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NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS

You are hereby advised that in order to expedite the filling out of your answers to the "questionnaires," the following named associate members of the county legal advisory boards have been appointed, to-wit:

Crockett—S. A. Denny, Joe Adams, J. W. Young, Earl P. Adams, Col. Earl Adams, John Spence, Earl Adams, Jr., J. F. Mangum, G. W. Crook, A. A. Aldrich, John I. Moore, C. M. Ellis, Nat Patton, John D. Morgan, A. E. Owers, E. M. Callier, M. P. Jensen, Judge E. Winfree, Jno. H. Ellis, J. N. Snell, J. P. Peacock, Ney Sheridan, T. B. Satterwhite, Joe Sallas, Alfred Collins, J. W. Hail, J. W. Brightman, C. C. Warfield, Ed Douglas, Jack Beasley and George Moore.

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Percilla—R. R. Sullivan, A. P. McKinzie, Oscar Dennis, Elmer Sullivan and G. E. Dickey.

Daily—Tom Kent, Jr., and B. E. Daily.

These gentlemen are hereby urgently requested to serve in this work without further or other notice than the publication of this list, and registrants are instructed to report to any of these appointees for assistance in answering questions. When any of them are not convenient, then get any other competent citizen or friend to help you fill out your answers.

Both registrants and assistants are specially requested to observe the following instructions relating to the answers to the questions:

First—Read over the Rules and Regulations on pages 2 and 3 of the questionnaires before writing the answers, until you are familiar with them.

Second—Read the questions carefully before attempting to answer.

Third—Do not write anything on the first page until all the questions are answered fully. Then "class" the registrant on the first page according to the purport of the answers.

Fourth—If there is a doubt of just how to answer any question, then do not answer until you see some lawyer for advice. Any lawyer will give you the advice free.

Fifth—Be careful about answering the questions and be sure to get them correct. Do not "blotch" or spoil any of the questionnaires any more than possible, for they are scarce.

Sixth—Write all answers with a pen and black ink. Do not typewrite them nor use a pencil.

Seventh—Be careful to fully understand all affidavits, and be careful in filling them out. Then swear to them before any officer authorized to administer oaths, including notaries public.

Eighth—Registrants should

always take with them two or three friends and acquaintances who can make the proper "supporting" affidavits, and these should be read and filled out carefully.

Ninth—Be sure to have the questionnaires back to the local Exemption Board within seven (7) days after the date of the notice. Hon. W. B. Page is chairman of this board.

Tenth—Registrants should read carefully all that is on page 16 of the questionnaires, and not fail to take advantage of any right there given, if they so desire.

These are just a few general instructions, but other special instructions will be found mingled with the questions and they should be strictly followed. There are about 2,500 registrants in this county and it will take all the assistance we can get to fill out the answers within the time required by law. So let everybody help.

J. W. Madden,
B. F. Dent,
D. A. Nunn, Jr.,
Legal Advisory Board.

INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTRANTS

1. As soon as you get your questionnaires, read them over carefully.

2. Then fill them out with pen and ink as much as you can.

3. If you prefer it, get some friend or neighbor to help you.

4. When in doubt, do not answer a question till you see some lawyer.

5. Every "dependent" over 16 years old must sign and swear to the answers under "series 10" of the questionnaires.

6. Under series 12, relating to "agricultural occupation," two "supporting affidavits" are required, thus:

(a) If the registrant answers "no" to the first question, do not proceed further and do not sign this series.

(b) If the registrant answers "yes" to the first question, then all the questions must be answered, and the "supporting affidavits" must be made by the following persons, viz:

(c) If the registrant is an "employee," let the employer make the first affidavit and a neighbor the second.

(d) If the registrant is the owner of the land, both affidavits must be made by near neighbors.

(e) If the registrant is the "head" of the farm and not the owner, but has the land "leased," then, the first affidavit should be made by the "owner" and the second by a neighbor.

(f) If the registrant can not write, let him sign by mark and have it witnessed by the affidavit.

(g) If all the dependents are under 16 years old, then have the dependent affidavit made by some neighbor who knows the facts of dependency. All "dependents" over 16 must make the affidavit, page 11.

7. When the questionnaires are returned, get instructions from the local Exemption Board as to rights of "appeal."

8. Do not fail to make the affidavit at the bottom of page 15 of the questionnaire.

9. Answers to question 3 page

4, should show the particular "job" or "occupation" of the registrant, as "farmer," "car shop repairer."

10. "Associate members" of the boards, as well as "permanent" members are authorized to take affidavits, and all officers authorized by law to administer oaths can do the same, including notaries.

11. All assistants and members must write on the left hand margin of the first page, thus: "Aid given by me," and sign, followed by the words, "Permanent Member," or "Associate Member," as the case may be.

12. Too much stress can not be laid on great care in filling answers.

Legal Advisory Board.

NEW PROSPECT

BY BILLYE

Dec. 31, 1917.—Since last we wrote the Messenger another Christmas has passed into history and the New Year is drawing very near. It is to be hoped that the new year may be a prosperous one.

Quite a lot of visiting took place in our midst during the holidays.

R. A. Parker and family spent several days visiting S. R. Parker and family at Lufkin.

E. F. Musick and family visited relatives at Daly.

Moving has been in full progress for several days. Several families from other parts have moved here while several of our neighbors have gone to try their fortunes in new homes.

Peyton Gamage and Miss Erie Bridges stole a march on their friends last Tuesday by slipping away and getting married. We wish them much happiness and that their path through life may be strewn with more roses than thorns.

Fayette Musick, from near Alto, visited relatives here Saturday.

On December 24th brothers and sisters of Mrs. Jess Luce surprised her by gathering at her home to spend Christmas. There were present all her brothers, sisters, neices, nephews, and step-mother—forty-four in all. The children were delighted with a Christmas tree which was enjoyed by the "grown-ups" also.

Our teachers and pupils enjoyed a week's vacation, but all are ready for work again this morning.

There is very little sickness reported at present—nothing of a more serious nature than colds.

We are sure that the editor and staff enjoy a rest Christmas but we feel lonesome without the Messenger.

WANTED TO BUY

I am now in the market for several car loads of old scrap iron and other kinds of junk. See me for prices and sell me what you have.

J. W. Howard.

G. C. Crowson and family visited relatives at Lovelady last week.

GREETING

WITH kindest wishes for the New Year and thanking our many customers and friends for their patronage during 1917 we extend this **NEW YEAR'S GREETING**

And wish for all a full share of happiness and prosperity of 1918.

Keeland Brothers

THE PRICE IS THE THING

THE YEAR

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1918, the New Year, is here, and to everyone we wish Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

WE want to express to all our friends and customers our appreciation for their liberal patronage during 1917 and to ask you for a continuation of a goodly portion of your trade during 1918.

We shall endeavor to merit your business by selling you the best merchandise possible for the money.

Let's all labor together and lend our every effort to the winning of the war. Raise lots of something to eat; our soldiers must have it it.

Come to see us often and profit this year by trading with

McLean & Riall

The Home of Dependable Merchandise

AMERICAN WOMEN OPERATE RED CROSS CANTEENS ABROAD

CARE OF U. S. SOLDIERS AND SAILORS ORGANIZATION'S FIRST AND SUPREME OBJECT.

MEAL COSTS ONLY 13 CENTS

Shower Baths, Barbers, Movie Theater—Everything Free Except Food—Work Near the Firing Line.

First and supreme in the work of the American Red Cross, which will launch a Christmas membership drive for 2,000,000 more members in the Southwest Monday, Dec. 17, continuing until Christmas eve, is the care of Uncle Sam's own army and navy.

The safety, health and comfort of the men who are fighting the country's battles 8,000 miles from home will at all times be the prime object of the organization's attention.

When French army officers were asked what the American Red Cross could best do to hearten the army and give the soldiers a concrete token of American co-operation they said: "Give us canteens and rest stations."

The Red Cross is accordingly establishing canteens at 11 important railway stations in France for the special use of soldiers on leave, who are constantly passing on their way to and from the front. The woman's bureau undertook to recruit 100 women to serve in canteens and rest rooms in France. Only women of robust health, between the ages of 30 and 50, were considered, and applicants were required to show that they had worked for the American Red Cross or in regular occupations requiring a high order of service and a capacity for self sacrifice. Fifty-two of these women already are in France.

Serves 2,000 Troops Daily.

The first of these canteens was opened in September and began immediately to serve large numbers of French soldiers and some American troops. It has been used by an average of 2,000 men daily. The first visitors were a troop of chasseurs who had been instructing the American troops, and on the same evening a large number of American engineers, leaving by train at 1 o'clock in the morning, were given a warm welcome.

There are 18 women who serve day and night. The menu includes soup, bread, meat, vegetables, salads, cheese, eggs, coffee, chocolate and tea.

