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## If You Were Heavily in Debt Would You Spend Three Year's Earnings For Foolishness?

Young county is in debt for a full year of its expenses, caused by the fact that the County Commissioners had the interests of the people at heart and refused to raise the county tax rate above 60 cents on the hundred dollars valuation.

During the few years just passed the people all over the county have asked for and received many improvements on the roads in the various precincts and have had erected first-class bridges for their accommodation, yet all the time the county was running behind in finances and just at the present time is a full year in arrears. No one will argue that this is a good condition to be in, and any man who has pride in his home county would like to see it clear of debt. But it will be impossible to wipe out our outstanding indebtedness unless the tax rate is raised to 85 cents on the hundred. Knowing this to be a fact and being well acquainted with the conditions that have prevailed in the county for the past four years (and it is wholly possible that the same condition could exist for the next four) would you advise the county to spend a sum equal to three times the amount that it has to spend every year to meet its necessary expenses; for a foolish purpose?

It would take the county three years to get even again if the extra 25 cents were levied against the people, without the expenditure of another cent other than that for which we are now spending our money. Shouldn't our old debts be wiped out before we start new ones? Suppose it cost you \$5000.00 a year to run your farm and you owed \$5000.00, with cash on hand to the amount of \$150.00? You would be in a bad way to accomplish anything for some time to come if an extra burden were laid upon you. This is exactly what some wealthy non-residents and hired speakers are trying to get you to do. The non-resident wants you to shoulder an extra burden for his private gain, not for your accommodation or welfare. The hired speaker is trying to get you to do this because he is being paid to work for these same non-residents. It matters not to them whether you are able to pay the full limit of county taxes, which is 85 cents, the extra tax for the schooling of your children, the State tax etc.

The whole county seat agitation is based on greed and not on any popular demand of the people to remove it; and we trust the readers of The Reporter will just sit down, and quietly study out the proposition for themselves, then decide whether or not they want to go down in their pockets and spend a large sum of money that will materially benefit only a small portion of the citizenship of the county.

### Minor-Roach.

Mr. Claude Minor of Wichita Falls and Mrs. Bessie Roach were married on Friday evening March 7, 1913, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lamar. They left the following day for Hobart, Okla. to make a short visit to Mr. Minor's parents.

The Reporter joins their many friends in wishing them a life of happiness and prosperity.

Frank Forbes left yesterday for his home in Houston.



GOSH!

## The Tax Rate Does Not Decrease as the Valuation Increases.

Yrs.	County	State	Total Val.
1907	32½	34	\$6,279,410
1908	23	27	6,653,299
1909	21 2-3	50	7,408,517
1910	20 2-3	50	7,688,071
1911	29	60	7,956,821
1912	26 2-3	60	7,614,928

Young county spent \$40,327.29 during 1911 and \$55,820.68 during 1912. A reasonable estimate for 1913 would be \$50,000.00; to pay this with and take care of our floating indebtedness we had on hand Feb. 13, 1913, \$10,440.19.

In other words we are just one year behind. To get back on a cash basis by 1916, as there is no reason why the total valuation should be materially increased, the county rate for the next three years would have to be increased from 60c per \$100 to 85c per \$100, and this provided our annual expenses are held down to the \$50,000.00 estimate. This increase makes no provision for a new county seat; that would still have to be added, and even now, there are only a few counties in the

state with a higher tax rate than ours. In justice to our Commissioner's Court, it might be well to state that in the main this money has been judiciously spent on the demands of their constituents for the general improvement of the roads, bridges, etc; and that while the County was running behind, the Court thought it best not to increase the tax rate at that time on account of the failure of crops and the extremely hard times.

## The County Site Question as I See It.

I have observed some things lately that are a wonder to me. While over at Graham the other day I remarked in the presence of Judge [redacted] that if I lived at Newcastle I would vote for the county seat to remain in Graham. The Judge looked at me in open-eyed wonder and said "You would?" I didn't know whether he was amazed at seeing one honest man or was regarding me as a fit subject for the insane asylum. You see some men's patriotism ends when their own selfish interests have been served, and I didn't know whether the Judge was one of this kind or was surprised at seeing a patriot wearing clod-hopper clothes.

Another specimen of manhood I see is like unto this: he thinks if a man has only been in the county a few years he has no right to say much unless he happens to be "on the right side." Of course all such stuff is resented by all manly men and those who make such argument are presuming too much upon the ignorance of the average voter, also showing a lack of intelligence and fair spirit on the part of those making such argument and really it militates against the cause for which he is working, besides the same argument may be made by the opposite side with the same consistency.

Still another variety of compatriots we have are among the well-to-do people. They tell the poor man, the renter, for instance, who happens to be in favor of moving the county site that he has no right to vote a tax on the property of others. This also is vanity and vexation

of the already low spirit of the land tenant and has a tendency to drive him to the other side.

Neither is the fact that certain men who favor the county seat remaining at Graham have helped the people of the county a sufficient reason of itself that a man should vote for Graham.

Now, to all voters especially the newcomer, and the tenant in particular, I say vote for Graham because it is right.

Let the court house remain in Graham because we have a good one there already. It is in the most convenient town in the county if measured by hours of travel.

Vote for Graham and let the tax money be used to build more and better roads, more bridges, more church houses, build better school houses and hire better teachers.

It doesn't matter what occurred years ago, it matters not what certain business men and merchants have done and are doing, human nature is the same at Newcastle that it is at Graham. We cannot as a rule buy an article cheaper at one town than we can at another. Business men are all organized and if we could but look "behind the scene" at times and see how well they understand each other and how they protect each other while they protect themselves individually. I think we could learn a good lesson by getting together ourselves and agree to put a stop to this everlasting uncalled for, unnecessary and shameful waste of the people's money and put it where it would benefit all alike.

A FARMER.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Prather have moved to Wichita Falls.

## In Behalf of Widows and Orphans of Young County.

I appeal to the christian people of Young county, are we going to vote to increase taxes on their property when they have no voice in pending election? If we vote for Newcastle it will increase their taxes. In God's Divine word we have this language: "visit widows and orphans," not to increase their burdens. I learn that we have one in our county who claims to be a Baptist preacher who is stumping the county in the interest of Newcastle which means increase of taxes uncalled for. Baptists do not advocate any such doctrine. They believe in visiting the widows and orphans, not with a burden. I ask every christian man in Young county, are we going to burden widows and orphans? May God forbid.

DR. ISAAC PRICE.

## The Priscilla Club.

Mrs. J. Hall Bowman was hostess to the Priscilla Club this week. There were twelve members present and as usual a number of pretty pieces of fancy work progressed toward completion while happy voices were just as busy as nimble fingers. Mrs. J. F. H. Crabb and Mrs. Will Norman entertained the other members with several sweet piano numbers.

Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Hudson were elected to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Mesdames L. B. Kidwell and Harry Wadsworth. The Priscillas were sorry to have Mesdames Kidwell and Wadsworth leave the Club. Mrs. Wadsworth was a Charter member and a very much loved one. Mrs. Kidwell was not a Charter member but had been a member for four years, and the Club regrets to lose her.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Chas. Widmayer on Tuesday March, 18th.

## Imported Speaker Visits Graham.

Newcastle's famous imported speaker, Lawyer Brown, addressed an audience at the Opera House Monday that taxed the capacity of the house. He was given the best of attention throughout his entire speech, but in the conclusion very, very, few signified that they believed what he said.

It was the same old song and dance that he has been giving all over the county since the people of Newcastle hired him to make speeches for their little town. And just here let us pause to remark that we do not believe that a single farmer in Young county is putting up one cent of the money that keeps him here.

Mr. Brown made the statement that there were scores of farmers in the county who were hailing with delight the opportunity to move the county seat, but he did not tell the people who was paying him to make the speeches, and it would seem to us a logical conclusion that if so many farmers were anxious to have the county seat moved to Newcastle that some of them would put up a little of the expense money. Do you believe there is a farmer in the county who is paying anything?

Mr. Brown admitted that it was from selfish reasons that Newcastle wanted the county seat; this was not new to anyone, and all the gush he is giving about "equal rights to all" is just to fill in time on his speeches. If he were to confine himself to the only real reason for wanting the county seat moved he would tell you that it was because some of the people of Newcastle and two or three wealthy non-residents WANTED it moved, and were putting up the coin to TRY to move it.

He also made the statement that it would not be a great while until improvements would have to be made on our present court house, and said that it ought to be done, that it was right. We all agree with him, but at the same time want you to bear in mind that there is a vast difference between spending four or five hundred dollars on repairs and three or four HUNDRED THOUSAND to build a new one.

He accused the people of Young county of being ignorant, but they are smart enough to know that money saved is money made, and he could speak from now until our court house crumbles and falls and then not be able to pull the wool over the eyes of the man that has to foot the bills.

And he asked "Who says you are not able to pay your debts?" No one has yet accused any man of being unable to pay his debts, but you know whether or not you are able, and the fact that Mr. Brown is trying to add to your indebtedness does not signify that he knows you ARE able.

But the people of Young county know a great deal more about the conditions in the county than does Mr. Brown or any other imported speaker. Mr. Brown did not know that Newcastle was on Whiskey Creek and thought that a Graham speaker was trying to throw slurs at Newcastle when the statement was made. They are trying to have an ignoramus poke hot air down your throat. Hadn't you rather take the word of men who have lived neighbors to you for a quarter of a century than that of a man whom you do not even know and that is speaking on the question for so many dollars a speech? What

right has he to speak of the condition of the county when he knows absolutely nothing of it?

Then Mr. Brown got his figures mixed when he stated that from Dec. 1911 to Feb. 1913 was two years and two months. He made this statement when he said the people of Graham should not try to show the indebtedness of the people arising from mortgages, saying there was nothing to show how much of this had been paid. He said over that amount could have been paid in the two years. He is a bum mathematician and any school boy in the county knows better than to try to run a windy like that. And judging from the conditions that have existed in the county for the past four years we feel safe in saying that only a small portion of this mortgage indebtedness has been paid, and that thousands upon thousands of it will have to be carried over for several years longer.

And he wanted to know what this individual debt had to do with your vote. Applying the golden rule as he wants us to do, would it be right for you to vote a burdensome tax on your neighbor and him already badly in debt? You wouldn't think your neighbor was applying the golden rule to you if the tables were turned, would you?

