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EPHESUS

REGULAR CORRESPONDENT

The health of the community is not very good, there being several cases of measles and mumps.

The farmers are all busy preparing their land, building fences, cutting sprouts and getting everything ready for good crops.

Mrs. Add Turner and family were visiting Mrs. Leonard Murdock Sunday.

The Misses Shaw gave a singing to this community Sunday. A large crowd was present and we had some of the best singing the writer has heard for a good while.

Miss Myrtle Anderson was visiting Mrs. Charlotte Graham Sunday.

We had, as usual, a large crowd at Sunday School Sunday. There were many visitors from other communities.

Mrs. Deckert Anderson spent Sunday with Alex. Grounds and family.

There was a delightful entertainment at Mrs. Emma Graham's Saturday night. Everyone had a good time.

Jobie Turner, of this community, but who is now in training at Fort Worth, is in the hospital. We know not what the trouble is.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I take pleasure in announcing to my friends, patrons and the general public that I will have with me again Friday and Saturday, February 8th and 9th, Dr. G. Ward Shelfer, Optometrist. Dr. Shelfer needs no introduction in this section, as many of the best people of Grapeland, Crockett, this county and East Texas, have been using glasses fitted by him for years with best results. Don't put off having your eyes examined or wear your old glasses too long. And beware of peddlers, especially those traveling in automobiles, claiming to be "eye specialists," charging you extortionate prices for nothing and ruining your eyes. Remember the dates. Come to see us and bring your friends.

D. N. Leaverton, Druggist,
48-t3 Grapeland, Texas.

FOR TREASURER

Ney Sheridan announces this week for re-election to the office of Treasurer of Houston county, subject to the action of the democratic primary in July.

Mr. Sheridan solicits your support upon his record as an official. He invites your investigation into the affairs of treasurer. He is familiar with every detail and can tell you right off the reel anything you wish to know. He believes that he can render you good service and will greatly appreciate your support. In this connection he wishes to express his appreciation to his many loyal friends who have stood by him in years gone by.

Mrs. Sammons, wife of Jack Sammons, died at her home in the Red Prairie community on Wednesday night of last week. The burial was at the Muse cemetery. She had been ill for a long time and her death was not unexpected.

State and General News

An Austin dispatch to the daily papers says that little surprise was caused at the state capital by the announcement from Governor Hobby that another called session of the legislature will be held soon. Texas people are used to special sessions of the legislature and some of them would be disappointed if they were not called every little while. The findings of the legislative investigating committee will have some more airing and it is said that the governor will recommend some action regarding vice conditions in certain army camps in Texas, and that he is especially concerned over the bootlegging that is going on in wholesale manner.

All firms and dealers importing, manufacturing, storing and distributing peanuts, (including raw peanuts and its products as feed) must be licensed by February 15 and have been so notified by Administrator Peden.

Food and feed are, if anything, more important toward winning the war than guns and ammunition. Every one should, therefore, use every effort to increase the production of food and feed stuffs. Our boys will soon be in the trenches in France and must be fed.

General Leonard Wood, in France on an observation tour, was slightly wounded a few days ago by an accidental explosion which killed five French soldiers and hurt two other American officers.

Captain Radcliffe Dugmore of the British army characterizes the American fighting force in France as "the finest army in the world, excepting none."

The Johnson County Poultry Association elected officers for the year and has decided to give away settings of eggs from thoroughbred stock to members in order to help meet the war demand for poultry and eggs. Eggs will be given to members of the association throughout the year.

The sword carried by General Robert E. Lee at Appomattox was presented to the Virginia room of the Confederate Museum at Richmond, Va., a few days ago by Miss Anne Carter Lee, granddaughter of the southern leader. Governor Stuart, on behalf of the museum, accepted the gift.

The extremely cold weather we had a short time ago—or rather which commenced a long time ago and continued until just recently—caused much human discomfort and killed lots of poor stock in Texas and other states. The loss of stock was heavy in the drouth-stricken part of West Texas. Bear in mind, however, that cold weather keeps fruit trees from budding, and that so far the prospect for a big fruit crop is good. If the country can have a good general rain right away the people will feel that Texas is going to produce her share of food, feed, cotton, etc., this year.

Governor Hobby has announced that he is a candidate for election this year to the office he now holds. He has also joined the W.

O. W., and an exchange remarks that perhaps the governor has wished to swing the official ax in state administration circles for some time and that perhaps he joined the Woodmen as a special hint to those who have been slow to read his official mind.

A battle is on in the United States senate over the war cabinet bill introduced by Senator Chamberlain. Senator Hitchcock made a speech a day or two ago in support of the measure, in which he declared Secretary of War Baker is misleading people by making claims which are absolutely preposterous.

NOMINATIONS

Grapeland

Miss Annie Rainey Hollingsworth	8000
Miss Rena Ross Richards	9500
Miss Thelma Lee Clewis	8500
Miss Esther Darsey	14,600
Miss Carrie Spence	6000
Miss Owena Johnson	2000
Miss Eula Mae Riall	15,000
Miss Melba Brock	2000

Percilla Route 1

Miss Buna Covington	6000
Mrs. Ruby Lively	3000
Miss Lottie Denson	1000

Percilla

Miss Edwina Bush	6000
Miss Beulah Bobbitt	2000
Miss Rosa Branch	9500

Elkhart

Miss Grace Mae Baber	6500
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Elkhart Route 2

Miss Ellen Bridges	18,200
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Grapeland Route 3

Miss Ola Willis	10,200
Miss May Martin	7500

Grapeland Route 4

Miss Fannie Pridgen	1000
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Salmon

Miss Maybel Murdock	6500
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Augusta

Miss Cloe Scarbrough	8000
Miss Ruby Lee Young	1000

Weches

Miss Pearl Bobbitt	2000
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Slocum

Miss Henryetta Gray	1000
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Augusta Route 1

Miss Carrie Kellum	1000
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The contest will close not later than March 9, and perhaps a few days earlier.

I Want Your Votes

Elkhart, Tex., Feb. 4, 1918.—As some of my friends have nominated me in the contest, and as I am in it, I am going to do my best to win even the least prize. As I am going to school and have very little time to get subscriptions, I would be very glad if my friends would leave their subscriptions at the Messenger office for me or give them to me, either. Respectfully,

It Ellen Bridges.

Give Me Your Votes

I have entered the contest conducted by the Grapeland Messenger. I am working for the first prize—the \$125 diamond ring. If you will cast your subscription votes for me, it will be highly appreciated. Sincerely,

It Cloie Scarborough,
Augusta, Texas.

WORK TIME IS HERE

BIG SHIPMENT OF KELLY PLOWS, POINTS, LANDSIDES, BOLTS OF ALL KINDS; SINGE TREES, BACKBANDS, TRACE CHAINS, COLLARS, BRIDLES, HAMES.

OUR HARDWARE DEPARTMENT IS COMPLETE.

TWO CAR LOADS OF FURNITURE, BOUGHT AT OLD PRICES.

