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## How Shall We Keep the Boys on the Farm?

Some farmers wonder why their boys do not show more interest in farm labor, and why it is that as soon as a boy is large enough he seeks other employment than on the farm. The writer was one of those boys who left the farm and tried the outside world, and the reason he did so—and I have no doubt it is the experience of many others—was because it was all work and no play, and, if followed out, it will make Jack a dull and discontented boy. When I was a boy, we rose at 4, "done up" the chores, ate breakfast and were ready for the field at 6, worked hard until 11:30, took 1 hour's nooning, went to work again in the field and worked hard until sundown, came in, "done up" the chores, and it was time to go to bed. For a good share of the year this was repeated day in and day out. No time for recreation or study. If occasionally a holiday was given such as a circus, Fourth of July, or other gala day, we were allowed to grease our boots and set out with 25 cents in our pockets for a general good time.

## Grapeland Public School, Grapeland, Texas.

Faculty for 1905-6:  
**A. W. CAIN, L. L. A. B., Principal.**  
 Double Graduate University of Georgia; Student Summer Schools of the University of Georgia and the University of Texas; Member Texas State Teachers' Association, Superintendents and Principals' Association of Texas and National Educational Association; has Texas State Permanent Certificate and ten years' experience in teaching.  
**SAM KENNEDY, Grammar School Department.**  
 Graduate Sam Houston Normal Institute; has Texas State Permanent Certificate and three years' experience in teaching.  
**MRS. NANNIE CAIN, A. B., Intermediate Department.**  
 Graduate Baylor Female College; Graduate Sam Houston Normal Institute; has Texas State Permanent Certificate and five years' experience in teaching.  
**MISS NANNIE HOWARD, Primary Department.**  
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 Complete graded course of instruction leading to graduation. Eight graduates last commencement.  
 Graduates of this school make first grade teachers' certificates. A number of students in the seventh and eighth grades made certificates at the last examination.  
 Affiliated with the Agricultural and Mechanical College; also with the College of Industrial Arts, for girls.  
 Catalogue will be issued in August. For further information, consult or address the Principal.

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### From Mayor Woodard.

Ed. Messenger—  
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We have some expenses that must be paid. There is no money in the treasury. I would urge that taxes be paid as promptly as possible. Prompt collections will reduce taxes to a minimum.

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Any person has the right at all times, to inquire into the financial matter of the town and the books shall show all the time all money collected and what it is paid out for. I hope the entire town will join in protecting every interest that tender to the rebuilding of the town in cleanliness, health and morals. It is my intention, as far as I can, to see that our laws are reasonably enforced.

Cannot be done without the cooperation of the people. With the cooperation of Grapeland, the town of beauty and morals will be admired by every citizen. Your board of aldermen will be the strength of a united town pushing forward with the expense every valuable interest of the people of Grapeland and the surrounding country. By so doing the town will grow in numbers, health and morals, and the value of property will increase. The value of property will increase with good interest every year expended for the city and we besides, be growing better people. Respectfully,  
 F. C. WOODARD, Mayor.

Did you ever consider the reason why our legislators are largely chosen from the professional class, why the percentage is so small from the agriculturist element of our country? It is that the boys are not privileged to enjoy the class of literature that makes legislators, and even if they are, they have not the time to devote to it. Mothers and fathers, see that your sons and daughters have the very best privileges to make substantial citizens. Encourage them to read, fill up your homes with the best magazines and farm periodicals, get them acquainted with the current issues of the day so that when they are thrown in society they can converse intelligently. And do not forget the girls. Make your farm home so pleasant that they will be loath to leave. —R. Lilley in Southwestern Farmer.

Ed. Messenger—  
 I desire to request the delinquent tax payers of Grapeland Corporation to settle their taxes by Saturday, June 17, 1905, or an empty treasury, as we found it, compels us to proceed as the law directs. Please save expense and attend to the matter at once.  
 F. C. WOODARD, Mayor.

