trading in Graham Monday.

Several of the home boys went to the Pickwick community Tuesday night to attend a dance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Storms of that place.

Miss Lila Ritchey called on Mrs. J. R. Creigh and Mrs. Joe West Tuesday.

If it doesn't rain pretty soon we people in this part of the world will have to emigrate to Lake Era to get drinking water for the lakes and ponds will soon be dry, and as there is no tadpoles we'll soon die.

S. M. and J. W. Gann said they grubbed an acre and a half of mesquite up for Charley Duncan Monday. We sure would like to see a solid acre of mesquites? Now if they had said an acre and a half of land we wouldn't have become so excited.

Little Lumbus and Thomas Cretzinger, started back to school Monday after an absence of three weeks, and they are not yet sound and well.

I'm going to give my place to a better writer and go to dreamland, cause you see dad said, I could go with him to town tomorrow, and he will get me some candy too, if I'm real good, and I'll vide with all you correspondents too, you bet I will, so bye-bye, and now for dreamland.

SILVER BELL.

## Briar Branch.

Hurrah! for the twenty-two Good letters that were present last week. I am in hopes there will be more this week.

Grandpa Stevens was suffering from a severe attack of Rheumatism Sunday we are in hopes he will soon recover.

The Literary was very good, Saturday night and we are going to make it better next time. Everybody come again Saturday night March 8th.

Mrs. H. H. Stevens is reported to be quite sick.

Oleif Ribble was visiting on the Branch, Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. P. L. Lawrence of Graham visited Mrs. E. H. Rowe Sunday.

The women folks are planting garden this pretty weather and here is hopes we will have lots of early fresh vegetables.

Archie Condor and sister Miss Hattie spent Saturday night with the Gallahers.

Miss Reta Ragland visited the Misses Cornelius Sunday.

We wonder why Bob wasn't so gay after the Literary and said he wished he had never heard of a certain person.

Edd says he must go to Lone Oak right away.

Hershel Mays and George Slater have gotten to be real ladies men, their trouble is, they can't find the lady.

Miss Lillian McClain of Mt. Pleasant visited the Misses Watsons and attended the literary Saturday night.

Hark! I hear the Goose and Gander coming in their air ship and I know there will be many others before long to enter the band of writers, so I guess I had better skiddoo.

BEAUTIFUL DOLL.

Let Dr. Blovis cut that wart off of your mule. Guaranteed to stay off.

## Rocky Mound.

Well as we come to write the weather is cold and blustery.

Most every one is getting along very well breaking land but there is no one through yet, that we know of.

Rev. Dickerson filled his regular appointment at the Mound Sunday with a large crowd in attendance.

Mr. W. C. Smith and family attended meeting at the Mound Sunday and afterwards took dinner and spent the remaining part of the day at Mr. Mowery's.

Rev. Dickinson spent the day with Mr. Mowery Sunday.

Master DeWitt Ragland went to the picture show Saturday night, said he had a good time.

Miss Alice Goldston has returned home after a few days visiting with her sister in Oklahoma.

Earl Clark and Henry Reed were seen riding around the Mound Sunday evening, they looked very lonesome. Where is your girl Henry?

J. O. Giant looked very happy Friday after he found out his girl had returned home from Oklahoma. Come on baby Giant I am betting on you.

Mrs. Robert Bowers of Graham was visiting in the community last week.

A crowd of young people enjoyed themselves at Mr. W. C. Smiths Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Brewton of Graham attended meeting at the Mound Sunday.

Mr. H. R. Ragland and family spent Sunday with Edgar Craig and mother.

Mr. Bud and John Smith of Oklahoma are visiting their aunt Mrs. W. G. Goldston this week.

Mr. H. Hunter and family spent the day with Mr. Bob Robersons Sunday.

Mr. Chambers and Floyd Atchinson went to the literary at Briar Branch Saturday night.

Hubert Walker and wife spent the day at Mr. Mowery's Sunday.

A few of us boys enjoyed a few games of 42 with Tate and Dean Phillips Sunday evening.

Mr. V. M. Burkett attended meeting at the Mound Sunday.

Mr. T. H. Brown has returned to old Young county again and was seen at meeting Sunday. Stay with us Pick and we will go fishing this summer.

Well I will close and Hurrah! for old Graham for the county seat of Young county.

RED WING.

## Bunger

We had a dandy, crackerjack rain and hail last week around Bunger.

George Mahaney had some bad luck the other day; he was plowing and struck a stump and fell off and broke the tongue out of his plow.

Harlin Bunger of Newcastle passed through Bunger last week.

Mr. Bain, the wagon maker, was here today after his mail.

Brother Berry knows how to catch a mule—shooting him is the last chance.

R. D. Berry says he has learned the first rule of school and hasn't been to school either.

Some of the boys say they have got the fighting chicken, but O. D. Lisle has got you boys bested, his chicken whipped a biting sow the other Sunday.

Miss Helen Davis passed thru the city this evening enroute to J. M. Askew's on the Duff prairie.

The Gander was in town this week looking for the Goose, but he never saw her just the same.

Some of the Gander's bunch left him this winter and went into little Arkansas; they will come back when the wind changes.

Elmer McLaren says bachelor hall, I vow is the best; be drunk or sober, go home to your rest, no wife to scold, no children to bawl—O, how happy is the man who keeps bachelor's hall.

GOOSE.

## Ming Bend.

We had a real nice rain Thursday night. All the farmers are wearing bright smiles on their faces. Hope they will all make a good crop.

Messrs. Andy Owen, Olaf Ribble, Earl Pickard, Jim Mitchell, and Misses Doll and Margie visited Miss Rueby Newby Sunday.

Frank Ribble and family and Mrs. Mollie Ribble and family visited Mr. Newby's Sunday.

Elder Persely filled his appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

A good many of the Mountain Home people attended church at the Bend Sunday.

Bird Stringer of South Bend is working for his uncle, Mr. Will Pickard. We think the reason he works there is so he can be close to Mr. Roark's and we don't blame him.

Mrs. Mary Smith of Loving is visiting relatives and friends in Ming Bend.

Sam Williams and wife visited at Mt. Home Friday night.

Andy Owen went to the city last week and brought back some chickens. Guess he is going into the poultry business.

House Ribble and family of Weatherford are visiting Mrs. Ribble's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gibbs.

Chester Gibbs and Earl Pickard are looking blue since Miss Margie Ribble has gone to Weatherford. Cheer up, boys, she will be back by-and-by.

Willie Owen and family, Harvie Ribble and family visited their brother, Frank Ribble Saturday night.

Miss Rueby Newby received a letter last Monday and she has been all smiles ever since. Wonder what the good news was? Guess Rueby knows.

Bird Stringer is going to Mr. Roark's now. Says he hopes he can beat Jim's time. We wish you good luck, Bird, Miss Ettie looks mighty well pleased.

