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SPECIAL PRICES

ON PURE RIBBON CANE MOLASSES

We are over stocked on pure ribbon cane barrel molasses and to reduce our stock we will sell at the following price and you furnish the container: 65 cents a gallon. This is less than wholesale cost. Bring in your jug, keg or barrel and get it filled for

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WAR SAVING SOCIETIES ARE BEING ORGANIZED

Thursday night of last week an active War Saving Society was organized at McElroy Spring school in the Antrim community with a membership of 25. The officers of this society are: Ed Gray, president, Miss Ola Kiser, secretary.

Friday afternoon at San Pedro, with a big attendance of grown folks and children, the local committee met with its most successful attempt so far when a membership of 38 was enrolled and nine thrift cards started right after the meeting closed. The officers for this society are: J. L. Tyer, president, Miss Robbie Whitaker, Sec'y.

The success of these two organizations is due largely to the management and co-operation of the teachers. Both schools closed the latter part of last week and their work stands out prominently in their respective districts.

The people of these communities are urged to back up this war saving movement and do everything in their power to promote its welfare. It is your duty to attend the meetings every two weeks and if you can't make a stamp purchase every time, maybe you can encourage someone else to. The local speakers are ready at any time to assist in these war saving organizations and any time you need our help we will be glad for you to call upon us.

This work is done for the love of it and no pay is received by anyone for its accomplishment other than the glorification that will be brought to us and our flag after we lick the Kaiser with thrift stamps

SPEAKING DATES:

Arrangements have been made to address the people in the following communities for the purpose of organizing war saving societies and encouraging thrift. It is your duty to attend the meeting nearest you whether you intend starting a thrift card or not:

Percilla, Thursday, April 4th.
Enon, Friday, April 12th.

Livelyville, Tuesday, April 9th.
M. E. Darsey,
Sub-Chairman.

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY

Now, ladies and gentlemen, we introduce this week Earle Porter Adams of Crockett, for the office of County Attorney of Houston county.

Mr. Adams graduated from the law department of the University of Texas in 1914, and immediately began the practice of law with the firm of Adams & Young, one of the strongest law firms in the country. Three years ago he was elected city attorney of Crockett, a position he has filled very creditably. He is eminently qualified for the position he seeks and will appreciate your support. Give his candidacy due consideration.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Norton and daughters, Doug Petty and family of Teague, and Mrs. Spivy of Marlin, spent Sunday here, the guests of W. P. Whittington and wife.

FOR ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

F. H. Bayne of Crockett, authorizes his announcement in this issue for the office of Road Superintendent of Houston county, subject to the will of the voters of the democratic primary.

Mr. Bayne is an honored citizen of the county, having lived here many years and at one time served the people as sheriff. He was a candidate for this office in the special election held about a year ago, and was defeated only

by a small margin. He has a thorough knowledge of road building, one of the requirements of the law, and will work to the best interests of the people of the county, in the event of his election. He respectfully solicits your support.

Albert Gainey, teacher of the Union school, and Miss Lola Dennis of Percilla, were married in Crockett last Friday evening. The Messenger joins the many friends of these popular young people in best wishes.

W. H. Long

N. M. Long

ANNOUNCEMENT

THE business that we have received during our Great Reorganization Sale gives to us the assurance that the people of Grapeland and the surrounding country have confidence in our merchandise and our business principles that we have absolutely maintained during this sale.

REORGANIZATION

This word has a broad meaning, for we have reorganized the W. H. Long & Co. business. The firm name will remain the same. That interest formerly controlled by the Wilson Bros. has been taken over by Mr. C. H. Long and Mr. Harry Long, thus reorganizing the firm of W. H. Long & Co. We also wish to state at this time that Mr. W. L. Wilson, who has been in charge of our Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats and Furnishing, and Ready-to-Wear Departments for a number of years, still maintains charge of these departments.

One visit to our store will convince you that prices are right and goods are of the highest quality obtainable, and this will always be our motto. With this assurance and capable help to wait on you, we trust that you will afford us the pleasure of serving you in the future the same as in the past.

Yours truly,

W. H. Long & Co.
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C. H. Long

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Do Not Stand in Your Own Light

IF YOU fail to visit our store when you are in town you are surely standing in your own light, because you can buy what you need from us and when you make a purchase you are always assured that you are getting merchandise just as represented. We urge you to allow us to show you our complete line of Furniture; quality and prices are right, too. We have a wonderful showing of Cook Stoves ---Cook Stove that are absolutely guaranteed. Our Hardware assortment is right up to the minute and you are sure to find the very thing you are looking for.

Do not stand in your own light, but pay us a visit every time you are in Grapeland.

McLean & Riall

Dependable Merchants

**TEXAS WHEAT NOW STORED
COULD BE MADE TO OFFSET
GRAIN GAINED BY GERMANY**



Germany has now access to Ukraine, the granary of Europe. She has not acquired complete control of Ukraine, nor can she count on a 1918 crop, because of famine and disorder in that land; but in 1919, with her faculty of making subservient nations do her bidding, she can secure wheat enough to continue a gigantic offensive; and the only thing that can offset that offensive to any great degree is the releasing by farmers in North Texas of 500,000 bushels of wheat and placing it at the disposition of the Nation at once.

Thos. L. Bradford, District Administrator for the First District, recently unearthed 100,000 bushels of wheat in three counties of the Dallas district which farmers were holding. When it was explained to these farmers that holding of wheat when the very need of it on the western front in Europe would be as determining a factor in withstanding the Hindenburg Drive, and all the subsequent drives of the most powerful army that the world has ever seen—THEY TOOK THE GRAIN FROM ITS STOREHOUSES AND MADE IT AVAILABLE for the people of Texas, who in turn had sent their own wheat for home consumption to the steamers with empty holds waiting in American ports to carry relief to the Allies.



Ukraine comprises one-sixth of European Russia in area, but contains 32 per cent of all farm lands. Of this total area 53 per cent is farmed. This is a higher percentage than any other European country with the exception of France, where 56 per cent of the total area is cultivated. The production of wheat, rye and barley in Ukraine was between 600,000,000 and 700,000,000 bushels per year, or one-third of the entire production of Russia.

Will we let GERMANY gain the enormous wheat supply to boost her own strength and let Texas wheat remain hoarded on farms when the holding back is seeping the strength and vigor of army, navy and nation; and the army, navy and peoples of the nations associated with us in war?

**AMERICA MUST TAKE
THE SOB FROM BELGIAN
THROATS WITH BREAD.**

"I was in India during their awful famine some years ago," said the Honorable Everett Colby of New Jersey, one of the most prominent attorneys of the State and former candidate for governor, who was a member of the United States Food Administration Commission to Europe, while on a tour of Texas recently. "There for the first time I saw the look in the eyes and heard the cry in the throats of starving children. There is nothing like it in all creation. There is no other look in the eyes of God's created beings that so tears the heart. There is no other sound uttered by any of God's creatures that so wrings the soul of men as that look and cry of starving people."

"Unless we keep a larger and larger volume of wheat flowing to France and Belgium than we have sent there thus far, that look and that cry from the eyes and throats of children 'over there' will reach us in smug, contented, well-fed America."



FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

Give France Bread. Give England Bread. Give Belgium Bread. Give Italy Bread—OR WELCOME A LIVING DEATH.



It is said—and men have witnessed it—that the German Military cut the hands and the fingers from the bodies of live Belgian Children!

