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## Local News Reported From The County Seat

April 23.—Robert Andy, a negro, was shot and seriously wounded by a posse of officers Saturday when he attempted to evade arrest by running. He was wanted on a statutory charge, alleged to have been committed about ten days ago. At the time of the alleged commission of the offense, though run with blood hounds, he got away from sheriff Spence. He returned about a month ago from the penitentiary where he served a two year sentence for committing a like offense, his victim being seventy-four years of age. The negro will recover.

Elberta Lacy, sixteen year old colored girl, was so badly burned in this city Sunday, that she died in a short time. Thinking that she had a bottle of kerosine oil in her hands, she started to kindle a fire. There was an explosion, she was enveloped in flames and was beyond human aid when parties arrived on the scene. By mistake she got hold of a bottle of bisulphide of carbon that was on a shelf near the bottle of oil.

San Jacinto day was appropriately observed in this city Saturday, the crowd present being the largest in town for a number of years. All buildings and vehicles were appropriately decorated with flags and bunting, citizens of all ages wearing a miniature flag. The Crockett Light Guards and the Boy Scouts headed a procession of automobiles that passed down main street and around the Public Square. The two companies gave exhibition drills on the square after the procession had dispersed. The different business men of the town did a good business, people coming from nearly every portion of the county. Everybody had a good time, and nothing happened to mar the pleasure of the occasion.

## Zack Reports Happenings From The River Country

April 23.—We are trying to obey the command and planted all the land we could get. Corn and potatoes and gardens look good and we have never before seen so many new gardens, especially among the colored folks. Some are through planting cotton; some have not planted any yet and a few are not going to plant any. It seems that the food and feed problem is the main thing, more than the war. Most any fellow had rather be killed by a bullet than to starve. Then starvation takes in the women and children and am afraid very few people see the situation as it is likely to be and will not do their dead level best.

Our old hens are doing their part. Mrs. Zack tells me she has gathered up 8 1-2 dozens of eggs in four days and if they keep that up the balance of the week we'll have a good many by mill day.

## Be Fair With Your Wife

If you insist on having good meals served your part is to furnish the materials. Your wife can do her part if you will do yours.

If the bread isn't just up to the mark, send her a sack of our good flour. There is none better.

If the coffee hasn't the right flavor, try some of our fragrant brands. You'll find no fault with it.

Our breakfast bacon would give a wooden man an appetite.

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Miss Kate Jensen of Crockett was the guest of Miss Adabel Leaverton the latter part of last week.

## Attention Men!

We have a nice line of men's Spring Wearing Apparel, consisting of

**Suits, Shirts, Straw and Panama Hats, Collars, Fancy Ties, Hose, and Shoes---**

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Kirschbaum Clothes for Spring at \$15, \$20, \$25, \$30, \$35 or up to \$50

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To leave the Store without calling for "GREEN" Coupons is like leaving your Change on the Counter.

The farmers are not going to have much time to "drown worms" for quite awhile and am afraid some are going to get their business mixed. Extra labor is scarce.

M. L. Williams filled his regular appointment here Sunday. His theme was along temporal as well as spiritual lines.

Our Sunday School was not attended as well as it should have been. We are weak but not dead. The injunction says help those who are weak.

Let's not forget the cemetery

working May 1st, and so arrange our business to be there. Bring plenty of tools and grub to spare, for some may be there without either and will lend a helping hand in labor and eating.

We are longing for the good old summer, berries, plums, peaches and melon time. The farmer surely is in the swim one time--does not have to go to war and get a good price for what he has to sell and I feel sorry for the fellow who has to buy. Zack.



# BIRSKY and ZAPP

By MONTAGUE GLASS

"I RUN across Max Paikes yesterday afternoon," Louis Birsky the real estate said one morning. "He was telling me that you spent Sunday with him at his place in Sand Plains."

"He ain't lying to you," Barnett Zapp the waist manufacturer admitted.

"What kind of a property has he got up there?" Birsky asked.

"He's got all the conveniences of a feller living in a \$20 a month cold water flat, without janitor service, before steam heat was invented, except that he ain't so handy to a delicatessen store. The bread run out at lunch time, Birsky, and for supper we had to eat Fig Newtons with dried herring and luncheon bolony, as Mrs. Paikes didn't know the neighbors good enough to borrow a loaf from them on account of only living up there three years."

"But ain't the air elegant up in Westchester County?" Birsky insisted.

"Say!" Zapp exclaimed, "after a feller escapes with his life from the subway at 42nd Street, y'understand, and travels up to Sand Plains every night in a combination baggage and smoker along with five or six dozen decent, respectable, hard-working Italian ash cart drivers, understand me, when he arrives in the country, Birsky, the air must got to be elegant, otherwise it wouldn't be too much to expect there is waiting for him a couple of soda water tanks full of oxygen like they give it to pneumonia patients with a rating of A to C, credit high."

"What are you talking nonsense, Zapp?" Birsky said. "I bet you wasn't on the train half an hour. Sand Plains is one of the most convenient suburbs to get to."

"Sure I know," Zapp said, "but Paikes don't live in the suburbs, Birsky. He lives in the suburbs of the suburbs, and he says to me on the train that from the station to his house is only twenty minutes by trolley, but he practically never takes it as his otermobile is waiting for him at the station practically every night, and gets him to his home in ten minutes. Well, after we got out of the trolley, Birsky, we walked another ten blocks, and at last we reached the house. If ever you go up to Sand Plains to see Paikes and the otermobile should practically not be at the station, Birsky, you couldn't miss Paikes's house. Keep to the right after you cross the tracks and it's the 356th white colonial house with green blinds and a For Sale sign on it."

"Is Paikes's house for sale?" Birsky asked.

"Sure it is," Zapp replied. "What do you think—Paikes is such a close



"Reminds Her of the Cemetery Where Her Uncle Jake's First Wife Was Buried."

friend of mine that he asks me up for pleasure?"

"For why does he want to sell?" Birsky inquired.

"He says before lunch that his wife takes a dislike to the place on account in summer the smell of the flowers reminds her of the cemetery where

her Uncle Jake's first wife is buried, and for that reason he would take \$12,250 for the house. After lunch he also said that his hay fever was something terrible up there and he might be willing on that account to call it an even twelve thousand. After supper he says it wouldn't be that his father-in-law is getting pretty feeble and might go off at any moment, corner of 89th Street and Madison Avenue, y'understand, he wouldn't take a penny less than \$11,500 for the house, and just before I got on the train to come home he says how much would I give for the house."

"But Paikes really and truly paid twelve thousand for the house," Birsky declared.