Olaf Ribble has bought a new buggy. Look out girls, he will be going to Mr. Pickard's and Miss Ella will get the first ride.

Our school is doing nicely under the management of Mr. D. H. Creager.

We are glad to welcome Snow Flake, hope they will come every week for we all like to read the letters.

Ell Criswell and family of Salem visited Mr. Newby's family Saturday evening.

W. L. Newby made a trip to the city Saturday.

Quite a number of young folks enjoyed themselves at W. A. Pickard's Friday night.

J. C. Gibb's went to the city Monday.

Chester Gibbs is going to Lucile quite often; we wonder what is so attractive down there. Guess Chester knows.

Andy Owens makes frequent trips to Gooseneck. We wonder if he has fallen in love with some of the goslings?

Earl Pickard spent Saturday night and Sunday in South Bend.

W. A. Pickard and Mrs. Ainsworth spent Sunday with Mr. Newby.

Riley Sims spent Sunday with Mark Hollie.

Miss Helen Davis of Gooseneck visited Sam Williams and wife Saturday and Sunday.

A. P. Owen and wife spent Sunday with Frank Cunningham and family.

Mrs. Mattie Lasater looked right lonesome Sunday. Wonder where Disk was?

I know Mr. Editor is wondering when I am going to stop, so I will go back to the fire and give my pencil to somebody else.

Best wishes to all correspondents and editor.

RAINY DAY.

## Seed Field Seed Seed

Have just put in a full stock of field seed, such as corn, oats, sorghum, kafir-corn, maize and millet. This is all first-class stuff and it will pay you to give me a call before you buy. Feed in connection. Either wholesale or retail. In Finch building, northwest corner of square.

W. L. Howry.

## Tonk Valley.

The farmers were made to rejoice over the nice rain Thursday night. Wheat is looking fine.

Rev. Suttle filled his appointment Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Rogers have moved to their new home near Padgett. We regret to lose them from our community but wish them much success in their new home.

Miss Ethel McClanahan spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks in Briar Bend.

Some of the Lower Tonk young people attended the entertainment at Upper Tonk Friday afternoon. Those who went were Misses Sallie Timmons, Eppie and Jewel Moore, Ethel McClanahan and Mrs. Maggie Timmons, and Jim McClanahan, Estes Wadley, Murry Moore, Roy Jones and Walter Kemp. They reported a nice time.

Mrs. Charlie Jones and children of New Mexico are visiting relatives in this community.

Willie Wadley and wife are preparing to move into the house vacated by Bruce George.

Mrs. John Timmons of Mount Pleasant are visiting relatives in the Valley.

We are very sorry Walter Kemp was disappointed about the party Saturday night. You were not the only one disappointed, Walter, but don't be discouraged, try again.

Marion Holt is working J. L. Rogers.

Harry Cutshall is working for A. H. Jones.

Mrs. Sam Jones has been quite sick, but is better at this writing.

Several of the young people attended church at Pleasant Hill Sunday.

Mrs. Bill Wadley and mother Mrs. Sneed and daughter, Miss Effie, visited Mrs. A. B. Medlan Saturday.

GRAY EYES.

## Tonk Valley.

As "Sunshine" has failed to represent us for some time we will chat you awhile.

Everyone is looking very cheerful over the fine rain Thursday night. The farmers are all very busy.

Several attended the school entertainment given in honor of George Washington at Upper Tonk Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Charlie Jones of New Mexico who has been visiting in Knox Co., is now visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones and other relatives of this community.

Mrs. R. W. Sneed and daughter, Mrs. Bill Wadley, visited Aunt Bettie Medlan of Mount Pleasant Saturday.

Shom Rogers and family moved near Elbert Wednesday.

Vernon George and Miss Maggie Lee Pharious attended the entertainment at John George's Friday night and Vernon got home about 3:05 a. m. Saturday.

Jim McClanahan has in a phone now we are glad to say.

Mrs. Sam Jones was right sick Friday night but is better.

Rev. F. E. Suttle preached an excellent sermon here Sunday morning and another at Pleasant Hill in the afternoon. Misses Alma George, Sallie Timmons, Eppie Moore and Jim McClanahan and Vernon George attended services there.

Jno. George and family spent Sunday with Bruce George of Pleasant Hill.

The girls are all looking sad since the departure of "Shu Shu." Cheer up girlies the worst is yet to come.

Misses Sallie Timmons, Eppie and Jewel Moore and Walter Kemp spent a pleasant evening at Mrs. George's Friday playing panjandrum and other interesting games.

We noticed in last week's Reporter something we had been watching for since, O, the longest time, where six old bachelors wished to correspond with six old maids through The Reporter, so we come with anxious hearts, waiting very impatiently for a speedy reply.

SIX OLD MAIDS.

## Sleepy Bend.

As I haven't seen anything from this part of the country in so long I will write a few words.

School is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Stella Moore.

Mrs. Dooley and daughter, Vela, were in Graham Saturday.

Charley Mayes and wife visited Mr. Vaughn and family Sunday.

Miss Beulah Bradberry got very mad Sunday evening. I guess Robert Vaughn knows all about it as he said if anyone wanted to find out about it just come to him.

Miss Emma Cunningham and her brother, Merrit, went to Ivan last Wednesday.

Albert Martin and wife visited Mr. Vaughn Sunday.

Oliver Lewis visited home folks east of Graham Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Beulah Bradberry and Addie Akers visited Mrs. Donley Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Ingram visited Mr. Langford's Sunday.

Robert Vaughn says he never intends to batch as long as he can sleep under his father's roof.

Y. C. Akers took three bales of bolls to Loving last week.

Archie Langford and Willie Vaughn visited Willie and Raymond Akers Sunday evening.

Riley Dollings and Ben Stedham went to Newcastle Saturday on business.

Dee Poindexter and wife were visiting in Ivan Sunday.

Alice Vaughn spent Friday night with Mrs. Donley.

Bro. Clark and wife are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Brock.

Ellis Langford seems to be all smiles. What about it Addie?

Web Dooley seems to be all right; he can see through his glasses now.

F. M. Donley went to Eliasville Saturday.

As news is scarce I will ring off.

COWBOY GIRL.

## Salem.

Mrs. Laura Smith spent last week in Gooseneck with Mrs. George Gilmore and Big boy, who recently made his arrival.

Miss Maye Gilmore of Graham celebrated Washington's Birthday by visiting W. L. Gilmore and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex McLaren took dinner with Elmer Criswell and family Sunday.

John Kisinger is visiting his children in Baylor county this week.

Miss Alice Gibson, teacher of Belknap visited home folks from Friday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cole of Miller Bend visited Mrs. Cole's mother, Mrs. Maggie Gilmore the latter part of last week.

Mrs. M. R. Jarnigan and Miss Nellie were callers at E. K. Criswell's last Sunday.

Miss Ama Bullard visited relatives on Connor Saturday and Sunday.

Sam Gilmore has a new buggy and the other boys have the fever.

