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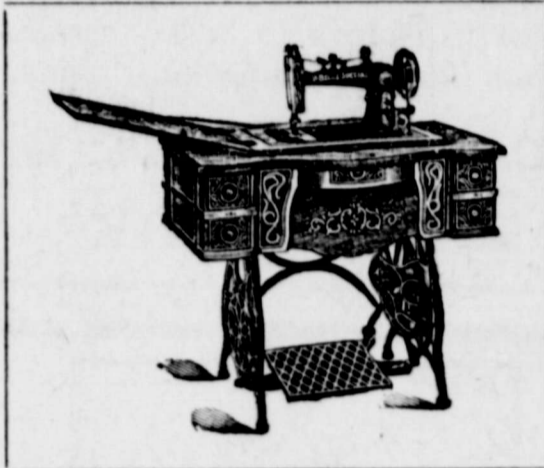
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REGISTRANTS WHO FAILED TO REPORT

The here below named registrants have been ordered to report to the local board offices and have failed to comply with said order. Unless said registrants report to local board offices on or before September 4th, 1918, they will be declared delinquent and names turned over to police officials for arrest and immediate induction:

31 Rufus Warner
67 John L. Sims
219 Troy W. Phillips
323 Sam Washington
329 Linwood Allen
361 Frank Wiley
400 Walter Washington
472 Joseph Gardner
478 Joe Roberts
496 Acie Oneil
521 Arthur Lee Owens
524 Elwood Brazzel
631 L. Gamble
714 Caesar Strange
760 Harred Mitchell
780 George Love
868 John West
895 Leffy Easterling
903 Sam Gipson
1093 Claud Lewis
1132 Tom H. Fannin
1201 Cleveland Carr
1209 Ed Smith
1226 Jno. H. McCullar
1265 Harry M. Albright
1335 Willie H. Brown
1364 Thomas C. Adams
1413 William Jones
1546 Ed Moten
1571 George Walker Smith
1586 Joe D. Childress
1628 Will Griffin
1648 George Manus
1716 Joseph Johnson
1721 Bob Trimble
1737 Frank Moten
1787 Earnest Roberts
1854 Wade Moseley
1979 Charles Smith
2037 Felix Simpson
2165 Will Washington
2168 Monroe Barbee
2182 George Bridges
2222 Edd Groves
2257 John Washington
2263 Charlie Lester Johnson
2293 Charlie Kirksey
2307 C. H. Rutledge
2343 Jonas Lacy
2405 John Albert Allen
2437 Johnny Gaines
2494 Robert Gunnels
2506 Hugh P. Brown
2509 Nathan Stewart
2531 Willie Jones
2537 Ernest Hamilton
2550 Jimmie Rhodes

COTTON SHIPMENTS

Last season, ending August 1 of this year, Grapeland shipped 8,072 bales of cotton, which is considered to be a little above an average crop. Up to date this season, 550 bales have been shipped, and it is coming in at a rapid rate. We do not hope to equal the record of last year, as the crop is conceded to be exceedingly short. Some of the most optimistic place an estimate on the crop at 5,000 bales. The price is holding up good and will in large measure overcome the shortness of the crop.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonley LeMay have returned home from Crockett where they visited relatives.

REYNARD

By Zack

Reynard, Aug. 26.—Guess all parts of the country have had rain by now. The long hot summer has ended and it seems like we are in a different country. We will make a few more bales of cotton. Some cotton has taken second growth and some a new growth. People were making good headway gathering and most everyone down this way has sold one or more bales. Most all are through gathering corn and it turned out above expectations. Peanuts will make a full yield, and sweet potatoes stand a good chance; also peas that did not die.

G. B. Kent's family will move to Grapeland this week.

The trustees of our school have employed Miss Katherine Black of Navasota to teach our school. She comes very highly recommended.

Glenn Beazley will leave us Thursday to prepare for the western front. The new draft law will only leave us five men at home, should they all have to go,

but we believe in our leaders and believe they know what is best.

A car driven by Tom Wade and occupied by Tom Matthews and Mr. Leech and his son fell from the bridge near P. L. Fulgham's store Sunday evening. Mr. Matthews jumped from the car before it fell, but Mr. Wade and Mr. Leech were caught under it. Pledger Chiles and Tom Kent were sitting on the front porch and heard the crash when the car broke the railing on the bridge, and they hurried to the scene and soon had the car off them. Dr. Hill was on the scene in about an hour. Mr. Wade was the only one hurt to amount to anything, and his injuries are not serious. The accident was caused by engine trouble and the brakes failed to hold. The gulch is about fifteen feet deep where the car went over.

Miss Lucretia Collins, formerly of this city but now of Dallas, is here on a visit to relatives and friends.

Riley Mims and Mrs. Jewell Hamb were married in Grapeland Friday night, Esq. John A. Davis officiating.

We Want You to **SEE**

A good suit of clothes and a number one good pair of Shoes. We are anxious to sell you your entire bill and we will give you the

Best in the House

for as little money as possible.

The season is early, but notwithstanding this fact, we have sold more shoes than we anticipated selling and we believe the reason for our unusual sales in shoes is because of the fact that we give you one dollar's worth of merchandise for your money, and you have learned that our shoes are

All Leather

We have a big line of Ladies' Boots and Shoes and the price is not unreasonably high as you may expect. We invite the ladies of Grapeland and community to let us show you these new Shoes, that you may have the opportunity of taking advantage of the values they contain.

BRING US YOUR COTTON AND OTHER PRODUCE. WE WILL PAY YOU AS MUCH AS ANY OTHER BUYER WILL PAY

McLean & Riall

DEPENDABLE MERCHANTS

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

Important Notice

We call your attention in this issue to the article of the War Industries Board, requiring publishers of weekly newspapers to reduce their consumption of newsprint 15 per cent, beginning September 15. Read the article carefully so that you will understand it thoroughly and know exactly what is required of publishers.

The Messenger will comply with that order to the letter. We have no choice in the matter. It is orders from the Commander-in-chief and will be obeyed cheerfully.

Hereafter all subscriptions will be discontinued at expiration without notice.

The date of expiration is printed on the margin of each paper, and our subscribers are asked to watch that date and renew promptly.

All subscriptions in arrears September 15 will be cut off.

All free copies will be discontinued. No papers will be given free at the office, so if you have misplaced your paper and come to the office for another a charge of 5c will be made for the extra copy.

BUSINESS AS USUAL NO LONGER POSSIBLE

Washington, Aug. 22.—The fact there now is a shortage in war work of 1,000,000 unskilled laborers and that the reserve of skilled workers is exhausted developed today at a conference of field agents of the federal employment service. Further curtailment of nonessential production is planned to release men for war work.

The labor shortage is so serious that completion of a number of important war projects for the army and navy is being delayed, it was stated at the conference. The field agents decided that the only way in which the needed laborers could be secured was to take them from nonessential industry.

"The time has come for the entire nation to realize that business as usual is no longer possible," Nathan A. Smith, assistant director of the employment service told the conference. "If we are to win the war quickly the production of luxuries and nonessentials in this country must come to an end. It is a question of ending the war quickly or having it dragged on indefinitely.

"Manufacturers must give up the creation of needless goods, workers must be willing to change from nonessential to war production even at a hardship to themselves; the public at large must stop buying luxuries, and thereby make the problem of curtailing nonessentials easier."

Indication of how the nonessentials may be combed out was given today when the community labor board of the District of Columbia announced a list of twenty-four classes of work regarded as nonessential. Employers in this class are called upon to voluntarily release their unskilled labor for war work. Community boards are being organized throughout the country by the department of labor and they are to work in close co-operation with local draft boards.

