

# The Grapeland Messenger.

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## KEELAND BROS.

### Seed Potatoes

We have just received our Seed Potatoes. We have this year the

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When good crops may be made without work—it maybe that "Every day will be Sunday by and by" but not yet.

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Made by good people and made for good farmers. You will note that we have the very Plows you are looking for.

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### SOLDIERS' DAY FEB. 12 TO PLANT SHADE TREES

Grapeland will observe Wednesday, February 12, as "Soldiers' Day," and plant shade trees in their honor. A well attended meeting of the citizens was held Monday afternoon and plans were formulated to this end. It is proposed to plant at least 1000 shade trees to the memory of every boy who enlisted in the service of Uncle Sam to fight in the great war. In years to come, Grapeland will be a beautiful, shady little city, and the trees will serve as monuments to the memory of these boys.

The town has been subdivided into streets, and a committee appointed for each street. It will be the duty of each committee to procure trees and put them out on that particular street on the 12th of February. Following list shows the committee for the different streets:

**West Side Railroad.**  
 Front Street—J. W. Jones, Chairman; Frank Allen, Jas. Owens, Bob Pridgen, J. H. Leaverton, Ed Parker, C. W. Kennedy, J. M. Selkirk, Ross Murchison, Bill Keen, Geo. Kent, Cleve Sadler, Hugh Richards, R. B. Edens.

Oak Street—A. H. Luker, Chairman; Dr. W. D. McCarty, Clarence McCarty, J. C. Kennedy, M. E. Darsey, S. R. LeMay, W. A. Riall, S. E. Traylor.

Locust Street—M. D. Murchison, Chairman; Sam Howard Jr., O. Caskey, B. R. Eaves, H. A. Leaverton, S. E. Howard.

Myrtle Street—G. W. Shaver, Chairman; J. B. Woodside, Jesse Eaves, Howard Guice, Nathan Guice, Sam Lively, I. H. Shaver, Connor Denson, Arthur Walton, Henry Dailey.

Willow Street—Geo. E. Darsey, Chairman; M. S. Spence, S. N. Boykin, Bob Scarborough.

Maple Street—E. H. Darsey, Chairman; J. E. Buttrill, U. M. Brock, W. E. Kerr, J. R. Richards, Dr. Stafford.  
 Chestnut Street—Frank Taylor, Chairman; Geo. Mobley, Dr. Hill, Ben Guice, A. B. Spence, Wick Traylor, Sam Goodson.

Olive Street—Frank Leaverton, Chairman; Geo. Moore, Bert Guice, Carl Gainey, W. D. Granberry, Dr. Cromwell, D. N. Leaverton, Geo. Calhoun, M. P. Herod, Willis Goodson, Wade L. Smith.

Orange Street—W. G. Darsey, Chairman; Chas. Haltom, Henry Richards, J. F. Lively, T. S. Kent, Jim Sullivan, Harry Richards.

**East Side Railroad.**  
 Front Street—Jno. A. Davis, Chairman; Chas. Lively, Wiley Ritchey, Lee Clewis, Lawrence Wilson, Ben Brooks, Walter Mangum, J. W. Foreman, S. T. Anthony.

College Street—W. F. Murchison, Chairman; Olan Davis, E. W. Davis, Julian Walling, J. S. Yarbrough, J. E. Hollingsworth, Owen Johnston, W. A. Shaver, Bob Bobbitt, A. L. Brown, Luther Lively, W. H. Lively, J. B. Lively, W. H. Long, W. R. Wherry, J. W. Howard, J. O. Edington, J. J. Brooks, Bob Wherry, Marvin Gilbert, J. M. Murray, Bill Keeland, Roy Brewton, Eugene Walling, Harry Long.

### EPHESUS

By Regular Correspondent

Ephesus, Jan. 27.—Mrs. Luella Turner was visiting Mrs. Emma Graham Sunday.

Alex Temant and Miss Evie Allen of this community were married Sunday. We wish them a long and happy life together.

Mrs. Minnie McQueen spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Mamie Anderson. Miss Linda Turner was visiting at Mrs. Kelley's Sunday.

Mrs. Leta Graham visited in the Grounds community yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Goolsby were visiting at Mrs. Goolsby's Saturday night.

We think that moving is about over in this community for the present. Everyone is settled for a time.

Mrs. J. M. Anderson visited Mrs. Emma Graham Sunday.

Ohr country will soon be a network of telephone lines—better days ahead for the rural man.

## Don't Forget the big 1919 Bargain Sale at Wherry's

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 and ALFALFA HAY  
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THE SUCCESSFUL FARMER

The successful business man makes plans for the future. He has a definite business policy which is adhered to and with this as a basis he charts his course in advance, preparing as near as maybe for all unforeseen eventualities. The result is that business so run is usually prosperous and grows with the years. Farming is a business and to be successful the farmer must apply business methods, yet how few farms are run by preconceived plan.

It is true that the business of farming is complicated by conditions which confront few other lines in that while others can compute the exact cost and selling price of their products and the probable demand for them and make their plans accordingly, the farmer does not know what his yield will be and has but a vague idea of what the cost will be and thus he is handicapped both in planning his work and in approaching the labor market, but this is all the more reason the farmer should have a definite basis plan of work.

In every community there will be found some farm with a definite aim and invariably these will be found to be the most prosperous. In the minds of many, such farmers are merely "lucky," but this does not explain the situation. Luck does not account for the fact that such farmers are progressing from year to year to goals set ahead. It is the business sense of the farmers and the plans he has evolved; his aptitude in turning a bad situation or a bad season to such an account that he prevents immense losses and his constant looking ahead to a certain goal which he has set for himself that makes him conspicuous among his fellows.

A certain farmer, an Englishman who had come to this country to better his condition, once explained why he was more prosperous than his neighbors residing on similar farms thus: "I always keep a few more cattle than I can feed from the produce raised on my farm and nearly every year I buy some feed, but this produces a little more manure to make fertile a little more land, to grow a little more feed, to keep a few more cattle, to produce a little more manure, and thus the thing just keeps rolling up like a snowball." This man had a fixed and definite plan and was never swerved from it. From year to year as his plan developed, his barns grew larger and his silos more numerous, his home surroundings more congenial until he possessed the show place of the country.

The average farmer, whether he realizes it or not, is a plunger; he gambles on the market, usually staking his all on a single crop and invariably plays the other fellows game. He may occasionally have a good season and come out away ahead, then for years he will try to repeat this without success and with large loss. This is well illustrated by the farmers in a certain semi-arid country who were told by experts that corn was not a safe crop with them. They came back with the answer, "But we raised a bumper corn crop here seven years ago." It was true. Eight years before some farmers made a fair corn crop and the next year everyone plunged on corn and with a propitious season made a bumper crop. They have been trying to repeat this each year since and have scored six complete failures. How much did their one year crop pay them?

With the plunger there is a maxim, "Easy come and easy go," and the farmer plunger usually lives up to this maxim. Not having a fixed and definite plan the easy money of a good season is unwisely spent and the farmer finds himself in no better position to make money steadily. On the other hand the farmer with the fixed purpose and plan may not have so much money at one time, but knowing just what he wants to do he uses his money judiciously to supply those needs and conveniences that will further the success of his plan and thus makes more money for him and he soon finds himself in the possession of a sure and steady income and may still further develop his plan or may take life easier as is his inclination.