"Then how could he expect to get rid of it for \$11,500?" Zapp demanded. "If you would read the Sunday papers, Birsky, you would know that the standard amount below cost which they advertise country houses to sell for is \$5,000. In fact, I often figured it out, Birsky, that as everybody is willing to sell his 12-room house with 3 baths, sun parlor and every modern improvement for \$5,000 below cost, if such a house originally cost \$25,000 and changes hands six times, y'understand, the last owner gets it for nothing with a bonus of \$5,000 thrown in. And even then he is welcome to the house for all of me."

"That's because you don't know what it is like to live in the country, Zapp," Birsky said.

"I think I've got a pretty good idee," Zapp retorted. "It's something like being southern salesman for a line of goods where you've got to make a different town each day. The distance you travel is the same, the railroad accommodations ain't no better, but instead of getting every night a rotten dinner and a good game of pinochle afterwards at dollar-and-a-half day hotels, American plan, you go home and get a good dinner and no game of pinochle at all from one year's end to the other. Yes, Birsky, it's very unjust the way the world looks at things. For instance, once in five years Mr. Roosevelt makes a trip of about 10,000 miles, y'under-

through, from getting stuck with the lots downwards. I used to own a house at Brunswick Beach and when I let it go to the second mortgage a year and a half after it was built, y'understand, it had cracks in the walls on the second floor which if you'd put a couple of windows and a door in 'em could of been considered as extra masters' bedrooms."

"Steam heat will do that to a new house, Zapp," Birsky said. "Maybe you kept the place too warm."

"Too warm!" Zapp exclaimed. "Listen, Birsky, the heating plant of that house wasn't designed for nothing bigger than a five dollar a year safe deposit box. With the furnace going full on, Birsky, whenever my wife opened the refrigerator door, Birsky, it raised the temperature of the kitchen ten degrees. The plumbing was nothing extra neither. We had a gas heater for the hot water, Birsky, which, figuring at the rate of \$1.80 per thousand cubic feet, if you took six hot baths it was the equivalent of a suit of clothes. For years in New York I tried to bring myself to take a cold plunge in the morning, but I couldn't stand the shock till I

seen my first month's gas bill out in Brunswick Beach, and after that all I had to do when I jumped into a cold bath was to think how many cubic feet I was saving, and if it was six below zero even I got a pleasant glow all over. Later on it got to be such a habit with me to take cold plunges, Birsky, that the second summer we was there when they had that bad water famine on Long Island, I used bottled water as long as I could get the spring water companies to send me trial samples. For over a month there we done the week's washing with artificial vichy and my wife had to get rid of the wash lady because for every siphon she put in the tubs she drank one herself."

"You were lucky it was only vichy, Zapp," Birsky said. "It might have been ginger ale or root beer, in which case she would of took it home to the children."

"Joke if you want to, Birsky," Zapp



"Along With Five or Six Dozen Decent, Respectable, Hard-Working Italian Ash Cart Drivers."

stand, and when he comes back, y'understand, a dozen magazines is falling over themselves that Mr. Roosevelt should accept five thousand dollars apiece for an article telling about these here ten thousand miles he traveled; he writes a book about it, Birsky, and gets paid at the rate of a dollar a mile, or \$10,000, for it; he gives a lecture about it in Carnegie hall and six people sends letters to the papers and complains of the man in the box office because he says all right he's a liar then, when he told them two hours after the advance sale opened that the entire house was sold out and they said he was a liar. The Explorers' Union Local No. 1 gives a dinner to him—not the box office man but Mr. Roosevelt, and he makes an after dinner speech (Copyright T. Roosevelt, 1916) about it and realizes another \$2,500 or so, and that's the way it goes. But you take Max Paikes which in five years travels 75,000 miles to Mr. Roosevelt's 10,000, Birsky, and what is it? Nobody asks him to write about it; nobody wants him to talk about it, and if somebody blows him on account of it to a rye bread tongue sandwich and a package of all-tobacco cigarettes it would be big already."

"Evidently you seem to think that it's a hardship that a feller should live in the country," Birsky said. "Did you ever think what it means to a business man that he should be able to raise his own vegetables?"

"Sure I did," Zapp replied. "It means that he is going to eat principally radishes for the whole summer because that's the only vegetable which a business man who raises his own vegetables could really rely upon. Furthermore you think I am a greenhorn in the country, Birsky, but I already done my twenty odd thousand miles in round trip instalments of 44 miles a day on the Long Island Railroad, and I know the whole game of living in the country right the way

retorted. "But at I am telling you now is facts from living in the country."

"Rats, Zapp!" Birsky said. "You could have shortage of water in the city just so much as in the country. Just because you didn't like Brunswick Beach ain't nothing against it. Simon Kuhney has been living now in Brunswick Beach for six years, y'understand, and he says if he leaves his house at seven o'clock he is in his office at eight fifteen."

"Sure I know," Zapp said, "but if a feller which leaves his home in Brunswick Beach at seven o'clock would arrive in his office at eight fifteen only often enough, Birsky, sooner or later on his account the conductor would got to go from car to car asking is there a doctor on the train."

"Well, if everybody felt the way you do about living in the country, Zapp," Birsky said, "who would buy suburban real estate?"

"Nobody," Zapp replied. "But you admit that there's a whole lot of people living in the suburbs, Zapp," Birsky said, and Zapp nodded. "Then there must be some advantage in it," Birsky insisted.

"Well," Zapp admitted, "there's one thing that fellers which lives in the suburbs has got more than fellers which lives in the city."

"What's that?" Birsky asked. "Mileage," Zapp concluded. (Copyright, New York Tribune.)

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## THIS MOTHER GAVE HER ALL

Touching Incident of Sacrifice on the Altar of Her Country's Need.

One of the touching incidents of General Lyons' march to Wilson creek was that of a Tennessee mother bringing her little boy to the captain's tent and offering him for the service of his country. The boy's father had been killed in battle and the mother and boy were alone in the world. The bright eyes and alert bearing of the little chap, for he was scarcely thirteen years of age, caught the eye of the captain and he asked what the boy could do. "I can drum," he said proudly stretching himself to his full height. And he could as the feller soon found out as he played "The Flowers of Edinborough," a most difficult piece to follow with the drum. "Madam, I'll take the boy," said the captain. The mother kissed her boy and turning to the captain said: "Bring him back, captain," and to the boy she said as she placed her hand on his eager little head, "God bless you, my boy. You're all I have left, but I give you to my country, and drum right bravely for the boys in blue." During the heavy fatiguing marches from Rolla to Springfield it was amusing to see the long-legged feller wading through the mud with our little drummer hero mounted on his back. During the fight at Wilson creek the cheery fife and brave drum beat time for the soldier boys in battle. The fight led down into a deep ravine and it was not long before our drummer boy was in the midst of the fray. That night the detail on guard duty near the ravine thought he heard faintly the sound of a drum. He listened in the moonlight and when the relief came he asked permission to go in search of the little drummer lad. He followed the sound of the drum and soon found our hero seated on the ground with his back against a tree and his faithful drum hanging on a bush. He dropped his drum sticks as the guard came up and exclaimed: "Oh, corporal, I am so glad to see you. Give me a drink," and as he turned to go to get him water, he pleaded: "Oh, don't go and leave me. I can't walk." His little legs had been shot off at the knees. Looking closer he discovered a dead soldier lying in the grass, but evidently before he died he had put a tourniquet about the stumps of the little legs. The brave lad was carried into camp and given surgical attention, but the brave little spirit went out into the brightness and glory of a duty well done and a country served even unto death.