It is said—and men have witnessed it, and the journals of the German soldiers have disclosed it—that the women of France and the women of Belgium have been subjected to every conceivable infamy by German soldiers.

It is said—and men have witnessed it, and the journals of the German soldiers confirm it—that the men in Supreme Command ordered that homes be razed; that farms be laid barren; that men be sent into bondage; and women into a more terrible bondage; and that little children be left to starve in the desolate waste.

It is said—and men have witnessed it, and the journals that the German soldiers carry in their breast confirm it—that a Church spire makes a fine target; that the treasures of the age are brazen things compared to the flagrant splendor of the New Germany which will replace it all; and THAT IS WHY ALL THAT WAS LOVELY in Northern France is riven with shell and marred with shrapnel.

It is said—and the expression of modern Germany reveals it—that the people of Germany are mad; that in their madness they would drive the rest of the world in their harness; and bind all humanity, save of their kind, to the chariot wheel of their own ambition.

It is said—and men who know life and feel life, and believe in God and Lift Everlasting show it in their eyes and their words—that the world with German domination; with all its mutilations, its marrings, its beastialities and brutalities; its madness and its poisons—is no world for a Free people. And it's life, and life more abundantly with Germany conquered; and it's Death, and a living Death, for all the world with Germany victorious.

A lack of soldiers—will bring that Living Death!

A lack of food—will bring that living death!

A starving Europe; a hungry struck army—and the best is undone.

Will you do your part NOW by solemnly promising yourself and your Nation and your God:

"So long as the war lasts—and the Nation asks me to go without bread and to reduce my present consumption of bread: I WILL DO IT."

**If it is true that FOOD
WILL NOT WIN THE WAR,
it is certainly true that
WITHOUT FOOD there can
be no winning of the war.
PEDEN.**



Bread is a sacred thing! The breaking of it from the most remote times spelled friendship and marriage and loyalty!

A day came when to a vast number of humankind BREAD came to have the dignity of a SACRAMENT.

It was a sacrament of PEACE. Now, in the din of thundering guns; in the flush of night with star-shells; in the crimsoning of soil with precious blood of young men who had scarcely stepped forth through the portals of life—it has again attained the dignity of a SACRAMENT, not alone amid glowing tapers, aromatic clouds of incense, environed where flowers, marble, music are upraised; but a SACRAMENT of Liberty and Freedom and Humanity in its finest, noblest sense.

As it crosses the lips of the little children of Belgium; as it adds strength to the fatigued women of France; as it arouses the war-weary bodies of the brave English, and the eager, high-strung Italians; it does function as a Sacred thing—a Sacrament.

And as a SACRAMENT the Food Administrator for Texas says:

"We are asked to go with less. We will do it.

"We must empty our granaries—and we will do it.

"We are asked to limit ourselves, even using less than six pounds a month—and we will do it.

"If we are asked to go without it altogether in order that the brave people of Europe, who are with us—BODY, MIND and SOUL—may pass through their AGONY, their Gethsemane—we will do it.

"AND WE WILL DO IT WITH A SMILE."



"The needed saving of wheat placed the Food Administration wholly dependent upon the voluntary assistance of the American people."

Herbert Hoover,
U. S. Food Administrator.

"The bread ration of the French soldier was about 25 ounces in the first years of the war. This has now been cut to 21 ounces. The bread ration of the civilian population has been most severely cut; they are now on individual bread cards allowing only about 10 ounces a day, barely one-third the average daily bread consumption of the French peasant or workman before the war." M. Tardieu, French High Commissioner to the United States.

The End of a Hoover Day.

[Sung to the tune of "A Perfect Day."]

I have come to the end of a meatless day,
And peacefully lying in bed,
My thoughts revert in a musing way
To the food which today I've been fed.

When I think of the cheese and the beans and fish
And oysters I've had to eat,
I've no regrets for the "good old days"
I really didn't miss the meat!

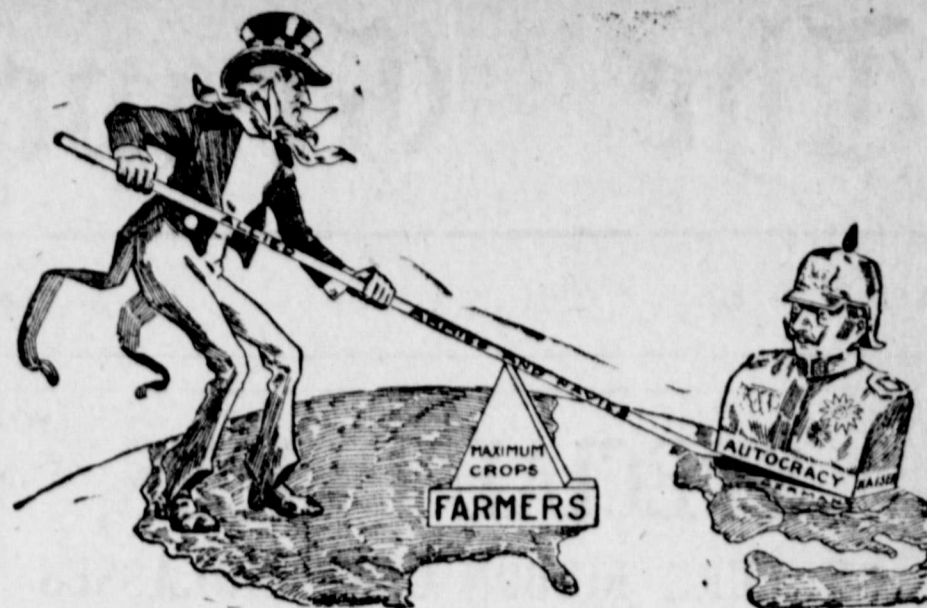
I have come to the end of a wheatless day,
I have eaten no cookies or pie,
I have had no bread that was made of wheat;

It was made out of corn or rye.
And I liked it so well, that when war is past
And a glorious victory won,
I'll keep on observing "wheatless" days
And I'll eat "corn pone" for fun!

—Oconto (Wis.) Enterprise.

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

5-1f J. W. Howard.



**THE FARMER—ONE OF
UNCLE SAM'S DEFENDANTS**

Written for the Texas Food and Feed Production Campaign by D. B. Osborne



Mr. Farmer:

The above picture exemplifies the vital importance of your position in the World War—The fight of freedom and democracy against German autocracy.

Upon you is placed the grave responsibility of producing abundant crops

which to feed and clothe our army and navy; the armies and navies of our Allies—our own people at home and the peoples of our Allies in Europe.

Failure would bring disaster to our army and an untimely and unnecessary death to many of our boys who have gone forth to battle in defense of our liberty.

But, Mr. Farmer, we know that under the great responsibility placed on you by our Government, that there is no such word as "fail" in your vocabulary and that nothing short of innumerable providential causes could prevent your answering fully to this responsibility.

However, maximum crops can only be had by the judicious and intensive use of fertilizers, good seed, thorough cultivation, and labor-saving machinery.

One of your most pressing problems and one to be acted upon without delay, is the matter of obtaining your fertilizer.

In spite of the best efforts of the manufacturers and the Government, materials for making fertilizers are scarce and high in price. Therefore, it is all the more necessary that what fertilizers are to be distributed, should be used upon soil that has received the very best preparations the farmer is capable of giving.

The mobilization of our army, requiring a maximum movement of troop trains and supply trains, has over-taxed the capacity of our railroads as never before, and in order for fertilizers to be distributed this season, the movement must of necessity, begin early and the unloading of cars at destination be done with utmost despatch. Every car must be loaded to capacity.