There can be no one plan adopted to fit all farms; none to fit all sections, nor to fit the temperament of all farmers, but a plan can be found to fit any condition and no farm and no farmer should be without a fixed plan and a goal for which he is striving. Such a plan should take into consideration locality, climate, mar-

kets, the general crops of the community and the personal element as represented in the farmer and his family; it should be one which will enable the family to live at home insofar as maybe and one which will make the home congenial to the entire family; it should consider the labor problem and distribute the labor of men and animals as equally as possible throughout the year; it should assure as near as possible a fixed and definite income and should each year provide for spending a part of this income for improvements that will enhance the income either through saving or increased earning power of men and animals, and not the least of all it should embrace intelligent cooperation in the community in many things that will make for better earning power for all.

Farming may be greatly advanced through intelligent cooperation, profits may be increased and the great losses now coming every few years in nearly all parts of Texas may be reduced. A negro farmer in Texas last winter, in speaking to his fellows, hit the key note when he said "We don't know as much as they did three thousand years ago. Joseph filled his bins with grain for seven lean years; Texas has had one lean year and we are done blowed up." The ancient Hebrews were great agriculturalists through cooperative effort.

There are some things that any farm plan to be successful must embrace and these apply in all localities. There is no soil so rich as to stand the constant drain of cropping year after year without a replenishment of its fertility; there is no soil so well supplied with humus that this will not eventually be exhausted by constant cropping, if it is not supplied and there is no soil that will stand the same crops year after year without rotation. Thus it is that the accumulation and saving of all the manures and fertilizing elements of the farm and their intelligent use is one of the first essentials of a successful farm plan. Next to this comes the growing and turning under of leguminous crops to supply nitrogen and humus which must be embraced in the plan and finally a systematic rotation of all field crops so that the same crops will not occupy the land two successive years and if possible a rotation that will bring a given crop back to the same land not oftener than once in four or five years. One of these crops should be a legume and where possible one should be a grass crop to be turned under for its humus and for the mechanical action of its roots on the soil.

These things are vitally necessary to successful farming.

The saving of manure presupposes the presence of livestock upon the farm and without cattle or sheep to conserve the waste and by-products, to enhance the farm income and to furnish manure for replenishing the soil no farm can for long be successful. Texas soils are new yet on many Texas farms their deterioration is in evidence, while in European countries, where the need for livestock for soil replenishment is generally recognized and adopted as good farm practice, may be found many farms which are more fertile today than they were one hundred years ago.—George A. Smith, District Agent Extension Service of the A. & M. College.

CONGRESS URGED TO HELP ADVANCE COTTON PRICES

Washington, Jan. 23.—Federal action to maintain higher prices for raw cotton was urged in the House Thursday by Representative Heflin of Alabama, who did not advocate any specific program but asserted the price should not be less than 30 cents a pound.

"The New York cotton exchange beat down the cost of cotton one day last week that meant a loss of \$88,000,000 to the producer," declared Mr. Heflin.

"The producer is being robbed and a report was sent out that the federal reserve banks were going to call in all loans on cotton. This, the federal reserve board denies. It is a group of spinners, including some foreign ones, who want to get the cotton out of the hands of the producer and speculate on it.

Cotton prices will be advanced, Mr. Heflin added, because the world cotton supply is 6,000,000 bales short. He charged speculators wish to gain control of the product and raise the prices.

He predicted a price of 40c a pound by July.

## The Thrift Car

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CROCKETT, TEXAS

BILL THE HUN MONKEYED WITH OUR COCOANUT PIE

Monkey cocoanut pickers working on cocoanut plantations throughout the islands of the South Pacific ocean have been thrown out of employment and the training and experience of years seriously interrupted because of the lack of shipping to bring the cocoanuts to market.

When William Hohenzollern started in to monkey with the map of Europe and began sending forth his U-boats to scuttle the shipping of the world, the cocoanut market collapsed and the owners of cocoanut plantations called their monkey labor down out of the palm trees and put some of them to work in the drying and shredding plants. These are among the reasons why the old familiar cocoanut now reaches the market in shredded form, packed in nice pasteboard boxes and ready for immediate use.

San Francisco, New Orleans and Houston have felt the revision of the cocoanut industry more keenly perhaps than other fruit distributing points.

Although war ruined the from cocoanut tree to consumer trade, a new industry arose from the ruins under the guise of the "copra oil" industry, a substitute for cotton seed oil.

After the plantation owners have thoroughly dried the meat of the cocoanut it is shipped to the United States, where the oil is extracted, and the decilized residue utilized in the manufacture of the typical cocoanut pie and cocoanut cake.

Not only has war ruined the original cocoanut market, but it extended its brutal influence into the American kitchens and extracted from the pre-war cocoanut pie and cake its succulent attributes.—Houston Post.

TO SCHOOL TEACHERS OF HOUSTON COUNTY

Dear friends: The State Legislature is considering an appropriation of \$100,000,000 for school purposes, and it has in mind especially the improvement of rural school conditions and increasing the remuneration of teachers.

I have a letter from the Secretary of the State Teachers' Association urging me to enlist every teacher in this county as member of the Association. The funds thus raised, I am assured, will be used toward the promotion of the pending legislation in our favor, and should be available within the next few days.

If we do all we can to look out for our own interests and then do not receive better remuneration for our services, we shall have some grounds for complaint; but if we wait for the other fellow to fight our battles without our support and encouragement, we should not complain at our salaries nor at the school conditions in our respective neighborhoods.

Please let me have at least \$1.50 at once from each teacher in the county. You will thus be enrolled as an active member of the State Teachers' Association, and be entitled to such benefits as that organization affords; and you will at the same time be registering your approval and assistance to the move in favor of better rural schools and to better pay for all worthy teachers.

I feel justifiable in expecting a letter and \$1.50 from every teacher and every interested school man in our county.

Yours very sincerely,  
J. H. Rosser,  
County Supt.

HEALTH TOURNAMENT IN TEXAS FEBRUARY 9

The American Red Cross and the National Tuberculosis Association are announcing a Tournament of the Modern Health Crusaders which shall begin February 9th and continue until May 24, 1919. During the same time the Texas Public Health Association and the Southwestern Division of the Junior Red Cross are planning to conduct a similar contest in our State. The Modern Health Crusade Organization is Nation-wide in its membership, thousands of whom reside in the State of Texas. This children's health organization is greatly desired by children who have come to know of its purpose.

The Chapter School Committee of the County Chapter has full information regarding this Crusade and the two tournaments mentioned. School teachers are particularly interested in these contests. A letter from Miss Blanton, addressed to the school teachers of Texas, contains the following paragraph:

"In view of the alarming health conditions of the past few months, I feel it important that every teacher of the State should aid in the plans of the Junior Red Cross and the Texas Public Health Association, for the organization of a Modern Health Crusade. In this warfare against disease none of us can afford to become slackers."

Additional information may be secured by writing Miss Louise Hunter, Texas Crusade Director, Texas Public Health Association, 616 Littlefield Building, Austin, Texas.

J'ever notice it is always the dog with the pedigree that gets lost, while the cur comes home?—Memphis Commercial Appeal.



