

# The Grapeland Messenger.

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## State and General News

The submarine fighters which are being built at the Ford plant will be known as "Eagles," and will constitute the Eagle class of boats.

Wheat farmers in some of the grain districts of the northwestern states are buying advertising in newspapers, urging consumers to save food.

In the early war days the average height flown by military aviators was 4,000 to 5,000 feet. Now the more powerful and better climbing machines often reach 20,000 feet.

According to the agricultural department, there has been an increase in livestock in the country as follows: Cows, 1.7 per cent; other cattle, 4.5 per cent; swine, 5.7 per cent.

The governor has signed a bill authorizing counties acting through their commissioners' courts to purchase seed to be planted on farms for the poor in Texas, who are unable to procure same and to purchase feed for work stock.

President Wilson has signed the daylight saving bill. It puts all clocks forward one hour, beginning the last Sunday in March, and turns them back the last Sunday in October. Proponents of the bill explain that many beneficial results will come from the new law, such as a great saving in illuminating oil, gas and electric power, conserve coal and increase manufacturing

production as the result of improvement in working conditions. It will also be of benefit to the national health, because of the additional hour of daylight which may be devoted to recreation.

Gov. Hobby has approved the house concurrent resolution against the employment of alien enemies and other persons not citizens of the United States by the state, counties, cities and towns in Texas.

The 600,000 tons of Dutch shipping seized in American ports last week on orders from President Wilson, will be put into service as soon as they can be made ready for sea and cargoes are loaded. The vessels will be armed by the navy department.

Carrier pigeons will be extensively used to aid the United States army at the front. Half a million of these wonderful pigeons are being used in the present war. The winged messengers, which fly at a speed of nearly a mile a minute and from 150 to 300 feet high, present a very difficult target. Every regiment going into battle carries birds for service in the event of its lines of communication being cut off.

In Dallas, a few days ago, while a curious crowd looked on, 25 kegs of confiscated whiskey were smashed open and emptied into a sewer in front of the federal building by W. R. Houston, special officer of the United States Indian service. The

whiskey had been seized when an attempt was made to smuggle it into Oklahoma from Wichita Falls, Texas. It was brought to Dallas and had been stored in a cellar until disposed of in this spectacular manner.

Pension Commissioner J. C. Jones has announced that for the next two quarters the Confederate pensions will be raised from \$18 to \$20. "I am highly gratified that the fund will justify this increase," said Commissioner Jones. "The roll is decreasing and the death rate is increasing, but the widows who take the place of their husbands, offset the decrease. On the last quarterly pay roll there were 17,419 pensioners."

Thirty-five cents for spot cotton in the south is the next goal, and it will require only a few more such advances as occurred last Thursday to put the market at that figure. Middling basis was fixed at 33.40 cents per lb, an advance of 40 points, or \$2 per bale, which puts the market at a new high record. At the present price a bale of middling grade cotton is worth \$167, exclusive of the seed.

Palacios, Texas, March 22.—Last Sunday morning at the Methodist church, occurred one of the most unique weddings that Palacios people have ever witnessed. Edward C. Avery, age 80, of this city, was married to Mrs. Mary C. Jones, age 60, of Shawnee, Okla. Each has known the other since childhood and each has been married five times in life. They will make their home here.

## WANETA

REGULAR CORRESPONDENT

March 25.—A nice shower of rain fell here last Friday. Most of the farmers are through with planting corn.

Henry Cliburn and wife of Denson Springs, are guests of the latter's parents at this place.

Bert Lively, wife and family, were guests of Charlie Hendricks and wife Sunday.

Nolan Dickey of near Palestine, was in our midst Sunday, en route to Crockett.

Alton Lively and family moved to Grapeland last week, Alton having accepted a position with Kennedy Bros.

Mrs. J. E. Harrington and son were guests of Mrs. Carrie Goff Sunday.

J. S. Sheffield, wife and daughters, Ruby and Belva, were guests of Elbert Clark and wife Sunday.

Carlton Lively made a business trip to Crockett Monday.

Clough Cooper and wife, who have been visiting relatives here a few days, left Sunday for their home at Fort Worth.

W. B. Moore and wife made a business trip to Palestine the latter part of last week.

We have quite a number of cases of measles, Roseola and whooping cough.

Mrs. Katherine Carter and children of Big Springs, arrived here last week and will make this place their home.

## Buy at Home

We have always imagined that P. T. Barnum was at one time a business man in a small town, for it was he who is said to have coined the phrase, "The Public Likes to be Humbugged."

We always think of Barnum whenever we see a crowd gather around a street-corner fakir and pay him their good money for stuff that a local business house would not dare try to sell. Yet there are hundreds of people swindled by every fakir who comes along, and remain anxious to give the next one still more of their money.

Consistency of business, Mr. Man or Mrs. Woman, should show you that you will always get better value from your home merchant than will ever be given you by anyone else. The home firm has its reputation to maintain. Heed the invitation of men you know.

## Notice to Ice Customers

We will begin delivering ice to residences Monday, April 1. Those desiring this service will please let us know at once; also the number of pounds you want.

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J. W. Howard.

## First to Arrive in France

When the American marines arrived in France, true to their desire, they were the first contingent of the grandest army on earth to set foot upon the present scene of our conflict. Stowed away in their baggage compartments, there arrived with them, a number of COLUMBIA GRAFANOLAS. And the fact that these famous talking machines are in the army camps of Europe is sufficient evidence of their merit. Grafanolas and Double Disc records are sold in Grapeland at Darsey's, where a complete stock is always on hand. Make that decision now and carry one home with you. Prices range upward from \$18.50. It

Mesdames Sam Beauchamp and Ed Smith report a most enjoyable trip last week. They visited in Alto, Brunswick, Wells and Lufkin. Thirty-two years ago Mrs. Beauchamp lived at Brunswick and Morrill, and in spite of the many changes taking place in this length of time, she was able to locate some of the old mill sites, which at that time was a vast pine forest.

## Easter! Easter!



### OVER TWO MILLION

### Bridge Beach Cook Stoves

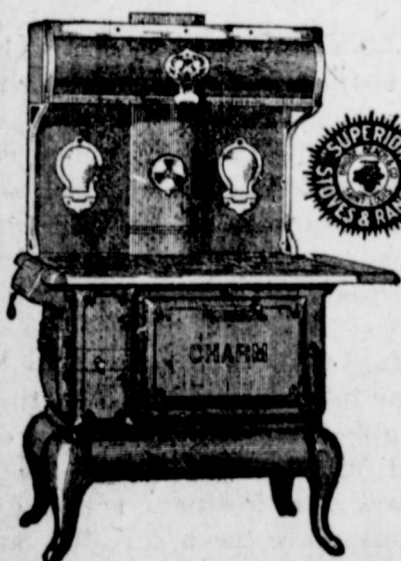
IN USE TODAY

### WHY?

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Bridge Beach Cook Stoves in use from 17 to 38 years in and around Grapeland

### WHY?



We bought one car-load of Bridge Beach Cook Stoves in September. We have had five shipments of Bridge Beach Cook Stoves to arrive since January 1, 1918. Another Shipment of Bridge Beach Cook Stoves to arrive in a few days. We sell Bridge Beach Cook Stoves. **WHY?**

## KEELAND BROS.

"THE PRICE IS THE THING"

**E**ASTER is dress-up day for everybody. Have you made preparation for that dress-up-day? Especially do we urge the women of Grapeland and surrounding territory to visit our dry goods counter. We can please the most exacting both in Ready-to-wear and piece goods.—You are sure to find what you want in this department.

## For the Men

We want you to see our Spring Suits. They represent honest values and the range of patterns is large. You can get a good suit at a very moderate price. New Hats for your inspection in felts and straws.

Priced at **\$3.00**

These are exceptional values.

Just make up your mind to come to our store for what you need and you will be satisfied when you make your purchases.

## McLean & Riall

Dependable Merchants

# DO YOU EXPECT TO BUY AN AUTOMOBILE?

**F**ACTORIES have all reduced their production 30 to 40 per cent, and railroad equipment is almost unobtainable, so shipments will be very limited. **It is a practical certainty that Automobiles will be scarce, and there will be ten buyers for every one available.** Material is much higher and **Automobiles must advance in price,** in fact many have already done so. We can give no better advice than to **BUY NOW,** if you expect to buy at all.