Today fertilizers are cheaper than farm crops or farm labor. A bale of cotton, a bushel of corn, oats or wheat, will buy more pounds of fertilizers now than ever before, hence to assure the performance of a patriotic duty, with great profit to yourself, order your fertilizers promptly so that you may be sure to get them. And when you get them, use them with the greatest degree of intelligence.

Satisfactory results are bound to follow—both to you and to the Government.

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

JUNIOR SERVICE DEPARTMENT.

What is the Junior Red Cross?

It is a department of the American Red Cross belonging to the school children of the United States, through which they can find expression in every form of patriotic service. As President Wilson says, "Learn by doing kind things under their teacher's direction to be the future good citizens of this great country which we all love."

The Junior Red Cross is unity. When a school has once joined the Junior Red Cross it can engage in any form of patriotic service which the government has approved. It can work for war savings; it can plant school gardens; it can engage in salvage work of the raw material board; it can help the Food Administration or the Council of Defense, and all the while be acting as a part of the Junior Red Cross, which has agreed to co-operate with all these branches of the government work.

The Junior Red Cross is efficiency. It can provide you boys and girls with work to do which will be of real service, with opportunities for work which are practical and which lead to definite results, with specifications of articles to make which the Red Cross knows to be useful at this time. You can be sure that your money which goes to the Red Cross will not be wasted.

The Red Cross is conservation. Every sweater that you knit, every box that you make, is just as truly a piece of conservation as money put in the war savings or Liberty bonds. You are helping the government by using your school time in helping to release other workers in other fields of which the government has need.

The Red Cross is morale. In join-

ing it you are joining that great army of citizens which stands back of the boys at the front. You put courage in their hearts and power in their elbows; you make them feel that their country is with them and is something to fight for and die for, if need be.

Can you think of any reason—teachers and boys and girls—why you should not join the Junior Red Cross? Then write to the nearest Red Cross chapter headquarters and have your school join the rest. Make our battle cry come true, "Every School a Red Cross Auxiliary, a Center of National Service."

MRS. E. R. KROEGER,
Director of Junior Membership A. R. C., 1617 Railway Exchange, St. Louis, Mo.

Young America and the Liberty Loan

President Wilson has mustered into the army of workers for the third liberty loan, the boy scouts of America and the girl scouts.

The work of the boy scouts in the two previous liberty loan campaigns, was an inspiring feature. In the second campaign they obtained 533,000 subscriptions for over \$100,000,000 worth of bonds.

The work of the boy scouts and the girl scouts in this great national effort will be not only of great practical service to the country, but of great educational

value to the boys and girls in preparing them for patriotic useful citizenship. The patriotism of the young people of America is a guarantee of the future; it means good citizens and good Americans in the making. They are the citizens of tomorrow and they are going much to make the world safe for democracy when that morrow comes.

The boy scouts have not only shown their patriotism, they demonstrated their efficiency and their value to the country. With the girl scouts also enlisted in the work, they must look to their laurels.

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FOR RHEUMATISM KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

THE STATE OF TEXAS:

To the sheriff or any constable of Houston county, greeting:—You are hereby commanded to cause to be published for at least twenty days in some newspaper printed in your county, if there be one, if not then by posting copies of this notice, one at the court house door of said county and at two other public places in said county not in the same town or city, for at least twenty days before the return day hereof, to wit:

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To all creditors, heirs, devisees, legatees and to all other persons interested in the estate of J. B. Luker, deceased:

You are hereby notified that in the matter of the estate of J. B. Luker, deceased, No. 1419 on the Probate docket, pending in the county court of Houston county, Texas, A. H. Luker, administrator of such estate, has on this the 29th day of March, A. D. 1918, filed in said court his account and exhibit, under oath as required by law, for final settlement of the said estate, and that said account and final exhibit will be examined and heard by the judge of said court at the next regular term hereof at the court house of said Houston county in Crockett, Texas, beginning on the first Monday in May, A. D. 1918, the same being the 6th day of May, A. D. 1918, when the same will be approved by the court if found correct, and all interested persons are hereby notified to appear at said time, and contest the said account and exhibit if they see proper to do so. Witness: A. E. Owens, clerk of the county court of Houston county, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Crockett, Texas, this the 29th day of March, A. D. 1918.

[Seal] A. E. OWENS,
Clerk County Court, Houston County, Texas.
By W. D. Collins, Deputy. 6-t3

THE LOYALTY LAW

Following is a brief digest of the new statute defining and providing a punishment for disloyalty. It was enacted by the legislature at the extra session and is now in full force and effect: "Any person who, when the United States is at war, uses language concerning the United States, or of its entry or continuance in the war, or concerning the armed forces of the United States, or its flag, or the uniform of its army officers, which is disloyal or abusive, and calculated to bring the same into disrepute, or is calculated to provoke a breach of the peace, is guilty of a felony.

"Any person who, when the United States is at war, writes or prints, in any manner or in any language, any of the things denounced as unlawful in the first section, is guilty of a felony.

"Any person who, publicly or privately, mutilates, defaces, defiles, defies, tramps upon or in way casts contempt upon the flag of the United States or of any of its officers, is guilty of a felony.

"Any person who, when the United States is at war, knowingly displays or has in his possession for any purpose, any flag, standard, color, ensign or coat of arms of any nation with which the United States is at war, or any political subdivision thereof, is guilty of felony.

"If any offense under this act be committed in the presence of any officer or in view of a magistrate, arrest may be made with-

out warrant, and any officer may stop the unlawful words or acts.

"Prosecution under the act may be where the offense is committed or in Travis county.

"It is the duty of every person who hears, sees or knows of any violation of this act to immediately report it to an officer, and it is the duty of such officer to forthwith cause the arrest of the guilty party.

"Punishment in each case is from two to twenty-five years in the penitentiary."

ANTRIM

BY MIWATHA

April 1.—A good rain fell here last Friday morning and several light showers since, which was greatly appreciated by everybody, although everything was so dry that it won't last long without we get another good rain soon.

Well, Easter has passed and we did not have any cold weather during that time, which was appreciated very much, and we hope that we won't have any freeze at all during April, for it would kill all the fruit.

Our school closed last Friday. It was taught by Prof. J. A. Bynum of near Lovelady, and Mrs. Lillie Parker of this community. The former returned to his home Friday night.

There is no serious sickness in the community at present, for which we are very thankful.

A good attendance was had here at the fifth Sunday meeting, which began on last Friday night and closed Sunday. We had a good many visitors from the surrounding communities.

C. W. Weissinger entertained with a party last Tuesday night.

Messrs. Frank Leaverton and Murdock Darsey of Grapeland, came out last Thursday night and made several good talks for us on "war saving." They organized for us a "Woodrow Wilson War Saving" society, and we are going to do our best to make it a success. We will be glad to have speakers from Grapeland any time and will meet Saturday nights before the first and fourth Sundays in each month.

Our Literary society will meet next Saturday night; all invited.

BEWARE OF AGENTS

You remember the deaf and dumb lady who sold soap all over Jewett some weeks ago? It is reported that at Bryan, Texas, she was arrested and it was found that she could talk and the soap contained pellagra and other germs. The people of this country have been repeatedly warned against people who could not give an account of themselves. You must remember that we are at war with a nation that does not hesitate to sink a ship laden with sisters of mercy going to minister to their as well as our wounded, that does not hesitate to drop deadly bombs upon the sick, the aged and even the infants, that severs the right arm from a Belgian boy more ruthlessly than you mark a pig. Get these horrible details fixed in your minds, and let the objects of charity who seek our aid come with proof of their worthiness.—Jewett Messenger.