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### ARRIVES IN AMERICA

Word reached Crockett last week telling of the safe arrival in America of Franklin Allbright, a member of Company E 360 infantry, who received his military training at Camp Travis, San Antonio. Franklin was wounded in action three times while engaged against the enemy and was once reported as having died of disease by the war department, the report later being corrected. He is the son of Mr. W. F. Allbright who lives on route four and is recognized as one of the county's best young citizens. He made a splendid record as a soldier and his many friends are eager for him to return to his home town. He was to be sent to Camp Bowie from which he will receive his honorable discharge.—Houston County Times.

Preparedness applies to the human body as well as to nations. A bottle of Prickly Ash Bitters on the shelf at home is the best and cheapest form of preparedness for indigestion, constipation and kidney troubles. It is the dose taken in time that wards off sickness and saves money. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

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

Dr. Clewis' Hospital.

### A SINGLE VARIETY OF COTTON IN COMMUNITIES

That all cotton production should be placed on an organized community basis appears to be more desirable with each additional season, say specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The most direct and obvious advantage of uniting on a single variety, they say, is that each farmer in the community can get more for his cotton than if many different kinds are raised. There is no question that large buyers and manufacturers will pay more for cotton of one kind that can be had by the hundreds of thousands of bales than for cotton that can be had only in small lots, with each farmer feeling at liberty to grow a kind different from his neighbor's.

The result of mixing the seed of many varieties at public gins and of planting such "gin-run" mixtures of seed is a general and continuous degeneration of varieties. This can be counteracted only in a partial and temporary way by the breeding and distribution of seed of select stocks, which soon lose their purity and uniformity when grown in mixed communities.

The chronic deficiency of pure seed, even of the oldest and best known varieties, is traceable largely to the lack of communities where seed of one variety can be grown without contamination. The advantage of community production of one kind of cotton and adequate supplies of pure seed have been demonstrated conclusively in the Salt River Valley of Arizona, which now has the largest body of uniformly pure cotton in the world.

The first communities that were organized in different parts of the cotton belt are being utilized in the same way as sources of supply of pure seed for other communities that are beginning to organize.

While it is important that more diversified farming be put into practice in most sections of the South, and the need of each district producing its own food as far as this can be done is recognized, the fundamental relation of the cotton industry to other crops should not be overlooked, the specialists say. In humid regions the effect of the boll weevil is to compel or at least to encourage the replacement of cotton with other crops, but in the drier parts of Texas and the adjacent

States the relative importance of cotton as the chief reliance of the farmer has increased during the period of weevil invasion, because the pest is less injurious in dry climates.

While a large aggregate volume of other products is grown in the dry regions, cotton serves as the basic crop, being sufficiently reliable to keep the people on the land, so that the other ventures are made possible.—Weekly News Letter, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

### PLAN TO LIMIT USE OF MONEY IN ELECTIONS

Austin, Texas, Jan. 24.—With a view of preventing the control of primary elections by the use of money, Senators Westbrook, Dean and others today introduced a bill in the senate limiting the expenditures of various candidates. The bill limits the campaign expenses of United States senator to \$10,000, governor \$10,000; for all other officers to be chosen by the voters of the entire state, including judges of the courts of last resort and members of congress-at-large, \$2500 each candidate; district members of congress, \$2000; district attorney or district judge, \$600; member of state senate, \$400; member of house, \$200; county officers in counties having population of over 50,000, \$750, and for counties having population of 30,000 and less than 50,000, \$500, and \$300 in counties of less than 30,000.

Senator Dayton introduced a free textbook bill carrying out the provisions of the textbook amendment to the constitution.

### TEXANS TO COME BACK AS DIVISION UNITS

Washington, Jan. 24.—Secretary Baker today said that the 90th and 36th divisions would be returned as units and every attempt would be made to keep the men together, and the department would look with favor upon plans for demonstrations in their honor.

Opinion prevailed that either the 90th or the 36th will be designated for return within the next few days. It was believed that the 90th would be the first to come, although officials would not say which would be given preference.

The 90th will go to San Antonio and the 36th to Fort Worth.

### RULINGS AFFECT COUNTY OFFICES

Austin, Texas, Jan. 23.—The attorney general's department held today that under the law, chapter 55, acts of the last legislature, no county officer can appoint deputies or assistants without first procuring an order from the county judge but the county judge is prohibited from attempting to control the personnel of such appointments.

The department also held that county commissioners courts, acting as board of equalization, having examined, corrected and approved the assessors lists and having adjourned, has no further power or authority in reference to the tax rolls.

### GEORGE SCARBOROUGH DEAD

Mr. George Scarborough died at his home in the Hays Spring community Wednesday night, January 22, 1919, after an illness of a week with pneumonia. His remains were buried Thursday in the Hays Spring cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Oehler, a Presbyterian minister, of Palestine. Mr. Scarborough was a member of the Presbyterian church.

He had just moved here from Palestine, having purchased the Martin place. He formerly lived here, but moved to Anderson county several years ago. He served as commissioner for several years and was identified with all moves that had as their object the betterment of the county. He has a host of friends throughout this section who are grieved at his death and sympathize with his family.

He is survived by his wife and twelve children, all of whom are living, and all were present when death came except one son, Grady, who is with the American army in France. Dr. M. J. Austin of Palestine, and Miss Austin of Franklin, brother and sister of Mrs. Scarborough, and a nephew of Mr. Scarborough of Palestine, attended the funeral.

Bud Elliot of Percilla happened to a painful accident Saturday morning, by getting his hand badly lacerated and mashed in a gin belt.

## You'll Spend the Money —Get the most out of it

Every year you spend a large proportion of the money you get. So much for clothing. So much for shoes. So much for things to eat, house furnishings, garden seeds and tools and what not.

There's one sure way to get the most for your money. Know what you want before you go to buy.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 30, 1919

**HOW TO PLANT SYCAMORES**

A tree 4 or 5 inches in diameter is the best size. The more root left in taking it up the better; cut off top, leaving the tree 12 feet long. In planting, set the tree 3 inches deeper than it originally grew; plant this way and your tree will not only live but will not grow too tall and be a beautiful shade.

The 12th of February will be "Soldiers' Day" and Grapeland will celebrate and plant hundreds of Sycamores and honor our soldier boys. A strong committee has been appointed for each street and we invite our farmer friends who feel disposed to join us in this good work, and kindly report to any committee where they can find trees, and assist in any way they feel disposed.

A Citizen.

**TAKEN UP**

at my place 1 1/4 miles east of Percilla, one old brown horse mule, known as "Old Tom," raised by me and sold to Mr. Ed Edge 2 years ago. He is about 15 hands high, has a little split in one ear and both fore feet turn in some, about 18 years old. Owner will please come and get him out of my way.

G. R. Sewell.

W. W. Spence, a prosperous farmer of the Hays Spring community, has purchased a 11 acre tract of land from Dr. C. C. Hill on the Daly's road, and will build a modern residence this summer and move to town with his family.

**THE VENETIAN TRIO**

This popular company will be at the school auditorium next Monday night, February 3. They feature musical novelties and it will be one the best shows coming here this season. They are capable artists and present popular and classical music in a harmonious combination. Get your tickets at Leaverton's drug store.