Mrs. Pearl Kisinger and children were visitors at Horace Riddle's of Henry Chapel Wednesday.

H. W. Henderson and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Maggie Gilmore.

Miss Lillian Hall visited Miss Alice Gipson Saturday evening.

Charlie Carter called at John Kisinger's Saturday to tell them of the good rain that fell Friday?

M. Henderson and family dined with Henry Harris Sunday.

Mrs. Sallie Criswell spent Saturday with Mrs. M. R. Jarnigan, Steadman and T. R. Carter, Jim Neal, Levi Gordon, and Millard Hinson were callers at the school Friday.

Misses Jewell Gordon Lena Gilmore, Levi Gordon, and Sam Gilmore called at George Hinsons Sunday.

Dee Lowery has been repairing his storm house.

I will give space for some gifted pen by telling Gopher we are with him when he goes to vote for Graham.

SALEMITE.

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Ha The pe met Satu cleaned o Mr. an were at Saturday people fr The school Su Miss L brother Fork Sati Mrs. L sick list. Mr. J. took din Harman's Last T little boy which wa Dr. Bolde in and aft it prove little boy. this writin Mr. Ro Ora Mae-I marriage! Rev O. J. We wish prosperous Mr. Bar day and S Mrs. Lofti Mrs. St with her week retu Misses V ler of Wes community Rev O. J at the Bap night. Some ha We wonder has just co sadly disa expecting s Mr. Tom to the town noticed that freight as t



### Lake Farm.

I will send you a few items from Lake Farm.

Mr. Milt Ball, foreman on this farm, with the help of his three men, Current, Danley, and Brock, are getting on fine with their work, have a fine lot of wheat and oats up, and looking nice. The rain last Thursday night will make it grow.

Notwithstanding the cold snap that followed, the warm sunshine will soon right things, and the ground will soon put on her green robe. Let us all begin our garden work, with helpful hearts.

The health of this part of the county is reasonable good, some reports of measles, some of Mr. Burges' family having them.

Sorry to learn that Mrs. J. T. Townsend, of Como, is on the sick list. Hope she will soon be up again.

Glad to learn that Mrs. Akers of Como was able to be down at Graham last Saturday accompanied by her daughter.

Elder D. J. E. Clark and wife visited their daughter Mrs. S. C. Brock on Saturday and on Sunday he filled his regular appointment at Como. Although the weather was not favorable, the attendance was good.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. White of Center Ridge, attended the meeting at Como and also visited their son George White and family, and on their return came by Lake Farm to get some fine seed corn from Mr. Joe Vaughn, a successful farmer on Lake Farm.

Considerable interest is manifested over the coming election in March, over the county seat question, "Why not let well enough alone, and save money?"—(is our idea.)

Come on all you correspondents to the Reporter, Your letters are interesting to me, especially those from Dakin, Oakland, and Rocky Mound, as I used to live in that part of old Young.

Now as this is my first attempt I will close. HOPEFUL

[We like that name, 'Hopeful.' It makes us more hopeful for the future. It gives us incentive to make The Reporter a paper for everybody. Mighty glad to have your help.—Editor.]

### Hawkins Chapel.

The people of the community met Saturday at the cemetery and cleaned off the yard.

Mr. and Mrs. Green McClure were at the cemetery working Saturday, also several of the people from Lone Oak.

The attendance at Sunday school Sunday was small.

Miss Lessie Loftin visited her brother Rube Loftin of West Fork Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Lindsey is still on the sick list.

Mr. J. E. Oatman and family took dinner with Mr. T. F. Harman's Sunday.

Last Tuesday Ben Barrett's little boy was kicked by a horse, which was thought to be serious. Dr. Bolden of Loving was called in and after examining the wound it proved not so serious, the little boy is much improved at this writing.

Mr. Robert Miller and Miss Ora Mae Lindsey were united in marriage last Wednesday evening. Rev. O. J. Harnerson officiating. We wish for them a long and prosperous voyage through life.

Mr. Bernie Baker spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister Mrs. Loftin of West Fork.

Mrs. Stennett who has been with her mother for the past week returned home Saturday. Misses Vernon and Eunice Miller of West Fork visited in the community the last week.

Rev. O. J. Harnerson preached at the Baptist church Wednesday night.

Some have killed hogs again. We wonder if they think winter has just commenced, if so we are sadly disappointed for we are expecting spring.

Mr. Tom Loftin and wife went to the town of Loving Friday, we noticed that they had a load of freight as they returned.

VIOLET.

### Gooseneck.

Rain, rain is what we have. Everything is fine now.

Mrs. McLaren and daughter spent the day with Mrs. Rose Monday.

Mesdames McLaren and Rose visited Mrs. Clark Tuesday.

Mrs. Cap Smith and daughter visited Mrs. Marshall Thursday.

Mesdames Kelley and Suttle visited our school Thursday. Come again ladies, we would be glad to have more visitors.

Miss Marcie Sneed of Bunger visited friends in Gooseneck Thursday.

Lona McLaren and Cora Rose went to Bunger Thursday.

The party Friday night was attended by the Goose, the Gander and most of the goslings, all report a jolly good time.

Bro. Berry has a new way of catching his mules; he has Bob to run them down the hill and he shoots them.

We are glad to know that Charlie Holt is so well fixed for bread and meat. Charlie sure can live.

Look out boys Willie Parsons bought a wife at the party and the next day he was looking for chickens.

The singing after Sunday school was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. F. E. Suttle visited Mrs. Mahaney Sunday.

The missionary car was not at Sunday school. We suppose it was at the shop being repaired.

Miss Cora Rose is on the sick list.

Deacon Brown was all smiles Sunday; guess he had made a pop call before Sunday school.

Mr. Hix of Bunger is very sick with blood poison. He was taken to town Sunday to a doctor.

Wonder why Alfred goes to Bunger so often and why he does not go the old way.

Willie Condor says he will be glad when Mr. Bishop's folks get well as he says he has more to tell her now than he can remember very long.

The Gander was caught (by his wife) making goo, goo eyes at Miss Goose Saturday morning.

We hope that we will soon hear Jim Price and Geo. Rose lived over it or not. We don't see why they should suffer so and a first-class doctor so close by. GANDER.

### Bryson.

People of this community are rejoicing over a fine shower last Thursday night.

Reno Clayton and A. E. Murrell have each purchased a new auto.

Sam Nichols has sold his residence and lot and is going round singing 'Home Sweet Home'—I once had one and now I have none.

Miss Lou Henderson was in town Saturday.

There was a large crowd at the entertainment Saturday night.

Miss Ruthledge of Houston, Texas is visiting Mrs. Watts Shanafelt.

Mrs. Golda Axley of Graham spent a few days with her mother and father Mr. and Mrs. John McKelvey.

Mrs. R. E. Graves returned home Sunday night after a weeks visit with home folks and friends of this place.

