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RED CROSS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED FOR DRIVE

A. H. Luker, local chairman of the Red Cross drive to begin May 20, announces the appointment of the following committee to solicit funds:

Mrs. W. A. Riall, Mrs. Wm. H. Long, Mrs. W. D. Granberry, Mrs. C. W. Kennedy, Mrs. T. H. Leaverton, Miss Maude McCarty, Miss Esther Darsey; Messrs W. A. Riall, Wade L. Smith, C. L. Haltom, M. E. Darsey, T. H. Leaverton, D. N. Leaverton, C. T. Sims, U. M. Brock, W. D. Granberry, C. W. Kennedy. Others will be "drafted" as needed.

This drive starts May 20 and lasts one week. It is nation wide and the goal set is \$100,000,000. Houston county's portion is about \$7,000.00. We must raise our part of it.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this method of thanking our friends and neighbors for their kindness to us during the sickness and death of our beloved daughter and sister. Especially do we wish to thank the school children, the teachers, members of the Eastern Star, and others for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. E. C. Hill,
Mrs. Nell Rhea,
C. C. Hill,
Miss Callie Hill,
D. F. Hill,
Miss May Belle Hill,
Jas. A. Hill.

Alton Lively has bought a place from J. H. Bowman north of town, and moved there last Friday. Mr. Bowman has purchased a small farm from Geo. Shaver south of town.

J. F. M. HALTOM DEAD

J. F. M. Haltom died at his home in this city Tuesday night May 7, after being sick several days. Death was caused by Bright's disease.

His remains were laid to rest in the Parker cemetery Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Haltom was a member of the Methodist church and had lived in this community many years. He has a host of friends who will join the Messenger in sympathy to the family. He is survived by his wife and five children, all girls. Miss Linnie Dee, who is teaching music at Saron, and Mrs. Vilna Moore of Crockett, came in Tuesday morning.

We do not believe in the brutal theory of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth in war. Our belief is if we can ever get a chance to arrange the exchange on our terms to exact a thousand eyes for one and to make Prussia toothless for a thousand years to come. That's the human nature of it, anyway. Houston Post.

We read of a "yankee sharpshooter who killed fifteen Huns." That was no yankee sharpshooter. The chances are four to one that he is a hookwormy, squirrel hunting, democrat from East Texas who would have been running for constable of Precinct No. 1 in his county if the war hadn't broken out.—Houston Post.

Leon Brooks was at home several days the latter part of last week and the first part of this entertaining a mild attack of tonsolitis.

GLOVER LOCAL NEWS

(Delayed)

Glover, April 28.—Everyone is very busy now with their crops. The present prospects are very encouraging for an abundant harvest.

We have organized a Sunday school and have a right good attendance.

Grandma Thames is visiting at the home of Mrs. R. R. Thames.

School closed April 26. We regretted very much to see Miss Patterson go home. We hope we can have her with us another year.

J. T. Breeze and son, Alton, went to Crockett Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Breeze and Mrs. R. R. Thames visited their brother, W. M. Bumgarner, at Ratacliff Sunday.

Mrs. W. T. Craig visited at the home of Mrs. R. R. Thames Saturday and Sunday, and carrying Grandma Breeze home with her for a few days' visit.

J. M. Dorsett and family visited John Perkins and family last Sunday. Crab Apple.

THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

If we are worthy of the boys who represent us on the battlefield we will save for them—we will sacrifice for them and give generously. We will not complain that we are to have no more white flour for the time stipulated by the government. We are making such small sacrifices compared with the supreme sacrifice that those brave boys are making. If we visualize we can see along those deadly trenches, where many of our boys are, facing the storm of molten lead, the poison gas and the thrust of bayonets, amid the lurid flames of battle, a strong-hearted, manly soldier fighting for each one of us at home. He is offering his life for us. He is making the supreme sacrifice. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lays down his life for his friend." Many an American boy's last resting place will be marked by the highest insignia that can come to any soldier, the little wooden cross on the field of battle, where they gave their lives guarding the red, the white and the blue.—Mission Times.

We understand that Henry Dailey of Daly's and J. S. Eaves of Reynard will soon begin the erection of homes in Grapeland, and will move here. We have plenty of room for all such good people.

Just received a shipment of ladies' oxfords and pumps at McLean & Riall's.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Allen and children of Palestine spent the latter part of last week here visiting relatives.

Davis Denson of Percilla is a new subscriber to the Messenger, having called Saturday and had his name enrolled.

D. C. Hill, of Eldorado, who was called here last week on account of the death of his niece, Miss Addie Hill, has returned to his home.

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Refrigerators
Oil Stoves
Porch Swings
Porch Rockers
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Screen Wire
Screen Doors

WE WILL SAVE YOU MONEY

KEELAND BROS.

"THE PRICE IS THE THING"

Your Safety Depends Upon the Safety of Your Country

Your country's safety at present depends upon the successful prosecution of the war.

The successful prosecution of the war depends upon the efforts of the men at home as much as upon the men at the front.

Our efforts at home will aid most if there is co-operation and economy.

You cannot afford to be ONE to disobey the orders of our worthy and eminent Commander-in-Chief, Woodrow Wilson.

He is our leader and we must obey his orders if we would be "good soldiers."

If you are trying to economize in the little things, we suggest that you give us a chance to help you.

Our business grows from day to day and this is evidence that we are giving our customers a square deal. It is to your interest to become one of our regular customers.

We have not the space to enumerate the many items of merchandise we carry, but we have a large stock of General Merchandise and can fit your home or your farm with any item that you may need.

We do call your special attention to our lines of—

**SUMMER CLOTHING FOR MEN
SHIRTS, TIES, HOSE, SHOES
and HATS
at attractive prices**

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Just received a big line of LADIES, and CHILDREN'S DRESSES, little fellows' PLAY SUITS
A beautiful line of SILK UMBRELLAS

YOUNG MAN

We can fit you from the SOLE OF YOUR FEET TO THE CROWN OF YOUR HEAD. We have just received another shipment of swell

PALM BEACH SUITS

We have the style of HAT you are looking for.

And shoes—we have the HOWARD & FOSTER—that is enough said. All the new style OXFORDS. Come in and take a look at them.

GROCERIES

You can't get wheat flour—WE HAVE THE SUBSTITUTES—Corn Flour, Rye Flour, Aunt Jemima's Pan Cake Flour and Buck Wheat Flour.

Our entire line of GROCERIES is clean and up-to-date.

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We Handle Coffins, Caskets and Burial Robes

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COMMITTEE WILL HANDLE POTATOES

WILL SECURE TRANSPORTATION FOR NEW TEXAS CROP.



A committee consisting of 15 members which, in turn, will be represented by a chairman and a secretary, will work with the Federal Food

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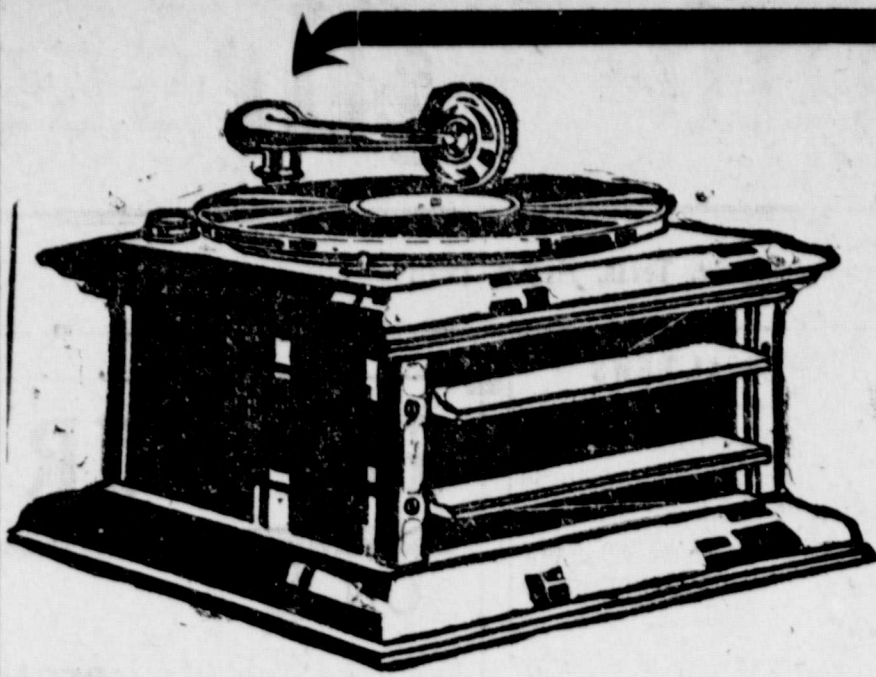
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Mr. Peden discussed with the growers at both Wharton and Eagle Lake the matter of fair prices, in order that the Texas potato might be placed on the market to compete with the old potatoes shipped in from distant markets and the growers agreed to fix a price that would be inviting to the housewives and enable the growers to sell in close competition with the old stock on hand and en route.

J. W. Caskey of Palestine was here last Friday on business and seeing his many friends.



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texo were married Thursday, Rev. R. F. Hodges performing the ceremony. Mr. Meek is a prominent young farmer living west of town. Miss Sharp is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stell Sharp of Latexo, and is prominent in the social circles of her home town. The young couple have many friends.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening, May 14th, from 7 to 11 o'clock, will entertain in honor of Rev. and Mrs. S. F. Tenny, who will on that occasion celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Tenny came to Crockett in December 1870, since which time he has been pastor of the local church. In the early days Mr. Tenny frequently walked to Augusta and other points many miles distant to preach. By his Godly life, his devotion to duty and faithfulness to every trust confided to him, Bro. Tenny is endeared to all of our people, irrespective of denominational belief, who wish him and his estimable wife many happy returns of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dupuy of Kennard, Mrs. W. B. Faris of Ratcliff, Messrs. Bud Elliott and Jackson McKenzie of Percilla, and Judge Davis of Grapeland were Crockett visitors the past week.