**TWO BIG FLEETS NOW**

By next summer the navy will be equally divided into two great fleets, to be known as the Atlantic and Pacific fleets. "This is the way we shall keep the navy fit," says Secretary Daniels, "and the only way to keep it on its toes is to have competition between fleets. We will, in effect, have a war between the Atlantic and Pacific fleets, which will so stimulate keeness that it will make the men feel they are in actual war."

**REYNARD**

By Zack

Reynard, Jan. 27.—There was very little farm work done last week, but we are gradually getting things in shape and all are optimistic over the good season in the ground, and we are anxious to see some fair weather.

All are about through with the top crop except Douglass Beazley. He has a bale to pick.

Lots of people are going to town, but on account of the bad condition of the roads, the distance seems twice as far, especially for cars. A great many have had important business at the county capital.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Denton spent Saturday night and Sunday in our community visiting relatives.

W. D. Taylor Jr., and his little friend, one of the Haltom children, spent a few days on the river and enjoyed the "frog band" which is up to army strength.

Our school is progressing fine—have heard no complaints.

Our Sunday school was well attended. Total number present 43, 5 new members.

We are proud of our new neighbors, more so as they are Sunday school and church going folks.

Jesse Jones lost a fine mule at the Creek Saturday. Mr. Jones stated that he thought death was caused by heart failure. He had just recently bought the pair, paying a fancy price for them, and his loss is considerable.

Grapeland is to be congratulated on ministerial labor this year. We met the new Methodist pastor the other day; have never heard him preach, hence cannot pass judgment on him as a preacher, but from our conversation he is a good pastor. Have never met the Christian pastor, Bro. Farmer, but hear good reports about him.

We would be glad if the Local Board would publish the number of white boys who entrained from Crockett. It would not take but little time and space.

**HAYS SPRING**

By Big Foot

Hays Spring, Jan. 27.—Health of our community is improving, although we have lost one of our best men—Mr. George Scarborough. He was sick just one week, and last Wednesday night his spirit slipped away. Mr. Scarborough had just moved into this community from Palestine. The family has our sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brown have returned from an extended visit with their daughter in Alabama. They report a pleasant trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Story, who formerly lived in the Wesley Chapel community, have moved to Hays Spring.

Bud Brown has moved to near Elkhart.

T. B. Spence and C. A. Story made a trip to Crockett last week and report the roads in bad shape.

There has been no plowing done yet and no new ground cleared and the people are behind with their work on account of bad weather and the top crop, but the top crop is now just about a thing of the past.

We like to read the letters of George E. Darsey and other boys overseas. Hope they will be home soon, so they can tell us face to face how they went over the top.

**FOR SALE**

A few bushels of fall Irish Potatoes at \$2.25 per bushel. They are sound stock. See me. J. W. Howard.

**TO WORK ROAD**

Notice is hereby given to all parties interested in the San Pedro and Grapeland road to meet Monday, February 3, for the purpose of working same. Meet at San Pedro church.

**FOR SALE**

4 registered Poland China male pigs at \$15.00. They are from the Prize Winning King Joe, one of the greatest boars of his type, weighing 1,150 pounds, sold for \$1,450. You have an opportunity to get one of these big Poland China cheap. See me at W. H. Long & Co's.

Harry Long.

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**LOCAL ITEMS**

Big car of alfalfa hay at Kennedy Bros.

Feed stuff and flour at W. H. Long & Co's.

Texas Red Rust proof seed oats at Kennedy Bros.

Robert Miller of Palestine was in Grapeland Monday.

Car load of salt at Kennedy Bros.

**FOR RENT**

A good farm for rent. Apply to T. S. Goodknight.

Ledbetter one seed cotton, corn and peanut planters at Kennedy Bros.

See us before you buy flour or feed stuff. Big shipment just in. W. H. Long & Co.

Oliver chilled turning plows, all kinds, guaranteed, at Kennedy Bros.

Genuine Tennessee Triumph seed potatoes. Just arrived a big shipment. Keeland Bros.

Just received a big shipment of flour and feed stuff at W. H. Long & Co's.

Buy pure Mebane cotton seed in 3 bushel sacks at Kennedy Bros.

**FOR SALE**

5-passenger Ford Car. See 48-3 W. H. Whitecarver.

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

Corn and cotton planters, section harrows, garden plows and all kinds of Kelley plows. Keeland Bros.

**FOR SALE**

Pure bred Poland China sow with 5 thrifty pigs. Mae Bean.

Pure country raised ribbon cane syrup. We have only a limited supply. You had better hurry. Keeland Bros.

George Horne, of the U. S. Navy, has been spending several days here on a furlough visiting his parents.

D. N. Leaverton is now able to be out some, and will soon be back on the job at the drug store. This will be good news to Dave's many friends.

**PRODUCE WANTED**

Under present arrangements I will be able to reach the consumers of the city of Houston through seven retail grocery stores. This eliminates the commission man and will enable me to pay what your produce is worth. Bring me your butter and eggs. W. R. Wherry.

**How's This?**

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Hall's Catarrh Cure has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions. After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Cure for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Cure at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Onion sets and garden seed at Kennedy Bros.

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Oliver cultivators—the best made. See them at Kennedy Bros.

W. R. Wherry spent several days in Houston this week looking after business interests.

Genuine pure Mebane cotton seed in 3 bushel sacks at Kennedy Bros.

H. B. Powell of near Denson Springs was here on business Wednesday.

Mrs. J. T. Dawes and children of Crockett visited Mr. and Mrs. S. R. LeMay Sunday afternoon.

When you are in town eat with Jessie Murdock on the back street.

Arland Gainey arrived home Saturday from Camp Shelby, Mississippi, having been honorably discharged from the army.

Pure country raised ribbon cane syrup. We have only a limited supply. You had better hurry. Keeland Bros.

**LOST**

Spotted Poland China pig about 2 months old. \$2.50 reward. Harry Long.

It will pay you to see George Calhoun before you sell your hogs. It will be to your interest. He is guaranteeing you a market until April.

**LIBERTY BONDS BOUGHT**

If you must sell your Liberty Bonds we will buy them. Guaranty State Bank, Grapeland, Texas.

Mrs. Pack Traylor returned to her home in Cleveland Tuesday, having been called here on account of the death of her father, George Scarborough.

**EVERY DAY**

We not only buy hogs on Friday and Saturday, but every other day in the week, so why not give us the preference? Dailey Bros.

I have for sale at Grapeland one car load of good, young, gentle, well broke work mules. Everyone guaranteed to be as represented. John Killion.

**DENTAL NOTICE**

Dr. Moore, the dentist, is at the Grapeland Hotel ready to execute all manner of dental work. Teeth extracted without pain. C. L. Moore, D. D. S.

J. O. Edington is again back on the job as station agent, having been checked in last Monday. H. P. Johnson, who has been in charge, left Tuesday for Palestine.

**NOW ON THE ROAD**

We have been informed that a shipment of Florsheim Style of the times—the best line of men's high grade dress shoes sold in Grapeland—has been shipped by express and will arrive this week. Wait for it. Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

Corn and cotton planters, section harrows, garden plows and all kinds of Kelley plows.

Keeland Bros.

J. D. Baker has purchased the shoe shop from Mr. Buckalew, and has moved here with his family.

**RENTED WANTED**

To work about thirty acres on the halves. See J. D. Baker at the shoe shop.