Arrangements for announcing the departure of trains have enabled between 300 and 400 men to catch a few hours of much-needed rest in comfortable, clean quarters, without fear of missing their trains. Six hundred men can be so accommodated. Showers and wash basins also are provided.

Everything Free Except Food.

The picture presented by such a canteen when it is filled with soldiers is described in a cable from Junius B. Wood, American war correspondent, in part as follows:

Back of a long porcelain-tiled counter American women in white caps and white aprons were pouring coffee, ladling soup and handing out sandwiches as fast as their arms could work. In front was an unending line of soldiers, American and French, with bowls of soup or coffee in one hand and sandwiches, sausages and tobacco in the other, making their way gingerly through the crowd from the counter to seats at the tables in the big room.

This canteen seats 90 an hour in the dining room, which is capable of handling 5,000 guests daily. There are twenty-one shower baths, a barber shop, a clothes sterilizer and bombproof movie theater. All is free except the food, for which there is a nominal charge. On the other side of the railroad tracks a garden has been laid out where, in addition, the French Government dispenses wine to its own troops. While waiting for trains the soldiers relax and rest. Everything is sold at cost, no allowance being made for the big overhead expenses. In addition, much is distributed free. A bowl of soup, which is quite different from the usual chicken-flavored greasy hot water, costs 3 cents, and other things are sold at proportionately low prices. Soup and coffee are both served in bowls.

There are no spoons, cups, knives or forks, for these never return. For 13 cents one gets a dinner consisting of soup, beef or lamb, vegetable salad, cheese, pudding or fruit, coffee, chocolate or bouillon. Tea is brewed especially for passing British troops.

Near the firing line the American Red Cross is establishing field canteens. Extending the work already begun by a branch of the French Red Cross, it will provide one of these canteens for every corps of the French army and later for the American army as well.

A field kitchen is maintained there, from which the refreshing drinks are distributed along the front by wagons and light motor trucks. Four thousand portions—coffee, tea, cocoa, bouillon, lemonade, etc.—are sometimes served from one canteen in a single day.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLAUNDER

Stock Selling Scheme

IN a few days a stock peddler will call on you. Watch out for him. He will try to unload on you some stock in a queer corporation. The corporation is called the American Red Cross, and he'll tackle you for a membership. The price is small; only a dollar or such a matter. And he will tell you in his oily tongue about the dividends.

But don't you be fooled! There will be no dividends except in brotherhood, and if you get into the corporation you will be stuck for assessments. Lord, Man, the assessments will come in thick and fast before this war is over. Your heart will be wrung time and again by the need of our soldiers; by the disease and famine in Europe. And while, of course, the assessments are voluntary, they will come and come and come. And you will have your choice—meet them or harden your heart. If you meet them your life will grow. Deny them and your bank account will grow. Take your choice. Deny them or pass them. The assessments are before you, and if you buy stock in this corporation your whole life's destiny will hinge upon the way you handle that stock.

And it is a curious stock in this: The dividends, as hereinbefore stated, are in human brotherhood. From all over the earth, wherever men and women and children are in want and misery, at home, in France, in Italy, in England—even in Russia—will come to America during this war, and forever after this war, the deep, sweet abiding gratitude of those whom we have saved and succored. We are feeding the starving through this corporation, and they will not forget it, nor their children's children. We are healing the sick—the tubercular, the undernourished—covered with sores and filth. We are housing the homeless in the devastated area of Belgium and France and Italy, and the agents of this corporation are gathering up the good will of humanity in bales and shiploads and are pouring it back into America.

Now, don't you want your share? Don't you want some of these dividends? In other ages when peace shall come permanently to this world—shall come because America sowed in this great war the seeds of good will, where Germany sowed the dragon's teeth of hate—men too old to fight, and women who could not go into battle, will say, "I was a member of the Red Cross. Here is my membership. It is a certificate from the herald's college of my nobility. You children and all of yours for generations may know that in the great Peace Corporation, I was an investor. I drew my dividends in brotherhood. I paid the assessments that came from my heart. I am proud that I joined."

In a few days the stock peddler will call on you. Watch out for him. He will try to sell you something that will make you bigger and better and kinder; something that will sting you for dividends, something that will make you or break you in the real game of life. Watch out for that stock seller. Don't let him fool you. If you become a stockholder in his corporation, it will cost you your heart's best aspirations, your mind's best plans, and much—exceedingly much—of the work of your hands. And all you will get out of it is your country's everlasting glory and your own soul's comfort and content. So, when that stock peddler comes around—beware. Don't let him fool you.

EVERY CENT GIVEN RED CROSS SPENT FOR RELIEF WORK

LIE CIRCULATED BY AGENTS OF UNSPEAKABLE KAISER IS NAILED.

HOW SOCIETY IS SUSTAINED

Half of Membership Fees Provides Sufficient Funds for Administrative Purposes—Where Subscriptions Go.

Hirelings of the unspeakable Kaiser have circulated more lies with reference to the American Red Cross than any other American organization. One of these lies was to the effect that a big percentage of the millions of dollars subscribed for Red Cross work went to officials of the organization. This statement has no basis in fact whatever.

One hundred and twenty million dollars was subscribed for the Red Cross by Americans last June, and not one penny of this money has been spent for administrative work. When a membership in the Red Cross is issued, say for \$1, 50 cents of this amount is sent to headquarters at Washington for the administrative fund and the remaining 50 cents is kept by the chapter which issued the membership.

Where the Money Goes.

Not all of the \$120,000,000 subscribed in June has been collected. Collections on Nov. 1 totaled \$79,895,355.68. Of this amount \$9,129,389.21 is being returned to Red Cross chapters for local relief work and the purchase of raw materials to be made into hospital garments and supplies. In addition to this total, appropriations from the war fund up to Nov. 1 amounted to \$40,851,259.20, of which \$26,934,416.86 was for foreign relief. These foreign relief appropriations were apportioned as follows: France, \$19,581,240.47; Belgium, \$720,001; Russia, \$1,428,040.87; Serbia, \$493,203.76; Roumania, \$1,518,898.76; Italy, \$214,000; Great Britain, \$1,060,520; miscellaneous foreign, \$113,012; Armenian and Syrian relief, \$1,800,000.

There has been apportioned for supplies, etc., for United States forces in this country, \$3,488,729; for hospital work, \$379,500; for sanitary service about cantonments, camps, \$183,500; for miscellaneous items in United States, \$108,487.60, a total for the United States army of \$4,120,216.60. Other appropriations advanced for hospital funds amounted to \$220,000. The sum of \$7,659,000 has been ex-

pendent in the purchase of raw materials to be worked into hospital garments, bandages, surgical dressings, etc., by various lay workers throughout the country. As local chapters purchased this material at cost from the national organization, this sum will eventually be returned to the war fund.

Other German Lies.

Another lie is that American sailors are sending word to friends that they are receiving so many sweaters and other knitted garments that they are using them for mops aboard ship.

The Red Cross, through George W. Simmons of St. Louis, general manager of the Southwest District, recently appealed for all knitted garments it can possibly get. There is a pitiful shortage and winter is coming on. No matter how many knitted articles went aboard a ship, none of them would be used as mops.

Still another lie is to the effect that Mrs. Frank V. Hammer, chairman of the St. Louis Red Cross Chapter, receives \$15,000 a year for her services, and that George W. Simmons, chairman of the Southwestern District, receives \$30,000.

Both Mrs. Hammer and Simmons donate their services and pay their own traveling expenses. In addition, Simmons and Mrs. Hammer have each made large personal subscriptions to the Red Cross fund.

Yarn for Sweaters is Free.

Another baseless German lie is to the effect that the Red Cross is selling yarn to women who are knitting sweaters and mufflers for the soldiers.

The basis for this tale is a rule enforced by the Red Cross, which requires a small deposit when yarn is turned over to applicants. The deposit is refunded when the knitted garments and left-over yarn are returned. That a sweater knit in St. Louis for the soldiers in France was sold by Red Cross workers and identified by the woman who knit it by a piece of currency sewed into the fabric is another German lie.

Heads of the Red Cross Society in St. Louis branded this as a bald fabrication. Nothing handled by the Red Cross Society is sold.

In Arcola, Ill., fond parents are buying Red Cross memberships for children of all ages, including newborn babies.

Everyone cannot "go across" and fight, but everyone can "come across" with a membership in the Red Cross, and thus help those who do fight.

Suffering humanity in many nations is calling to us for help. We can help through the Red Cross.

Little Jim Mulkey Owens is rapidly recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia. Miss Julia Kerchner, a trained nurse of Palestine, who has been with him, returned Monday at noon.