IT WILL PAY YOU TO GET OUR PRICES

Keeland Brothers

THE PRICE IS THE THING

Your Good Will

OUR BUSINESS PROSPERS BECAUSE OF YOUR GOOD WILL AND PATRONAGE

We are continually growing because of your belief and faith in our business methods. We do the very best we know by every man, woman or child who comes into our place of business. We at all times give a hundred cents worth of dependable merchandise for every dollar spent in our house.

Now is farming time and you can get your supplies complete from us at prices that mean a saving to you.

A few items: Stalk Cutters, Plows, Middle Busters—all kinds of trim stuff.

Our line of work shoes is complete, and ours are good shoes, "solid leather."

We also call your attention to our line of work shirts and overalls.

In fact you can get whatever you need from us.

McLean & Riall

Dependable Merchants

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas.—To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the Unknown Heirs of S. C. Collison, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of S. C. Callison, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of John Collins, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of Reuben Mathews, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of Mrs. F. C. Mathews, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of Mrs. L. W. Edens, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of John F. Mathews, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of R. E. Mathews, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of Robert Mathews, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of Rebecca Edens, deceased, and the Unknown Heirs of B. F. Edens, deceased, hereinafter styled defendants, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest county to your county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be holden at the court house of said Houston county, in the town of Crockett, on the seventh (7th) Monday after the first Monday in February, A. D. 1918, the same being the 25th day of March, A. D. 1918, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 18th day of January, A. D. 1918, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 5728, wherein Ray Wiess and wife, Edwina Wiess, are plaintiffs, and the Unknown Heirs of S. C. Collison, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of S. C. Callison, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of John Collins, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of Reuben Mathews, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of Mrs. F. C. Mathews, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of Mrs. L. W. Edens, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of John F. Mathews, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of R. E. Mathews, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of Robert Mathews, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of Rebecca Edens, deceased, and the Unknown Heirs of B. F. Edens, deceased, are defendants; said petition alleging that plaintiffs reside in the City, County and State of New York, and that the names and residences of the defendants above named are unknown to plaintiffs; that the plaintiffs are the owners in fee simple, being lawfully seized and possessed of the following described tract of land, lying and being situated in Houston county, Texas, on the S. C. Callison (or Collison) survey, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to wit:

Beginning at a rock on the Grapeland and Navarro road 352 vrs. N. 26 W. from the Forest Spring. Thence N. 26 W. with the Crockett and Magnolia road at 308 vrs. a corner, from which a Hickory 10 in. dia. brs N. 32 E. 13 4-10 vrs. Thence 84 E at 854 vrs. a corner on Collison's E. B. line, from which P. O. brs. S. 71 E. 1 vara, a Hickory Brs. N. 33 1-2 W 1 vara. Thence N. 30 E. with said Collison's E. B. line at 680 vrs. a corner, from which a B. J. 14 in. dia. brs. N. 55 W. 4 2-10 vrs. Thence S. 82 1-2 W. at 1400 vrs. a corner on the Magnolia and Crockett road, from which a P. O. brs. N. 70 E. 8 vrs. Thence N. 30 W. with the Magnolia and Crockett road at 1538 vrs. a corner on the bank of the Big Elkhart creek, from which a

Sweet Gum brs. N. 76 E. 2 vrs. Thence down with the meanders of said creek at 1900 vrs. a corner on the West bank of said creek on the N. B. line of the John Edens league. Thence S. 60 E. with said Edens league line at 1580 vrs. to the S. corner of the J. R. Edens 30 acres tract, on said Collison survey and on the Mill branch, from which a Sweet Gum brs. 64 W. 6 vrs. Thence N. 55 E. 402 vrs. to the East corner of the said J. R. Edens 30 acres tract, a stake for corner, from which a Sweet Gum brs. S. 14 W 3 vrs. Thence N. 32 W. 352 vrs. to the place of beginning, and containing 620 acres of land, more or less.

That defendants are setting up some sort of right or claim to said land the exact nature of which are unknown to plaintiff and for which reason plaintiffs sue herein, such right or claim casting a cloud upon plaintiffs title to said land. That plaintiffs claim title to said land by through and under the following instrument, to wit: Patent to S. C. Collison (or Callison); deed from said Collison (or Callison) to John Collins, the original of this deed being lost or mislaid, and the record thereof being burned with the court house of Houston county, Texas; deed from John Collins to Reuben Mathews; deed from the heirs of Reuben Mathews and his wife F. C. Mathews, to H (J) R, and L. W. Edens in partition; deed from J. R. Edens, Bettie Edens, A. N. Edens, Fannie May Wall, Douglass Wall, Annie Murdock and Lee Murdock to Luna W. Hollingsworth; deed from Luna Hollingsworth and J. E. Hollingsworth to Ray Wiess and wife Edwina Wiess; deed from J. R. Edens to A. N. Edens; deed from A. N. Edens to Mrs. Edwina Wiess; deed from R. E. Mathews to B. F. Edens; deed from B. F. Edens to J. R. Edens; deed from J. R. Edens to Ray Wiess and wife, Edwina Wiess. That plaintiffs have had and held under color of title from and under the State of Texas, the peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of said land and premises for a period of more than three years after defendants cause of action accrued and before the commencement of this suit. Plaintiffs further allege that they and those under whom they claim title to said land have had and held the peaceable, continuous and adverse possession thereof, under deeds duly registered, paying all taxes due thereon for a period of 5 years immediately preceding the filing of this suit; and that plaintiffs and those under whom plaintiffs claim title to said land have had and held the peaceable, continuous and adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, for a period of ten years immediately preceding the filing of this suit, and plaintiffs specially plead the statutes of three, five and ten years limitation in bar of any claim asserted to said land by the defendants, wherefore plaintiffs sue for the title and possession of said tract of land, and that all clouds be removed therefrom, for costs, and writs of possession and restitution, and for general, and special relief.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Witness, John D. Morgan, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, this the 18th day of January, A. D. 1918.
JOHN D. MORGAN, Clerk,
District Court, Houston County.
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FEET TOO BIG FOR ARMY

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 1.—An honorable discharge was awarded to Private Ivey Cleveland, negro Twelfth Company, Third Battalion, 165th Depot Brigade, at Camp Travis today on the ground that the quartermaster's department was unable to supply him with shoes. Cleveland's feet were pronounced the largest yet measured by the divisional supply officers. From the Brazos bottoms, where he was accustomed to going barefooted, Cleveland reached the camp trying vainly to wear No. 14 shoes. During the cold weather he had to remain indoors and when he went out at all, he wore gunny sacks wrapped about his feet. The problem was put up to the war department, which decided that it would be better to discharge the negro rather than keep him supplied with special shoes costing about \$20 a pair or send a special bootmaker to France with him.

Urges South to Produce More Food

Secretary McAdoo, as director general of the railroads, has issued a statement declaring that the production by each section of the United States of its own food and feed stuff would be much more economical and would effect a great relief in the transportation problem.

He urges upon the people of the South, especially the farmers, to relieve the strain on the railroads as much as possible during the coming year by producing their own food and feed crops, thus rendering unnecessary the transportation of such materials from other parts of the country to them.