### K. Lamity's Philosophy.

Blessed is the man who has a clean, clear conscience. He don't jump out of his pajamas every time a bush shakes, under the impression that a sheriff is after him.  
 Austin Merchant—"Mr. Buckner, let me sell you a trunk."  
 Mr. B.—"Why?"  
 Mr. A.—"To put your clothes in."  
 Mr. B.—"And go around naked? Nay, nay, Pauline, not on your life."

Murder, cold, premeditated, willful, is bad enough, God knows, but the man who, in order to serve a selfish end, deliberately stabs and destroys the good name and reputation of any honest, unoffending man is so damnable low the devil himself would take great risks in admitting him in his official family. He would more than likely contaminate the morals of the inmates of hell.—K. Lamity's Harpoon.

### The June Lantern.

The Lantern for June comes out double the regular size and chuck full of interesting matter. Representative Williams, author of the famous intangible assets tax law, explains and defends that measure; Representative Love presents a concise and intelligible statement of the provisions of the new election law; a horoscope of the next campaign is made by one who is, evidently, familiar with the inner workings of Texas politics; the great sea battle of the east is the subject of numerous illustrations, and many articles relating to topics of interest, both local and general, complete a number which will be read from end to end by every one into whose hands it may fall. Ask your dealer for it.

### Children's Day Exercises.

Last Sunday was children's day at the Methodist church. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and a large crowd gathered to witness the ceremonies. The children gave evidence of very careful training and delivered their

Your are cordially invited to make our store your headquarters when in Grapeland. Whether you buy anything or not, come to see us, we love to see you just the same. Bring your wife and children along, too, we've got lots of room, plenty of chairs and noise don't bother us a bit. When you're tired of shopping come over and sit with us awhile and rest. If you need anything in our line, we'll save you money on it, if not we'll enjoy your visit all the same, so come. Tell your friends to meet you at headquarters—the place where the hay seed is welcome and the country man's trade is appreciated. Watch this space closely—there's going to be some powerfully interesting reading here the next few months.  
 Yours to command,  
 W. H. LAVELY,  
 The Homemade Druggist.  
 Singletary-Stowe.

A very quiet wedding occurred in Grapeland on Wednesday night, May 31st. Mr. Earl Singletary of Alto and Miss Pease Stowe of San Pedro were the high contracting parties, Rev. E. B. Morgan officiating. The wedding took place at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Logan, and only a few friends were present to witness the solemn ceremony. Mr. Singletary is a progressive young business man of Alto, while Miss Stowe is very sweet and popular young lady of her community.  
 Their friends are many who join the Messenger in extending congratulations and best wishes for a long life filled with happiness.



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GRAPELAND, TEXAS, THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1905.

SALUTATORY.

It is with much pleasure we announce to the many readers of the Messenger that it falls to our lot to serve them in the capacity of editor and publisher of the Messenger. We are no stranger to most of you, having been identified with the paper for the past four years as printer and local reporter, and while we are young in years, we hope we are old enough in experience to give you a wide-awake, newsy paper.

It has always been the policy of the Messenger to encourage everything that tends to the up-building of Houston county at large and the Grapeland community in particular, to discuss questions that pertain to the best interests of her people, and this it shall continue to be. We love Grapeland and her people, and shall spare no pains in trying to make the Messenger a medium through which you all may derive much good.

We desire to thank our many friends for their kind words of encouragement, since our return, and assure you all that they are highly appreciated, and inspires us to even greater efforts to serve you in a way that our work will be appreciated.

Very Respectfully, ALBERT H. LUKER.

After all, things in this old world even up pretty well. The rich man has about as much trouble keeping his money as a poor man has in making his.

Prosperous times are ginger to life. Even the long, dull summer days go faster when you are full of business. Give us business and we can forget hard times.

A New York physician says a woman's tongue is naturally larger and longer than a man's. He ought to be indicted for slander for who ever heard of a "long-tongued woman?"

There is never a day passes but what you hear the calamity howler, but still the world moves on, and you seldom hear of any one dying of starvation notwithstanding you are told by they would, and that every other imaginable trouble was ahead.

Mayor Woodard should have the earnest co-operation of every loyal citizen in Grapeland in his effort to cleanse the town of all filth and rubbish. It is very evident that some parts need it, so why not clean up and make Grapeland more beautiful as well as more healthful.