NOTICE

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

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.
F H Bayne
For County Treasurer:
Willie Robison.
Ney Sheridan. (Re-election)
Mike McCarty.
For Tax Collector:
C W Butler Jr. (Re-election)
For County Attorney:
Earle Porter Adams
For District Clerk:
B V (Barker) Tunstall
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.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1918



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

Play a little, pray a little and then pay a little for thrift stamps.

Before marriage a man sees a halo above his sweetheart's head; afterward, a hat.

A mere man can never understand why a woman who is fond of dress should not wear more of it.

These times are learning many GrapeLand people how near they can live on what they formerly wasted.

It's all right to keep the home fires burning, but equally as important to keep the home soil turning.

Why would it not be a good idea to send some of our pro-Germans and spies to France and let them try them?

While dodging the spring speeder, keep the other eye open for the fellow who is trying to get more than he is willing to give.

The best way out of bad trouble, is straight through. And that's why we are going to win this war. Our armies will smash through to Berlin.

There is only one thing worrying us about the resignation of Trotsky, and that is the fear that he will take a notion to come back to this country.

It is pretty safe to figure that the GrapeLand boy who dons khaki with the determination to some day becoming a general, is going to make a mighty good soldier.

We endorse, word for word, everything patriotic men of GrapeLand think of the kaiser, even though it would not be polite to print their opinions in their own language.

Some idle brain has started the report that Messrs. M. E. Darsey and T. H. Leaverton and others who have been active in visiting the different communities organizing war savings societies, are receiving "princely salaries" for their work. It is untrue. They do not receive one cent, but are doing this great work for the government because they are patriotic and love their country, and want to see America emerge from this war victorious. The idle brain who started such a report may not know it, but he is working for Germany just as hard as any spy or enemy, and it is classed as seditious by the espionage act. Be careful what you say.

NEW PROSPECT

BY BILLYE

April 1.—We received a light rain last Friday, which will benefit corn and gardens, though it will not last long unless we have more in the near future.

Corn is up and looking very nice and we hear the farmers asking each other: "When are you intending to plant cotton?"

Health of this place is very good at present. Prof. G. E. Kelly has just recovered from an attack of the mumps. No other cases reported in this neighborhood yet.

Mrs. E. J. Musick has returned from Alto, where she visited her brother several weeks. She was accompanied home by Frank Holcomb and wife and Miss Bessie McClain.

Roy Caskey is home from his school, which closed several days ago. He filled the vacancy in our school during Prof. Kelly's illness.

Several of our neighbors attended the fifth Sunday meeting at Antrim.

P. L. Herod and family, Jim Musick and family, Ed Musick and family and Mrs. Alton Baker spent Easter Sunday with Sam Musick and family near Rock Hill. The children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt in the afternoon.

FOR DISTRICT CLERK

The Messenger is authorized to announce the candidacy of B. V. (Barker) Tunstall for the office of District Clerk of Houston county, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

Mr. Tunstall is well known over the county, having made the race for this office two years ago and met many people and made many friends who will again be glad of the opportunity to support him. His qualifications are beyond question, and in the event of his election, he promises prompt attention to the affairs of the office. To the ladies who will participate in the primary for the first time, Mr. Tunstall respectfully solicits their vote and influence and will be grateful for any favors.

To both ladies and gentlemen, we commend his candidacy to your careful consideration.

Important Notice

All members of the Houston county democratic executive committee are urged to be present at its next meeting, which will be held at the court house in Crockett on Saturday, April 13, at 2 p. m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a county chairman to fill the vacancy made by the recent resignation of Cecil Allen.

E. C. Thompson,
Secretary.

Overstocked

On pure Ribbon Cane Molasses in barrels, and to reduce our stock we will sell for a limited time at 65 cents a gallon. So bring your kegs and have them filled, as our stock won't last long at these prices. If you haven't a container, we will furnish them at the following prices: 5-gallon kegs, 75c; 10-gallon kegs, \$1.00; new barrels, \$1.50. G. E. Darsey & Co. 1

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.

LIBERTY BONDS

The One Sure Road to Victory

There is but one sure road to VICTORY--the defeat of the German armies in the field.--There is but one sure road to VICTORY and it must be built upon the TOIL, the STEADY PURPOSE, the SAVING and the LENDING of a whole nation.

THERE is but one sure road to victory, and it must be built upon the LIBERTY BONDS of a loyal and united American people. On this road and this road alone can our splendid armies drive through to the Rhine--and beyond. Build well, O Road Builder, and build quickly.

Buy Liberty Bonds

Buy, Buy, Buy Till it Hurts

Bonds of the third Liberty issue will be on sale through your bank beginning Saturday, April 6th.

100,000 American soldiers are today in the trenches fighting side by side with our French and British allies. These men are GIVING THEIR LIVES FOR YOU. Wont you lend Uncle Sam your money for them?

You Can Practice Thrift

If you confine your purchases to this store

There is hardly a line in our unexcelled stock of merchandise that has advanced as large a per cent as the raw materials it is composed of. There is no time like the present to take advantage of the rising markets and by careful investigation you will find added style and quality here and a little left over in price to be invested in Thrift Stamps and Baby Bonds--the War Saving Certificates. New goods arrive almost daily and yet the spring season is just beginning.

Arrived This Week

Samuel Ach Hats in our Millinery Department
Wash Skirts, Wash Blouses, Silk Waists
Silk Dresses, New Silks, and New Cotton Goods

There is no wonder that our ready-to-wear department is the center of attraction every day. Here you find the newest women's togs in COATS, SUITS, SKIRTS, DRESSES, etc.



THE man who has never thought much about his hats ought to try a Stetson this Spring.

HE ought to buy it here, headquarters for Stetsons, with all the wonderful line of Soft and Stiff Stetsons to choose from.

He needs the service of this Store--if only because we serve the most critical men of this city, and know how to suggest to each man the block and color to emphasize his personality.

STETSON HATS
for Spring

Styleplus Clothes

\$17 \$21 \$25

The Only Clothes in America Sold at a Known Price

The fabrics, the styles and the service combined in Styleplus make men wonder how it can be done. Each Styleplus suit backed by a gilt-edged guarantee of absolute satisfaction or a new suit of clothes.

We sell everything the men folk wear from shoes to hat.

WAR SAVINGS STAMPS
WILL SAVE SOLDIERS

Thrift Stamps
are on sale at this store

Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

THE "SERVICE FIRST" STORE

LOCAL NEWS

Try Wherry for dry goods. 5tf
 For Peanut Hay, see J. H. Kolb. 1tp
 RUMY-B-TISM—Antiseptic, Relieves Rheumatism, Sprains, Neuralgia, etc.
 Men's Palm Beach suits at W. H. Long & Co's. 1
 Automobile casings and inner tubes, at Keeland Bros. 1
 W. E. Kerr went to Houston Wednesday on business matters.
 Buy your next bill of shoes from Wherry. 5-tf
 Red cedar water buckets, at 1 Keeland Bros.
 J. W. Howard will buy your peanuts and goober hay and pay the highest market price. tf
 Mrs. P. H. Blalock of Livingston visited relatives here this week.
 All business houses in Grapeland now close at 6:30 o'clock every day except Saturday.