Following are the industries which the district board, the first to make an announcement, has listed as nonessential:

Automobile industry accessories, drivers of pleasure cars, cleaning, repairing and delivery of same, sightseeing cars, auto trucks other than those hauling fuel or doing government work; teaming, other than delivery of products of war work; bath and barber shop attendants, bowling, billiard and pool rooms; bottlers and bottle supplies, candy manufacturers, cigars and tobacco, cleaners and dyers, clothing, confectioners and delicatessen establishments; builders and contractors not engaged in erection of structures for war work, dancing academies, mercantile stores, florists, fruit stands, junk dealers, livery and sales stables, pawnbrokers, soft drink establishments, soda fountain supplies.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors

The undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Josh Pouncy, deceased, late of Houston county, Texas, by E. Winfree, judge of the county court of said Houston County, on the 17 day of August, 1918, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to him at his residence at Grapeland, Houston county, Texas, where he receives his mail. This 17th day of August, 1918.

G. W. Mobley,
Administrator of the Estate of
Josh Pouncy, deceased.

That "all in" feeling so common in hot weather is not due to heat alone, but to an unhealthy condition in the liver, stomach and bowels. To prevent a spell of sickness take Prickly Ash Bitters—it is an excellent system cleanser and regulator. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith Special Agent.

Pay the President!

LIBERTY LOAN INTEREST RATE

Secretary McAdoo has definitely announced that the Fourth Liberty Loan bonds will bear 4 1-4 per cent interest.

The Secretary has been insistent that the Government interest rate should be stabilized at 4 1-4 per cent. He points out that a raise in the rate of interest of only one-fourth of one per cent on \$10,000,000,000 of Government bonds would mean an annual increase of \$25,000,000 in interest charges, and that this money would have to be raised by increased taxation and paid by the people of the country. It would not be paid by one class only, because there are consumption as well as other kinds of taxes, and the consumption taxes reach every class of people.

"As an intelligent people," said Secretary McAdoo during the Third Liberty Loan campaign, "we should now make a stand for the financing of our Government during the period of this war at a stabilized rate of interest, say at 4 1/4 per cent per annum, so that all business and all investments may be adjusted to that basis, and so that we ourselves may protect ourselves against successively increased rates of interest on Government loans."

Neither our patriotism nor our support of the Liberty Loans are measured in fractions of per cent.

MORE TRUTH THAN POETRY

It is the man who knows all about it that has the least to say on any subject.

It was a fussy spinster who said that small boys were divided in two classes—the bad ones and the dead ones.

The world is pretty full of people running forty horsepower machines on five-horse power salaries.

If a college student misses the foot-ball team, and can't break into the fraternities, then nothing is left but the inglorious end of succeeding in his studies.



Uncle Sam

Believes in preparedness. So should you and one of the paramount things to be considered in this connection is where to transact your banking business. We invite you to open an account at our bank on the ground of service, reliability and courtesy. An account at this bank will prove to be an asset to you in more ways than one. See us about it today.



Farmers & Merchants State Bank



New Fall Samples

We are pleased to announce that our New Line of Samples has arrived for
**Fall and Winter
Clothing**

You can have plenty of time now to select just the suit you want and have it made to your measure and have the assurance of getting perfect satisfaction.

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

HERBINE

It Cleanses the Stomach,
Liver and Bowels

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

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**INTERESTING LETTER
FROM CAMP BOWIE**

Camp Bowie, Texas, Aug. 22. Editor Messenger:—Since last writing a great transformation has occurred with us. About the time we were becoming trained as a cavalryman or trooper at Ft. Sam Houston, an order came for the conversion of our cavalry regiment into the field artillery. This news was met with displeasure and regret on our part as we had become attached to our branch of service, but when Uncle Sam bids, we have no opinion, choice or preference. Acting under orders, we hurriedly packed up and made ready for the move. Leaving San Antonio last Saturday afternoon at 6:30 o'clock, we experienced a slow journey, coming over the Katy and arriving at Camp Bowie Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. No little task confronted us. We began to police up the camp which had been unoccupied since middle of July. The 131st and 132nd Field Artillery preceding us. They have landed safely across the "pond" and we are following surely in their footsteps. We are only in process of organization here and as soon as our brigades are fully organized we shall be transferred to either Camp Beauregard, La., or Camp Dodge, Ia., where a complete training will be received.

We have not had an insight into our new branch yet but from what we can learn, we are in a most interesting division and one that will assuredly transport us to the great battle front where humanity and humanity's enslaver are engaged in a sanguinary death grapple.

The reason for the existence of field artillery is its ability to assist the other arms, especially the infantry upon the battle field. The two main types of field artillery are the light and the heavy, determined by the caliber of the gun or howitzer. The weight of the projectile from the light artillery guns varies from 15 to 30 pounds; of the heavy, from 60 to 120 pounds; in each case determined by the calibre of the gun shooting it. The characteristics of field artillery are: (1) Great power concentrated in a relatively small

practical unit. (2) Rapidity of fire. (3) Long range and (4) Ability to act from concealed positions. The first characteristic facilitates intelligent direction. The second enables artillery to bring a crushing fire to bear upon a vulnerable enemy before he can escape from its action. The third permits artillery great freedom of action. The fourth facilitates establishing the guns in favorable positions, acting by surprise and preserving freedom of maneuver.

The artillery on the other hand has certain limitations which prevents its employment as an independent, self-sustaining arm. It is unable to act otherwise than by fire. It is extremely vulnerable when exposed in the open to percussion fire at medium ranges; also if exposed to shrapnel fire when in route formation or when in the act of occupying a position, as it can protect itself only with difficulty by fire action, concealment or escapes.

Best wishes to The Messenger and its many readers.

James C. Scarborough,
Battery E, 56th F. A.,
Camp Bowie, Texas.

TOMMIE HALTOM DEAD

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Haltom of near Slocum, August 16th, and claimed for its victim their son, Tommie. His remains were laid to rest in the Guiceland cemetery, funeral services being held by Rev. N. S. Herod. He leaves many relatives and friends to mourn his death, and will be missed in many places—in the home will be his vacant chair, his footsteps will be heard no more; he will be missed at the church.

A large concourse of his relatives and friends followed his remains to the cemetery and after the body had been lowered in the grave and covered, the little mound was decorated with beautiful flowers. He is survived by his parents; two brothers, Isaac and Odie; and six sisters, Katie and Velma and three little ones, and Mrs. Eurilda Blanchard.

A Friend.

Pay the President!

**Public Auction
SALE!**

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at my place 2 1-2 miles south of Grapeland on the Crockett road, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1918, sale commencing at 9:30 a. m., the following property:

2 Mares

1 Cow and 2 Yearlings

9 head of Hogs

Household goods and farming tools and the crop in the field, which can be used for pasture when the crop is gathered.

1 Buggy and Harness.

Some feed stuff and various other articles.

J. J. Thompson
Grapeland, Texas

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J. E. TOWERY

CROCKETT, TEXAS

ANTRIM
By Hiawatha

Aug 25, 1918.—A fine rain fell here yesterday which was appreciated by every one.

There is a great deal of sickness in the community at the present time. Milton Kiser is real sick, but we hope he will be well soon.

Cotton picking is the order of the day, but it will soon all be picked as there isn't very much to pick in this community.

Mrs. G. L. Waddell and children returned to their home at Laporte last week after an extended visit with relatives here.

Miss Della Hobson, who has been attending the music school here, returned to her home near Hickory Grove Saturday.

