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THAT MUSICAL SPELLING MATCH

The prelude to the downfall of THE CHAMPIONS has been played. The High School is on the stage. Soon the footlights will be no more for the fallen heroes, for fallen they will be. The "has beens" will pass off to be remembered, perhaps, but with pity.

The program will open promptly at 7 p. m., Friday evening at the High School Auditorium. The band, organized and managed by Mr. Alton Lively, has promised to be on hand with a full company, giving us the best musical program Grapeland has heard in years. On request, the band will make a specialty of old time ragtime; however, the classics will be amply represented among the selections.

There has been an erroneous report circulated that the High School would take advantage of the Champions by applying stringently the rules of modern spelling as to capitals and hyphens. The High School will not have it so. With them, it is spelling and nothing else. They demand the title at the champions' own terms, and the match will rest on a simple calling of letters in their proper sequence. The pronouncer will use first the list of words put out by the University Interscholastic League, next the New Century Speller beginning with the fifth grade and finally any source desired. This does not mean that every word in any list will be spelled or pronounced; but that the one pronouncing will, at his discretion, choose from the lists in the order mentioned. If the contestants as a whole spell readily the first list, the second list will be taken up, and then the third when it is apparent that it is needed. Every effort will be made to finish the match in one hour. When one side is declared winner, the remaining contestants will spell among themselves for the individual championship.

An admission of ten and fifteen cents will be charged to all alike, including those on the program. These consist of approximately one hundred, and to excuse them from paying would "knock too big a hole" in the receipts.

Pronouncer: Supt. Sonley LeMay.

Judges: Miss Georgie Cooper, H. A. Leaverton, A. H. Luker.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

Sunday, March 2, at 2 o'clock. Stories about Jesus. Mark 10, 21.

Songs 231 and 107.
Prayer.
Responsive reading.
Special music.
Scripture by leader—Hazel Alline McCarty.
Superintendent—Present story of rich young ruler.
Solo—Dorothy Darsey.
Song—More Like the Master.
Story told by Mildred Traylor and superintendent.
Benediction.

W. H. M. NOTES

Our society met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. W. G. Darsey, but on account of the inclement weather, several members were absent, although we spent a very pleasant and profitable afternoon. Mrs. J. E. Buttrill was leader, and the lesson studied was the 20th chapter of Luke. Mrs. Darsey served delicious fruit gelatine with whipped cream and cake as refreshments. Our next meeting will be held with Mrs. J. C. Kennedy.

Reporter.

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If you do not avail yourself of the opportunity you are standing in your own light, because there is a great saving in store for you at our store.

The space is too small to quote prices, but come and you will be agreeably surprised.

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL WILL BE:

With each purchase of \$10 at our dry goods counter, we will sell you 7 pounds best parched coffee for \$1.00

With each \$5 purchase at our dry goods counter, we will sell you 8 bars of Crystal White Soap for 25c

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BILLS TO REGULATE THE RANGER FORCE

Following the report of the ranger investigation committee, two or three bills, proposing a complete reorganization of the ranger force, have been introduced in the house.

One bill comes as the proposal of Adjutant General Harley for a reorganization of the ranger force. It would provide for a ranger force consisting of 130 members in normal times, which in times of emergency might be indefinitely increased. It would be divided into seven companies one to be known as a headquarters company. The headquarters company would be composed of a captain, one lieutenant, one sergeant, one corporal and six privates.

The other companies would be composed of a captain, a lieutenant, two corporals and 15 privates.

The captains would receive a salary of \$175 a month, lieutenants \$125, sergeants \$100, corporals \$85 and privates \$75. In addition to this they would receive rations, subsistence and ammunition. The pay would be increased 5 per cent after two years service and thereafter might be increased until it got to a 20 per cent increase.

The bill also provides that all rangers must take the constitutional oath of office, and that when they arrest a person he must be taken before the proper officers of the jurisdiction in which the arrest is made and delivered to those officers and a receipt taken for him. It also provides that the adjutant general may file charges before any magistrate in the state, asking that the conduct of any ranger be investigated, and the magistrate would conduct the investigation as he would an ordinary trial and forward his findings, together with a transcript to the adjutant general.

TO ASK FOR REPEAL OF THE ROAD LAW

Petitions are being circulated over Houston county, to be presented to Hon. E. Winfree and the members of the legislature, asking for the repeal of the Houston County Road Law and abolishing the office of Road Superintendent. The petition states that the county has no funds with which to work the roads and that the salary paid the superintendent is a burden upon the tax payers, from which no benefit is received.

NEW OIL COMPANY

The Britannia Oil & Gas Company of Ardmore, Oklahoma, with a capital stock of \$200,000, has been granted a permit to do business in Texas with headquarters at Crockett.

Officers of this company are now here and closing leases in the Eastern part of Houston county and hope to begin drilling in the near future.—Houston County Times.

DRAG YOUR ROAD

We have been informed, although we cannot vouch for the truth of the statement, that a movement is on foot to take the clay off of the Augusta road and put it on the roads west of the railroad. Those who have traveled over these roads recently will understand the reason of such a movement.

The members of the local colored Baptist church are making great preparations for the second session of the R. L. U. A. District Board, which will meet with this church the fifth Sunday in March. An elaborate program has been arranged for the meeting, and is being printed in the Messenger's job department.

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CITATION FOR UNKNOWN HEIRS

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the heirs of Collin Aldrich, deceased, whose names are unknown; R. D. Goree and the heirs of R. D. Goree, deceased, whose names are unknown; H. L. Hayes and the heirs of H. L. Hayes, deceased, whose names are unknown; A. A. Granger and the heirs of A. A. Granger, deceased, whose names are unknown; H. T. Bragdon and the heirs of H. T. Bragdon, deceased, whose names are unknown; to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston county, to be held at the Court House thereof, in the City of Crockett, on the fourth Monday in March 1919, being the 24th day of March 1919, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 4th day of February 1919, in a cause numbered 5772, wherein A. B. Spence is Plaintiff and the unknown heirs of Collin Aldrich deceased, R. D. Goree and the unknown heirs of R. D. Goree, deceased, H. L. Hayes and the unknown heirs of H. L. Hayes, deceased, A. A. Granger and the unknown heirs of A. A. Granger, deceased, H. T. Bragdon and the unknown heirs of H. T. Bragdon, deceased are defendants the cause of action being alleged as follows: Plaintiff alleges:

That plaintiff is the owner in fee simple and is seized and possessed and in the quiet and peaceable possession of the following described tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:

First tract: Situated in Houston County, Texas, containing 120 acres about 10 miles North of the town of Crockett, a part of the Collin Aldrich 640 acres survey and known as the James Owens tract of land, and bounded by field notes as follows: Beginning at the S. E. corner of the J. F. Lively tract on said survey. Thence North with said Lively's S. B. line to stake 460 vrs to a set stake in said E. B. line. Thence West 1344 vrs to a set stake in the W. B. line of said Lively tract. Thence South with said Lively's W. B. line 460 vrs to corner. Thence East with said Lively's S. B. line 1344 vrs to the place of beginning.