The closing exercises of the Crockett High School were held the past week beginning with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. S. F. Tenny Sunday, May 5th, and closing with the commencement proper Tuesday night, May 7th. Diplomas were presented by Supt. McDonald. The 1918 class is composed of 21 members, 10 young ladies, and 11 young men, as follows: Misses M. Lawrence, A. Satterwhite, K. Hassell, J. Hatchell, L. McLarty, H. Younas, Q. V. Salms, M. D. Barnhill, Hattie Stokes and D. M. Wootters; and Messrs. W. J. Salisbury, W. M. Hale, W. D. Hail, W. H. Beazley, W. Austin, E. Meriwether, F. Denny, C. L. Edmiston Jr., R. W. Dean, P. H. McConnell and Leonard Albright. Valedictorian, Miss Hattie Stokes; salutatorian, F. Denny.

District court adjourned last week, Tuesday at noon, and Judge Prince and Attorney Bishop left for their home at Athens. Prior to adjournment, Jim Smith, convicted a former day of the term, filed a motion for a new trial, which was granted by the court. The grand jury returned six felony bills, all for cattle theft, and several misdemeanor bills, all for gaming.

At a meeting of the school board held recently, the following faculty was elected for the session of 1918-19: D. McDonald, Superintendent; B. F. Thomas, principal; primary department, Misses Bunnie and Lee Arrington, Minnie Craddock and Julia Spence; high school, Mrs. T. H. Archibald, Misses A. B. Williford, Leita Lawrence Lena Bromberg, Helen Phillips, Nell Beasley and Grace Denny. By a unanimous vote of the board the teaching of German in the school was discontinued.

Has Your Subscription Expired? Come in and renew it next time you are in town.

CROCKETT NEWS

County Went Over the Top in Liberty Loan Drive

Crockett, Texas, May 6, 1918. At the Liberty Bond rally held at the court house Friday evening, Crockett and Houston county went "over the top" with several thousand dollars to the good. Several hundred people were present. All business houses, the banks and postoffice were closed from 2 to 3 o'clock. Among those of our citizens who have subscribed liberally to the third Liberty Loan are H. Bolz, a German born, and "Louie," a Russian Jew. During the meeting this last named party bought a bond for his little girl, who is now in Russia with her mother. Short talks were made by Judge A. A. Aldrich, Col. Fisher, J. W. Young and B. F. Dent. A resolution, introduced by Judge Aldrich, was unanimously passed requesting for the friendly aliens living among us the same courteous treatment as in normal times, and deploring any effort to mistreat or intimidate them.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Jensen had as their guests the past week Capt. and Mrs. A. C. Jensen of Deming, N. M. Capt. Jensen is a brother of Mr. Jensen, and is Captain of Company C., 127th Machine Gun Battalion, now stationed at Deming. Like all other members of the army, he does not know when he will cross the pond. He speaks encouragingly of the final outcome of the war, says that the morale of all the men of his battalion is excellent, all of whom are eager and ready to get in the scrap. They returned home Wednesday.

Lieutenant Owens of the local troop of volunteer cavalry, informed your correspondent Monday that about sixty men had been enrolled for his company. Great care is being taken in the enlistment of the men, only those believed to be morally and physically fit being accepted.

Will Meek of this city, and Miss Martha Mae Sharp of La-

THE RED CROSS

By EDGAR A. GUEST.

I AM too old to share the fight;
Too many years have come and gone
Since first I saw the morning light.
My youth has been and traveled on,
I am too old to join the line,
Far-flung today that truth shall live;
I may not die for what is fine,
But I am not too old to give.

I am not yet so old that I
Have drifted from the world apart
I still can hear the helpless cry,
And mercy still can reach my heart.
I still can share from day to day
The burden that our youth must bear,
And I thank God that I can say
The Red Cross is my symbol there.

I am too old to bear a lance,
Across the shell-torn Flanders' field
I may not go where troops advance
And death's grim terrors are revealed;
But I can hear the helpless call,
And I can serve them while I live;
And I thank God that through it all
I shall not be too old to give.

PIGEON A WAR HERO

The feat of Napoleon's A. D. C., who galloped up with a message in the press of battle, and being asked, "Are you wounded?" replied, "Pardon, sir, I am dead," and fell lifeless, has been equaled by an army pigeon. This pigeon flew home with one of its legs shot away, only to fall dead on the loft floor. But its message, almost driven into its body by the shot, saved the lives of hundreds of men.—New York World.

WANTED TO BUY

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

MEETING AT ROCK HILL

We are requested to announce that Rev. R. L. Brooks will hold a series of meetings at Rock Hill, beginning Wednesday night before the second Sunday in May. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.

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FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

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Lame Back puts a man out of commission while it lasts. Every moment is torture. He can't work, or even get about to amount to anything. For quick relief, apply

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It is a Powerful Pain Relief

Rub it in well over the affected part. It warms and relaxes the contracted muscles, and relieves promptly. It is equally beneficial for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Stiff Neck, Sore Muscles, Cuts, Wounds, Sores, Burns, Scalds, Tender Feet, Chafes and Swellings.

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

LAUNDRY AGENCY

Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

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You can not sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the

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A nice, pleasant purgative that also has a genial stimulating effect in the liver and stomach is one reason why Prickly Ash Bitters is so well liked by people who have used it. They find it a good medicine for the whole family. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

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

Ely Willis of Groveton has our thanks for his renewal.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Program to be rendered at the Guiceland memorial service on May 30th:

1 Invocation by W. F. Murchison. (Song)

2 Welcome address by W. F. Brooks. Response by W. A. Riall. (Song)

3 The relationship our lives should sustain for our beloved dead, by Rev. Trimble. (Song)

4 What relationship does the decoration sustain to the memorial service, by Prewitt DuBose. (Song)

5 Will we recognize each other in heaven, by G. W. North. (Song)

6 A symbol of the resurrection. Son of man, can these bones live. Ezk. 37-3, by Dr. Black. (Song)

7 To the memory of our dead boys in France, by S. W. Ditch, W. F. Murchison, C. A. Campbell and others. (Song)

Singing service. The singers will please convene at 9 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a choir. Norman Lassiter, leader.

All that are directly interested are expected to be present, and we welcome all who will come and be with us, bringing a well filled basket of stuff that goes to make up a patriotic dinner—corn bread, vegetables, etc. N. S. Herod,
For the Committee.

ORGANIZING CAVALRY TROOP

To the citizens of Houston Co.: T. R. Deupree, A. E. Owens and I are endeavoring to raise a troop of cavalry for the Texas National Guard. If we succeed in doing so we shall be commissioned as officers of the troop. This troop will see service, very likely. It will be subject to the call of the Governor.

It is desirable to say that we do not contemplate resigning our present positions, nor do I expect to withdraw from the race for County Superintendent. The office belongs to the people and it has been my effort and desire to fill it to their satisfaction so far as it has been within my power to do so. I would not be true to the democracy of the public schools if I were to continue to remain out of the service in some military capacity,

THE HONOR FLAG

The Honor Flag! Three bars of blue
Upon a field of glistening white,
All compassed round with crimson bright,
What does the token mean to you?
A fit reward, an honor due
Our town because its purse it tasked,
And bought far more than it was asked
So gained an Honor Flag!

[Not so! The Honor Flag shall fly
Above our town, its glistening white
Its bars of blue, its crimson bright
Because we had the honor high,
The privilege to freely buy—
The honor ours to help to save
Fair Freedom from a yawning grave
And keep her flag afloat.

therefore, I feel that this is a good chance to learn something of army life and also a patriotic move to defend our homes from the ravages of a possible invasion from beyond the Rio Grande, and to be ready to assist our boys in France should the need develop. This I consider proper. It should not be considered a crime to be ready to help our country in its time of need.

There is no pay attached to our present positions in the guard, but there will be some expense. We ask that all good citizens lend us their assistance in raising this troop from Houston county. To do otherwise would be considered disloyal by the authorities and by all true Americans. All men between the ages of 18 and 45 are eligible. Drafted men who have not been called may join. Call to see us. Our temporary headquarters will be at the county superintendent's office. Seventeen non-commissioned officers, two buglers, two cooks, two horse-shoers and one saddler are to be selected from our troop. Do not hesitate to ask about this. Draft age is likely to be raised in the future, so why not get in now with a company of home men?

A splendid opportunity for young and old alike to do something that will entitle them to the esteem of all true Americans and of the Liberty loving people of the world.

J. N. Snell.

CARD OF THANKS

I take this method of thanking my many friends who were so kind and good to me during the illness of my children while they had measles.

Mrs. J. P. Willis.

NEW ASSISTANT FOR FOOD ADMINISTRATOR

R. F. Crow, director of the grain and milling division of the Federal Food Administration for Texas, has been assigned as first assistant to replace Herbert Godwin, resigned.

Mr. Crow has been with the food administration for Texas since the early days of its organization, and next to Mr. Godwin holds a commission, dating among the first to be issued. Mr. Crow is a member of the Texas Cotton Seed Crushers' Association.

M. E. Darsey spent several days in Houston last week on business.

THREE TELEGRAMS

One from the Governor; the other from General Pershing, and the third from Administrator Peden; all conveying the word of success on the Texas Plan of 45 Days without wheat.