Rev. W. R. Durnell filled his regular appointment at Hickory Grove Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Keen are the guests of Mrs. Keen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Martin, for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Durnell and children visited Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Edens Sunday.

Mrs. S. J. Martin visited her son, J. F. Martin and family, Sunday.

Miss Bertha Hopper spent Sat-

urday night with her sister, Mrs. W. R. Durnell.

Bro. G. W. Henderson held a protracted meeting here last week and we feel sure much good was accomplished. There were three additions to the church.

ROCK HILL
By Norman

Aug. 25, 1918.—We had a big rain Sunday, which was the first we have had in nearly four months to amount to much. It was greatly appreciated.

Rev. C. A. Campbell filled his regular appointment here Sunday and Sunday night.

Dewey Willis of this place, who is at work near the river for Mr. Forest West, visited his homefolks Saturday night and Sunday.

Several of the young people of this place attended the candy breaking at Mr. Frank Taylor's Friday night, and report a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Walling McCarty of Elkhart visited the home of Q. F. King Sunday.

Misses Myrtle and Bertha Hopper, Terrell Smith and John Davis were visitors at prayer-meeting Sunday night.

Milton Kiser and Miss Ola Willis are on the sick list this week.

**A LETTER FROM
A SOLDIER BOY**

To my friends of good old Houston County: I am enjoying life fine, but not so much so just before day light; it sure does get cold here just before getting up time, but all the boys are standing it just like men. We have plenty to eat and we do not have to stand around and beg for it. We get one breakfast and two dinners, so you see we are faring fine.

I will tell you how we sleep. We have a tent and seven boys sleep in one tent. We only have one blanket to sleep on and cover with so you see our cover gets awful thin, but we will soon get used to that.

I sure do wish I could walk down the streets that we call Grapeland. I would feel like I was at home once more. We are all hoping that some day we will get to come back.

I see the draft age is going to be raised to forty-five, and now maybe some of those old chesty earth worms who have been worrying you to death, regretting that they were too old to get in the army, will shut up.

A friend,
Bunk Smith,
Camp Cody, N. M.

Pay the President!

The Messenger

A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

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

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 Office 51
 Residence 11

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1918

WHAT YOUR SUBSCRIPTION MEANS

When you subscribe to a Liberty Loan you subscribe to the sentiment that the world must be made safe for democracy and subscribe to the fund that is to make the world safe for democracy.

You subscribe to the belief that innocent women and children on unarmed ships shall not be sent to the bottom of the sea; that women and children and old men shall not be ravished and tortured and murdered under the plea of military necessity; that nurses shall not be shot for deeds of mercy, nor hospital ships be sunk without warning, or hospitals and unfortified cities be bombed or cannonaded with long range guns.

You subscribe to the doctrine that small nations have the same rights as great and powerful ones; that might is not right, and that Germany shall not force upon the world the dominion of her military masters.

You subscribe, when you subscribe to a Liberty Loan, to the belief that America entered this war for a just and noble cause; that our soldiers in France and sailors on the sea are fighting for right and justice.

And you subscribe to the American sentiment that they must and shall be powerful, efficient, and victorious.

War Savings Stamps will help build a road to Berlin. Have you made good your pledge?

There is much food for thought in Hoover's arguments, but lots of people don't take their food that way.

You can always find a Grapeland girl willing to help mother when it comes to getting money out of father.

Maybe another reason why the Huns are tired of the war game is they can't think of any new form of barbarity.

Mr. Hindenburg hasn't eaten that meal in Paris yet, and from all accounts he's missed several recently at other points.

PERCILLA
 By James R.

Percilla, Tex., Aug. 26.—Cotton picking is the order of the day in this part of the country now. Don't think it will last long, as the drouth cut the cotton crop as well as the other crops, very short. However, the drouth has been broken but most too late to do any good unless the cotton makes a top crop, then it would help some.

The tender chord which ties loved ones together is again being treaded on by the call of the 29th. There are more boys from this community in this call than ever before. How sad, and yet how glad, it makes us feel to see our only boy making preparation to answer this grand and noble call. We will miss the boys so much, but proud we will be when they return and we clasp their hands and can say, "you have fought a grand and noble fight."

Leonard Banks happened to a painful accident a few days past, when a horse which he was riding became frightened and threw him, breaking his leg.

Hobson Newsome and two sisters, Misses Edna and Kate, are visiting their sister, Mrs. Charlie Cook.

Mrs. R. M. Salmon of Denson Springs spent the past week with her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Dennis.

Ennis Cliburn visited his sister, Mrs. Jno. Daniels. Ennis is in service for Uncle Sam. He seems to enjoy navy life fine.

Miss Oma Sullivan spent the past week in Daly's.

Misses Ruth and Rosa Branch attended church at Silver Creek this last week.

The death angel has again visited this community and took from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nard their infant boy. We join their many friends and loved ones in their hour of sorrow.

We are glad to report that G. R. Sewell, who has been very ill with a wounded foot, is improving.

The ladies of the Red Cross are waiting patiently for more work to do. They are willing to help in any way possible.

Sunday school and prayer-meeting haven't been doing so very much since the meetings have begun. Since the meetings have closed we would be glad for each and every one to do their part in making both better than ever before

A. E. KENT DEAD

Mr. T. S. Kent of this city received a telegram last Thursday morning announcing the death of his son, Albert Kent, who lived at Eldorado. Mr. Kent was raised to young manhood in this community, where he has many friends who will be grieved to learn of his death. For the past twelve or fifteen years he has been living in West Texas. He is survived by his wife and eight children.

Byron Keen and family arrived Monday from Buffalo Gap and will make their home north of Grapeland. Mr. Keen moved west about two years ago and "bucked" the drouth until he got enough, hence moved back to East Texas where it rains and complete crop failures are unknown.

FORERUNNERS OF FALL

The many new goods arriving at this store foretell many of the good things in store for our customers. While the stocks are far from complete, yet they are resplendent with many new attractive things that men and women admire. Come around any day and see the new goods as they are placed on display.

NOTIONS AND NOVELTIES

We have just received a big shipment of novelties, including new Service Pins, Service Middy Ties, Knitting Needles, Bag Handles, large and small Windsors, Beads, Buttons, etc.

EARLY FALL MILLINERY

Although it is a little early for a complete showing of millinery, we now have on display many beautiful hats and shapes that are suited for wear right now.

NEW SILKS

Our first shipment of the new silks includes the bright, snappy plaids and checks especially adapted to this season. They are in all of the new fancy and solid colors.

NEW APRONS

We are showing a new line of aprons made from good serviceable ginghams and percales, many of them made in such an attractive way that they can hardly be described as aprons. See them.

WOMEN'S BLACK SHOES

We now have on display our initial shipment of ladies fall boots in black only, gun metal and kid, specially priced at \$4.00. Our complete line in colors should be here shortly. Wait for it.

Redeem Your War Saving Pledge Then Buy More



It's the Quality that makes the hat give long wear, and it's the Style that makes it desirable.

**MALLORY HATS
 STETSON HATS
 WORTH HATS**

present a combination of Style and quality which places them the front position for your consideration.

Also, they deserve your attention because they represent to you true economy—they touch your pocket-book lightly.

Come in to-day and see the new models in the latest colors.

WORK SHOES

We have established the reputation of selling the easiest wearing and most serviceable line of work shoes for men, women boys and girls in Houston county. And we intend to keep this reputation. Therefore, we have the largest and best selected stock of work shoes in Grapeland which will sell to give you satisfactory wear. We back them up.