**W**E UNLOADED last week twenty-five "Dodge Brothers" Automobiles, as the railroad records will show, and at this writing have none unsold. We have a few more en route, and could take signed orders for same, delivery on arrival. **We advise quick action if you want a "Dodge Brothers" Car.** This is the recognized greatest automobile value—making most miles per gallon of gasoline (many owners getting over twenty miles) using very little lubricating oil, and a mileage of 8,000 to 10,000 miles on tires is often made. No car performs better in sand and mud, or pulls hills with more ease, and the up-keep expense is practically confined to buying gasoline and oil. This car is fully guaranteed by the factory, and our service is behind every sale. **Let us show you a "Dodge Brothers Car" and take your order now.**

We have  
**20 "BUICK" AUTOMOBILES**

En route, with sales already made of ten. If you are interested in the **Greatest Six-Cylinder Car,** let us show you a "Buick" We also have two or three of the four-cylinder cars. These cars will not last long, and we will be glad to figure with anyone interested in either a "Buick" Six or a "Buick" Four. These great cars are too well and favorably known to need commendation from us, for "When better Automobiles are built 'Buick' will build them". Ask us to demonstrate a "Buick" to you.

Our Mr. Edmiston returned from Detroit and Flint, where he secured the limited number of "Dodge Brothers" and "Buick" automobiles. We have no assurance of further deliveries, and those we obtained were accepted there and we had to arrange for transportation. We can't promise reasonable delivery on more, and these we have may be sold by the time this advertisement appears, so we urge any buyer who may be interested in either car to take the matter up with us at once.

## East Texas Motor Company Crockett, Texas

### OAK GROVE OLD TIMER

March 24.—The health of this community is good, with the exception of a few cases of measles and bad colds.

Farm work is moving along very smoothly. Most all are through planting corn and are preparing land for other crops. A good acreage is being planted in feed crops; most all have planted some oats. Corn is coming up nicely and is looking

good and hope it will make a good yield.

Our school will close this week, and if we are any judge, we have had the best term that has been taught for us in many years. The Butler boys are nice young men, and as teachers, we do not hesitate to recommend them to any school.

Walling & Smith are ready to commence cutting timber. They made a test yesterday and everything worked nicely. We are sure they intend to do a big business, as they have three whis-

tles attached to the boiler.—one each for themselves and one for the fireman.

Miss Mollie Parker and Mrs. Charlie Parker visited relatives at Silver Creek yesterday.

Stokes Carpenter and sister, Miss Birdie, of Enon community, visited S. T. Parker's family today.

C. E. Brooks and family have removed to their new home near town. Clem Smith has moved to the place where Mr. Brooks lived. We hate for Charlie to leave us. He is a good man and neighbor, but our loss is Grape-land's gain.



### THE FARMERS' SHOT AT KAISERISM IS MAXIMUM CROPS

Written for the Texas Food and Feed Production Campaign by C. A. Whittle

Upon those whom the United States has not called from the farm, rests a great obligation of feeding and clothing the liberty armies of the world. The greater the crops the harder the armies will be able to strike.

What can hinder the farmer from making maximum crops? Will it be a lack of market and a good price? No, the market and price prospects are good.

Will it be for lack of money or credit with which to buy tools, seeds, fertilizers or other necessary supplies? No, money is plentiful and credit is good.

Will it be for lack of labor? Labor is scarce without doubt. In fact, the shortage of labor is practically the only great obstacle the farmer has to meet in producing maximum crops. If he could have abundance of labor he could increase the cultivated acreage and by proper fertilization he could bring in a very great crop. But in view of the lack of labor what must he do?

He can do two things to overcome the labor shortage: First, increase the applications of fertilizers, which will increase the yield without enlarging the cultivated acreage. Second, use labor saving machinery.

But overcoming the labor shortage is not all that is necessary to obtain maximum crops. Here is a schedule of important things that must be done by every farmer to get maximum crops:

1. Break the land deeply turning under all stalks, stubble and litter possible.

2. Harrow, roll and pulverize the seed bed thoroughly before planting.

3. Use only the best possible seed, preferably pedigreed seed, from a responsible plant breeder.

4. Make liberal use of fertilizers, and use manure whenever obtainable to supplement the fertilizers.

5. Give thorough and frequent cultivation to the tilled crops, preferably shallow and frequent cultivation.

6. Harvest sparingly and protect the stored crops from pests. While it is true that everything the farmer has to buy is high in price, it is also true that whatever the farmer has to sell is also high in price. The fertilizer people figure out that their products have not advanced in price as much as the price of crops, and that as a matter of fact, cotton, corn, peanuts, tobacco and the like will buy more fertilizer now than ever. Which being true it follows that it will pay better now to use it than formerly, for the increase for which they are responsible will be worth more.

Another thing that the farmer must bear in mind if he would be sure to raise a bumper crop and that is, to place his orders early for everything that is to be shipped by rail. The railroads are hard put to it and do not afford assurance of prompt shipments. Orders placed late are more than likely to be too late to be delivered in time.

Even if shipping were good, there would be nothing gained by delay. Prices are not likely to be lower. In fertilizers, especially there is a scarcity of materials and advancing prices, making it improbable that the fertilizer will be cheaper.

### PERCILLA

BY JAMES R.

March 24.—There is still a few cases of measles in this community. We have always heard that seeing was believing, but feeling was a sure thing; so we have felt the pangs of the measles. We don't know whether we had it very bad or not; anyway, we grunted so loud and often our neighbors had compassion on us, and on the 7th instant they came in 27 strong with 25 teams and plows, and if you want to know how we felt, just imagine you and all of your folks sick and it corn planting time and not a furrow run. That's as near as we can tell you just how we felt. We will always be thankful to our friends and neighbors for the kindness shown us during this siege of sickness.

Miss Glennie Bush of Palestine, who has been visiting relatives here the past week, left Saturday for Chester to visit her parents.

Mrs. Robert Bobbitt of Grape-land, is visiting relatives here.

A. K. Lively, John Tyer, Jube Thornton and Ernest Nard hiked to the Neches river bottom Friday in search of squirrels. All they killed, they brought back in the car, and it wasn't crowded badly, either.

Bennie Mitchell and family are visiting relatives in Cherokee county.

Clyde Dennis and wife are visiting relatives near Denson Springs.

Seth Fitchett of Camp Travis, came home to see his parents a few days last week.

Miss Lila Dennis, who has been teaching school at Waneta, has returned home. The school closed on account of measles and whooping cough.

Misses Ruth Branch and Lola Dennis are spending today with homefolks. They say they are getting along nicely with their schools.

### FOR TAX ASSESSOR

John H. Ellis authorizes his announcement this week for reelection to the office of Tax Assessor of Houston county, an office which he has held for several years with marked efficiency. Mr. Ellis believes that his past experience better enables him to fill this office in future with even greater ability than in the past. He is thoroughly familiar with every detail of the office, and in recent years many road and school districts have been created and other special taxes voted, which requires the attention of one familiar with the details. He will appreciate your support and asks that you give his candidacy fair consideration before committing yourself to another.

Keep the bowels active and the digestion good if you would enjoy health. A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters whenever such disorders appear will keep you on the right road. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

## 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.**

**Torn Flesh,** Wounds, Sores, Scalds, Cuts, Burns and Bruises, should be treated promptly. If neglected, they become troublesome and hard to heal.

### BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT

Is a Healing Remedy of Power

It mends lacerated flesh speedily, prevents the formation of pus, and in all minor ailments heals without leaving a scar. As a pain relief for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Lame Back, Stiff Neck, Sore Muscles, there is nothing that acts more promptly or effectively.

Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle

JAS. F. BALLARD, Proprietor ST. LOUIS, MO.

FOR SALE BY D. N. LEAVERTON

# SPRING STYLES

**Y**OUR Home Tailor knows the styles and he takes a delight in making his customers look like they have just stepped off of Broadway. And the customers who have patronized the shop in the past are the strongest friends we have right now. Tell us what you want in the way of clothing, and we will give you quick service, correct information and a square deal. Your old clothing will be made to look new if you will bring it to this shop. Let us serve you.