Reno Clayton is learning to run his new auto fast. His only trouble is he forgets and says woaah Beck when he goes to stop.

Louis Moore says it is nice to have a quiet chat with his best girl over the telephone on Sunday evening. But when the young people makes a wireless for him to talk over and turn lose the call bells and alarms, he says he believes he will just go to see her next Sunday.

As news is scarce we will ring off for this time. BLAB MOUTH.

If you need a windmill, pump or tank call on Hughes & Kizer, northeast corner of square, Graham, Texas.

### Lone Oak

The past week was almost like spring but we are having another touch of winter now.

School is progressing nicely under the management of Prof. D. B. Wood.

C. C. McBride left Tuesday for Hunt county where he will spend several days visiting relatives.

D. B. Wood visited homefolks Saturday and Sunday.

Sam Orr was among the Graham visitors Saturday.

Joe Johnson and daughter attended church at Red Top Sunday.

O. J. McFadden of Red Top spent Saturday night with C. C. McBride and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ramsey are the proud parents of a fine boy which was born Feb. 21.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Cantwell Feb. 22, a girl; also Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hawkins Feb. 23, a girl.

Mrs. G. W. Rutherford of Red Top visited Mrs. J. C. Ramsey Monday.

Albert McBee and family attended church at Red Top Sunday.

J. W. Pratt has about recovered from an attack of Lagrippe.

Misses Thelma Beard and Ora Lee Marshall of Loving spent Saturday night with Miss Eva Hamm.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Hamm attended church at Hawkins Chapel Sunday.

Mrs. A. C. Casey of farmer spent Sunday with Mrs. J. G. Hawkins of this community Sunday.

Misses Mary and Minnie Etta Hawkins are down with Lagrippe. We hope they will soon recover.

R. E. Boyle and family have moved in the house which was formally occupied by S. T. Needham.

The country seems some what wrought up over thought of moving the county seat, some in favor and some against. But for my part I say "Leave it at Graham."

BRUNETTE.

### Jean.

News in this neck of the woods is scarce this week.

Farming has been the order of the day when we were not discussing the oncoming election.

Our people seem to be very divided on the county site proposition. I see the editor asks all to speak out on this matter and air our views. Bstef has done made up his mind. I am in favor of moving the court house to Jean and building Newcastle a jail out of their coal, and it is a cinch it will never burn down (or up as the case might be). I do hope our people will all keep cool heads and warm hearts while this campaign is raging and not have the strife and bitterness that has marked the county site elections in Oklahoma in a great many places. We are located on rather neutral ground at Jean as it is about as near to one of the contesting towns as to the other and I hear a good many of our voters say they are not going to take any stock in the election, but I think all should come out and vote their sentiments as all are concerned. Personally I am Democratic enough to be willing for the majority to rule.

Born to N. E. Cantwell and wife on the 21st a fine girl baby. Mother and baby doing well and with good nursing we think Noah will recover.

Mrs. W. Lynch is visiting her parents in Stonewall county. Mrs. Webb and daughter of Whitt visited her mother and other relatives here last week.

Mrs. J. W. Cox of Markley is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. N. E. Cantwell.

Mrs. L. H. Ward and children of Loving spent a few days visiting relatives.

B. W. King was shaking hands with old friends here last Saturday.

Grandpa Wallace and Mrs. J.

M. Wallace of Markley spent a few days with Mrs. A. J. Cantwell the first of the week.

Joe Groves is building a new residence on his farm near Jean. Rev. Kilpatrick is also building an addition to his residence.

Mrs. W. F. Thompson gave the young folks a party Saturday night. All report a pleasant time. Wick must have enjoyed it too for as he pounds the anvil you can hear him above the whole laugh of the town singing "Skip to me Lou."

Bud Carpenter has sold his farm to Mr. Paschal of Olney.

We had a good rain Friday morning. Now we are preparing for a bumper crop.

I for one second the motion for all the correspondents to meet in Graham second Monday. Come on all ye correspondents and we will have "one goot toime mit ourselves." BUSTER.

### Loving.

The Auditorium of the Loving school building was crowded to its full capacity Saturday night by people from every direction to listen to a discussion on the county seat question.

The discussion was opened by Sam Hardy of Newcastle, who briefly stated the case in behalf of Newcastle, and was followed by S. R. Crawford who spoke for several minutes in his matter-of-fact-way and concerning the financial condition of Young county. Mr. Crawford said that we had a good court house and jail which was in good condition as evidenced by a certificate of the court officials, and that we were now taxed to about all we could stand. The county was indebted about \$68,000 and to build a new court house and jail would bring us more in debt, causing a higher rate.

A miner from Newcastle spoke next and only from a miners standpoint, touching on the organization of the Newcastle miners. L. C. Counts of Olney spoke next and his speech was quite a lengthy one. Mr. Counts spoke in behalf of moving the county seat to the center and said that he thought it right for the court house to be in the center, so as to be equal distance as far as possible to all. Judge Arnold entered last in the discussion and said that he had been here a long time and said that he and old Gum Steadham, and Blue Terrell built the old Brazos River. The Judge spoke of the early history of Young county, and its first election on the county seat question giving the vote as follows: Belknap 4, Center 24, Graham 101. Judge Arnold spoke of the financial condition of the county and also the people's indebtedness. The discussion although was very interesting and we believe several were enlightened on the subject. It is hard to tell just how the vote will be in the Loving box, but from what we learn Newcastle will get about 15 per cent of the vote in this precinct which has about 160 votes.

A large crowd attended the literary at Monument school house Friday night.

Charlie Daniels, Blue Terrell, Henry Williams, A. C. Watson and several others from Newcastle attended the speaking at Loving Saturday night.

John Steen was with the Graham crowd Saturday night and attended the speaking.

D. F. Ford went to Fort Worth on business last Saturday.

Farm work is going on nicely and corn planting will soon begin. COR.

We pay top prices in cash for Butter, eggs, chickens, and Turkeys.—Graves & Ward.

### Seed Corn.

The best varieties of Texas grown seed corn now in. Buy your seed early.—W. I. Tidwell.

### Red Top.

People are rejoicing over the fine rain that fell last Thursday night.

Nearly everybody is on the sick list, several are having the measles.

Miss Rosa Marshall visited her sister Lottie Tuesday.

Sarah Donley visited Lola Hodge Thursday.

Edna Petty visited Opal Dowdy Tuesday.

Miss Sally Petty visited Miss Vara Dowdy Thursday.

W. T. McBee made a flying trip to Graham Tuesday.

E. W. Slater was in Graham Wednesday.

C. A. Osborne visited the school Wednesday. I think he likes to visit the school pretty well anyway.

Mrs. A. R. Rutherford visited Grandma McGee Tuesday.

Mrs. J. S. McGee is better and she thinks she will get up in a little while.

Homer Brigham was in Graham Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Parker were in Graham Saturday and spent the night at Mr. Steen's.