The secretary emphasizes the fact that he does not suggest that the growing of cotton should be discouraged, but that the South, in addition to raising all the cotton that it can well cultivate, should grow hay and corn for its stock and produce as much food as possible for its own people.

He says, "If the South can feed itself, the effect will be to release from unnecessary service in the South a vast number of freight cars and engines and greatly help to end the war."

Advertising Protects the Consumer

When you buy an advertised brand of any food product, you are protected against underweight, short measure, misrepresentation and over charge.

For the manufacturer has, through advertising, standardized his product. Every package is the same in size, weight, quality and price as every other package bearing that label.

You are thus protected against the practices of unscrupulous dealers, for advertised goods are standard. They are the same wherever they are found, in the big store or the little store, the down-town store or the suburban store, the city store or the country store.

By placing his trade mark or brand name on the package, the manufacturer identifies his product and thus assumes responsibility for the quality and for correct weight and measure. By so doing, he stakes his reputation upon the product and therefore must give satisfaction with every package.

You get Standard Value when you buy Standard Advertised Goods.—Farm and Ranch.



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.

To get rid of that Tired, Bilious, Half-Sick Feeling, take a dose of

HERBINE

It Cleanses the Stomach, Liver and Bowels

It's a man's remedy that goes to the right spot. Puts life and activity into the torpid liver, strengthens the stomach and digestion and purifies and regulates the bowels. A timely dose of this excellent system regulator and bowel tonic will oftentimes ward off a spell of sickness. Price 50 cents.

JAS. F. BALLARD, Proprietor

ST. LOUIS, MO.

FOR SALE BY D. N. LEAVERTON

For 65 Years

MASURY PURE PAINTS have been used by the discriminating buyer. Your great grand parents knew this paint was good, and used it. . . WHY NOT YOU?

T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER CO.

The Difference

Between the Cost of Good and Cheap Printing

is so slight that he who goes shopping from printer to printer to secure his printing at a few cents less than what it is really worth hardly ever makes day laborer wages at this unpleasant task.

If you want good work at prices that are right, get your job printing

At This Office

C. C. OFFICER
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You can not sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the ONLY COMPLETE UP-TO-DATE ABSTRACT LAND TITLES OF HOUSTON COUNTY
ADAMS & YOUNG
CROCKETT, TEXAS

City Barber Shop

Denson & Walton, Proprietors

Your Business will be Appreciated

Shop on main street, the new brick building, next door to the Guaranty State Bank.

LAUNDRY AGENCY

Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday



MAXWELL



\$1195
F. O. B. DETROIT

The apple always falls to the ground.
It cannot FALL UP.

The price of the Maxwell closed cars—\$1195—was fixed in accordance with another inexorable law.

For less than \$1195 it would be impossible to give you closed cars combining—as they are combined in the Maxwell—beauty, grace, comfort, efficiency, durability, economy and standard equipment.

For more than that, on the other hand, you could only get larger size or fancier furnishings.

Five-Passenger Sedan, \$1195; Six-Passenger Town Car, \$1195; Touring Car with All-Weather Top, \$855; Touring Car, \$745; Roadster, \$745
All Prices F.O.B. Detroit

Geo. E. Darsey

OUR SUBSCRIPTION BOOSTING CAMPAIGN

We do not feel that it is at all necessary for us to apologize for putting on a subscription-getting campaign, but it is not out of order for us to say that the campaign was put on for just one purpose—to increase The Messenger's circulation.

This paper has for years had a good circulation, and it has a good circulation now. And perhaps no paper ever published in Houston county has enjoyed a better advertising patronage than The Messenger has had and still has. But it remains a fact nevertheless that hundreds of people now residing in the Grapeland trade territory have never been asked to take The Messenger—or hadn't until this campaign started. It is safe to say that before the campaign ends every man and woman residing in this entire section will have been asked to take it and The Messenger will have several hundred more subscribers than it now has or ever had before.

Of course "knockers" are abroad in the land. Like the poor, they are everywhere and are always busy.

As a matter of fact, The Messenger is not giving away a lot of things just for fun or because its publisher is wealthy. The facts are that we have bought some nice and valuable articles and are going to give them to people who do certain work that

we wanted done and can afford to pay for. That's all there is to it. It is a business move—and a very successful one it is proving to be.

The most successful merchants put on big sales every few months to boost their business and they often offer premiums for trade. And we are running a big sale now—a subscription sale, it might be called—and the subscriptions are coming in, too.

We could not afford to run a dishonest contest. The Messenger man has lived in Grapeland for a good many years and expects to continue to make this place his home, and a dishonest contest would serve to damage our business instead of building it up. So we ask the contestants and their friends who are doing such splendid work to pay no attention to any talk or rumors started, but to work hard and procure every subscription possible. A square deal is assured every one.

We are making a special offer that ought to make it easy for contestants to get subscriptions right now from friends who have promised to help them before the contest ends. Our offer is to give \$10.00 in gold to the contestant having the largest number of votes in the box or deposited in the mails for transmission here by 5 o'clock next Monday evening, February 11. Just one subscription given one of the workers might mean that she would win the ten dollars and also the \$125 ring.

The Contest Will Close Not Later Than March 9th and Perhaps a Little Earlier

CHARLIE GAINES DEAD

Charlie Gains died Saturday night, February 2, 1918, at his home north of town, after an illness of a few days' duration. His remains were laid to rest Sunday afternoon in the Guiceland cemetery under the auspices of the local Woodmen lodge, of which he was a member. He is survived by his wife and several children.

WOMEN WORKERS

The number of women employed in munition factories has increased from 3,500 in 1910 to more than 100,000 in 1917, according to a report made to the National League of Women's service, and 1,266,000 women are engaged in industrial work which is directly or indirectly necessary to carry on the war.

Our Prescription Department Is Our Pride

We give our personal attention to the correct filling of every prescription that comes to our store.

Full strength drugs and no substitution is our watchword. We solicit your custom with this guarantee.

LEAVERTON'S

THE LEADING DRUG STORE

FROM OLD GUICELAND

Here we come again with a few jots from this neck of the woods.

We think our community is improving some in the way of health. We are glad to report Mr. Curtis Walling up and able to resume his work as one of the teachers in Union school, after being out a week or ten days with pneumonia.

We had three or four days of fine weather last week and the farmers made good use of them, plowing and in other ways pushing their farm work along, the rain and snow putting the ground in fine condition for plowing. While there is only a surface moisture of some two or three feet in depth, yet we are hoping for more rain before planting time; in the meantime we are doing all we can to be ready for it when it comes, which is exactly right. Let us not be caught in a state of unpreparedness, either in farming or anything else.

Billy Brooks.

A better understanding by farmers and producers of the complex marketing machinery would enable them to more intelligently choose between the many channels through which their products might be marketed.