Advantages of

Buying Advertised Goods

Merchandise that is advertised moves much faster than that which is not, and therefore the stock is kept new and up-to-date. There are no shopworn, slow sellers to be disposed of in the store that keeps the advertising columns at work selling goods.

And you can always depend upon the quality of advertised articles. The merchant's reputation is back of his merchandise and he cannot jeopardize it by misrepresenting his goods even the least bit.

Furthermore, the dealer's newspaper announcement usually offers money-saving bargains, and every thrifty person should take full advantage of such opportunities. Read the advertisements today.

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ONLY ONE SLEEVE

This Is Unique Feature of New Evening Wrap.

Ingenious Arrangement Enables Wearer to Hold Frock Off Pavement Without Inconvenience.

The evening wrap shown in the sketch is one of the most ingeniously designed garments seen in several seasons. It has only one sleeve. It is surprising no one has before this designed a one-sleeve evening wrap.

There is little doubt that the average woman who considers the purchase



One-Sleeve Evening Wrap.

of an evening wrap for the coming season will be quick to see the advantages of the one-sleeve garment.

As every woman knows, an evening gown is usually so frail and perishable that it must be held up away from the grime of the streets and the carriage or motor step. Evening gowns are more frequently than otherwise rather long affairs, often equipped with trains that get in the way of the feet unless firmly held out of the way.

They are often heavy, made of rich velvet, plush, satin, brocade, etc., and to hold properly both the wrap and frock is difficult. If a woman's arm is on the outside of the wrap, as it must be if the garment is equipped with two sleeves, then she must hold both wrap and frock, unless she pushes back the wrap, and then it is massed, and again in the way.

The one-sleeve garment solves the problem.

The right hand holds up the frock, and this newest of evening wraps has no sleeve on the right side. The hand is therefore kept comfortably underneath the wrap so that it may do its work of looking after the frock, while the hand slipped through the left sleeve is free for the carrying of opera glasses, slipper bag, etc.

The wrap shown is made of rose-colored chiffon velvet, and the deep yoke, pointed front and back, is richly embroidered in metal thread. The fur collar is detachable, so when desired the entire lovely yoke may be seen.

Any woman could make a wrap of this kind for herself if she wished to.

KEEPING NAILS IN SHAPE

They Should Be Manicured Every Day if They Are to Be Kept in Good Condition.

The nails should be manicured every day if they are to be kept in good condition, but only a few minutes need be devoted to them once they are in perfect order.

Loosen the skin around the base of the nails with an orange stick. Press it back as far as you can. Never use a metal instrument for this purpose.

Hang nails should always be clipped off as closely as possible, but it is advisable to use the scissors very sparingly on the cuticle around the nail.

After polishing dip the nails in warm water to remove any traces of the polishing powder, and a final touch is given by rubbing the nails against the palm of the hand.

Always file the edges, as this is pref-

erable to cutting them, and finish by giving a polish with a chamois leather pad. Manicure powder or paste need be used only once or twice a week.

To remedy brittle nails, get an ounce of myrrh from the druggist and mix it with one ounce of turpentine. Spread this paste over the nails at night, and in the morning remove it with a little vaseline.

Before beginning the manicure place some warm water, in which you have dissolved a little good soap, in a small bowl, and soak the nails in this for five minutes. This is to soften the cuticle, and make it easier to manipulate.

BISHOP TAKES ODD JOURNEY

War Causes Rev. E. A. Dunn and Wife to Travel Many Miles Out of Way.

The new bishop of British Honduras, Rev. E. A. Dunn, finds himself in the same plight as Americans who were in Paris at the start of the war and wanted to get to London, says the Newport Herald. It was easier, they discovered, to return to America and then go to England than to try the direct route, which is several thousand miles less.

The bishop of British Honduras has had to come all the way back to this country from the West Indies in order to get across the Caribbean sea to his new post at Belize, in Central America. He has just started on an American steamship from an Atlantic port, but he is not sure that he will not have to return again and try another way.

Bishop Dunn, with his wife, came from Quebec, where his father was bishop of that province. In August he and Mrs. Dunn started to the tropics on the way to his new post, but went first to Barbados to attend a meeting of bishops of the West Indies. From there he had booked passage to British Honduras. The steamship was torpedoed, and, finding no way of crossing that strip of the Atlantic, he returned here to await a steamship going south.

The one he has taken passage on is bound in the direction of Central America, but not even the officials of the company could promise to get the bishop to Belize. He isn't at all worried, for he and Mrs. Dunn find traveling at this season rather pleasant despite the U-boat menace.

PIGEONS DOING THEIR BIT

French Have Shown Great Ingenuity in Using Birds to Communicate With Invaded Territory.

A contemporary recently stated that in addition to death-dealing guns, the tanks carry pigeons for sending out messages in case of need. This is yet another use to which pigeons have been put in this war.

The ingenuity of the French in this respect, however, is hard to beat, says London Tit-Bits. In one of our ally's war museums is an apparatus which shows how the French have attempted to get news from their invaded territories. It consists of a balloon, which carries 40 carrier pigeons. In floating over the land now occupied by the enemy it drops from time to time a little parachute, to which is attached a basket containing a carrier pigeon, an aluminum message holder, several sheets of thin paper, pencil and detailed instructions for use.

The finder of the basket, after writing a message, has only to slip it into the holder in the bird's leg and set it free. The homing instinct then allows the pigeon to find its way back to the French lines.

IN OTHER CITIES

Youngstown, O., factory workers in June received \$5,705,000 in wages.

Philadelphia schools must pay \$7.75 a ton for 50,000 tons of pea coal for 1917.

Chicago claims 3,639,957 population. Census bureau war registration estimate.

St. Louis has increased wages of employees of public school system \$312,000 a year.

Granville, O., expects Denison university in the next two years to spend \$2,000,000 for new buildings and equipment.

FOR BETTER ROADS

SMALL PAVING BLOCKS USED

They Are Proving Popular in Rural Regions in Europe—First Laid in New York State.

For a number of years country roads in parts of Germany, Austria and other European countries have been paved with small cubes of stone but it is not so generally known that small-block pavements have been laid in the United States. They are believed to have been introduced first by J. Y. McClintock, county superintendent of Monroe county, N. Y. After an experience of ten years or so, he recommends the use of blocks of vitrified clay, measuring 2 1/4 inches on each side. These are laid on a base of gravel, macadam, concrete or broken slag, which is usually made wider than the pavement in order to support the gravel or broken stone laid beside the cubes to form hard shoulders to carry vehicles that



Laying Vitrified Blocks.

are forced to turn out of the main roadway. During the last year about six miles of such pavement were put down in the county.

Mr. McClintock holds that this type of construction is desirable where a substantial base is already in place, as in the case of an old gravel or macadam road which is not worn out, or a base can be constructed at low cost. The vitrified blocks are often laid by unskilled labor, properly supervised, with entirely satisfactory results.

Another type of small-block pavement was recently laid on the Morris-town turnpike in New Jersey, which carries a heavy traffic. There is a section of this road about 1,200 feet long having a 7 per cent grade, where it was decided to try small granite blocks in the hope that their numerous joints would reduce the tendency to slip and skid on this rather steep slope. The blocks are 3 to 4-inch cubes and were laid on a thin foundation. They were not laid in rows but in curved lines, forming a mosaic pattern, and the joints were filled with fine stone and a grout of cement and sand.

PIONEER GOOD ROAD BUILDER

Over \$120,000,000 Expended or Pledged During Last Two Decades in New York State.

Twenty years ago New York embarked upon its policy of state aid for the construction, maintenance and repair of state, county and township highways. Since that time approximately 20,000 of the total mileage, estimated to exceed 80,000, have been improved.

As a pioneer in the good roads movement, the Empire state has always occupied first rank. Over \$120,000,000 has been expended or pledged during the last two decades for highway construction.

NOT IDENTIFIED.

"Did you find a package in the hall last night?"

"Yes, dear; the one you brought in with you."

GOOD CHANCES.

"We're bound to win. There's victory in the air."

"I don't dispute that if we build airplanes."

Help the Red Cross Do This Work; Save Your Boy, or Your Neighbor's



Red Cross surgeons and orderlies give first aid to wounded in little underground dressing stations in the front-line trenches. War records show that as many Red Cross men are killed by enemy fire as regular soldiers in the trenches.

ANNUAL MEETING--FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION

The Charter of the Crockett National Farm Loan Association provides that the annual election of directors, Officers and Loan Committee shall take place at the Association headquarters, which is the Commercial Club rooms at Crockett, on Thursday, January 10th at three o'clock p. m.

This is the only farm loan association in Houston County, and from present appearances it is likely to be the only one for some time, as its existence today is due to the fact that the Crockett Commercial Club is financially back of the enterprise, and it is most important that every member of the Association be present on this occasion. Not only should those who have received their money come but all the applicants whose applications have been favorably acted upon by the Houston bank, and those who have made applications as well as those who will file applications before that date.