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America, to thee  
We pledge our loyalty,  
Mind, heart and hand;  
Thy laws be wisely made  
And faithfully obeyed,  
Thy honor ne'er betrayed—  
God keep our land!  
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## THE TOWN SLOUCH

By ELLIS M. CLARKE.



The Jumpin' Toothache Can Bring Out Cy Cawkins' Stored Energy.

Presentation ceremonies  
Are old as human reign,  
For Adam, you'll remember,  
Was presented with a Cain.

One trouble with leap year is that no girl wants to marry a man who won't propose.

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# Life Was a Misery

Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes: "From the time I entered into womanhood . . . I looked with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery. I would think I could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. . . Nothing seemed to help me until, one day, . . . I decided to

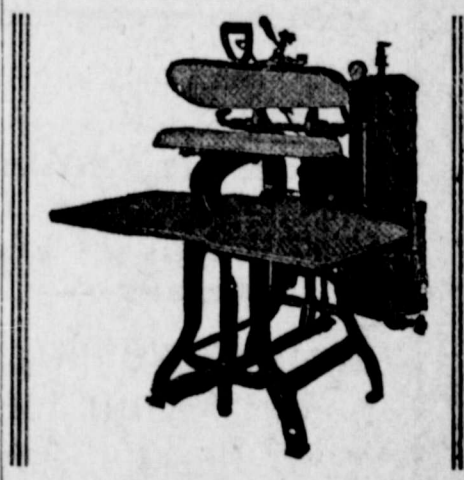
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The Woman's Tonic

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deserve your  
business.

### COLORED SUMMER NORMAL MARY ALLEN SEMINARY

In the October meeting of the colored Houston County Teachers' Institute, the question of a Summer Normal was discussed at length and it developed that a majority of the eighty or ninety that a Summer Normal located at Crockett during the coming summer, would add greatly in raising the standard of our schools.

Accordingly, a petition to Superintendent J. N. Snell was created and nearly everyone of the county teachers signed asking the Superintendent to devise plans to that end, and pledging not only our support, but individual attendance.

We are very glad to be able to report that as a result of needed information, help and timely direction by our efficient Supt., the normal has been granted.

The Committee appointed by the Supt. attended a District meeting in Jacksonville, which resulted in the union of the following counties: Trinity, Anderson, Cherokee, Freestone, Rusk, Henderson and Houston and plans were made for a largely attended normal.

Quite a contest arose, when the question of location came up. The contesting towns were Athens, Jacksonville and Crockett. Through the financial efforts of our good white business men, who never forsake the law abiding and deserving negro in a needy time, we were able to locate the Normal at Crockett. We are so thankful to them for their indispensable help and will daily strive to deport ourselves in such a worthy way, that they will have no occasion to regret having come to our rescue.

This announcement would not be complete without mentioning the generousness of Dr. H. F. Bogue, in making it possible for us to have the building accommodations to offer in order to secure recognition from the State Supt. of a Normal located here. Dr. Bogue granted us use of the Chapel and recitation rooms, of that Institution, which is doing so much good for the negroes of the South and especially the negroes of Houston County.

# Challenge

by HERMANN HAGEDORN  
of the VILIGANTES

America, America, where is your manhood gone?  
Who taught your sons to brag and run, who taught  
your sons to fawn?  
Who taught your sons to whine of peace with quaking  
coward knees,  
And fling in panic to the wolves your hard-won liberties?

America, America, where is your glory fled?  
What of the dreams, what of the deeds, what of the  
noble dead?  
What of the swords that flashed for you, what of the  
tongues that spoke?  
What of the hearts that bled for you, what of the  
hearts that broke?

America, America, remember now your dead!  
They cry to you across the night and will not be  
gainsaid!  
Arm, arm, arise, America! Gird on your sword once more!  
The foe is at the harbor-mouth, the foe is on your shore!

Awake, arise, America! What cries are in the air?  
Hark, the clear word of Washington! The call of  
Lincoln there!  
Cleveland, and there, John Hancock! There, Adams,  
Webster, Clay!  
There, Patrick Henry! There, John Brown! There, Jack-  
son, Lee, John Hay!

Arise, America! Your dead cry out to you, Arise!  
Grant, Schuyler, Marshall, Marion! The brave call and  
the wise!  
Paul Jones, Decatur, Perry! McDonough of Champlain!  
Arise, America, and stand! A race of men again!

You were not meant to cinge, you were not made to  
quail!  
You were not set, a lamp for men, to flare and gutter  
and fail!  
By God, we did not give our blood to set your light on  
high  
Only to see a craven band slothfully let it die!

No, by the God we honor! To Whom alone we bow!  
We did not die for Freedom then, to let her perish now!  
Arm, arm, arise, America! Put by the craven dread!  
We come, we come to the colors! We come, the  
invincible dead!

Arm, arm, arise! For your dead cannot sleep in the old,  
green graves!  
Liberty cries, imperiled! And we dead rise up from the  
waves!  
Muste the strength of the living! Ten to one are we!  
Ten ghosts behind each valiant boy who strikes for  
Liberty!

Arm, arm, arise, America! Heart of my land, be flame!  
An end of words and barter! An end of sloth and  
shame!  
Hark, how the old heroic ghosts to deathless deeds  
invite!  
If you are cowards, perish! But if you are men, then  
fight!

The Normal will open June 18, and close July 26. No effort is being overlooked to make this Summer Normal result in improving the negro schools and helping the race generally. Every influence, help or good will is kindly asked and will be so much appreciated.

Local Steering Committee,  
D. McCullough, Sec'y.  
J. W. Hogg, Conductor.

### Local News Gleaned From Ephesus Country

April 23.—The health of this community is good.  
We notice a good many farmers are planting large cotton crops, but we believe there will

be a larger crop of food and feedstuff here than ever before. The "war acre" idea is being adopted by many. We are glad to see a large food and feed crop planted, for we are sure the demand for such products next fall will be far greater than the supply. By all means, raise something to eat!