1.

(Telegram.)

Governor's Mansion, Austin. Administrator Peden, Houston.

"It is a real pleasure to congratulate you and your worthy associates for the wonderful success crowning your efforts in teaching Texas to achieve the maximum efficiency in conserving its great food store house for the use of those who are making our rights and liberties secure.

"Please be assured that you have the co-operation of every patriotic Texan. Cordially yours,
"W. P. Hobby,"
"Governor of the State of Texas."

2.

(Telegram.)

American Expedition, France. Administrator Peden, Houston.

"I assure you the American Expeditionary forces appreciate the sacrifice made by your great State toward winning the war. The United States will win through sacrifice of men, money and comforts, and the troops already here will have the opportunity through the army publication 'Stars and Stripes' to know part of what the largest State in the Union is doing."

3.

(Telegram.)

Houston, Tex., April 28, 1918. Herbert Hoover, U. S. Food Administrator, Washington.

"Three hundred and twenty-five federal district and county food administrators of Texas, in conference assembled, pledge you their unswerving devotion, their steadfast service for God and country to the end that our bread may sustain our gallant troops and our glorious allies. We are enlisted for the period of the war. General Pershing's telegram greatly stimulates our enthusiastic determination to organize five million Texans into effective line of defense.

"E. A. Peden,
"Federal Food Administrator for Texas."

Pimples and blotches on the skin are caused by bilious impurities in the blood. The right remedy is Prickly Ash Bitters. It removes the cause by purifying the blood, liver and bowels. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

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
John D Morgan (Re-election)
- For County Clerk:
A E Owens (Re-election)
A S Moore
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 1
J. S. Long.
W J Branch
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 2
R. T. Murchison.
(Re-election)
- For County Supt. Public Schools:
J. N. Snell.
- Constable Precinct No. 2:
Will Brumley.

Pure, nourishing blood makes healthy flesh, good muscles and a strong vitality. The reverse is the case when the blood is poor. To drive out impurities and enrich the blood take Prickly Ash Bitters. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

MAIZE HEADS

If you need any of this excellent feed you had better get it at once, for this is probably the last car I will have this season. Don't put it off—you might get left.

J. W. HOWARD.

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- Tags
 - Cards
 - Blanks
 - Folders
 - Dodgers
 - Receipts
 - Envelopes
 - Statements
 - Bill Heads
 - Invitations
 - Packet Heads
 - Letter Heads
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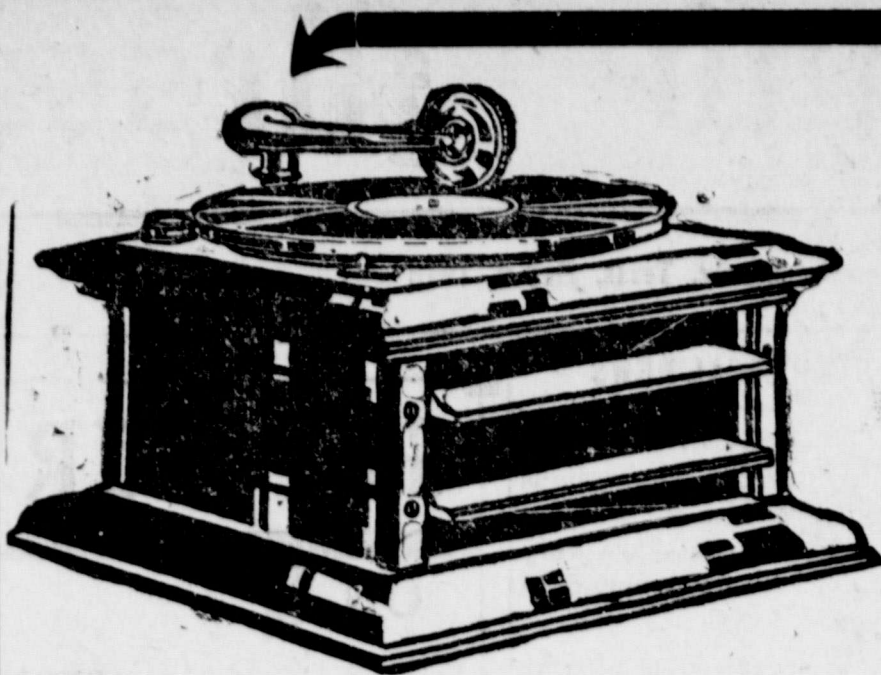
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Mr. Peden discussed with the growers at both Wharton and Eagle Lake the matter of fair prices, in order that the Texas potato might be placed on the market to compete with the old potatoes shipped in from distant markets and the growers agreed to fix a price that would be inviting to the housewives and enable the growers to sell in close competition with the old stock on hand and en route.

J. W. Caskey of Palestine was here last Friday on business and seeing his many friends.



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texo were married Thursday, Rev. R. F. Hodges performing the ceremony. Mr. Meek is a prominent young farmer living west of town. Miss Sharp is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stell Sharp of Latexo, and is prominent in the social circles of her home town. The young couple have many friends.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening, May 14th, from 7 to 11 o'clock, will entertain in honor of Rev. and Mrs. S. F. Tenny, who will on that occasion celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Tenny came to Crockett in December 1870, since which time he has been pastor of the local church. In the early days Mr. Tenny frequently walked to Augusta and other points many miles distant to preach. By his Godly life, his devotion to duty and faithfulness to every trust confided to him, Bro. Tenny is endeared to all of our people, irrespective of denominational belief, who wish him and his estimable wife many happy returns of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dupuy of Kennard, Mrs. W. B. Faris of Ratcliff, Messrs. Bud Elliott and Jackson McKenzie of Percilla, and Judge Davis of Grapeland were Crockett visitors the past week.

The closing exercises of the Crockett High School were held the past week beginning with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. S. F. Tenny Sunday, May 5th, and closing with the commencement proper Tuesday night, May 7th. Diplomas were presented by Supt. McDonald. The 1918 class is composed of 21 members, 10 young ladies, and 11 young men, as follows: Misses M. Lawrence, A. Satterwhite, K. Hassell, J. Hatchell, L. McLarty, H. Younas, Q. V. Salms, M. D. Barnhill, Hattie Stokes and D. M. Wootters; and Messrs. W. J. Salisbury, W. M. Hale, W. D. Hail, W. H. Beazley, W. Austin, E. Meriwether, F. Denny, C. L. Edmiston Jr., R. W. Dean, P. H. McConnell and Leonard Albright. Valedictorian, Miss Hattie Stokes; salutatorian, F. Denny.

District court adjourned last week, Tuesday at noon, and Judge Prince and Attorney Bishop left for their home at Athens. Prior to adjournment, Jim Smith, convicted a former day of the term, filed a motion for a new trial, which was granted by the court. The grand jury returned six felony bills, all for cattle theft, and several misdemeanor bills, all for gaming.

At a meeting of the school board held recently, the following faculty was elected for the session of 1918-19: D. McDonald, Superintendent; B. F. Thomas, principal; primary department, Misses Bunnie and Lee Arrington, Minnie Craddock and Julia Spence; high school, Mrs. T. H. Archibald, Misses A. B. Williford, Leita Lawrence Lena Bromberg, Helen Phillips, Nell Beasley and Grace Denny. By a unanimous vote of the board the teaching of German in the school was discontinued.

Has Your Subscription Expired? Come in and renew it next time you are in town.

CROCKETT NEWS

County Went Over the Top in Liberty Loan Drive

Crockett, Texas, May 6, 1918. At the Liberty Bond rally held at the court house Friday evening, Crockett and Houston county went "over the top" with several thousand dollars to the good. Several hundred people were present. All business houses, the banks and postoffice were closed from 2 to 3 o'clock. Among those of our citizens who have subscribed liberally to the third Liberty Loan are H. Bolz, a German born, and "Louie," a Russian Jew. During the meeting this last named party bought a bond for his little girl, who is now in Russia with her mother. Short talks were made by Judge A. A. Aldrich, Col. Fisher, J. W. Young and B. F. Dent. A resolution, introduced by Judge Aldrich, was unanimously passed requesting for the friendly aliens living among us the same courteous treatment as in normal times, and deploring any effort to mistreat or intimidate them.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Jensen had as their guests the past week Capt. and Mrs. A. C. Jensen of Deming, N. M. Capt. Jensen is a brother of Mr. Jensen, and is Captain of Company C., 127th Machine Gun Battalion, now stationed at Deming. Like all other members of the army, he does not know when he will cross the pond. He speaks encouragingly of the final outcome of the war, says that the morale of all the men of his battalion is excellent, all of whom are eager and ready to get in the scrap. They returned home Wednesday.

Lieutenant Owens of the local troop of volunteer cavalry, informed your correspondent Monday that about sixty men had been enrolled for his company. Great care is being taken in the enlistment of the men, only those believed to be morally and physically fit being accepted.

Will Meek of this city, and Miss Martha Mae Sharp of La-

THE RED CROSS

By EDGAR A. GUEST.

I AM too old to share the fight;
Too many years have come and gone
Since first I saw the morning light.
My youth has been and traveled on,
I am too old to join the line,
Far-flung today that truth shall live;
I may not die for what is fine,
But I am not too old to give.

I am not yet so old that I
Have drifted from the world apart
I still can hear the helpless cry,
And mercy still can reach my heart.
I still can share from day to day
The burden that our youth must bear,
And I thank God that I can say
The Red Cross is my symbol there.

I am too old to bear a lance,
Across the shell-torn Flanders' field
I may not go where troops advance
And death's grim terrors are revealed;
But I can hear the helpless call,
And I can serve them while I live;
And I thank God that through it all
I shall not be too old to give.