Second tract: All that certain tract, lot or parcel of land lying and being situated in Houston County, Texas, about one and one-half miles S. W. of the town of Grapeland, being one hundred and sixty acres of the Collin Aldrich 640 acres survey in Houston county. Beginning 676 vrs South of the N. E. corner of 640 acre tract of Collin Aldrich Headright conveyed by R. D. Goree and H. L. Hayes to A. A. Granger, in the East boundary line a stake for corner from which a sand jack 15 in dia brs N 17 W. 2 vrs and black jack 12 in dia brs S. 25 W. 8 vrs. The South 676 vrs to a stake set for corner from which a Hickory 10 in dia brs S. 20 W. 8 vrs and a black jack 20 in dia brs E. 22 W 11 vrs. Thence W. 1339 vrs to a stake for corner from which a hickory 6 in dia brs N. 13 E. 4 vrs and a Post Oak 18 in dia brs E. 20 W. 11 vrs. Thence N. 676 vrs with West boundary line of the aforesaid 640 acre tract to a stake for corner from which a pine 24 in dia

brs S. 20 W. 10 vrs and a Red Oak 15 in dia brs E. 20 S. 21 vrs. Thence East with the division line between North quarter of the aforesaid 640 acres to a stake for corner 1338 vrs from which sand jack 15 in dia brs W. 17 N. 12 vrs and a black jack 12 in dia brs S. 25 W. 2 vrs to the place of beginning containing 160 acres of land more or less.

Plaintiff claims title to said property through the following conveyances:

1. A Patent from the State of Texas to Collin Aldrich of date March the 8th 1852 granting title to six hundred and forty acres of land of which the land in controversy is a part.

2. A deed from Frank Allen to W. R. Wherry of date March the 1st, 1909 recorded in Volume 69 page 51 of the Houston county, Deed records.

3. A deed from W. R. Wherry to A. B. Spence of date January the 19th 1919 recorded in Book— page— of Houston county, Deed Records.

4. A deed from Roy Weiss to A. B. Spence of date March the 6th 1910 and recorded in Volume 61 page 53 of the Houston county, Deed records.

Plaintiff also claims title to said land under and by virtue of the statute of limitations of five years and the statute of limitation of ten years.

That the defendants are setting up and asserting some kind of claim of title to the above described land, the exact nature of which is unknown to plaintiff but which claim constitute a cloud upon plaintiff's title to said lands; and the further fact that there is no deed of record from Collin Aldrich to plaintiff's grantors also creates a cloud upon plaintiff's title to said land.

Plaintiff sues to remove the cloud from his title to said land and that he be quieted in his title and possession of the same.

You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in a newspaper published in Houston county; but if no newspaper is published in said County, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness: Barker Tunstall, Clerk of the District court of Houston county.

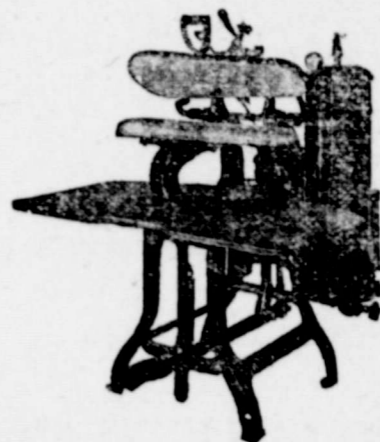
Given under my hand and the seal of said court in the city of Crockett this the 4th day of February A. D. 1919.

(Seal) Barker Tunstall, Clerk of the District Court, Houston County. By J. B. Stanton Deputy.

THE HEN THAT LAYS

is the Hen that pays. If she does not lay, kill her, but before you kill her give her B. A. Thomas' Poultry Remedy twice a day for a week, and then you will not kill her for she will be paying you a profit. It not only makes hens lay but it is a remedy for Cholera, Roup, and Gapes. We guarantee it to cure or we refund your money.

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A BRIEF STATEMENT

To the Methodists of Houston County:

The Methodist church, South, has outlined a great missionary program. In fact, the two Methodisms, North and South are co-operating in the work, but each has its separate work. Put in a few words, the two branches of this church plan to raise \$115,000,000.00 for missions, home and foreign, in the next five (5) years, the Southern branch to raise \$35,000,000.00 of this amount and the other branch the balance.

This is the most far-reaching "missionary movement" the world ever saw, both in its conception and in the program mapped out for its execution.

Perhaps some will say: "It looks big." Certainly, but this is a day of big things. The old "nickle plan" of spreading the gospel will soon exist only in memory, and then without much credit to the churches. It is doubtful if the world would ever be evangelized under the old system, and this movement looks to nothing short of such evangelization.

The world-war has taught us what can be accomplished in the way of "big" things, and it shows that it takes money to do them. Millions and billions have been expended to make the world "safe for democracy," but it has been done.

Then, if this can be done along political and governmental lines, why can it not be done, and why should it not, along lines of morality, religion and Christianity? It is unnecessary to ask which is the more important of the two. Even the infidel can answer that, and Christians know without having to be asked. The answer is self-evident, and there is no room for argument.

If this be so, then the only question is this: **ARE WE GOING TO DO IT?**

Methodists are not in the habit of failing to accomplish anything they undertake to do. And they have undertaken to succeed in this mighty scheme of world-redemption and they are not going to fail. All that is necessary is for ALL Methodists to do their DUTY and the fight is won.

And while the scheme is a BIG one, yet it is simple and easy. To illustrate, and show what Methodists of Houston county are called on to do, let us have the exact figures. Here they are: The church at Crockett is to raise, \$6,453.00, or \$1290.60 a year. Belott Circuit shall raise \$2038.00, or \$407.60 a year. Grapeland and Lovelady \$2513.00, or \$502.60 a year. Latexo Circuit \$882.00, or \$176.40 a year.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the job is not so "big" as it looks. All that is required is for each church to make assessments on the members sufficient to cover the amount to be

raised during each of the five years, and then collect the assessments, and the work is accomplished. It is clear that the sum each is to pay will be small, so small that all can pay it without hardship on any one.

In the circuits the amounts should be pro-rated among the churches in the circuit, and Grapeland and Lovelady should divide the responsibility, all to be made on an equitable and fair basis.

Want of space forbids a further detailed statement, but members will be enlightened in these details by their pastors, public speakers, literature, and a host of "3-minute men." Each church organization is to have a number of these "minute men," whose duty it will be to bring this very important question before the Church at such times and in such manner as may be thought best.

Later on, the names of the local chairman and the "minute men" will be furnished each Church organization, these to be named by the pastors and their names sent to me. It has been suggested that the "lay leader" be named as "local chairman," but this is a mere suggestion. Each organization can use its own judgment in this matter.

It is to be hoped that no organization will be found derelict in pushing this program to a complete success. It can be done. It will be done with the proper effort, prompted by the proper spirit. For this movement is not merely "financial." If this were so it would fail, and ought to fail. But its very life is Spiritual, and its mightiest force is "intercession," which is only another word for PRAYER.

Then comes "stewardship," the meaning of which is SERVICE AND SACRIFICE. And these joined with industry in promoting the plan and the enlightenment of the people as to its FULL meaning, will bring victory just as sure as this is done. A call is here and now made upon the entire Methodist church of Houston county to take hold of this matter and push it to a most happy consummation.

J. W. Madden,
Chairman Publicity Bureau,
Navasota District.

Wednesday, February 12, was Tree Planting day at Grapeland. The Messenger states that between five and six hundred trees were set out on this date. The trees were put out on the streets of this little town to honor the soldier boys who offered their lives on foreign fields for their protection.—Alto Herald.

CORNER ON RUINS

It has long been the boast of Europe that America does not attract tourists because it "has no ruins." And now Europe has gained such a lead on us that it is doubtful if America can ever catch up.

LIVELYVILLE

By Regular Correspondent

Livelyville, Feb. 23.—Miss Alma Howard spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. C. Starkey, at Denson Spring.

Mrs. John Adams has been confined to her room with a severe cold.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Garner visited Mr. and Mrs. John Adams in their new home.