Democracy of the Dead

In the Democracy of the Dead all men at last are equal. There is neither rank nor station nor prerogative in the Republic of the Grave. At this fatal threshold the philosopher ceases to be wise, and the song of the poet is silent. Dives relinquishes his millions and Lazarus his rags. The poor man is as rich as the richest, and the rich man is as poor as the pauper. The creditor loses his usury and the debtor is acquitted of his obligation. There the proud man surrenders his dignities, the politician his honors, the worldling his pleasures; the invalid needs no physician, and the laborer

rests from unrequited toil.

Here, at last, is Nature's final decree in equity. The wrongs of time are redressed. Injustice is expiated, the irony of fate is refuted; the unequal distribution of wealth, honor, capacity, pleasure and opportunity which makes life such a cruel and inexplicable tragedy, ceases in the realm of death. The strongest there has no supremacy, and the weakest needs no defense. The mightiest captain succumbs to that adversary, who disarms alike the victor and the vanquished.—John J. Ingalls.

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

WHEN YOUR BACK ACHES

It is a sure sign that something is wrong with your kidneys, you should take

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

IT IS A POWERFUL KIDNEY REMEDY

It is a kidney tonic and liver stimulant of the highest order. It relieves the strain on the suffering kidneys, puts new life in the torpid liver, helps digestion, eases the aching back and makes you feel well and strong again.

Sold by Dealers in Medicine.

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

Sold by Wade L. Smith

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

ILLINOIS PURE SPUN ALUMINUM WARE

MADAM:---This famous line of Aluminum Ware, in constant use since 1892 and gauranteed for twenty years, will be demonstrated at our store by a **Factory Expert.**

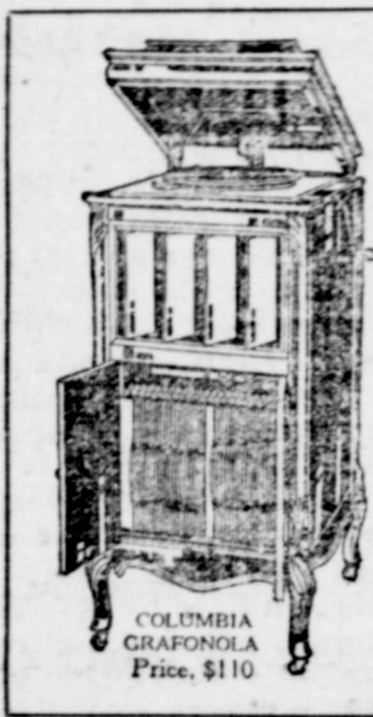
One Week beginning today.

Thursday, Februrary 7th to Wednesday, February 13th

To miss the opening day of this demonstration will be a disappointment for you. Come every day---You're welcome whether you buy or not. This is a real opportunity to learn how to economize and Hooverize.

Special prices will prevail during this demonstration which you cannot afford to miss

Don't forget the date. Come and bring a friend.



Columbia Grafonolas

and
Columbia Double Disc Records

JUST RECEIVED--Another big shipment of these famous records including:

- Latest Patriotic Airs
- Sacred Church Hymns
- Band Music
- Comic Songs
- Instrumental Music



and a complete variety of others at 65c and up. Come and hear these famous records by world known artists. **Columbia Grafonolas are priced \$18, up.** Easy Terms.

NEW SPRING ARRIVALS

Just as we get this advertisement ready for the press new spring goods have been pouring in by the truck loads
Spring Coats and Suits Silk and Gingham Dresses
Plain and Fancy Silks
Beautiful lot of Foulards Plain and Fancy Dress Goods

A visit to our dry goods department is like a visit to a fashion show---all the new things are here for spring. We are making an advance showing of Early Spring.

MILLINERY

Pay us a visit and you will see a line that is beyond our power to describe with mere words.

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.

SUBSCRIPTION -- IN ADVANCE

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

THURSDAY, FEB. 7, 1918

To the People of this Community

Our purpose in putting on a subscription-boosting campaign, is to get this paper to going each week into the home of every family residing in the Grapeland territory, if possible. A home paper with such a circulation as we have determined that The Messenger shall have, can not help but be of great benefit to the town and community in which it is published.

We feel that the paper ought to be patronized by every family in Grapeland, and we feel that the paper can do much good for the town and community by extending its circulation throughout the surrounding country. We therefore ask the co-operation of the business men and citizens of Grapeland and assure them that whatever assistance they render will be appreciated.

If you are not taking this paper, get on the list and begin getting it. You can help us, help some worker in our cam-

paign and help your town by giving your subscription to some young lady while the contest is on. If you are already taking it, give some of our workers your renewal and also subscribe for the paper to go to some one else. To add several hundred names to our list of readers in just a few weeks' time, is our purpose. Keep in mind the fact, that everybody wins. A contestant failing to win one of the listed prizes will be rewarded according to the work accomplished.

A soft answer turneth away wrath, but has no effect on an oil stock salesman.

A professional tattler has a motor car skinned a block, when it comes to running people down.

There is always a ray of light to pierce our gloom if we will not close our eyes and refuse to see it.

"Win the war by wearing soft shirts," says a college professor. There are so many ways of winning the war that we hope the old American way of walloping the enemy will not be altogether overlooked.

It is noticed that the mail order houses do not relax their efforts to get business just because a few dull months in the year appear. They everlastingly keep at the advertising end of their business. And they get

results, too. There is a lesson in this for local merchants to study about.

Are you a food slacker? Are you observing the wheatless and meatless days promulgated by the food administration? It is necessary for the nation to conserve food, else we would not be asked to do such a thing. We are told, and believe it to be a fact, that food will win the war; so, do not waste it.

FERTILIZERS

The U. S. Government is arranging to furnish nitrate of soda to farmers at cost, and as nitrate of soda contains about twice as much nitrogen as cotton seed meal, and is a quicker form of nitrogen, we suggest farmers do their own mixing, using about one-half as much nitrogen as you do cotton seed meal, adding what phosphate that is needed, and buying your acid phosphate to suit the crop to be made.

We are anxious for the farmers to raise as big crops, and as cheaply as possible. We are more interested in big crops of cotton seed, peanuts, etc., than we are in the little profits made on the fertilizers we sell.

We are prepared to furnish formulas to anyone doing their own mixing, and to give such advice as may be needed. We will also make the usual amount of regular mixed fertilizers that you can buy at the same price.

Avoid Leaky Roofs

That leaking roof is a great annoyance to your family, besides being very dangerous to health.

Whether your house needs patching or a new roof, we invite you to see us at once for

Roofing Materials

We can furnish you the best wood shingles CYPRESS or HEART PINE, or a popular brand of COMPOSITION ROOFING.

We have a thorough knowledge of all roofing materials, and will protect your interests if you buy from us.

We frame Pictures

T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER COMPANY

Do not fail to discuss your needs with us before purchasing.

HOUSTON COUNTY MILL AND MANUFACTURING Co.
J. W. HOWARD,
Local Agent.

FOR SALE

We have a scholarship for sale in the Tyler Commercial College. If you are thinking of taking a business course, see us. The Messenger.