PIGEON A WAR HERO

The feat of Napoleon's A. D. C., who galloped up with a message in the press of battle, and being asked, "Are you wounded?" replied, "Pardon, sir, I am dead," and fell lifeless, has been equaled by an army pigeon. This pigeon flew home with one of its legs shot away, only to fall dead on the loft floor. But its message, almost driven into its body by the shot, saved the lives of hundreds of men.—New York World.

WANTED TO BUY

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

MEETING AT ROCK HILL

We are requested to announce that Rev. R. L. Brooks will hold a series of meetings at Rock Hill, beginning Wednesday night before the second Sunday in May. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.

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Lame Back puts a man out of commission while it lasts. Every moment is torture. He can't work, or even get about to amount to anything. For quick relief, apply

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It is a Powerful Pain Relief

Rub it in well over the affected part. It warms and relaxes the contracted muscles, and relieves promptly. It is equally beneficial for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Stiff Neck, Sore Muscles, Cuts, Wounds, Sores, Burns, Scalds, Tender Feet, Chafes and Swellings.

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City Barber Shop

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Your Business
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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

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You can not sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the

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A nice, pleasant purgative that also has a genial stimulating effect in the liver and stomach is one reason why Prickly Ash Bitters is so well liked by people who have used it. They find it a good medicine for the whole family. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

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

Ely Willis of Groveton has our thanks for his renewal.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Program to be rendered at the Guiceland memorial service on May 30th:

1 Invocation by W. F. Murchison. (Song)

2 Welcome address by W. F. Brooks. Response by W. A. Riall. (Song)

3 The relationship our lives should sustain for our beloved dead, by Rev. Trimble. (Song)

4 What relationship does the decoration sustain to the memorial service, by Prewitt DuBose. (Song)

5 Will we recognize each other in heaven, by G. W. North. (Song)

6 A symbol of the resurrection. Son of man, can these bones live. Ezk. 37-3, by Dr. Black. (Song)

7 To the memory of our dead boys in France, by S. W. Ditch, W. F. Murchison, C. A. Campbell and others. (Song)

Singing service. The singers will please convene at 9 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a choir. Norman Lassiter, leader.

All that are directly interested are expected to be present, and we welcome all who will come and be with us, bringing a well filled basket of stuff that goes to make up a patriotic dinner—corn bread, vegetables, etc.

N. S. Herod,
For the Committee.

ORGANIZING CAVALRY TROOP

To the citizens of Houston Co.:

T. R. DeuPree, A. E. Owens and I are endeavoring to raise a troop of cavalry for the Texas National Guard. If we succeed in doing so we shall be commissioned as officers of the troop. This troop will see service, very likely. It will be subject to the call of the Governor.

It is desirable to say that we do not contemplate resigning our present positions, nor do I expect to withdraw from the race for County Superintendent. The office belongs to the people and it has been my effort and desire to fill it to their satisfaction so far as it has been within my power to do so. I would not be true to the democracy of the public schools if I were to continue to remain out of the service in some military capacity,

THE HONOR FLAG

The Honor Flag! Three bars of blue
Upon a field of glistening white,
All compassed round with crimson bright,
What does the token mean to you?
A fit reward, an honor due
Our town because its purse it tasked,
And bought far more than it was asked
So gained an Honor Flag!

[Not so! The Honor Flag shall fly
Above our town, its glistening white
Its bars of blue, its crimson bright
Because we had the honor high,
The privilege to freely buy—
The honor ours to help to save
Fair Freedom from a yawning grave
And keep her flag aloft.

therefore, I feel that this is a good chance to learn something of army life and also a patriotic move to defend our homes from the ravages of a possible invasion from beyond the Rio Grande, and to be ready to assist our boys in France should the need develop. This I consider proper. It should not be considered a crime to be ready to help our country in its time of need.

There is no pay attached to our present positions in the guard, but there will be some expense. We ask that all good citizens lend us their assistance in raising this troop from Houston county. To do otherwise would be considered disloyal by the authorities and by all true Americans. All men between the ages of 18 and 45 are eligible. Drafted men who have not been called may join. Call to see us. Our temporary headquarters will be at the county superintendent's office. Seventeen non-commissioned officers, two buglers, two cooks, two horse-shoers and one saddler are to be selected from our troop. Do not hesitate to ask about this. Draft age is likely to be raised in the future, so why not get in now with a company of home men?

A splendid opportunity for young and old alike to do something that will entitle them to the esteem of all true Americans and of the Liberty loving people of the world.

J. N. Snell.

CARD OF THANKS

I take this method of thanking my many friends who were so kind and good to me during the illness of my children while they had measles.

Mrs. J. P. Willis.

NEW ASSISTANT FOR

FOOD ADMINISTRATOR

R. F. Crow, director of the grain and milling division of the Federal Food Administration for Texas, has been assigned as first assistant to replace Herbert Godwin, resigned.

Mr. Crow has been with the food administration for Texas since the early days of its organization, and next to Mr. Godwin holds a commission, dating among the first to be issued. Mr. Crow is a member of the Texas Cotton Seed Crushers' Association.

M. E. Darsey spent several days in Houston last week on business.

THREE TELEGRAMS

One from the Governor; the other from General Pershing, and the third from Administrator Peden; all conveying the word of success on the Texas Plan of 45 Days without wheat.

1.

(Telegram.)

Governor's Mansion, Austin. Administrator Peden, Houston.

"It is a real pleasure to congratulate you and your worthy associates for the wonderful success crowning your efforts in teaching Texas to achieve the maximum efficiency in conserving its great food store house for the use of those who are making our rights and liberties secure.

"Please be assured that you have the co-operation of every patriotic Texan. Cordially yours,
"W. P. Hobby,"
"Governor of the State of Texas."

2.

(Telegram.)

American Expedition, France. Administrator Peden, Houston.

"I assure you the American Expeditionary forces appreciate the sacrifice made by your great State toward winning the war. The United States will win through sacrifice of men, money and comforts, and the troops already here will have the opportunity through the army publication 'Stars and Stripes' to know part of what the largest State in the Union is doing."

3.

(Telegram.)

Houston, Tex., April 28, 1918. Herbert Hoover, U. S. Food Administrator, Washington.

"Three hundred and twenty-five federal district and county food administrators of Texas, in conference assembled, pledge you their unswerving devotion, their steadfast service for God and country to the end that our bread may sustain our gallant troops and our glorious allies. We are enlisted for the period of the war. General Pershing's telegram greatly stimulates our enthusiastic determination to organize five million Texans into effective line of defense.

"E. A. Peden,
"Federal Food Administrator for Texas."

Pimples and blotches on the skin are caused by bilious impurities in the blood. The right remedy is Prickly Ash Bitters. It removes the cause by purifying the blood, liver and bowels. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

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
John D Morgan (Re-election)

For County Clerk:
A E Owens (Re-election)
A S Moore

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1
J. S. Long.
W J Branch

For Commissioner Precinct No. 2
R. T. Murchison.
(Re-election)

For County Supt. Public Schools:
J. N. Snell.

Constable Precinct No. 2:
Will Brumley.

Pure, nourishing blood makes healthy flesh, good muscles and a strong vitality. The reverse is the case when the blood is poor. To drive out impurities and enrich the blood take Prickly Ash Bitters. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

MAIZE HEADS

If you need any of this excellent feed you had better get it at once, for this is probably the last car I will have this season. Don't put it off—you might get left.

Stf J. W. HOWARD.

Printing

Are You in Need of

- Tags
 - Cards
 - Blanks
 - Folders
 - Dodgers
 - Receipts
 - Envelopes
 - Statements
 - Bill Heads
 - Invitations
 - Packet Heads
 - Letter Heads
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THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1918



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

DYING FOR US

Every American reading the war news of the last few weeks, must have thrilled with admiration over the way the British troops have withstood an avalanche of steel and flame. Never since the beginning of the world has there been so terrible a battle storm. From this safe distance, from what little knowledge we are able to gain here in Grapeland of the actual fighting, it seems impossible that flesh and blood could withstand those terrors. But the British Tommies endured them and kept their courage and nerve through days of exhausting retreat.

They fell by the thousands, but they fell with their faces to the foe. They died bravely and cheerfully in the great cause that they knew was right. And as they fell millions of Americans, with their thoughts turned toward France and their sympathies going out to the men who were being mowed down by Prussian shells, gained a new understanding of the war—what it means to us and what part the defenders have been playing.

Many a man or woman, safe at home, in comfortable leisure or congenial occupation, enjoying all the satisfactions of life which are at stake in the great conflict, has had a sudden glimpse of the truth and now realizes that the British soldiers have been fighting for us—literally, whole heartedly fighting for us. They have been dying for us. Every Englishman, or Canadian, or Australian, and we must add every Frenchman or Belgian, who falls with a bullet through his head or a shell fragment through his body, has done it for us just as much as for his own kin. He has paid a sacrifice which we owed. He has taken the place of an American boy.

The farmers' idea of no-account help is the hired hand who thinks more about the clock than the crop.

If Germany should get a place in the sun the dark spot would make it look like a total eclipse.

The "safety first" idea has kept many a Grapeland man from expressing his opinion of another fellow.

If the young ladies of Grapeland want to start something new, they might try wearing thrift stamps for beauty spots.

Hindenburg says, "Peace for Germany hangs on the Western Front," and that's about as good a place for a hanging as could be found.

Had you ever stopped to figure that moving up the clock one hour means that we are going to win the war an hour earlier than we had calculated upon?