**HOGS WANTED**

If you have any hogs to sell see Dailey Bros. before selling. We will buy them. tf

**FOR SALE**

5-Passenger cars, Ford or Overland, take your choice. Ben Brooks.

**Abstract Your Land Titles**

And let us do the work for you. We have a complete abstract of the land titles of this county down to NOW. Madden & Denny, Crockett, Texas. tf

P. H. Henly of Weches was in Grapeland Monday transacting business. Mr. Henly reports things around Weches moving along nicely. The influenza epidemic, which caused several deaths in that community, is dying out.

**NOTICE TAX PAYERS**

This is the last month you have to pay your school tax without penalty. February 1 a ten per cent penalty will be added. You are urged to pay at once, as the school needs the money. Paul Kennedy, Collector.

**LOST**

6 War Stamps on card with my name on card. \$5.00 reward to finder. Lost between San Pedro creek and Grapeland. J. W. Pacock, Weches, Texas.

Rev. H. A. Matney, formerly pastor of the Methodist church in this city, was here for awhile Tuesday meeting his many friends. Bro. Matney is now in charge of the Belott work.

**A GOOD PRICE**

We will pay 15 1/2c per pound for well finished hogs of 200 pounds and over. If you get this price beat, come back to us before you sell. Dailey Bros. tf

**LIBERTY BONDS**

We will buy them if you want to sell. Farmers & Merchants State Bank Grapeland, Texas. tf

Help the children in their evening study by giving them a strong, steady, white light. It may save glasses in later years. Let me demonstrate the Aladdin—winner of the Gold Medal at the World's Exposition, San Francisco. Have sold quite a number of these lights to the best homes in this community, and by permission can refer you to them. E. L. Frisby, Agent.

**WASHINGTON TEA**

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church will give a Washington tea Friday night, February 21. The place will be announced later.

**Eyes Tested FREE!**

Why not have those glasses you have been needing so long fitted now? Why strain your eyes and injure your health when with a small cost this can be remedied?

We have over 100 satisfied customers within the last few months who can testify to the accuracy of the fit.

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**Christian Church Sunday**

We will have our regular services at the Christian church next Sunday. Sermon subjects for the day will be as follows: At 11 a. m., "Disciples of Christ," and at 7:15 p. m., "Four Destructive Courses."

The public in general is cordially invited to attend these services. An especial invitation is extended to all, who are not members of and regular attendants at the other churches of the town, to meet and worship with us. G. H. Farmer, Pastor.

**FOR SALE**

Desirable location in Grapeland, 5 room house, well finished; good water, large yard and garden; one-fourth acre in all. For price and terms see Davis & Edens. tf

**NOTICE TO HOG RAISERS**

I will be shipping hogs to the market at intervals from now until April 1. I will begin to buy hogs January 24-25, and each Friday and Saturday thereafter until April 1. I am now feeding out about six or seven hundred of my own hogs, and guarantee you a market for any you have to sell up to that time. George Calhoun. tf

M. E. Darsey and Mrs. Loye Stowe left Tuesday afternoon for Houston where they will attend a style show of the newest spring styles in women's wearing apparel. While there, they will select their spring lines from leading eastern houses for the firm of Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

**LOST**

1 Jersey Calf, 4 months old, no mark nor brand, light brown on back and white underneath, skin and bag very yellow. Will give satisfactory reward for any information. Write V. S. Beauchamp or phone Lon Beauchamp, Grapeland, Texas.

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Route 2—J. C. Green, J. S. Brimberry, Guy Johnston.  
Route 3—Hub Denman.  
Route 4—E. L. Frisby, W. C. Laster.  
Teague—Mrs. N. C. Walpole. (By W. E. Allen)  
Emory—Milo Sullivan. (By Jim Sullivan)  
Carthage—Mrs. Howell Appling. (By S. E. Howard)  
Slocum—J. N. Killion.  
Crockett, Route 1—Lee Burden.  
Ione, Ark.—Mrs. W. M. Jeter.

**ABOUT OUR SENATOR**

The many friends in Trinity county of Senator Jeff Strickland of Palestine will be delighted to learn that our able young senator has been elected president pro tem of the senate. Jeff Strickland is one of the cleanest men in public and private life in Texas today. He has the courage of his convictions and the manhood to state his position on any measure that concerns the welfare of the people. Texas needs more men like Jeff Strickland—honest, fearless and clean. The grafters don't like him, but that is a compliment to Senator Strickland. Mark this prediction: Jeff Strickland will be governor of Texas some day.—Trinity Tribune.

For the ailments common among women, such as sick headache, backache, heartburn, nervous weakness and constipation, Prickly Ash Bitters is a splendid remedy. It purifies the bowels, tones the stomach, clears the complexion, sweetens the breath restores energy and cheerfulness. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.



**16 YEARS INTELLIGENT FARMING MADE FORTUNE**

(By Frank E. Burkhalter)

College Station, Texas, Jan. 25.—Sixteen years ago W. C. Porter of Terrell decided to improve his methods of farming by employing a system of diversification, crop rotation and intensive cultivation as recommended by the late Dr. Seaman A. Knapp of the United States department of agriculture, best known perhaps from the fact that he was the first promoter of boys' corn clubs and other agricultural and live stock organization of the boys and girls of the farms.

So well has Mr. Porter succeeded by this method of farming that he believes other farmers of the State will be benefited by his experience.

Mr. Porter has not only succeeded in making good crops every year since that time, but he has made good money as well. He lives on a well improved 60.9-acre sandy land farm three miles from Terrell, owns a smaller black land farm in the bottom between Terrell and Kaufman, lives in a \$10,000 home that is provided with all modern sanitary conveniences and comforts, including baths, sewer system, flowing hot and cold water in the bath room, hardwood floors, large comfortable living rooms, sleeping porches and other conveniences that belong to modern homes. He is surrounded with plenty of good work stock, modern tools and implements, and has a couple of automobiles for the use of himself and family.

While Mr. Porter does not contend that every farmer will succeed on the same financial scale that he has done by following improved methods of agriculture, as recommended by the federal department of agriculture, the extension service of A. & M. college and the agricultural experiment station, he believes that the pursuit of these methods will make the average farmer much more successful than he has been heretofore, for Mr. Porter himself has uniformly made larger crops than his neighbors, even in seasonable years, and the difference has been marked, frequently, in the drouthy years, of which there have been a number.

Briefly stated, the Porter program which is recommended to farmers generally, is as follows: Rotate crops as often as possible, plant those crops for which there is a sure and ready market, select the best seed available, plant corn and cotton in rows 4½ feet apart, cultivate intensively, do not undertake a larger farm than you can handle well with your force, carry a few live stock, especially cattle and hogs, raise your own feed stuff, raise an orchard and home garden, can all the surplus stuff from the orchard and garden and live at home.