O. J. McFadden was in Graham Saturday.

Mr. Charlie Thigpen was in Graham Saturday.

Misses Ida McBee, Mabel Graves and Rosa Dowdy spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McGee.

Mr. W. C. McGee has a right sick baby.

Mr. Bryant and W. C. McGee were in Graham Saturday.

Miss Rehder was in our midst Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Erving McGee visited Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McBee Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert McBee and family visited Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McBee Saturday and Sunday.

W. F. Slater was in Graham Saturday.

J. J. Dowdy was in Graham Friday and Saturday.

Master Graves McBee has been on the sick list the past week but is better now.

The party at Mr. McBride's was well attended and a nice time reported by all.

Uncle Doc Slater and wife visited E. T. Slater Sunday.

Harker Dowdy visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Bro. Black filled his regular appointment Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Workman visited Mr. and Mrs. W. T. McBee Sunday.

Harker Dowdy went back down to Mr. Stovall's Sunday. SPINSTER MAID.



### Farm Telephone Saved Child's Life

One of the Children fell into a water tank and was rescued unconscious and apparently lifeless.

The frantic mother telephoned to the doctor six miles away, and he started at once. In the meantime his assistant telephoned instructions and the mother restored the child to consciousness before the doctor arrived.

The telephone service saved the child's life. THE SOUTHWESTERN Telephone and Telegraph Co.



Second car of Red Rust Proof seed oats just received. Owen & Young.

### Mount Pleasant.

The first thing to happen this week was a chili supper given by Miss Bessie Brooks. Of course it was a "hot time."

Fred Brooks has been "busting" some bronchos for J. Wylie Moore. He had saddled one preparatory to riding it when the animal kicked him just above the knee, inflicting a painful though not necessarily serious wound.

The Sunday school at this place was started up again last Sunday with a reasonably good attendance.

Mrs. John Timmons visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones, in Tonk Valley from Friday till Sunday.

The young people report a splendid singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Martin Sunday evening.

Some of the boys and girls went "dear" hunting Friday night.

A number of our young people attended the literary at Briar Branch Saturday night. They say they were well entertained.

Say, Boys, put your ear down close and listen, our editor wants to come out and plow a day for ye correspondent. Must I let him come? Don't you know that would be a sight worth seeing? I'll let you know when he comes; if he can plow as well as he can run a newspaper he will be well worth his dinner.

Miss Mittis Brown spent the evening with Miss Vashiti Timmons Monday.

Ovid Wright one of the old Young county boys but who now lives at Pittsburg, Texas, came in last Wednesday and returned home Sunday.

Last Friday, George Washington's birthday was observed at the school house. The following very interesting program was nicely carried out and showed that Mrs. Thomas had done her work well in training the pupils for the occasion. Following is the program in full:

Welcome Address—Charlie Brown.

Washington's Birthday—Marshall Brown.

What Can I Do?—Hattie Turner.

The Anniversary of Washington—Maggie Steadham.

Mamma's Hired Girl—Minnie Wilson.

To Be Like Washington—May Wilson.

The Months of the Year—Beulah Freeman, Minnie Wilson, Pearl Timmons, Lena Martin and Pauline Burnett.

The Work of a Bumble Bee—Edd Wilson.

The Kentucky Watermill—Esther Holden.

Counting by Twos—Aima McClain.

Kindness and Cruelty—Tommy Nesbitt and Boyd Wilson.

I've Something to Tell You—Hattie Mask.

Mother Nature—Maggie Steadham, Julia Mask, Raymond Burnett, Beulah Freeman, Pearl Timmons, Ollie Ammons, Pauline Burnett.

The Reason Why—Elsie Freeman.

Advice—Viola Pardue.

The Barometer and Thermometer—Lena Martin.

Washington's Picture—Marschal Brown.

I Love Washington's Name—Lucille Burnett.

To Be Like Washington—Wade McClain.

Flag Drill—Edd Wilson, Raymond Burnett, Esther Holden, Pearl Timmons, Ollie Ammons, Hattie Turner, Pauline Burnett, Beulah Freeman. Plow Boy.

Bloody Butcher, Hickory, King and Strawberry Seed Corn at our store. Mabry & Son.

N. B. Blevins, veterinary surgeon, will be in Olney Big Monday, March 3rd. Bring in your stock that needs attention. I can please you with my work.

N. B. BLEVINS.



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## A SUGGESTION.

A short time ago some of the ministers of the city delivered sermons from their respective pulpits on the evils of dancing and card playing, together with other worldly amusements and in the course of their remarks suggested that something else ought to be gotten up to take the place of these amusements, but up to the present time little or nothing has been done.

We would like to suggest something to the ministers that would be of great benefit to the churches and at the same time prove entertaining to the people, both young and old. Each church in the city has a choir, and in these choirs are a number of excellent singers, and if all the choirs in the city could be organized in a chorus society and have a song service once a week at some church, we feel sure the services would prove to be very interesting.

This would also be a great help to the individual choirs as it would cause many people who are singers and not now identified with any choir, to come out and take part.

There is nothing that appeals to people as does good music and with all the talent Graham has it would be an easy matter to organize a society that would be a credit to a much larger city.

Some people do not, or will not understand what a newspaper is really for. They seem to think

that it is solely for the recording of simple happenings, but to these we wish to state that a newspaper owes a duty to the community in which it is published. A part of this duty is to guard the welfare of the community on all matters that need publicity to obtain a betterment where conditions have become such as to warrant a suggestion or criticism. We do not expect you to always see matters as we do, and have invited your criticism. Only by discussing any given subject can the people really know what they want or what is best. If the average citizen had the good of the community at heart as much as does the newspaper, there would be very little to criticize.

The cartoon on the front page of the Newcastle Register this week reminds us of Pope's Essay on man where he says "Man know thyself," the mind that originated it must have been looking at the shacks in Newcastle, for it is almost an exact portrayal of the frame buildings that now grace that town. And Miss Justice would better have been named Miscarriage of Justice when the politicians of Newcastle ask the people of Young county to spend three or four hundred thousand dollars to try to enrich a man who does not even live in the county.

It is strange to us why people cannot confine themselves to the truth when they go out among the people in an effort to win favor for a proposition. Supporters of Newcastle have spread the statement that the court house in Graham has been condemned and that a new one would have to be built. We do not know who started this but a certificate from the Commissioners Court appears on page three of this issue, branding the statement false. Read what they say.



## ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Ladies of Young and Adjoining Counties

We are pleased to announce the arrival of the most extensive, fashionable and up-to-date stock of Millinery that has ever been shown in Graham.

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The West Texas Reporter seems to think our marvelous egg was created only in the mind of the "devil" or his assistants. We will admit, Bro. Ed., that the "devil" deserves all credit for this information, and furthermore, he states that if you will come over he will give you a recipe for making these double eggs. Just think how handy that would be for your "ham an" for we understand that you are the guy that put "ham" in "Graham."—Woodson Record.