One thing we should be thankful for, and that is that we no longer have to puzzle over a lot of Russian names that sound like a fellow filing a saw.

Russia now has a new officer named Payoff. That name sounds good enough to fight for.—Grapeland Messenger.

That fellow ought to be running a country newspaper.—Lufkin News.

LETTER FROM A FORMER GRAPELAND CITIZEN

Waurika, Oklahoma, May 3. Grapeland Messenger:

I thought that I would write a few lines for your paper to let my many friends hear from me.

It seems to be the order of the day now for Liberty Bond drives and for a time it looked as though we were going to be short in our quota from here. We happened to get Lieutenant Knight, who is an Oklahoma boy. He stopped off at Waurika for a short time and we got him to address the people at a public meeting. He was just from the firing line and had with him several war souvenirs, such as German officers and privates' caps and small calibre shells. He gave some of his experiences in the trenches and also told us what he had seen of the treatment of the women and children by the Germans in the occupied territory of France.

Now I tell you Mr. Editor, it would make any man's blood boil, who has any humanity in his nature. When the speaking was finished there was a call for subscriptions to the Liberty Loan and about \$10,000.00 was subscribed.

I was pleased to see Grapeland going over the top so far, although she always does her part in everything.

Did you ever live in an oil district? It beats anything I ever saw. The excitement is running so high in this country that the leases run from \$5.00 to \$800.00 per acre according to the location of the land. Last week an oil company paid \$75.00 per acre clear away from any well. This is simply for oil and gas leases.

We are having very cold weather here for this time of year. Crops are very backward and farmers are generally planting cotton now.

W. J. BRIDGES.

MRS. ED KEEN DEAD

Mrs. Ed Keen died at her home in the New Prospect community, Thursday night, May 2, of pneumonia. She was buried Friday in the Parker cemetery. She is survived by her husband and twelve children. Mrs. Keen was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown, of the Hays Spring community.

Norman and Willis Whitaker, who are in the U. S. Navy, came in last week on furlough and will assist their father in making a crop. They took advantage of the war department's order whereby men in training may assist in making and harvesting a crop where their services are needed.

If you want to trade your old saddle for a new one see me.

J. L. Buckalew.

Thrifty May Merchandise

THRIFT is the key-word of the times. We are urged to practice thrift in all our underkaings.

Thrift does not mean a sacrifice of quality for the hoarding of a few pennies---It means doing without that which is not necessary. The lines at this store are thrifty in more than one way. They embrace the very best quality that can be sold for the price; they contain serviceable, long lasting qualities and the price we ask is not in excess of that asked for more inferior grades.

You can Buy Thrift Stamps and War Saving Strmps if You make Your Purchases Here.

Work Clothes

- Men's Blue Overalls.....\$1.50 and \$2.00
- Men's Stripe Overalls \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00
- Boys' Overalls..... 90c, \$1.00 and \$1.25
- Little Fellows' Overalls and Play Suits..... 50c and up
- Men's Heavy Blue and Express Stripe Coats.....\$2.00
- Men's Plantation Jumpers..... 75c
- Men's Work Pants.....\$1.00 to \$2.00
- Men's Light Brown Work Shirts.. 50c
- Men's BIG-ENUF Blue Work Shirts..... 75c
- Men's BIG INDIAN Heavy Work Shirts.....\$1.00
- Boys' Blue and Fancy Work Shirts..... 50c
- HEAVY GRAY SEAMLESS SOCKS..... 15c

Our line of Work Shoes is the best selected for wear and service. We save you money \$3 to \$6

These are only a few of our everyday values in men's work clothes which are sure to be higher when our present stock is exhausted.

Stylish Spring Footwear

Here you will find the shoemakers' art exemplified in the most fascinating styles for men, women and children. The long narrow lasts are very pleasing to the eye as well as extra comfortable to the feet. We are showing a big color range in all leathers both in high and low quarters.

- Men's popular priced shoes in WHITE HOUSE and other grades at.....\$3.00, \$3.50 and up to \$5.00
- Men's Florsheim'e at \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50 up to \$10.00
- Women's Patent Leather Pumps and Oxfords \$2.00 and up to \$4
- Women's Kid Oxfords, high shoes and pumps.....\$3.00 and up to \$8.50

A complete line of shoes for boys and big girls. Our children's slippers are delayed in shipping.

- TENNIS SHOES for men at.....65c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.75
- for women...50c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50
- Children's in proportion.
- SISTER SUE PUMPS—All sizes, \$1.00

Staple Dry Goods

We will be glad to have you get our prices on all staple dry goods. We own these goods at the right prices and are selling them accordingly. Our assortment includes Amoskeag Utility fast color, book fold gingham, Amoskeag long fold staple check dress gingham, Lion and Fairy fast color book fold Percales, Heavy Shirtings in long and bookfold from popular mills, Bleached and Brown yard wide domestics in heavy weights, Feather and Mattress Tickings in all grades, Peppereil bleached and brown sheeting in 9-4 and 10-4, Denims and Khaki cloths for work pants and heavy wear. Our better heavy cloths include Galateas, Devonshire cloth, Madras, Suiting, etc.

We are just in receipt of a lot of new Silks, which gives us a complete stock of plain and fancy taffetas, georgette, crepe de chine, silk poplins, shantung, etc.

For Summer Dress Making we have at this store a complete line of Dress Accessories in combination with a very pretty showing of airy wash fabrics in Voiles, Organdies, Batistes, better Gingham, Newest Trimmings, Laces, Embroideries and White Goods.

Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Try Wherry for dry goods. 5tf

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A big line of boys' dress pants at McLean & Riall's.

SHOE POLISH in all colors for kid leathers at Darsey & Co.

You will find the white KARO SYRUP at Murray & Mangum's.

See McLean & Riall for automobile casings, tubes, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Ory Heath of Madisonville visited relatives and friends here Monday.

A score or more of fabrics to select your dress pants from at Darsey & Co's.

Arthur Walton has let the contract for a residence to Walling & Richards, and work will begin right away.

For oil, grease and GENUINE FORD PARTS, come to Hughes & Son's Auto Shop. Phone day and night. 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.

Health About Gone

Many thousands of women suffering from womanly trouble, have been benefited by the use of Cardui, the woman's tonic, according to letters we receive, similar to this one from Mrs. Z. V. Spell, of Hayne, N. C. "I could not stand on my feet, and just suffered terribly," she says. "As my suffering was so great, and he had tried other remedies, Dr. . . . had us get Cardui. . . I began improving, and it cured me. I know, and my doctor knows, what Cardui did for me, for my nerves and health were about gone."

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

She writes further: "I am in splendid health . . . can do my work. I feel I owe it to Cardui, for I was in dreadful condition." If you are nervous, run-down and weak, or suffer from headache, backache, etc., every month, try Cardui. Thousands of women praise this medicine for the good it has done them, and many physicians who have used Cardui successfully with their women patients, for years, endorse this medicine. Think what it means to be in splendid health, like Mrs. Spell. Give Cardui a trial.

All Druggists

Bring your eggs to Wherry. 5tf
TRUNKS and SUIT CASES at Darsey & Co's.

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

Men's straw, Panama and Bangkok hats at Darsey & Co's.

W. H. Long was in Tyler the first of the week on business.

Men's dress pants \$3.00 and up at Darsey & Co's.

You will find RYE FLOUR at Murray & Mangum's.

FOR SALE

4 sows due to farrow in May. G. J. Mack.

That tune you whistled a week before you knew the name of it is on a COLUMBIA record at Darsey & Co's.

Jas. A. Hill, of the U. S. Navy, with headquarters at New York, came in Monday and will spend several days with his mother.

The best way to doctor tire trouble is to get a box of "TURTLE-GRIP" tire patch at McLean & Riall's.

U. M. Brock is having a new residence built, tearing away the old one and using the material in the new. J. B. Woodside is the contractor.

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

Mrs. George E. Darsey and daughter, Miss Lucindy, spent several days this and last week in Belton visiting Miss Mary Lou Darsey, who is attending school there.

Men, summer is here. Come in and let us fit you up in a PALM BEACH SUIT. MURRAY & MANGUM.

PUBLIC AUCTION

I will sell a god 5 year old black Spanish Jack at auction Saturday, May 11th. J. L. Buckalew.

Men's dress pants in a big color range, including most all fabrics, at Darsey & Co's.

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. 4-t12

When you are ready to buy your fruit jars don't fail to see Murray & Mangum. They will SAVE YOU MONEY.

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.

Our Hobby

Is Good Printing

Ask to see samples of our business cards, visiting cards, wedding

and other invitations, pamphlets, folders, letter heads statements, shipping tags, envelopes, etc., constantly carried in stock for your accommodation.

Get our figures on that printing you have been thinking of.

New Type, Latest Style Faces

SCHOOL TEACHERS AND HIGH COST OF LIVING.

Are you content to continue teaching without any increase in salary when the cost of living has more than doubled in the past twelve months? Or will you enter the broad fields of business where the demand for trained young men and women is the greatest in history of the nation? The commercial concerns of the country realizing the advance in the cost of living, have increased salaries in proportion, and bookkeepers, stenographers, and operators receive from \$75 to \$100 per month for twelve months in the year. They receive advances promptly as they progress in experience and skill. The increase in salary during the school term added to the additional salary in vacation amounts to a large gain over the teachers pay and the expense of schooling is over after the few months spent in a commercial college. Teachers' salaries are limited, while business positions pay salaries as large as the abilities of the employees justify. Salary and ability seek their level in business very quickly, because of the widespread demand for help. Can you blame several thousand teachers who are quitting the profession annually to enter commercial work where they have an opportunity of increasing their earning power each year and where their training fits them for the responsible positions of life? Do you know that, with only a small cost in money and from three to five months, training, you can step into a good paying commercial position? Compare this with the time and money which teachers must spend in preparation before they can begin earning, after which they are employed only six to nine months in the year and spend what little money they have saved to attend a summer normal during vacation. Make up your mind now to spend your vacation this summer in America's largest commercial training school and prepare yourself to answer one of the many calls we have daily for our students. Write the Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas, for their large, free illustrated catalogue and read what teachers who have attended this institution say of the many advantages it offers to those who desire to enter the business world.