Hinyard Redmond arrived home Tuesday night, after a stay of several months in the trenches in France. All his friends and neighbors were glad to welcome him home.

Mr. A. Tillman and Miss May Bell Howard were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Garner Sunday.

Our school is nearing the closing of the term. We have had a very successful school with Mr. B. Keen as principal and Miss Lila Dennis as assistant.

Rev. J. F. Lively will fill his regular appointment here next Sunday.

Milburn Ellis and family visited his parents Sunday.

NEW PROSPECT

By Regular Correspondent

New Prospect, Feb. 24.—We notice a good many signs of spring this morning. Red birds are whistling and farmers are hurrying to get corn in the ground. Most everyone has gardened and planted potatoes.

Saturday and Sunday seemed to have been visiting days in our community. On account of sickness and bad weather everyone had gotten behind with their visiting, but we think they caught up Sunday. Out of neighborhood visitors were Peter Brides and family of Elkhart; Mrs. W. P. Kyle and son of Daly's; R. E. Martin and family, Leslie Bridges and wife and Mrs. J. F. Bridges of Grapeland.

Friend Zack said February had borrowed 2 days from March. 'Tis our opinion last Friday was borrowed from April, but we are hoping it wont be paid during April with February weather.

There was an entertainment at the home of Arthur Brooks last Friday night. Owing to the rain there was not many present, but all reported a nice time.

Our school is progressing nicely at present. A good many of the patrons were visiting the school Friday and witnessed the basketball game.

Lurena, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Musick, is up from a severe attack of bronchitis.

Still some sickness but none of serious nature.

Paul Rose is recovering from pneumonia.

EPHESUS

By Regular Correspondent

Ephesus, Feb. 23.—The "flu" is at last gone from our midst. Everyone is in good health again.

Services were held here this morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. W. R. Durnell. A large crowd attended.

Miss Julia Luce was visiting at the home of Miss Bertha Anderson Saturday night and Sunday.

John Nealy and family were visiting at grandma Turner's Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Owens, of the San Pedro community, was visiting in this community today.

Mrs. Dora Kelly, of the Latexo community, was visiting in this community today.

Mrs. Minnie McQueen was visiting at Mrs. J. M. Anderson's Saturday.

Mrs. Lillie Goolsby was visiting in this community today.

Our church has elected Rev. W. R. Durnell for its pastor. We hope that our church and Sunday school will do better now, since the bad health is all over.

Mark Anthony of Houston was here this week visiting his children.

RALLY!

To the support of **OUR SCHOOL!**
To the assistance of our **VICTORY GIRLS**
To the **JOY-MAKING** of our **COMMUNITY!**

You Can't Miss it and you Wouldn't if you could

WHAT?

The Spelling Match

Friday Night, February 28th

High School Auditorium

It would be terribly lonesome at home next Friday night, besides you'd feel awfully little and mean to stay away. **YOU** and everybody are coming. Grapeland is to have—

SOME ROUSING GOOD TIME!

Selections by the Lively String Band.

Declamation—Senior

BOYS	GIRLS
Jet Davis Hollingsworth	Loreta Sadler
Rencher Brewton	Bess Boykin

Selections by the Lively String Band.

Popular War Songs High School

Spelling Match

HIGH SCHOOL	"CHAMPIONS"		
Jo Wherry	Mildred Haltom	Uzell Brock	Jewel Hollingsworth
Oda Mae Herod	Eura Woodard	Murdoch Darsey	Beulah Long
Richard Beazley	Tom Richards	Will Lively	Charles Hill
Barney Tiller	Edith Brown	Willie Browning	Anabel Smith
Bessie Kennedy	Mabel Woodard	Starley Boykin	Nellie Kent
Lorene Edington	Elizabeth Leaverton	Lucretia Riall	Sam Kennedy
Earl Kent	Bill Keeland	Bill Keeland	Tom Kent, Sr.
Lewis Nance	Rencher Browton	Sallie Mae Walton	Edens Hollingsworth
Murchison	Dimple Cromwell	Charlie Kennedy	Iris Leaverton
Bess Boykin	Frank Granberry	Cleve Sadler	Jack Beazley
Loreta Sadler	Zelda Herod	Linnie Leaverton	Dora White
Adabel Leaverton	Arthur Guice	Ura Herod	Mollie Yarbrough
Cora Mae Willis	Lucy May Murchison	Beulah Sheridan	Francis Riall
Leta Lively	John Kennedy	Olan Davis	Geo. Black
Bess Howard	Otto Walling	Roy Brewton	Frank Murchison
Noma Montgomery	Louise Selkirk	Lewis Herod	
Thelma Lee	Holloway Mitchell	Nezzie Kennedy	
Clewis	Lela Guice	Tinie Leaverton	
Eva Gene Murchison	Odell Caskey	William H. Long	
		Marvin Gilbert	

Selections by the Lively String Band.

Declamation—Junior

BOY	GIRL
John Kennedy	Dimple Cromwell

Adults have preference right of Seats until Thursday morning. **GET YOURS!**

ADMISSION: 10 and 15 CENTS

Notice To Delinquent Tax Payers

Those owing taxes to the Grapeland School District who failed to pay same by February 1 are hereby notified that they are on the "delinquent list" and a penalty will be collected when the taxes are paid. I will be at Kennedy Bros. store Friday only of each week, and you are urged to pay your taxes to avoid further cost.

Paul Kennedy, Collector.

Hard-working men and women who are burdened with a torpid liver, feel tired, lazy and discouraged. They know they are lazy and they are ashamed yet it is nothing to be ashamed of. The thing to do is to get the liver started again and to purify the stomach and bowels. There is no better remedy for this purpose than Prickly Ash Bitters. A few doses corrects the trouble and makes work a pleasure. Price 1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

GARDENS PROFITABLE

The home garden is likely to prove a profitable investment of effort this year as it has for the past several seasons. The experience of the past few years has proved that persons who have sufficient land and spare time and who do their home gardening work intelligently and efficiently find it profitable. The relatively high prices of practically all foodstuffs tend to increase the saving effected, but the home garden should be planned with a view to meeting the family needs rather than of producing crops for sale on the market.

GOVERNMENT'S HASTE

No long presidential campaigns in the new German Socialist Empire! The National Assembly adopted the Constitution on Monday and proceeded to elect Ebert as President on Tuesday. He was chosen by a majority of 102. The Constitution is regarded as a temporary one.

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THURSDAY, FEB. 27, 1919

ABOUT PIG CLUBS

When somebody proposed a few years ago that the boys of Georgia form pig clubs, and raise pigs, it was declared to be a fad, and would not last. Throughout the west kiddies have been doing the same thing—and with profit—for years, and the Georgia kids went ahead and figures show more than \$200,000 worth of pork raised by them in 1918.

These "pig clubs" accomplish something else besides raising pork and offer even a better reason why boys in Grapeland and the surrounding territory should become interested. The boy who has proprietorship in a pig—or anything else—and takes care of it and reaps a profit from its sale, has learned thrift more effectively than it can be taught out of books. And even if he reaps no profit, but sustains an actual loss, he is still ahead of the game in that he has learned something about economy.

The children ought to be encouraged to own something—to look after it, to realize that it is their very own, to profit by taking care of it, or to suffer by failure to do so. And if there is nothing in the way of a live animal he can own, he can still be encouraged to do something else in the way of business or in the way of making something to sell, or in performing some service for profit.

Labor can't come down because prices are so high and prices can't come down because labor costs so much.

Every girl in this nation would want to vote if she thought there was any chance of them electing a second lieutenant for president.

The ex-kaiser is said to possess five hundred uniforms of different kinds. Seems to be a case of all "dressed up with no place to go."