It was an accident that Mr. Porter became the first demonstration farmer in Texas under the direction of Dr. Knapp, but E. H. R. Green, president of the Midland railroad, desiring to see better farming methods employed in Kaufman county, invited Dr. Knapp to come to Terrell and deliver an address in the winter of 1903, after there had been a series of short crops. Farmers, business men and others interested in better farming attended the address and listened attentively and when Dr. Knapp called for volunteers to demonstrate the virtue of the methods he advocated Mr. Porter was the first volunteer. An experiment to find the best varieties of cotton and corn was the first test carried out by Mr. Porter, and he used Webb cotton for a number of years as a result of the test, though of more general interest, he believes, is his discovery that by planting both his cotton and his corn in rows 4½ feet apart he invariably makes a larger yield of both crops per acre than his neighbors do, the average being a third more than on adjoining farms. Since he began using the wide rows 16 years ago he has never made less than a half bale of cotton nor less than 30 bushels of corn per acre on 25 acres of land that has been in cultivation for 40 years, and frequently the yield has been much larger. Mr. Porter has averaged a third of a bale of cotton on all of his farm during the past sixteen years.

Rotation of crops and methods of cultivation have also entered into the production of these yields, corn, oats and wheat being rotated regularly with cotton, and a large buzzard-wing sweep being employed largely in the cultivation. Mr. Porter estimates that the past year Kaufman county lost at least a fourth of its cotton crop from bacterial rot, due to failure to rotate crops regularly. All the latest farm machinery and tools are employed, including tractor plows, seed

drills and the like, but all of them are properly housed when not in use, and the deterioration is reduced to a minimum.

After several years' experience Mr. Porter has come to the conclusion that two-thirds of his farm to cotton and one-third to grains is the most profitable division. On his 600-acre tract he plants 400 acres to cotton, 100 to corn and 100 to alfalfa and oats. He plants his corn 30 inches in the drill. This season he not only reserved enough feedstuff to carry all his work stock, cattle and hogs through until another crop comes in, but managed to sell 3000 bushels of oats at 85 cents, 200 bushels of corn at \$1.65 per bushel on the farm, and 60 tons of alfalfa at \$30 per ton. Mr. Porter began the growing of alfalfa in the bottom land when the boll-weevils became so bad there, cotton was no longer profitable, and he has netted \$30 per acre from that crop for ten years. At the present price of alfalfa it will beat 30 cent cotton and is almost no trouble to produce, he advises.

Another contribution toward making farming profitable is raising some cattle on the side, Mr. Porter has found, and he carries a herd of 40 Short-horns regularly. He disposes of his cattle wholly for breeding purposes and always finds a ready market for them. He has a large pasture on which the cattle graze, but he has his fields so subdivided that he can graze separate portions of them at stated periods and by this means he has field pasturage for his live stock throughout the late fall and winter. This makes it necessary for him to keep up his fences, but the saving in feed made possible from using the fields as pasturage makes the investment in fences a good one.

But in addition to looking after his farm and live stock, Mr. Porter finds time to discharge his duties as a citizen. He is greatly interested in education, as would be natural for a father of a big houseful of healthy ambitious children, and was instrumental in the establishment of a first class rural school in his community. He represented his community in the drives for the Red Cross, liberty bonds, war saving stamps and united war work and worked every house from his home to the Hunt county line, a distance of 14 miles. His territory went over its quota in every one of these drives and every man but three bought at least one liberty bond.

The following of demonstration methods of farming has been worth thousands of dollars to him, Mr. Porter says, while he is not profligate with his money he has a home that would do credit to any city, he and his family live well and support every public call of a patriotic and religious nature; they keep posted on the affairs of the world by reading the daily papers and other current literature and are getting a great deal of happiness out of life as well as putting a great deal into it.

**ADVOCATES KISSING AS CURE FOR DIVORCE**

Austin, Texas, Jan. 24.—Kissing is a cure for divorce, says Judge J. R. Hamilton, who granted about 450 divorces each year from the bench of the Travis county criminal court.

"I believe whiskey is at the bottom of 90 per cent of the divorce cases," said Judge Hamilton. "It may not be the immediate cause, but in the beginning it started Cupid away from the family altar. As for the cure, I tell you that the man who kisses his wife good-bye when he leaves home in the morning and kisses her again when he returns home in the evening that man will never have a divorce in his family."

**FAVORABLE REPORT BY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL BILLS**

Austin, Texas, Jan. 24.—The house committee on constitutional amendments has reported favorably on the resolution offered to permit the voting of a special tax of 50c on the \$100 of property valuation, the money to be used to provide transportation for pupils and for consolidating school districts.

A favorable report has been voted by the educational committee on the bill for free textbooks for children. Several amendments were offered in the committee. This bill is to take advantage of the free textbook constitutional amendment voted last summer.

False teeth are one thing, but a false tongue behind then is another.

**NEGROES ATTRACT BIG INTEREST IN GERMANY**

With the American army of occupation—Wherever American negroes have appeared in the area occupied by the Americans they have attracted great attention among the civilians. In Treves, Coblenz and other places during the early days of the occupation, crowds assembled wherever any negro soldier stopped in the streets, and it was necessary for the military police to enforce the orders prohibiting gatherings in the public thoroughfares.

The German soldier also regards the negro with great curiosity. According to a discharged German soldier in Rengsdorf, the German army, early in the war, offered a reward of 400 marks for the capture alive of each negro. The discharged German soldier said that throughout the war German soldiers lived in great fear and even terror of the negroes, and it was in order to overcome this fear that rewards were offered.

**FIRE DESTROYS HANDSOME RESIDENCE AT PALESTINE**

Palestine, Texas, Jan. 24.—An early morning fire destroyed one home, damaged another fully 50 per cent and came near burning to death Mrs. Mary Rose, owner of the home where the fire was discovered.

The Rose home was located on Magnolia street, corner of Trinity, and was a handsome two-story of about ten rooms, formerly the home of Chas. Reitch. Mrs. Rose bought the property some two or three months ago and the family had just recently moved into it. The other home next door was owned and occupied by Hugo Reitch and was about half burned to the ground.

Mrs. Rose was trapped on the second floor of her home and before she was rescued was so badly burned about the face and neck that she is now in a serious condition at a local sanitarium.

The Rose home was insured for \$3,700, but no insurance was carried on the furniture. The Reitch house was insured for \$2,500 with \$1,000 on the furniture. It is not known how the fire started.

**SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT SUBMISSION IS FACT**

Austin, Texas, Jan. 24.—The submission of the equal suffrage amendment is a fact. It was accomplished late today when the house gave final adoption to the senate joint resolution extending suffrage to women. The vote was 105 to 0. The resolution had previously passed the senate, 28 to 0. The question is to come before the people on May 24. Suffrage leaders are jubilant tonight and predict the adoption of the amendment by an overwhelming majority.

**NEW CONGRESS WILL REFUSE TO SEAT BERGER**

Washington, Jan. 24.—Representative Gillett of Massachusetts, a republican candidate for the speakership in the next house, stated Friday that the first act of the new house should be to refuse a seat to Victor Berger, socialist representative-elect in Wisconsin, who has been convicted of violating the espionage act.

**MADE EMPLOYMENT CENTER**

Palestine, Texas, Jan. 24.—This city has been made the center of eight counties by Federal Director H. W. Lewis for the placement of returning soldiers and sailors, and the various patriotic organizations, labor unions and churches will co-operate in this important work.

Branch offices will be opened in all county seats, and an effort made to place all men in positions that are seeking work.

**SHORTAGE OF HOUSES**

There is a shortage of houses in GrapeLand, and the demand for them is growing all the time. A great deal of residence property has changed hands in GrapeLand recently, due largely to the fact that there are no rent houses to be had and to get a house to live in one must buy it. Many good families would move here if they could rent a house.