We have fancy parasols in a variety of colors. McLean & Riall.

A SPECIAL SALE

On the following named goods: Ladies shoes for wholesale price.

Men's shoes at wholesale price
Tennis shoes 65c to-----\$1.65
Prices good until all shoes are sold.

\$2.50 work pants for----\$1.50
Men's work shirts for----60c
6 lbs best green coffee for--\$1.00
5 lbs best Rio coffee for----\$1.00
4 1-2 lbs Peaberry coffee--\$1.00
4 lbs Arm & Hammer soda--30c

It will pay you to see me before you sell your eggs and chickens. J. H. Bowman.

J. J. Cook, who has been at Mineral Wells for the past few weeks, spent a few days here this week with his friends and relatives.

Come to Murray & Mangum's for your CORN FLOUR.

Arnold Clewis wires his father that he is safely back in the United States after making his third trip to France. He is in the transport service.

STRAYED

1 red Jersey mooley heifer, about 10 months old, left home about five weeks ago.

Frank Leaverton, Grapeland, Texas.

Buy Guaranteed Watches

—We are agents for the famous—
INGERSOL WATCHES

We guarantee these watches for 12 months. We buy direct from the factory and have and have the repairing done directly, hence but little delay.

PRICES

\$1.35 \$2.00 \$2.25 \$2.50 \$4.50 \$5.00 \$7.50

Save money and annoyance by buying your watches (INGERSOL) from us.

HONESTY AND QUALITY

The Peoples Drug Store

—WADE L. SMITH—

"Wood From Noah's Ark to Papa's Bungalow"

Flies are Dangerous

Better Not Let Them Get started this Spring

Look about your screens in plenty of time. A great many diseases are spread by flies and mosquitoes. Screens were once a luxury—now they are a necessity.

We can furnish the screens for the windows, doors and porches on your house and our prices are very reasonable. Screens will save many broken glasses by protecting your doors and windows.

We have a fine assortment of SCREEN DOORS from the cheapest to the best and most attractive. A nice front screen door is not only useful, but is ornamental. All are equipped with self closing spring hinges. Let us give you an estimate on your screens.

T. H. Leaverton Lumber Company

CASH PRIZES FOR WAR LOAF OFFERED

In order to enable as many hotels, restaurants, clubs and dining car services as possible to go upon an absolutely wheatless basis, and to insure that those which have already taken the "no wheat" pledge may carry it out with the least possible hardship, John Mc E. Bowman, who is a practical hotel man now associated with the United States Food Administration, has offered prizes totaling \$1,000 for the best wheatless and ryeless sandwich bread that can be produced by a hotel or restaurant baker. Five hundred dollars is offered for the loaf that is adjudged the whitest, the most palatable and the best looking and which can be produced at a moderate price. A second prize of \$300, a third of \$150 and a fourth of \$50 will also be given. Neither wheat nor rye in any form may be used. The competition will be open only to hotel and restaurant bakers. Each contestant must produce a certificate from the proprietor or manager of his hotel or restaurant guaranteeing that the contestant is an American citizen; is a hotel or restaurant baker in good standing and is not employed in an outside bakeshop; has worked in his present position for at least six months preceding the date of the contest; and has originated and has baked the bread entered by him in the contest. Each contestant must originate and bake one 16-ounce loaf of sandwich bread. This must be so packed as to reach Washington in the best possible condition. It should be sent parcel post and under a special delivery stamp. The bread should be accom-

panied by two typewritten copies of the recipe, in which every step should be briefly but accurately described and the general appearance of the finished product noted. All bread and recipes entered must reach the hotel, restaurant, dining car and steamship division of the food administration not later than May 15. For the information of possible contestants whose bread will have to make a long journey, it is especially stated that the loaf alone will not be the sole basis of award. The recipe accompanying it must pass a thorough test.

Save Pennies—Waste Dollars

Some users of printing save pennies by getting inferior work and lose dollars through lack of advertising value in the work they get. Printers as a rule charge very reasonable prices, for none of them get rich although nearly all of them work hard.

Moral: Give your printing to a good printer and save money.

Our Printing Is Unexcelled

LIBERTY HILL
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

(Delayed)
Liberty Hill, April 29.—The play given by the young people was a success. We netted a good sum for the church. One intermission was filled by the song, "Somewhere in France," sung by two little boys and two little girls, was seemingly the most attractive feature of the evening. Another intermission was filled by an Irish wand drill—"The Army's Full of Irish," by little Carol Avera, Ruby Lee Young, Tommie Holcomb, Bernard Avera and Jamie Avera.

Miss Irene Beasley returned to her home in Rusk Sunday, after spending the week with her cousin, Miss Velma Moore.

Miss Dollie Moore is at home now for the summer. Her school was out last Friday.

Miss Irvine Tally has gone to Alto to spend the week.

Clarence Tally was here Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives and to attend the play.

Miss Laura Pearl Holcomb and Henry Holcomb were visiting here this week end.

Albert Holcomb and little daughter have gone to Alto to visit relatives.

Miss Cordie Holcomb and Jim Holcomb are spending the week in Alto.

Miss Gladys Avera and little sister, Carol, left this week for Sour Lake, where they will visit their sister, Mrs. H. V. Watts, for two weeks, then they will go on to Gulfport, Miss., where they will spend the summer.

The teachers have been elected for our next school term—Miss Georgia May Patton, principal, and Miss Gladys Avera, assistant. We hope to have a good school and successful year.

WANETA
REGULAR CORRESPONDENT

(Delayed)
Waneta, April 29.—Another big rain fell here last night with some hail and the wind blew down a great deal of timber.

Miss Emma Moore of Liberty Hill and Tom Rich and family were guests of Willis Scoggin and wife Sunday.

Mr. Hestand entertained the young folks with a party Friday night.

Misses Leta and Luna Frank Lively of Grapeland were guests of relatives here from Friday until Sunday.

Grandmother Barnes, who has been visiting her son, Tom Barnes, a few days, returned home Sunday.

Miss Leona Hendrick was the guest of Miss Mary Lively Sunday.

Arthur Tyer and family were guests of Henry Tyer and wife Sunday.

Grandmother Sheffield and Mrs. Stella Sheffield were the guests of Mrs. Bertie Clark last Monday.

The young people enjoyed a musical entertainment at Frank Jones' Saturday night.

Since our last letter a Liberty Loan meeting has been held at this place and our people bought \$3,800.00 worth of bonds.

Mrs. McElroy was the guest of her son, Joe Elliott, and wife, Tuesday night.

ANTRIM
BY HIWATHA

Antrim, May 5th.—At present there is lots of measles, bad cold, chills and fevers.

We had a nice rain Sunday, although it was not needed. But we are not going to complain.

Everybody is behind with their work.

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

Mrs. Alvin Starr, who has been visiting Mrs. H. A. Skeen several days, returned to her home near Elkhart Sunday.

Lee Martin spent Saturday night with his grandmother, Mrs. S. J. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Edens and children visited Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Durnell Sunday.

Our literary society has been postponed on account of measles. Our next meeting will be May 24th. We will have a good program consisting of several plays. Everyone is invited.

Bro. Henderson will preach here next Sunday and at night.

Miss Esther Durnell spent Saturday with her grandmother Mrs. W. M. Durnell.

Mrs. Kittie Finch, who has been visiting her brother, J. H. B. Kyle, and family, and other relatives, for several weeks, returned to her home in Joplin, Mo., Sunday.

ROCKHILL
BY NORMAN

Rock Hill, May 6th.—The rains still continue. We hope it will soon stop.

Denny, Ludie, Alton and Lois Willis, who have just recovered from the measles, visited the home of C. M. Streetman Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. H. M. Streetman was real sick a few days last week, but she is better at this writing.

Mrs. Mary Gray and daughter, Nora, visited the home of H. M. Streetman the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Brooks and Leota and Luna Kolb visited the home of G. W. Langham, in the Hays Spring community, Saturday and Sunday.

Little Ernest and Naomi Kolb are very sick at present with measles. Also Mr. Z. W. Weisinger.

We regret to report that Luther Campbell, formerly of this community, who is now at Camp Jos. E. Johnston, Jacksonville, Fla., is very ill with the measles.

If the weather is pretty and the measles do not interfere we expect to have Sunday school next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and preaching by Bro. Henderson at 4. Everybody invited.

Rev. R. L. Brooks of Fouke, Ark., will hold a meeting here this week, beginning Wednesday night. Norman.

WATCH AND WAIT

for G. Ward Shelfer, who comes to my drug store regularly, to have your eyes examined and glasses fitted. He will be with us again in a few days. Beware of incompetent, unworthy peddlers and phone us for his next date and appointment.

D. N. Leaverton,
Druggist,
Grapeland, Texas.

PERCILLA
BY JAMES R.

Percilla, May 5.—Farming is progressing very slowly owing to the rains. Some have their cotton planted. The weather being so unfavorable, lots will have to replant. This is a great cost, as well as inconvenience.