Kaiser Bill says he has "some friends in America still." Yep, five of 'em were recently sentenced to the penitentiary from Chicago.

If there are not enough jobs for the soldiers they might be kept in the service to guard the money some war profiteers put in the banks.

The Germans can't sit at the peace table, but if they are very humble they may be permitted to come in by and by and decide whether they will have their crow boiled, fried or roasted.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature providing that cities may annex additional territory, providing the territory to be annexed does not contain a town having over 5,000 population. If this bill becomes a law it will permit Grapeland to annex the superb of Crockett.

When the people get tired of heavy taxation, the government can always borrow money; and when the people get tired of paying debts, the government can increase the taxes.

Those Germans who thought that Herbert Hoover would pass around the sausage as soon as the armistice was signed are no doubt suffering keen disappointment.

So much rain lately is retarding farm work and farmers throughout this section are complaining that they are behind with their work. But then "the sun is still shinning behind the dark cloud" and we hope for the best, so do not lose heart.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The Grapeland High School girls' basket ball team met the Crockett team on the local court at four o'clock Friday afternoon. From the first sounding of the referee's whistle to the final cry of "time's up" it was clear that Crockett was out-classed in every point of the game. The visitors played a clean, open game, but lacked speed and had no trick plays worked out.

The team work of Grapeland was superb. Miss Adabel Leaverton never missed getting the ball at center, being ably assisted by the second center, Miss Leta Lively, whose nimbleness was unsurpassed. The effective guarding of Misses Mabel Woodard and Bess Howard, the captain, blocked any hope Crockett had of scoring. Both girls are quick of action and thought, a strong combination in guarding, especially when coupled with their physical strength. Much praise is due Miss Eva Gene Murchison at the goal, who netted 26 points for the team, in which she was well assisted by the agility of Miss Edith Brown. The game was marked throughout by clean sport and good natured, open play, there being only one foul called on each team, neither of which was personal. Such clean athletics speaks well for the spirit of both schools and towns. The officials were Misses Sams of Crockett and Hatchell and Cooper of Grapeland. The final score was 36 to 2 in favor of Grapeland. The gate receipts was \$30.40, which has already been applied toward buying window shades for the high school. The entire school is grateful for the splendid patronage. The next big event at the high school will be the spelling match Friday evening. Tickets are on sale and may be exchanged for reserved seats at no extra expense at Leaverton's drug store. There is a mad rush for seats and everyone is urged to secure his early, as the S. R. O. sign will probably be hung out that evening. There will be no rules of spelling except to spell the words properly. Hyphens and capitals will not be counted. The town spellers are asked to select some one to give out, and also to choose a judge of spelling. The high school will name a judge and these two will name a third, which committee will aid him who gives out in making decisions. Music will be furnished by the following: Messrs. Charlie Dickey, Harry Lively, Alton Lively, Carl Gainey, Marvin Gilbert, Misses Luna Frank and Leta Lively. No one can afford to miss any of the above.

The biggest basket ball game of the season will be played when Elkhart and Grapeland play off the tie. The teams are evenly matched, both are "on their toes" to win. The odds are slightly in favor of our girls. Come help them to win. Admission of ten cents will be charged, the proceeds going to the high school library. Since the basket ball season closes with February, this will be the last game. Come help us win it! High School Reporter

A few more Leudinghaus wagons at Darsey's. They are going fast in spite of the bad weather and if you want one of the best wagons in Texas, order one set aside for you.

Don't Fuss about the Weather

You can't Change it!

If you want to enjoy the thrill of Spring during these last days of winter, you will have to visit our READY-TO-WEAR and MILLINERY departments where you will find the SEASON'S SMARTEST STYLES in wearing apparel for the women folks and the girls.

NEW COAT SUITS

We have this week received two more shipments of Coat Suits, entirely different from those shown heretofore. All leading shades popularly priced.

MORE NEW COATS

New coats and capes were also included in the shipments received by express and we have some stunning styles. See them.

SILK DRESSES HERE

Our first shipment of new silk dresses for spring came in this week and are shown in all leading silks and combinations.

SEPARATE SKIRTS

Styles and service is the combination you get in the line of skirts featured here this season. They are made to fit.

MILLINERY

Late things in millinery are kept constantly coming by express. Our showing this season is the most complete we have ever made and Miss Ward is busily engaged filling orders.

GINGHAM DRESSES

Our line of gingham dresses for ladies and girls is the most beautiful collection in East Texas. We have them in all sizes made from good ginghams at a big price range. For service, they cannot be matched.

These dresses are made along the same Patterns as the Silks.

OUR WAIST LINES

This season's showing of waists includes all material—Georgettes, crepe de chines, voiles etc. in a pleasing color range. We also have a popular line of Middies.

BOYS WASH SUITS

Mothers, with boys under 8 years of age, will save lots of time and worry by investigating this showing of boys wear. The suits are beautifully made from serviceable materials in white and colors and are priced so as to effect a real saving over the purchase and making of the material.

George E. Darsey & Company

THE SERVICE FIRST STORE

LOCAL ITEMS

Tennis shoes in all sizes at Darsey's.

Seed Potatoes \$2.25 per bushel at Long & Co's.

Bring us your batteries and let us charge them. Brooks Bros.

You will find seed corn at Murray & Mangum's.

We repair autos and gas engines. Brooks Bros.

Commissioner J. C. Estes was in Grapeland last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. LeMay visited relatives in Crockett from Friday until Sunday.

Get our prices on plow goods before you buy. McLean & Riall.

J. W. Jones went to Melvern last Friday to look after his farming interests.

Kill your ants NOW. Bring your container for Carbon. Smith's Drug Store.

Just received a big car of Meridan Fertilizer. Kennedy Bros. 3t

Garden seed that will come up and make are the kinds that you will find at Darsey's.

O. Z. Rogers of Palestine was a business visitor to Grapeland Monday.

Let Brooks Bros. burn the carbon out of your car and see how much better it runs.

Lebetter one seed cotton and corn planters at Kennedy Bros. None better. 3t

Get your Carbon NOW. Bring your container. Smith's Drug Store.

Extra special on Triumph Seed Potatoes next Saturday \$2.25 per bushel at Long & Co's.

Buy a new casing and get a new inner tube free at McLean & Riall's.

Kill your ants NOW. Bring your container for Carbon. Smith's Drug Store.

Seed potatoes this week for \$2.50 per bushel. Murray & Mangum.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Long, Sunday, February 23, a boy.

\$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 Medicine 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 power of Hall's Catarrh Medicine 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.

H. A. LEAVERTON

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

Will Practice in all Courts

Office up Stairs Over

Kennedy Bros. store

Grapeland : : : Texas

Plenty of Mebane Triumph Cotton seed at Long & Co's.

We have a few sacks of seed oats left. Murray & Mangum.

Plenty of all kinds of feed at McLean & Riall's.

Our stock of FORD PARTS grows daily. Brooks Bros.

Buy Armour's fertilizer from Murray & Mangum.

Plenty of Fertilizer for cotton and corn at Long & Co's.

FOR SALE

My residence property in Grapeland. W. R. Wherry. tf

Miss Willie Adelaide Meriwether visited relatives in Crockett Sunday.

Get your Carbon NOW. Bring your container. Smith's Drug Store.

Pure Mebane cotton seed in three bushel sacks at Kennedy Bros. 3t

Just received spring line of solid leather shoes at McLean & Riall's.

When you are in town eat with Jesse Murdock on the back street. 49-4

The Messenger received a pleasant call last Friday from Rev. Aaron Foster of Percilla.