**Beginning
Feb. 9**

Unusual SALE on

**Closing
Feb. 16**

SHOES AND HATS

We are over-stocked on high top dress shoes, also work shoes, and we are offering them for a limited time at greatly reduced prices. This is a time when every one on the farm is needing work shoes and you should avail yourself of this opportunity to supply yourselves. No old out-of-date shoes offered--all new shoes. We are listing them by stock numbers so that you may come in and get just what is advertised. We are also offering a number of good style young men's hats in this sale at bargain prices. This is no fake sale, and you will be the loser by not coming to our store and taking advantage of the many bargains.

Shoes

No 1710 Gun metal English, regular price \$5.50, sale price.....	3.49
No 1874 Gun metal button, regular price 6.50, sale price.....	5.49
No 1084 Gun metal blucher, regular price 5.00, sale price.....	4.25
No B 49 Selz Royal Blue; English, regular price 7.50, sale price.....	6.49
No 1094 Old man's wide last, regular price 6.00, sale price.....	4.98
No B 41 Glazed Kangaroo bal, regular price 7.50, sale price.....	6.24
No 1414 Gun metal blucher, regular 6.00, sale price.....	4.98
No 1170 Gun metal button, regular price 5.00, sale price.....	3.98
No B 403 Gun metal button, regular 5.00, sale price.....	3.98
No 5330 Gun metal button, regular price 3.00, sale price.....	2.49
50c a pair off on every pair of work shoes sold during this sale	

Hats

No. 4869, Fawn brand hat, regular price 3.50, sale price.....	2.49
No. 4912, Falcon brand hat, regular price 3.00, sale price.....	2.49
No. 1459, Latest style young man's hat, regular price 3.00, sale price.....	2.24
All-beaver brand hats, in fancy and staple styles, regular price 3.50, sale price.....	2.50
One lot Keystone brand hats, regular price 2.50, sale price.....	1.98
One lot extra good value, regular price 2.00, sale price.....	1.49

All men's and boys' suits, rain coats and sweaters going at a big reduction in this sale. Lots of other values too numerous to mention. Come and be convinced.

Groceries

Remember our grocery stock is always complete. Let us fill your next bill.

Bring us your produce. We will pay the highest market price.

Farm Tools

We have on hand a good stock of farm implements of all kinds. Kelley Plows, all sizes, Steel Plows, Cultivators, Harrows, Corn and Cotton Planters, Georgia Stocks, Trace Chains, Single Trees, etc. Come to see us--we will save you money.

All the above Prices are for Cash Only. Goods sold on Credit will take Regular Price

Plenty of Seed Oats, Feed Oats, Shorts and Bran.

Plenty of Triumph Seed Potatoes.

W. H. Long & Co.

Bring us your Produce. We will pay the highest market price.

Don't fail to take advantage of our Sale on Shoes.

LOCAL NEWS

Breaks your Cold or LaGrippe with a few doses of 666. tf

18-92 is making our aluminum department famous. Darsey's. 1

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Phillips visited in Palestine Runday.

Attend the "Demonstration at" Darsey's this week. 1t

A complete line of waists and fancy shirts at McLean & Riall's.

Raymond Black broke his right arm Sunday, while cranking a Ford.

Don't forget to attend the Aluminum demonstration at Darsey's to day and tomorrow. 1t

Earl Lively, of Camp Bowie, is out on a ten days' furlough and is visiting his parents at Augusta.

For Seed Oats,

Also feed oats, chops, bran, etc. Also good line of groceries. Call at Howard's. 1t

More people are shod at Darsey's than at any other store in the county. Our shoes stand hard wear. 1t

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, it taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Cure fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Read Darsey's ad this week--every word of it. 1t

Ladies' spring coats and coat suits at McLean & Riall's.

RUB-MY-TISM--Antiseptic, Relieves Rheumatism, Sprains, Neuralgia, etc.

Dress accessories of all kinds at Darsey's. 1t

Will Lively and Louis Foster of Waneta, were callers at The Messenger office Saturday.

Why make children's dresses when you have such patterns as are at Darsey's? 1t

Miss Mabel Frances of Elkhart, visited her sister, Mrs. Wm. Gee, the latter part of last week.

Rev. G. W. Henderson of Percilla, spent Monday and Tuesday in Palestine attending the district Sunday school convention.

George Moore and Arthur Tyer of Liberty Hill community, were in to see us a while Saturday.

Mrs. H. T. Giesey of Laredo, who has been visiting Mrs. W. T. Pridgen, returned home last week.

George Pridgen returned to Houston last Thursday, after spending several days with his daughter, Mrs. W. T. Pridgen.

CORN FOR SALE

Plenty of good, sound ear corn for sale, 5 milest west of Grape-land. 50-t1 W. T. Pridgen.

Horace Goodson of Palestine, was here one day last week, visiting his uncle, Sam Goodson.

For wood, phone J.H. Kolb. 50t3

Buy your next bill from W. R. Wherry. 50tf

Dick Murchison and Charlie Jones spent Sunday in Carthage.

Mrs. Joe Kellam of Kaufman, is here on a visit to relatives.

G. C. Crowson, the barber, is confined to his bed with measles.

Ben Guice had an arm broken a few days ago while cranking a Ford car.

If the shoes you have been buying failed to give satisfaction, try W. R. Wherry. 50tf

Roy Wherry has returned to Tyler to resume his school duties, after a few days spent here with his parents.

No flour for sale, but we have some good corn meal to sell, thank the Lord. 50tf W. R. Wherry.

FARM HAND WANTED

Will pay \$2.00 per day for the right man. C.A. Campbell, 1t Salmon, Texas.

FOR SALE

One pair of small mules and a good buggy and one good horse. 50tf Hugh Richards.

Ed Parker and family have returned home from Wagoner, Oklahoma, where they have been visiting relatives several weeks.

Isaac Johnson, 14-year-old son of J. J. Johnston, died Tuesday, February 5, 1918, at the home of Mr. Aaron Whitehead, with whom he lived. Death was caused by measles and pneumonia.

Don't Miss This Opportunity

Unless you are an owner of Mr. Edison's New Diamond Amberola, there is no reason why you should hesitate a single moment. We give you a FREE TRIAL IN YOUR HOME if you desire.

Mr. Edison wants you to try his great invention in your home without one cent of cost to you, so why shouldn't you?

No needles are required to play the Amberola. Needles are too crude and too imperfect for Mr. Edison. Nothing but a genuine Diamond Reproducer point, and as you know diamonds never wear out. Another accomplishment of Mr. Edison is the Blue Amberol Record which is almost unwearable and unbreakable. Hear the the Amberola play and note how much more perfectly it reproduces than the ordinary phonograph.

The number of instruments on hand is limited, so get in your order early.

HONESTY AND QUALITY

The Peoples Drug Store

WADE L. SMITH

Miss Ola Baker has returned to Palestine, after visiting her parents in New Prospect community.

Bob Lively died at his home in the Belott community Monday, February 4, 1918. Death was caused by pneumonia. He was buried in Lone Star cemetery. He is survived by his wife and several children.