MEN'S WORK SHOES IN BLACK, TAN AND SMOKED LEATHERS ALSO BOOTS

WE ARE RIGHT HERE WHEN IT COMES TO MEN'S TOGS

There is no need to go anywhere else if you can't find it at this store. We keep new goods coming all the time. Just in, the new Florsheims and Hats as well as a complete line of Perfecto Shirts, Lion Soft and Laundered Collars, Fancy Socks, New Neck Ties, Dress Pants. The new STYLEPLUS will be the talk of the town.

Geo E Darsey & Co
 THE "SERVICE FIRST" STORE

LOCAL NEWS

Pay the President!

666 cures by removing the cause.

Miss Lucindy Darsey is visiting friends in Palestine.

Mrs. S. T. Anthony visited in Crockett the first of the week.

666 cures Malarial Fever.

Miss Mabel Bolton visited in Crockett this week.

Sampson overalls \$1.85—nothing better.—WHERRY.

Get a genuine Kirschbaum suit of clothes at McLean & Riall's.

"Star Brand Shoes are Better" and McLean & Riall sell them.

666 cures Headaches, Bilousness, Loss of Appetite, or that tired aching feeling due to Malaria or Colds. Fine Tonic.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Durnell of the Antrim community were here shopping Tuesday.

J. V. Rosprim of Salmon called Tuesday to renew his subscription.

FORD FOR SALE

Ford Roadster practically new for sale. See—
C. C. Hill.

About 1,500 pairs of shoes at Frank Allen's going at greatly reduced prices.

Shoes at reduced prices at Frank Allen's. Get yours there and save money.

When your clothes need treatment, carry them to Clewis' Sanitarium. All cases carefully treated.

Dr. Clewis' Hospital.

Buy your shoes from Frank Allen. He has a large stock and is making especially low prices.

Mesdames George E. Darsey and S. N. Boykin and Miss Mary Lou Darsey visited in Crockett Tuesday afternoon.

You can get a first-class second hand wagon at Darsey's.

Miss Eliza McConnell of Crockett visited relatives here this week.

W. L. Craig of Salmon, Sol Adams and Sam Shaver of Grapeland are among those renewing for the Messenger.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Maxwell of Crockett spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. Byron Maxwell.

Clarence McCarty returned to San Antonio Tuesday night, after a few days spent here visiting his father, Dr. W. D. McCarty. Clarence is stationed at Ft. Sam Houston in the recruiting depot.

News comes from Camp Travis that Corporal Fred C. Guenther of Salmon has been selected to attend the Infantry Central Officers training school.

G. C. Crowson, who has been employed in Denson & Walton's barber shop for the past several months, has gone to Groveton, where he has a similar position.

Pay the President!

666 cures Bilous Fever.

All low quarter shoes are moving at a big discount at—
Darsey's.

Rev. W. R. McCarty and family of Deport are here on a visit to Mrs. McCarty's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Eaves.

Buy your next shoes from WHERRY.

The best line of stoves and ranges in Houston county are sold at Darsey's.

Mrs. J. R. Phillips has returned home from New Waverly, where she visited relatives.

Fall hat styles for ladies now on display in Darsey's millinery department.

W. N. Irwin and George Richards returned Sunday from Nacogdoches, where they spent several days.

Fewer Leudinghaus wagons go to the shop than any other kind. A big car load at Darsey's

666 contains no alcohol, arsenic, nor other poisonous drugs.

We can convince you that this is the place to buy your furniture bill if you will just examine the finish and workmanship of our line and compare our prices. Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

Dr. and Mrs. Sam Kennedy and Mrs. D. N. Leaverton are spending the week in Corpus Christi.

Men's Pants \$1.50.—Better take advantage of this price.—
WHERRY.

FORD FOR SALE

5-passenger Ford car for sale at a reasonable price. See
Chas. Royall.

FOUND

A knitting bag on the Crockett road. Owner may have same by calling on me and paying for this ad. Chas. Royall.

COMING AGAIN

The old reliable optician, Dr. Jos. N. French of Palestine, at Grapeland Hotel, Saturday, August 31st—one day only.

666 cures Chills and Fever.

J. J. Thompson will dispose of his property by auction sale next Tuesday and soon thereafter will leave with his family for his former home in Alabama, where he will engage in the coal mining business.

See McLean & Riall for your granite ware. They have the goods at the right price—most any article you may need in your home.

Misses Johnnie Lee and Bettie Dawes of Crockett are here visiting their sister, Mrs. S. R. LeMay.

We will guarantee to do away with your blowouts, rim cuts and punctures. We have blow-out patches, pure rubber patching, spark plugs, porcelain, top and seat dressing, tubes vulcanized, and genuine Ford parts, grease and oil. Phone calls answered day or night.
HUGHES & SON AUTO SHOP

NOTICE TO ALL

I have bought the City Meat Market and will keep all kinds of fresh and packing house meats, bread and cheese, and will deliver all orders promptly. I will do my best to merit your patronage. J. B. Lively.

Germs are plentiful in the summer air. We breathe them every minute. In health they do no harm, but to those who have a bad liver, disordered stomach or constipated bowels they mean a spell of sickness. The best way to insure your health is to take Prickly Ash Bitters. It purifies and strengthens the system. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith Special Agent.

Call at McLean & Riall's and see their new line of aluminum ware, which they will sell you at a reasonable price.

Campbell Lively is here on a furlough to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lively. He is located at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, in the recruiting depot.

Leonard Sullivan has sold his home to W. H. Holcomb of Augusta, and will move this week to New Waverly with his family, where they will reside in future.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Calhoun and children and Mrs. G. M. Calhoun of Crockett spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Calhoun.

LOST

22 Remington rifle and can of auto oil. Reward. Bring to the Messenger office.

NOTICE COTTON GROWERS

Please do not bring wet cotton to the gin, because it is a violation of the law for us to gin it while it is wet, and we do not want to inconvenience you by having you bring your cotton in and then cannot get it ginned.

Herod & Brooks,
A. B. Spence,
J. F. Bridges,
Dailey & Spence,
Ginners.

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.

CALLED PASTOR

Rev. W. E. Ray of Trinity has been called to the pastorate of the Baptist church of this city, and preached here last Sunday. The church at Daly has been discontinued and most of the members have moved their membership to the Grapeland church.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kiser of the Antrim community will sympathize with them on account of the death of their eight-year old son, who died Tuesday.

F. A. Lively of Lovelady was here Saturday mingling with his many friends.

Mrs. W. T. Lovelace of Paris is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Dora White.

It takes a lot of drilling to make a good soldier, or to fill a tooth, for that matter.

Eyes Tested FREE

By an Optician of Many Years Experience

Glasses guaranteed in every respect and if any should prove unsatisfactory adjustment will be cheerfully made at this store. The optician, Mr. Holmes, is permanently located here; your money will be here, so the customer runs absolutely no risk by patronizing him. The risk is all his and, too, prices are much lower than usually charged for high-class work. Examinations free. You are under no obligations to buy after examinations.

HONESTY AND QUALITY

The Peoples Drug Store

WADE L. SMITH

Luedinghaus Wagons!

A Car Load of these Famous Wagons was Received this Week at this Store

Anyone wishing to buy a Luedinghaus Wagon will have to hurry, as this will probably be the last car load we will be able to get this season.

Come Right Now and Take Yours Home With You

We also have for sale some extra good second hand wagons that are real bargains for the money. Don't let this opportunity pass.

This is the Home of Good Leather Goods

George E. Darsey & Co.
Service First Store

ONCE UPON A TIME

Once upon a time a man invented glasses with which people could see their own faults. He died of starvation.