It is a pleasure to be able to announce that the work of the Association is now being kept right up to date and that the Houston bank is keeping up with their part of the work in a manner that enables an applicant to secure his money in much less time than heretofore. It is the aim of the bank officials to perfect the details of their department, so that with proper support from this end of the line loans can be secured and the money paid over within twenty to thirty days from the time time application is filed with the association.

In order to make our work most effective and expeditious it is necessary that every member take a personal interest in the work of this organization and the the annual meeting. Please remember the day and make a special effort to be present.

H. A. FISHER,
Secretary-Treasurer

W. B. WALL,
President.

CHRISTMAS WEDDINGS

Weddings were quite numerous during the holidays, and the following have been reported to the Messenger:

John Neely to Miss Mary Lee Lewis, which occurred Christmas day, Rev. A. A. Allen officiating.

Pink Oates to Miss Lillie Jackson at the home of the bride's parents at Percilla.

Miss Erie Bridges and Peyton Gammage, of Elkhart, were married at the Goodson hotel last week.

To all of them the Messenger extends congratulations and best wishes.

McCALL-SPENCE

A holiday wedding of considerable interest to our people, was the marriage of Mr. Emmett P. McCall, of Jacksonville, to Perlina Spence, of this city, which occurred Wednesday, December 26th, at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. B. C. Ansley officiating. After the ceremony the happy couple left on the Sunshine Special for Houston, where they spent a week and are now at their home in Jacksonville.

The wedding was a quiet affair, only a few of the intimate friends of the bride being present.

Miss Perlina was one of Grapeland's most popular and accomplished young ladies, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Spence. She and her sister have been attending school at Kid-Key College and were home for the holidays when the wedding occurred.

The Messenger is joined by numerous friends here in extending them good wishes for a married life of happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Eaves enjoyed the Christmas holidays with their children, the following being at home: Mr. and Mrs. Lee Eaves, of Cleveland; Mr. and Mrs. Warner Eaves, of Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kiser, of Humble; Mr. and Mrs. Collier and Mrs. R. L. Brooks, of Arkansas; Mr. and Mr. Dudley Eaves, and Woodie Eaves, who is teaching in W st Texas.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

At Darsey's---THE SERVICE FIRST STORE---At Darsey's

1918 NEW YEAR GREETINGS 1918

WE WISH for everyone of our many friends and customers a year of happiness and prosperity. In looking over the accomplishments of the past year, it is with a greater determination than ever to render the greatest service possible as a store to you who have made it possible for us to enjoy the prestige of being the biggest and best store in Houston county.

The New Year Means Work

With our nation about to plunge full force into the great conflict for universal peace, freedom and democracy, we as a people, face many responsibilities. This is a time when our country needs our manhood, our money and our support in every other way. It is up to each one of us to do our part toward the uplifting of humanity. You can help by

Buy Thrift Stamps. Buy Liberty Bonds. Join the Red Cross. Save Food--Don't Waste. Raise Food Stuff. Don't buy cheap goods. Keep your money going.

Cold Wave Coming Buy Warm Clothing Now

Keep away sickness by proper clothing. Here we have Red Blankets, Warm Undewear, Sweaters, Heavy Clothing, Heavy Outings, Dress Goods and a complete line of Gloves, Staple Dress Goods, Sheetings, Etc. Let us serve you.

Shoes! Shoes! Shoes!

We are entering the New Year with the biggest and most complete stock of Men's, Women's and Children's Good Shoes, that has ever been in Grapeland. Here you will find shoes for every

purpose: Men's Work Shoes. Men's Fine Shoes. Women's Work Shoes. Women's Fine Shoes. Boys' Work, Dress and School Shoes. Girls' Work, Dress and School Shoes. Our prices are far below their real worth. If you need Shoes for the Winter and Spring, investigate the values we have.

Would You Save Four Dollars?

If you appreciate value—real all Pure Wool value in Men's Suits—you should investigate our line of

Styleplus Clothes

These suits are being sold this season at the old prices—a big lot of them at \$17 and a few at

\$21. The price for spring will be \$21 and \$25. The styles and patterns are in medium weights, plenty heavy for winter and plenty light for spring wear. We have a complete line of sizes. Prices on other suits range up from \$10.

NOTICE—Uncle Sam has decreed that hereafter suits will contain 40 per cent. wool, and it may be possible to offer all wool suits after our present stock is exhausted.

Farm Supplies

This store is fast preparing to take care of your demands in the farm implement line. Here you will find everything in the way of improved farm machinery adapted to this section of East Texas. We are headquarters for Staple and Fancy Groceries and will appreciate your patronage.

George E. Darsey

The Service First Store

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A. H. LUNER, Editor and Owner

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

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Our advertising rates are reasonable and quoted upon application.

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

SUBSCRIPTION — IN ADVANCE

1 YEAR-----\$1.50
6 MONTHS---.75
3 MONTHS---.40

THURSDAY, JAN. 3, 1918

KEEP UP THE ROADS

Our people will be fortunate, if in the drive after a record production in all lines, they keep well in mind the great importance of good roads. Good roads are, in fact, one of the prime factors of success in our efforts to exceed all former productive records.

The farmer who, after harvesting a bumper crop, attempts to move it over poor roads, soon finds that he must sacrifice a large per cent of his profits in reaching the market with his products. The lumberman who has cut a choice lot of material finds he must give up the lion's share of his profits in getting his stuff to the railroad. The same holds good in all lines—poor roads mean a waste of energy; good roads, conservation of energy that may profitably be employed in more production.

The temptation for slackness in this direction grows greater

all the time. Thousands of our workers have gone to the army; other thousands have been drafted to take their places in the industries. Labor in all lines is at a premium.

The people of this country, however, have never known the meaning of the words "defeat" and "failure." They must not learn at this late day. A determination on our part that the industrial life of the country must not and shall not deteriorate will work wonders. Hitherto only a small per cent of the national energy has been devoted to the sterner question of making a living. Now, however, some of those interests must take second place. The demands upon our time and energy are such that more and more of the frivolous must be cut out and devote ourselves to the serious phases of life.

We can find the time and the means and the labor to keep our roads up to the standard of efficiency. We must, if a large part of our energy is not to be wasted.

This is a new year—let us make the most of it.

It's not so hard to write it 1918 after all.

Grapeland's new year's resolution should be to incorporate the town.

You'll get out of the new year just what you put into it—or any thing else as for that matter.

If you don't believe that the "pen is mightier than the sword," just reflect upon the present price of pork, says an exchange.

REYNARD

BY ZACK

Dec. 31.—And thus ends the year with its record—with all that was good and all that was bad.

Christmas was rather dull.—Helped to down one large gobbler.—The usual Christmas dinners were enjoyed.

L. Kent and two little boys, Clifford and Lennie, of Genoa, came in the latter part of the week and will spend a few days here.

Mr. and Mrs. Nugent Beazly and some friends from Crockett, whose names we failed to learn, spent Christmas day at the Beazley home on the river.

Claude Roquemore, of Camp Bowie, spent a few hours this week with his sister, Mrs. Herman Beazley.

Tom Kent and family spent the holidays in other parts.

Mrs. O. M. Rials and children spent the the holidays in Grapeland, which cut out social chances some.

Mrs. J. R. Rials has sold the old Rials home to P. L. Fulgham, which will cause the changing of base with the boys. Sumner will move to the new house and Oran to the Taylor place. F. E. Taylor will move his base to the Wootter's place.

It has been a great many winters since we have seen so much ice lying around but no rain. We are admonished to have faith and go to work. We can have the faith, all right, but cannot do much plowing without some rain.

New Year tomorrow, and of course things will go on as us-

Are You a 1918 Model?

IF you are a model husband—1918 model—you are equipped with all the modern improvements. Your home will be lookable and livable, with sleeping porch, covered veranda, furnace heat, bath, light and water fixtures, a tight roof, and ornamented with a loving wife. All the other buildings on your place will be substantial and storm proof, suited to their various uses, and fences and gates will be hog-tight and in repair.

If you lack any of these things, see us. We cannot supply you with all, maybe, but we can supply the best of GOOD LUMBER—Southern Pine or other sorts—exactly suited to your every building need, and at surprisingly low prices. We have valuable plans and other building helps, that, with our service, are free to you.

BE A SELF STARTER—see us NOW! We have made over many a one cylinder, tin wheeze of a husband into an up-to-date, high power Super-Six.

T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER COMPANY

ual—bright days and cloudy days, and so on.

The Red Cross made their drive down this way and the flags can be seen in a number of windows down in the sticks.

Will-close with the usual greetings to all.