Mr. Brown wound up his speech by saying that an elegant court house could be built for fifty or sixty or sixty-five thousand dollars, he wasn't certain of the amount and said he didn't know just what a court house would cost, but didn't BELIEVE it would cost as much as the Graham people would have you believe. And the most puerile part of his speech was when he made an effort to show that the interest did not enter into the cost of the building.

Really, our opinion of Mr. Brown is that he is a weak proposition and that the people of Young county will hardly be fooled by listening to his "bunk", that he is dealing out for so much per.

Since the applause at the conclusion of his speech was so very light the Graham speakers did not deem it necessary to make a reply to his efforts and dismissed the audience without further ado.

## Ladies' Aid Society.

The Presbyterian Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. W. S. McJimsey Thursday afternoon, in a business meeting. Opened with devotional exercises. The key word for scripture quotations was "everlasting" and each lady responded with a passage containing this word. The ladies freely discussed the subject of "making the best disposition of present funds in the treasury" also devised plans for the observance of the Livingston Centenary Celebration. After payment of dues the following officers were elected for one year:

- President—Mrs. J. W. Akin.
  - 1st. Vice President—Mrs. B. B. Garrett
  - 2nd. Vice President—Mrs. A. A. Morrison.
  - Recording Secretary—Mrs. T. J. Price.
  - Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. W. S. McJimsey.
  - Treasurer—Mrs. Jno. Rubenkoenig.
  - Reporter—Mrs. Z. A. Hudson.
- The first Vice President was made permanent Chairman of the Missionary Committee. The Society adjourned to meet with Mrs. Jno. E. Morrison.

Dr. Chas. B. Gant is in Chicago.

**Mr. Yancey on Newcastle.**

Mr. Editor it's useless to argue this county seat question longer for everybody in the county that has any thinkers have done thought and all that have lots on the coal bed are going to stay with them if it does bankrupt the county, but those that stood the storm from 1884. There are but few of us living now that went through those hard times. I raised 9 children during that time, and we built a good court house and paid for it and now have good roads to it and a beautiful park and I don't think there is a better Iron fence around any court house in the state of Texas than at Graham and as to the house it looks to me like it will be standing there when Gabriel blows his horn and he would say so too if he was here unless he happened to own some lots at Newcastle.

Now fellows I raised 9 children and we were 25 years paying for our public improvements and now lets see

81 Grand children to have to hit it like I did for 30 years longer for no reason in the world only to gratify the greed of a few. I voted for the center in 1884 but then we did not have anything. Times have changed since then. As for me I am for Graham keeping the court house and I am bound to believe there are enough men in the county that still have thinkers of their own to let well enough alone. Mr. Editor I have no ax to grind in this thing and the reason I take the position I do is because I know it's right.

Whenever we have about three drouthy years in succession and it takes about half we make to pay our tax, which you all

know they do come, then what about moving the county seat? Not much Mary Ann for me.

Now Mr. Editor in case of a removal there will be no more homeseekers in Young county

and we that have our little homes will sure get the pleasure of keeping them for the man that's got the money will have more sense than to put it in a home in Young county.—C. D. Yancey.

# Money to Loan

Loans made in Young, Archer, Baylor, Throckmorton and Stephens counties at a very low rate of interest. No expense, I do my own inspecting and close loans promptly. My companies loan their own money and will take care of you through dry years. If you want money for investment, to take up notes, bring your abstract and other papers and come to see me.

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## E. C. STOVALL

Graham, Texas.

# ANNUAL STATEMENT

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## Financial Condition of Young County

Showing the total amount of receipts, disbursements and indebtedness, and cash balances on hand in the various funds of the County, for the year beginning Feb. 10, 1912, and ending Feb. 12, 1913, as required by law.

JURY FUND		Dr.	Cr.
Feb. 10, 1912	To cash on hand	\$ 214.32	
Feb. 12, 1913	To cash rec'd during year	2,123.37	
Feb. 12, 1913	By amount paid out during year		\$ 2,319.59
Feb. 12, 1913	By balance on hand		18.10
		\$ 2,337.69	\$ 2,337.69
Feb. 12, 1913	To balance on hand	\$ 18.10	
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND			
Feb. 10, 1912	To cash on hand	\$ 11,807.32	
Feb. 13, 1913	To cash received during year	22,557.30	
Feb. 12, 1913	By amount paid out during year		\$ 22,231.20
Feb. 12, 1913	By balance on hand		12,133.42
		\$ 34,364.62	\$ 34,364.62
Feb. 12, 1913	To balance on hand	\$ 12,133.42	
GENERAL COUNTY FUND			
Feb. 10, 1912	To cash on hand	\$ 16,281.47	
Feb. 12, 1913	To cash received during year	24,598.74	
Feb. 12, 1913	By amount paid out during year		\$ 27,507.02
Feb. 12, 1913	By balance on hand		13,373.19
		\$ 40,880.21	\$ 40,880.21
Feb. 12, 1913	To balance on hand	\$ 13,373.19	
COURT HOUSE SPECIAL FUND			
Feb. 10, 1912	To cash on hand	\$ 3,588.93	
Feb. 12, 1913	To cash received during year	3,589.42	
Feb. 12, 1913	By amount paid out during year		\$ 3,762.87
Feb. 12, 1913	By balance on hand		3,415.48
		\$ 7,178.35	\$ 7,178.35
Feb. 12, 1913	To balance on hand	\$ 3,415.48	
BRAZOS RIVER BRIDGE BOND SINKING FUND			
Feb. 10, 1912	To cash on hand	\$ 3,694.24	
Feb. 12, 1913	To cash received during year	3,712.68	
Feb. 12, 1913	By amount paid out during year		\$ 2,712.57
Feb. 12, 1913	By balance on hand		4,694.35
		\$ 7,406.92	\$ 7,406.92
Feb. 12, 1913	To balance on hand	\$ 4,694.35	
REYNOLDS RIVER BRIDGE SINKING FUND			
Feb. 10, 1912	To cash on hand	\$ 2,346.21	
Feb. 12, 1913	To cash received during year	2,150.79	
Feb. 12, 1913	By amount paid out during year		\$ 4,053.12
Feb. 12, 1913	By balance on hand		3,443.91
		\$ 4,497.03	\$ 4,497.03
Feb. 12, 1913	To balance on hand	\$ 3,443.91	
BRIDGE BOND INTEREST AND SINKING FUND			
Feb. 10, 1912	To cash on hand	\$ 388.55	
Feb. 12, 1913	To cash received during year	358.37	
Feb. 12, 1913	By amount paid out during year		\$ 88.75
Feb. 12, 1913	By balance on hand		658.17
		\$ 746.92	\$ 746.92
Feb. 12, 1913	To balance on hand	\$ 658.17	
BRIDGE REPAIR BOND SINKING FUND			
Feb. 10, 1912	To cash on hand	\$ 363.80	
Feb. 12, 1913	To amount received during year	391.72	
Feb. 12, 1913	By amount paid out during year		\$ 8.85
Feb. 12, 1913	By balance on hand		746.67
		\$ 755.52	\$ 755.52
Feb. 12, 1913	To balance on hand	\$ 746.67	

### RECAPITULATION

ASSETS	
Cash on hand in available County funds	\$28,940.19
LIABILITIES	
Amount due for borrowed money	18,500.00
ASSETS	
Cash on hand in sinking funds	9,543.10
Bonds on hand in sinking funds	4,498.00
	\$14,041.10
LIABILITIES	
40 Brazos River Bridge Bonds outstanding	\$40,000.00
20 Reynolds River Bridge Bonds outstanding	20,000.00
2 McCann & Gooseneck Bridge Bonds	2,000.00
2 Bridge Repair Bonds	1,998.00
	\$63,998.00

STATE OF TEXAS, YOUNG COUNTY:

I, D. D. Cusenbary, Clerk of Young County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing to be a true and correct statement of the financial condition of Young County as shown by the records in my office.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 13th day of February, A. D., 1913.

D. D. CUSENBARY,

County Clerk, Young County, Texas.

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Graham, Texas.

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### Another Shipment of Pattern Hats

Was received this week, which in addition to the hats recently trimmed in our own department gives us a very large stock of fine trimmed hats for you to select from.

Our Milliners, Miss Stroud and Miss Logan, would be pleased to have you call and select your Easter Hat or give them your order for one to be trimmed.

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Our showing of fine Dress Goods for this Spring comprises all the newest and most popular fabrics in the best patterns and shades. Let us show you some of the following goods:

- Cheney Silk Foulards
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- Crepe de Chine
- Soft Taffeta Silk
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- Fancy Serges
- Ratine
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- Fine Linens
- Fancy Voiles
- Tissues

### Queen Quality Shoes

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# How Shall I Vote On the County Seat Proposition?

VOTER: Why all this county seat excitement, Socrates? Is it of such prime importance to Young County that each citizen have a court house within easy walking distance?

SOCRATES: I see that you are not excited about it, hence I will venture to tell you the old fable of the Mountain in Labor: A mountain was once greatly agitated; loud groans and noises were heard and crowds of people came from all parts to see what was the matter. While they were assembled in anxious expectation of some terrible calamity—out came a mouse. Moral: Don't make much ado about nothing. The average law-abiding citizen has little business at the court house. He is eligible as a juror only once a year, and now that we have so many jurors, he serves only once every three or four years. The tax assessor sends him notice as to the amount of his taxes; the tax collector collects at various points or the taxpayer can phone his bank to pay his taxes. In this day we rely upon abstracts of title and no one examines the records but lawyers and abstractors. In fact, these days, the average man has so little need of a court house that he only goes about it when Colquitt or Ramsey speak, and they also speak at all the important places in the county. That is why you so readily believe the false reports that your present court house was unsafe until assured by your commissioners' court that it was entirely sound and adequate.

Voter. That is so. I am about it so little that I didn't know any better at first.

Socrates. Another thought on this line and we will leave it. You know, if a man wants to pick your pocket he does not approach you when alone, but has his confederate stir up some excitement, like a fake fight, which causes the good citizens to gather about and in the bustle and excitement he does his work.

Voter. So, your idea is that the talk about equal rights to all and special privileges to none is merely to confuse the main issue?

Socrates. Yes, that is the shibboleth of all the new isms, because it sounds good. What the one quoting it, however, may desire is often special privilege of the worst form. One should not attempt to hide his own selfish interest under the cloak of doing the greatest good for the greatest number. The good Book only goes so far as to say, "Love thy neighbor as thyself;" not better than yourself, so if you know what your best interest is the chances are that it will also be your neighbor's.