EXCHANGE GOSSIP.

Why is a young man's mouth, when he goes to see his girl, like a cow's foot?—Richmond Coaster.

Give it up. But say, how many little birds would there be in seven soft-boiled eggs?

One advertisement hasn't the power to increase a business any more than one grain of corn has of fattening a chicken.—Navasota Review.

Just so. Neither can a man eat enough in one day to keep him moving six months. It requires stickability in anything to succeed.

The Grapeland Messenger, for several years the most extensively read paper in Houston county, suspended publication with last week's issue on account of short business. We are sorry to see the Messenger close its doors, but under the circumstances it could not be avoided, for there is no institution can live without support, and we are sure the people of Grapeland did not give it the support it deserved.

Houston county Herald.

Nay, Mac, the Messenger has not suspended publication. In fact it is very much alive. An issue was missed last week on account of us not being able to reach Grapeland until Friday, but we hope to make up the loss in the way of a good newsy paper in the future.

The Japs' last victory was just like getting money from home.

Hon. Baldwin Rice was nominated for mayor of Houston last week. "Rice" is a popular article in South Texas.

Gonzales county has just gone through with a prohibition election, the antis winning by an overwhelming majority.

Russia has played her last card and failed to trump Togo. He is one of these fellows not so easily bluffed and when he gets ready "To-go" he moves.

Hon. John M. Moore of Fort Bend county was nominated for congressman in the 8th district, to succeed the late John M. Pickney. The honor was worthily bestowed.

As long as men continue to get rich quick, other men will continue to kick like Maud.—Annona News.

Any man can get rich quick if he will sell to Mr. Rockefeller a good, new stomach.—Annona News.

J.J. BROOKS

...NO SPECIAL OFFERINGS T

Just a Continued Performance of Bargains in We are not quoting prices this week because of any leader prices, but we want you to call and see our regular prices are than any Other place in

Then it is the proper time to decide who should have your dreads of the results if you will call and get our prices. Ever brand new. No old stock to offer you.

COME TO SEE US.

J. J. BROOKS, f

The foxy editor of a St. Joseph Mo. paper is said to have learned that the hour glass shaped waist fits the arm.—Ex.

A Kansas man is said to be rejoicing because it cost him but a \$1 fine to whip his mother-in-law. He thinks he got a bargain.—Western Publisher.

A Kansas physician lost a pocketbook containing a comfortable sum of money. The other day he received the empty wallet bearing this note: "Doctor, please fill this prescription again."

An ingenious Yankee has invented an artificial worm for fish bait. Not satisfied with hooking human suckers, at which he is an

The state of Iowa pays Prof. Holden \$5,000 a year to teach farmers how to grow grain at a profit. The state grew 27 1/2 bushels to the acre, but under the teaching of Prof. Holden the crop was increased to 40 bushels an acre. The increased value of the crop was \$10,000,000. It pays to pay for one who can teach paying farming.—Ex.

The father who has walked the floor with his babe of tender age and who has kept it up till the infant was satisfied can understand what is meant by the expression so often quoted: "And a little child shall lead them." He does not have to get any commentary in order to see what the meaning of the expression is.—Terrell Transcript.

A Missouri editor says: God bless the girl who works hard. She is not too proud to earn her own living, or be ashamed to be caught at her daily task. She smiles at you from behind the desk, or counter, or printer's case. There is a memory of her sewed up in the silent gown. She is like a brave mountaineer already far upon the precipice—climbing struggling rejoicing. The sight should be an inspiration to all. It is an honor to know this girl and be worthy of her esteem. Lift your hat to her, young man, as she passes by. Her hand may be stained with dish washing, sweeping, factory grease or printer ink, but it is an honest and helping hand. It stays misfortune from home; it supports an invalid loved one, may be; is a loving, potent shield that protects many a family from the almshouses. All honor to the brave toiler. God bless and protect the girl who works.

"Red" Faris came in Tuesday night from a trip to Huntsville.

J. A. Smith was a pleasant caller at our office to-day.

Rev. J. B. Luker of Burke was mingling with old friends here yesterday.