Of course a cemetery can do business without advertising, but what kind of a merchant wants to run a cemetery.—Galveston News.



**BETWEEN BANKER AND DEPOSITOR**

there is an entente cordiale at the Farmers & Merchants State Bank that does not cease with the mere depositing of funds. We are ever willing to proffer to our patrons all the courteous assistance which goes with efficient banking service. In serving the community we do not overlook the individual.

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Junior League each Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Miss Hatchell, Supt.  
Dorothy Darsey, Sec'y.

Women's Missionary Society meets Tuesday afternoon following the second and fourth Sundays at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. C. W. Kennedy, Pres.  
Mrs. Marvin Gilbert, Sec.

Board of Stewards meet on Tuesday night following each second Sunday.

E. E. Hollingsworth, Pres.  
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**U. S. CEMETERY IN FRANCE**

An appropriation of \$500,000 for establishing a national cemetery in France in which to bury the bodies of American officers and men who lost their lives in the war has been proposed by Senator Spencer, of Missouri, and referred to the Foreign Relations Committee. The measure will not prevent the return to this country of the bodies of the fallen whose relatives desire them brought home. In the meantime the people of France have notified us that it will be the pride and pleasure of the French people to take care of and annually decorate the graves of the American dead.

**GEO. E. DARSEY'S INTERESTING LETTER FROM FRANCE**

Kayl, Luxemburg, Dec. 26, 1918.

Dear Brother:

I received letters of November 28th and December 1st and Thanksgiving from all of you. Also some others together with the calendar, kodak pictures and two papers sent as first class mail yesterday and was very glad to get them all and to know that all are well and everything getting along fine at home.

This finds me well and doing fine and I will say that I spent a very pleasant and a very unique Christmas. I wrote Mary Lou about it in French, but I will tell you about it again as I didn't have much time when I wrote her and then too, she might not be able to "compri" as well as if I had written in English. I wrote mama and told her about the people my partner and I had met in Longy. Well, they gave us a special invitation to eat Christmas dinner with them and we went and enjoyed ourselves immensely. They are nice people and treat us fine and the best part of it all is, there are two girls in the family who are 18 and 20 years old and they speak English. My friend is the younger.

We arrived at the house at about 9 p. m. and were ushered into a regular French Christmas party which they were having together with the family next door. We played games and the kids of the two families entertained with frolics and Halloween like stunts and songs until about a quarter of twelve, when we went to church, to a Midnight Christmas Mass service which lasted about an hour and was a very beautiful service. It was Catholic and was conducted in Latin and French and though I couldn't understand very much about it, I enjoyed the songs and the whole service particularly as it was the first service to be held in the church in French in the past four years. The priest who conducted the service is a captain in the French army and had just returned home on a furlough.

When we got back from the service, we found a regular Christmas feed waiting for us and ate more chow than I thought was in France. It was a regular course dinner and we found ourselves still at the table at daylight as the courses were "beaucoup" (many) and it was original French cooking and you know it was good and also I got away with my share of it. Between courses, we sang, or rather they sang, French Christmas songs and we had German royalty cigars and since this was their first real Christmas since before the war, all agreed that sleep was not in place--so no one thought of it. And I may surprise you a bit, but I also had a very good breakfast at nine o'clock the next morning. The good times continued until about four thirty p. m. when my partner and I had to leave and come back to Kayl.

For dinner Christmas day, we had an 8 course feed which was also a dandy and in fact, I ate so much that it is a wonder I am not fondered now. Don't think that it was a drunk affair for we had nothing stronger than coffee, chocolate and cigars, but we had all that was necessary for a good time and I had it. The people treat us so fine and make us feel so welcome that we call it our French home and it does a fellow good to get just a little touch of home life and to associate with good people away from army life every once in a while. In fact, I almost forgot that I was in the army while I was there and as we have a standing invitation, I guess I will go back at my earliest opportunity.

I suppose you at home know and hear about the time of our home coming more than we do, for at the present, we do not know anything definite at all.

We may leave in about a month and maybe not for several months, but I am not bothering about it as they will send us when the time comes and bothering wont help out any. This is a very picturesque country up in the mountains and the people treat us fine. I have a room and feather bed for the time we are here, all to myself when I care to use it and all free. I like the people in Belgium and Luxemburg better than any I have met since I've been over here. A great many of them speak English and are very much more hospitable than the average French and are also more American in their ways.

You were a little slow in your calculations as to my location when the armistice was signed. I was at St. Mihiel during the drive, but the Fifth moved up near Verdun in time for the big "Big Music" there--as I have al-

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YOUR DRUGGIST

ready written you. If you keep all of my letters until I get back, I will explain the place where each was written and will be able to tell much more than I have been allowed to write. I tried to make my letters appear so that the folks wouldn't be worried about my safety and I guess as a result, it appears that we are in the "S. O. S." strictly as is sometimes the case with a M. S. T. outfit. But not so with us, for we are the only train that does not carry a number but only our division name and number have been with our division at the front ever since we arrived at St. Die after our convoy trip up from Bordeaux in July. I have had some pretty close calls but haven't the time to give the details now but I will say that several times I didn't know just how soon the government would be paying my insurance. During the Verdun-Argonne-Meuse drive, our train headquarters were in front of the heaviest artillery and our work was from there to the lines. At the present, our work is not near so strenuous as during the hostilities as we now have the ammunition train to help us out--while during hostilities, it was the other way and we did our work and part of theirs.

I suppose you can tell from the papers right along where we are, and I will tell in every letter I write but press reports will inform you much quicker than a letter from me.

I have some good souvenirs I will bring home if I can keep them which is hard to do the way we knock around. I got a spiked helmet up near Trieres the other day which I will guard with my life, for it is a dandy and is a dress helmet for an artillery officer.

I am on the trail of an Iron Cross, but they are pretty hard to get as everybody wants one. I have 80 marks in German gold and tonight I got hold of two mark and one 3 mark piece in silver with the kaiser's picture on them. These, too, are pretty rare.

I received the Christmas box and like my watch and fountain pen fine and was also glad to get the rest of the things, especially the razor blades and the shaving stick. The "Y" gave each of us a Christmas package of cakes, chocolates and smokes.

With love to all,

George E.

**TO PROCLAIM ROOSEVELT DAY**

Austin, Texas, Jan. 23.—Governor Hobby received a telegram Thursday from former President Taft and others advising that it has been suggested that the memorial meetings which are now being proposed throughout the country in honor of the memory of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, should be held simultaneously February 9, the date of the proposed memorial in congress.

The governor will accordingly issue a proclamation urging the people of Texas that February 9 be observed as memorial day for Colonel Roosevelt.

**COTTON REPORT**

There were 27,423 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1918, prior to January 1st 1919, compared with 31,311 bales ginned to January 1st 1919.

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**THE AUTOMOBILE CONTEST IN THE M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The following is the travelings of the different autos in the race at the Methodist Sunday school for last Sunday.

The first figure indicates how far the cars traveled last Sunday and the last figure is how far the car is from starting point.

National 80 miles, out 100 miles.  
Willis-Knight 40 miles, out 55 miles.  
Crow-Elkhart 30 miles, out 30 miles.  
Oldsmobile 40 miles, out 60 miles.  
Haynes 65 miles, out 125 miles.  
Overland 55 miles, out 125 miles.  
Kissle-Kar 45 miles, out 90 miles.  
Ford 60 miles, out 130 miles.  
Reo 30 miles, out 65 miles.