### To Set The Enterprise Right.

The Olney Enterprise in its issue of Feb. 14th in its article about the proposed moving of the county seat had this to say: "As we understand it, this petition was originated in the southern and western part of the county, and is being circulated by farmers from those places." Now as we understand it, the petition originated in the minds of Mr. Henry Williams and other citizens of Newcastle, about three and a half miles north west of the center of the county, and these gentlemen were those mostly instrumental in having the petition circulated. Let's keep the record straight as we go along.

### Got Rid of Cigarette Habit.

The American Magazine has offered prizes for the best letters on "Overcoming Bad Habits." The following letter from a man who cured himself of the cigarette habit won third prize. It is published in the March number: "It was at the age of 6 that I first began to smoke cigarettes. "At the age of 15 they sent me away to school. At 18 I went to college. Freed of all home ties and restraint, I smoked to my heart's content. At 25 I was a nervous wreck. The Doctors thumped me over the heart and shook their heads gravely. I had tobacco heart, they told me, and my only hope of evading a premature grave was to stop smoking absolutely. "I had figured that I smoked from fifty to sixty a day. I resolved to cut this number down. I did manage to get along with about half that number, but below that I could not go. "Then one day I took stock of myself. Life was sweet and I had no desire to die. I resolved to master the cigarette habit or die in the attempt. If I didn't, I was going to die anyway. Once more I threw away my tobacco and papers. And this time I did not retrieve them. Time after time I returned to the place where I knew they lay just over a hedge fence, but each time I

managed to control myself and walk away from the spot. That first night was one crescendo of horror. I tossed restlessly upon my bed. I thought of the pleasure which one puff would give me. Again and again I sat up on the edge of my couch. Fighting against the desire to get up and search my pockets for "scrapings" enough to roll just one cigarette. How I kept from doing so is more than I know. Morning found me gaunt and holloweyed. The craving had me in its grip. Breakfast sickened me because I hadn't braced my stomach to receive it with my morning cigarette. I ate no dinner and no supper. Water alone would stay down.

"This is only a portion of the torment that I suffered for weeks. They seemed like ages to me. The smell of a cigarette would drive me frantic. Cigars and pipe had never appealed to me before. Now I would have almost parted with life itself to have dared to smoke one. My

nights were one long series of tossings and tumblings upon my bed, dropping off into dozing only to awaken because of the nightmares which pursued me. And in each of them the central figure was a cigarette. By daytime I was grouchy and irritable. Harsh words came more readily to my lips than kind. I almost hated myself. What my friends

and relatives must have endured then only the love for one of your own blood could have borne. "And then one day the habit left me not gradually, for the night before, I can recall, I had one of my hardest battles against getting up, casting all the ground that I had won behind me and making and smoking a cigarette, even though my life should pay forfeit. The next morning I was surprised to find that I had slept well and that I was undergoing a craving which I had not experienced in years. To my astonishment I discovered that I wanted breakfast. And after the meal I did

not crave a cigarette. I have never craved one since. I can sit by and watch others smoke them without the least desire to indulge myself. My taste for cigarettes has been broken but not for worlds would I go again through the purgatory into which my battle with the little thin paper rolls of tobacco cast me."

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## JERRY FOUND THE GIRL

By JOHN CAINE.

Gerald Underhill drew in a deep breath of the air of Broadway, for it was the first time he had been in New York for almost eleven years.

While he was hesitating which way to turn, a crowd of people began pouring out of the Times Square subway station and a hand was laid familiarly on his shoulder.

"Jerry Underhill!" Tom Sandford laughed heartily. "Well, of all things! When did you get in from the Klondike?"

"About an hour ago, Gee, Tom, it is good to see you again!" Underhill beamed on his friend. "I only arrived about an hour ago and I'm tone ly already."

"I'm sorry, old man," Tom gripped his hand fondly. "I'm late for a business engagement now or I'd stick with you all day. But come up to dinner tonight and we can talk it over. Here," Tom hastily scribbled the address on a card and handed it to Jerry. "There we will expect you?"

Jerry smiled and thankfully accepted the invitation at once. Then in a serious manner he said:

"You don't know any nice girl who could marry a miner, do you?"

"I don't," then smiled knowingly, "but my sister Alice may. We can ask her about it tonight."

They shook hands again and parted. Jerry tucked the card safely in his pocketbook and turned his steps slowly up Broadway.

Dinner was over at the Sandford's and Jerry, with a long cigar, sat listening to the plans being made for the finding of a wife for him.

"I shall expect you to call every afternoon at 5," Alice was saying, "and each day you will meet a new girl; and I will give you a month to choose. Thirty days, and thirty girls make your acquaintance. Is it a go?"

Jerry removed the cigar from between his lips and looked appraisingly at Tom's sister.

"Sure is!" he exclaimed. "But I want them to be as much like you as possible."

Alice blushed and Tom coughed knowingly, while Mr. Gerald Underhill resumed his smoking.

"I'll do my best, and each day I shall expect you to remain after the prospective wife has departed to report on progress."

Jerry agreed to all conditions imposed by Miss Sandford, and, feeling thoroughly happy and grateful, he took his leave.

For two weeks Mr. Underhill, in his best clothes, called at the Sandford home each afternoon at 5 o'clock. He met a new girl every day, as agreed, and among the lot were some of the noted beauties of New York.

To Jerry they were all wonderful, but none more so than Alice Sandford, who continued to charm him more as the days passed.

The allotted month had brought no decision, and Jerry, at a loss what to say, sat awaiting the coming of Alice. A perturbed frown was on his handsome face and a great unrest in his heart.

"I must say, Mr. Underhill, you are a disappointment to me," Alice, more vexed than she cared to admit, looked across the room at Jerry.

"I know I must be, and I'm truly sorry," he spoke earnestly, "but can I help it if I don't love any of the beautiful ladies?"

"No, I suppose not; but, a ray of hope had come to her, "do men always know when they are in love?"

"Maybe not," He rose, and came toward her. "You have been so good to me, I wish I could have wanted one of them for my wife." He took her hand. "Goodby; you see, I wanted a girl, and they all seemed so worldly, too wise for a western life."

She watched him get into the waiting taxi; then closing the door, walked slowly upstairs, and into her room.

Jerry told the driver to take him to the park, and to drive slowly. They had been in the park perhaps fifteen minutes, when suddenly he poked the driver in the back, and fairly shouted at him:

"Return at once to the house we just left. And, driver, don't lose any time."

When Mr. Underhill's card was brought to her, Alice looked at the maid inquiringly, and without giving any sign of her thoughts, descended at once to the library, where he waited.

"Alice!" The word was a caress, the more so as he held out his arms to her.

She paused and then quickly went to him—into the longing arms.

"Alice," he bent down until his head was close to hers, "why was I so blind? Here I've been loving you from the first moment I met you, and yet I never knew it before. You're such a womanly woman and still a girl. "Oh!" he sighed contentedly, looking into her upturned face.