Wm. H. Long, went to Houston Tuesday night on business matters.
 For oil, grease and GENUINE FORD PARTS, come to Hughes & Son's Auto Shop. Phone day and night. tf

While chopping wood Tuesday Jess Murdock had the misfortune of cutting his foot very badly.

Eggs for Sale

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

Mr. Walter Mangum and wife visited relatives at Weldon Sunday. Mrs. Mangum will remain over for the week.

Why pay \$1.00 for bucket molasses, when you can buy the barrel goods for 65 cents from Darsey's? 1t

Syrup for Sale

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

C. S. Long left Monday morning for Huntsville, to enter school at the Sam Houston Normal.

Panama and straw hats—lots of styles and one that will look good on you. Prices right. 1 W. H. Long & Co.

W H Long & Co report a splendid business during their big sale which closed Saturday. J A McLean, of the London Sales System, of Dallas, was manager of the sale

The new time did not cause any confusion in Grapeland Sunday. People arose one hour earlier, and all the churches report most every one on time for Sunday school. The new order of things will meet with approval as soon as people become used to it.

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, is 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.

Bring your eggs to Wherry. 5tf

New line of oil stoves at Keeland Bros. 1

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

You will find plenty of Swift's fertilizer at W.H.Long & Co's. 1

Plenty of hog wire at McLean & Riall's. 1

Porch swings and kitchen cabinets at Keeland Bros. 1

Arthur Laseter has returned home from a trip to the Panhandle and Oklahoma.

Bring us all your produce. We pay top prices. 1 McLean & Riall.

Mrs. J. O. Phillips visited relatives in New Waverly this and last week.

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

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

C. O. Miles of the Liberty Hill community, was in to see us Tuesday, and reported a good rain, which was greatly needed and duly appreciated. Crops will now grow fast, he says.

Big line of refrigerators at 1 Keeland Bros.

The wind blew pretty hard last Friday evening when the rain came up. A part of the roof on R. T. Gee's house was torn off and a tenant house of W F Murchison was damaged.

Don't put it off, but take your barrel or keg and get it filled with pure Ribbon Cane Molasses at Darsey's for 65c a gallon. 1t

STRAYED

One Jersey heifer, about 1 1/2 years old, branded R on left hip. Last seen about Dec. 1, 1917. Reward for information. 1t J. R. Richards.

Ladies' new pumps and ox-fords are on display in great styles. Call to see our line. 1 W. H. Long & Co.

J. W. Ellis of route 2, paid us a pleasant call Saturday. He says if Jack Beazley of Reynard, has the first mess of Irish potatoes, he will have to eat them pretty soon, as his plants are nearly knee high and he has potatoes as large as hen eggs.

FOR SALE

50 to 75 bushels of good corn. See F. L. Hiroms, Augusta, Texas. 1t

A Good Record

The pupils of the Grapeland school have made a good record in buying war saving stamps, up to date having purchased over \$300 worth.

Grigg's famous peanut candy, is now being manufactured and offered for sale by the Grapeland Bottling Works. Try it; you will like it. 6-tf

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Howard and daughter, Miss Bess, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gainey motored to San Antonio last week to see George Howard and Walter Gainey, who are in the national army at Camp Travis. They report a pleasant trip and most enjoyable time. Mr. Howard says George will soon leave for France.

FOR COUNTY CLERK

A. E. Owens authorizes his announcement this week for reelection to the office of County Clerk of Houston county, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

Mr. Owens was elected to this office two years ago over strong opposition. He is a capable young man and has made a very efficient officer. His record is open to the public and he invites your inspection of how this part of the county's affairs have been handled.

Arthur is a Grapeland boy, and he has many friends here who will be glad of the opportunity to again vote for him in the coming election. He not only solicits the votes of the men folk, but you know that there is now a new element to be considered—the ladies can vote, and Arthur says he wants them all to vote for him.

Announcement

We take pleasure in announcing to our friends and general public that we will have with us again Friday and Saturday, April 5th and 6th, Dr. G. Ward Shelfer, who comes to our drug store regularly and makes a specialty of refraction, fitting spectacles and eye-glasses. Come in as early as you can. He will be with us two days only, Friday and Saturday, April 5th and 6th.

D. N. Leaverton, Grapeland, Texas.

C. L. Haltom and daughter, Miss Mildred, W. D. Granberry and Misses Addie and May Belle Hill, attended the fifth Sunday meeting of the Neches River Baptist association at Pennington last Sunday.

FERGUSON TO SPEAK

Editor Messenger:—Will you please announce in this week's issue of your paper that Hon. James E. Ferguson will address the people of Houston and adjoining counties at Crockett on Saturday, April 13, 1918. All are respectfully invited to be present. W. B. Page, For Committee.

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.

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 District. 5-t2

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Evergreen memorial services will be held April 26th. Speakers on the program: Eld. Lambright, Eld. Robt. Hodges, W. F. Murchison and C. A. Campbell. Everybody is invited.

Floyd Ferguson, For Committee.

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. 2-tf W. T. Pridgen.

Bring in your old Panama hats and have them cleaned and re-blocked. They look as good as new. Have winter hat re-blocked before you lay it away. 6-tf M. L. Clewis.

WHY YOU SHOULD BUY YOUR DRUGS AT SMITH'S

We carry a complete stock of Standard Drugs.

We fill your prescriptions without substituting or not at all.

We have a high salaried and efficient pharmacist who has several years city practice and is always on the job.

We can save you money on your PRESCRIPTIONS.

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

Thrft Stamps for Sale at Our Office

FROM GUICELAND

April 1.—The farmers of this part of the world are jubilant on account of the fine rains that have fallen lately and very busy with their farm work. The prospect for corn and Irish potatoes is very promising. Gardens are a little backward, owing to the previous dry weather, but we are hoping the rain will bring them out now, since Easter has passed without a frost as some predicted.

Not much corn planted yet, but preparations are being made to plant soon.

Not much sickness in this immediate neighborhood just now, though we hear of quite a lot of measles and mumps not very far from us.

The writer took a little trip up into Anderson county, near Slocum and Denson Springs, Sunday morning, and from what he could see as he passed along the road, there seems to be a greater acreage planted to corn than

usual, and it is well advanced and has a very promising appearance; and we do not remember ever to have seen the potato crop so well advanced at this time of year. We know by this that the farmers up that way have not been idle, but are earnestly endeavoring to "do their bit."

W. F. Brooks.

NOTICE

To my friends and the general public: Remember please owing to the fact that Mr. Douthit is having his store repaired and is badly torn up, I will not be in Elkhart Friday the 5th, but will be in Grapeland Friday and Saturday, in Crockett Thursday, Grapeland Friday and Saturday, 5th and 6th. Eyes examined, glasses fitted. Come in as early as you can and bring your friends. Very respectfully, G. Ward Shelfer.

Take your keg to Darsey's and buy your pure Ribbon Cane Molasses at 65 cents. 1t

AN ESSAY ON THRIFT

[BY WILLIAM COLLINS]

Napoleon has risen from the tomb again, seeking to lay the autocratic yoke upon the world. Arch-masters of crime roam the world.

There is a dragon on the Rhine, feasting upon Humanity's life blood.

Shall the Rhine dragon live on to sow the world with poison again? Shall this deathly serpent escape to breathe upon the universe its tyrannical breath again? Shall the hillsides again be disfigured with graves to satisfy the ambition of men who would base their power upon brutality, disgrace and havoc? Shall our flag be eternally stained with cowardice and dishonor? Shall these atrocities die an eternal death? Shall democracy be slain as an infant within the power of a starving lion? Nay, though the price be half our blood and our entire strength.