Voter. So much has been said about the court house being at the center of the county, geographically, I would like to have your idea about that.

Socrates. The geographical center of the county has absolutely nothing to do with the question, for if all the people of the county lived in the corporate limits of Graham it would be the greatest foolishness to build a court house seven miles away from them. Of course, they do not, but that raises the question as to where they do live, and brings into consideration the center of population and the other centers—the center of convenience of travel, the center of convenience of comfort, and the centers of trade, wealth, accommodations, etc. These are the real centers to be considered.

Voter. Well, how about the future?

Socrates. The future has nothing to do with this question either. If we needed a new court house now, or if our circumstances were such that we could lay aside our needs and consider only our wants, then we might seriously consider this burden of taxes some are seeking to impose upon us. The future will take care of itself. Don't forget that it is much easier to promise than it is to perform. That it takes time, money and the co-operation of good men to build up good towns, and that it is very much easier to tear down than it is to build up; to waste than to save. In looking to the future don't forget the past. Don't forget that twelve months ago many citizens were facing bankruptcy and starvation and that it was only a good crop that saved them. Now, it behooves us to be careful and economical.

Voter. I felt all the time that this court house fight was being made on false issues, and I have not said how I would vote for that reason. But I now see clearly that I have but little need of a court house at any time and that there is no issue before the people at all until our present court house is unsafe or inadequate. Until then I shall be for Graham.

Socrates. You are right. And let us all remember that Young county needs the united efforts of all towards its upbuilding; that the tearing down of its strongest commercial center is a very poor way to work for the building up of the county or to serve the best interests of all the people.

SOCRATES.

## How Will It Affect Land Values?

This is a matter of personal opinion. Land near Red Top, ten miles from Graham, is not worth as much as land near True, eighteen miles from Graham, and land near Olney, 25 miles from Graham, is worth more than land near either True or Red Top. The value of land is governed largely by the quantity of good land in a solid body and by the number of people living on it. Of course, proximity to a good town enhances the value of lands. The better the town the more its enhancement. It is a question as to whether the town being the county seat has much influence. It might be that as long as the tax rate is materially increased to build this county seat the bad effect of high taxes would more than offset the advantage of nearness. Many people have left their former homes on account of high taxes and have settled in Young county partly because of low taxes. The rate of taxation is one of the first questions asked by a prospective buyer who has lived in a county where taxes are high.

## How Are Bonds Issued?

The Commissioners' Court can issue an amount of bonds in the sum of \$2000 or less without submitting the matter to the people. The Court can make several such issues—if they can sell such bonds; but the Court could be restrained from issuing an amount of bonds anything like the erection of a new court house would require without first submitting the question to the taxpayers, and such a bond issue would require a majority vote of the qualified taxpaying voters before it would be approved by the attorney general. So, a new court house could not be built at Graham until the matter of the necessary bond issue had been regularly submitted and approved by a majority of the voters, just as was done in the road bond election two years ago, when the voters saw fit to refuse their consent and of course the bonds were not issued.

## Count Well the Cost; Pay Back the Bonus.

The Acts of the Legislature of Texas of April 17, 1874, and April 30, 1874, prescribed just how the permanent county seats of counties in Texas should be established, and, in accordance therewith, the voters of Young County voted to establish the permanent county seat of Young County at Graham, and in 1874 G. A. Graham deeded to Young County, in consideration that Graham be voted such permanent county seat, Texan Emigration & Land Co. Survey 625 of 320 acres and 100 town lots in the town of Graham. This land and these lots have been sold by Young County. If the county seat is removed from Graham the value of this land and these lots can be recovered from Young County by the heirs of G. A. Graham. Just what this amount may be the court will have to determine. But if you throw your court house away, this bonus will also go with it.

## It is Better to Be Safe than Sorry.

# VOTE FOR GRAHAM!

# The News from our County Correspondents

## Lone Oak

Another fine rain fell Saturday night and Sunday which insures a fine planting season.

Col. S. R. Crawford and Judge Arnold of Graham and Judge Brown of Plano met at Lone Oak last Thursday night to discuss the proposition of moving the county seat. Each one ably discussed his side of the question, especially Mr. Crawford and we are inclined to be in favor of Graham. There will be another speaking on the same subject Friday night, March 14. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Several of the Lone Oak people attended the speaking at Red Top last Friday night. Lon Sockwell has returned to Greenville after spending several weeks with relatives here.

Miss Isla Rutherford was a pleasant caller at A. J. Lowe's Sunday.

Mrs. C. C. McBride has been right sick for some time but we are glad to report that she is much better now.

Mrs. Ethel Buchanan and son, Wayne, visited Mrs. Stiffler Monday.

Buel Orr had the misfortune of getting kicked by a horse last Tuesday. The bruises were right serious but he is getting along fine.

A. P. Stewart and family were among the Graham visitors last Friday.

Chas. Thigpen of Red Top was in our community Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. May Pratt visited her mother Mrs. McBride Monday afternoon.

School is still progressing nicely. We think we have a first-class teacher and everyone seems to be deeply interested in their school.

Miss Eva Hamm was the guest of Misses Emma and Amelia Walker Thursday night.

As this is all the news I'll bid you all adieu. BRUNETTE.

## Gooseneck.

Mrs. John Clark and children spent the day with Mrs. Andrew Smith Thursday.

Miss Stella Smith spent Thursday evening with Misses Nora and Lona McLaren.

Mrs. F. E. Suttle visited Mrs. Smith Thursday.

Jim Price, Bob McLaren, Joe and Willie Parsons were out rustling rabbits Wednesday night.

Jim Price and family are visiting relatives in Flat Rock community.

Charlie Holt and John Clark made a trip to Tonk Valley last Friday.

Luther Berry seems to be located at Mr. Wiley's. His father says he expects to have to move his trunk.

F. M. Berry and G. W. Wiley are taking in the sights of Fort Worth.

Henry Owens visited his uncle Andrew Smith Sunday.

There is to be an Easter hunt in the Parsons pasture, east of the house. Everybody is invited to come and take a good hunt.

We understood that there was to be a wedding in Ming Bend the past week; guess Rainy Day will tell us all about it when she writes.

We think Gooseneck is wet to the bottom, as it rained nearly all of Saturday night.

Joe Parsons and son Alfred attended the W. O. W. celebration Friday.

Messrs. Marshall and Bain called on Joe Parsons Monday morning. They both had axes to grind.

There will be preaching next Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, Saturday night and Sunday morning; Sunday school at 10 o'clock.

Henry Driver and G. W. McManey have gone to Dallas.

GANDER.

## Connor Creek.

As the Gopher has departed for parts unknown, Connor Creek will be represented by "Casey Jones."

Whoever saw so much rain and mud; but these good rains cause broad smiles on the farmers faces for they feel like they shall not sow in vain.

We are glad to note that Mrs. John Shahan has recovered from her severe sickness.

Posie Bowers and wife spent Saturday night and Sunday with his parents in Henry Chapel.

Walter Wagner had a very sick baby last week, but is much better at this writing.

Kirby Chandler went to Graham last Saturday and said he heard nothing but county seat talk, but he says we are bound to win, and have votes to spare.

Zell Kimbrel has returned to his home in Texhoma.

Our new neighbor, Mr. Stewart, was a Graham visitor Saturday.

The attraction at Chandler's is great, even rain and mud will not stop a certain young man we know.

Next Sunday Bro. Joe Mayes will preach at Connor Creek at 11 o'clock. Everybody wake up and come out to hear him. Connor is coming to the front—has preaching every Sunday in each month except the second Sunday.

J. A. Chandler has shipped his household goods to Idaho. We are truly sorry to lose this good family from our neighborhood. They will leave after the election. That's right, Jim, stay and help us out.

Oats is looking fine in this neck of the woods.

Miss Ida Watson was shopping in Graham Saturday.

It is criminal not to toot your own horn when you have something worth while to toot it for, so let everyone keep on tooting for the county seat at Graham.

CASEY JONES.

[Sorry to lose the Gopher ourselves, but feel sure Casey Jones will keep his eye on the rail and give us the news from Connor.]

## Center Ridge

As I have been reading the dear old Reporter and haven't seen any thing from Center Ridge I thought I would scribble a few lines.

Anna Laura Garrett spent Saturday night with her brother Fred Garrett.

L. C. Reed spent Saturday night with L. I. Bryan of Dakin.

Some of the boys went to Bryson Saturday. What? boys, down at Bryson, there isn't hardly room to turn a buggy around without turning it over is there?

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Robertson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ragland of Flat Rock.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. I. M. Garrett has been on the sick list for two or three days.

Mr. T. W. Craig and son Hubert and Fred Garrett went to town Saturday, also Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Robertson.

L. C. Reed and Paul Ragland went to a party at Hightights at Oakland reported a nice time.

Capt. A. C. White and family spent Sunday with Rev. D. J. E. Clark of Dakin.

S. M. Baker was out wolf hunting one night this week.

Mother kept me home from school today to help her wash, so I hear her calling, Lost Billie! Lost Billie come and get a bucket of water, so I guess I had better drop my pen and run.

LOST BILLIE.

[Center Ridge is welcome and we hope Lost Billie will find himself every week in time to write us what's happening at Center Ridge.—Editor.]

## Salem.

Salemite failed to show up last week but we are with you now to report the best rain we have had since last August.

J. H. Carter was very sick the latter part of last week but we are glad to report him much better and able to sit up part of the time.

Haywood Gordon has finished planting corn.

W. B. Hinson, Dud Craig and Dee Allord of Henry Chapel were here last week laying in a supply of seed corn and seed potatoes. Salem has the goods, also has the record for largest four-legged hog, and largest yield of wheat and seed cotton per acre. Henry Chapel claims the largest yield of lint cotton but they had to annex a part of Jack county in order to get it for the cotton was grown near the Dillingham prairie and that's away over in Jack county.

George Gilmore and family visited his mother last Sunday.

Dee Howery and family were visiting in Graham last week.

T. K. Criswell has the only wheat crop sown in this community. Hope he will get a good yield so we will have seed for another year.

Born on the sixth to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carter a boy.

With a good season in the ground, a good stand of oats, and with the cool weather holding the fruit crop in check and the old hens laying oodles of eggs, farm people have nothing to complain of.