A large crowd attended the singing services at the school house Sunday. Many visitors were present.

Miss Eva Allen visited Miss Jewel Ham Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Deckert Anderson visited at Mr. J. M. Anderson's Sunday.

Mr. William Ham was a business visitor to Crockett Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham

visited at the home of Mr. Ike Allen Sunday.

Miss Jewel Ham was thrown from a horse a few days ago. Her injuries are not serious.

Most all the roads in this community were worked last week and they are now in excellent shape.

The mail route has been slightly changed. Aside from putting the mail route in good condition it makes it shorter but does not place it at a greater distance from any one.

You can keep your stomach strong, bowels regular and kidneys active by using Prickly Ash Bitters. It is a necessary condition to maintain the health of the body. Sold by Wade L. Smith.



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"Two suits for the price of one"

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"I can have two suits where I had one before.

I will have more wear for my money.

I will have the benefit of a change."

How does that argument appeal to you?

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You get style plus all wool fabrics, plus perfect fit, plus guaranteed wear.

**Raise Something to Eat!** President Wilson says: "Upon the farmers of this country in large measure rests the fate of the war." If you want to do your part by your country plant something to eat and help feed our armies and allies.

**This Store stands ready to serve the people of Grapeland and Houston county with reputable merchandise at a big saving in price.** Here you will find it to your interest to buy for we are selling many goods at far less than it would cost to replace them. Our lines are complete. We guarantee style and satisfaction and give you **QUICK AND SATISFACTORY SERVICE.**

Grapeland's Chautauqua June 19, 20, 21.



## Style

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A careful study of individual requirements, a constant thought of quality and a method of shoe-fitting all its own, make possible this distinguished line for the man who cares.

We feel justified in our enthusiasm over the new styles selected for this season—they'll warrant a cordial reception on your part.

Come to our store and look them over.



# GEORGE E. DARSEY

THE SERVICE FIRST STORE

### THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice at Grapeland, Texas, every Thursday as Second Class Mail Matter.

THURSDAY, APR. 26, 1917

From the way the French and British are driving on the western front it ought to shake the confidence of the Germans in Hindenburg's line.

Six print paper manufacturers have been indicted in New York by a federal grand jury for violating the anti-trust laws. We hope they will be convicted and a jail sentence inflicted.

Wholesalers and retailers alike should caution their customers against buying large quantities of food stuff to hoard away. It will only serve to raise prices. There will be enough to go around if we use common sense and good judgement.

The Grapeland Messenger is lamenting the fact that citizens of that community to the number of many times more than one have expressed themselves as being in opposition to the war program, and have seditious-

ly spoken against our great president. A forced migration to Serbia, Belgium, Roumania, or some other over-run nation by the German hordes would be too light a punishment for such practioners of treason. After a residence of some months in those latitudes they would gladly shoulder a gun in defense of the principles for which our country has declared war, you bet.—Groveton News.

It looks like Texas is lining up for President Wilson's plan of "selective conscription" and Congressmen Garrett and Mc-Lemore would do well to see which way the wind is blowing before they become so outspoken in their opposition.

The little republic of Cuba is to be commended for her loyalty and devotion to Uncle Sam. In 1898 the United States freed Cuba from the galling yoke of Spain, and today when we are at war with Germany, Cuba comes right in and offers her entire army of 25,000 officers and men. There is gratitude for you.

Make every square yard of fertile, sunny soil produce food for your family. Make your

ground work for you and the nation. Idle ground is waste; this is no time for waste or idleness. All idle ground utilized in the production of vegetables means more food for those who have no ground at all. Somebody has to raise everything you eat. Do your part!

An effort is being made to locate the Junior Agricultural and Mechanical College in Houston county, which was authorized established at the regular session of the present legislature. A well attended mass meeting was held in Crockett last Friday night and the necessary committees were appointed to begin an active campaign looking to that end.

#### GRAVEYARD WORKING

There will be a graveyard working at Livelyville Wednesday, May 2. All are invited to come and bring such tools as will be needed. Come early.

G. M. Cunningham,  
Monroe Jones,  
O. P. Brown,  
Committee.

Let Clewis clean and reblock your old hat. Then it will look like a new one.

#### CHAUTAUQUA A SUCCESS

The Radcliffe Chautauqua, which conducted six entertainments here last week was a success—the entertainments were high class and elevating, the attendance was the limit of the seating capacity of the tent, and the revenue was up to the expectations of the local management. This class of entertainment is worth while, and so well pleased were the citizens of this community with the Radcliffe entertainments that fifty names are already signed to a contract for the return of the chautauqua next year. This year twenty men guaranteed the revenue for the chautauqua, next year fifty will guarantee it.—Troup Banner.

The above is the same chautauqua that will be in Grapeland June 19, 20 and 21, and we are glad to know that it is meeting with success and giving satisfaction at other places.

#### NOTICE

The Walling Stallion will make the season at Joe Langham's place and at Grapeland livery stable every Saturday. Fee to insure \$10.00. Fred Hudson.

Have your Suit or Dress

Dry Cleaned and Pressed at

DICKEY'S TAILOR SHOP

#### COTTON SEED WANTED

Will buy all cotton seed offered me this week and next week at \$2.75 per 100. After that the mill will close down and cannot use them. J. W. Howard.

#### NOTICE TO PEANUT GROWERS

I desire to notify you that I will be prepared to thresh peanuts the coming season in the northern part of Houston and the southern part of Anderson counties. I have the latest Case machine and can thresh 20 to 30 thousand bushels in the season; also can thresh all small grain. C. W. Butler, Percilla.

Does your subscription expire May 1st, or any time during the month? Look at the label—renew promptly.



**LOCAL NEWS**

Plant something to eat!  
 Call at Howard's for groceries.  
 Plenty oats and bran at W. H. Long & Co.  
 Break your cold or lagrippe with a few doses of 666.  
 Plenty of Sundown straw hats at McLean & Riall's.  
 Car of fresh flour at McLean & Riall's.  
 Rub-my-tism — Antiseptic, relieves rheumatism, sprains, neuralgia, etc.  
 Granite and crockeryware—a big line at W. H. Long & Co.  
 Messrs. Speer and Geo. E. Darsey jr. motored to Rusk Sunday.  
 A new shipment of ladies' and misses' hats to arrive at Howard's this week.  
 Let the madam buy her some new furniture with chickens and eggs at McLean & Riall's.  
 Coleman Scarborough went to Crockett Monday morning on business.  
 Panama, straw, and Palm Beach hats—latest styles—at W. H. Long & Co.  
 See our ladies' and misses' pumps at Howard's; also tennis and men's shoes.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Long of Augusta visited relatives here the latter part of last week.  
 If you want your clothes cleaned and pressed let Clewis do it the sanitary steam way.  
 Mr. C. A. Parkhill, Secretary of Sam Houston Normal Institute, spent a few hours in this city Sunday afternoon.  
 Mrs. C. P. Hodgkins and son Bryan Burns, formerly of Houston are now making their home in Grapeland.