The Willis-Knight ran out of gasoline and lost 5 miles on poor class attendance.

Crow-Elkhart took wrong road and lost 5 miles with poor church attendance.

Hayes did not take along enough change to pay ferry charges (collection) and lost 5 miles.

Overland and Kissle-Kar stuck in bog-hole and lost 5 miles each on shortage of studied lessons.

The Ford is in the lead 5 miles with the Overland and Haynes blowing the horn for passage room.

Watch who will be in the lead next Sunday.

**Rules For Contest—Ahead**

1—A perfect attendance, that is, as many present as the enrollment, counts 10 miles.

2—A larger attendance in class than week previous counts 10 miles.

3—An increase in collections of week previous counts 10 miles.

4—100 per cent church attendance counts 10 miles.

5—100 per cent studied lessons counts 10 miles.

6—Banner Class gets 10 miles extra.

**Reverses**

1—A decrease in attendance over week previous is a puncture and means back up 5 miles.

2—A decrease in collections means back up 5 miles.

3—Bringing a scholar from another Sunday school means a Blow-out and must back up 10 miles.

4—Less than 100 per cent church attendance means back up 5 miles.

5—Less than 100 per cent studied lessons means back up 5 miles.

Superintendent of Race.

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**MAN ARRESTED HERE  
WANTED IN PALESTINE**

The sheriff of Palestine was here Tuesday morning and arrested a young man wanted in Palestine for committing a statutory crime. The young man, whose name we failed to learn, was a stranger, and came here a few days ago with a bunch of horse traders.

**MISSIONARY WORK**

Junior League program for next Sunday at 2 o'clock.  
Opening hymns.  
Responsive reading, Ps. 119, 169, 176.—Hazel McCarty.  
Prayer by superintendent.  
Song.  
Bible reading by leader—Manly Jones.  
Short talks given on missionary institutions by Superintendent, Joe Wherry, Dorothy Darsey, Lucile Howard, Ruth Kennedy, George Adair, Bruce Foreman, Polk Brown.  
Song.  
Prayer with benediction.  
We had a good meeting last Sunday, and begun a contest between "Hustlers" and "Bustlers." Every Junior come Sunday at 2 o'clock and bring your Bible. Each one will get to use it.

**W. H. M. NOTES**

The W. H. M. Society held its regular meeting Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. S. N. Boykin, twenty-eight member being present. Mesdames J. R. Richards, M. E. Darsey and Kolb were welcome visitors. Mrs. W. L. Smith was leader for the meeting, and carried out the following program: Opening song, "Higher Ground;" prayer, by Mrs. C. W. Kennedy; Scripture reading and study in Luke; piano solo by Miss Mabel Boykin; reading, "The Quiet Hour," by Mrs. A. H. Luker; business session.

The hostess served delicious hot chocolate and cake. The society adjourned to meet with Mrs. J. E. Buttrill at next meeting.

**PERCILLA**

By James R.

Percilla, Texas, Jan. 27.—Once more death has come into our midst and claimed as its victim one of our very best citizens—Mr. Will Dickey. Mr. Dickey's death was a great shock to our community, although it had been expected, for he had been very sick for several days. Mr. Dickey joined the Protestant Methodist church when a young man and lived a consecrated life. He was a man who practiced his religion in every day life, always ready to administer to those in distress in every way possible. He leaves a wife and seven children, four brothers, two sisters, and a host of kindred and friends to mourn his death. Interment was in Evergreen cemetery, Rev. Jim Lively conducting the services.

Bud Elliot happened to a serious accident Saturday by getting his hand caught in a gin belt.

Mrs. Green, who came in from Alabama with her family a few days ago, has been very sick for the past week, but is some better at present.

Mrs. Lula Gainey went to Grapeland Saturday to meet her husband who was returning from a training camp in Mississippi.

Our postmaster, A. K. Lively, contemplates a business trip to Palestine and other cities this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brumley entertained their friends with a party Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dennis are visiting Mrs. Dennis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Salmon, near Denson Springs.

Miss Velma Hendrix is visiting relatives here this week.

**GRAPELAND WON**

Two basket ball games were played on the local grounds last Friday afternoon between Elkhart and Grapeland. The girls won their game by a score of 5 to 4, and the boys by a score of 26 to 20. Both games were well played and were witnessed by a large crowd. A return game will be played at Elkhart by these same teams Friday, February 14.

If you want any Kelly plow, planter or cultivator parts, come to us—we have it. Kennedy Bros.

**HAULING WAR TRUCKS  
DETROIT TO BALTIMORE**

Mr. Chas. Lively is receipt of a letter from his son, Aubrey Lively, who is in the Motor Truck Division, driving cars from Detroit to Baltimore. Aubrey says he is working hard, harder than while the war was in progress—and is anxious to get his discharge and return home. He sends a newspaper clipping from a paper published at Ligonier, Pa., and we pass it on to our readers for their consideration. The clipping follows:

If there is any difference since the war closed on November 11, 1918 more War Truck Trains have passed through Ligonier going from Detroit and other points west to Baltimore than passed this way before the close of hostilities. Information has been coming this way for some time that these War Trucks were being parked at Baltimore by the thousands, exposed to the weather and rapidly being destroyed otherwise. The story is being told in Ligonier that the greatest rush of Truck Trains yet will take place about March and April of this year. The fixing of a detour in Ligonier is reported to be for the purpose of driving hundreds, possibly thousands, of these trucks along our streets and eastward to Baltimore to be parked there and what for? That is a question the people of this country are entitled to have answered. Is the government engaged in a campaign of wanton extravagance and reckless waste or what is all this being done for now that the war is over? Congressman Robbins called the attention of the House of Representatives at Washington to this matter and to the way in which the soldier boys having charge of these war trucks have been neglected as to pay and clothing for the winter months. The entire address of Mr. Robbins was published in the Greensburg Tribune of January 20 and should be read by the people in general. We quote briefly from the published address: "Many of the young soldiers who spent Wednesday night (Jan. 8) in Greensburg had not been paid for months. Many of them complained that they needed warmer clothing. They confessed the need of clean underclothes and most of them admitted that their suffering would have been intense had it not been for the Red Cross and the kindly communities through which they pass.

"These soldiers are not paid. Why is it?" Further along Mr. Robbins says:

"I am told there are over 100,000 automobile trucks now in France and if any one makes the trip by rail from Washington to Baltimore, he will see acres of Army auto trucks standing over near that city in mass, not being used, the canvas tops rent by winter winds and the machines rusting and going into decay. Yet the War Department is still going on buying automobile trucks 60 days after cessation of hostilities. What is the use of this? I appeal to the members of the House that something ought to be done to stop this waste of the public money."

Mr. Robbins introduced a resolution calling on the "Secretary of War to report to Congress the number of automobile trucks our army have, the purpose for which they are being used and what it is proposed to do with them and where the Department is going to get the money to pay for them." Much more was said by Mr. Robbins in the discussion of this matter which we have not room to publish.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors for the kindness shown us during the recent illness and death of our loved one, and for your sincere words of sympathy. We also express appreciation for the beautiful floral offerings.

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