## CLEWIS

THE TAILOR

### John Spence

Lawyer

Crockett, : : : : Texas

Office Upstairs over Monzingo Millinery Store

### 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

### ABSTRACTS

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

### C. C. OFFICER

Veterinarian

Telephone Goodson Hotel or

Drug Stores

### FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS

FOR RHEUMATISM KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

### GOVERNOR SIGNS PRO BILL

Austin, Texas, March 21.—Statutory prohibition is now the law of Texas. Governor Hobby signed the statewide bill at his office in the capitol Thursday afternoon. By his act Texas will go into the dry column on the 25th day of June of this year. By affixing his signature to the measure, Governor Hobby has put the finishing touch to the most important chapter of the prohibition fight in Texas; assuming that the law will be upheld as constitutional.

The message of approval by Governor Hobby, given out with the signing of the bill, is as follows:

"I approve this act, believing it is, under the conditions which prevail now, a contribution to that policy which will help to win the war and which subordinates everything else to that one thing. The president of the United States has by proclamation forbidden the manufacture of whiskey in the United States. Authorized by congress, the secretary of war has forbidden the sale of liquor to soldiers. The state of Texas has forbidden the sale of liquor to soldiers and forbidden the sale of liquor to any person within 10 miles of any place where soldiers are stationed.

"When the soldiers, who have taken their lives in their own hands to fight our battles, are put under a restriction with reference to the sale of intoxicating liquor in time of war, is it not fair for civilians to put themselves under the same restriction? To uphold the hands of our president it is imperative in time of war to adopt prohibition for soldiers. To uphold the hands of the secretary of war, who has placed more than 200,000 soldiers for training in Texas, it is necessary to prohibit the sale of liquor within 10 miles of these soldiers, leaving but little territory within the state where the sale of liquor is permitted.

"The object I had in view in submitting liquor legislation to the legislature at this time was to protect the soldiers, but the legislature in its wisdom has seen fit to include the whole state; therefore, to prevent discrimination and to cause whatever sacrifice is involved to be more evenly distributed than is provided in the zone law, I approve the act adopting prohibition for all, leaving the question of constitutionality, which many lawyers have raised, to be determined by the courts."

"The Houston Daily Sunday Post one year by mail for \$5.99; without Sunday, \$3.99. This is the Post's Annual Bargain Offer, and is good from March 15th to March 31st only—17 days. Send in your order at once. Address: The Houston Post, Houston, Texas." 4-t2

### BEEES FOR SALE

15 large, thrifty colonies, in nicely painted box hives with supers; will begin swarming in two weeks. A bargain at \$4.50 each, here.

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W. T. Pridden.

### 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.

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J. W. Howard.

### FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS

FOR RHEUMATISM KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

### FOR COMMISSIONER

R. T. Murchison authorizes his announcement this week as a candidate for re-election to the office of Commissioner of Precinct No. 2, subject to the action of the democratic primary. Mr. Murchison was elected two years ago and is completing his first term. He has made a good officer and has devoted a considerable portion of his time to the office, doing the things he thought best for the welfare of the county. He solicits your support in the coming election, and promises the same fidelity to duty in the future as in the past.

### A Tribute of Respect and Friendship

The unexpected death of Miss Cina Wall of Augusta, on March 19, 1918, most forcibly emphasizes the uncertain and precarious tenure we hold on life. In the enjoyment of robust health, in the pride of vigorous womanhood, she was cut off like a flower in full bloom. Her sun went down before its setting—"not darkened, but no longer seen." She quietly and peacefully glided away from among her earthly labors to life beyond, "where the rainbow never fades and where the stars are spread out like the many islands that slumber on the sea."

Cina was the youngest daughter of Mr. W. H. Wall. She was cheerful, happy and optimistic—always facing adversities and misfortunes bravely and smilingly. She was the one in the family who was ever resplendent with cheerfulness, happiness and kindness. Her life was an exemplification of devotion to duty, purity and implicit faith in God. He, in His infinite wisdom, saw fit to deprive us of her association as a means of enriching the celestial habitation of those who have already hurried to "that bourne from whence no traveler returns."

One sentiment pervades and depresses us all. It is that of sincere sorrow at the departure of this splendid girl. Yet, she is not wholly dead, for as the poet has appropriately said—

"Life is real, life is earnest,  
And the grave is not its goal;  
Dust thou art, to dust returneth  
Was not spoken of the soul."

She lives in our affectionate remembrance and esteem, in the efficient services she has rendered and the good she accomplished. Our bereavement and remembrance was not shut up in the tomb, for the memorials of a true Christian character are graven indelibly in the hearts of mankind.

We mourn her loss as a splendid girl, a loving daughter, a sweet, kind and attentive sister and a devout Christian. The one great solace in these hours of sorrow, is that our deprivation is heaven's gain. As the light of a quenched star comes down to us for years after it is extinguished, so the memory of her noble and exemplary life will linger in sweetness forever in the hearts of her many friends.

FRIEND.

Rapid heart throbbing does not necessarily mean heart disease; generally it is caused by a disordered stomach. Prove it for yourself by taking Prickly Ash Bitters; if the stomach is at fault the heart symptoms will quickly disappear. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

## 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

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### Notice of Election for School Trustees for Common School District No. 38.

The State of Texas, County of Houston—To all whom this may concern:

It is hereby ordered, and notice is hereby given, that there will be held an election on Saturday, the 6th day of April, A.D. 1918, at the Livelyville school building, in common school district No. 38, for the purpose of electing 3 (three) trustees for said common school district No. 38, in said county, to serve for the ensuing term.

The polls at said election shall be opened at 8 o'clock a. m. and shall not be closed before 6 p. m.

L. T. Pate,  
President of Board of School Trustees, Common School District No. 38, Houston County, Texas.

irregular bowel movements should be corrected, as they lead to chronic constipation. Take a dose of Prickly Ash Bitters at bed time. You will get its beneficial effect after breakfast next morning. It empties the stomach and bowels and makes you feel fit for the day's work. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

### 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

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A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

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

THURSDAY, MAR. 28, 1918



--- This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war-----

**HELPING THE KAISER**

From the number of elevators burned, mills destroyed and other property made victims of the torch, there are apparently quite a few left in this country desirous of helping Kaiser Bill win the war. But they have overlooked a number of other means which can be used in aiding Prussianism. We do not believe there is one in this community, but if there is, we suggest a few ways in which he can help defeat America in the war:

Don't work. If you have to work part of the time, keep jumping from one job to another.

Get to work late, so that your output will be small and your tools will lie idle. If too wet or too dry, don't think of going to work at all.

Kick, no matter what kind of a job you have.

Gossip all you can, as that not only kills your own but another's time. Waste all the time you can.

Never do more than you have to, and when you see a man take off his coat and work, howl at him and call him "a sucker."

Don't buy a Liberty bond or invest in war saving stamps, but howl about the rich making too much money.

Stick a war saving stamp on your card and help lick the kaiser.

Take the slack out of slackers by investing in war saving stamps.

Are you an American, or are you just living over here? Prove it by purchasing war saving stamps.

After a fellow has grown used to corn bread and has come to know its goodness, he wonders why they ever wasted corn in making whiskey.

The French are pleased with the accuracy of the American gunners, but from what we understand, the Huns don't think very much of it.

We would like to have our GrapeLand boys understand that if they tend a garden or raise a pig, they are shooting at the Germans with as big a gun as their older brothers.

Another very beautiful little song now going the rounds, runs like this:

"Hush little Thrift Stamp, don't you cry,  
You'll be a War Stamp, bye and bye."

If our local merchants are the right sort of men (and we feel sure they are) give them your patronage. They need your support to succeed, and successful merchants are factors in the prosperity and growth of our community.

What would become of the local market for produce if every citizen in the community bought their goods from mail order houses? Who pays the taxes to support our schools and to build our roads? Is it the mail order baron in Chicago?

In the darkest night we may hope for the dawn of a new day, and we do not hope in vain. When the storm clouds hide the sun's bright face, we know that the sun still shines and that those clouds will pass away. Looking on the bright side of everything will always help to drive the blues away.