Our school closed April 26th, with a program which was enjoyed by all. We feel that we have had a very successful school. We feel proud of the four graduates: Audra Jones, Rosa Branch, Lorena Dennis and Ava Sullivan. These four young ladies whose lives have run through comparatively the same channel, feel very deeply the separation, realizing that their lives will run through a separate channel now. "May the flowers of prosperity ever bloom in your path," is the wish we send out to them as they part. We regret very much that Mr. Puntch, the principal, will be unable to be with us another year. He has taught us a good school, but has responded to the call to serve in a better and more nobler cause. We feel that the cavalry under supervision of Mr. Snell will be greatly honored by Mr. Puntch's services. Miss Bula Ford has accepted the same position again, and Mr. DuBose signed up in a better place at Salmon. May the years' to come be as successful for these young men as they were here at Percilla.

The storm of April 28th did great damage to buildings as well as to crops. The wind came with full force and was so unexpected by most people.

Mrs. John L. Sullivan of Palestine is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Walter Conoway of Palestine visited Mrs. W. W. Sullivan the past week.

The Pershing War Saving Society met again Friday night, April 26th, with a very large crowd present. Fifteen new members were taken in, making fifty in all. We would be glad if every citizen in the community would join and help push our little society along until it becomes one of the biggest in the county. The next meeting will be Saturday night, May 18th. A program is being arranged. The public is invited to join and take part. James R.

Rather Poor Showing.

"I understand Mr. Dubwaite has announced for another office."
"He seems determined to keep running until he gets one."
"Yes, but Mrs. Dubwaite says she is out of patience."
"Why so?"
"She says a man who has been running for office as long and as hard as Mr. Dubwaite has ought to have something more to show for it than a pile of unpaid printing bills."

To Hang in Guest Room.

Sleep sweet within this quiet room,
O thou, whoever thou art,
And let no sad, dull yesterday
Disturb thy quiet heart.
Forget thyself and all the world,
Put out each flickering light,
His star is shining overhead,
Bright Christmas, dear—good night.

The mistletoe could tell some funny tales had it the gift of speech.

Shortest Reference to Christmas.

"December 25th—Rained all day." This is the shortest reference to Christmas in any book. It is the only entry under that date in the diary of our old friend Robinson Crusoe.

More Blessed to Give.

Because you give a five-dollar bill is no reason why you should expect the same.



SCRATCH OUT WORRY AND RISK

about your money by opening an account with his 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**



CAN YOU AFFORD

To neglect your personal appearance when our prices for cleaning, pressing and repairing clothes are easily within your means?

Can You Afford

To overlook the importance of personality as relates to outer garments?

You Can Not

We solicit your patronage and agree to give you unexcelled service.

May We Start Today?

CLEWIS---The Tailor

REPORT OF GRAND JURY

To the Hon. John S. Prince, Judge of the District Court of Houston County:

Comes now your grand jury, duly sworn and empaneled as such, for the spring term, 1918, for the district court of Houston county, and would respectfully show to the court that we have been in session for seven days, that we have had a great number of witnesses before us, that we have diligently searched into every phase of the criminal life of Houston county, and as a result of our efforts, we have returned into open court 32 indictments, 18 of which were for felonies and 14 of which were for misdemeanors.

Our deliberations and the result of same have conclusively proven to our minds, as is evidenced by the number and character of indictments returned, that crime is to a marked degree, on the decrease in Houston county. To this, your honor, we point with pride.

And now, having concluded our labors, we respectfully pray of your honor that you enter an order discharging us finally. We wish, however, to conclude this report by thanking the

State's attorneys for the assistance rendered us, your honor for the valuable counsel which we have at all times found you ready and eager to give us and the ready assistance you have rendered us in other ways.

Respectfully submitted,
C. W. Kennedy,
Foreman,
Jas. S. Shivers,
Secretary.

BOY SCOUT BAND

Grapeland Troop No. 1, Boy Scouts of America, have organized a band. The instructor is here, and the instruments are expected the latter part of this week. There will be about 25 in the band, and so far as we know, is the only band in the state at this time composed of boys as young as these.

Mr. Gee. W. Blake of Sulphur, Ok., is instructor and says he will have the boys ready to give a band concert at the end of two months. He has a wide reputation as a band teacher, as he has organized bands all over Texas, Oklahoma and elsewhere.

There is some expense attached to the band which will have to be taken care of by the town. If you have not already subscribed to the support of the band, make up your mind to do so, as your part will be very small compared to the part the boys will carry, as they furnish their own instruments.



CANTEEN WORKERS CATER TO POILU'S APPETITE FOR OYSTERS AND SALADS

Eleanor Robson Belmont, Home From Europe, Tells of Her Unbounded Faith In the Red Cross.

By ELEANOR ROBSON BELMONT.

WHEN I left for Europe a few months ago I had no cast-iron reverence for the Red Cross. When I returned from Europe I brought home with me unbounded belief in the organization. I had seen enough to make me realize that this was the best method of serving the soldiers and sailors. We are waging an economic war. Therefore the surest and most effective way to help is through the established channels selected for that purpose by the government.

The main work of the American Red Cross, however, is, of course, carried on in France. The policy of those heading this work is to back up the French in their own efforts and to help them develop along their own lines, not to root out French institutions and transplant American ones. Whether we work, then, in canteens, in warehouses, in dispensaries, for pollus or for refugees, in Paris or in

huts used for this purpose are little alleys marked "Paris," "Dijon," or "Lyons." These little alleys are laid out with bunks filled with sleeping men. If a poilu is going to Paris, he throws himself down in the Paris bunk, serene in the knowledge that he will be called in time for the Paris train.

In some of the canteens the lights have to be dimmed on account of aeroplanes. Often the lights are covered with colored muslin shields which make a rosy glow that is very home-like. One of the canteens has been decorated by some of the best camouflage artists in France, who have taken great delight in covering the walls and even the ceiling with their pictures. The canteens are open day and night for the benefit of the men at the big junction points.

Do More Than Feed Men.

The women in the canteens do more than feed the men, however, important as that is. Poilus leaving their families are naturally depressed and need sympathetic listeners. Some one to admire his wife's picture, some one to laugh over the baby's latest sign of genius, some one to tell him that the oldest boy is the image of his handsome father—this is as real a need in the poilu's life as salad or soup. In fact the presence of these fine women is such an influence for good that officers say the morale of the army is distinctly higher wherever the canteens are. This causes great rivalry among the canteen workers. Each one wants her canteen to be the best and most popular in the service.

Besides this direct, personal service to the soldiers the Red Cross is doing a kind of John the Baptist work with dispensaries. We have fifteen dispensaries scattered through districts where war has been or is likely to be. France had mobilized 18,000 of her 24,000 physicians, leaving about 6,000 for the whole of civilian France. Sometimes you will find one old doctor taking care of several villages with no means of transportation except occasionally an aged, overworked horse. Here is a chance for the Red Cross to step in and help. There is a syndicate of physicians to which the Red Cross applies to find out if a certain village has a medical adviser; if not we establish a center and operate in a given section around the center.

Bathing a Luxury.

A Red Cross doctor and nurse go out regularly to the villages in their section. Each village is informed when they are coming so that all who want medical advice or treatment can meet together in one spot and save unnecessary calls. Of course, if any one is too ill to come to the doctor, the doctor goes to him. The nurses carry among other things shower baths for babies. In many regions of France, owing to lack of facilities, bathing is a luxury, so the superstition has grown up that it is dangerous. Now since the mothers are convinced that their children will be neither killed nor injured, but on the contrary benefited by baths, how they do look forward to them!

After all this inspiring activity of the Red Cross on the other side, romantic in spite of the drudgery and tragedy, I expected the work here to be an anti-climax. I was amazed, then, when I returned to see what we were accomplishing at home.



ELEANOR ROBSON BELMONT.

the devastated districts, for the children or for the aged, it is always on the same plan of backing up the French if they have any organization or plan.

Poilus Like Oysters and Salad.

The canteen work is one of the most gratifying ways of helping the men. To see those poilus enjoying the first delicacies they have had for days is a soul-satisfying sight. The English and French maintain canteens where they dispense soup, hot coffee and cocoa, tobacco, chocolate, etc., but the American Red Cross canteens serve real dinners at cost or under. The poilus are inordinately fond of oysters and salad; when they can order a plate of oysters or a dish of salad in an American canteen they are as happy as children. We have six canteens in the French zone for the French army—France is, of course, divided into zones. In one line of communication canteen we serve from 4,000 to 8,000 men a day. These canteens are near the railroad stations for the benefit of the men going to the front, being transferred to some other section, or going home on a furlough. In one section the

The following news item has been received from the publicity department at Camp Travis: "Private Walton Sneed Taylor, in the Ordnance Detachment, 344th Field Artillery, stationed at Camp Travis, who has been on detached service at Rock Island Arsenal in Illinois, has returned to his organization for duty."

Plenty of Sudan grass seed at Murray & Mangum's.

SPECIAL CERTIFICATE REQUIRED FOR SUGAR

THOSE WISHING TO CAN OR PRESERVE MUST SIGN NEW APPLICATION FORM.



E. A. Peden

Houston, Texas, April 25.—In order to meet the needs of the housewife who requires sugar for preserving and canning, the United States Food Administration is issuing a special certificate to be signed by the purchaser of the sugar which is to be used in canning and preserving, and any surplus from such purposes within twenty days is to be returned to the merchant making the sale. Certificate signed by the purchaser and countersigned by the merchant is to be forwarded direct to E. A. Peden, Federal Food Administrator for the State of Texas, Houston, Texas.