**\$100 Reward, \$100**

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.  
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Even the most perfect system will become deranged at times. Then you need the help that

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**LEAVERTON'S**  
 THE LEADING DRUG STORE

Straw hats for field work at W. H. Long & Co.  
 Wm. H. Long is in Tyler this week attending the federal court.  
 See those ladies' sport hats at W. H. Long & Co.  
 R. L. Eaves of Ratcliff was here Saturday to see the home folk.  
 Men's and boys' caps at W. H. Long & Co.  
 Wylie Royal of Palestine was a Grapeland visitor Monday and Tuesday.  
 Miss Arline Howard has returned home from Carthage, where she has been teaching.  
 "Doctor" M. L. Clewis, Clothes Specialist. All clothes carefully treated for any trouble.  
 Fresh bread at Hyman's restaurant. When you get hungry call around and let "Dad" Hyman fix you up.

**FOR SALE**

A good residence and one acre of land in the east part of town. For particulars call on or address Davis & Edens.

We carry a full line of Capitol Stock and Poultry Remedies, none better. One 50c bottle of Colic Remedy may save your horse. S. E. Howard.

**NOTICE**

On and after April 1st, I will be in my office Thursday, Friday and Saturday until further notice. I thank you.  
 Dr. C. L. Cromwell.

**FOR SALE**

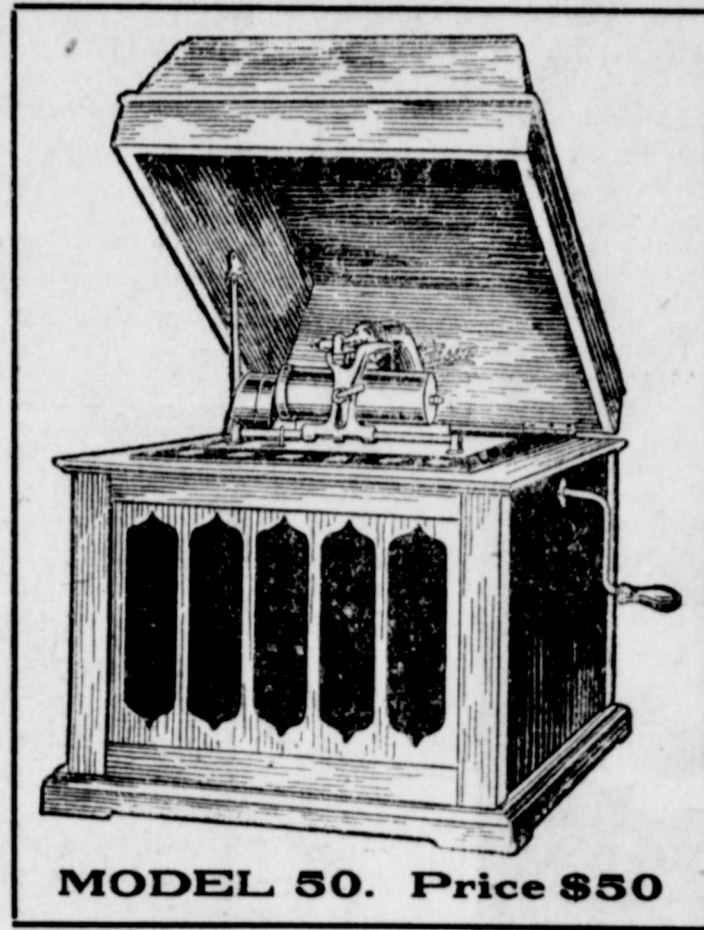
Long staple cotton seed, per bushel \$2.00. (This cotton now sells for 30c lb.) Also other cotton seed and corn for sale.  
 J. H. Kolb, Rte. 1

**NOTICE**

Beginning May 1st we will raise the price of hair cuts to 35c. The cause is the high cost of living. Denson & Walton.

The members of the Christian Sunday School and their friends met at the church last Friday night and enjoyed the evening in a social way. A program consisting of special music, recitations and other features was rendered, after which ice cream and cake was served as refreshments.

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**The Peoples Drug Store  
 WADEL SMITH**

**Rock Hill Correspondent Reports  
 the Local News**

April 23.—Miss Ethel Kaiser visited Miss Lizzie Bell Streetman Sunday.  
 Sam Music and family were visiting N. V. Streetman Sunday. There was singing here Sunday morning, which was good.  
 C. M. Streetman and son made a trip to Cooper last week. There was a good crowd present at Sunday school yesterday evening.  
 Chas. R. and Miss Lizzie Bell Streetman returned home from Cooper last Saturday. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Abb Turner and son and Mr. George Heath. They returned to their homes Sunday night.  
 Some of the neighboring people visited Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Streetman Saturday night, and enjoyed several songs.  
 Dr. C. C. Hill was called to see A. U. Streetman Friday, who is suffering with a severe sore on his hand.

There was singing at Mr. Kaiser's home Sunday night. Several of the young people of this community attended and report a pleasant time.

Rattler.

**CANCELLED**

Because of misunderstanding and for fear of embarrassing a situation already existing I have thought it best to withdraw my appointment to preach next Sunday, though I knew nothing of any conflicting appointment till I returned last Monday p. m. So I will say to any that may be disappointed, it is not my fault but as I understand it, all the

**COME! COME AND SEE ME!**

And get my prices on your dry goods, for I can save you money on all of your bill.

See our men's pants and suits. They are dandies. Our hats are complete and the latest styles.

Plenty of shoes for the whole family, and can save you money on them.

We have a complete line of groceries and the best flour in town and am selling it cheaper than I can buy it at present.

Flour will go higher, better buy now. Plenty of sorghum seed, and now is the time to plant it and raise everything you can for man and beast. Feed will be higher another year and there will be a good market for it. Come and see me and don't forget that Quality is the thing.

**T. S. KENT**

"THE QUALITY MAN."

churches have an understanding that when one church is engaged in a revival the other churches have no services during, and while this appointment was made the first of Feb. and on the 5th Sunday that there might be no conflict, and also the Grapeland church as a congregation was not in any way responsible for the appointment yet out of deference to congregation and as a matter of deference to the people engaged in the present revival I gladly withdraw in favor of courtesy, and the good will I entertain toward all people who honor the name of the Christ.  
 Very truly,  
 A. O. Riall.