An appeal has been made that the patriotic citizens of America donate their old clothes to the destitute Belgians. It is a worthy charity and the snake editor feels in his innermost soul an impulse to heed the call. He would certainly fall in line and give his old clothes to the Belgians were it not for the fact that should he do so, he would be arrested the first time that he appeared on the streets. Thus it is that the stern mandates of the law often prevent philanthropic designs from being carried into execution.

The merchant who keeps his advertising on the move; the one who has a real business story to tell and tells it well; the one who when he has real bargains to offer lets the people of his community know about them through his local newspaper advertising, can not help but increase his business. And what is equally important—to the newspaper—his advertisements will grow too. Thus everybody in the community is benefitted when the country publisher is called upon to do a little extra work keeping the advertisements "on the move."—Ex.

"Smash that damnable Hun proaganda and we will smash the German line," says Gen. Pershing. Pershing is on the front line in France. He knows what he is talking about. He knows that the hardest enemy we have to fight is the German proaganda in the United States. All this talk and newspaper dispatches about economic collapse in Germany, about the German people being tired of the war, about mutinies in the German army and navy and labor disputes and strikes, is absolute German proaganda in order to slow the United States in its war preparations and to break down the morale of our people at home. People, we must help our boys at the front. Believe nothing except a victory won at the point of the bayonet. When public sentiment in the United States gets to the point where it will demand that the slackers be interned and the traitors be shot peremptorily, then we will be ready to win this war.—San Saba News.

If soldiers are willing to serve in the trenches, to dig ditches, build railroads and risk their lives, many civilians can well afford to spare a part of their time to serve in the furrows and in the harvest fields.—Ex.

# EASTER

And the all important question—

## WHAT TO WEAR?

There are many, many attractive things at this store in the way of wearing apparel for men, women, boys, girls, kids and kiddos. Won't you come in one day this week and complete your Easter purchases? : : : : : : : :

### Sunday is Easter

#### Ladies' Ready-to-Wear

Never before was a complete assortment of Ladies Classy Clothes assembled in a town the size of ours. And the wonderful part about it is that despite the many adverse conditions, prices are extra reasonable. The line includes--

Silk Dresses	Tailored Skirts	Silk Blouses
Voile Waists	Tailored Suits	Stylish Coats
Gingham Dresses	Silk Underwear	Brassieres
Middies	Muslin Underwear	Corsets

Our showing of Ladies Low Shoes and Boots rivals any line in East Texas. Here are Baby Dolls, Lace Oxfords, Colonial Pumps and Sport Oxfords in a number of leathers. The price range is great--

\$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and up to \$7.50

#### Men's Toggery

Men's Clothes are here with all the snap and "go" that the season's style afford. The suits are shown in pleasing styles, including the new military models. The Shoes, Shirts and Hats are sparkling with spring

Styleplus Clothes	Silk Shirts	Perfecto Shirts
Selecto Shirts	Easter Ties	Athletic Underwear
Silk Socks	Florsheim Shoes	Belts
Stetson Hats	Panama Hats	Pep Caps

The men's Shoe Styles center around Florsheims. Yet there are other good numbers in all leathers and styles in high and low shoes beginning as low as

\$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 and up to \$10.00

#### Big Boys and Little Boys

The boys are remembered at this store. Our lines of Boys Suits, Hats, Shirts, Caps, Suspenders, Shoes and in fact everything a boy wears is in evidence here in high quality merchandise. We especially recommend

#### WOOLLY BOY CLOTHES

Guaranteed not to rip.

#### Misses and Girls

Girls that are hard to fit and equally as hard to please do not fail to find their heart's desire in our lines of Misses Clothing. This line includes dresses, underwear, shoes, slippers, hosiery, and most everything else a girl wears.

#### The Tiny Tots

Ages between two and five are always neglected but not so at this store. Our line of Kiddy Clothes is as serviceable as it is cute. Kiddy Caps and Hats, Play Suits, Overalls, Dresses.

#### Spring Millinery

The popularity of this department is rapidly growing in favor. This was evidenced by your hearty approval on opening date. We are endeavoring to have all the new things in hats all the time and have due now two big shipments of pattern hats from eastern style centers.

Visit this Department daily

# GEORGE E. DARSEY

THE "SERVICE FIRST" STORE

**LOCAL NEWS**

Parts for Ford's at Darsey's. 1

Try Wherry for dry goods. 5tf

RUMY-B-TISM—Antiseptic, Relieves Rheumatism, Sprains, Neuralgia, etc.

Buy your next bill of shoes from Wherry. 5-tf

You can find parts for your Ford car at Darsey's. 1

Peyton Gamage and wife of Elkhart, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

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

Clyde Davis of Kingsville, is here on a visit to his parents and other relatives.

**To Autoists**

You will find the best lubricating oil and grease at Hughes & Son's garage. 52-tf

Earl Howard of Company E, 143rd Texas Infantry, Camp Bowie, has been here on a visit to his parents.

**Eggs for Sale**

Rhode Island Red eggs, per setting \$1.50. Mrs. R. B. Edens, Union phone. 2-tf

Dick Murchison and Chas. and Homer Jones made an overland trip to Carthage the latter part of last week.

**Syrup for Sale**

Pure ribbon cane syrup for sale. See or phone R. B. Edens, Union phone. 2-tf

**Catarrh Cannot Be Cured**  
with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Cure was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Cure is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. All Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Mexican Hats at Darsey's. 1

Bring your eggs to Wherry. 5tf

Star Brand shoes cost less per month. McLean & Riall. 1

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

Phone batteries at McLean & Riall's. 1

W. R. Wherry made a business trip to Marshall the first of the week.

Big lot of the newest Stetson's at Darsey's. 1

Nat Patton was here Saturday meeting the people and pressing his claims for county judge.

Oscar Dennis of Percilla was here Monday morning and went down to Crockett on business matters.

Porch swings, kitchen cabinets, all-cotton mattresses, at bargain prices.

1 Keeland Bros.

**PEANUT HAY WANTED**

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

J. W. HOWARD.

Mrs. Laura Goodson returned home Friday from Bangs, Texas, being called there on account of the accidental death of her brother-in-law, Bill Scarborough.

**NOTICE**

My full blood Jersey male, will make the season in my pasture; service fee, \$1.50.

1t J. A. Bean.

I am in the market for all your speckled peas; also will buy fresh butter in block. Highest market prices paid.

5-tf J. W. Howord.

**NOTICE**

I have in charge the Jim Lively black Kentucky jack, and will make the season at my farm six miles northeast of Grapeland. Terms:—\$10 to insure foal. This jack is a fine young fellow.

5-tf George Garner.

See us for 4-burner oil stoves. 1 Keeland Bros.

**Eggs for Sale**

Pure bred Silverlace Wyandotte eggs, \$1.50 per setting of 15. 3-tf Mrs. J. P. Weatherred.

We pay highest prices for eggs, cash or trade, and sell you goods for less. 1 Keeland Bros.

G. M. Pridgen came in Saturday morning and went out to visit his daughter, Mrs. W. T. Pridgen.

**Strayed or Stolen**

One brown mare, about 14 1-2 or 15 hands high, branded R on left shoulder. Liberal reward for information leading to recovery. Notify

3-tf G. E. Darsey.

George Shaver returned Saturday morning from Longview, where he had been on business matters.

**NOTICE**

I will make the season of 1918 at my place with my black Spanish jack, 3 1-2 miles north-east of Grapeland. Fees, \$10. 5-t3p Eugene Lively.

Best grade corn meal, \$1.70, at Keeland Bros. 1

A big coast defense gun passed through Grapeland last Thursday afternoon on a freight train. It took up a whole flat car. The gun is 37 feet long and weighs 52 tons. It shoots a 12-inch shell.

**FOR SALE**

Maxwell 5-passenger car in good condition; can be seen at Hughes garage. Will sell or trade for cattle.

1t J. M. Page.

**NOTICE**

To whom this may concern:—All persons having hogs running on my place are notified to pen them, or they will be dealt with as the law directs.

1t S. T. Parker.

When you retire Saturday night, don't forget to turn your clock forward one hour—but remember you must get up an hour earlier the next morning.

**LOST**

Gold vanity box and chain. Lost between Leaverton's drug store and Kennedy Bros. Finder leave at Messenger office and receive reward. 1

The contract for Crockett's new school building has been let to Jopling Bros. of Corsicana. The contracts, including the plant for steam heating, cover \$60,000. The contractors will be on the ground and ready to begin work soon.—Crockett Courier.