Once upon a time a preacher told his congregation just what they deserved to hear. He was lynched

Once upon a time a village policeman done his duty. He lost his job.

Once upon a time a lover told his girl that she was the only girl he had ever kissed. She dropped dead.

Once upon a time an editor published the truth about a bride and groom. He is still running.

Once upon a time an autoist said that his car did thirty miles on a gallon of gasoline. He is a cheerful story teller.

As a general thing, the reason a man's vest wears longer than his trousers is because he doesn't sit on it.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.
Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

W. C. THORNTON DEAD

Mr. W. C. Thornton died at his home in this city early Wednesday morning, after an illness of several weeks' duration. Deceased was about 78 years of age, and moved to Grapeland about three years ago from Onalaska. For the past several months he had been engaged in the restaurant business. He is survived by his wife and several children.

Miss Inez Jones of Crockett is visiting relatives in Grapeland this week.

STATE AND GENERAL NEWS

Austin, Aug. 22.—The state highway commission at its July meeting awarded aid for road construction totalling \$764,007. Of this amount \$398,958 was State aid and \$365,049 federal aid.

In Nebraska's new sedition law there is a statement that "anyone physically able" must be usefully employed. Anyone who remains idle while able to work, providing work is offered, is open to the charge of sedition. A penalty is attached with a fine of not to exceed \$10,000 and imprisonment not to exceed 20 years.

Austin, Texas, Aug. 22.—Federal recognition has been extended to the Third and Fifth regiments of cavalry of the new Texas National Guard, it was announced at the adjutant general's department today. Headquarters of the First Brigade of Cavalry also was extended this recognition.

Last week it looked as if there might be trouble with the Carranza government in regard to the oil supply for British and American ships. Both countries need this Mexican oil supply badly. Carranza put up considerable of a bluff for a time, but something has happened and he has changed his position. Just now the United States is not in a frame of mind to stand much foolishness from Carranza.

Austin, Tex., Aug. 22.—The farmers of the South are encouraged to hold the 1918 cotton crop for a minimum price of 35 cents in a report made to the State Farmers institute at Waco, the report being made by a committee named by Fred W. Davis, State commissioner of agriculture and president of the State farmers' institute. This committee has made investigations regarding the cost of producing this crop and the net results of its findings is the recommendation to hold for 35 cents.

There are indications of a new drive against Austria on the Italian front. If it is true, as seems to be the case, that the best Austrian divisions have been sent to aid Germany on the western front, there is good hope that an Italian drive, aided as it will by American and British troops, will sweep the Austrians back to the front occupied by the Italians last year at the time of the great disaster to the Italian arms.

It is expected under the new revenue bill to raise the enormous sum of eight billion dollars per year by taxation, and at that the taxes levied will not be exceedingly burdensome. It is true that on some of the larger incomes a tax of 80 per cent will be levied, but this high rate only apply to incomes of more than half a million dollars per annum, and in those cases only to that part of the income in excess of the half million. Smaller incomes will be taxed at a much less rate. The exemption of \$2,000 per annum in case of married men and \$1,000 per annum in case of single men will still re-

main. The taxes on incomes of from \$2,000 to \$4,000 will not be increased over the old rate.

Judge B. H. Gardner was today officially notified that his son, Lieutenant Benjamin H. Gardner, Jr., had been killed in action on July the 28th. The message simply conveyed this information, giving no particulars. The news came as a great shock to the family, one of the most prominent in this city, and to the hundreds of friends of the young man, Lieutenant Gardner went to France with the first contingent of officers trained at the first officers' training school at Leon Springs. Lieutenant Gardner was a native of this city, and before enlisting for service for his country, was associated here in business with his father.—Palestine Herald.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Reduction of 25 per cent of all publication space in excess of eight pages for country weekly newspapers was ordered Thursday by Chairman Baruch of the war industries board. Other features of a conservation plan of news print paper, which by this order is extended to include the country weeklies, are discontinuance of papers to subscribers three months after subscriptions expire, stopping use of free copies for exchanges within the same county or a ten-mile radius, stopping of publication of extra copies for advertising stimulation, and stoppage of returns of unsold copies from news dealers.

St. Louis, Aug. 26.—The American Red Cross probably will need 5,000 additional workers for service here and abroad by January, it was announced today by George S. Tiffany, Director of Personnel for the Southwestern Division. The Red Cross will enroll men who have been given deferred classification and married men between the ages of 18 and 21 and 31 and 41. Men with executive ability and business training are especially wanted by the Red Cross. Persons writing the Red Cross should state their qualifications, present occupation and full information concerning themselves.

Austin, Tex., Aug. 22.—The city council Thursday issued orders that "booze" signs on buildings and billboards must be painted out. This order was made after a committee of women, representing the churches, mothers' clubs and other organizations had presented the matter. It was argued by the committee that as long as Austin is dry no suggestion of wetness should be allowed to remain. In many places where bar rooms have been abandoned the signs have been left. Dead walls in places are covered with brewery signs, soft drink stands are run with "beer" still painted over the doors and there are many other indications that liquor is sold where there is none. The members of the committee stated that these signs are misleading and might create a wrong impression with some one traveling through Austin.

Official statistics furnished by the War Department show that the mortality of our troops in France is about 16 per 1000 per year, evenly divided between disease and battle. In the Mexican war the battle ratio was 15

DO YOU EXPECT TO OWN AN Automobile?

New Cars are scarce, and the Government has notified all manufacturers that they must get on war work exclusively by January 1st., or have no materials. This means no more new cars will be made after January 1st.

Good Used Cars will be in Heavy Demand

and HIGH IN PRICE. Buy now, and you will save money sure. We have some extra good values in used cars, all in good running shape, and worth much more than we ask for them, and list a few exceptional bargains:

- CHANDLER--7 passenger six cylinder **\$1,000**
Sells now for over \$2,000. This car newly painted and in fine condition.
- BUICK--5 passenger four cylinder **750.**
Used very little, new paint, and a big, fine car.
- MAXWELL--5 passenger **650.**
Used less than a year, looks like new, and is as good.
- DODGE BROTHERS TOURING CAR **800.**
A real bargain, being in extra fine shape. Hurry for this one.
- OAKLAND--Six cylinder **800.**
Sells for \$1,350 now. This car is a dandy.

Will take a deposit, and hold car for a buyer until ready to take care of it. We have some cheaper cars, FORDS, CHEVROLETS, MAXWELLS and OVERLANDS, also some DODGE BROTHERS at cheaper prices, all worth much more than we will ask for them. If you propose buying a car within the next year, better come in and look over our used cars, and pick out one. You can drive it six months, then sell for more than you pay.

Edmiston Brothers, Crockett, Tex.

and the disease ratio 110 per 1000. In the civil war (federal report) the battle ratio was 33 and the disease ratio 65 per 1000. In the Spanish war, the battle ratio was 5 and the disease ratio 26 per 1000. There has been a great improvement in hospital service since the civil war. Of our forces in France one in twenty wounded sent to the hospital dies, and 45 out of 1000 die who are sent there for any cause, including disease as well as wounds. Only 14.5 per cent of wounded soldiers are discharged for physical disability. In reckoning the casualties reported by Gen. Pershing these facts should be remembered. Four-fifths of those reported wounded will soon be back.

END WAR NEXT YEAR

General March told the house military committee Monday that if the new man-power bill passed, as recommended by the war department, it will be possible to put an army of 3 1-2 million Americans in France by June 1, 1919, and end the war in a victory for the allies next year.