Ed Harmon and J.E. Hollinger and it worth went up to Palestine Wednesday night on business.

Jno.R. Foster was up for Crockett Wednesday night on business.

Arthur Owens is holding the devil's job very creditably in the Messenger office.

Maj. J. F. Martin attended the old soldier's re-union

What you know and you what we know and thereby have a newsy paper.

Mr. Burse of Alto was in Grapeland Wednesday looking for a location. We hope he will like our town well enough to locate among us.

A man that is generous with good judgement is a better business man than the one that miser. The generous man has confidence in his own judgment and acts intelligently; but the miser is afraid that some day he will get something out of him for nothing. There are many that think the miser will not prosper.—Ex.

According to the young man who has of Ty from Grand Junction C is a new game over called "lemons". They make to catch the prettiest to do bunch and squeeze makes the other girls worth a dollar in

PURE DRUGS AND PATENT MEDICINES. Front Station. We don't claim to be the best on earth, but we do everything right and to give the best goods. We cordially invite whatever you need in our line do our best to make you feel your friends. You will always be welcome. Carleton & Porter, Druggists. STATIONERY AND FANCY GOODS. A FAIR PRICE FOR RELIABLE GOODS.

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ROBERT E. CASKEY

# BARBER.

SHOP AT TOTTY HOTEL.

HONING RAZORS  
A SPECIALTY.

Hot and Cold Baths.

Agent for Martin Steam Laundry  
Palestine. All work guaranteed  
to be the best.

## I. & G. N. Time Table.

NORTH BOUND.

No. 2 Arrives.....3:10 P.  
No. 4 Arrives.....8:30 P.

SOUTH BOUND.

No. 1 Arrives.....1:37 P. M.  
No. 5 Arrives.....9:05 P. M.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Grain Cradles at Darsey's.

Jack Lewis went up to Elkhart Sunday.

Buy your jelly glasses from Darsey.

You can get ice in any quantity at the Bon-Ton.

Anything in the way of groceries at Saxon's.

Buy the White Wave flour at Darsey's.

We are the strongest price reducers in town. W. B. Faris, agt.

Dr. Buss Taylor was in the city Sunday.

1/2 gallon, quart jars at Darsey's.

Miss Annie Saxton is visiting relatives.

See our line of notions just received.—G.

Arthur Holcomb's name added to our list.

Buy your goods from Faris the cheapest.

Mrs. Logan is visiting at San Pedro this week.

Prof. A. W. Cain had business in Crockett Friday evening.

Guice spring tooth harrows, still 3.50 at Darrey's.

A. M. Carleton was up on business Saturday.

Flour is off, but we have the best.—V.

Jake Sheridan spent Sunday in town.

See our R. F. boxes with or without locks.

Chas. Hawkins of the grip of Georgetown Saturday.

An unusually large number of merchants reported in town Saturday.

Old goods are being sold. See us for low prices on goods.—G.

Dr. Wilson Ph. Crockett Sunday.

You buy from Darsey goods, nice, neat, new, clean, no old moth eaten bankrupt stuff to work off.

Miss Willie Browning left Friday for Palestine, where she has accepted a position in a milliner store.

as jelly glasses.

Caldwell is visiting Crockett this week.

the best dollar mail key.

atcherson of Houston was in the city Tuesday.

Drug this week at Darsey's cotton hose and scrub.

Received Jessie and Gertrude of Daly's were in the city shopping.

Under ice cream freezer ice and will freeze. See Darsey for prices.

Wazley and family of were visiting in the city.

of new dress goods Tuesday at Darsey's since last paper.

A big when Logan went to Saturday to spend a few days.

for lowest prices on windows, all sizes at Darsey's.

ra Adams of Palestine in the city latter part.

Free Delivery Mail boxes without locks, at Darsey's.

meter of Reynard Monday and had his car on our list.

W. E.—The last car of potatoes will be loaded at June 14th, 1905.

S. Yarbrough, Mg'r.

book of Porter Springs home Saturday after days spent in the city.

about that ice cream? If you are going to buy the Wonde five minute freezer as good as you can buy, for the best prices see Geo. E. Darsey.

r. and Mrs. Lee Satterwhite Monday night for Tyler. Mr. Satterwhite is prospecting in the latter country with a view to locating there.