This monster can be slain by one word, and that word is THRIFT. Thrift is life to the undaunted soldier in bleeding France.

We are sending forth the wealth of our nation (the stalwart American soldier) to sacrifice his life, that the future generation may enjoy the harvest of his toils, hardships and death.

Is it not our duty to supply him with those things which are essential to his life and protection? Is not death upon sharp ice, or from starvation equally as horrible as cold steel? Is it just to send a man to battle with a toy pistol to fight a man with a shield and poisonous gas? Shall this skull bleach upon the field of battle and his blood curdle in the sunshine, while we dine on cherries and lamb flesh?

It is our duty to prevent these foreseen tragedies.

As the trumpet blasts echo faintly in the distance, it seems to proclaim, "Thrift, and we win the victory!"

Millions of children are unable to purchase a Liberty bond, but eagerly accept the opportunity to buy a Thrift stamp.

Just a moment: Is not a Thrift stamp a Liberty bond? The person who buys a Liberty bond has no greater flame of patriotism than the child who fills the Thrift cards.

Now that civilization is rapidly sinking into the mire destruction and humanity cries faintly at the stake; it is only our duty to give

that penny or that idle gold.

The Thrift stamp will prevent the stars being torn from our flag. Thrift stamps will prevent the innocent baby from being slain by the bayonet against the trees. The Thrift stamp will bring happiness out of sorrow, and splendor out of chaos. The Thrift stamp will eradicate the spy system. The Thrift stamp will make our navy unconquerable and our armies invincible.

And when it is over "over there" and the braves come marching home, we may gladly say: "We brought them back alive."

It has been said "the fittest place where man can die, is where he dies for man." What more can he do? Let us scatter terror behind the chariot wheels of autocracy.

Buy Thrift Stamps!

(The above essay won the first prize in the county contest held recently at Crockett. It has been sent to Dallas to enter into competition for the \$100 prize.)

UNION CHAPPEL

March 31.—A little shower of rain fell here yesterday morning, which will help the corn and gardens. There has been some cotton planted down this way the past week.

Rev. C. A. Campbell preached two sermons at our church today to a large crowd, and the singing class from his church came with him and some of the class from Hays Spring, led by Mr. Norman Laseter, rendered some good singing, which was enjoyed by all present.

We still have some sickness in this community: Mrs. Studie Campbell has the measles, and one of Mr. Davidson's little girls is just recovering from a spell of pneumonia.

Mrs. H. A. Tyer and two sons returned to their home in Watertown, Wisconsin, last Wednesday night, after visiting friends and relatives.

Turner Skidmore returned home Saturday from Forrest, in Cherokee county, where he had been visiting relatives. He was accompanied home by H. C. Polk and family and Dick Durham and wife, they returning to their home today, making the trip in Mr. Polk's car. Fiddler.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Royal and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Royal left Sunday morning via the auto route for Dixie, La., to visit relatives.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Crockett, Texas, April 2.—Very little business has been transacted in District Court since it convened on March 25. All dockets are light and this is the reason.

Divorces have been granted in the following cases: W. Williams vs S. Williams. Geo. Wright vs Etta Wright. Nettie Roberson vs D. Roberson.

Corrie Hackett vs F. Hackett. I. Pullen vs W. J. Pullen. Lawson Smith vs B. Smith. Anne Denby vs G. L. Denby. R. Murphy vs Lee Murphy. Mandy Holland vs B. Holland. Dave Ford vs G. Ford.

Arie Williams vs J. Williams. Mrs. W. Glasco vs L. Glasco. Carrie L. Lewis vs R. Lewis. M. Weatherly vs M. Weatherly.

Leila Hunter vs Amos Hunter. L. Lamb vs W. Lamb. A. B. Russell vs D. Russell.

Civil docket: Ex-parte J. L. Murdock, removal of disabilities, granted. Arendale et. al. vs S. Hyatt, judgment for plaintiff.

W. N. Wood, administrator, vs T. F. John et. al., set for April 10th.

A number of other civil cases, unimportant, were set but no action taken.

Criminal docket: Dick Wilburn, murder, set for Monday, April 29.

Jesse Warrick, murder, set for April 12th and a venire of 50 men ordered.

E. A. Anderson, murder, set for April 22nd, and a venire of 60 men ordered.

Sanc Hearn, cattle theft, continued until October term, 1918.

Lee Anderson, cattle theft, set for Thursday, April 11th.

Will Owen, burglary, set for Monday, April 15th.

Jake Leonard, passing worthless check, set for Wednesday, April 17th.

Will Dyches, murder, set for Thursday, April 18th.

Rube Oldham, murder, set for Thursday, April 18th.

The remainder of the criminal docket was passed until Monday April 15th. The number of dismissals of criminal cases on day of calling docket was smaller than for many years. The grand jury, which adjourned over from Friday, March 29, until today, reconvened early and immediately went into executive session.

Judge Prince and District Attorney Bishop left for their homes early in the week. Judge Prince will return Monday the 8th; Mr. Bishop will not return for about ten days, there being no criminal business to be taken up.

Judge John A. Davis, T. S. Kent, Charlie Lively, Sid Boykin, George Richards, Nat Davis, and G. R. Murchison of Grapeland, Charlie Brown and Obie Faulkner of Kennard, W.H. Holcomb jr. and Charlie Wall of Auguata, J. R. Connor and Constable M. C. English of Ratcliff were here last week attending court.

Fourteen young white men, the last increment of the first call for Houston county, left for Camp Travis Friday night. Though a steady rain was falling, a large crowd was at the depot to see them off. Monday night seventy negroes, the first to go from the county, also entrained for Camp Travis. The negroes were served with a first-class lunch, hot coffee and cold drinks prior to leaving. About three hundred negroes were at the depot to see them off.



SCRATCH OUT WORRY AND RISK

about your money by opening an account with this bank and settling your accounts with checks. You do not have to be a man of large affairs to be welcomed as a depositor here. We shall be glad to have your account and to advise and assist in any financial matter that we can.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank

SALARIES INCREASED

Is your school out? You ought to double your present salary before school opens in the fall. You can earn that increased salary not only while school is open, but during the entire spring, summer, fall and winter. Therefore, you will draw twenty-five to fifty per cent more salary during a year than you would at the same rate teaching only during the school terms and spending your savings after school is out.

The door to the world of business is open. Everywhere help is needed and excellent pay is offered. Do not allow the war to cripple or paralyze our trade. Take the places of the young soldiers who have gone, by getting our commercial training. In three months you will be ready to accept a good position and make money to invest in Liberty bonds, War Savings certificates, or Thrift stamps, saving yourself and your friends from higher taxation to secure war revenue. At the same time you draw an income on your investment and furnish capital which Uncle Sam needs at once.

What you can do in business, you can do as well in civil serv-

ice. Your ambition to travel, to see our great capitol, or Washington, D. C., is easily achieved. Uncle Sam offers good salaries to beginners who are properly trained. Our graduates are successful in this work. Many enter school with civil service in view; many decide upon it after they are in school, and large numbers of our former students have changed their business positions for government positions.

Our women are serving their country in the Red Cross and in organized campaign work, our men in the great movement to finance the war by the aid of every citizen. Your call is open; you can do the work which they can not do. Show your patriotism; as soon as you are free from school duties, take up this work and make your choice for service.

Our large catalogue is free for the asking. Fill in and mail the following blank.

Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.
Name.....
Address.....