Administrator Peden will not issue the certificates required for this purpose, but requests that all merchants selling sugar or expecting to sell sugar have prepared at once and place upon their counters for use certificates reading as follows:

"This is to certify that I require _____ pounds of sugar at this time to be used by me for preserving purposes exclusively, and if same is not used by me within the next twenty days after purchase I agree to return same to the merchants from whom purchased.

_____, Texas.
_____, 1918.
_____, Merchant.

"This certificate must be countersigned by merchant selling and, mailed to E. A. Peden, Federal Administrator for Texas, Houston, Texas."

In order to build up reserve stocks to take care of the canning demand, jobbers are now permitted by the food administration to hold sugar sufficient to meet their needs for sixty, instead of thirty days. Where necessity demands, the Federal Food Administrators are authorized to allow the sale of more than 1,000 pounds—the present limit—to retailers.

The prescribed limit of retail sales for other than canning purposes will still be maintained—not over five pounds to people living in cities; not more than ten pounds to those living in the country.

Commercial canners in every state will be allowed to increase immediate purchases gradually to accumulate sufficient sugar to meet full requirements of their 1918 canning operations. The new regulation which permits canners to carry a season's supply does not, however, extend the latitude to manufacturers of less essential foodstuffs.

This step is necessary, announces Administrator Peden, in order to make sure that home canners may obtain sufficient sugar to preserve perishable fruits and at the same time to place a check upon those who would endeavor to obtain unreasonable quantities for household consumption. The check on consumption will be exercised through the retailers—considered a much more satisfactory method than the card system adopted in other countries—chiefly to guard against temporary shortages that may occur if more vessels are delivered from the Cuban trade, and at the same time to assure a supply adequate to meet the extensive demand hoped for from home canners.

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

For cottonseed see J. H. Kolb.

HOUSTON COUNTY WENT OVER IN LIBERTY BONDS

Grapeland Was the First Town in the County to Exceed its Quota

Houston county went "over the top" with plenty to spare. Among the towns of the county there was but one which failed to subscribe its quota—Crockett, but the zeal and patriotism displayed by the smaller towns of the county more than made up the deficit and carried the drive to a triumphant finish for the county as whole. But Crockett's failure cannot be charged to the committee for they worked hard to make the drive a success.

The number of subscriptions and the amounts subscribed through the various banks of the county is as follows:

Crockett, 1,479,	\$168,800.00
Grapeland, 890,	\$71,750.00
Lovelady, 310,	\$42,100.00
Ratcliff, 125,	\$19,650.00
Weldon, 74,	\$12,100.00
Kennard, 100,	\$7,500.00
Total number of subscribers,	2,978.
Total amount,	\$321,900.00.

The large number of subscribers to this loan shows that the boys at the "forks of the creek" got busy, and when that happens results are sure to be attained.

Incidentally, we might add that Grapeland and this section of the county was the first to subscribe its quota.

Following is a list of Liberty Bond buyers, as furnished us by the two banks. This list is in addition to previous lists published:

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| G W Crenshaw | J G Bobbitt |
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| M L Clewis | J I McCarter |
| J T Langham | Albert Holcomb |
| A P Luce | G C Holcomb |
| F R Duitch | Early Holcomb |
| L E Hearne | W A Holcomb |
| Odell Hearne | W T Craig |
| T L Kellam | W M Brown |
| W K McAnally | Jno R Kyle |
| J R Bobbitt | C P Danils |
| Wm Anderson | R F Hale |
| J M Lovell | J E Spence |
| J F Lovell | C R Kellum |
| Jack Roberson | G L Brunson |
| Willis Shaver | W L Kellum |
| H F Newman | Ed Holcomb |
| W C Owens | Geo Calhoun |
| L F Lively | H G Young |
| Sam Young | M B Murchison |
| Geo McCorkle | Ida M Deberry |
| W H Lively | W H M Society |
| Jas O McLean | T J Haltom |
| S H Gregg | W W Adams |
| I N Whitaker | E A Faulkenber |
| B F Collins | Henry Johnston |
| E H Denman | D B Pennington |
| S N Boykin | J L Whitehead |
| Will Duitch | R A Ray |
| J E Elliott | A E Murdock |
| G Allen | Jno H Puntch |
| F B Kent | J F Fulton |
| C A Moore | H A Leaverton |
| T F Dailey | R E Spence |
| A K Lively | D J McKenzie |

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| Sam Howard | |
| N H Montgomery Jr | |
| Popular Grove 1067 W C | |
| Thos Whitaker Jr | |
| Mrs S M Bobbitt | |
| Leonard Sullivan | |
| Harvey Thornton | |
| Miss Esther Davis | |
| Dr Sam Kennedy | |
| C F Stockbridge | |
| Mount Hope Church | |
| Mrs M C Fulton | |
| Beazlek & Kent | |
| Mrs Venie Kent | |
| Mrs J W Howard | |
| Mrs. A. S. Moore | |
| Francis Stafford | |
| Augusta Sunday School | |

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| Albert Parks | Wm Singletary |
| Wm Peterson | Mat Jones |
| Geo Shepherd | Eddy Marshall |
| B W Burns | Jim Warfield |
| A N Wells | Bob Dickson |
| Sep Calhoun | Lewis Walker |
| Jno Hall | Wilson Long |
| Will Norman | |
| Matilda Dancer | |
| Malichia Hackett | |
| Garret Edwards | |
| Elliot Singletary | |
| Willie Walker McLean | |

EAST AFRICAN WISDOM

- The first wife is not abandoned.
- A man in need is an ax; he tires not.
- When a child of the house is taught its duty the orphan child listens.
- An old person is a rubbish heap to carry everything to, good and evil.
- Thine own bad thing is better than the good thing belonging to someone else.
- If a tree leans over it is certainly rotten, and it is unable to raise itself again.
- He who pegs out the skin of an animal draws it toward himself. (Every man for himself.)
- Where the ox falls there it is slaughtered. (If you differ with a person, fight it out on the spot.)
- To point the finger is the root of a quarrel. (Pointing the finger at a person is regarded by the natives as a great insult.)

QUESTIONS ABOUT A MAN

- Boston Girl—Who's his family?
- New York Girl—What is he worth?
- Milwaukee Girl—Is he naturalized?
- Louisville Girl—What does he drink?
- Washington Girl—Whom did he vote for?
- New Haven Girl—What is his college?
- San Francisco Girl—Is he a native son?
- Reno Girl—How long has he lived here?
- Detroit Girl—What car does he drive?
- Concord (N. H.) Girl—What is his religion?
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STATE AND GENERAL NEWS

Millions of dollars, it is estimated by revenue officials, will be added to the government funds in penalties as a result of the round-up of income tax delinquents by the bureau of internal revenue.

Exact figures on the progress of the merchant shipbuilding program this year were disclosed Friday for the first time. They show that under direction of the shipping board there have been launched 236 steel and wooden vessels with an aggregate tonnage of 1,440,627.

Every ton of steel and pig iron in the country virtually has been commandeered by the government for war purposes, and any surplus remaining after needs are met will be distributed to non-war industries under strict government supervision. On account of this order, it is said the construction of pleasure automobiles will be cut about 75 per cent.

President Wilson has disapproved the sentences of four American soldiers in France who had been sentenced to be shot. Privates Olon, Ledoyen, Stanley and Fisback's sentences were commuted to three years' in the Leavenworth penitentiary for disobeying orders. Privates Forest Sebastian and Jesse Cook, who were convicted of going to sleep at their post, were pardoned.

Pellegra may be prevented and in some cases cured by a well-balanced diet, according to a pamphlet being circulated by the United States public health service. It is stated that pellegra, which was unrecognized ten years ago, has become a serious disease in some communities. It is estimated that it caused the deaths of more than 6,000 people last year. The public health service has prepared a bill of fare which, it says, will prevent, and even cure, pellegra.

A slow general rain which promises to break the unprecedented drouth in West Texas fell Friday. More than fifteen counties which have practically had no rain for the past two years, are being benefitted. Rain was reported as far south as Fredericksburg Junction, Sonora and Del Rio, from Alpine to Hamlin on the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient, and from Sterling City to Brownwood. More than a half an inch had fallen at 10 o'clock with indications of much heavier precipitation.

The end of the war will come when the German people really learn how their soldiers have been slain in countless numbers, and when they realize how the world feels toward the German nation, is the opinion of Sir Ernest H. Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer, who has arrived in New York from South America. Referring to the situation in South America, the explorer said, speaking unofficially, that the whole action of the government of Argentine was pro-Ally. "Chile," he said, "is absolutely neutral. There is a much larger pro-German element in Chile than in the Argentine, but in the last election the pro-Germans put up for deputies were

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Oak Grove, May 6th —This community had one of the nicest rains yesterday that has fallen in some time. Crop prospects are not as good as we have seen at this time of year, but if the showers continue we will make some bread. The fruit crop is good and the acorn crop looks good, and all who have hogs will have meat.

There will be an election held here next Saturday to determine whether we will have a school tax not to exceed 50c on the \$100.00 valuation. We hope that all concerned will come and vote.

There will be a working at the Parker graveyard Thursday, May 16th. All interested come and make a quick job of it.

The Parker reunion will be held at this place Sunday, May 19th. Now, as times are hard and groceries hard to get, we figure on having an old fashioned vegetable dinner, such as

garden truck, boiled ham and corn bread.

Walling & Smith are cutting timber right along.

We have had several applications for our school.

We were very sorry to witness the burial of Mrs. Ed Keen, and we join Mr. Keen's many friends in sympathy.

R. D. and S. T. Parker visited Dock Clark yesterday. Old Timer.

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