Hansford Hatfield has invested in an auto, but it is said he can't persuade it to leave Graham.

Looks like Sam and Levi just can't keep their new buggies from going down to Mr. George Hinson's every Sunday.

Bro. Cook filled his appointment here Sunday.

H. L. Harris has moved to Mark Hollis' place over in Ming Bend. SALEMITE.

## Bunger

G. W. Wiley has gone to Fort Worth on business.

H. A. Drive went to Dallas Monday to the Woodmen Convention.

Everybody was in Bunger this evening but George Mahaney, he was too busy planting corn.

F. M. Berry has got us bested on cabbage plants. He has 31 hundred from New York already planted.

O. D. Lisle planted his cotton six feet apart last year but he is going to double row this year.

Mr. Tom Beach says he can keep the boys on the right side down here.

Mr. Mullinax says if you want any thing hauled from Bunger to Graham or any where else call him day or night.

We are having plenty of rain at this writing which suits the Gander.

Mr. L. M. Hicks the weather prophet was in Bunger today, he says we are going to have lots of rain this year. I hope he knows.

The party was all right at Mr. Richardson's Saturday night. They had to stay late on account of rain.

Mr. Gander there is one other party that knows where that trail is that goes so straight up the bluff.

Dave Lickless and son passed through Bunger today on their way to Graham.

Joe Boyce and wife are visiting J. M. Daves this week.

C. E. McLaren started to Graham Saturday evening to a play party with his over coat on his arm but didn't get farther than the bridge and turned back. He thought one of those old maids would be there from Tonk Valley. GOOSE.

## No-Dust Antiseptic.

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

## Indian Mound.

Well, here I come after two long, long weeks' absence. I suppose I'll surely be pardoned for my failing to write the last two weeks as we have had sickness in our family and isn't that a "lawful excuse?"

I must say a few words in praise of the good letters the rest of you correspondents have been writing. They were splendid last week, and our "page" has increased to "pages." The writers seem to be getting up more interest in their work and consequently the letters are more interesting.

There is a great deal of sickness in our community at present. Mrs. Will Grubbs who has been sick for about two months is still very low. Mrs. D. Bird has been real sick for the last two weeks but is improving now. Grandpa Riddling is very sick with erysipelas.

Mrs. J. S. Fisher is spending a few days with her daughter, in Tonk Valley.

Quite a few of our people took in the big Woodmen celebration at Graham Friday. They report a pleasant time and an excellent dinner.

B. W. Drum who has been suffering a great deal the last few weeks with his eyes left on Monday's train for Ft. Worth where he expects to have them treated by a specialist.

Mrs. Emma Smith of Oklahoma is spending a few weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Frazier.

We had a fine rain Saturday night and Sunday which was very badly needed.

Mrs. Lillie Smith, wife of Lamar Smith, died at her home two miles west of Indian Mound on Tuesday morning, Feb. 23, and was buried Tuesday evening at 5:30 o'clock in the Indian Mound cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by J. S. Fisher. Mrs. Smith had been sick for several weeks but her death was unexpected and came as shock to her friends. Mrs. Smith leaves a husband, aged parents, and three brothers to mourn her loss. They have our heartfelt sympathy in this time of sadness.

John McCommas of Graham was out on the ranch Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and Mr. John Riddling came in Saturday from Oklahoma to be at the bedside of their father who is very sick.

Quite a few of our people went to Graham Big Monday to take in the sights. How many of you correspondents went? The weather being so bad and the roads in such a condition I have an idea there were not many of you went.

Well, I suppose my letter wouldn't be complete if I didn't say something about the all important subject of county seat. There have been some very interesting and real good letters written on the subject. Of course, the court house should remain at Graham, but there seems to be quite a good many people who think differently about the matter. We are going to have a county seat speaking here next Friday night, the 14th. Everybody invited to come. You people who are helping me yell for Graham must come and lend your aid for my throat might get awfully sore if I have to do "too much of it by myself."

Mr. and Mrs. Dee James and Will Haggard are visiting for several days at G. M. James'.

Miss Maude Carmack visited her mother, Mrs. J. C. Carmack, at Graham from Friday till Sunday.

Mrs. Austin Bird is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Horace Busch of Tonk Valley.

G. M. James left on Tuesday's train for Ft. Worth to take in the Fat Stock Show.

Everybody remember to come to preaching next Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Wilson of Newcastle will preach.

WESTERN GIRL.

## Mount Pleasant.

We have just received the sad news of the death of little Ossie Dell, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McClain of Kingston, Texas. These good people lived among us so long they seem like our own people; they moved away last summer. Mr. McClain's brother, B. A. McClain, still lives among us—is one of us. We remember little Ossie Dell as a sweet, bright babe, and when we realize that we shall see her no more on earth our hearts are sad, yet we know that "He doeth all things well."

Will Nesbitt moved his smoke-house the other day. Just why he moved it we do not know unless he got "wrought up" over the county seat question and decided something big had to be pulled off.

"Oh, my—! son, go look up the road for the Watkins man. Nell, I wonder why you didn't get a bottle of that liniment the other day, you knew those groceries were coming in Saturday. Oh, oh, my—! go and call Mr. McClain." "Mrs. McClain says that Mr. Mc is nearly dead; he has used half a bottle of liniment and is still spitting up something like sawdust and Castile soap." "Well, call Wylie Moore." "Mrs. Moore says Wylie is a mighty sick man and can't possibly come." "Well, call Will Nesbitt then. Oh, my—! Oh!" "Mary says Will is unconscious and looks like two men." "Call Dick Griffin quick, oh!" "Mrs. Griffin says the doctor is with Dick now." "Well, call Mr. Brown. I'll shoot the next agent that comes here." Mrs. Brown says Mr. Brown has gone after a plow and she don't know when he will be back." "Well, for pity sake call some one else; call Bill Cole." "Mrs. Cole says Bill is coming now with his bluing." "That's good I knew that fellow's dope wouldn't hurt that old gas pipe."

We are all rejoicing over the good rain that fell Saturday and Sunday.

Some of our young folks went to the literary at Briar Branch Saturday night. They say it was fine.

Yes, Gander, rush them up about the song ballad, "Boys, don't stay after ten." We could use a number of them in this community and would be willing to pay well for them, providing they are guaranteed to do the work without any serious reaction.

Mr. and Mrs. John Timmons visited in Tonk Valley Saturday and Sunday. PLOW BOY.

## Huffstuttle.

The farmers are very busy breaking land and getting ready to plant their crops. The farmers' wives are talking garden and chicken raising.

Novie Reger of this neighborhood, and Miss Fannie DeLong of Eliasville were married last Sunday evening at seven o'clock. They came to the home of his father, Mr. L. D. Reger that night where there was a crowd of young folks assembled to welcome them. Novie is a steady, industrious young man and while we do not know his bride, we feel sure has made a good choice. May they have a long and happy life together.

Mrs. Frank Otts and daughter Miss Ethel returned last Saturday from Necessity where they have been visiting Mrs. Otts' father, Mr. Harvey Ware.

Misses Myrtle Moreland and Delia Smith visited at Mr. F. J. Peacock's last Sunday afternoon.

Walter Moreland and family visited at Jean Wassons' last Sunday.

George Daniel's children have been sick with measles.

George Campbell has returned from Tarrant, where he has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Will Whitener.

Our school is getting along nicely under the management of Miss Nina Duckworth.

GUESS WHO.

## Rocky Mound.

As we come to write this week it is raining and looks as though it will rain all night. We have a very good season in the ground and most everyone is through breaking their land.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Goldston spent Sunday in Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hunter and little daughter, Ida Mae, spent the day Sunday with H. Mowery and family.

Tate Phillips was seen going down the road Sunday evening. Suppose he was in search of a widow. Hurry on Tate, I'll bet you find her.

Several of the young folks went to the party at Bud Goldston's last Wednesday night.

Shortie Phillips spent Sunday evening at Mr. Mowery's. We suppose he went to see the old man.

As we have not seen Hubert Walker in several days, suppose he is playing ground hog.

Joe Mowery spent Saturday night with Nelson and Nolen Smith.

Henry Hunter spent Saturday night with his uncle, Mr. Connor, near Graham and went to the literary at Briar Branch.

A crowd of young folks enjoyed themselves at W. C. Smith's Thursday night.

This has been a dull week with us so haven't got much to write. With best wishes to you all will close.

REP. WISE.

## Dakin.

This is Sunday afternoon and it is still raining. I guess we will get enough rain after a while.

Elder D. J. E. Clark and wife are visiting relatives near Jacksboro this week.

Mrs. Jewel Goldston, Horace Goldston and John Smith called at the Misses Findlay's Sunday afternoon. It was rather rainy, but they enjoyed several games of croquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Josh Moore are visiting their son Arthur, who is quite sick.

Miss Hattie Belle Reed spent Saturday night with Miss Juanita Bryan.

Miss Juanita Bryan was out horseback riding Saturday afternoon and called in to see Miss Myrtice Findley.

Wonder what the two old maids were doing Sunday afternoon? They stayed at home. Cheer up, maids, maybe you won't be called that all the time.

Buster, don't forget all of us—and write and tell us what you are doing. We miss you greatly in our midst of correspondents.

T. D. Findley and Earl Clark were in Graham Saturday.

Little Lilla Belle Findley was quite sick Saturday.

BLONDIE.

## Lone Star.

We had a fine rain Saturday night and Sunday which was appreciated by all.

Mr. Abe Billingsley is real sick with lagrippe at this writing.

Misses Mabel and Alice Vaughn spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Bud Mitchell.

Mrs. Donley visited Mrs. Akers Saturday night.

Mrs. Walter Fowler who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vaughn left for New Mexico Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn went to Graham Friday.

Misses Beulah Bradberry and Addie Akers visited Misses Emma and Ethel Cunningham Monday evening.

Mr. Bud Kirkland spent Wednesday and Thursday night with his sister, Mrs. Dee Poindexter.

Orien and Finis Wilson visited Willie Vaughn Saturday night.

Mrs. Langford spent Friday and Saturday night with her daughter, Mrs. Claud Ingram.

SLICK FRED.

**We Want your Frying Chickens.** Bring all your frying size chickens to the Mountsides Hotel. Will pay from 15c to 20c a pound for all you will bring.