J. H. Leaverton has removed to Lovelady, where he will engage in the produce business.

We have a large stock of up-to-date farming implements at Kennedy Bros. 2t

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jones of Malvern visited relatives here the latter part of last week.

FOR SALE

An extra good incubator; egg capacity 160. Mrs. Dora White. tf

Carry your car to Brooks Bros. to have it repaired.

Chas. Jones is now at home, having been honorably discharged from the navy after several months' service.

Hey, feller! Don't you need a new buggy? See my swell line. Just unloaded a car. A. B. Guice.

FOR SALE

Hastings Prolific seed corn raised here one year in field to itself. Oakley Bean.

Tom Brooks has arrived home, having been discharged from the army. He has been located at Camp Pike, Ark.

Ed Harmon, former citizen of this community, now of Post City, is here on a visit, and says he may remain several months.

How about a new buggy? I have a swell line and would be glad to show them to you. A. B. Guice.

FOR SALE

A good cow fresh in milk. S. W. Duitch, Route 1, 2t Grapeland, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Tims of Slocum were in Grapeland Monday trading.

Neal H. Montgomery jr. is building a residence on his place east of town, work commencing last Monday.

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.

LIBERTY BONDS

We will buy them if you want to sell.

Farmers- & Merchants State Bank Grapeland, Texas.

LOST

Two Poland China gilts, weigh about 30 and 40 pounds; crop and split in right ear. Not likely to be together. Phone or write. Hill Huff, Route 4. 2t

STRAYED

From my farm about January 14, Jersey cow branded L on left hip. Reward paid for recovery. Notify— G. B. Scarborough, Route 4.

Luther Warner and Henry Teems have arrived home, having received their discharge from the navy. They have been in California.

LOOK OUT

For 3 shoates, 2 barrows and 1 gilt; marked crop and two splits in left ear and swallow fork and underbit in right ear. If found notify J. B. Lively.

SAY MR. MAN

Why not buy you a home in the best town in Texas? I am offering a home for less than you can build the house, and throw in the lot. W. E. Kerr.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE

10 Shares of Guaranty State Bank Stock. Will sell for cash or trade for Liberty Bonds. This stock pays 20 per cent dividend. Henry Dailey.

FARM FOR RENT

Good farm land, and pasture; 55 acres in cultivation. Want good family. J. W. Shaver, Route 1. 3t

LIBERTY BONDS BOUGHT

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

We will pay a straight salary of \$35.00 per week for man or woman with rig to introduce Eureka Poultry Mixture. Six months contract. Eureka Mfg. Co. East St. Louis, Ill.

NOTICE

For sale or exchange 4 full Blood Tamworth Male Pigs. J. E. Hollingsworth.

OUR HONOR ROLL

The following have our thanks for their subscription:
Grapeland—N. H. Montgomery, Jr., Julian Walling, J. E. Hollingsworth.
Route 1—A. P. Tims.
Route 2—W. R. Brown.
Percilla—W. A. Foster, A. J. Hogan.
Salmon—Ben Mosley.
Crockett—J. W. Madden, C. L. Edmiston.
Richmond, Cal.—Mrs. Dora Pritchard. (By J. H. Leaverton.)

UGHT TO BE FRAMED

"The better part of life consists of one's friends," is a saying of Abraham Lincoln's that might well be framed in every American home. Another "The plainest print cannot be read thru a gold eagle," ought to be hung in the directors' room of every corporation in America.

South Bend Watches

Known by their Yellow Ribbons



Until recently you could not get a high grade, 19-jewel watch except at a high price, but now we are able to offer you not only a high grade, 19-jewel watch at a moderate price, but a watch as well that is adjusted to four positions. This watch has the style and accuracy that is typical of—

South Bend Watches

Before you buy any watch, let us show you this remarkable timepiece.

THE PEOPLES DRUG STORE
HONESTY AND QUALITY WADE L. SMITH

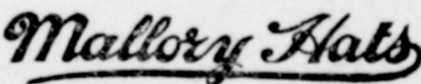
Styleplus Clothes are good clothes

We are pleased to announce to the men folks that we have received our Spring weight STYLEPLUS SUITS and will run a fuller announcement later. The patterns are superb, the models are snug, the fit is perfect and the guarantee is the same as heretofore. Get yours this week.



THE FUN OF BUYING A NEW SPRING HAT

A man tried on ten brand new



in our store the other day—and then bought the first one.

"I just love to try 'em on," said he. "It's fun, too, to see how different you look in different hats—in that mirror which shows you the back of your neck."

You really have no idea how pleasant it is to buy a "Mallory" Hat. We have so many different kinds—all so smart and new.

Better come in soon—Easter is just around the corner now.

Our aim is to make this a store for men and boys by selling lines that you are proud to wear. To do this, we constantly study the lines carried by the best stores in the cities. From the complimentary remarks from friends this week, we feel that we are accomplishing this end. We want to serve you.

Geo. E. Darsey & Co.
THE SERVICE FIRST STORE

SHOE AND HARNESS REPAIR SHOP
ALL WORK FIRST-CLASS AND SATISFACTION GUARANTEED
Bring me your work and get it done right
J. H. BOWMAN

**LUTHER W. CAMPBELL
WRITES FROM FRANCE**

Marseille, France, Jan. 31.
Dear Editor and Readers:
After having just read a copy of the Messenger from beginning to end, and even "Jigg" Clewis' ad, I thought I would write a letter. I noticed a letter in the paper I received from a boy over here in the infantry.

Well, the talk is now "when are we going home?" and every organization thinks they should go first. In fact, we have what we call the "race to Hoboken," and there are several different supply trains and independent companies in the race. The race is based on the best discipline and the most efficient workers, and believe me, they boys are stepping on things.

The A. E. F. soldiers are getting furloughs now for the purpose of visiting the parts of Europe where they have never been. Two of the boys in my squad are leaving tonight for Neice, Italy, and Monte Carlo. I guess my time will come before long, but I had much rather they would give me a little leave to the states, but since I'm here, I might as well see all this "frog" country.

I notice in all papers that come from the states telling what influenza is doing.

I guess there are something near a thousand cars and trucks to be put up here at the motor reception park before the first organization leaves this port.

If you will notice where Marseille is located you will see we have a very nice climate. We have had one little snow. Of course, it is a habit for it to rain here in this country.

I work in a Q. M. warehouse and several bunch of men draw rations here. I see them and there are boys from all parts of France, Italy, Belgium, Germany and many other countries, but they never manage to send anyone that I know.

Have just had a letter from Charlie Streetman, who says he expects an early move toward home.

The Red Cross has just given us a treat of two shirts each, one large Turkish bath towel, 2 pairs of heavy wool socks, two handkerchiefs and a little hand bag, so if you have anything to send the boys in the A. E. F. turn it over to the Red Cross. They will do what's right.

Hoping that all is well in Houston county, I remain as ever a yank.

Corp. Luther W. Campbell,
M. S. T. 420, M. T. C. 491,
A. P. O. 752.

BUSINESS CHANGES

J. L. Sherman has bought the interest of W. P. Bishop in the Bishop Drug Company. Mr. Bishop, having disposed of his interest, will retire from the firm, Mr. Carl Goolsby remaining. The new firm will be conducted by Carl Goolsby and J. L. Sherman.

Mr. Sherman has disposed of his interest in the Crockett Drug Company to other stockholders of the company. He will remain with the Crockett Drug Company until March 1 or longer. Mr. Bishop has given out no statement as to his plans for the future.—Crockett Courier.