TURKEYS FOR SALE

Big bronze kind; will begin laying last of February. \$10 per pair or \$12.50 for trio.

Mrs. W. T. Pridgen, 50t1 Grapeland, Route 3.

Lewis Riall Yarbrough, who has been at Jacksonville for some time with the I. & G. N., is here on a few day's visit to his parents.



**Add \$2.00 to \$4.00
Worth of Plant Food—
Add \$20 to \$40
Worth of Human Food**

Meridian Fertilizers

The cost of fertilizer is small compared with the increased yields that result from their use. The McNeil Experiment Station increased the yield of beans from 26 to 71 bushels per acre through the use of Meridian Fertilizers.

An expenditure for "The Red Bag Fertilizers" increased the yield of tomatoes from 48 to 143 bushels. Other crops increased in like proportion.

The fertilizer applied to your land last year will no more feed this year's crop than hay that was in your barn last year will feed your horses this season. Every crop takes away plant foods. Fertilizer alone will replace them. The man who doesn't use fertilizer is selling his farm and doesn't know it. He pays for it many times over without ever getting the benefits.

For this reason we firmly believe the Meridian Fertilizers to be the best a farmer can buy. ORDER EARLY!

Kennedy Bros

The Red Bag
Is printed on the outside of every bag of Meridian Fertilizers. It indicates good plant-food inside.



Meridian Fertilizers

CORN WILL WIN DEMOCRACY'S WAR

America's Greatest Cereal Crop
Is Now Moving to
Market.

MAINSTAY IN NATION'S CRISIS.

Surplus Wheat of the United States
Has Been Sent to Famine Threat-
ened Europe.

America's great corn crop, exceeding 3,000,000,000 bushels, will save the world's food situation, officials of the United States food administration believe.

Corn is the nation's best food cereal, housewives are beginning to realize. It contains all the elements needed to keep the body in a state of health and when used according to the scores of tried recipes, especially when combined with an added portion of oil or fat, will sustain life indefinitely. Indian warriors in colonial days lived on parched corn alone for many days at a time, and at Valley Forge parched corn was at times the sole ration of the Continental soldiers.

Owing to transportation difficulties caused by the war the corn crop moved more slowly to market this year than ever before. Now, however, the cereal is reaching the millers and consumers. In the meantime the nation's surplus wheat has been sent to Europe.

Today there are approximately 30 bushels of corn for every American. This quantity is greater by five bushels than in former years.

Corn has become the nation's mainstay in the crisis of war.

Just as this cereal saved the first American colonists from famine on many occasions, just as it served as a staple food during the War of the Revolution and during the Civil War, King Corn has again come to the front in the nation's battle with autocracy.

Corn meal is finding greatly increased use in the making of ordinary white bread. Hundreds of housewives and many of the larger bakers are mixing 20 per cent. corn meal with wheat flour to make leavened bread. This kind of a mixture is worked and baked in the same recipes and with the same methods that apply to straight wheat bread.

Corn bread—using corn meal entirely—is gaining a greater popularity than ever before. Housewives are coming to realize that every pound of wheat saved in America means a pound of wheat released for shipment to the nations with which America is associated in the war.

There are a score of corn products that today possess unusual importance for Americans. Corn syrup for sweetening corn cakes and buckwheat cakes and for use in the kitchen instead of granulated sugar is one of the leading products made from corn.

Corn oil, excellent for frying and for every other purpose filled by salad oils, is appearing on the market in large quantities. It comes from the germ of the corn.

MADE-IN-GERMANY LIES CIRCULATED IN CANADA

Canada is also having trouble with Made-in-Germany lies calculated to hinder Canadian food conservation according to an official statement received from the Canadian food controller by the United States food administration.

The stories bothering Canada are of the same general character as those the United States food administrator recently denounced in this country, such as the ridiculous salt and blueing famine fakes and the report that the government would seize housewives' stocks of home canned goods.

The Canadian food controller estimates that when the people listen to and pass on such stories, each one has the power of destruction that lies in a battalion of soldiers.

"Stories without even a vestige of foundation have been scattered broadcast," said the Canadian statement. "Nor have they come to life casually. They have started simultaneously in different parts of the country and in each instance have been calculated to arouse public indignation.

"They are insidious, subtle, persistent. Bit by bit they dissipate public trust, the great essential in the work of food control.

"It lies with every individual to forbear from criticism; to refrain from passing on the vagrant and harmful story, and thus the more effectively to co-operate in work which is going to mean more than the majority of people yet realize."

Safety Plus Confidence



Among other advantages, a checking account provides you with cash when it is needed, or the equivalent when it is considered more expedient to pay by check. A man is prepared to act on opportunity when his check-book is with him. Many deals are closed to men not equipped for business. Start your account with us today.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank

ANTRIM BY H. WATHA

Antrim, Feb. 3.—Health of this community is not very good at this writing, several pretty severe cases of catarrhal fever, measles and other diseases.

Saturday was ground hog day, and according to the sign, we are going to have some nice weather, which will be greatly appreciated.

A. N. Edens, wife and children visited W. M. Durnell and family Sunday.

Misses Bertha and Myrtle Hopper visited Mrs. W. R. Durnell Sunday.

Sam Blackwell and wife were guests at the home of J. F. Martin Sunday.

Jim Ritchey, who has been staying with J. T. Durnell, left Sunday to visit his father, W. N. Ritchey of Grapeland.

Miss May Martin, who has been visiting her uncle, R. E. Martin of Grapeland, returned home Sunday afternoon.

Rev. W. R. Durnell preached at Rocky Mound Sunday night.

Claude Pearson and Fred Hemby of Myrtle Springs, visited in this community Sunday.

Mrs. Ed Weissinger of Rock Hill community, spent last week with her son, C. W. Weissinger and family of this neighborhood.

We have arranged a good program for Friday night, and all are invited to come and be with us.

Don't neglect signals of distress in the kidneys. Backache, nervous disorders, pale complexion, dark rings about the eyes, mean kidney trouble. Begin promptly taking Prickly Ash Bitters; it is a kidney remedy of the first class. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

Why it Pays to Trade With Firms That Advertise

The man in business today must use modern methods if he keeps abreast with the times. If he wants your business, let him ask for it.

One rat will eat or spoil four bushels of grain a year. It costs \$2 or \$3 a year to feed a rat on your place.

J. W. Howard, wife and children visited relatives in Crockett Sunday.

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

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"I took four bottles," Mrs. Jones goes on to say, "and was not only greatly relieved, but can truthfully say that I have not a pain. . . ."

"It has now been two years since I took Cardui, and I am still in good health. . . . I would advise any woman or girl to use Cardui who is a sufferer from any female trouble."

If you suffer pain caused from womanly trouble, or if you feel the need of a good strengthening tonic to build up your run-down system, take the advice of Mrs. Jones. Try Cardui. It helped her. We believe it will help you.

All Druggists

L. 68

John Spence Lawyer

Crockett, : : : : Texas
Office Upstairs over Monzingo Millinery Store

Hadie Gilbert of Company E, 143rd Texas Infantry, Camp Bowie, is here on furlough to see his parents, J. M. Gilbert and wife.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rates—Cash in Advance.