PAGE BUILDING SOLD

Messrs. John LeGory and G. Q. King closed a deal last week for the new Page building now occupied by the Queen Theatre. Later on they propose to make considerable improvements on the building and will turn the upstairs into a first-class office building. The lower floor will more than likely be used for a mercantile business.—Houston County Times.

Bring in your old Panama hats and have them cleaned and reblocked. They look as good as new. Have that winter hat reblocked before you lay it away.
6-1f M. L. Clewis.

Estes is Declared the Nominee By Committee

The county democratic executive committee met last week to hear the contest filed by R. T. Murchison, wherein he charged irregularities in the Porter Springs box in the favor of his opponent, J. C. Estes. Mr. Murchison, through his attorney, alleged that some had voted in commissioners' precinct No. 2, when they should have voted in precinct No. 3. The box was opened by the executive committee and it was found that the election manager of this box had failed to sign his name on the ballots, and the entire vote cast in this box was declared illegal and ordered thrown out.

Mr. Estes, through his attorney, alleged that there were also irregularities in Grapeland box No. 2 in favor of Mr. Murchison, charging that some had voted in this box who had not paid their poll tax. The ballot box was opened for Grapeland, box No. 2, and it was found that the same thing existed at this box, the election manager there also having failed to sign his name on the back of the ballots. The votes in this box were also declared illegal by the executive committee and there was nothing else for them to do but to declare Mr. Estes the nominee, his majority over Mr. Murchison then being 104 after discarding the votes polled in the Porter Springs and Grapeland boxes.—Houston County Times.

And our guess is that if it were true that love makes the world go round it would revolutionize things.

Probably the main reason why a man doesn't wear invisible sleeves is because his elbows look like he could crack walnuts with them.

CITY BARBER SHOP
DENSON & WALTON
Proprietors

Shop on Main Street next door to Guaranty State Bank

Your Business will be Greatly Appreciated

Laundry Agency
Basket leaves every Wednesday and returns Saturday.

ITCH!

Hunt's Salve, formerly called Hunt's Cure is especially compounded for the treatment of Itch, Eczema, Ring worm, and Tetter, and is sold by the druggist on the strict guarantee that the purchase price, 75c, will be promptly refunded to any dissatisfied customer. Try Hunt's Salve at our risk. For sale locally by

WADE L. SMITH

BUY THE TORCH OF LIBERTY WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

The Better the Printing

of your stationery the better the impression it will create.

Moral: Have your printing done here.

We are at Your Service at all Times!

And will gladly fill your Prescriptions

Ladies-We have your favorite Creams, Face Powder, Perfume, etc. Inspect our stock

D. N. LEAVERTON
THE LEADING DRUGGIST

GAS IN THE STOMACH

Is a symptom of impaired digestion. To neglect digestive trouble is to bid high for disease in the kidneys as these diseases all start in bad digestion. Take

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It is a corrective medicine for all disorders in the digestive organs. It quickly checks sour stomach. Gas or wind in the stomach or bowels, heartburn, bloated feeling, belching, bad breath, dizziness, headaches and a constipated habit. If you have any weakness in your digestion, take Prickly Ash Bitters. It relieves all distress immediately and if used for a reasonable period it cures permanently.

Sold by all Dealers in Medicine.

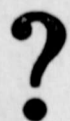
Prickly Ash Bitters Co.
Proprietors
St. Louis, Mo.

WADE L. SMITH

R U Superstitious

Do You Believe In Signs

If you do you are a judicious advertiser and a good business man. Judicious advertising Always Pays and especially when you advertise in a paper that is read by everybody in its territory.



This newspaper reaches the eye of everybody who might be a possible buyer in this section.

Good appetite, vigor and cheerful spirits follow the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It purifies the stomach, liver and bowels and makes life worth living. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

Pay the President!

PRICE FOR GINNING OF COTTON IS FIXED

FOOD ADMINISTRATION ESTABLISHES RATES WHICH MUST BE CHARGED.

Effective July 22, and until further notice, the United States Food Administration designates and determines under special rule 8 the following to be the fair and just charge for ginning cotton:

The price of 30 cents per 100 pounds of seed cotton, plus cost to the ginner of bagging and ties, is hereby determined as the just and fair charge for the service of ginning picked dry cotton.

The price of 40 cents per 100 pounds of seed cotton, plus cost to the ginner of bagging and ties, is hereby determined as the just and fair charge for the service of ginning snapped or pulled cotton.

The price of 50 cents per 100 pounds of seed cotton plus cost to the ginner of bagging and ties is hereby determined as the just and fair charge for the service of ginning premature, unopened "bollie" cotton.

It has been found impracticable to determine the just and fair charge for the service of ginning long staple cotton, sea island cotton and such other cotton as may require special care, time or readjustment of machinery. However, the charge made for this service must be justifiable in comparison with the standard charge of 30 cents for the ginning of 100 pounds of picked dry cotton.

To Keep Correct Record.

Ginners are to keep a correct record showing the name and address of each party for whom they gin cotton, the amount of cotton ginned in each case, and the actual charge made for such service. They must be in position at all times to furnish detailed information to the United States Food Administration.

It is necessary that ginners perform this service in such a way that the seed cotton shall be cleaned and the lint removed from the seed in an efficient manner. Such foreign substances as are removed from the seed cotton shall not be returned to the seed, but the seed shall be kept in a clean condition. Ginners are not permitted to mix any foreign material with the cotton seed during the time that it is under their control or in their possession.

The charge for ginning shall be the same whether or not the cotton or the cotton seed is purchased by the ginner.

Must Gin Rapidly.

Ginners are to gin as rapidly as possible consistent with good work, all dry seed cotton tendered them, and upon demand they are to return to the owner the cotton and cotton seed ginned by them. If cotton seed is purchased by the ginner, he must be guided by rule No. 5 and circular No. 40.

Ginners are to keep a careful record, showing the name and address of each party from whom they purchase cotton seed, together with the quantity and price paid for same.

Ginners are requested to take notice that the above announcement makes again effective circular No. 41, dated June 22, 1918, except that the above ruling becomes effective July 22, 1918, instead of July 1.

"In issuing these instructions," states Administrator Peden, "we realize that there may be counties in which the prices made effective may be too high or too low, but it will be impossible to arrive at a fixed price that will be fairly applicable to every county, therefore we have decided to fix the prices as above given and in those counties where it can be shown that these prices are not fairly applicable to the business a hearing will be given to determine a fair price for that particular county."

NEGROES TO CAMP

The following negroes left for training camp August 22:

- Judge Stewart
- 23 Fred Washington
- 76 Emanuel Barrs
- 154 Jim Marshall
- 179 Henry Fisher
- 225 Wardell Fletcher
- 281 George Burkes
- 308 Willie Jones
- 426 Lee Robins
- 445 Earl J. Toliver
- 492 Dink Lacy
- 546 Clark Reece
- 599 Arthur Johnson, Jr.
- 708 Jim Smith
- 747 Dennis Robinson
- 781 Alfred Simons

NOTICE TO TEACHERS

All teachers who have not filed their contracts with me are requested to do so at once. The institute this year will be held at Huntsville, beginning September 9th, in connection with Trinity, Walker, Houston, Montgomery and San Jacinto counties.

J. N. Snell, Co. Sup't.

PEANUT IN GOOD SOCIETY

The American peanut has risen to the dignity of a first-class food, taking the place in the pantry alongside of corn and wheat. It has rescued the cotton farmer from the boll-weevil and its destroying one-crop system. Texas has planted this year 600,000 acres of peanuts; the whole south over two million acres, about double that of former years. The peanut is a food for men, grain and forage for stock and for the hog equal to clover and alfalfa. The peanut is now one of the most dependable sources of vegetable oils. Much of the so-called olive oil we use is squeezed from the peanut, and then there is the palatable ground peanut, sometimes called "peanut butter," that goes to make a dainty sandwich.