ALAMO DIVISION

The Ninetieth Division, composed of Texas and Oklahoma draft men and now a part of the army of occupation, has officially adopted a name by which it will hereafter be known as the "Alamo Division." Its badge of designation is to be worn on the left shoulder bearing the letters "T. O.," the "O." being swung to the lower part of the stand of the letter "T." and gives the appearance of a cattle brand. They represent the first letters of the state names. No insignia, the war department announces, has been selected for the Thirty-sixth Division, which includes the Texas and Oklahoma national guards.

**YANKEE SOLDIERS
HAVE NO EQUALS**

Washington, Feb. 22.—Praising the achievements of the American troops Major General Peter E. Traub, commander of the 35th Division, told the senate military affairs subcommittee Saturday that the unseasoned replacements did as good work as the veteran units, and added that "as long as we have the kind of men in America that we had in this war the country need not fear any power or any combination of powers on earth."

General Traub denied charges made by officers which he had relieved from commands that he favored regular army officers over National Guard officers. He told the committee that at the time Brigadier General C. I. Martin, adjutant general of Kansas, was relieved of his command, another brigadier general and three colonels, all regular army officers, were replaced.

Replying to questions by members of the committee as to the equipment with which the 35th division entered the Argonne battle, the general said his troops had a complete supply of artillery and "all the necessities to overcome any obstacles whatever."

Not a single round fired by American artillery fell short, causing casualties in American forces, he said.

Germans sometimes had control of the air in that sector, but the general asserted it would have required at least 50,000 airplanes to maintain aerial supremacy at all times. He denied there was a shortage of horses as great as Governor Allen claimed.

Wounded were kept at the front until night, he said, because that was better than to take them to the rear during the day fighting.

**SUGGESTS MONUMENT
TO FALLEN SOLDIERS**

Editor Messenger:
If you will allow me space in your valued paper I would like to say a few words anent the question of commemorating the memory of the gallant young heroes who went from Grapeland, Lantexo, Augusta and other places immediately surrounding Grapeland. I refer to the ones who yielded up their young lives on the bloody battlefields of flowering France, in order that the world might be made safe for democracy and in order to secure to us and our posterity blessings of liberty and justice.

My proposition is that we, the people of Grapeland and surrounding communities, erect by popular subscription a suitable marble slab or granite monument to be placed in a conspicuous place on front street near the depot. Let this stone be dedicated to the memory of our fallen dead something like this:

"Dedicated to the memory of John Smith, 90th Division, 169th Infantry. Killed at St. Mihiel, France, September 14, 1918."

This monument need not of necessity be a pretentious one, the quality to be determined by the amount subscribed. Of course, some one will have to be appointed or selected to receive contributions and other details worked out. I might suggest that in the event the move goes through that we could arrange to have a public dedication with appropriate ceremonies. I could enlarge on this subject but will refrain, as I would take too much of your valuable space.

Respectfully submitted to the readers of the Messenger.
J. F. Durnell, Route 3.

Avoid a constipated habit, it breeds disease in the body. An occasional dose of Prickly Ash Bitters will keep the bowels healthy and regular. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

Aubrey Lively arrived home last week, having received his discharge from the army at Camp Logan, Houston. He had been serving in the motor truck division of the army, driving trucks from Detroit to Baltimore.

The Thrift Car

Overland

TRADE-MARK REG.

There are five things to consider when you buy a motor car—

- Appearance
- Performance
- Comfort
- Service
- Price

Owners who have bought the Overland Model 90 have not been worried about any of these things.

Remember this when you decide to buy your car.



J. E. TOWERY
CROCKETT, TEXAS

OBITUARY

Saturday evening, February 8, 1919, at 7 o'clock, our community was made sad by the Grim Reaper, death entering the home of Henry D. Peterson, in the Waneta community, and claimed as its victim the dearly beloved wife and mother, Mrs. Josie Peterson.

Mrs. Peterson was born in Cherokee county October 14, 1892. Afterwards the family moved to Houston county, and shortly afterwards she was married to Henry D. Peterson on October 14, 1912, and since that time she made a loving and affectionate wife.

Mrs. Peterson was a member of the Baptist church and for some time has been a devoted Christian. Before she died she kissed her husband and the children and told them she was prepared to die. She had reached the age of 27 years, 3 months and 25 days, when the happy home ties for father and children were broken by her death. Death was caused by influenza, which lasted about two weeks. All that medical skill and loving hands could do was of no avail to her and her little babe, which she carried in her arms to a home above. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband and three children, a host of relatives and friends.

There is a vacancy in our community as well as in the home, which never can be filled, for to know her was to love her. We would say to those who mourn, "Weep not as those having no hope," for we feel that our loss is heaven's gain, and while we

miss her from our midst here on earth, we think of her as being among the saintly ones around the great throne extending a welcome hand to the loved ones to come up higher, where sorrow and separation never come, but all will be one united, happy family with the great God of us all as father.

So now we say farewell but not forever. May God's blessings rest upon us and cause us to live so as to meet her in heaven.

The remains were laid to rest in Evergreen cemetery Monday evening, funeral services being conducted by Rev. W. A. Foster. "A precious one from us has gone. A voice we loved is stilled; A place is vacant in our home, Which never can be filled. God in His wisdom has recalled The boom His love has given, And tho' the body slumbers here, The soul is safe in heaven."

A Friend.

If you don't sleep well at night from nervousness, indigestion or urinary troubles, you need Prickly Ash Bitters. It purifies the system and relieves the kidneys and bladder. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

Hillion Redmond, whose home is north of town, arrived last week from overseas, where he saw active service with the American army. He bears three scars of the big fight, having been slightly wounded three times while in battle.

**WAR EXHIBIT WILL BE
SHOWN AT HOUSTON**

The United States government will have its war exhibit in Houston next week.

Twenty-five carloads of war relics, consisting of every device used by American soldiers and allies, as well as thousands of implements of war which were captured from the Austrians and Germans, will be shown at the City Auditorium in Houston, February 26 to March 5, inclusive. In addition to these there will be five special exhibits from the allied countries, with many allied officers in charge of each.

Houston will be the last city in the United States where these relics will be exhibited; they will be returned direct to Europe at the close of this exposition.

The exhibit is official in every sense of the word and is backed by the war and navy departments.

CHECKS READY

The Local Board holds honorable discharge papers and checks for services for George S. Kyles and Robert Lester Burson. They will kindly call and receive same.

Houston County Board,
Crockett, Texas.

Pay your subscription on the dot.

Willie Foreman has purchased the interest of Carl Gainey in the Day and Night Garage.

Service is the Thing!

When your motor or any part about your car begins to give you trouble you want it fixed right then—and you want it fixed by expert mechanics so that particular trouble will not recur any time soon. We know our business—have grown up in it—and

We Know How to Give Service

so that we make new customers and hold old ones. The next time you need work done, have us to do it.

We charge a price that does not hurt our conscience and will not annihilate your bank account.

GENUINE FORDS PARTS CARRIED BY US.

FREE AIR AND WATER BATTERIES RECHARGED

Service Garage

KOLB & RAGSDALE, Proprietors

ROCK HILL

By Norman

Rock Hill, Feb. 24.—Some of the people are fixing their land to plant corn and other crops; none has been planted yet. Some have planted part of their gardens, others still scapping after their top crop of cotton.

Rev. C. A. Campbell filled his appointment here Sunday. A good crowd was present at both services.

Robert Little, and wife, accompanied by Misses Nora Gray, Julia Miller and Ola Dauphin, visited the home of Mrs. Little's parents Sunday.

Our literary society was called off Friday night on account of the bad weather. We will meet next Thursday night and carry out the same program. Everybody invited.