No use to go away from home after anything in dry goods, dress goods, trimmings, clothing, shoes or anything else, for you can buy your bill complete for less at Darsey's.

Miss Kate Rouss of Hot Springs, Ark., who has been in the city visiting the family of Dr. McCarty returned home Saturday night. She was accompanied by Lucile McCarty, who will stay in that city quite awhile.

The many readers of the Messenger will be glad to learn that you can now buy the White Wave flour. This is one of the best brands of flour ever sold in the city, and Geo. E. Darsey will ship you a car load due to arrive at the end of this or the first of next month.

Who believes in the old way of taking a bath every day, and one day last week he went down and took a bath. Hub Whitescarver's bath he has built south of the city. We cannot refrain from expressing our satisfaction with the results. It is a popular resort for people for boat riding.

OFFICE PHONE No. 34.

SALES DEPT. No. 23.

# GEO. E. DARSEY,

HEADQUARTERS FOR  
GENERAL MERCHANDISE,  
HARDWARE, FURNITURE.

Grapeland, Texas, June 8, 1905.

Since our last letter we have received many new things in the Dry goods department, and you are always welcome at our store whether you want to buy or not, so just come at any time it suits your convenience, and see the new goods that are continually arriving.

In our grocery and hardware department we have a full supply of 1-2 gallon, quart and pint fruit jars, jelly glasses, rubber extra top, also just in this week genuine Mexican June seed corn. Now is the time to buy so you can plant from 10th to 20th of this month. Also mail boxes, nails and hammers. Respectfully,

## GEO. E. DARSEY.

P. S. We sell the best ice cream freezer made.

Darsey has grain cradles.

R. H. Lacy and Pritchard Millar were up from Crockett Sunday.

Something entirely new in ladies duck hats at Darsey's.

The little child of Brince Dickson has been real sick this week.

Fruit jars and extra rubbers at Saxon's.

Hon. N. C. McMurray, president of the State Farmers' Union, will deliver an address at Crockett on Saturday, June 17.

A small amount invested in Pratts food for horses, hogs and poultry will bring big result, for lowest prices see Geo. E. Darsey.

Mr. Woods, the government tobacco expert, was up Friday to inspect the crop being grown on little Elkhart creek.

Misses Susie and Vera Gainey and Messrs. Coll and Jim Gainey of San Pedro were visiting in the city Sunday.

Walter McMeans and sister, Miss Lillie, of Palestine, were visiting relatives and friends in Grapeland Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Cammie Thompson returned to her home in Ioni Sunday after several days spent here visiting friends and relatives.

If you are in doubt, drop in and subscribe for the Messenger. We print the news—not ancient history.

Jno. A. Davis went up to Palestine on business Wednesday night.

Dan Morgan, who has been attending school at the Southwestern University at Georgetown, passed through Grapeland Tuesday en route to his home at Kennard.

Mrs. J. P. Millar and Mrs. R. H. Lacy of Crockett, and Mrs. Claude Sadler of Kountze, are here attending the bedside of their sick mother, Mrs. S. T. Anthony.

Jas. Owens is transacting business in Galveston this week.

Home made ribbon cane syrup, 40c per gallon can at Jim Saxon's.

W. R. Earl of Augusta was in town Wednesday on business.

Fresh Lemons, 20c. per doz. at the Front Street Drug Store.

We are having some of the hottest weather of the season.

Jno. Arrington of Crockett was in Grapeland Tuesday on his way to Augusta.

We would like for all of our correspondents to write us a newsy communication next week.

Mrs. S. T. Anthony was taken seriously ill last Friday, and for several days it was thought that recovery would be impossible, but we are glad to state that she is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Darsey & children, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Darsey, & Mrs. S. N. Boykin and little Miss Mabel, all went up to the Elkhart Lake yesterday, to spend a few days fishing. We wish them a pleasant time.

### THE STRENGTH

of my argument should be considered first when buying groceries, together with my practice of giving right quality and right values.

### NOTIONS

I carry a complete line of notions and can save you money on any thing in this line.