She half pushed him from her, but he quickly drew her back.

"You're going to marry me, aren't you?" he asked, fearfully.

"You are sure that you love me?" She smiled tenderly.

"Yes, sweetheart, very sure."

Then as she came closer he stooped and kissed her.

**Must Have Little Else to Do.**  
When a man can take time to learn to wear a monocle, you can put it down that his other interests ain't pressing.

We were meant to be kings—to lead noble, royal lives, governing them and refusing, even for a moment, to let them govern us.—Blanche Elizabeth Wade.

## Firemen Hold Meeting.

The volunteer fire company met last Thursday night at the Firemen's Hall and outlined their work for the coming year. A few changes were made in the lineup of the men and good work is promised. Graham's fire department is strictly a voluntary one and as the boys get nothing for their work except hard labor and dangerous risks, it is to be hoped that the citizens of Graham will lend them every assistance in carrying on the work that is for the protection of our homes and business houses.

The boys will practice in companies in the future, No. 1, starting Tuesday then No. 2 the next Tuesday, the companies taking each alternate Tuesday for practice. The line-up is as follows:

### COMPANY NO. 1:

Geo. Black, foreman.

Will Yancy,

Virgil Eddleman,

Edgar Matthews,

Nozzle men.

John Bower,

John Graves,

Plug men

### COMPANY NO. 2:

Sam Dowdle, foreman.

Doc Carlton,

T. O. Calvin,

Nozzle men.

Henry Porter,

Ben Johnson,

Plug men.

Q. Street is chief and Jim Carlton, driver. With this array of fire fighters at their post there will be very little chance for any blaze to get very far ahead of them.

New cards, bearing the names of all the new firemen and their telephone numbers have been supplied to the telephone companies so that every fireman may be called in case the regular alarm does not wake him. There is also a private alarm from the phone offices to the light plant. This gives the firemen good facilities for night fires and we feel sure that every man will do his part when called on.

## The Literary Club.

The Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle met Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. E. W. Fry. The President being absent Mrs. Z. A. Hudson presided. Members responded to roll call by telling something about the origin and way of celebrating St. Valentine's Day. In business session Mrs. Miller was unanimously elected to membership.

The following program was then carried out: Mrs. J. T. Rickman gave us a charming piano number "Lily Dale." The paper on the lesson "The Great Century," The Seventeenth, by Mrs. Rose, showed a thorough mastery of the subject. She gave so well and so interestingly the condition of France during this century. After a review of the lesson the Circle adjourned to meet the following Wednesday.

Mrs. R. E. Lynch visited in Ft. Worth Friday.

R. F. Short returned Thursday from a trip to St. Louis, where he bought a new stock of spring and summer goods. While in St. Louis Mr. Short attended services at one of the large churches and last Sunday he told the local congregation, just at the close of Sunday school, how it was necessary sometimes to ask people to sing. He said the pastor of the St. Louis church, Dr. Williams announced a hymn, but nobody seemed to sing. After the first verse he stopped and announced an old hymn and asked everyone to join in. Mr. Short said they all joined and nearly lifted the roof. He told the incident preparatory to asking all the school to join in singing the closing song for the Sunday school.

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## Local and Personal Mention

C. E. Padgett of Ft. Worth visited friends in Graham Monday.

Attractive prices on can goods this week at our store. **Mabry & Son.**

Judge Wright and Arthur King of Throckmorton were in Graham on business Tuesday.

Large bulk Queen olives.—W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

Louis Rubenkoenig left Saturday for Dallas where he will seek employment.

Early Triumph Seed Potatoes at Owen & Young.

Elder J. P. Fisher left Saturday for Wilbarger county to hold preaching services.

See me before selling your chickens, turkeys, butter, eggs, hides and furs. D. J. Brandon, Graham, Texas.

Wright McClatchey visited relatives in Olney Sunday.

See Owen & Young for Early Triumph Seed Potatoes.

R. E. Lynch and P. K. Deats attended the bankers' convention in Cleburne the past week.

For cheap money on land with or without partial payments apply to C. W. Hinson, Graham, Texas.

Chas. Gay spent Saturday and Sunday in Fort Worth.

See Owen & Young for baled oats, alfalfa and Johnson grass hay.

Misses Pauline McJimsey and Dot Graham returned Friday night from a short visit to Jacksboro.

Vegetables received fresh the first and last of each week.—W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

If your coffee hasn't the right flavor, buy a can of "Golden Gate," at our store. **Mabry & Son.**

Messrs. Frank Forbes and Bismark Boyer went to Jacksboro Monday on Bismark's motor-cycle.

### Groceries.

Full and complete line of Groceries, Feed, Seed Oats, etc. at **Vick's.**

Mr. Boyd Street and mother, Mrs. S. B. Street returned Monday night from St. Louis where Mr. Street has been buying new stock for S. B. Street & Co.

Bring me your produce, I am located in the Finch building. D. J. Brandon

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Crim are entertaining their niece, Miss Viola Jordan of Tuscaloosa, Ala.

If you need a windmill, pump or tank call on Hughes & Kizer, northeast corner of square, Graham, Texas.

C. J. Cook of Flat Rock was a business visitor in Graham Saturday.

Fresh vegetables every day at our store. **Mabry & Son.**

Mrs. S. D. Cook and daughter, Miss Berta, of Craig Point were shopping in Graham Saturday.

Just Received: A car of pure soft Missouri Flour, meal, bran and chops.—**Graves & Ward.**

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dozier, of Miller Bend were made happy Friday over the arrival of a fine baby boy.

Peter Schuttler Wagons, Velie Buggies and Case Farm Implements at **Vick's.** Cash or Credit.

Try a sack of Majesty Flour, none better, few as good—**Graves & Ward.**

Mr. and Mrs. Norval Sturdevant are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine girl baby who made her appearance last Friday.

Pure Tennessee Triumph Seed Potatoes. Only a limited amount, at our store. **Mabry & Son.**

W. E. Riddie, of Bryson, was in the city on business Monday.

### Dry Goods.

I am daily receiving a nice and nobby line of Spring and Summer Dry Goods, Men's and Boys' Clothing, Low-quarter Shoes of all kinds, I want to sell you. Cash or Credit.

### D. G. Vick.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Bowron have four children sick with measles.

A good variety of seed corn at our store. **Mabry & Son.**

Col. P. B. Hunt of Dallas, Texas has been in the City for the past few days, meeting old friends; while here he made a trip over his lands West of Graham.

Fat Mackerel at Graves & Ward.

M. M. Wallis, who has been tailor for Joe Mabry for some time left Sunday for his home in Cleburne. His place will be taken by Ben White of Cleburne who will arrive this week.

We are prepared to place a Bath Tub and fixtures in your bathroom.