Mrs. B. H. Logan and daughter, Miss Arline Howard, of Carthage, and Mrs. Odell Faris and son, of Lake Charles, La., spent the Christmas holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Howard.

NOTICE

A fine line of June and July peach trees—best varieties. Call and get what you want at Kennedy Bros. store.

45-t2 J. E. Hollingsworth.

VULCANIZING

We wish to inform auto owners that we have installed an up-to-date vulcanizer and can now repair your casings and put them in good shape at a reasonable price. Don't throw away old casings but bring them to us and have them fixed.

GUICE'S GARAGE.

LOCAL NEWS

Jesse Willis, of Jacksonville, was home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gainey have recently moved to town.

Miss Willie Bush of Palestine, visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Goodson, visited relatives in Oklahoma City last week.

Miss Vera Sims, of Winona, spent the holidays here with her parents.

Miss Lennie Dee Haltom, who is teaching music at Saron, spent the holidays at home.

J. L. Ward and family left the latter part of last week for their new home at Stanton.

J. W. Howard will buy your peanuts and goober hay and pay the highest market price. tf

Miss Mary Lou Darsey, who is attending school at Belton, was at home for the holidays.

Clewis' Tailor Shop Phone No. is 73. Phone when you want work.

Miss Lucrecia Collins, of Dallas, visited friends and relatives here during the holidays.

PEANUT HAY WANTED

Will pay \$25.00 per ton for good, clean Peanut Hay.
J. W. HOWARD.

Dawson Blount, of Pittsburg, Texas, spent a few days here last week with relatives and meeting his old friends.

Ed Parker and family have gone to Wagoner, Okla., where they will spend some time visiting relatives.

G. R. Murchison left Monday morning for Galveston to visit his son, G. R. Jr., who is attending college there.

Why wear shabby clothes when for just a few cents you can keep them looking new? Consult Clewis—your tailor—about it today.

Miss Lura May Owens, who is attending school at Kid-Key, Sherman, spent last week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Owens.

J. H. Ryan, formerly prescription clerk at Smith's drug store, but now with Uncle Sam's forces at Camp Bowie, spent several days here during the holidays meeting his many friends.

Lee Stockbridge, of Camp Travis, was here for a few days last week to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Stockbridge.

EARL P. ADAMS

ATTORNEY AT LAW

Office in First National Bank Building
Crockett, Texas

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Circulars free. All Druggists, 75c.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Roy Wherry and Guy Lively, who are attending school at Tyler, were at home last week.

Mrs. P. H. Blalock and children, of Livingston, spent Christmas week here with relatives.

Henry Teems of Waneta, has accepted a position with George E. Darsey.

W. E. Kerr returned Tuesday night from a business trip to Houston.

Mrs. W. P. Traylor and children visited her parents at Magnolia last week.

S. N. Boykin has quit the road and is now with Geo. E. Darsey in the dry goods department.

Sethmoreland Gray, of Little Rock, Ark., spent several days here visiting friends and relatives during the holidays.

H. A. Tyer and family, of Wauertown, Wis., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Tyer, during Christmas week.

NOTICE

I have for sale on easy terms, a good plow horse and four well-bred colts. See me if you need them.
45-t2 J. E. Hollingsworth.

A new year's resolution that you can make and live up to, is to resolve to trade at Wherry's this year. 1t

FEED STUFF

I have a car load of maize feed stuff. If you need any, better get it at once, as it is scarce.
45-tf J. W. Howard.

We build more milage into your old casings. You may think your old casing is gone, but we may be able to repair it and save you from buying a new one. We have an up-to-date vulcanizer and guarantee our work.
GUICE'S GARAGE.

FOR SALE

166 Acres of Land ten miles west of Grapeland, 75 acres under fence, 20 acres under cultivation. For further particulars see or write.
W. J. WILLIS,
Grapeland, Texas,
4-34t R. F. D. 3.

Rev. G. W. Henderson requests the Messenger to announce that he will preach at New Prospect the first Sunday in January. Bro. Henderson has accepted work on the Elkhart circuit for the ensuing year as junior preacher.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Lynch, of Beaumont, and Mrs. Hood Pitts and child, of Austin, Mrs. J. P. Millar, of Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lacy and children, of Crockett, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Anthony a few days last week.

FOR SALE

For sale or rent—shoe, saddle and harness repair shop. For further particulars see
J. P. Royall,
45-tf Grapeland, Texas.

STRAYED

One gray mare mule, branded on jaw, and one speckled cow, branded on hip, marked hole in ear. If found, notify Murray & Mangum. 45-tf

SHINGLES FOR SALE

Good grade of sap shingles for sale at \$2.00 per 1000 at the mill, five miles from Grapeland on the Palestine road.

1-t SUTTLE & STEADMAN.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE

The political campaign of 1918 opens in Houston county this week with the announcement of Hon. Nat Patton for county judge.

We feel that we can say very little about Mr. Patton which is not already known to the people, for he was born and raised in this county and represented us during one session of the legislature. Some time ago he entered the practice of law at Crockett, after successfully passing the required examination by the state bar. He is a young man of exceptional ability, stalwart character and pleasing disposition.

He has consented to make the race after due deliberation, and being assured by Judge Winfree that he would not be a candidate for re-election. Mr. Patton, if elected, will pursue an economical course, endeavoring to put the county on a cash basis and lowering the tax rate. He favors good roads and a progressive policy in county affairs. If elected, he promises efficient and faithful service, and respectfully solicits your support.

CAMP BOWIE VISITORS

Quite a number of Grapeland boys, who are now in the U. S. service stationed at Camp Bowie, were at home for the holidays. The boys all looked like they had been well taken care of, and said they were satisfied with the treatment they are receiving. We were glad to have them with us and hope they can visit us again before they "go over." Among them were Stokes Pelham, George E. Darsey, Charles Streetman, Will Craig, Earl Howard, Louis Murdock, Ross Brock, Daly Murchison, the Neel boys, McPherson, Jack Murchison, Edgar Laseter, Earl Lively, Harry Lively, Jobe Turner, Louis Turner, Garrett Richards, Chas. Holcomb, Clyde Tyer, Claude Lakey, Dan McLean, Earl Shaver and possibly others whose names we failed to get.

A NEW YEAR'S WISH

With the dawn of the new year we wish most heartily for our customers and friends that 1918 will be rich in blessings, health, happiness and prosperity. We thank you for past patronage and solicit your business in the future.

Yours truly,
1t W. R. Wherry.

C.L. Haltom says the people of the Union community deserve special praise for the interest they showed in the Red Cross Christmas drive for new members. Mr. Haltom and Henry Richards met with the Union people on the night of December 21, and secured twenty-four members and collected \$26.40. Good for Union!

Monday's Houston Post contained an account of the death of C. P. Hodkins, who died Sunday of pneumonia, in a sanitarium in Houston. He was the husband of Mrs. Ora Hodgins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Anthony of this city.

FOR SALE

Ford Roadster in good mechanical condition and a good appearing car, for sale at a bargain. Apply to
D. O. Kiessling,
45-t2 Crockett, Texas.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR SACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

NOW IS THE TIME

Begin now to feed Dr. Hess' Stock Tonics. The most reliable and the cheapest.

25-Pound Pail.....	\$2.25
12-Pound Package.....	\$1.00
4 1-2 Pound Package.....	50c
2-Pound Package.....	25c
5-Pound Package Panacea.....	60c
1 1-2 Pound Package Panncea.....	25c

Call for one of Dr. Hess' Stock Books.

We thank the general public for the splendid business given us during the past year, and assure you that we shall continue to serve you as faithfully and well in 1918, and even more so, than in the past. We have a big stock and are in a position to share with you the burdens of the continued increase in the price of drugs.

HONESTY AND QUALITY

The Peoples Drug Store

WADE L. SMITH

We extend to all of our friends and customers our best wishes for 1918 and to express our hearty appreciation for their patronage throughout the past year.

Our stock is complete and we are well prepared to take care of the demands of the trade. We want a share of your business in 1918.

T. S. KENT
Quality is the Thing

BOND ISSUE CARRIED

Bonds to the amount of \$20,000 were voted on the east side of the railroad in the election last Saturday. The money will be used in constructing good roads in that precinct.

Following is the vote:

GRAPELAND
For the bonds.....77
Against the bonds... 7

PERCILLA
For the bonds.....11
Against the bonds...10

STRAYED OR STOLEN

One bright bay horse, 7 or 8 years old, weight about 1,000 lbs; has wire scar on front foot; last seen Wednesday evening. I will pay liberal reward for return or information that will lead to finding same.
45-t2 W. T. Lively.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rates—Cash in Advance.
County Offices.....\$6 00
Precinct Offices.....\$3 00
District Offices.....\$10 00
Congress.....\$15 00
The Messenger is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July:

For County Judge:
Nat Patton.