### FEED STUFF

I always have in stock a lot of good feed stuff, and if you ever need any, ring up

## JIM SAXON,

Phone 46.

### Teacher Wanted for Hays Springs

We are requested by the trustees of the Hays Springs school to state that a teacher is wanted for their next term of school. This is a good community two miles west of Grapeland and a good opportunity for a good teacher. Address Mr. D. W. Martin, Grapeland, Texas.

## CHEAP CASH HOUSE.

BUY WHERE A DOLLAR GETS MORE VALUE, THEN BUY FROM US.

No one realizes this more than we do, and we have bargains for you in every department. Our stock is nice, clean, up-to-date and complete. We are receiving new goods every day, and we have cut our prices to the last notch, and will appreciate your business.

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We are Leaders in Price reducers on Dry Goods, Shoes, Clothing, Hats, Staple and Fancy Groceries. Respectfully,

## W. B. FARIS, Agt.

GRAPELAND



**SEVEN YEARS AGO.**

**CURRENT NEWS OF THAT TIME IN THE GRAPELAND COMMUNITY.**

Clipped and condensed from the Messenger of June 1, 1899.

The Rev. Dr. Kennedy, pastor of the Baptist church, preached a good sermon to a very large congregation at the school house Sunday morning.

Mr. Britt, the expert cantaloupe raiser, arrived in the city this morning and will visit the growers in this section for the purpose of giving instructions and ascertaining the prospects for the crop.

A. L. Brown left Tuesday for Port Arthur in the interest of the K. of H.

Misses Florence Keen and Ada Hill of Daly's, and Fannie Kennedy of Augusta, returned home from the Sam Houston Normal at Huntsville.

Virgie, the son of Mrs. Lydia Ferguson, living three miles east of Grapeland, died on May 30.

A big picnic was pulled off at Tyer's lake on last Friday. The crowd was variously estimated at from 500 to 1000.

County Treasurer Baker and wife of Crockett attended the picnic.

**A Beautiful Lesson.**

Only a faded apple blossom! This morning when it was plucked from the tree it was a thing of beauty. It seems to have come fresh from the hand of the Maker. How delicate were the pencilings of its petals, and how symmetrical its corolla, its stem, and the green leaves which furnished its background! At noon it is withered, and its beauty is passing away! How transient has been its life! And yet, who will say that it has lived its life and flourished in vain? There is no flower that is "born to blush unseen and waste its sweetness on the desert air." We love to think that everything fair and beautiful in God's creation accomplishes its mission. If this withered apple blossom shall only serve to remind us how brief and evanescent is our human life, may it not have accomplished a useful purpose?—Ex.

A valuable lesson in feeding for egg production may be learned from nature. Fowls allowed to run at large and pick up their living about the ranch lay most of their eggs in the spring months. Note the condition that surrounds these fowls at this time; the weather is warm and there is plenty of food easily secured. This food consists of a mixture of grain and other seed, green grass, clover, etc. The fowls get an abundance of fresh air and plenty of exercise—two important factors for large egg production. We should take the hint thrown out by nature and endeavor to make the conditions of spring-time prevail throughout the year. Provide a cool place for the fowls in summer, and a warm place in winter, give them green food, grain, grit and meat when practicable, but above all provide pure air without drafts and let them have plenty of ex-

**City Ordinances.**

No. 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of Grapeland, Texas, as a safeguard against fire, that all merchants and business men occupying a house, or using same, shall clean up and destroy all waste paper, rubbish and trash and keep same cleaned up or deposited in a safe and secure place for deposit, from fire, within ten feet from the front and back end of their place, or places, of business. Also each place of business shall be and is hereby responsible for cleaning and removing all boxes and pieces of same, or any rubbish that is, or may accumulate in one half of each alley on either side. Any violation of this ordinance shall be fined, not exceeding \$25.00.

H. S. ROBERTSON, Mayor,  
S. E. HOWARD, Sec'y.

No. 2. Be it ordained by the City Council of Grapeland, Texas, that all Railroad Companies are hereby prohibited from obstructing any public crossing within city limits of Grapeland with their trains for not more than 5 minutes at any one time. Any violation of this ordinance is punishable with a fine of \$10. for each offense.