### Hughes & Kizer.

We buy hides, furs, chickens, eggs, butter and all country produce. Highest cash price paid. Owen & Young.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ewalt of Throckmorton were in the city Monday, enroute to Minnesota, where they go for the benefit of Mr. Ewalt's health. They were accompanied on the trip by Dr. Earl King.

Bedrock prices for cash on all Groceries—**Graves & Ward.**

Judge Joe W. Akin returned Saturday from a business trip to Dallas. While away the Judge bought some modern office appliances, including a Multigraph and Dictaphone.

### Furniture.

Big Car of Furniture just received at **Vick's.**

D. G. Vick and wife returned last Monday from an extended trip to St. Louis and other Eastern points. Mr. Vick purchased a fine stock of goods while away.

We are ready to supply you with Brass Fixtures of every description.

### Hughes & Kizer.

Mrs. Lamar Smith, who lived two miles west of Indian Mound, died Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock and was buried that afternoon in the Indian Mound cemetery. Only about a week previous Mr. and Mrs. Smith lost their first baby, an infant, and the many friends of these young people will mourn with the husband over the double loss.

We Want your Frying Chickens. Bring all your frying size chickens to the Mountainside Hotel. Will pay from 15c to 20c a pound for all you will bring. Beecher M. Baker, Proprietor.

Pure ribbon cane syrup in barrels, 60 cents a gallon.—Bring your jugs. Owen & Young.

The Knights Templar of this district will hold an Easter service in Graham, on Sunday, March 23, at the Baptist church. A special train will be run from Jacksboro to bring over the Sir Knights from that place. The public has a cordial invitation to be present at this service, the hour of which will be announced later.

### Tops! Tops! Tops!!!

We have them in all sizes. The Graham Printing Co.

D. G. Vick returned from the northern markets Monday night. Mr. Vick recently rearranged his store building and will soon have a bright, new stock on the shelves for spring and summer.

### Time to Plant.

Seed Irish potatoes, onion sets and new garden seeds. Select them early.—W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

Mrs. E. M. Fisher of Ft. Worth, mother of J. C. Fisher and Mrs. J. C. Mallet of Cleburne, mother of Mrs. Fisher, arrived in the city Tuesday night to be at the bedside of Mr. Fisher, who has been in a critical condition for several days. There was very little change in his condition up to press time yesterday but it is hoped that he will enjoy a speedy recovery.

### For Sale or Trade.

Five-passenger automobile in good condition.—W. E. Wear, Graham, Texas.

Roy Walker has been sick for several days, R. F. Taggart taking his place at the light plant. Frank has had a round of visitors since he started. John and Fred Rubenkoenig, Mrs. Taggart and two little boys visited him Monday night. It may be that as Frank is no night owl he's "skipped" to stay by himself.

### No Dust Antiseptic.

We have the Crescent Carpet Sweep in 3 lb. cans. The thing for fine rugs and carpets. The Graham Printing Co.

Earl Coffman, a well known citizen of Goree passed through the city Tuesday enroute home from Dallas with another of those Buick cars. Mr. Coffman has been through Graham a number of times recently, each time with a new car, the last one being the seventh he has sold. The people over in Knox must have some spare coin too.

Cracked Cake, Meal and Hulls.

We have only a limited quantity of cake, meal and hulls on hand, and those who wish to purchase will please see us at once. We wish to supply our local trade before shipping our stock. **Graham Cotton Oil Co.**

Dr. W. M. Terrell has entered the crowd of automobile enthusiasts and recently purchased a fine five-passenger Buick. Autos are almost as numerous in Graham as horses are on trade day, and each week sees more cars added to those already in service. The doctor bought his car from John Bower, local agent for the Buick. Tom McKinney visited relatives in Seymour this week.

### Taylor's Meddler.

The best registered Poland China boar in Young County. See him before breeding your sows. Terms \$1.00. Kept 1½ miles south of Indian Mound, on W. W. Williamson place.—R. G. Taylor.

Dust—No—More Floor Sweep. For sale in 30 lb. pails and 100 lb. barrels. The Graham Printing Co.

Mrs. L. B. Kidwell has returned from an extended visit to Dallas, Mineral Wells and other points, and after spending a few days with her daughter Mrs. W. D. Norman, of this city, will leave for their future home, in Lawton, Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. Kidwell have lived here for many years and their many friends regret to know they are leaving Graham, but we trust that an abundance of this life's blessings will follow them where'er they may go.

W. C. Mattison of Olney was a business visitor in Graham last Thursday. Mr. Mattison is one among the many citizens of that section who believes our present court house should be used instead of spending three or four hundred thousand dollars to build another one, especially so since the present one has only been paid for about eight years.

Mr. L. E. Walker, president of the Middle Buster railroad, is still working on his proposition and it is stated on good authority that his surveying corps will soon be in the field to locate the line between Strawn and Seymour, by way of Graham, this being the only part of the line that has not yet been located. This information, coming at this time, might be construed by some as county seat jingo, but it came from such authoritative source that it cannot possibly be questioned.

There will be a mass meeting at the court house to-night at 7:30 to discuss the county seat proposition. Come out.

### An Invalid Made Happy.

The following letter to Mrs. Jno. A. Baker might prove of interest to those who are endeavoring to relieve suffering throughout the world and bring happiness to others who are in such a plight.

Tony Creek Rt 1—S. C. Jan. 29, 1913.

Dear Mrs. Baker:

I am writing to thank you for remembering me on my Birthday. I have had a very happy birthday party—Letters, cards, books, stationery, stamps, etc., have come from far and near. This is a beautiful world to live in; so many kind hearts everywhere. I am so glad I am living and that God has given me a disposition to enjoy everything.

I have been helpless all my life. Have never walked nor sat up alone. Can't even raise my head from the pillow nor turn myself. I sit on a rolling reclining chair with pillows under my head, back and feet.

I will now tell the best part. I have always had a most cheerful, happy, contented disposition. I am a great talker and am very fond of company. My dear father has been dead 14 years and a little brother is in Heaven with him. I have two sisters and one brother, all younger than I, and a loving mother who waits on me day and night, besides doing all the house work. We live on a farm in the southern part of Greenville county, nine miles from the railroad. Pelzer, a big cotton mill town is our nearest point to the railroad.

We have lots of relatives scattered all over Texas, the Chandlers, McDavids, Scotts, Mullikins, Grahams, Roberts, etc.

Excuse this hastily written letter and thank you again, Goodnight, Fred S. McKittrick

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"Bravo" is a very fine animal, weighs 1876 pounds, was bred by Ben Goldenstein of Danforth, Illinois.

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Fees, \$20 to Insure.

Will exercise the best of care, but will not be responsible in case of accidents.

**W. E. MOORE.**

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We wish to announce to the people of Graham and the surrounding country that we have bought the stock of Mr. W. S. McJimsey in the China Hall and would like to have you inspect our stock of

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A LARGE JACK

Will stand the season at my stable at Duff Prairie.

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**W. E. MOORE**

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