We are now practicing on a play, "Safety First," to be rendered the last night of school. We are in hopes it will be gotten up well.

Misses Ola Willis and Ruth Sanders of Oak Grove visited Miss Ola's home Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. Shelton, Universalist, ing.

will preach here next Friday and Saturday nights, and Sunday and Sunday night.

Mrs. J. W. Taylor is visiting relatives in this community.

Little Gertrude Smith is severely ill at this writing with pneumonia.

Messrs. Jim Owen Herod and Burtis Kolb were visitors in this community Sunday.

George Hudnell has just arrived from France. He is at home on a furlough. We were all glad to see him. He is expected to be discharged soon.

The Washington Tea, given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Leaverton last Friday night by the Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church, was a very enjoyable affair, and was a great success socially and financially.

The decorations were very appropriate for the occasion and little hatchets were given away as souvenirs. In the receiving line were Mr. and Mrs. George Washington and other notables of that day, also that genial old gentleman, Uncle Sam, and the Goddess of Liberty. Notwithstanding the very inclement weather, a large crowd was on hand to enjoy the hospitalities of the evening.

It's a Hobby of Ours

Our hobby is to attract business by deserving it. We believe in giving the best possible values—not on occasion only—but all the year round.

Ours is a Dependable Drug Store

This is our hobby and we are going to ride it right through because we believe it is a good policy to pursue.

LET US FILL ALL YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS.

D. N. LEAVERTON

YOUR DRUGGIST

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon J. P. Lamar by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 3rd Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 3rd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Crockett, Texas, on the 4th Monday in March A. D. 1919, the same being the 24th day of March A. D. 1919, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 18th day of February A. D. 1919, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 5779, wherein W. T. Pridgen is Plaintiff, and J. P. Lamar is Defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff sold and conveyed by deed to defendant the J. M. Cunningham Subdivisions of Surveys No. 37 and 38, Austin and Williams League No. 340, Jones County, Texas, being the land conveyed by J. M. Cunningham to plaintiff out of said League. That as part consideration for said conveyance defendant made, executed and delivered to plaintiff his six promissory vendor's lien notes, dated December 1, 1916, numbered from one to six inclusive, due in one, two, three, four, five and six years, after date respectively, each for principal a sum of \$100.00, bearing 8 per cent interest from date till paid, and past due interest 6 per cent till paid, payable to W. T. Pridgen or order, providing usual attorney fee clause, and in case of default, right to mature entire indebtedness and foreclosure at holder's election, and each payable at Grape-land, Texas, Houston County.

That default had been made in note one and two and interest thereon, that plaintiff being the holder of all notes, elects to mature entire debt and is forced to place notes in hands of attorney for collection, maturing attorney fees, that said notes or no part has been paid the payment has been requested and refused and is now refused and each is long past due. That a vendor's lien was retained in deed of conveyance as well as said notes to secure the payment of said notes; all to plaintiff's damage of \$825.00.

Plaintiff prays for citation, judgment, foreclosure, levy sale and application as provided by law, for general and special relief.

Herein fail not, and have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, Texas, this 18th day of February A. D. 1919.

(Seal) V. B. Tunstall, Clerk, District Court, Houston County. By J. B. Stanton, Deputy. Issued this 18 day of Feb. A. D. 1919. V. B. Tunstall, Clerk. By J. B. Stanton, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Isabelle Herod by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the Third Judicial District, but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said Third Judicial District to appear at the next regular term of the District court of Houston County, to be holden at the Court House of said Houston County, in the town of Crockett, on the 4th Monday in March A. D. 1919, the same being the 24th day of March A. D. 1919, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 18th day of February A. D. 1919, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 7796, wherein Hugh Herod is plaintiff, and Isabelle Herod is Defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant were duly and legally married on or about August, 1908, and separated June 19, 1918; that on the last mentioned date defendant, without cause or provocation, abandoned plaintiff and was taken by plaintiff in adultery with another; that plaintiff has been an actual bonafide inhabitant and resident of Houston County, Texas, for the past two years; and prays for divorce and general and special relief.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, V. B. Tunstall, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, this 18th day of February A. D. 1919.

(Seal) V. B. Tunstall, Clerk, District Court, Houston County. By J. B. Stanton, Deputy. Issued this 18 day of Feb. A. D. 1919. V. B. Tunstall, Clerk. By J. B. Stanton, Deputy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Isaiah Price by making publication of this Citation once in each week or four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the Third Judicial District, but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said Third Judicial District to appear at the next regular term of the District court of Houston County, to be holden at the Court House of said Houston County, in the town of Crockett, on the 4th Monday in March A. D. 1919, the same being the 24th day of March A. D. 1919, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 18th day of February A. D. 1919, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 7797, wherein Martha Ann Price is Plaintiff, and Isaiah Price is Defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant were duly and legally married about 15 years prior to the filing hereof and defendant without cause or provocation abandoned plaintiff on or about May, 1908, with intention of not returning and has not returned to this date; that plaintiff is now has been for the last ten years an actual bonafide inhabitant and resident of Houston County, Texas, plaintiff prays for divorce and general and special relief.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness V. B. Tunstall, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, this 18th day of February A. D. 1919.

(Seal) V. B. Tunstall, Clerk, District Court, Houston County. By J. B. Stanton Deputy. Issued this 18 day of Feb. A. D. 1919. V. B. Tunstall, Clerk. By J. B. Stanton, Deputy.

THRIFT STAMP GOSPEL

I am no more disposed to squander than to stint.

Economy makes happy homes and sound nations. Instill it deep.

It is not the lowest-priced goods that are always the cheapest.

Keep an account book and enter therein every farthing of your receipts and expenditures.

Promote frugality and industry by example, encourage manufactures, and avoid dissipation.

Reason, too late perhaps, may convince you of the folly of mispending time.

There is no proverb in the whole catalog of them more true than a penny saved is a penny got.

Nothing but harmony, honesty, industry and frugality are necessary to make us a great and happy nation.

FOR SALE

A scholarship in Tyler Commercial College. If you are thinking of taking a business course, it will pay to communicate with us.

The Messenger, Grape-land, Texas.

ANOTHER CHURCH PROFITS FROM OIL

Another church has been enriched by the Texas oil boom. Numerous stories have been written about the little Baptist church at Merriman, near Ranger, which is giving \$200,000 this year to various Texas Baptist activities out of its income from a gusher on the property.

Now comes the word that the little Methodist church at Desdemona, in Eastland county, has leased its property for \$15,000. While the Baptists are being immersed in the golden stream, the Methodists will at least be sprinkled with some of the wealth now gushing out of Texas soil in liquid form.—Dallas Times Herald.

AGE OF AIRSHIPS

Naval officers are disappointed because the House struck out a provision for experiments with Zeppelins. When peace came the United States was just ready to astound the world with a new airship free from the dangerous defects of the German Zeppelins. The future of navigation in the air is now believed to be bound up with the dirigible rather than with the airplane.

A. E. Owens of Crockett was here Sunday.

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.

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We are well equipped for work and understand our business. So when your car gives you trouble, call us and we will fix you up at a nominal cost.

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**THE LOCAL NEWS
FROM CROCKETT**

Crockett, Texas, Feb. 24, 1919.
Judge Nat Patton and Mr. J. P. Peacock left Sunday for St. Louis, where they go to attend the "Mid-Continent" Peace Conference.

Commissioner Long of Precinct 1, Beathard of Precinct 4, Thomason of Precinct 3, and Estes of Precinct 2, were here last week attending a special session of the Commissioners Court.