PEANUT HAY WANTED

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

**LIVER DIDN'T ACT
DIGESTION WAS BAD**

Says 65 year Old Kentucky Lady, Who Tells How She Was Relieved After a Few Doses of Black-Draught.

Meadersville, Ky.—Mrs. Cynthia Higginbotham, of this town, says: "At my age, which is 65, the liver does not act so well as when young. A few years ago, my stomach was all out of fix. I was constipated, my liver didn't act. My digestion was bad, and it took so little to upset me. My appetite was gone. I was very weak..."

I decided I would give Black-Draught a thorough trial as I knew it was highly recommended for this trouble. I began taking it. I felt better after a few doses. My appetite improved and I became stronger. My bowels acted naturally and the least trouble was soon righted with a few

doses of Black-Draught."

Seventy years of successful use has made Thedford's Black-Draught a standard, household remedy. Every member, of every family, at times, need the help that Black-Draught can give in cleansing the system and relieving the troubles that come from constipation, indigestion, lazy liver, etc. You cannot keep well unless your stomach, liver and bowels are in good working order. Keep them that way. Try Black-Draught. It acts promptly, gently and in a natural way. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c. a package—One cent a dose All druggists. J. 69

PURE DRUGS

IF It's Drugs pure and fresh,
It's Patent Medicines of any kind,
It's a Prescription that needs careful compounding,
It's toilet Articles of popular name,
It's Rubber Goods of known quality,
YOU WANT, YOU ALWAYS WANT THE BEST TO BE HAD.

When you need Drugs and Drug Store Things buy them from us and KNOW they are right.

**LEAVERTON'S
THE LEADING DRUG STORE**

FOR WOMEN ALSO

Women who complain of sick headaches, nervousness, constipation or the irregularities peculiar to the sex, revive wonderfully under the cleansing and stimulating properties of

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

IT IS A POWERFUL SYSTEM REGULATOR

It extends its purifying and restorative influence to every part of the system. Women who are pale, sallow, weak and nervous soon pick up and become bright and cheerful under its excellent correcting properties. It clears the complexion, restores color to pale cheeks, sweetens the breath, brightens the eye and promotes regularity in the bowel movements.

Sold by Druggists and Dealers in Medicine.

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

Sold by Wade L. Smith

ROCKHILL
BY NORMAN

April 1.—Good rains fell last Thursday and Friday nights, which will be of great benefit to farmers.

Quite a crowd from this community attended the fifth Sunday meeting at Antrim.

Tom Green and family visited relatives east of Grapeland the latter part of last week.

J. P. Willis and family, Mrs. Lucy Willis and Miss Ludie Willis attended an Easter rally near Palestine Sunday.

Miss Etha Page is visiting the home of Will Hughes in the Hays Spring community this week.

W. E. Page and wife visited Mrs. Florence Hughes Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Streetman visited relatives in the Antrim community Sunday.

After a long winter the system becomes filled with impurities caused by dry, strong diet. In hot weather these impurities cause sickness. Get rid of them now by taking Prickly Ash Bitters. It will purify the blood, liver and bowels and put the body in shape for summer work. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

Walter Branch has been appointed commissioner of precinct No. 1, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Preston Lively. Mr. Branch's home is at Percilla, but he is employed by McLean & Rial of this city. The position was not sought by Mr. Branch and his appointment came as a surprise.

AMERICAN SUGAR SENT TO FRANCE

American Price Rigidly Regulated by United States Food Administration.

CONSUMERS HERE PAY 9c.

Sugar Cost 35 Cents a Pound During Civil War—Refiners' Profits Now Curtailed.

Sugar is selling today throughout America at from 8½ to 9 cents a pound to the consumer, even though there is a world shortage which has reduced this nation's sugar allotment to 70 per cent. of normal.

Through the efforts of the United States food administration the sugar market has been regulated as far as the producer, refiner and wholesaler is concerned. The food administration has no power to regulate retail prices except by public opinion. Even though more than 85,000 tons of sugar have been shipped to France in the last four months the retail grocer's sugar price is around 8 to 8½ cents. He should sell this sugar at 8½ to 9 cents, the food administration believes, and asks the American housewife to pay no more than this amount.

Last August when the food administration was organized the price of sugar rose suddenly to 11 cents a pound. During the Civil War sugar cost the consumer 35 cents a pound. By regulation of the sugar market and reducing the price to 8½ and 9 cents and keeping it from advancing to 20 cents the food administration has saved the American public at least \$180,000,000 in four months, according to a statement made by Herbert Hoover the other day.

"It is our stern duty to feed the allies, to maintain their health and strength at any cost to ourselves," Mr. Hoover declared. "There has not been, nor will be as we see it, enough sugar for even their present meagre and depressing ration unless they send ships to remote markets for it. If we in our greed and gluttony force them either to further reduce their ration or to send these ships we will have done damage to our abilities to win this war.

"If we send the ships to Java for 250,000 tons of sugar next year we will have necessitated the employment of eleven extra ships for one year. These ships—if used in transporting troops—would take 150,000 to 200,000 men to France."

Reason for World Shortage.
As Mr. Hoover pointed out, the United States, Canada and England were sugar importing countries before the war, while France and Italy were very nearly self supporting. The main sources of the world's sugar supply was Germany and neighboring powers, the West Indies and the East Indies.

German sugar is no longer available, as it is used entirely in Germany, which also absorbs sugar of surrounding countries.

England can no longer buy 1,400,000 long tons of sugar each year from Germany. The French sugar production has dropped from 750,000 to 210,000 tons. The Italian production has fallen from 210,000 tons to 75,000 tons. Thus three countries were thrown upon East and West Indian sources for 1,925,000 tons annually to maintain their normal consumption.

Because of the world's shipping shortage the allied nations started trading on the West Indies for sugar; East Indian sugar took three times the number of ships, since the distance was three times as great. Suddenly the west was called on to furnish and did furnish 1,420,000 tons of sugar to Europe when 300,000 tons a year was the pre-war demand. The allies had drawn from Java 400,000 tons before the shipping situation became acute.

"In spite of these shipments," Mr. Hoover stated the other day, "the English government in August reduced the household sugar ration to a basis of 24 pounds per annum per capita. And in September the French government reduced their household ration to 13 2-10 pounds a year, or a bit over 1 pound of sugar a month. Even this meagre ration could not be filled by the French government it was found early in the fall. America was then asked for 100,000 tons of sugar and succeeded in sending 85,000 tons by December 1. The French request was granted because the American household consumption was then at least 55 pounds per person, and it was considered the duty of maintaining the French morale made our course clear."

Today the sugar situation may be summarized by stating that if America will reduce its sugar consumption 10 to 15 per cent, this nation will be able to send 200,000 more soldiers to France.

Sugar today sells at seaboard refineries at \$7.25 a hundred pounds. The wholesale grocer has agreed to limit his profit to 25 cents a hundred plus freight, and the retail grocer is supposed to take no more than 50 cents a hundred pounds profit. This regulation was made by the food administration, which now asks the housewife to reduce sugar consumption as much as possible, using other sweeteners, and also reminds her that she should pay no more than 9 cents a pound for sugar.

Control of Cane Refiners' Profits.
"Immediately upon the establishment of the food administration," Mr. Hoover said, "an examination was made of the costs and profits of refining and it was finally determined that the spread between the cost of raw and the sale of refined cane sugar should be limited to \$1.30 per hundred pounds. The pre-war differential had averaged about 85 cents and increased costs were found to have been imposed by the war in increased cost of refining, losses, cost of bags, labor, insurance, interest and other things, rather more than cover the difference. After prolonged negotiations the refiners were placed under agreement establishing these limits on October 1, and anything over this amount to be agreed extortionate under the law.