NOTICE

R. L. Brooks will preach at Rock Hill-Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. All are cordially invited to attend.

Ben Keen returned to his school at Splendora Saturday night, after spending the holidays with his mother.

HAYS SPRING
BY BIG FOOT

Hays Springs, Dec. 30.—We are fast nearing the end of the year. Christmas has passed and some hearts have been made glad because they live in a land of plenty. Some hearts have been made sad by the death of their loved ones. Some are sad because their boys could not be at home, as they have gone to the war to fight for their country. We should take our hats off to those noble sons wherever we meet them, for they have staked their lives that we might have liberty. The young manhood of this nation is being drafted and thousands have already volunteered to do their part in this great war. So let us who stay at home do all that we can to feed and clothe them. We should live better lives during the incoming year than we have in the past.

Our school is progressing nicely. The children were entertained with a Christmas tree on Friday night before Christmas, and all report a good time.

W. H. Spence is building several houses and is opening up a new farm on the land he has recently purchased.

Carl Gainey has moved from this neighborhood to Grapeland, and Bud Brown has moved in and taken his place.

Charles Story visited relatives and friends at Wesley Chapel Christmas, while his wife and daughter and Luther Warner visited relatives at Daily.

WANETA
REGULAR CORRESPONDENT

Dec. 31.—Well, Christmas come and gone. The old year is about to pass away and the new year come in. It brings gladness to some and sadness to others. Everyone has had a very nice time during Christmas, considering the cold weather.

They had a very nice Christmas tree at Hickory Grove last Monday night.

Jim Abram, wife and children of Grand Saline, visited relatives here part of last week.

IF YOUR FOOD DOES NOT DIGEST

You feel a hot burning sensation in the throat, fullness or bloated feeling in the stomach, belching, sour risings and a loss of your usual vim and energy. You need the help of

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It is an admirable digestive stimulant. It cleanses the stomach of fermented food, cools and tones the digestive organs, drives bilious impurities into the bowels where its excellent cathartic properties force the bowels to operate thus ridding the body of the disturbing matter. It acts quickly and thoroughly, checks heartburn in a few minutes, restores the appetite, comfortable digestion and cheerful spirits.

Sold by Druggists and Dealers in Medicine.

Prickly Ash Bitters Co.
Proprietors
St. Louis, Mo.

Wade L. Smith

Miss Hettie Sheffield, who has been at Orange, Texas, for some time, returned home Saturday.

Boss Scarbrough and family of Alto, visited relatives here last week.

Messrs. John and Henry Teems are sporting a new Maxwell car.

Ellie Hendrick was with home folks a few days during the holidays.

Willie Barnes of Camp Travis, took Christmas dinner with home folks.

Joe E. Edmondson and family will move near Slocum tomorrow. We regret very much to lose this good family, but our loss will be Slocum's gain.

Mesdames Allie and Stella Cliburn of Denson Springs and Magnolia, were guests of W. H. Lively and family from Wednesday until Friday.

John Penick, wife and daughter, were at Mr. Scoggins' Sunday.

Curry Scarbrough and wife of Big Springs, are visiting at the home of Aaron Foster.

Nolan Dickey and wife of near Palestine, were with home folks part of last week.

Dock Tims of Liberty Hill, is in our midst.

W. H. Lively and wife were guests of Bert Lively Monday.

MISS JOHNSON ENTERTAINS

Among the many pleasant Christmas social affairs was that given by Miss Owena Johnson in honor of Messrs. Balis Edens, Ross Brock, Earl Howard and Charlie Holcomb, who were here on furlough from Camp Bowie. Holly and ferns formed the decorations of the home and Christmas cheer reigned throughout.

After many enjoyable games appropriate refreshments were served.

The guests included Misses Adabel Leaverton, Eva Gene Murchison, Robbie Holcomb, Thelma Lee Clewis, Bess Boykin, Edith Brown; Messrs. Ross Brock, Balis Edens, Earle Howard, Charlie Holcomb, Tom Richards, Leroy Davis, Herman Murchison, Seth Wright Yarborough, Phil Horace Blaylock of Livingston, Hollis Gainey.

COM.

Miss Owena Johnson assembled a merry group of friends at her home Friday when she was hostess at an elegant dinner.

On this occasion the soldier boys were the honor guests.

After dinner the guests assembled in the parlor where a happy afternoon of music and conversation was enjoyed.

The hostess was assisted in entertaining by her mother, Mrs. Owen Johnson, and aunt, Mrs. G. S. Adams, of Palestine.

The personnel of the guests included Misses Melba Brock, Eva Gene Murchison, Lillene Brown, Robbie Holcomb, Adabel Leaverton, Thelma Clewis; Messrs. Balis Edens, Ross Brock, Edwin Davis, Tom Richards.

COM.

Wirt Murray spent several days here this and last week with his father and mother, and met many of his former friends. Wirt formerly lived here, but is now in the service of Uncle Sam at Camp Travis in the medical department.

The Public school opened Monday for work, after a week's vacation for the holidays.

EPHEBUS
REGULAR CORRESPONDENT

Epebusus, Dec. 31.—Little Roy Graham, youngest son of Mr. Jesse Graham, has the croup.

Everybody in this community report a fine Christmas, and old Santa forgot none.

We notice that several of the Camp Bowie boys were home on furloughs Christmas. Among them were Messrs. Monroe Anderson, Jobe and Louis Turner and Hugh Graham. We were all glad to see the soldiers and to know that they like army life.

Mr. John Neely and Miss Martha Lewis were united in marriage last Sunday. We wish them much joy and success.

Our Sunday school, superintended by Rev. Bozeman, is doing nicely. A large crowd attended last Sunday; many visitors were also present.

Miss Minnie Anderson of this community returned home from Oakwood Friday, where she has been visiting her sister.

There was a delightful entertainment at Mr. John Bennett's Saturday night. All report a pleasant time.

Miss Jewell Turner, who is teaching school at Teague, spent Christmas with home folks.

D. Anderson and wife spent Sunday with Andrew Kelley and wife.

Mrs. Corine Goolsby spent Christmas with home folks.

A new year is now upon us. Let us all strive to do our duty and win this war. We can not do anything more patriotic than join the Red Cross, and through it show the boys on the front how much we appreciate their sacrifice.

A CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY

The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Back greatly sympathize with them in their sorrow on account of the accidental death of their little five-year old son, which occurred December 26th.

Mrs. Black and the children came from Fort Worth to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gaines, who reside north of town. The little fellow was running around the house playing with a tin horn, which Santa had brought him, when he fell forward, which caused the horn to be forced down his throat. Medical aid was summoned, but he only lived a few hours.

He was buried the following day in Guiceland Cemetery.

Let's Show Our Patriotism in Future as in the Past

This comes to say that I feel very well pleased at the interest shown in this crisis by my people, the negro race, but there is yet much to be done by us in the way of helping to win this world wide war. True, we have helped every time and in every way that we have ever been allowed.

We have shown beyond a doubt that we do not have to be forced to help bear the burdens of the good old U. S. A., but only to know her needs and allowed to participate in supplying them. We haven't contributed locally to the Red Cross service as largely as I desired, yet I believe we have done in proportion to our information and ability.

We have served this country

CALLED HER FAMILY TO HER BEDSIDE

Six Years Ago, Thinking She Might Die, Says Texas Lady, But Now She Is a Well, Strong Woman and Praises Cardui For Her Recovery.

Royse City, Tex.—Mrs. Mary Killman, of this place, says; "After the birth of my little girl... my side commenced to hurt me. I had to go back to bed. We called the doctor. He treated me... but I got no better. I got worse and worse until the misery was unbearable... I was in bed for three months and suffered such agony that I was just drawn up in a knot..."

I told my husband if he would get me a bottle of Cardui I would try it... I commenced taking it, however, that evening I called my family about me... for I knew I could not last many days unless I had a change for

the better. That was six years ago and I am still here and am a well, strong woman, and I owe my life to Cardui. I had only taken half the bottle when I began to feel better. The misery in my side got less... I continued right on taking the Cardui until I had taken three bottles and I did not need any more for I was well and never felt better in my life... I have never had any trouble from that day to this."

Do you suffer from headache, backache, pains in sides, or other discomforts, each month? Or do you feel weak, nervous and fagged-out? If so, give Cardui, the woman's tonic, a trial. J. 71

for about three hundred years. We have brought it, or rather helped to bring it, from a small colony on the Atlantic ocean to the present forty-eight states, reaching from ocean to ocean, from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, and if there be any true American citizens I feel that we are. We have helped to fight and win all of the United States' wars, and we may be depended upon to do our bit in this one. Therefore, let's continue to be loyal and hopeful of a brighter day in the future, which is sure to come. I feel that I can do better in a grain field than on a battlefield, yet if I am called upon I'll not shirk.