**VARDAMAN DATE CANCELED**

The local committee of the lyceum course for next fall have had Senator Vardaman's date canceled, and they are to be strongly commended for doing so. Vardaman is one of the twelve senators who refused to support President Wilson in the crisis with Germany, to whom President Wilson referred as "a little bunch of willful men who rendered the government helpless and contemptible." The place made vacant will be supplied with some other good number.



Costume Blouse of Crepe and Satin



Here is one of the new blouses that may be worn with either open or closed throat. There are a lot of women who cannot wear the open throat successfully, and this is a model to make them rejoice; for nearly all blouses are designed without any provision for their needs.

This blouse is of georgette with vestee, collar and narrow turned-back cuffs of satin, in a contrasting color. The body of the blouse is rather plain, with a little fullness (set in at the shoulder seams) in the front. The sleeves are full, gathered into deep cuffs of crepe and these are finished at the wrist with narrow satin cuffs. All seams are hemstitched. The edges of the satin vest are finished with a piping of satin, and it fastens with three fancy square buttons set on from the line of the bust to the waistline. There is a tiny button at the throat, fastening with a loop of silk.

Embroidery in heavy silk floss, repeats the color in the vest and appears at each side of the front. The season has developed a leaning toward color contrasts in blouses, which often does not stop at two-color combina-

tions. This is a very attractive model for the woman who finds a costume blouse, to be worn with a dressy tailored suit, the most convenient of all things for afternoon wear. Where time is precious and distances great, as in the larger cities, a blouse of this kind and a handsome suit, will carry their wearer through the afternoon and evening without any heartburnings.

For exactly the same purposes, the peplum blouse deserves much consideration. It is made of georgette crepe usually, with peplum more or less long, according to the preference of its wearer, and it is much elaborated with trimmings. It achieves formal dress and has so much good style that it may even shine down more pretentious garments.

*Julie B. Bostwick*

Lacing a Favorite Trimming. Metal eyelets in cloth, through which soft leather and silk cords are laced, are proving to be, beyond doubt, a very popular trimming feature.

.. Gentle Jabs ..

By Jno. R. Owens

About the only thing that is not advancing in price is 2 cent stamps.

The newest slogan is to nail a flag to your plow and farm for your country.

If meat gets much higher we will get a "jig" and lantern and go "bull-frogging" in self-defense.

When the Canadians capture Lens, we are confident they can get a good focus on the surrounding territory.

Patriotic ladies in the large cities are wearing flags on their hose to show their patriotism. But how can they wave 'em?

Mr. Bryan is now tearing his hair and spilling full grown tears from his baby-blue eyes in a campaign for war-time prohibition.

When the government raises the postage rate on letters to help bear the expense of the war, there will be some fellows with little enough patriotism to write to their girls on postal cards.

It is reported that the Emperor of Austria-Hungary is praying for early peace. Now, if the German Kaiser will kneel and recite, "Now, I lay me down to sleep," probably the Lord will give them a suspended sentence.

"Ninety-two per cent of American women have no servants," says a news headline. That condition exists because there are just ninety-two per cent of the world's husbands, whose pay check won't provide such luxury.

By a new ruling of congress, the men who have married since the war will not be exempt from military service. It seems that something always happens to the marriage laws when there is a chance for old maids to "nab" a "life protector."

A young lady from Elkhart writes in to find out if there will be any danger of "Uncle Sam" getting shot in a battle. No, miss, none whatever. He and "Old Santa Claus" will be kept entirely out of the danger zone during the period of hostilities.

When the peace terms are signed, which will be after monarchism is annihilated, this will be a better world. The cost is



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enormous, but future generations will be free from the shackles of the absolutist government and every inhabitant of the world will be allowed to express his or her opinion; the ballot of the masses will rule, and truly, this will be a new world, which will be good to live in.

If "His Satanic Majesty" is growing weary from his task of presiding over the destinies of hell, he could doubtless obtain the services of the fiendish Kaiser, who could teach the Devil many new tricks in his trade.

In the sections where the farmers are not heeding the appeal of the president, "to plant every available acre in something to eat," we fancy somebody is going to be forced to hitch up his belt a couple of notches to keep his britches on.

MASS MEETING CALLED

The Messenger has been requested by interested parties to give notice of a mass meeting to be held at the auditorium next Thursday night, May 3, for the purpose of devising ways and means of caring for the city cemetery the coming year. This is a very important matter and should receive the support of every citizen. The ladies, as well as the men, are urged to attend this meeting.

Remember the chatauqua fo GrapeLand June 19, 20 and 21. Boost it every opportunity you have.

MOTHERS' PENSION LAW

Governor Ferguson has signed the mothers' pension bill which provides for the granting of small pensions by the county commissioners court to indigent widowed mothers for the care of the children. Such mother must have resided in Texas five years preceding the application and two years in the county in which she applies. The pension for one child shall not exceed \$12 per month; \$18 for two children, and \$4 per month for each additional child, no child to be over 25 years of age. The pensions are to be allowed only to prevent the children from becoming public charges, and if they are not properly clothed and fed action will be taken. There is no appeal from a refusal of the commissioners to award a pension. —Honey Grove Signal.

CONFEDERATE REUNION

I am advised by Comrade R. T. Payne of Lovelady to give notice that the good people of Lovelady will entertain the Old Veterans on Thursday the 31st of May next and not on June 3, our regular reunion day, because the 3rd comes on Sunday this year, and they want all the old soldiers and their wives and the Daughters of the Confederacy to honor them with their presence. Let all of us who can go, attend and be royally entertained. E. Winfree, Com.

GINGLES' JINGLES

HER FATE.

How we wish that we were able to come forward and explain in a language you could understand, in thoughts made clear and plain, just the reason why a bunch of guys, who seem to us no good, stick around and soak up oxygen, while we all think we could get along as well without them, e'en would welcome their demise, like to see them crank their wagon for their shanty in the skies; while another bunch of useful, much respected people, go, leave the earth when badly needed on the job down here below. Sad indeed are many pictures, you and I could call to mind, mother-tots who need a mother's leaving little tots behind, who will never know another that can fill the vacant chair, tots who call in vain for mother-tots who need a mother's care. No, we surely can't explain it, though we try our level best, God must know—we don't pretend to, why she's called to final rest; we sincerely hope she's with them in her future spirit state, for with them she is in heaven, with her babies rests her *Lin H. Gingles*

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS FOR SACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

OUR BOYS OR GIRLS

"A rose with all its sweetest leaves yet unfolded." Young Friend! With your future before you what will you make it—success or failure? With youth and health you have the power within you to possess the blessing of practical knowledge, the joy of achievement, the content of success, but only through intelligent effort. If you have within you the love of higher things and better days; if you have ambition, energy and determination; we can train you in business methods—Bookkeeping, Stenography, Cotton Classing, Business Administration and Finance, Telegraphy, etc., and secure for you a good position. You have no time to lose. The Spring and Summer months should be used in securing a practical knowledge that you may accept a good paying position when the busy fall season begins. In our years of experience as teachers we have watched our students unfold and blossom into superior manhood, and womanhood awakened to the responsibilities of business life, and crown their labor with success. What we have done for others we can do for you. The business world is seeking everywhere for young men and women who are able to do the work the business office demands. Let us impress upon you in the

language of Narado, a Hindoo sage: "Study to know; know to comprehend and comprehend to judge." Young friends, use your youth in the pursuit of knowledge. We could give you no better advice than to join our industrious band of students; they are here from many different states, and are going out daily as their courses are finished into splendid positions secured through our Free Employment Department.