**Jean.**

We had a fine rain Saturday night which put the ground in good shape for planting crops, also will help the wheat greatly as wheat and oats were badly in need of rain. With a good season in the ground and the county seat question on hand our people are having plenty of excitement these days. We have had the speakers with us twice already. Our people are about equally divided on this matter, so you see it is not much trouble to start an argument. It won't be long until the votes will be counted and then I hope we will have peace once more. I don't think neighbors can afford to have hard feelings over a public question, let every one vote as he thinks best and give the other fellow the same God given right.

The Sunday school was most a failure last Sunday on account of bad weather.

Mack Sims has bought an auto. Says he is going to run a service car but I expect he will carry mostly "fair" passengers.

Mr. H. J. Sparks and J. T. Sims went to Ft. Worth last Saturday. Mr. Sparks went as a federal juror and he took Tom along to go on his bond in case he got tangled up with the cops while in Ft. Worth. We venture the guess that Tom loses his crutch down there.

J. R. Conneley and Ben Thompson got a message to go to Oklahoma to work for the Jesse & Sturdy buggy people up there a few weeks. "Our gain will be Oklahoma's loss."

Sam Andrew has accepted a job with the G. T. & W. Ry., as agent at Jean. If Sam can only rent a house I think he will like his place alright, but these drives out in the country will soon get old to him.

Joe Webb has sold his home place to a party in Hill county. Mr. Webb is talking of moving to Grayson Co. The 265 acres brought \$10,000.00 cash so you see good homes around Jean are worth some money.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Waters gave the young folks a party Saturday night. All report a good time, and a good many got the starch knocked out of their meeting clothes as they went home through the shower. Also some of the 22 calibre boys were shooting their 22 pistols along the road. Better leave them at home boys they are short a few hands on the county roads just now and you might get a job.

W. B. Markham and W. P. Stroud went to Graham last week on business.

Mrs. Nola Bloodworth of Jack county is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Thompson.

Mr. Greenlun, the salesman for the Graham Mill and Elevator Co., was in Jean Saturday.

Mr. George Shears returned from Ft. Worth last week. He had been down with a car of cattle. He reports market good in all lines.

Uncle Bob Andrews was down from the oil wells Friday and said the oil people had shot some of their wells and now had a good supply of oil.

Misses Maud Thompson and Bertha Brooks were in Graham one day this week.

A. J. Cantwell has put in a nice line of caskets and coffins. All prices and sizes. Such things are OK to have in stock A. J. but if you ordered one for our special benefit I hereby countermand the order.

Judge E. W. Fry is building a new residence on his land south west of Jean. Have not learned who will occupy the place.

Work on the new church is progressing nicely. Glad to see it completed as it will add considerably to the looks of our little town.

C. A. Simmons has put in a gasoline engine as a new fixture to his blacksmith shop. Bring on your wife's axe and have it ground so the old sister can chop the wood with more ease. I am

always sorry for Jane when she picks up an old dull axe and shuffles off toward the wood-pile in fact I can't stand to see her cut the wood. I just get up like all other good hubbys do and gather my hat and walk off to some of the near neighbors or to town and discuss the county seat question until the smoke has cleared away.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Allen and a little remnant of the Allen's visited relatives at Olney last week.

Our second Moses is a weather prophet from Cork. He said, let there be rain and there was rain, and a dandy too.

Wonder what is the matter with our little squaw from Indian Mound we missed her letter so much last week. I hope heap big Injun has not carried her off.

BUSTER.

**Henry Chapel.**

We had a good rain Saturday night and Sunday putting every one smiling once more.

Most of the farmers are ready to plow corn. Oats are looking fine.

S. O. Ratcliffe, J. G. Crow, and W. B. Hinson were business visitors to Graham Saturday.

We notice the trees are beginning to bud. The grass is sending forth its tender blades, the birds are singing in merry glee and the old hens are warbling a business like tune. All together reminds us that spring is near.

Mr. Editor did you see me eating dinner at the W. O. W. hall Friday, well I want to tell you people who were not there that the dinner was the very best and in great abundance, and was served in a very courteous and attentive manner. You have often heard one speak of another being swelled up about something.

That was just exactly the way I felt after dinner. The people of Graham certainly deserve much credit for their many courtesies on this occasion.

Those who attended the singing at Finis last Saturday night say they never saw the moon shine so bright.

A. Bower is going to have a well put down. We hope him lots of good water.

As to the county seat question, I know of no better way to expand the lungs than to draw a long breath and yell for Graham.

Wish I had the opportunity to haul a Newcastle man from my place to Graham on a loaded wagon. By the time we got half way to town he would inquire of me why I did not market my produce at Weatherford, and by the time we got to town he would be willing to stomp the North West part of the county for Graham.

Please keep in mind Mr. voter that we are away down here in the South East corner of the county, 18 long rough miles from Graham, and bound on the East by the jumping off place. Now to the voter in the portion of the county where you have reasonably good roads, also, a railroad market near by. Let's remember the golden rule, Do unto others as you would be done by and not do some body because you had somebody do you. How many men have not had to go to the banks in the last four years, and borrow money to pay their taxes? Are you going to the polls March 22nd and vote to double the dose on yourself and children? They tell you it will not add but very little to our taxes, and can pay it out in a short time. It took about forty years to pay out our present court house at a cost of \$32,000. dollars and yet they claim they can pay out another one that will cost three or four times as much in just a little while and not increase our taxes. Isn't that queer? My, what a day and age we are living in. Maybe they will put in a money factory in the basement.

When March 22nd comes you can count one vote for Graham by the

DAGO.

**Ming Bend.**

Since we have had such splendid rains Rainyday will just step in for a few minutes.

Everybody is rejoicing over the rain.

Rainyday doesn't know much news, have been too busy to stir about much.

Miss Ella Askew and Miss Eunice Parker visited Mrs. Sam Williams last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams attended the spelling match at Mt. Home Friday night.

Earl Pickard says he will be glad when the 13th comes. Wonder what is going to happen then. I guess Margie is coming home.

R. M. Williams and Mr. Tom Choate went to the city Saturday.

Mrs. Reno Owens and little girl visited Mrs. Newby Saturday evening.

Frank Ribble and family visited Mr. Newby Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Mollie Ribble visited Mrs. Newby and Mrs. Mattie Gibbs last week.

Miss Mary Cunningham says Olaf has got a dandy buggy hopes he will come often to Ming Bend. Perhaps he will Mary.

Hugh and Roy Sible were in Ming Bend Sunday.

Mrs. Mattie Gibbs returned to her home near Proffitt Monday.

O. D. Lisle and wife visited Mr. Roarks Friday evening.

Mr. Jeff Lisle attended the spelling match Friday night.

**RAINYDAY**

**Oakland.**

Most of the young folks enjoyed themselves at a party last Wednesday night at Mr. and Mrs. Bud Goldston's.

J. M. Whitfield and Jeff went to Graham on business Saturday and brought home a new corn planter.

Mr. and Mrs. Josh Moore went to see their son, A. D. Moore, who is very sick, near Loving, Sunday.

Edgar Craig paid Jeff Whitfield a call Sunday.

Mrs. Jewel Goldston, and little brother Horace and Master Smith were out horseback riding Sunday.

S. P. Keplinger was looking for some freight last week—we believe it is a new organ.

H. L. Groner must have gone to Jermyn last Wednesday night as no one noticed him being at the party.

**Red Top.**

Farmers are rejoicing over the fine rain that fell Saturday night. Several of our people attended Woodmen day at Graham Friday.

Several have gone to the convention at Dallas this week.

Miss Dora McBee visited at E. T. Slater's Saturday evening.

We can report some of the measles better and some worse, but we hope we can report all better soon.

Mrs. Clara May Barrett is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Dollie Thigpen.

Edd Jordan and Bob Burns went to town Saturday and came back leading a hound. I guess they are going opossum hunting.

Sunday school is pretty small now on account of the measles.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Lottie Marshall on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marshall are visiting at Will Marshall's this week.

Yes, Brunette, I guess it does keep Buster hustling to provide for Jane and the little Busters. I also guess Buster will not get to make his trip to Graham on Big Monday if this rainy weather keeps up unless he has a good rain coat.

The speaking at Red Top Friday night was well attended.

Most all the farmers have corn planted and I guess this rain will bring it to the front.

As it's about supper time I will ring off, with best wishes to The Reporter.

SPINSTER MAID.

**W. M. S., M. E. Church.**

The W. M. S. met Monday afternoon, March 3, at M. E. church in regular business meeting.

Society opened with scripture reading, Matt. 19:18-23, by our President, Mrs. C. W. Johnson. Song—"The half has never yet been told."

Prayer—Mrs. Crim. Letter read by President from Miss Beden of Mineral Wells, our District Secretary of Foreign Department, urging Society to send Delegates to the Annual Meeting of the W. M. S. which meets in Georgetown in April.

The following delegates were elected: Mesdames C. W. Johnson and Bowman; Alternates, Mesdames Crim and Vick. The following committees were appointed: Committee of Resolutions on loss of Mrs. Kidwell by removal to another town, Mesdames Bowman, Burkett and Norris; Committee on Study Course, Mesdames Eddleman, Crim and Norris. Committee on Entertainment, Mesdames Bowman, Burkett and McCain.

There being no further business the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. C. W. Johnson; 1st V-Pres., Mrs. Taliaferro; 2nd V-Pres., Miss Bertha Eddleman; 3rd V-Pres., Mrs. A. M. Graham; 4th V-Pres., Mrs. A. B. Eddleman; Cor., Sec'y., Mrs. Norris; Recording Sec'y., Mrs. Lynch; Agt. for Voice, Mrs. McCann; Press Reporter, Mrs. Bowman.

Society adjourned with prayer.

**Resolutions.**

To the officers and members of W. M. S. of Graham, Texas.

We, your committee appointed to draft resolutions upon the loss by removal to another town, of our beloved co-worker, Mrs. Kidwell, beg to submit the following:

Whereas, our highly esteemed sister, Mrs. Kidwell; has removed from this to another town, and

Whereas, her loss to this Society is regretted by the entire membership, therefore be it

Resolved, that we cherish the memory of her labors in behalf of our Society and her loyalty to all the work of our Society. Be it further

Resolved, that our love, best wishes and prayers go with her to her new home. We bespeak for her the love and esteem of all those with whom she labors in our Master's vineyard.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of Society, that our secretary be instructed to send a copy to Mrs. Kidwell and a copy be furnished the press for publication. Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. Hall Bowman.  
Mrs. F. M. Burkett.  
Mrs. J. B. Norris.