Food and feed is going to play a mighty hand in this crisis, hence let us not forget that when we go to plant our crops another year. Let's try to plant enough feed stuff for our own use and some to spare to those who are in the war service, for if we fail to grow our feed we may have "eatless" as well as meatless and wheatless days. With best wishes to all, I am for "wantless" days and victory, H. W. L. Shepherd, Grapeland, Route 4.

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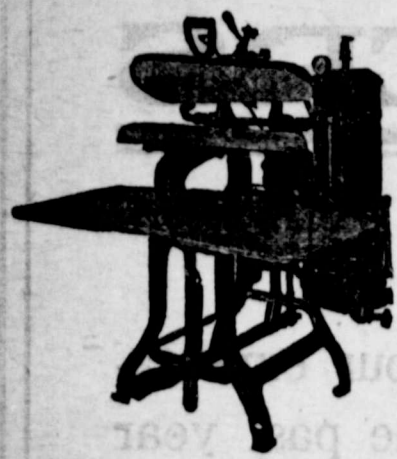


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Everybody Notices It



It's a fact—you can not walk along the street or road without some one taking note of your personal appearance. And personal appearance is a great asset in this world. Your efforts are discounted if you don't stack up in appearance. You can not impress your personal

ality on the public if you shamble around in a "mussy" suit of clothes. You should have your suits regularly

Cleaned and Pressed

Correct, neat appearance is evidence of a concise, orderly mind. Slovenliness without begets sluggishness within.

Don't discard the old suit until you bring it to us. Let us see what we can do for it first. It may pay you well.

M. L. CLEWIS
F. U. Phone 73

FAMILY REUNION

Early on the morning of December 25th there could have been seen a stir in the old home, and great preparations being made for the home-coming of the children and grand-children of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kyle.

About 10 a. m. they began to arrive and in a short while every living child and grandchild were assembled beneath the old roof.

How sweet it is to meet our loved ones all together.

For a time the dark cloud that hovers over our dear country was forgotten and all enjoyed the Christmas spirit.

Near 12 o'clock dinner was announced and a feast fit for a king was spread beneath our gaze. Many dainty dishes made more appetizing by the fact that they were prepared by Mother,

were soon disappearing and everyone left the table feeling that it was well to have been there. The afternoon was spent in conversation by the older ones while the children enjoyed fire-crackers, candy, fruits and nuts.

There were present the host and hostess, their seven children, four sons-in-law, twelve grandchildren, George and Jim Kyle, W. H. Whitesacarver and family, Mrs. Katie Calhoun and children, W. W. Pridgen, Willie Pridgen, Miss Fannie Pridgen and Mrs. Annie Matthews.

As night drew near the crowd dispersed each wishing that many more such home comings should be seen at the old home.

ONE OF THE CHILDREN.

Miss Marie White, who is attending the school of Industrial Arts at Denton, spent the holidays here with her mother.

RED CROSS WORK SAVES SOLDIERS FOR NEXT SPRING

MEN AT FRONT ARE HEARTENED BECAUSE THEIR FAMILIES ARE CARED FOR.

GEN. PERSHING CO-OPERATES

American Leader and Gen. Petain Aid in Relieving Distress, Thereby Keeping up the Morale of the Army.

That the work which the Red Cross is doing in France to alleviate suffering among the families of Frenchmen who are fighting at the front represents a saving of 1,500,000 men is the opinion of William Allen White, noted writer and owner of the Emporia (Kan.) Gazette, who has just returned from France.

"It is not probable that our army in France will get into the fighting to any large extent until next spring. The real war work that should interest the people of America this winter is of an economic rather than of a military character. It will be carried on by the Red Cross in France, its purpose being to relieve needy conditions in the homes of French soldiers who are in winter quarters in the trenches at the front.

Comfort Women and Children. "It is felt by the military officers of both nations that nothing could do more to keep up the morale of the French soldiers during the coming winter than to bring comfort to women and children at home. The soldier's knowledge that his family is being well cared for will take a great load off his mind and hearten him to stand up against privation which otherwise might break his spirit and render him of no physical use.

"Maj. Grayson M. P. Murphy of the Red Cross, Gen. Pershing and Gen. Petain of France are working in unison to perfect the plans for the relief of families of soldiers, the military commanders believing that it will be of the greatest benefit to both armies. It should be kept in mind that every soldier who is saved this winter means the saving of an American boy when the big drive begins next spring. Some American boy will have to take the place of every Frenchman who is killed or who breaks down under the strain.

"This particular relief work means, therefore, that French soldiers will be saved for work in the spring and American lives will be conserved at the same time.

Petain Is Doing a Great Service. "Gen. Petain is having French officers go right down the lines and ascertain from every soldier whether he has any worries on his mind concerning sickness or want at home. Report will be made to headquarters weekly and not a single case will be overlooked in the immense undertaking. Special attention will be given to the treatment and prevention of tuberculosis, and child welfare work also will be an accompaniment of the general relief. Scattered through France, many of them in soldiers' homes, are some 200,000 refugees from the war zone, and these also will receive attention.

"In short, it is the purpose to keep the spirit of France bright until the military forces are ready to deal their smashing blow against German autocracy. Thus it is I say that the great struggle of the winter will be the economic struggle. The Red Cross practically will fight the American fight until our boys take their places on the firing line next spring."

CONVICTS BUILD GOOD ROADS

Prison Camps No Longer in Experimental Stage in Oklahoma—Accepted Institution.

In Oklahoma prison road camps are no longer in the experimental stage, says the National Committee on Prisons and Prison Labor. They have become an accepted institution in the state. In the central and southwest sections prisoners are building the Ozark jail; in the southeast, they are grading the Jefferson highway, and in other districts they are assisting in the local good road movement.

Illinois in Earnest. The state of Illinois will put its voters at the 1918 election the question of issuing \$60,000,000 in highway bonds, the interest and retiring fund for which is to be provided for by an increase in the motor vehicle registration fees.

The Sign of the Red Cross



Millions and millions of stricken people in devastated Europe must depend on the activity of the Red Cross alone for the most meager necessities of life—just enough to keep body and soul together. The Red Cross organization is the universal helping hand. But in order to extend this hand to the sorrowing and afflicted, it must have your support. In fact, if you would do your part to relieve the suffering in the world, you can do it most directly and efficiently through the Red Cross. Become a member today.

RING WATCH IS THE LATEST.

The popularity of the easily accessible wrist watch was doubtless what inspired the production by Parisian jewelry designers of a ring watch. It consists of a tiny time-piece mounted on a finger ring and, if desired, embellished with precious stones. At a distance the little dial might be easily mistaken for a large stone setting.—Popular Mechanics.

A POOR FINANCIER.

He—We'll have to give up our intended trip. My account at the bank is already overdrawn.

She—Oh, John, you are such a wretched financier. Why don't you keep an account in a bank that has plenty of money?

THE OLD SLOGAN BOBS UP.

"I don't see what he saw in her to marry."

"Don't you understand? She kept him out of war."

SHE GREW WITH IT.

Marjorie—But, my dear, that's an awful old joke.

Edith—Is it really, dear? Well, you ought to know.

THIS IS NOT PERSONAL.

"Oo anything much on your vacation?"

"Oh, nothing to speak of."

"Anything not to speak of?"

AGGRAVATING THE FAULT.

Emphatic Man—When I say a thing I mean it.

The Woman—But sometimes that only makes it worse.

RED CROSS NURSES SENT TO ARMY CANTONMENTS

Fifty public health nurses have been assigned by the American Red Cross to the zones surrounding the national army cantonments, camps and navy bases.

The nurses will work under Red Cross sanitary directions in co-operation with the local state and federal health authorities.

Nurses have already taken up their work in the vicinity of cantonments at Hattiesburg, Miss.; Ft. Riley, Kan.; Des Moines, Iowa; Louisville, Ky.; Little Rock, Ark.; Ayer, Mass.; Chillicothe, Ohio; Atlanta, Ga.; Newport News and Petersburg, Va.

As visiting nurses in the rural territory and cities adjoining the camps the Red Cross nurses assigned to public health work will endeavor to prevent the spread of tuberculosis, malaria and other infectious diseases and strengthen the local work for infant welfare.

WOMAN WORKER IN ALASKA RAISES FUNDS FOR RELIEF

The American Red Cross has received a remittance and the following letter from a woman in a town in Alaska:

"I am sending you a money order for the amount of \$36.50, to be used for the Red Cross. I collected it from the men on two Tin Dredges here in the summer. I am the onliest white woman here and my nearest Naboer (white woman) are 50 miles from here. I have been here 10 years, without been outside, but tried to do my best to do my bit for our boys in this awful War." I had only two refusals, so consider myself lucky, and a little bit proud. Please let me know when you receive it."