County Offices	\$6 00
Precinct Offices	\$3 00
District Offices	\$12 00
Congress	\$20 00

The Messenger is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July:

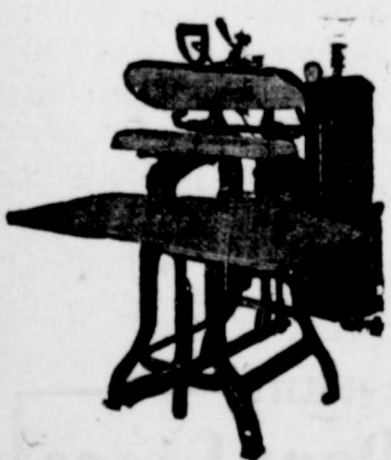
- For County Judge:
Nat Patton.
- For Sheriff:
Preston Lively.
- For Tax Assessor:
Will McLean.
- For County Road Superintendent:
G. R. Murchison.
- For County Treasurer:
Willie Robison.
Ney Sheridan. (Re-election)

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

Whether you handle a pick, a pen, a wheelbarrow or a set of books; dig ditches or edit a paper, ring an auction bell or write funny things, you must work. If you look around, you will see that the men who are most able to live the rest of their lives without work, are the men who work the hardest. Do not be afraid of killing yourself with work. Work gives an appetite for meals, it lends solidity to your slumbers. It gives the appreciation of a holiday. There are young men who do not work, but the world is not proud of them. It does not even know their names; it speaks of them as so-and-so's son. The great, busy world does not even know they are here. So find out what you want to know and go in; take off your hat and make a dust in the world. The busier you are, the less deviltry you will get into, the sweeter will be your sleep and the better the world will be for you.—Venus Express.

Personal Appearance

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 personality on the public if you shamle 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

DOLLAR DAY

Saturday Feb. 9th

WILL BE

DOLLAR DAY

AT OUR STORE

Come in and see what you can buy with \$1.00

We will quote you just a few of the prices
as space will not permit us to quote all

17¹/₂c Gingham 6 yds. for \$1.00 20c Gingham 5¹/₂ yds. for \$1.00
12¹/₂ " 8¹/₂ " " \$1.00 12¹/₂c Percale 8¹/₂ " " \$1.00
15c " 7 " " \$1.00 17¹/₂c " 6 " " \$1.00
12¹/₂c Calico 8¹/₂ yds. for \$1.00

And other values as good or better in all of the departments

Hooverize by making our store a visit
Buy where your DOLLAR will have more "sense"

Don't fail to come in and see the beautiful Master Mozart on exhibition at our store, which will be given away FREE. Ask about it.

MURRAY & MANGUM

Don't Forget the date, SATURDAY, February 9th,

GLOVER LOCALS

S. K. Boykin has measles in his home.

The Lord blessed us with another stiff norther and now wood cutting and building fires are the most work.

Hiram Cherry of Camp Bowie, visited his aunt, Mrs. R. R. Thomas. He reports everything all right at that camp. Glad to hear everyone is pleased with the training of the boys, and we trust it won't be long before we have peace and can see these dear boys once more. It seems now that some of our boys will have to cross the water, some probably never to return.

Sorry to say that our literary school is only two months longer, and we regret it very much, for Miss Patterson has the praise of doing her best for the interest of the pupils. She is one of the best teachers our county affords, not only as a teacher but a splendid young lady in every respect, gaining friends wherever she goes.

J. T. Breeze has moved from Ratcliff to the old home place. Welcome, Mr. Breeze into our midst.

Jack Tims has moved on one of W. H. Holcomb's places. We regret to see him move, although he has not moved far.

J. T. Breeze, Jake Thames and Jack Tims went to Crockett one day the past week.

Walter Ashmore visited his sister, Mrs. Lucy Ford, at Belott Sunday.

Jake Thames and sister Allie, visited their aunt, Mrs. Minnie Cherry, at Cedar Point on Monday of last week.

Alton Breeze spent Friday night with his cousin Jake Thames.

Arch Holcomb is erecting a new house and will move into it soon. Glad to have Arch in our midst again.

PERSHING PRAISES SOLDIERS

In a recent communication to Secretary of War Baker, the commander of the American Expeditionary Forces said:

"There has never been a similar body of men to lead as clean lives as our American soldiers in France. They have entered this war with the highest devotion to duty and with no other idea than to perform these duties in most efficient manner possible. They fully realize their obligation to their own people, their friends and the country. A rigid program of instruction is carried out daily with traditional American enthusiasm. Engaged in healthy, interesting exercises in the open air, with simple diets, officers, and men, like trained athletes, are ready for their tasks. Forbidden the use of strong drink and protected by stringent regulations against sexual evils, and supported by their moral courage, their good behavior is the subject of most favorable comments, especially by our allies. American mothers may rest assured that their sons are a credit to them and to the nation, and they may well look forward to the proud day when on the battlefield these splendid men will shed a new luster on American manhood."

NOTICE--POSTED

Positively no hunting, killing or catching hogs will be allowed in our pasture without permission. Eugene Walling. 49-t2 Mrs. Dave Walling.

Kidney disorders cause much distress of mind and body. Such ailments should not be neglected, because they lead to diseases that are dangerous. Prickly Ash Bitters is a fine kidney tonic. It strengthens the kidneys and purifies the stomach and bowels. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

Aching in the small of the back is an indication of kidney disease. The proper course in such cases is to begin at once the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is an effective kidney remedy and system regulator. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

Clewis' Tailor Shop Phone Number is 73. Phone when you want work.

MY YOUNG FRIEND!

If George Washington Could Rise From His Grave

And see our cities at midnight lighted as bright as day, hear the whirl of the electric car, talk over a wireless telephone, send a message by wireless to a ship far out at sea, examine his own bones with an x-ray, view the snowy fields, sunny plains and canals of Mars through a telescope, take a flight from ocean to ocean in an air ship, cross the ocean in a submarine, get run over by an automobile going 90 miles an hour,—but what's the use going back a hundred years? A system of shorthand and book-keeping twenty years old is of but little use today.

As the steamship has crowded out the sail boat, as the type writer, the goose quill pen and pokeberry ink, so have the famous Byrne systems of Book-keeping and Business Training and Shorthand taken the place of the old systems. The reason is plain: these systems cut in half the time and cost of becoming an expert accountant or stenographer; they teach business as well as bookkeeping, they make it possible for the student to graduate and begin earning while the student of the other systems is less than half through his course; they give the student a better practical working knowledge, which means a higher salary.

These practical, modern, time-saving systems can be had in this section only in the Tyler Commercial College. You would not think of riding in an ox cart in preference to an automobile. Then why think of studying the old ox cart systems of accounting and stenography when you can get the Byrne systems which possess such wonderful advantages that they enabled the management of the Tyler Commercial College to build the largest business training school in America, with an annual enrollment of more than 2,500.