**Resolutions of Respect.**

Whereas, God has seen fit in His allwise Providence to remove from this life the wife of Bro. C. C. Mayes, a Pythian Knight and a brother of Corinthian Lodge No 143; and

Whereas, we realize in her death that Bro. Mayes has lost a good and true wife, her children a devoted mother, and the community one who was known and loved by a large circle of friends. Therefore be it

Resolved, by Corinthian Lodge No. 143, Knights of Pythias, that we tender to Brother Mayes and family our heart felt sympathy in this sad bereavement which he has sustained in the loss of his wife and loving companion. Be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes, a copy sent to the family, and a copy be furnished the Graham Leader and the West Texas Reporter.

A. B. EDDELMAN,  
R. L. REED,  
EDGAR MCLENDON,  
Committee.

**Standing of Contestants**

Mrs. H. W. McGowan, Graham	66,500
Miss Stella McBride, Lone Oak	46,500
Miss Bessie Hinson, Salem	22,000
Mrs. Ella Carter, Graham	19,500
Miss Myrtle Sensibaugh, Spring Creek	8,000
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Miss Lila Ritchey, Cedar Creek	7,000
Mrs. Brit Alford, Flat Rock	6,000
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Miss Stella Stephenson, Bryson	3,000

Changes in standing will be given in next week's paper.

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Circulars setting forth the student's side of the A. & M. question are being spread broadcast over the State in an effort to let the people know just how matters stand between the students and the faculty of that institution. Heretofore we have expressed no opinion in the matter, hoping that everything would be adjusted to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, but it seems that there is no possible chance for the faculty and students to get together. There is something radically wrong where 400 students say one thing and a few members of the faculty say another. The preponderance of evidence seems to be with the students and we regret that an institution that should be the pride of the State is now the most ridiculed of all institutions. We cannot hope to send our young men to a place where they know there is constant conflict between the teacher and the pupil and there should be some remedy applied that will overcome this condition. It means the removal of the entire faculty, let the entire faculty be removed, but when others have been employed see to it that they are not employed for political reasons, but on account of their ability to teach and to handle a crowd of live young Texans. It would be better for the State if she were forced to pay twice the amount for a president of the college if that man had the sense and ability to rightly conduct it.

People who are sound thinkers can always be depended upon to do the right thing when the time for action comes. Sound thinkers are never led astray by fancy speeches and witticisms; they depend solely upon the facts to base their opinions and when the facts show that an attempt is being made to ride rough shod over their best interests you may be sure they will resent the attempt and rise up to swat those who would injure them.

## From a Country Woman.

Editor West Texas Reporter:  
As we have not seen much from the ladies on the county seat question we thought we would spend our opinion a little if we are not getting too much out of place. Now, don't think we are a suffragette for we are not much in favor of that, but if women were allowed to vote, of course, we would vote for Graham. But woman like, we will think out loud sometimes. We are thinking if some of the people would show a more brotherly and christian spirit in the way they write and talk they would be better off in the future even if they never get the county seat. They can talk about Col. so and so and "the good people" all they have a mind to and it will not turn some of us.

If it had not been for Mr. Crawford and several other of Graham's best men that have stood by us these hard times we would have left this country long ago. They have helped us and are helping and of course, will continue to help all poor people as long as we deal honestly with them. The Bible says "By their fruits ye shall know them."

We have nothing against the Newcastle people, but we do think the Newcastle Register talks a little hard about some of our folks of Graham. It is much to see a christian spirit shown in all business, and business that does not show it and talk it, and

last but not least, practice it with brotherly love, is not the right business. Had we been a voter and been prone to vote for Newcastle we would have changed our mind after reading the last few issues of the Newcastle Register.

Now, Mr. Editor, we were always taught by our dear old parents to walk honest, talk honest and be honest, so we do not believe it would be an honest act to forsake and vote against the ones who have been so good, faithful and kind to our dear people. We have a husband, father and brothers, all of whom believe as we do on the voting question. We wish everybody could see the situation as we see it and be content with Graham.

YOUNG COUNTY.

## Prosperity of Farmers Means Good Roads

At a recent meeting of the Dallas Automobile Club, W. B. Yearly, vice president of the Southern States Cotton Corporation, delivered the following address, the subject assigned being "Good Roads in Texas and How to Get Them."

There has been a great deal said about the advantages and needs of good roads to the farmer. There has been hundreds of thousands of dollars spent in trying to teach the farmer that he needs them. There has also been immense sums spent in teaching him the necessity and advantage of better cultural methods—that it is possible to raise twice as much to the acre with better methods. Some farmers are trying it, but not nearly so many as the advocates had hoped to see.

Those interested in good roads realize that the farmer is the one who must be consulted, as his vote is necessary to carry a bond issue in all counties except those having a large city population, and there must be a bond issue or a tax of some kind levied to build the roads. Many have wondered why the farmer did not readily fall into the habit of better cultural methods and why he did not see the advantages of good roads. He has frequently been ignorant or else he would do so. I will admit he is ignorant enough, but he notices some things closer than many think.

He has noted that a large crop brings less gross money than a small one. For instance, he knows that 12,000,000 bales of cotton in 1910 brought him more than \$900,000,000 and he also knows that the next year he produced more than 16,000,000 and it only brought \$800,000,000. He is fully aware that the extra 4,000,000 bales cost him \$100,000,000 to pick, gin and extra cost, and he considers that he was penalized \$200,000,000 for raising one-third more cotton, and he is also informed that the world needed all of the 16,000,000 bale crop.

To his certain knowledge this has been repeated over and over again and he recognizes that the trouble is that his marketing system is at fault. Right here comes in some skepticism, or what is generally termed so. He thinks that any one, even a fool, ought to see the trouble and because men who pose as leaders, and who depend upon him for their business, do not see it, he thinks that they are interested in the present system of marketing, or are afraid to open their mouths in support of a better system for fear of incurring the displeasure of someone that is.

He knows another thing—that he has not been out of debt in years; that on account of this he can not send his children to school, can not supply decent clothes for them to attend church; that his land is not paying more than from 2 to 5 per cent, and that he can not live decently under the present rate of expense and while he would like to have good roads, he feels that it would be "the last straw." They also feel that good roads would be

more pleasure to those who care nothing for their welfare than they would be of benefit to them.

The business of the South depends upon the proceeds of the cotton for its support. The producer's ability to buy is measured by the proceeds of the crop. His first purchases are bread and meat, then improvements, homes, conveniences, schools and luxuries are looked after if it is all consumed in paying for bread and meat, here the stream ceases, and this is the present condition. Proper co-operation will cause the stream to flow on down through the channel of trade. Would it not be fitting to brand the business of the country with ignorance for not actively co-operating and causing that stream to be a lively running, sparkling brook? What steps are being taken by the combined business interests to produce the flow of this stream? Is it not time to wake up?

The farmer must be made prosperous and the cotton farmer is the one you are interested in this country. I know the average cost of producing cotton over the south from 1900 to 1910 was right around 15¢ per pound and that the average selling price was less than 10¢, and that these conditions are preventing the building of good roads and many other improvements. Some try to split hairs and find men who have made money raising cotton at 8¢. I have known some of them, and in addition to their cotton crop, they "raised" a house full of ignorant children, frequently broken down in health (especially the girls). Rearing these in ignorance and living without even the necessities of life enabled them to make money in a very few instances at 8¢. One hundred to one who were differently situated and had less productive soil, failed to make a living at prevailing prices. If the cost should be 8¢, 10¢ or 12¢, certainly we ought to be charitable enough to allow everyone some profit on his labor, and especially when his profit is our asset in business.

I arrived at the cost of producing cotton just as the factories do at the cost of producing an automobile, taking the cost of each item in its turn and then taking the Government figures on the amount produced per acre. Help the farmer to be prosperous and he will take care of his farm, use better cultural methods, build better homes, churches, schools and good roads and he will have some pride in his work, home, school and country. He will want an automobile to plow his land, to haul his products to market and carry his family to school, church and town, and you will not have to beg him to vote a bond issue.

You invited me to tell you how to get good roads. I have done so, and at the same time shown you that the plan to get good roads will bless the world, make the South the greatest country on the globe and make you a market for 100 automobiles to where you now have a market for one. It will also make a market for more and better implements and everything required for service or luxury in the South. As practically all of the things we buy are manufactured in the North or East, prosperity in the South means prosperity in other sections.

I extend to you the manufacturer, also the man owning a car, an invitation to join us in making good roads, so that when you wish to make a pleasure trip in the country you can do so, and in helping to make good roads the profits of whatever business you are engaged in will be doubled over and over again. Remember, it is not often through life that you have an opportunity of doubling your business several times by being charitable and helping the other fellow. You have that opportunity now. You may never have it again. Let us use as much judgement as the rice growers,

the orange growers, the apple, prune and raisin growers of other sections in marketing their products. These growers tried all kinds of plans in their own ranks without results, but succeeded by the aid of the business interests who were as much interested as the producer. The people of the South can do the same and are doing it. There is no use for the people of the South saying what the farmer can do if he will, any longer; the sensible thing to do is to join him and do it.

The United States talked and wrangled over the resumption of specie payment a long time trying to find how to do it. Horace Greeley gave good advice when he said, "The way to resume is to resume." The United States also talked half a century about how and when to build the panama Canal, and would have been talking until today if Theodore Roosevelt had not said, "The way to build it is to build it," and went at it.

We have a much easier crop handled than any of those mentioned above. We can not produce a surplus. It is not perishable, and the world wants to finance it. A plan of successfully marketing it is rapidly going into effect. Make inquiry about it—you will find it sane, sensible, conservative and co-operative. This plan is known as the Southern States Cotton Corporation and is simply a cotton growers' association fitted to the present existing conditions.

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### A Boquet.

(By John W. Fisher, Class Poet of the Junior Class of 1913, Graham High School.)