A partition has been placed in the east end of the county Judge's office for the use of the Commissioners Court when in session. This was made necessary on account of so many interruptions to the court while in session, also by various and sundry parties coming in and handling papers that are up for consideration by the court.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Burton are quite ill at their home in east Crockett.

Judge H. G. McConnell of Haskell is in the city, having been called here by the serious and continued illness of his brother, W. V. McConnell.

Mr. G. W. (Wilse) Beeson, aged forty six years, passed away at his home in South Crockett Thursday of last week, having been ill for several months with a complication of diseases. He leaves one brother and four sisters, all residents of this county.

Commissioners Court Proceedings.

A regular session of the Commissioners Court was held Monday February 10th and continued the remainder of the week. Judge Nat Patton presided, and all the Commissioners were present.

Officers' Reports

The reports of the following county and precinct officers were examined and approved: A. E. Owens, County Clerk; W. M. Robison, County Treasurer; C. R. Stephenson, Justice Peace, Precinct No. 1; R. J. Spence, Sheriff; H. W. McCelvey, Justice Peace, Precinct No. 3; Jno. A. Davis, Justice Peace, Precinct No. 5.

The ex-officio salaries of the different county officers were placed for 1919 at the following amounts: District Clerk \$300; Sheriff \$800; County Clerk \$750; County Judge \$1800. The compensation of the County Treasurer was placed at 2 per cent on receipts and disbursements and one-fourth of excess fees after maximum compensation had been received. Commissioner Beathard voted "no" on the amounts allowed the sheriff and the county judge.

All officers were ordered to make quarterly reports, showing the expenses of their respective offices.

The bond of W. J. Keen as Constable of Precinct No. 5, in the sum of \$500, with G. W. Shaver and others as sureties, was examined and approved.

The petition of Mrs. Minnie Hurt for a pension of \$12 per month, under the "Mothers Pension Act" was rejected.

Judge Nat Patton was given permission to be absent from the state from February 23rd to March 1st, in order to attend the Peace Conference at St. Louis.

An order was passed authorizing the county judge to purchase a car load of "tick medicine" for use in the several dipping vats in the county.

Claims amounting to \$10,330 were examined and allowed and warrants were ordered issued to cover. Among the largest of these were: Smith Bros., Road District No. 7, estimate No. 2, \$1989.00; Smith Bros., Road District No. 4, estimate No. 4, \$4110.75; Reimers Co., Ft. Worth, stationery and books furnished county officers, \$507.84; pay roll District No. 3, \$302.08; E. DeMoss, repair to roof of county clerk's office, \$300; county judge, ex-officio, \$450; sheriff, ex-officio, \$200; county clerk, ex-officio, \$187.50; district clerk, ex-officio, \$75; H. S. Wilder, engineer, estimate districts Nos. 2, 4 and 7, \$711.40; R. J. Spence, sheriff, carrying epileptic to Abilene, \$75; R. J. Spence, sher-

Germany Said: "Americans are extravagant; they can't save."

They didn't know; America found more ways to save than anyone had ever dreamed of before.

One of them was in clothes; buying good ones because they lasted longer and cost less for each day [of service]. Such clothes as HART SCHAFFNER & MARX make. Let's not forget these things in peace times; what was good for your country in war is good for you now.

SPRING DRESS GOODS

Our spring dress goods are arriving on every train and we will be only too glad to show the many styles and patterns in our different departments when you call to look them over.

LAST CALL FOR WINTER MERCHANDISE

We have a good assortment of blankets and comforts that we will make you money saving prices on, so do not fail to get what you need in this line now, for it will be money saved for you to buy these goods at the prices we are offering them.

USE YOUR TELEPHONE

Yes, when you want to buy anything that a first class store carries, use your telephone and call us for the items you may want. We will be too glad to look after your wants in this way.

THE WALKS OF LIFE

call for the very best of everything, especially calls for good shoes at this time of the year, and we want to say that our shoes for the family are the very best to be had for the money and as for styles, they have the very newest ideas in them and will fit the feet perfectly. Call and look them over.

Come to see us

KENNEDY BROTHERS

THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY

iff, expenses carrying patients to asylums and jail guard for January, \$313.50; Worrell Co., disinfectants, \$120; W. C. Dupuy dragging road, \$110; Will Carson, salary as road superintendent, \$125; Edmiston Bros., feed for road district No. 3, \$96.55.

Pauper List

An allowance of \$289 was made for the support of the paupers of the county for the coming quarter.

NOTICE

To my friends and customers: I appreciate the patronage you have given me during the ginning season which is about over, and from now on I will be prepared to do your grinding promptly and will appreciate the same. Will have plenty of meat on hand for sale every Saturday.

Your respectfully,
J. F. Bridges.

Columbia Double Disc Records play on most all disc machines. You will find a list of popular new records at Darsey's.

The W. O. W. Lodge at Slocum will give an oyster supper next Friday night and a good time is anticipated by the members, their families and friends. The lodge is reported to be in a backward state and it hoped that this get-together meeting will revive some interest. They need a building and hope to erect one in the near future.

CAR OF BUGGIES

Unloaded yesterday a car load of buggies. Call and see the many kinds I have to offer. Priced right. A. B. Guice.

Improved farming implements mean not only a saving in time and labor but insure you a better yield. You will find no better lines of cultivators, planters, harrows etc. than at Darsey's.

George Hudnell came in last week on a furlough and is visiting relatives and friends in the Rock Hill community. George has just returned from France, where he saw active service, and was severely wounded, from which he has not entirely recovered. He will not be discharged from the army until his wound is entirely well, and must report back to Camp Bowie when his furlough expires.

You had better buy your fertilizer early. We have Armour's Murray & Mangum.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hardy of New Waverly were visitors to Grapeland this week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Phillips.

Do you know that a good cultivator will more than pay for itself in a year? It will, if it is a John Deere or any of the other standard lines sold at Darsey's.

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.

I. H. Shaver has purchased the interest of Ed Smith in the saw mill of Walling & Smith, which is located north of town. Mr. Walling says the mill is running under difficulties on account of the scarcity of labor.

LOST

One small black change Purse between Darsey's Store and Dr. Kennedy's residence. Also front lid to a ladies small gold watch. Finder please return to Long's Store.

Mrs. William Alfred Riall has returned home from Pine Bluff, Ark., where she spent several weeks visiting relatives.

A. J. Hogan of Percilla, Route 1, was in town Saturday and was a pleasant caller at this office. Mr. Hogan recently visited his son at Camp Bowie, who has just returned from France, being invalided home on account of a wound. He has another son in the army with the American army of occupation in Germany. He expects his son at Camp Bowie to be discharged soon.

NOTICE TO HOG RAISERS

Bring your hogs next Monday, March 3, and we will guarantee you a good price for all well finished hogs. This will be the last hogs we will ship for some time. Dailey Bros. It

Robert Lacy Pridgen, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Pridgen, of Daly, delightfully entertained a number of his friends with a Washington Birthday Party and luncheon. A very appropriate program was arranged, consisting of songs and flag drills. His home was decorated for the occasion. Each and every child seemed to get his share of the dainty eats, and all left with happy hearts, and expressing a desire to have this repeated.

A telegram has just been received by Geo. E. Darsey & Co. advising them that a portion of their ladies dress pumps and ox-fords were shipped Monday.

Mrs. W. E. Holmes and daughter, little Mary Ruth, returned Sunday from Rogers, after spending several weeks visiting relatives and friends.

Traveling in a buggy may not be as fast as in a car, but you'll get to where you're going. Have just unloaded a car of all kinds. Call and see them.

A. B. Guice.