Drainage and Foundation. Drainage and a good foundation are the first considerations in improving a road with a hard surface. The best possible foundation is a good earth road with a low crown.

GREETINGS

1917

TO ALL our friends and customers we extend the Season's Greetings and wish for you, one and all, a very HAPPY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. We appreciate the splendid patronage accorded us in 1917 and we will be better prepared than ever to take care of your needs for

Everything in the Drug Line

through the year 1918 and want you to pay us a visit any time you are in town and need anything in our line.

1918

LEAVERTON'S

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The Store for Everybody

For your patronage during the past year our business has far exceeded our expectations, and we want to thank each and everyone who has helped us make the past year the largest in our history.

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Kindly words, sympathizing attentions, watchfulness against wounding men's sensitiveness—these cost very little but they are priceless in their value.
—F. W. Robertson.

MORE GOOD THINGS FOR WINTER.

With plenty of cucumbers still growing, we may enjoy the following for the winter's store:

Oil Pickles.—Slice unpeeled one hundred tender cucumbers; cover with one and one-thirds cupfuls of salt and let them stand three hours. Slice three pints of small onions and cover them with cold water; let them stand three hours, then drain the cucumbers and

onions and mix well with three ounces of white mustard seed, one ounce of celery seed, one ounce of white pepper and two cupfuls of olive oil. When well blended, can and fill jars with good vinegar, seal and keep in a cool place. Good to eat in ten days.

Sweet Cucumber Pickles.—Take green cucumbers too old to eat sliced, peel and cut into quarters lengthwise, then each piece into quarters. Let stand in a weak brine over night. In the morning cook in a mixture of two and one-half cupfuls of vinegar to the same amount of sugar until clear, then skim out the pickles, place in a two-quart jar and cook the sirup with a few cloves, a piece of stick cinnamon and a tablespoonful each of celery seed and mustard seed; pour over the pickles and put away for winter use.

Mustard Pickles.—Mix a quarter of a cupful of mustard with the same amount of salt and a tablespoonful of sugar, add a quart of vinegar and drop in the fresh cucumbers as they are picked each day. A few peppercorns or mixed spices may be added if liked, varying the flavor with mace, bayleaf, cloves or any spice desired.

Young carrots make a very nice pickle for a variety. Cook the carrots until tender, then put them into a jar and pour over vinegar, using sugar and spices to taste. Young beets are also most appetizing canned this way.

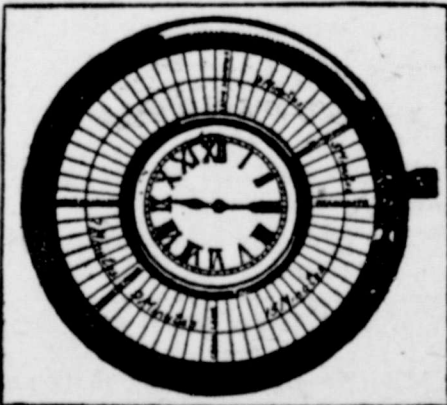
Peach Chips.—Slice firm, ripe peaches quite thin, boil in a clear sirup made of half their weight of sugar,

remove from the sirup with a skimmer, lay on a platter and set in the sun until perfectly dry. Sprinkle with granulated sugar and pack in jars. This makes a dainty confection to serve as a garnish for ices or molded desserts.

Nellie Maxwell
FOR STREET CAR DRIVERS

Device That Enables Motorman to Tell at a Glance if He is Running on Time.

A time-schedule indicator particularly useful for motormen, is being employed on an English street car line. The central portion of the device consists of an ordinary clock. About the face of the clock is a large circular frame into which is fitted a cardboard ring. This is divided by ra-



diating lines into 60 equal segments corresponding to the minutes of the hour. The names of the stops on the motorman's trip are written in clockwise order on this ring. The number of spaces separating the names corresponds to the number of minutes apart these points are on the schedule. The cardboard is then placed in the frame so that, at the time of starting, the minute hand of the clock will point to the name of the place where the journey begins. As the trip continues the motorman can tell at a glance whether he is ahead or behind his schedule. If desired, the return journey can be indicated on the other side of the cardboard. In case the trip is of more than an hour's duration a second ring can be inserted at the end of the first hour.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

The KITCHEN CABINET

A myriad homes of earth
Awake and stir to greet the morning sun.
Night falls; the candles blossom one by one.
Fires leap in the chimney's girth
The happiest home of all you see
Leaps daily into light and warmth
for mine and me.

FOR CORNMEAL MEALS.

The Southern cook thinks the yellow cornmeal very much inferior to the white but with all the experiments to discover its per cent of fats and other nutrients there has as yet been found no marked difference as to food value.

Johnny Cake.—Take a cupful of sour milk, two tablespoonfuls of shortening, salt and a teaspoonful of soda, one egg and a cupful of cornmeal sifted with a half cupful of flour. Bake in a well-greased dripping pan a half hour in a good hot oven. A spider cake baked in an iron frying pan well-greased, is prepared in the same way, but as it goes into the oven pour over it enough sweet milk to just cover the top. Bake in a hot oven.

Aristocratic Johnny Cake.—Take two tablespoonfuls of softened shortening, add the beaten yolks of four eggs, a pint of milk, a cupful each of cornmeal and flour, sifted with four teaspoonfuls of baking powder, a tablespoonful of sugar, a teaspoonful of salt, lastly fold in the stiffly beaten whites of the eggs and bake forty minutes in a hot oven. This recipe may be halved for a small family.

Coconut and Meal Pudding.—Take two tablespoonfuls of cornmeal, a tablespoonful of tapioca, a tablespoonful of coconut and a pint of milk, add a fourth of a cupful of molasses, mix and put into a baking dish, bake slowly two hours. Serve warm with cream or hard sauce.

Date Cornmeal Pudding.—Scald a pint of milk and pour it over a half cupful of cornmeal, add a tablespoonful of butter, a cupful of sugar a half teaspoonful of cinnamon, three-fourths of a cupful of dates cut in pieces, and lastly two well-beaten eggs. Turn into a baking dish and bake until of the

consistency of ordinary custard. Serve with hard sauce.

Nellie Maxwell

Camphor is now grown in Florida and Texas, the trees forming attractive hedges.

ITS GLORY HAS DEPARTED

The Sausage, Declares the Government, Isn't What It Was Fifty Years Ago.

A half a century ago sausage sizzled and burst. On a cold fall evening it diffused a pleasing aroma through the house, and the children, drawn to the kitchen by an irresistible compulsion, were quite sure to get underfoot—which was the great childish crime.

Sausage was then at the zenith of its power. It had all seasons for its own, but preferably the fall and the winter of our content. When you say that it sizzled in the pan, you have said much. Sometimes it was necessary to prick it with a fork, lest it burst and send the hot fat flying about the stove. The odor of sage was in the air and the prepared sausage had about it a crispy, frizzly, sassy "bite" that was delicious.

But how changed! How fallen from its high estate! Sometimes, we are led to fear, never to rise again. "Commercialism" insinuated its way into the sausage trade, the false commercialism of the writers on political economy. Chopped beef took its place on the links beside the pig, and it has even been said that considerable water was forced into this unnatural federation. Be that as it may, somewhere about the time of the Caliphate of Ben Harrison sausage lost its sizzle. Appeals to the meat men seem to be of little effect, though here and there gleams of hope are held out to the hand only to become apples of Sodom to the teeth.

Some of the savants who have studied the subject find that in the old days there was youth, and the appetite that waits on wood sawed in the open air, mixed into the ingredients of the sausage. But this cannot be so, for the children of today show by their actions that sausage is simply food, set on the table, and on a par with all other foods. They eat it, and make no comment.

No, sausage has changed!—Minneapolis Journal.

A TOAST

Here's to the blue of the wind-swept North,
When we meet on the fields of France;
May the spirit of Grant be over them all
When the sons of the North advance.

Here's to the gray of the sun-kissed South
When we meet on the fields of France;
May the spirit of Lee be over them all
When the sons of the South advance.

And here's to the blue and gray as one
When we meet on the fields of France;
May the spirit of God be over them all
When the sons of the Flag advance.
—Sel.

Heath-Richards

Mr. Ory Heath of Madisonville, and Miss Georgia Belle Richards of this city, were married in Madisoville Monday morning, December 31, 1917. They came to Grapeland that afternoon and left Tuesday for Houston to spend a few days.

The wedding came as a great surprise to the many friends of the contracting parties, but we know they all join the Messenger in extending them best wishes for a married life of bliss.

Miss Georgia Belle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Richards, and is one of Grapeland's most popular young ladies.

Mr. Heath's home is in Madisonville, but for the past year has been making this city his headquarters, and has made many warm friends.