Sing of a Class that long has been  
 Unto the world unknown,  
 That has stayed together through  
 Thick and thin  
 And has always better grown,  
 Till now its prominence doth begin.  
 The Juniors come into their own.  
 It soon will be that all will hear  
 The people round proclaim  
 Unto all parts both far and near  
 The '13 Juniors' fame,  
 And 'twill be music to the ear  
 To hear each member's name.  
 Of officers, none can complain,  
 For all do faithfully attend  
 Unto their duty, and would fain  
 Do more. All must commend  
 Them for this, and we maintain  
 That they'll be faithful to the end.  
 Of these especially, the President  
 Can not and will not ever be  
 Surpassed.  
 With him all members are content,  
 And those who at election cast  
 Their ballots for their choice, all meant  
 To stand by "Shorty" to the last.  
 With Marion C. and Elsie Slope,  
 Vice Presidents, first and second,  
 Respectively.  
 The Class will grow as it has grown,  
 As everyone in time will see;  
 And we shall know as we have known  
 Its future is prosperity.  
 Their Secretary is a girl who you  
 Are sure to know full well,  
 For Ethel B. is the trustiest blue,  
 As everyone can tell.  
 And the Class had that same ideal in  
 View  
 Which they chose her assistant,  
 Nellie.  
 The Treasurer's duties are very light,  
 And this is the reason why:  
 It is John F.'s duty to keep a right  
 The matters of finance, and it's no  
 Lie  
 That he can not perceive by touch, or  
 Sight  
 A single cent in the Treasury.  
 We'll not discuss that Poet, for these  
 Lines  
 Are circumstantial evidence,  
 And are not the tell-tale signs  
 That reflect upon his competence,  
 It is his aim; he always pines  
 To show the Juniors' excellence.  
 The Class Historian is Ada R.  
 The Prophet is Bryan Hunt.  
 To their ability, from near and far,  
 Let me attention call.  
 May, might, their matchless skill be  
 Mar:  
 May such misfortune ne'er befall  
 The Administrator is Henry S.,  
 And his important duty is  
 Order; in all meetings, to impress,  
 And see to all official "biz";  
 And we are all bound to confess  
 That ability is his.  
 And Mary and Alice and Leonard  
 And Joe  
 And Jewell and Clara too,  
 Are the other members that you know  
 Of that Class that is always true.  
 And Oh, that I were able to show  
 Their splendid qualities to you.  
 And now I bring to an end this song  
 By which I have been construing  
 The ideals of that Class which long,  
 You never have been viewing;  
 But now you see them midst the busy  
 throng,  
 "Still achieving; still pursuing."

### A Pleasant Evening With Professor and Mrs. Crabb.

A most enjoyable evening was spent with Prof. J. F. H. Crabb and Mrs. Crabb on Saturday of last week by those who were so fortunate as to be their guests. Music and forty-two being the program for those who wished to engage in either, or a pleasant chat with other guests as well as host and hostess.

Misses Dorothy and Nell Graham and Miss Pauline McJimsey with Mrs. Crabb and Marion Burkett gave some specially sweet piano numbers, Professor Crabb joining occasionally with the violin.

Time seemed to fly more quickly than usual and Mrs. Crabb assisted by Miss Graham served a delicious salad course with olives and hot chocolate.

At a late hour the guests departed with many expressions of appreciation to their charming hostess and promising the host they would certainly stay all night if the next day were not Sunday.

The guests besides those already mentioned were Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Burkett, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Morris, Mrs. R. G. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Widmayer and Masters R. G. and M. K. Graham.

### Miss Akin Showered.

Miss Roberta Akin, the bride of the week was given a miscellaneous shower at the home of Miss Minnie Rubenkoenig on Friday evening of last week.

The hostess had prepared several interesting contests to be engaged in. The first of which writing a "Musical courtship," slips of paper on which were written the names of popular songs—(fifteen in all) were passed, then a tablet and pencil was given to each guest with the request to write a "love story" using the names of the songs or as many as could be remembered in the story. Mrs. Rose, was most successfully in weaving a romantic story with the names and was awarded a beautifully bound volume of Loves Poems by Famous Authors which she accepted gracefully but with out opening presented to the honoree. Then a basket was passed containing little rolls of cheese cloth all tied up with colored bands which looked quite fascinating until it was found they were dust cloths to be hemmed, even Rev. Mr. Hall, Mr. Rose, yes and Dr. Duncan were asked to have one. Tho. I do not think they put theirs on exhibit. They were finally finished neatly folded each bearing the initial of the one who had hemmed it and little Louise Rubenkoenig presented them to Miss Akin.

The guest were then given a portion of a heart cut from white paper bearing a part of some charming couplet and requested to find the rest of the heart and read the completed lines. When all had been matched a long line of couples was formed in the parlor with Miss Akin and Miss Elsie Rubenkoenig as the last couple, then all marched through two rooms and into the dining room forming wall flowers completely around the room as the last couple came through the door a parasol beautifully decorated and suspended over the door was released and fell, showering gaily tied packages all over the bride to be. The dining room was decorated with rain bows, Miss Akin was given an end to a ball of cord and told to follow it and see if she could find the proverbial "Pot of gold" she wound and wound through all the rooms returning to the dining room and there hidden under the table were a number of packages which were plainly the "purchased" of that "proverbial pot" which were placed on the table with the other dainty gifts and displayed to the assembled guests.

Many and beautiful were the gifts, each being an expression of love from the giver.

Miss Rubenkoenig assisted by her mother and sister, also Mesdames Philman and Tom Price served a lovely salad course with sandwiches, chocolate and bride cake.

There were forty or more guests.

### Les Hiboux.

Miss Pauline McJimsey entertained the Les Hiboux Club on last Friday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Will Norman won the high score prize which was a dainty hand made apron. Miss Vera Norman won a beautiful hand made dresser scarf in a cut with all the guests. The hostess assisted by her mother Mrs. McJimsey served delicious fruit cake and gelatine with whipped cream. Club members present: Mesdames F. Parrish, W. Norman, M. K. Graham, John Gay, Bob Fowler, Charles Hutchison, Luther Clark, Misses Vera Norman, Aline Johnson, Allie Logan, Bladen Garrett, and Dot Graham.

Invited guests: Mrs. R. G. Graham and Mrs. E. C. Stovall.

### Box Supper.

At Rocky Mound school house Saturday night March 15th., for benefit of the school and church. Everybody come.

# Upon Examination

You will admit that we have the most up-to-date and fashionable stock of new Spring Goods, Millinery, etc., that has ever been our pleasure to show. We extend you a special invitation to visit our store and make your selection of an Easter Dress and Bonnet. Our styles are unsurpassed and quality and prices are guaranteed.

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This comes in patterns and enough material included to finish the garment. Colors white and ecru.  
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36x72 Axminster	Value 4.50	Special Price	\$ 3.75
36x60 Wilton Velvet	Value 3.00	Special Price	\$ 1.85
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In Tuesday morning's papers Col. Exall issued this appeal:  
 To the Public: The Texas Industrial Congress must have money immediately to meet the current expenses of this rapidly expanding work for agricultural betterment. I therefore most earnestly request one hundred men to mail me their checks for \$1. each at the earliest date possible.

It may be ungracious, but we can not forbear, nevertheless, expressing the fear that Col. Exall will be disappointed in the returns. There are not only a hundred, but probably ten thousand men in this State who ought to respond to this appeal in the measure that he suggests. They could do so, too, from motives of undiluted selfishness; for men who are capable of making such a contribution have property interests which will be advantaged several times that amount by the results of the work Col. Exall is doing. While many who made such a contribution would feel that they were displaying a public spirited generosity, and would, indeed, be moved by the desire,

they would get a return which would make their contribution, not a gift, but an investment and their dividend would be large enough to transmute their generosity into enlightened selfishness. Few if any appreciate the value of the work that is being done by the Texas Industrial Congress under the direction of Col. Exall; few are sensible of the results actually accomplished, and, as for the people as a whole, there is a most amazing failure to understand how fundamental, permanent and huge are the benefits. There were over 4000 contestants in last year's contests, and this year there is a likelihood of twice that many. Everyone of those contestants will produce this year probably 25 per cent more wealth as a direct result of the spirit of contest thus aroused than they would without that added stimulus. This increased wealth, all of it emptied into the channels of Texas commerce, will treble or quadruple the total cost, so that if there were no other result, the work would yield a handsome profit. But this is but one, and probably the smallest of the profits. Certainly there is an incomparably greater profit in the fact that thousands of

farmers are induced to abandon inefficient and slovenly habits of farming and from efficient and careful habits. The effect is cumulative. The farmer who is induced to convince himself by his own efforts and observations that the practice of intensive and enlightened methods of cultivation will enable him to double his yields will not again lapse into slovenly methods. He has been reformed, and permanently reformed, and the reformation of one slovenly farmer is something added to the permanent capital of the State.

Col. Exall ought to get ten times what he asks for. He ought to have had it without having had to ask. That it is necessary for him not only to ask, but to beg, merely shows that we in Texas have not the imagination capable of seeing our own interests and perceiving our opportunities.—Dallas News.

### Pocketbook Lost.

Single pocket book with \$5.00 bill and about \$2.00 silver lost (between Opera House and St. Louis Restaurant.) Finder return to Reporter office and receive reward. E. M. Brewton.

### The Literary Club.

The Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle met in regular weekly session with Mrs. B. B. Garrett on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. J. W. Gallaher presided.

A timely article, "The Price He Paid," by Elta Wheeler Wilcox, was read by Mrs. R. G. Hallam, which was followed by a very attractive program selected from the text-book, "Home Life in Germany," which study is a prime favorite of this Club.

Quotations on "Home" was an appropriate introduction. "The German Householder" was the subject of an entertainingly written paper by Mrs. J. W. Jackson, which was followed by an equally excellent paper on "The German Housewives" by Mrs. C. B. Jones. Both studies gave interesting glimpses into the busy lives of this thrifty home-loving race. Mrs. A. A. Morrison directed an animated table talk, enjoyed by each "house-wife" present. Mrs. F. F. Parrish conducted another of her instructive Parliamentary Drills, after which the Club adjourned.

The hour of meeting was changed to 4 o'clock.

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The best made at a price you can afford to pay.  
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### Local and Personal Mention

#### Notice!

"Vick" will sell you anything you want, will trade for good young mules and horses, jersey cows or stock cattle. See him if you want to make any kind of a trade.

E. L. Baldwin and S. A. Cates, members of the Jean camp of W. O. W. were in Graham last Friday to enjoy the big celebration. Mr. Cates tells us that the Odd Fellows and Woodmen of Jean are preparing to build a hall for their exclusive use.

See Owen & Young for Early Triumph Seed Potatoes.