PROTRACTED MEETING

Rev. J. F. Lively requests us to announce that he will begin a protracted meeting at Brown Bridge next Saturday night, and a cordial invitation is extended the public to attend the services.

as follows:

Yield of 540 pounds of hulls and 145 pounds of lint for all zones. Oil yields, 39, 38, 37, 38 and 35 gallons for zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, respectively. Cake yields, 920, 930, 940, 930 and 960 pounds for zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, respectively. The point of origin determines the zone.

Notice has been sent to all cotton seed crushers of the zone plan, and in addition Washington instructs that all mills are to buy seed at market price. Seed dealers are to pay back to farmers all excess profits allowed in circular No. 40. Violators of circular 40 or other rules should be summoned for hearing immediately.

A WORD FROM THE FOOD ADMINISTRATION



With the establishment during July of fair prices for mill feeds which licensed mills and dealers can not exceed without penalty, the mill feed market became practically as stable as that of wheat. Each invoice of the mill must have printed on it the fair prices; consequently, it is easy for any representative of the Food Administration or buyer to know whether the mill has overcharged.

Prices of coarse grain feeds, hominy, rye, barley, feeds, and so forth will depend, as heretofore, largely on the market values of the grain from which they are made, but in these feeds also foresight in securing the winter supply is advised.

The differential on lard substitutes sold in wooden tubs containing 60 to 80 pounds was reduced recently by the Food Administration from 1/2 to 1/4 cent over tierce basis; the differential on butter tubs containing 50 to 55 pounds was reduced from 1/4 to 1/8 cent over tierce basis.

Revised regulations on the cheese industry provide that the maximum margins previously fixed for American and Cheddar cheese have not been changed. The principal addition to the rules is the inclusion of such foreign types of cheese as Swiss, Brick, Limburger and Munster, and the establishment of maximum margins with respect thereto, which, however, are not necessarily considered reasonable.

On August 2, in a wire to all Federal Food Administrators from the United States Food Administration, it was stated that the voluntary six-pound wheat flour ration should be continued until further notice for all except farmers who receive more from the milling or exchange of their own wheat. The six-pound rule may be eliminated later at the same time as the fifty-fifty rule is changed. For the present, there is no change in the bakery rules, including that restricting service in public eating places to two ounces of bread and rolls, and four ounces of quick breads.

On August 1 it was suggested to all Federal Food Administrators that public eating places be no longer asked to observe wheatless Mondays and Wednesdays and one wheatless meal each day.

Cracker bakers were notified on August 6, 1918, that they would henceforth receive sugar certificates for sugar requirements for jellies, jams and preserves on sugar statement D instead of on sugar statement B, as formerly; in other words, their entire allotment, whether used in cakes or preserves, is now based on 70 per cent of their former consumption.

USE OF LIGHTWEIGHT BEEF MAY EASE SITUATION.

As a patriotic contribution to the hard-pressed, drought-stricken cattlemen of Texas, A. C. Williams, assistant secretary of the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas, has issued a statement in which he urges all private consumers and owners of public eating places to use only lightweight beef on their tables. In this request he is joined by E. A. Peden, State Food Administrator.

The National Food Administration, at the urgent request of the association, has lifted the restrictions as applied to lightweight beef, and it can now be served three times daily, if wanted. By the term lightweight beef is meant cattle dressing 435 pounds or under.

Because of the continued dry weather and the imminence of a feed shortage during the winter the cattlemen have recently been forced to place on the market large shipments of good

helpers and cows and lightweight steers. Unless the public rallies to their support and consumes this class of meat, it is explained that the cowmen's market will be demoralized, resulting in great financial loss.

Only steers dressing over 435 pounds are accepted on government meat contracts, hence the use of lightweight beef in no sense affects the soldiers' supply, Mr. Williams explained. This beef is just as choice and wholesome as is the heavy stuff.

The official order in this connection issued by State Food Administrator Peden follows:

"Owing to the fact that Texas is a beef-producing State, and that there are many undersized cattle now being killed which are not being exported, the following plan for meat conservation should be used by public eating places, in place of the meat program outlined in bulletin H. R. 28, dated July 3:

"All restrictions as to the use of lightweight beef, dressing 435 pounds and under are hereby removed, effective August 10. Public eating places may serve lightweight beef at any meal and in any amount desired.

"All public eating places are requested to use only lightweight beef, but those hotels and restaurants that use heavyweight beef must be governed by the National beef program."

SUGAR RATION CALLS FOR TOEING THE LINE

ALLOTMENT FOR TEXAS CUT FROM 18,900,000 POUNDS IN JULY TO 13,230,000 IN AUGUST.

If Public Does Not Observe Ration of Two Pounds to the Person, Many Will Go Without.

Texas has been on its tiptoes to meet the United States Food Administration sugar ration since April, when the first steps were taken toward controlling the distribution of sugar on the certificate plan. The allotment for the State during July was 18,900,000 pounds. Beginning with August 1, 1918, the allotment for the month of August is 13,230,000 pounds. This amount of sugar must take care of all the requirements for every purpose.

The 13,230,000 pounds will be distributed among the five classes of sugar certificate holders as follows:

Non-essentials—Statement A: Fifty per cent of the amount issued for July, or 9,450,000 pounds.

Essentials—Statement B: Same as in July, 4,500,000 pounds.

Public Eating Places—Statement C: 66 2/3 per cent of July, or 3,100,000 pounds.

Bakeries—Statement D: 50 per cent of the June consumption, or 2,000,000 pounds.

Retailers—Statement E: 66 2/3 per cent of July, or 11,480,000 pounds.

"We have issued to the retail merchants their certificates for August allotment," states E. L. Neville, director of the Grocery Division of the Federal Food Administration for Texas, "but it is necessary, and we have notified jobbers, to only honor these certificates for August on a basis of 66 2/3 per cent of the amounts the certificates call for.

"The population of Texas, according to the United States census, is approximately 4,700,000, and as the government has requested the households to only consume on a basis of two pounds per person per month, it will take 9,400,000 pounds of sugar, and, with the allotment for Statements A, B, C and D, it will be readily seen that there is very little sugar left for preserving purposes.

"County Food Administrators are therefore urged to enlist the people of their vicinities to put up their fruits without sugar, and add the necessary sugar when the supplies are increased. Merchants are cautioned to closely watch their sales for preserving purposes, as this privilege has been abused and its continued abuse may lead to the prohibition of sugar for preserving purposes whatever.

"A special form has been adopted by the Food Administration which retail merchants will use to secure the signatures of all purchasers of sugar in two and five-pound quantities. Copies of these certificates will be sent by the merchant to his local food administrator, and the administrator will make check. If any consumer has purchased sugar in excess of the two pounds per person per month, they will be severely dealt with.

"The certificates the merchants take, covering sugar sold for preserving purposes, should be turned in to the County Administrators."

Administrator Peden is determined that the distribution of sugar over the State shall be equitable, and to this end the administration has built up a special department, the members of which are devoting long hours each day to checking statements and mailing out certificates.

Out of the sugar allotment for August the first class to be considered is the retail merchant who distributes to the home; next the manufacturers of essentials; third, the hotels and restaurants; fourth, the bakers; and last, the non-essentials. Non-essentials are now required to use only Louisiana seconds and thirds. As a result of this necessary restriction of their supply the manufacturers of non-essentials are using corn sugar and syrup, honey and other sugar substitutes.