Our large catalogue containing the statements of young people who have traveled the road we are advising you to travel would be interesting reading to you. The letters from business firms with whom they are now engaged would be encouraging to you, and our low tuition rates and credit plans, together with the short time taken to complete the course would be a pleasant surprise to you. Fill in your name and address, clip and mail today for catalogue.

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NOTICE TO BREEDERS

Grover, the Maltese and Percheron Jack, is now making the season at G. W. Garner's. Thank you for past patronage and will appreciate your patronage to Mr. Garner. C. W. Butler. 4t

A Patriotic Duty

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Washington, D. C.

April 10, 1917.

To the Farmers of the Country:

At the present moment it is our plain duty to take adequate steps that not only our own people be fed, but that we may, if possible, answer the call for food of other nations now at war. In this greatest of human needs I feel that the American farmer will do his part to the uttermost.

By planting and increasing his production in every way possible, every farmer will perform a labor of patriotism for which he will be recognized as a soldier of the commissary, adding his share to the food supply of the people.

WOODROW WILSON.





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## Captain Paul Jones

Of all human things nothing is more honorable or more excellent than to deserve well of one's country.—Cicero.



History pages do not relate any more heroic or thrilling story than that of the triumph won against great odds by Capt. Paul Jones, in whose veins, although not an American but a Scotchman, there flowed blood staunch and true to the American cause of liberty. While off the coast of Scotland with the Bonhomme Richard and the Alliance and the Pallas he was swooped down upon by the flotilla under Captain Pearson which was conveying a merchant fleet. Jones prepared to meet the enemy as best he could. The British guns had long range and Paul Jones determined to fight close. He brought his ships up to the enemy until the muzzles of his guns came in contact with the enemy ships. Then ensued one of the most frenzied conflicts in the history of naval battles, continuing from seven to ten in the evening. Paul Jones' position was desperate in the extreme. His ship was so shattered that only three guns remained effective, and he then assailed the enemy with hand grenades which falling into the Serapis soon set her on fire. At length her magazine blew up killing all near it. Pearson commanded his officers who wanted to surrender to board the Richard which was also now ablaze in several places. But Jones and his men received them so warmly that they retreated. Pearson's crew was killed, his guns unmounted and his ship on fire and there was nothing else to do but surrender.

We cannot honor our country with too deep a reverence; we cannot love her with an affection too pure and fervent; we cannot serve her with an energy of purpose or a faithfulness of zeal too steadfast and ardent.—Grimke.

### SAIL ON, O SHIP OF STATE

Sail on, O ship of state; Sail on, O Union, strong and great. Humanity, with all its fears, With all its hopes of future years, Is hanging breathless on thy fate.

Sail on, nor far to breast the sea; Our hearts, our hopes, are all with thee; Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears, Our faith triumphant o'er our fears, Are all with thee, are all with thee.

### A WORTHY CITIZENSHIP

It is the Hope of the Nation—Her Welfare is Our First Concern.

A great nation is made only by worthy citizens.—C. D. Warner.

National enthusiasm is the great nursery of genius.—Tuckerman.

Our country's welfare is our first concern, and who promotes that best, best proves his duty.—Harvard.

When'er our country calls, friends, sons and sires should yield their treasures up, nor own a sense beyond the public safety.—Brooks.

### FOLLOW THE FLAG.

IT is the right of the American people to enjoy a monopoly for their own flag within their own jurisdiction; it is the right, and should be the duty, of those who follow other flags to follow them elsewhere.—The Century Magazine.

## DON'T FORGET US

When you need anything in the line of neat and attractive Printing.

## News Items Reported From Percilla Country

April 23.—After a fine rain the farmers are very busy with their crops.

Our school closes Friday 27th. We are very sorry for it to close as it has been a very successful term. We certainly appreciate the efforts of our teachers to make it so. Our closing exercises will be Thursday and Friday night, 26th and 27th.

Misses Model Jones and Ruth Branch are at home from their schools.

Mr. Oscar Maxwell is a frequent visitor to Percilla now.

There is to be a singing at Percilla Sunday, conducted by Geo. Jeffus.

At our trustee election Mr. Walter Branch and Claude Jones were re-elected and Mr. Charlie Daniels elected as trustees.

Mr. Malon Wright and Mrs. Lee Wright have returned from Palestine where they have been for an operation. They are improving rapidly.

Mr. Grayson had an attack of appendicitis and went to Palestine for treatment.

The people of Percilla have declared war on the ticks and are contemplating the building of a dipping vat.

Ye scribe was called to Crockett the 16th of April as a committee man from this place to discuss Houston County's new road law as there seemed to be so much dissatisfaction with it. It seems as if we have the law for the next year and a half. According to our judgement it is best to try it and then if it still proves unsatisfactory we appeal to our next representative for a change.

The call has gone forth for the farmers to plant more feedstuff and accordingly we are planting more corn today. It is our opinion that the man who does not plant it will be the one to do

## GAS IN THE STOMACH

Is a symptom of impaired digestion. To neglect digestive trouble is to bid high for disease in the kidneys as these diseases all start in bad digestion. Take

## PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It is a corrective medicine for all disorders in the digestive organs. It quickly checks sour stomach. Gas or wind in the stomach or bowels, heartburn, bloated feeling, belching, bad breath, dizziness, headaches and a constipated habit. If you have any weakness in your digestion, take Prickly Ash Bitters. It relieves all distress immediately and if used for a reasonable period it cures permanently.

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without it, for we are afraid the price will be so great he cannot afford to buy it.