Miss Arline Howard, who is teaching at Carthage, spent Sunday and Monday here visiting her parents. She was accompanied by her friend, Miss Young.

**NOTICE**

On and after April 1, I will be in my office Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week, until further notice.

5-t4 C.L.Cromwell, D.D.S.

Mrs. M. D. Murchison has returned home from Houston, where she has been the past three weeks in a sanitarium, undergoing a slight operation.

**NOTICE**

Taken up on the 12th day of March at my place, one black, unmarked boar. Owner can have same by calling for him.

1t W. H. Holcomb, Jr., Augusta, Texas.

**BIDS WANTED**

Bids will be received up to April 15, 1918, for carrying the mail on the Augusta and Grapeland Star Route. Successful bidder will be required to carry mail in a car. Apply to postmaster either at Augusta, Percilla or Grapeland. 1t

**Make your dollars count**



Allow us to help furnish your home and supply you with the most useful articles obtainable without additional cost to you.

YOU GET FULL VALUE FOR THE MONEY SPENT WITH US AND AT THE SAME TIME WE GIVE YOU THESE VALUABLE COUPONS.

**We have a new plan**

GET A NEW CATALOGUE and begin now to save your coupons and certificates.

HONESTY AND QUALITY

**The Peoples Drug Store**

WADE L. SMITH

**War Time Spirit**

A panicky man is a curse to his community, whereas a sane, practical and courageous man is a decided blessing. Can't you be that kind in your community?

Don't get panicky yourself and don't let others get that way. Not for the sake of yourself, but for the sake of the community which is one of the units that make up the nation

Some people think that all the money should be hoarded, because it is time of war; that the old home will do; that repairs and upkeep can wait until the war is over; that it is sinful to spend; that terrible times are coming, and we should preserve all our resources for those times.

**You're Wrong, Brother, Dead Wrong**

Remember it is cheaper and more practical to paint and repair at frequent intervals. "A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE."

It is the money that is spent, not the money that is hoarded, that is going to make prosperity in this land. There is no cause for blues, no excuse for pessimism. Pessimism is wrong thinking, and we have too many pestiferous gloom dispensers now. Think optimism, prosperity, normality, happiness, if you want to help

**Win This War**

**T. H. Leaverton Lumber Company**

Thrift Stamps for Sale at Our Office

**Some Unusual Bargains**

**Note the Following List:**

- NEW 1918 FORD - \$650.00  
(Never used, Deluxe four passenger body, Never-leak top, Stewart vacuum feed gas tank in rear. A real car.)
- NEW 1918 FORD TOURING CAR - \$540.00
- 1917 FORD TOURING CAR - \$425.00  
(Good shape—worth more money.)
- 1916 FORD TOURING CAR - \$325.00  
(Mechanically good, top torn)
- 1917 MAXWELL TOURING CAR - \$575.00  
(Bumper, new tires, used short while, and a dandy car.)
- 1916 MAXWELL TOURING CAR - \$500.00  
(Driven 5000 miles only, in fine shape, well cared for. A bargain.)
- 1917 DODGE BROS. TOURING CAR - \$700.00  
(It will sell on sight)
- 1917 CHEVROLET TOURING CAR - \$500.00  
(Run about 250 miles, cost \$750.00)
- 1916 CHEVROLET TOURING CAR - \$250.00  
(A cheap little car; will run)

The above list may change any minute. All cars guaranteed in good running order and as described and worth more than we ask.

Come in and Look them Over and you will Buy

Will sell on part cash, balance terms with good notes.

**EAST TEXAS MOTOR CO.**  
CROCKETT, TEXAS

**REYNARD**

BY ZACK

March 25.—Things are not very flattering for the farmer and it has been a haphazard business—a cold wave, then a warm one. Those who planted corn and hit the warm weather right, have a good stand. Some cotton has been planted. Labor is very scarce, but we are all working on the job.

Some of us want to go fishing mighty bad but can not turn loose. Tom Kent went down to the creek Friday night and drowned a few worms but only caught a little terapin, and he said he fished faithfully until 11 o'clock.

We heard some terrible war news yesterday morning; heard that 15,000 Americans had been captured. We did not believe it; they might have been killed, but did not believe they would be taken prisoners. G. B. Kent and others went to Grapeland to get

the papers, and from reports they are having a warm time over there on both sides.

Mrs. West is having a tussle with the measles.

Mrs. C. R. Taylor and children and Mrs. Kerr and daughter of Grapeland, are spending the week with Mrs. O. M. Rials, and were visitors at Sunday school; also Miss Florence Pennington and little niece, Susie Pennington, were visitors. They came from Jack Beazley's, where they, with Mrs. H.A. Pennington, were spending the day.

From all accounts G. B. Kent will be the first to eat new potatoes, and the writer bids fair to eat the first English peas.

Jack Beazley has learned two things since owning a car. One is that they are a liability as well as an asset; the other is they will not run bottom side up.

Ory D. Heath and wife of Madisonville, visited relatives here Sunday, returning home Monday morning.

# WHAT THE RED CROSS IS DOING AND WHAT YOU CAN DO

## CIVILIAN RELIEF DEPARTMENT.

More than 400 Home Service Sections in the Red Cross Chapters of the Southwestern Division are now helping the families of our soldiers and sailors to solve the many problems which are daily arising. They are thus sustaining the morale of our fighting men. No chapter is now considered complete if it is without a Home Service Section, which is in sympathetic touch with all the needs of its families and with the newest methods of meeting these needs.

Every ship in our navy carries a bulletin stating that the Red Cross Chapter back home will assist the men on board by caring for their families, and thus relieving their minds from worry; likewise in the various camps, bulletins are posted and Red Cross Field Directors are stationed so as to make this service sure and effective between the camp and the Red Cross Chapter at home.

The problems which are presenting themselves are numerous and difficult. Problems which would ordinarily arise in peace times are now enlarged by the absence of one or more of the members of the family and are made more complicated by war conditions. Not only is relief needed in many cases, but prompt advice and information is of tremendous concern to these families. Mails would be flooded, the work of military and federal authorities would be hampered, and families would be in anxiety and distress were it not for the fact that Home Service Sections of the Red Cross have established an information service to answer all questions. Among other things, they are equipped with accurate information regarding the rates of pay of various classes of enlisted men, the proper form of addressing mail to them, the condition of discharged men and the provision for after-care of disabled men, the proper procedure for securing allotments and allowances, the protection of civil rights of men in the service, rules and regulations in connection with the soldiers and sailors of our allies, the shipment and burial of deceased men, and a multitude of other matters which are so vital to the comfort and welfare of the family. Every new law and regulation is promptly communicated to the Home Service Sections. Most of these sections include one or more lawyers who can give advice on the most technical questions.

Recently a group of attorneys in Washington has been watching government reports on the death or injury of soldiers and sailors and writing to the nearest relative for the purpose of securing a fee as attorney or claim agent. The Bureau of War Risk Insurance has announced that it will not be necessary to consult or employ an attorney, claim agent or other person to secure the benefits to which a family is entitled under the law of Oct. 6, 1917. The Civilian Relief Department of the Southwestern Division, anticipating the activities of unpatriotic lawyers and claim agents, advised all of its Home Service Sections several months ago to prepare themselves for this kind of service, and the sections have announced to their respective communities that they are prepared to give the families all necessary information should death or injury occur to a loved one. The Home Service Section can tell what financial compensation will be made to the family, how it can be obtained and will supply the necessary forms on which to make application. Thus every dollar to which the family is entitled for the government will be received by them and not spent for unnecessary attorney's or claim agents' fees.

ALFRED FAIRBANK,  
Director Civilian Relief,  
1617 Railway Exchange,  
St. Louis.

## 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 Representative:  
E. Winfree.
- For County Judge:  
Nat Patton.  
S. A. Denny.
- For Sheriff:  
Preston Lively.  
E. B. (Bud) Hale.  
R. J. (Bob) Spence.
- For Tax Assessor:  
Will McLean.  
John H. Ellis. (Re election)
- For County Road Superintendent:  
G. R. Murchison.
- For County Treasurer:  
Willie Robison.  
Ney Sheridan. (Re-election)  
Mike McCarty.
- For Tax Collector:  
C W Butler Jr. (Re-election)
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 1  
J. S. Long.
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 2  
R. T. Murchison.  
(Re-election)
- For County Supt. Public Schools:  
J. N. Snell
- Constable Precinct No. 2:  
Will Brumley.