H. S. ROBERTSON, Mayor,  
S. E. HOWARD Sec'y

No. 3. Be it ordained by the City Council of Grapeland, Texas, that any person unlawfully getting on or off of moving trains within the city limits, shall be fined not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$10.00 for each offence.

H. S. ROBERTSON, Mayor,  
S. E. HOWARD, Sec'y.

No. 4. Be it ordained by the City Council of Grapeland, Texas, that all male persons between the ages of 21 and 45 years, that has resided in the city of Grapeland ten days, shall pay to the city marshal \$4.00, payable quarterly in advance, or \$3.00 if paid annually in advance, or work streets 5 days in each year and in case of failure thereof, or to send able-bodied substitute, he shall pay \$1.00 to said city marshal for each day warned. Any violation of this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$25.00.

H. S. ROBERTSON, Mayor,  
S. E. HOWARD, Sec'y.

No. 5. Be it ordained by the City Council of the city of Grapeland, that the Mayor of the aforesaid city, shall have the right, and jurisdiction over all misdemeanor cases, such as come before a Justice of the Peace, and the same statutes applying to authority of Justice of the Peace in his precinct shall also apply to Mayor in the city of Grapeland.

H. S. ROBERTSON, Mayor,  
S. E. HOWARD, Sec'y.

No. 6. Be it ordained by the City Council of the city of Grapeland that it shall be unlawful for any person to create or permit a nuisance on his premises or premises under his control, or permit same to remain six hours after being notified by the city marshal to remove same. Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined any sum not exceeding ten dollars. The following are declared to be nuisances under the provisions of the above ordinances, viz: Any stagnant water or decayed vegetables or decayed fruit or fruit refused, filthy privies or sinks or anything causing offensive odors that work hurt or inconvenience or damage to the health of the citizens of Grapeland.

H. S. ROBERTSON, Mayor,  
S. E. HOWARD, Sec'y.

No. 7. Be it ordained by the

City Council of the city of Grapeland that it shall be unlawful for any person to unnecessarily discharge firearms of any kind within the city limits of the city of Grapeland. Any violation of the above ordinance shall be fined in a sum not exceeding ten dollars.

H. S. ROBERTSON, Mayor,  
S. E. HOWARD, Sec'y.

No. 8. Be it ordained by the City Council of the city of Grapeland that if any person or persons shall play at base ball, town ball or any other noisy or exciting game or play, anywhere inside the corporation, out side of a private inclosure on Sunday, also the unnecessary running of a horse or horses, cattle or any other stock, shall be fined not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$10.00.

F. C. WOODARD, Mayor,  
S. E. HOWARD, Sec'y.

No. 9. Be it ordained by the City Council of the city of Grapeland that if any person shall mistreat, neglect, or abuse any stock or kill or molest any harmless birds or other harmless animals, he shall be fined not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$5.00.

F. C. WOODARD, Mayor,  
S. E. HOWARD, Sec'y.

No. 10. Be it ordained by the City Council of the city of Grapeland that every person, or company of persons, owning or in any way controlling or possessing a house or shed, within the limits of the incorporation of the city, shall be sufficiently fenced or enclosed that hogs cannot be sheltered by them, any person or persons neglecting the observing of this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$5.00 for each offence.

F. C. WOODARD, Mayor,  
S. E. HOWARD, Sec'y.

No. 11. Be it ordained by the City Council of the city of Grapeland that any person shooting a gun or pistol, toy gun, air gun, sling shot, or any other shooting or slinging thing, within the incorporated limits of the city shall be fined not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$10.00.

F. C. WOODARD, Mayor,  
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**Bridges Re-Union**

Ed. Messenger— Please announce through your paper that the Bridges Re-Union will be held at Mr. J. Jackson Baker's residence, on Friday June 30. Every body is cordially invited and bring with them also their songbooks, as we will have a pleasant day. A lemonade stand will be run and drinking, eating, singing, and speaking will be among the amusements. Hope as many leaders as possible will come and we assure all a pleasant time. Respectfully,  
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Baker