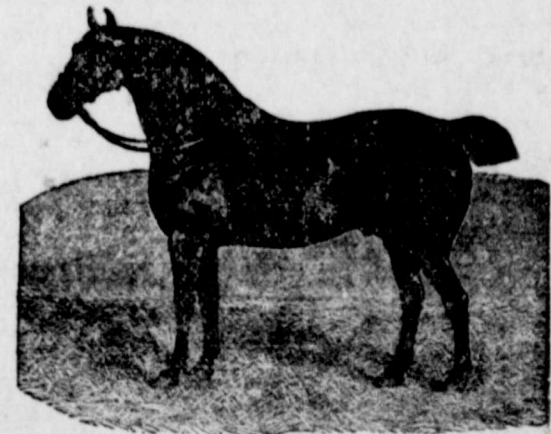
Mrs. Alton McKenzie is visiting her brother, Mr. Ellie Hendricks, at Sugarland.

Some of our young folks attended the play at Augusta Friday night.

We are raising money to buy an organ. Mrs. Oscar Dennis and Mrs. Floyd Ferguson canvassed the community for eggs to help pay for it. They collected about thirty four dozens and some money.

Mr. Leonard Sullivan and family visited in Percilla Sunday. His mother, Mrs. Orian Sullivan, accompanied him home for a few days visit. James E.

## See HAPPY JACK The DENMARK and PERCHERON STALLION



Before you breed your mares. He was foaled May 17th, 1905, and was bred and born in the state of Missouri. He was sired by an imported French Percheron Stallion, owned by Travis George, Garland, Mo., and his mother was a Kentucky Denmark saddle mare, owned by J. D. Houston, Blairstown, Mo., and he has a good record in Anderson and Houston counties. For large, likely colts his qualities are extra good. His color is black, his weight is 1,204 pounds.

### TERMS: \$10.00 TO INSURE

Pay when colt is 10 days old. This horse can be found on the premises of the undersigned, 5 miles northwest of Grapeland and 2 miles west of Salmon, on the Grapeland and Elkhart road.

## J. E. KEEN

Postoffice: ELKHART, TEXAS, Route 2.



**Local News**

**Items Reported From Antrim**

April 23.—The farmers are pretty busy planting peanuts, and peas as well as some cotton.

Mr. W. R. Durnell is having chills, but hope he will soon be well again.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Edens had quite a number of visitors Sunday, among whom were: Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Durnell, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Durnell and children and Mrs. W. R. Durnell and children.

Lee Martin attended singing and Sunday School at Rock Hill Sunday.

Misses Ola and Grace Kiser entertained a number of their friends with a singing Sunday night.

Rev. W. R. Durnell filled his regular appointment at Muse Saturday night and Sunday. He was accompanied by Misses Esther and Eula Durnell and May Martin.

Virgil Durnell visited Jim Ritchie Sunday.

Messrs. Sam Parker and Terrell Smith of New Prospect attended singing at Mr. Kiser's Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Parker and children and Mrs. John Martin went fishing Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Waddell visited Mrs. Waddell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Guice Saturday.

Mr. A. W. Brinson spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. John Martin.

Hiawatha.

**PREPAREDNESS CLUB**

Saturday, April 21, a number of citizens of Grapeland and adjoining communities met and organized a Farmers Preparedness Club with C. A. Campbell Pres. and C. T. Sims, Sec'y.

The object of this organization, is to get all farmers and other citizens who are interested in the welfare of this country to make better preparations to raise and supply this country with more feed and food.

We have been earnestly requested by President Wilson to do this that we may be able to feed the South and at the same time be organized so that we may be able to receive aid from the government if we should need it.

The government can assist the people through organizations but not as individuals.

Since this is true, if we will think for a moment of the condition of our country, think of the high prices of the necessities of life and the possibility of the prices going much higher, we will not hesitate to band ourselves together to fight the dangers before us.

Since we have been forced into the war, it now becomes our duty to furnish the allies so that they can fight our enemies.

We can be just as patriotic by producing supplies for the army as by fighting in the front ranks.

It may become necessary for the government to say how much food we shall have and how much we shall send to the soldiers. So let's begin NOW to get ready for this if it should come.

In order that we may make better preparations to do our part, all citizens who make Grapeland their trading point are urgently requested to be present at the court room next Saturday, April 28, at 2 p. m.

**FEED CRUSHER READY**

My feed crusher is now in operation and am ready to crush your corn. 15c per 100 pounds, 12 1-2c for 500 lbs. and over. Crusher at the gin.

A. B. Spence.

**Local Items**

**Reported From Waneta Country**

April 23.—A very nice rain fell last week and crops are looking fine.

Church and singing was well attended at Hickory Grove Sunday. We had with us several fine singers.

Mr. Carleton Lively who has been in Buffalo Gap for the past six months, returned home last Monday.

Mr. Joe Lively and wife visited their daughter, Mrs. Moore, from Friday till Sunday.

Miss Mary Kate Butler who has been teaching school at Creek, returned home Saturday.

Rev. Foster filled his regular appointment at New Hope Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Harry Lively gave an entertainment last Friday night.

Mr. Charlie Hendrick and little son went to Palestine last Saturday.

Mr. C. B. Lively is very sick. Miss Susie Hendrick visited at Percilla last week.

Bonnie.

**W. H. M. NOTES**

The W. H. M. Society was entertained on Tuesday afternoon at the new beautiful home of Mrs. J. C. Kennedy. Mrs. Jas. Owens being leader, had arranged the following program:

Opening Song, "America", by Mrs. Marvin Gilbert, Misses Annie Lois Taylor, Mabel Boykin and Perlina Spence.

Prayer by Mrs. S. N. Boykin. Scripture Reading: St. Mark, 14th chap.—by leader.

Vocal Solo—Miss Mabel Boykin.

Readings: "The Unchanging Christ" and "The Real Revival", by Mrs. A. H. Luker.

Roll called.

Minutes read.

Business transacted.

Misses Esther Darsey, Annie Lois Taylor, Lura Mae Owens and Mabel Boykin came in as new members.

Mesdames Wm. H. Long and E. E. Hollingsworth were welcome visitors.

Mrs. C. R. Taylor was appointed leader at next meeting to be held with Mrs. A. H. Luker.

The hostess served delicious cream and cake. Reporter.

**THE REVIVAL**

A revival meeting is in progress at the Methodist church this week, commencing last Sunday and will continue through the week. The pastor is being assisted by Rev. L. B. Saxon of Palestine, who is doing some able preaching. Two services are held daily, at 4 in the afternoon and 8 at night. Also a prayer service is held each morning at 10 o'clock in some business house down town, and after the service Wednesday morning, Bro. Saxon said it was the best service of the kind, as a starter, he had ever held.

**NOTICE**

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J. E. Hollingsworth, Grapeland, Texas.

**STRAYED**

Jersey heifer about two and one half years old, marked crop and two splits in left ear, under slope in right, branded N D (connected) on left hip. If found please notify me. N. J. Davis.

**YOU BETTER ENLIST**

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