**It Will Pay You**  
to become a regular advertiser in  
**= This Paper =**

## FOR COMMISSIONER

We call your attention to the name of J. S. Long of Augusta, in the regular announcement column this week, who comes before the voters of Precinct No. 1, as a candidate for Commissioner, subject to the will of the voters in the democratic primary.

Mr. Long has resided in Houston county a number of years and is one of the prominent farmers of the Augusta community. He is well qualified in every respect to discharge the duties of the office, and promises if elected to give his undivided attention to the duties of this office. He respectfully solicits the support and influence of the people of this precinct, and we commend his candidacy to their careful consideration.

## War Saving Societies

Local speakers will visit Antrim Thursday night and Percilla Friday night, this week, to organize war saving societies. The people of these two communities are respectfully requested to attend these meetings.

## When Men Learn to Farm

There is hope for those who understand that there is something new to learn about farming every day. Those who have eyes to see and see, those who have ears to hear and hear, learn something useful every day in the field. To such farmers farming is a great opportunity to serve. They earn as they learn and deserve as they serve.

But the man who feels that there is nothing to learn, does not realize how little he knows of the soil's secrets. He has no foundation and will never learn. —Farm and Ranch.



A woman may always help her husband by what she knows, however little; by what she half-knows, or mis-knows, she will only tease him.—Ruskin.

## LESS MEAT IN OUR DIET.

It is no doubt true that the majority of people buy for food the things that appeal to the purse and appetite rather than buying with reference to the nutritive value of food, and this in spite of the fact that papers, magazines, lecturers and food experts are daily bringing before us the importance of food supply. Meat is a popular food because of its flavor, due to certain substances, called extractives. These extractives are in no sense nutritious, but have a stimulating effect upon the appetite and digestive organs, so that they are valuable aids in the digestion of foods. Too much meat eating, however, dulls the taste for milder, less highly flavored foods, as candy spoils the appetite of the child for plain bread and butter.

One reason for the popularity of meats, such as steaks and chops, is that they may be cooked and served in a few minutes. Meat being the main dish, other things having secondary importance, helps to solve the everyday problem of what to have for dinner.

If the purse is ample there is no reason why we should exclude meat from our tables; but once a day for dinner is often enough to serve. In many experiments carried on by students it has been shown that a decrease of meat to one-sixth of the usual amount has made an actual increase in their capacity for physical endurance.

Our faith in the strengthening property of meat has no doubt come down to us from our ancestors who from necessity lived largely on meat.

We know by observation and statistics that the amount of meat consumed in our country is gradually being reduced and everybody concerned is better in health for such restrictions.

The foods which may take the place of meat supplying the body with all that it needs to repair waste and give heat and energy, are milk, eggs, cheese, nuts and peas and beans. By using these foods and cutting down the meat allowance the health will be better and the purse heavier.

*Nellie Maxwell*

## Slight Mistake.

"Get my kit quick," boomed the doctor. "Some fellow telephones in a dying voice that he can't live without me."

"Just a moment," interposed his wife. "That call is for daughter, dear."

## Discernment.

"I don't think women have a sense of humor," said the man with opinions.

"Most of us," replied Miss Cayenne, "have the very highest sense of humor. We know when not to laugh."

## Just So.

"What do you think? Here's young Flitters got so confused when he went after a marriage license that he got a dog license instead."

"Merely natural instinct. Told you it was a case of puppy love."

## In Good Odor.

"They are certainly using all kinds of devices to save time and effort."

"Yes, I was in an office today where they were sending all sorts of papers about the building in aromatic tubes."

## A Misnomer.

"Why do you object to the way I speak of the way the young man attires himself who calls on me, pa?"

"Well, when he once sits down I don't know that it is correct to allude in any way to his general getup."

## Natural Query.

"There are some side dishes I am very fond of, but which we never get at our boarding house. We never have tongue there."

"No women boarders at all?"

## A Student.

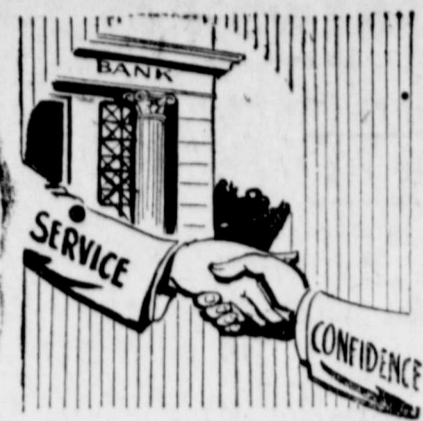
"Did you ever study so hard you couldn't sleep?"

"I have," replied Uncle Hayfoot. "I've stayed up all night many a time learnin' new dances."

## Mean Retort.

"The man who marries me must do so for my inner qualities."

"Don't be worried, dear. Nobody is going to take you at your face value."



## WE OFFER OUR SERVICE

as financial experts to all our depositors. They can accept our advice with confidence that we have their best interests in view. Such service is of practical and financial value. We invite its constant use in any financial or business matter. Call and learn how varied this service is.

## Farmers & Merchants State Bank

## FOR REPRESENTATIVE

It is with pleasure that The Messenger presents to the voters of Houston county the name of Judge E. Winfree for Representative, who has consented to make the race after being urged to do so by his many friends from every section of the county. Judge Winfree's candidacy is subject to the action of the democratic primary.

Anything we might say concerning the judge would not be information for the people, because his life is an open book, and he is known by practically every man, woman and child in the county. He has been our judge for many years, and the people know that he has always been faithful, honest and sincere in his dealings and has efficiently handled the business affairs of the county. He is now growing old, yet he is full of life and very active for a man of his age, and if elected to the legislature, would fill the place with honor to himself and credit to his constituency. Then, too, Judge Winfree belongs to the "thin, gray line" that is now fast disappearing. He is an ex-Confederate soldier with a noble record. Wouldn't it be fitting for the peo-

ple of Houston county, after his many years of faithful service to them, to elect him to this position of honor and trust that he might pass his remaining days in peace and quiet, knowing full well that he enjoys the confidence and esteem of his people? We commend his candidacy to your earnest consideration.

## Can You Sew?

Mrs. Eleanor Kennedy, matron of the local chapter of the Red Cross, informs us that the list of sewers is growing smaller all the time, and she requests us to send out an appeal to the ladies who can and will donate a few hours each week to this worthy cause. The need of garments, bandages and Red Cross supplies of every kind, is becoming more apparent every day. It has come to the point where the ladies of this community must look the situation squarely in the face and resolve to give a portion of their time to the cause of freedom. See Mrs. Kennedy at once, and notify her what evenings you can meet with the chapter to do your bit.

Ney Sheridan and family of Crockett, visited relatives here Sunday.

## PURE DRUGS

## ACCURATELY COMPOUNDED

That's the service we give when we compound your prescriptions. . . . .

## OUR MOTTO IS QUALITY FIRST

When you are sick you need the best. When we compound your prescriptions the best to be had is yours. Every prescription filled by us is filled by a registered pharmacist. Every prescription we fill is compounded with drugs of the highest purity. . . . .

## LEAVERTON'S THE LEADING DRUG STORE

**WHEN YOU ARE CONSTIPATED**

Don't paralyze the bowels with a harsh, drastic cathartic that gripes and binds you up tighter after its effect is gone. Take

**PRICKLY ASH BITTERS**

It does the work just as thoroughly as the strong cathartics. Yet it acts mildly and naturally, and what is still better, it leaves the bowels in a healthy state promoting regularity in the bowel movements.

Sold by Druggists and Dealers in Medicine.

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

WADE L SMITH

The person who stands on the street corner looking around for something to gossip about or to find fault with, can always find what he is looking for. But what a life he lives. His soul shrivels and withers until it is shown in his manner and looks. For such a person life has lost its savor. It becomes sour, misanthropic, whining. He passes from bad to worse and sees no good in anybody.—Ex.