**A LETTER FROM
GEORGE E. DARSEY, JR.**

On active service with the American expeditionary force, June 20, 1918.

Dear Papa:—

At last we are in France and are temporarily stationed in a rest camp near where we landed. Our trip over was as pleasant as possible and we all enjoyed it. I suppose you have already received my "safe arrival" card and also the letter written on board the ship telling of how we were situated on the boat. We had a large, fast boat and though it was crowded pretty much, we slept out on the promenade deck and were where we could get plenty of fresh air, and were not so crowded as on the inside.

They did all they could to entertain us, and with a picture show once a day, a daily newspaper (wireless reports), two bands and checkers and other games, we did not let much time lay heavy on our hands. The sea was not rough a bit all the way across and I don't think there was a single person sick on the whole trip. We did not bother the negroes and it was a good thing for us that they were along as they did all the work and guard duty, and all we had to do was to lounge around and have a good time. I ran across a boy friend from Camp Johnston and Charlie Morris from near home, and we took everything in that was on board. As to submarines, we might of had them all around us but they didn't show themselves and we didn't bother ourselves with them as long as they kept out of sight. They had target practice a few times and from what they did to the things they shot at, it would not have been very healthy for a U-boat to show up. But with all our good times, it became pretty monotonous the last day or two and we let a pretty big yell when the first land was sighted, and believe me, we were not slow in getting off onto the dock, and it sure felt good to kick into some real dirt under our feet once again. After we landed, we had a nice little hike out to camp and were sure ready for supper as we only got a couple of sandwiches for dinner and were not used to hiking, so we were a tired and hungry but happy bunch when we got our tents up and lined up for our first "chow" in France. We came down the road singing "Hail, Hail, the Gang's all Here," and the French people cheered us at every corner and they seemed to think us as interesting as we thought them to be. There are a few allowed into camp to sell estates and they are all anxious to talk to us, but as for me, I am afraid I will be a "few weeks" learning French so as to talk, but I have learned a few words already and if all of France is like what I have already seen, I think it is about the most picturesque country I have ever seen, for every possible inch of ground is under cultivation and everything is in full growth now. There is a whole lot more, especially details, that I would like to write, but it would not get through, so I guess I will have to get on my good memory cap so I can tell it over when we get through with Germany.

I don't know how long we will be here, how long we will stay, where we are, where our division is or anything else, but as for that, nobody does; however I can say that my part of the war has been a very pleasant experience so far and am getting along as fine as possible now, so I don't think I have any kick coming, for we have plenty to eat and carry our bed with us and are used to knocking around, so we are taking things as they come and are letting each day take care of itself. But it is about "chow" time so I had better close for this time. I don't know how often we can write, but I will write as often as I can. My address will be "Geo. E. Darsey, Co. E, 5th Division, M. S. T., A. E. F., via New York."

They say we can get our mail quicker by having it directed through New York. Must close now, with love to all,

Geo. E.

P. S. Since writing this letter I have run across several more Jacksonville, Fla., boys, so I am beginning to feel at home.

U-Boats Mastered

If anything were needed to convince the most skeptical that the German submarine menace is fast disappearing and that the U-boat will soon become obsolete that argument is provided by the statement made to the British house of commons by Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty. The situation is summed up in the statement that one year ago there was a net loss in tonnage, due to the activities of the German submarines, of 550,000 gross tons a month. Now there is a net gain of 100,000 gross tons a month.

This reversal of conditions tell the whole story. But a year ago the U-boats were sinking 550,000 tons of shipping a month more than were being constructed. At that rate it would have been but a matter of months until the kaiser made good his threat to clear the seas of allied shipping. Now, however, it is but a matter of comparatively few months until there will be available all the ships required by the allies for all purposes. This means that the U-boat campaign is a failure.

The explanation is quite simple. Sir Eric says the result has been arrived at by reducing the sinkings of allied merchant ships and increasing the building of ships.—Washington Post.

Pen Mightier Than the Sword

The most powerful pen is the advertising pen. Publicity, like electricity, is yet in its infancy. None knows the limits of either.

But it is patent to all newspaper advertising is the foundation of all publicity.

Now listen. There isn't a successful business man in the country who, when cornered, will not confess that a great measure of his success is due to advertising.

Be a success. Advertise.

Handle Advertised Lines

Merchandise that is advertised by the manufacturer is the one with which the public is more familiar, has a uniform price, is in the mind of the prospective purchaser and is the easier sold. The profit per article may not be as much but the quicker turnover makes up for that.

Miss Mabel Boykin is spending the week in Crockett with Miss Louise Denny.

Fall Wearing Apparel

You will want the very latest in your fall wearing apparel to be had, and the latest styles to be had, and for the least amount of money that you can buy it for, so we ask that you see our lines before you make any purchases for fall.

You will find at our place the very best in every line to be had for the money, for we made our purchases some time ago before the advance and you will get

The Best Values for the Money!

OUR SHOE DEPARTMENT

We are receiving shoes by every express and freight and will soon have our stock complete in this department, and we ask that you look the new styles over and see if you don't find what you want at a great saving, in our shoe department.

MEN'S AND BOYS' HATS

We have just received a shipment of men's and boys' Felt Hats for the early fall buyer and ask that you see the many new styles to be had this season. They are very good, indeed, and we will be pleased to show them to you. Call and see us.

PUT 'EM TO THE TEST

There's only one way to tell how good CURLEE CLOTHES really are, and that is to wear them.

Scores of good buyers of clothing in this community are wearing Curlee Clothes, and the way they come back time and again for more, is evidence that they get good money values.

You should see our new Fall and Winter Models now on display.

Smart and conservative styles—handsome patterns at prices that will please you.



KENNEDY BROTHERS THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY

The Kaiser's Sons and Ours.

Ex-President Grover Cleveland's son and all the sons of Roosevelt and the only son of Taft are in this war. And they are where the most danger is. Roosevelt's youngest son has already given up his life, dying like a hero on enemy's ground. Talk about whipping a nation like this! Never while the sun shines and God reigns.—Chillicothe News.

One big difference between democracy and autocracy is that in a democracy all serve equally, whereas in an autocracy the princes and the nobles remain in ease and safety while they drive the peasants and the workmen and the artisans forward to fight their battles for them. Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft are not the only great Americans whose sons are serving shoulder to

shoulder with the American boys from the farms and from the workshops. Secretary Daniels also has a son in the service. So has Secretary McAdoo. So has Secretary Lane. So have Henry P. Davidson of the Red Cross and Chairman Hurley of the shipping board. When America goes to war, her best is given. Class lines and distinctions of wealth and position count for nothing. We are all united in the great cause of freedom and humanity. What a great difference from Germany, where the six hulking sons of the kaiser parade around in their glittering uniforms and never get near enough to the fighting front to see the battling with a telescope. What a difference indeed!—Galveston News.

Pay the President!

MAKE A STIR

Merchants who keep the public most closely informed about their store news reap the largest business. Publicity is essential to commercial success. In some form or other every business that brought rich returns for the proprietor was extensively and persistently advertised. The history of business successes prove this.

If you are not an advertiser in this paper, then we are both losing money—call or 'phone us for rates and let's begin to turn the wheels of modern, progressive merchandising.

Misses Grace Mainer, Virgil Elkins, Belle Willis, Esley Barron and Erman Standley of Lovelady are spending the week in GrapeLand, the guests of Miss Agnes Murray.