For free catalogue address: Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

There are many well known methods of supplying the necessary vegetable matter to the soil. Crop residue is usually the basis of more humus. Grass or sod crops are the most valuable in this respect. Stable manure is also of great value in increasing humus. Winter cover crops, such as annual clover, vetch, or rye, are now extensively grown to be turned under in the early spring.

An important function of live stock on the farm is to furnish a market for the crops grown, enabling farmers to convert the grasses, forage crops, legumes, and so on, into higher priced finished products and to return to the soil the plant food taken from it.

..New Dry Goods..

We Have Just Received
\$1200 Worth of Spring Dry Goods

and the PRICE IS RIGHT. Call and see what we have in Spring Dry Goods

Produce Wanted!

Note these Prices We Will Pay in Trade:

- EGGS, per dozen - - 58c
- BUTTER, per pound - 35c
- HENS, per pound - - 22c
- FRYERS, per pound - 28c
- OLD COCKS, per lb - 30c
- TURKEYS, per pound - 20c

Above Prices are in Trade Only

J. H. Bowman
Second Street

MULE STRAYED

One large brown mare mule, about 16 hands high, strayed about four weeks ago; will pay a liberal reward for her return or for information leading to her recovery. 46-tf W.A. Shaver.

If you want to know what it means to be a Boy Scout, attend the open meeting at the school auditorium Friday night of this week.

HUGHES & SON AUTO SHOP

We are prepared to do your auto work and will appreciate your patronage. Right treatment to all. Located in old livery stable building. Calls answered anywhere. Phone us at any time. 48-tf

Make your hens lay by feeding Martin's Egg Producer. Buy it from I. H. Shaver & Bro. 47t4

NOTICE

There will be preaching at Oak Grove Sunday at 11 o'clock by Rev. G. W. North. Singing in the afternoon conducted by W.R. Campbell. Everyone invited.

S. T. Anthony is in the market for five or six hundred pounds Brown Crowder, Cream and Black eye peas, also for eggs and chickens, for which the best cash price will be paid 1tp

Mrs. J. W. Caskey and Children, of Palestine, are spending the week in Grapeland with relatives and friends. Mr. Caskey was here Sunday, returning at night.

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.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

I will make the season with my mammoth Kentucky Jack at my place 4 1-2 miles east of Grapeland on the Grapeland and Augusta road. Fees: \$10.00; \$2.00 when served and remaining \$8.00 at foal. 49-t5p L. D. Anderson.

Norman and Willis Whitaker, who enlisted in the navy several months ago and who have been in training at Great Lakes, Ills., came in Friday on furlough to visit their parents, I. N. Whitaker and wife, of San Pedro community.

The last number of the lyceum course will be at the auditorium Wednesday night, February 20. The attraction will be Marion Ballou Fisk, cartoonist, lecturer and entertainer. We will have more to say of this number next week.

Samuel Thomas, who has employment at Leaverton's drug store, spent Saturday night and Sunday with his family at Palestine.

Mrs. Jim Lively's little boy, Tolar Brooks, was helping unload wood from a wagon Saturday, when in some way one of his fingers got so badly mashed that it had to be amputated.

LOST HORSE

Dun mare horse, about 5 years old, no flesh marks or brands. Will pay reward for recovery. 50t2 Riley Mims, Lovelady, Tex., Route 1, Box 32.

Dr. French, optician, will be in Grapeland Saturday, the 9th instant, at Goodson hotel or Dr. McCarty's office. 1t

For all Walks of Life

We have shoes fitted for feet in every walk of life--from the toddler to the section hand. Don't endanger the children's lives by sending them to school with poor shoes and without rubbers. We have shoes and rubbers for the whole family.

New Spring Styles

We are receiving new spring styles in all kinds of DRESS GOODS every day, and will be very glad to show you these pretty new goods: Gingham, Mercerized Percales, and a lot of other new items. Glad to show you. See if you can't come first.

Kennedy Brothers

The Store for Everybody

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

I have bought the Truehart tract of land south of town, and parties are warned to stop trespassing. J. F. Lively. 1t

Wade L. Smith has purchased the home of S. E. Traylor. Mr. Traylor and wife will leave about March 1st for Cleveland, where he will go into the mercantile business with his brothers.

Ernest and Bill Matthews, prosperous farmers of Antrim community, shipped a car of hogs to the Fort Worth market last Tuesday.

A mule belonging to Johnny Buckalew had a leg broken one day this week. It was thought that he would be such a bad cripple as to be of little use, and the animal was killed. Mr. Buckalew had the misfortune also to lose a pony a few days ago.

PEANUT HAY WANTED

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

FOR SALE

A 1917 Model Ford car, in good condition and for sale at a bargain.—Tucker Campbell, Salmon, Texas. 49-t2p

A.P. Whittington, wife and baby, arrived last week from Tyler and will make Grapeland their home. He has purchased the bottling works from A. B. Spence, and will occupy the new building next to the Woodmen hall.

One reason why we are not very popular at a party, is because we wish to discuss socialism, when the others want to play heavy-heavy-over-your-head.

OUR TYPESETTING MACHINE

It is with a great deal of pride that we announce to the public in this issue that an order has been placed with the Mergenthaler Linotype Co. of New York City, for a late model No. 5 linotype machine. It will be in operation in this office within the next three or four weeks.

By installing this machine the Messenger's capacity for handling news matter, advertisements and job work, will be increased at least an hundred fold. It will enable us to handle more news matter and therefore print a better paper.

It has always been the policy of the Messenger to put the profits back into the business in better equipment in order to keep the Messenger up to the standard. In this latest purchase, we have taken a long step forward; in fact, it brings our plant up to an equal with those to be found in cities.

The purchase of this machine has been made possible by the loyalty of our friends—our advertisers and subscribers. Of course we are duly thankful to them for the very liberal patronage that is given us every week in the year.

When the new machine is installed, our friends are invited to call at the office and see it in operation.

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.

As a general thing you can tell by the condition of its bib what the baby thinks of Mr. Hoover.

IT IS WORK TIME!

It is now time to begin the "spring drive" for a bumper crop in the Grapeland country. The secretary of agriculture, Mr. Houston, says there must be no break down on the farm—we must raise food and feed for the armies.

Come here for your

Plow Goods, Traces,
Backbands, Clevises, Shovel
Plows, Single Trees, etc.

WE HAVE PLENTY OF

Poultry Wire, Hog Net Wire,
Nails, Staples, etc.

Be sure to call on us when you need anything in our line.

T. S. KENT
Quality is the Thing

Boy Scout Program Friday Night

At 7:30 Friday night at the school auditorium, Troop No. 1, Boy Scouts of America at Grapeland, will give a free entertainment and everyone is urged to attend. This program is in celebration of the eighth anniversary of the Scouts and will be participated in by some of the

leading citizens of our town.

The program in general will consist of opening exercises by the Scouts, followed by patriotic songs and 4-minute speeches by leading men. Songs and musical numbers will be arranged by Miss Riall and her pupils.

Come out and encourage the boys. No admission will be charged.