**Great Opportunity for Young Ladies and Young Men**

The demand for telegraph operators was never so great as at the present time. The government demand has taken large numbers of operators out of their former places. Railroads are sending men out to get more operators, and are offering special inducements. Several different railway companies have offered to place every graduate Tyler Commercial College can furnish, in fact they tried to get our promise to let them place every graduate on their lines. The largest telegraph school in America—equipped with wire of a main line railroad, all telegraph and freight blanks and books of record, tickets, and in fact everything just as complete as found in the best equipped railroad offices, the best practical teachers to be obtained, thoroughly experienced in commercial and railway telegraphy, station and freight work—the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, is unable to supply the demands of the railroads, Western Union and Postal telegraph companies for operators. Just received a message from a leading railway company reading: "Can you furnish us with all the operators we need, we furnishing them with free transportation over our line from nearest points?" Just as surely as you complete our course of telegraphy and station work, just so surely will we place you in a good position. The same is true where our course of bookkeeping, shorthand, cotton classing or business administration and finance is completed.

Write for free catalogue. Our telegraph students are on all the leading southwestern roads, and

in Western Union and Postal telegraph offices. Our graduates of other departments are holding high positions in the commercial world. With our help you can be a big success. Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Tex.

**ROCKHILL**

BY NORMAN

March 25.—Sim Finch and wife of New Prospect community, visited the home of N. V. Streetman Saturday and Sunday.

School closed Friday afternoon. It was taught by Harold Mitchell of Elkhart, and Miss Ola Willis of this community. The former left Friday at noon for his home. We had a fine and interesting program this last Friday night, which will be our last until next term of school. A nice crowd was present.

G. L. Streetman visited his



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Order the famous Fertilizers with the red bag printed on the bag.

**Kennedy Brothers**

homefolks and friends the latter part of last week.

We enjoy very much to read the letters from H. A. Tyer.

Rev. C. A. Campbell filled his regular appointment here last Sunday. A large congregation was present.

Misses Ola and Ludie Willis and brother, John, transacted business matters last Saturday in Crockett.

Prayer meeting and Sunday school are getting along nicely. However, we are not taking the interest that should be taken.

Miss Ruby Helm, who has been quite ill, is able to be up again. We think she is soon to return to Tyler to finish her course in the college. Mrs. R. M. Brooks is also able to be up at present.

Robert Little and wife visited their parents, C. M. Streetman and wife, Sunday.

Ed Gray and family visited at the home of H. M. Streetman Sunday.

Lusky Gray and wife visited at the home of A. H. Streetman Sunday.

Willis Hudnell and wife are the proud parents of a baby boy.

G. W. Langham and family of Hays Spring community, visited at the home of R. M. Brooks Saturday and Sunday.

**Free Seed for Farmers**

The Messenger has a lot of vegetable and flower seeds to be distributed free to farmers who call for them.

Constable R. E. Hendrix of Elkhart, was a Grapeland visitor Tuesday.

**COMING OPTICAL EXPERT**

from

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One of our experts will make regular visits here. Every pair of glasses guaranteed with a written guarantee.

We solicit the cases others fail to fit. Special attention given to children.

Remember, 90 per cent of all headaches are caused from some eye strain. Thousands of Nervous Troubles are relieved by glasses.

Beware of Peddlers and Traveling Vendors who have no permanent address, and not backed by a reliable company.

Kryptok Invisible Bifocals our specialty. Remember the date and call early. Next visit:

APRIL 8 GRAPELAND HOTEL ONE DAY ONLY

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to thank those who were so kind to us during the illness and death of our beloved daughter and sister, Cina. Also for the beautiful floral offerings.

- W. H. Wall.
- Chas. Wall.
- Joe Wall.
- Mamie Wall.
- Lulu Wall.
- Frank Wall.
- Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sims.
- J. D. Wall and family.
- Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Wall.

D. C. McCarter of the Jones School House community, was here Saturday trading. He stated that rain was badly needed in his community to speed up growing crops.

**"THANKS"**

**THIS SALE will continue only a few days GET BUSY NOW**

For the interest you are showing in our Dollar Saving Sale. The response to it shows that the people of Houston county mean to help win the war by saving, and this certainly is an opportunity. Everyone who has been here can testify to that. These are prices however, that in times when our country has not felt it a patriotic duty to save, would interest many of our most thoughtful families.

**BARGAINS! BARGAINS! Only 3 Days More of this REORGANIZATION Sale!**

**FOR EASTER**

REORGANIZATION SALE PRICES ON ALL

Men's Clothing, Hats, Shoes, Neckwear and Shirts

**FOR EASTER**

A new shipment of LADIES' WAISTS received for Easter. Also SKIRTS and Ladies' NECKWEAR all included in this wonder sale.

**Prices for Cash that Mean a Saving**

1 lot men's Blue serge suits, \$20.00 value, Easter price.....	<b>16.98</b>
1 lot assorted Palm Beach suits, \$10.00 values, now.....	<b>7.98</b>
1 lot assorted men's Palm Beach suits, special Easter price.....	<b>9.98</b>
1 lot men's English walking shoes, Easter price.....	<b>3.99</b>
1 lot men's Easter hats, \$3.50 quality, now.....	<b>2.69</b>
1 lot men's Easter hats, \$3.00 quality, now.....	<b>2.41</b>
1 lot men's Shirts for Easter, \$1.75 grade, now.....	<b>1.57</b>
1 lot EXTRA SPECIAL men's silk shirts, \$7 quality, Easter price.....	<b>5.98</b>
1 lot men's Kool Off suits, Easter price now.....	<b>5.48</b>

**A Saving Sale of Embroideries**

A complete variety of pretty embroideries which are so necessary to the trimming of summer undergarments; also laces, a big selection of the most popular kinds of lace and prettiest patterns, all at REDUCED PRICES.

**Bargains Are Ripe. Come in**

and pick yours. We do not hesitate to urge you to attend this sale for we know that you will see and realize as soon as you enter our store that it's just as we say at the store.

**W. H. Long & Co.**

GRAPELAND, TEXAS

Bring Your Eggs to us. They are Good in Trade

**A Few Sale Prices That Mean a Saving**

1 lot ladies waists, white organdy, at.....	<b>.99</b>
1 lot ladies waists, white voile, Easter special.....	<b>1.29</b>
1 lot ladies wash skirts, gaberdine, \$3 value, Easter price.....	<b>2.64</b>
1 lot ladies silk hose for Easter, a pair.....	<b>1.34</b>
1 lot men's silk half hose, 50c quality now.....	<b>.39</b>

A new Easter Coat Suit at Sale Price. Only a limited number left and a good selection.

Don't miss our Easter nest, with Easter eggs at sale prices.

# PUBLIC ROADS

## ROADS REDUCE LIVING COST

Make for Prosperity More Than Any Other National Undertaking, Says Alaskan Engineer.

"Good roads, more than any other national undertaking, make for the prosperity, happiness and contentment of the people," declared Col. W. P. Richardson, engineer in charge of highways in Alaska. "This is particularly evident at this time, when in every large city there is protest against the high prices of food. In my judgment, good roads, more than any other agency, will help to solve permanently the high cost of living. Transportation, of course, is at the foundation of prices. It is truthfully said that where there is inadequate transportation food prices mount high. We know that in cities prices are greatly in excess of those in rural districts and it is all a matter of transportation and distribution. If we have good roads, we can get our products to market. If



Good Road Over Rocky Mountains.

we haven't, we cannot. Products on the farm are worth nothing if they cannot find a market. I am convinced that the most important governmental work is in the improvement of the roads. In this day of motor trucks it is much easier to haul products to the cities or to railroad terminals than it was a few years ago, but we must have good roads to do it. There is not the slightest doubt that good roads many times over pay for themselves. They are a fundamental economic necessity.

"The initial outlay in the building of good roads may seem large, but it is small in comparison with the benefits that accrue. In Alaska we have approximately 900 miles of improved roads, varying from the ordinary country dirt road to the best kind of macadam. In Nome there is a stretch of road over which in the summer time thousands of tons of products are hauled."

## POOR ROADS ARE EXPENSIVE

Mistaken Idea That Improved Highways Are Solely for Benefit of Automobile Owners.