I. B. Padgett went to Ft. Worth Monday to take in the Fat Stock Show.

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

W. J. Rehder and E. E. Hall are in Dallas attending the convention of the Woodmen.

#### Cultivators.

6-plow Case cultivators are the best and the prices are right. See them at "Vick's."

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

John Graves and wife spent the past Sunday in Jacksboro.

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

Ed Martin returned from Bay City Sunday.

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

Harry Cornelius took in the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth this week.

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

#### 6-Plow Case Cultivators.

We have 85 6-plow Case cultivators, 1912 and 1913 makes. We want to sell you your cultivator and will guarantee it to be the best, and will make the price right. Come and get one and try it.  
"Vick."

Samuel Kaye of Jacksboro was in the city yesterday to attend the Fletcher-Akin nuptials.

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. H. Crabb are in Ft. Worth, taking in the Fat Stock Show.

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

Mrs. J. C. Mallet, mother of Mrs. J. C. Fisher, left for her home in Cleburne Monday.

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

#### "Listen!"

Don't buy a cultivator until you see the latest 6-plow Case at "Vick's."

Get baseball goods and fishing tackle at B. A. Snoddy's.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Clark are in Dallas.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Will Mayes were made happy yesterday over the arrival of a fine boy.

For cheap money on land apply to Arnold & Arnold

#### Furniture.

New stock of furniture, rugs, matting, etc. at "Vick's."

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

Chas. Gay is in Dallas.

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

The attention of the people of Upper Tonk Valley is called to the announcement of the Sunday school at 2:30 and preaching at 3:30. Everybody invited. Rev. Gaines B. Hall.

#### 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.

#### Surveying Route From Graham to Seymour.

Last week the citizens of Graham accepted the proposition of the Quamah, Seymour, Dublin & Rockport Railway Co. to include Graham as one of the towns through which the road is to be built. Negotiations along this line have been pending with the company for some time. Recently through the efforts of our townsman, Hon. J. E. Stimpson, who is now in the Legislature at Austin, the railway was prevailed upon to grant some important concessions and thereupon the plan was promptly agreed to.

On Monday the engineers began preparations to run the survey out from Graham to Seymour. The party is in charge of R. Y. Walker who has been chief engineer of the company since its organization, and has already located over 400 miles of the route. Mr. Walker studied engineering in the University of Wisconsin and has had an extended experience in his work. He is being assisted by Messrs E. W. Swart, S. B. Randall, Horace Smith, S. B. Jones, J. R. Turner, Fred Wright, W. V. Smith, Elbert Wells and Tom Tyler, most of whom are graduate engineers and men of wide experience. Jim Logan of this place has joined the crew as rear flagman.

This company is preparing to build and equip an up-to-date road and primarily is spending many thousands of dollars to secure a low grade line for the entire route. Thus far an eight tenths per cent maximum line has been found. Valuable deep water frontage at Harbor Island, near Rockport has been filled on and surveyed. About ten miles of grading near Belton has been completed.

The entire road has been financed through an European syndicate, upon compliance with the very reasonable conditions required.

#### Dry Goods and Notions.

I have just unpacked a large stock of spring and summer goods, lace trimmings of all kinds, everything nice, nobby and up-to-date. I would appreciate your looking at my new goods.

D. G. Vick.

#### Seed Corn.

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

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

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A good work mule in good condition. Baker & Son.

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We wish to say that we will meet any and all competition in price and quality. No use to go elsewhere. We have it for the same money, and oft times less.

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Early Triumph Seed Potatoes at Owen & Young.

#### We Want your Frying Chickens.

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

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

#### Tops! Tops! Tops!!!

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

Let Dr. Blevins castrate your colt this spring.

#### Time to Plant.

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

#### Birthday Dinner.

"Grow old along with me!  
The best is yet to be;  
The last of life, for which  
The first was made."

On last Friday, March the seventh, Mrs. Washburn, Graham's next oldest inhabitant, passed the eighty-fifth milestone on her journey through life. "Granny," as her friends lovingly call her, is an optimist and has so much of sunshine and cheer in her heart that years can never make her old.

For several days Granny's friends had been planning a real surprise birthday party and nimble fingers had been busy fashioning dainty gifts and tempting dishes. Since it was to be a complete surprise, it was necessary that she should be away from home for an hour or two that morning. The big Woodmen Convention offered sufficient attraction, and in her absence the gifts were smuggled in and the feast was spread.

Under the efficient management of Messdames Jeffery, Steen, Burns and Bowen, the house soon took on a festive air, and on the return of the guest of honor everything was in readiness, even to the huge birthday cake with its eighty-five candles all aglow. The surprise was complete, and there were tears of joy and appreciation in Granny's eyes for the loving kindness of these, her neighbors and friends.

The following menu was served:

Salad	Potatoes
Nuts and Fruit	Roast Beef and Potatoes
Baked Chicken	Rice
Boiled Ham	Pickles
Olives	Cake
Devil's Food	Angel Food
Pineapple	Coffee

After dinner the guests repaired to the living room, where Granny displayed the treasures of her linen chest, the work of her own hands. Among other things, there were six knitted bedspreads. These are to be her parting gifts to her six children, and are, as Granny aptly expresses it, "symbols of patience and industry." These children are Jack Washburn, Clear Fork; Billie Washburn, Oklahoma; Mrs. Curtis, Ft. Worth; Joe Washburn, Graham; Mrs. Witton, Oklahoma; Mrs. Dooley, Clear Fork.

#### Prominent Couple Wed.

At 6:30 o'clock Wednesday morning at the First Presbyterian Church, in the presence of many friends, the holy bonds of matrimony were solemnized by which Miss Roberta Akin of this city and Mr. Grady Fletcher of Waco were bound together as man and wife. Rev. Gaines B. Hall officiating.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Horace Morrison, Mrs. Gaines B. Hall and Mrs. Evans Mabry the church was elaborately decorated in palms, evergreens and beautiful cut flowers, making it a dream of loveliness.

Mrs. H. P. Rose charmingly sang "The Earth's Richest Dower" by Julius Edwards, just before the bridal couple entered the church to the ever popular strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march executed by Mrs. Adger Morrison.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Akin and is one of Graham's fairest and noblest young women, possessing those sterling traits of character so admired by everyone. She was daintily attired in a gown of champagne chiffon broadcloth, with hat, shoes and gloves to match, and she carried a lovely bouquet of bride's roses.

The groom is well and favorably known in this county, having formerly lived in Eliasville. He is a young man who holds the confidence and esteem of a host of friends who not only wish him

well, but feel that his past life of energy and uprightness guarantees success in whatever he may undertake.

The couple left immediately on the train for Ft. Worth where they will visit for a few days with relatives and then go to their home in Waco where the groom now fills a nice position.

The many gorgeous presents received bear testimony to the popularity of the bride and groom and their many friends, with one accord, join in wishing them uninterrupted happiness, hoping that "Old Father Time" himself may deal gently with them, for they deserve it. A GUEST.

#### At The Temple of Learning.

The past week has been very eventful in that the project of the publication of the Graham High School annual has been strenuously agitated, but this week promises to be even more strenuous for the pupils. The third quarterly examination commences at noon Wednesday, and we are sure that the pupils time will be well occupied until the end of the week. However, we sincerely hope for the best, and wish that all the pupils will be successful in attaining excellent grades.

#### The High School Annual.

A mass meeting of the pupils of all the High School classes was called to order by Mr. McLendon Thursday evening for the purpose of considering the publication of the High School annual. Nominations were asked for Business Manager, and three students were named. John Fisher received a majority of the votes for that position. Gus Spivey was elected Editor-in-chief. Hardy Price and J. W. Akin were elected Associate Editors from the first and second year classes respectively. Edd C. Jeffery was given the position of Athletic Editor. It was then decided to elect a girl from each class, pictures were to adorn the "beauty page." The meeting then adjourned.

#### Junior Class Meeting.

The Juniors held a meeting in the Library Friday to consider their share in the publication of the High School annual. Before this question was brought up, the motion that had been carried at the previous meeting relating to the joint social meetings of the Junior and Senior classes was reconsidered and repeated.

Then came the question of the manner of arranging the pictures of the members in the High school annual. This was settled in a way satisfactory to all and as there was no further business, the class adjourned.

This project and the Editorial Staff feels that they can rely on them for any support necessary.

#### High School Election

The boys of the High School assembled in the room occupied by the tenth and eleventh grades Monday evening for the purpose of selecting the prettiest girl in the High School in order that her picture might be placed in the Annual. Osmer Kramer presided. After the purpose of the meeting was stated by the chairman, nominations were called for. Oscar Finley made a short speech nominating Catherine Day, and was followed by John Fisher who put forth the Junior class candidate, Nellie Graham. There were no further nominations, and a ballot was taken. Miss Day was the successful candidate, receiving a small margin over her opponent.

#### Grand Jury Report.

To the Honorable District Court of Young County, Texas:— We the Grand Jurors of this county for the March term, 1913, beg to submit our report as follows:— We have examined ninety four witnesses. We have found seventeen bills—five felonies and twelve misdemeanors.

We find that some of the officers charged with the collection of monies for the State have made their reports but some have not. The following named officers have made their reports: C. W. Mayes, H. C. Williams, J. W. Saye, C. F. Marshall, D. D. Cusenbary, and Edgar Scurry.

The following named officers have failed to make reports: W. E. McCharen, J. H. Wood, A. C. Casey

We recommend that the county attorney be instructed to take this matter in hand at once.

We note that numerous depositions are being committed upon the school property—within the county.

We recommend that the citizenship of the different school districts use more vigilance if possi-

ble in bringing the guilty parties to justice; and that they report to the county attorney immediately upon the occurrence of any malicious mischief, and not wait for the sitting of the grand jury. We recommend the different county officials keep their books posted up to date; that the County Clerk balance the finance Ledger immediately after each regular term of the commissioners court; that the district and county Clerk keep a fee book showing amount of fees collected, and that some of the county officials exercise a little more neatness in the care of their books. We furthermore recommend that the commissioners court shall cause to be published according to law after each regular term the financial report of the county.

We have visited the jail, and find it in as good condition as could be expected considering the plan and construction of same.

We desire to thank the Court and the District and County Attorney for the courteous assistance they have rendered us in all our deliberations. We have finished our labors and ask that we be discharged for the term.

A. F. Stewart,

Foreman of Grand Jury.

#### Taylor's Meddler.

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