"In the course of these investigations it was found by canvass of the Cuban producers that their sugar had, during the first nine months of the past year, sold for an average of about \$4.24 per hundred f. o. b. Cuba, to which duty and freight added to the refiners' cost amount to about \$5.66 per hundred. The average sale price of granulated by various refineries, according to our investigation, was about \$7.50 per hundred, or a differential of \$1.84.

"In reducing the differential to \$1.30 there was a saving to the public of 54 cents per hundred. Had such a differential been in use from the 1st of January, 1917, the public would have saved in the first nine months of the year about \$24,800,000."

Next Year.
With a view to more efficient organization of the trade in imported sugars next year two committees have been formed by the food administration:

1. A committee comprising representatives of all of the elements of American cane refining groups. The principal duty of this committee is to divide the sugar imports pro rata to their various capacities and see that absolute justice is done to every refiner.

2. A committee comprising three representatives of the English, French and Italian governments; two representatives of the American refiners, with a member of the food administration. Only two of the committee have arrived from Europe, but they represent the allied governments. The duties of this committee are to determine the most economical sources from a transport point of view of all the allies to arrange transport at uniform rates, to distribute the foreign sugar between the United States and allies, subject to the approval of the American, English, French and Italian governments.

This committee, while holding strong views as to the price to be paid for Cuban sugar, has not had the final voice. This voice has rested in the governments concerned, together with the Cuban government, and I wish to state emphatically that all of the gentlemen concerned as good commercial men have endeavored with the utmost patience and skill to secure a lower price, and their persistence has reduced Cuban demands by 15 cents per hundred. The price agreed upon is about \$4.60 per hundred pounds, f. o. b. Cuba, or equal to about \$6 duty paid New York.

"This price should eventuate," Mr. Hoover said, "to about \$7.30 per hundred for refined sugar from the refiners at seaboard points or should place sugar in the hands of the consumer at from 8½ to 9 cents per pound; depending upon locality and conditions of trade, or at from 1 to 2 cents below the prices of August last and from one-half to a cent per pound cheaper than today.

"There is now an elimination of speculation, extortionate profits, and in the refining alone the American people will save over \$25,000,000 of the refining charges last year. A part of these savings goes to the Cuban, Hawaiian, Porto Rican and Louisiana producer and part to the consumer.

"Appeals to prejudice against the food administration have been made because the Cuban price is 34 cents above that of 1917. It is said in effect that the Cubans are at our mercy; that we could get sugar a cent lower. We made exhaustive study of the cost of producing sugar in Cuba last year through our own agents in Cuba, and we find it averages \$3.39, while many producers are at a higher level. We found that an average profit of at least a cent per pound was necessary in order to maintain and stimulate production or that a minimum price of \$4.37 was necessary, and even this would stifle some producers.

"The price ultimately agreed was 23

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cents above these figures, or about one-fifth of a cent per pound to the American consumer, and more than this amount has been saved by our reduction in refiners' profits. If we wish to stifle production in Cuba we could take that course just at the time of all times in our history when we want production for ourselves and the allies. Further than that, the state department will assure you that such a course would produce disturbances in Cuba and destroy even our present supplies, but beyond all these material reasons is one of human justice. This great country has no right by the might of its position to strangle Cuba.

"Therefore there is no imposition upon the American public. Charges have been made before this committee that Mr. Rolph endeavored to benefit the California refinery of which he was manager by this 34 cent increase in Cuban price. Mr. Rolph did not fix the price. It does raise the price to the Hawaiian farmer about that amount. It does not raise the profit of the California refinery, because their charge for refining is, like all other refiners, limited to \$1.30 per hundred pounds, plus the freight differential on the established custom of the trade.

"Mr. Rolph has not one penny of interest in that refinery."

To Camp Travis

Twenty white men and ninety negroes have been sent to the training camp at San Antonio by the local exemption board, the white men leaving Friday and the negroes Monday. Following is the list of white men:

Bryant Harrelson, Justin Fuller, Ernest Clyde Oats, Jesse E. Brashear, B. Currie, Joseph Sam Brown, Jap. Smitherman, Louis Shupak, Jas. E. Parker, J. Rube Ferrell, H. A. Stewart, George T. Walker, George W. Ellis, Barker T. Larue, R. B. Baker, Aaron McCullar, Lee Arnold, John R. Christian, Ollie Dykes, Wm. Smith Harkins.

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Texas Women Given the Ballot

The bill which gives the women of Texas the right to vote in primary elections and to participate in nominating conventions, was signed by Governor Hobby on March 26. The signing of the bill took place in the governor's private office and the official act which permits the women of Texas to cast their votes for the first time in primaries was witnessed by Mrs. Minnie Fisher Cunningham of Galveston, president of the Texas Equal Suffrage association; Mrs. D. H. Doom, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Speer and Mrs. A. N. McCallum, all of Austin, and prominent in woman's suffrage work; Mrs. G. B. Metcalf, wife of Representative Metcalf, and Representatives Metcalf, Sackett, and Blackmon, who with others drafted the measure. The governor, before affixing his signature to the bill, said that it was with great pleasure that it was within his power to sign a measure that would permit the women of Texas to enjoy the right to vote. "And," remarked the governor, "the pleasure is made the more as this is my birthday anniversary." To Mrs. Cunningham the executive presented the pen with which he signed the bill.

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C. A. Campbell of Salmon, says that by practicing strict economy in his household expenses the past three months, enough money has been saved to buy a liberty bond and a war stamp for each member of the family. That's the kind of thrift that will help win the war, and others should follow Mr. Campbell's splendid example.

The spring term of the University of Texas has opened with a total enrollment of 1934 students, as compared with a total enrollment of 2599 students at the same time last year. This is an increase of 15 students over the total enrollment for the winter term, according to figures given out by E. J. Mathews, registrar of the university.

During February, with 23 business days, \$13,878,811 were loaned to farmers by the Federal land banks, according to a statement of the Farm Loan Board. This is \$2,091,294 more than the January total. On March 1 the total amount of mortgage loans placed since the establishment of the Federal land banks is \$64,532,343, covering 28,495 loans.

To the Farmers and Stock Raisers of Houston County:

Realizing the importance of co-operation and seeing the fine results from the co-operative hog shipping in Smith county, I have decided to offer my services to the farmers and stock raisers of Houston county, and will assist them in loading and shipping their hogs and beeves to market on the co-operative plan, each shipper weighing his hogs when loading in car, and when



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Bank of Crockett by Thursday night, April 11, 1918. This is done to keep any one from being disappointed or damaged.

When the hogs are loaded on the car, this advance freight will be refunded to shipper, and the freight taken out at the other end of the line. This is only a guarantee that each shipper will bring the hogs he has listed for shipment.

The total expenses of shipping and selling hogs will not exceed one dollar per head. All hogs must be weighed on the same scales and the weight turned in to me, otherwise I will not be responsible for the money or the hogs.

My services will cost the farmers nothing.
W. A. Collins,
County Agent.

Miss Lura Mae Owens, who is attending Kidd-Key college at Sherman, spent from Friday until Sunday here, visiting her parents.

Q. F. King of the Antrim community, was in to see us a while Friday, and reported a good rain in his community Thursday night. The rain came just in time to stimulate spring crops.