Poor roads are very expensive things for country communities. The farmer who thinks that improved highways are mainly for the benefit of those who drive automobiles should reflect on the results of a recent investigation by the department of agriculture, which finds that the cost of hauling farm produce over ordinary country roads is 23 cents a ton mile, whereas over hard-surfaced roads it is only 13 cents.—Youth's Companion.

## OPERATION OF A ROAD DRAG

Use Pokiest, Laziest Kind of Team and Let Them Have Their Own Time—Just Keep Moving.

Do not wait for anything; build a drag and get out onto the road. Drive very slowly. Use the pokiest, laziest team you own, and give them their time. Just so they keep moving they will be going swiftly enough. After you have used the drag a year, and have learned when to drive rapidly and when to drive slowly, you can carry a whip or drive a mettlesome team.

# The KITCHEN CABINET

He is happiest who hath power  
To gather wisdom from every flower,  
And wake his heart in every hour  
To pleasant gratitude.  
—Wordsworth.

## A FEW FRAPPES AND GRANITES.

Frappes are real thirst quenchers especially used to serve from the punch bowl at teas, receptions and dances. They are made of fruit juices, while the granites are another form of frappes in which the bits of fruit are used with the juice.

**Tea Frappe.**—Boll a cupful of sugar and two cupfuls of water for five minutes. Add a pint of strong tea infusion, freshly made and cooled, then the grated rind and juice of three oranges, the juice of two lemons and one can of grated pineapple. Freeze if desired or pack in a mold in equal parts of ice and salt for three hours. Remove from the mold and garnish with slices of lemon or crushed mint leaves dipped in powdered sugar.

**Coffee Frappe.**—Make the coffee of the desired strength, strain, cool and sweeten, place in a mold and pack in ice and salt. Serve garnished with whipped cream. Chocolate or cocoa may be prepared in the same manner.

**Fruit Juice Frappe.**—Take two cupfuls of fruit juice, one cupful of sugar and two cupfuls of water, the juice of two lemons. Cook the sugar and water for five minutes, cool and add the fruit juices. Bury in equal parts of ice and salt for three hours. If a finer texture is desired use one part of salt to two of ice and allow it to stand for five hours.

**Orange and Grape Juice Frappe.**—Add one cupful of sugar to two cupfuls of grape juice and one cupful of orange juice, with a fourth of a cupful of lemon juice. One cupful of cream may be added if desired. Fill the mold and pack as usual in ice and salt. Garnish with whipped cream in serving.

**Cider Frappe.**—To four cupfuls of sweet cider add one-half cupful of sugar and the juice of a lemon. Freeze as usual.

Granites are made using a sugar sirup, with fruit juice and one or two cupfuls of crushed or chopped fruit. To four cupfuls of ripe cherries, cut up after stoning, add two cupfuls of sugar and the juice of a lemon. Place in a mold in salt and ice five hours.

Nellie Maxwell

### Efficiency.

"Is your wife a believer in efficiency?"

"Yes, indeed; she always reads the last chapter of a novel first and you've no idea how many books this method saves her the trouble of wading through."

### PROLIFIC REPRODUCERS.



"Charity covers a multitude of sins." "Don't let that worry you. A lot more will spring up."

### Not at All Surprising.

"Since the Twobble girls returned from a finishing school they find the society of Mr. Twobble rather irksome."

"He's not polished enough for them, eh?"

"That's about the situation. It seems that while he was learning the coal business from A to Z he failed to acquire a superficial knowledge of French and a taste for grand opera."

### Serious Farm Problem.

The fertilizer problem is one of the most serious confronting the farmer today.

### Pure Water Supply.

Stop and think about the water supply. It should be secured from a source uncontaminated by impurities.

# We cannot eat our cake and feed our Soldiers, too

THE sooner the American people look the facts in the face the sooner the war will be over—and the fewer American soldiers will lie in their graves on the other side of the sea.

The facts are these:

**We cannot go on living as we did before the war. We cannot have the comforts and luxuries we used to have.**

Do not be misled by the fact that we can raise armies far outnumbering those of our enemy. Our soldiers cannot fight with bare hands and empty stomachs, and we cannot arm and feed them if we go on consuming vast quantities of foods and goods we don't need—if we demand, for our selfish comfort, the labor of thousands of men who ought to be hustling night and day to supply the ships, aeroplanes, guns, ammunition, motor trucks, clothing and food our soldiers **must have** if we are to win this war.

Our country needs the money you thoughtlessly spend for unnecessary things. It needs—desperately needs—the labor employed in making these things. Begin to save now. Save everything you can. And by all means save, by buying U. S. Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps, the **small sums** of money you now spend for things you can get along without.



Go today to any bank, any post office or any store where you see the W. S. S. (War Savings Stamps) sign displayed.

For 25 cents you will receive a U. S. Thrift Stamp and a card to paste it on. The card has spaces for 16 stamps, costing you \$4. When it is full, exchange it—with a few cents additional in cash—for a War Savings Stamp, for which the Government will pay you \$5 January 1, 1923.

These War Savings Stamps are as safe as U. S. Bonds. They are the safest investment in the world because they are backed by the entire resources of the country, and the profit you make on them amounts to 4 per cent interest, compounded quarterly, on January 1, 1923.

Every time you have money you don't absolutely need buy a War Savings Stamp. Every time you have a quarter you can possibly spare, buy a U. S. Thrift Stamp.

This may seem like a little thing to do, but in reality it is a big thing, a patriotic thing, a powerful thing. For every quarter you can save and lend your country goes to make a soldier comfortable; helps arm and feed him; helps him to fight; protects his life, and does its utmost to cleanse the world from the horrors of German tyranny and despotism.



THIS SPACE CONTRIBUTED BY

# Kennedy Brothers.

## NEW ADVERTISING RATES

Effective April 1st, advertising rates will advance to 15c an inch. Our circulation—1056—will justify the increase, and it is a necessary step in view of advances in all other commodities. This is practically the standard rate for papers with an average of 1,000 circulation.

### School Election Notice

The annual election of school trustees for Grapeland Independent School district, will be held the first Saturday in April, the same being the 6th day of April, 1918.

W. D. Grandberry,  
President Independent School  
5-t2 District.

### At Christian Church

Rev. James Todd, Jr., of Ft. Worth, will preach at the Christian church Sunday morning at 11 and again at night. Morning subject: "If Jesus Had Never Risen." Evening subject: "How Are the Dead Raised?" At 3:30 in the afternoon, a patriotic service will be held and Bro. Todd will address the people on "The War and America's Part in It." All these services will begin according to the new time. You will be welcome.

Ladies, you will find anything in dress goods, from cotton checks to the finest silks, at Wherry's. 5-tf

# WAR SAVINGS STAMPS WILL SAVE SOLDIERS

Over two million Bridge-Beach cook stoves in use today. Why? 1 Keeland Bros.

We have plenty of mixed fertilizer, acid phosphate and meal. See us at once and get what you need. J. W. Howard. 5-tf

### LOST

Pair of glasses somewhere in Grapeland. My name and address is in the case. Finder please notify me.

J. H. Tyer,  
Percilla, Texas.

We have just received a big shipment of men's Easter neckties. The very latest styles and all up-to-date patterns. 1 W. H. Long & Co.

### FOR SALE

Pulleys of different sizes; one driving belt 42 feet long, 10 inch face; one 10-horse steam boiler; one new oil burner engine, 10-horse power.

T. H. Leaverton,  
Grapeland, Texas.

**FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS**  
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

### War Saving Societies Organized at Union

The people of the Union community are showing their patriotism in a practical way. It will be remembered that during the recent Red Cross drive for members, Union went "over the top." They are now buying War Saving Stamps. Last Thursday night T. H. Leaverton and C. T. Sims went out there and organized the school. Two war saving societies were organized. Calvin Dutch was elected president and Bertis Kolb secretary of one society, and Johnny DuBose president and Jewel Caskey secretary of the other. Monday they sent in and bought \$40 worth of stamps. The side selling the most stamps by January 1, will be given a prize of \$15, offered by T. H. Leaverton of this city, and Albert Gainey, teacher of the school.

The Christian church Sunday school will open Sunday morning at 10 o'clock—new time. Turn your clock forward Saturday night. Be on time. T. H. Leaverton, Supt.