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JURY GETS VERDICT IN A HALF HOUR

La Grange, Texas, March 21.—William H. Langhorn Jr. must pay with his life for the slaying of Valera Zapalac, 17-year-old Bohemian school girl. That was the verdict of the jury of Fayette county citizens returned at 9:02 a. m. Saturday, just 10 7/8

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hours after Langhorn's fate was laid in their hands.

The jury commenced deliberation at 7:30 a. m. Saturday and had a verdict in 30 minutes, according to the foreman. Motion for a new trial was filed immediately and defense attorneys announced the case would be appealed if this is overruled.

"We the jury find the defendant guilty as charged and assess his punishment at death," read the clerk of the court, R. H. Giese. He fumbled with the words. It was the first verdict he had ever read, for he has taken office only recently.

Dr. Langhorn, aged father of the defendant, who has sacrificed everything in an effort to save his son, kissed his "precious boy" and whispered words of comfort in his ear. The greatest grief that can come to a man bowed the doctor's head a little lower, but he was brave despite his sorrow. Langhorn remained in his slumped position, his head lowered. His features, which throughout the trial have been placid, became set.

"The defendant wants the jury polled," General Wolters, defense counsel, declared as the last words of the verdict died out. One by one the jurors were asked, "Is that your verdict?" and unfalteringly each replied, "It is."

The town clock on the court house tower chimed in knell-like tones as the last juror answered "it is."

Being warned before the reading of the verdict against any demonstration of feeling, spectators in the court room were silent. The jury was discharged. Sheriff Will Loessin came toward the youth with handcuffs and Dr. Langhorn embraced his son and left the court room.

Defendant's Crime.

On the night of February 3, Langhorn went riding with Valeria and her 15-year-old sister, Minnie. He had known the girls but a few weeks. On the La Grange-Fayetteville highway he attempted to assault Valeria, after getting the girls out of his car. When she resisted, he turned his attentions to Minnie, and it was then that Valeria gave her life for her sister. Seeking to separate the two, she stepped between Langhorn and Minnie. Langhorn shot her twice. She crawled into the car and collapsed. Beating Minnie into insensibility, Langhorn then assaulted her. After a time she regained consciousness and eluded him. At a nearby farm house she gave the alarm. Langhorn pushed Valeria's body from his car and drove away. He was captured after a 20-mile chase by Sheriff Will Loessin.

A background of hereditary insanity was built by the defense through the testimony of numerous witnesses in an effort to save young Langhorn from the chair. Even the confession was frequently referred to by the defense counsel as conclusive proof of Langhorn's insanity.

John M. Mathis, General Jacob F. Wolters and Henry Kahn of Houston and B. F. Teague of Brenham defended young Langhorn. The case was prosecuted by Fred Blundell, district attorney of the Twenty-second judicial district, and F. J. Kallus, county attorney.

Presbyterianism.

Rev. S. M. Tenney, D. D., of Texarkana is expected to lecture on "Presbyterianism" at the Presbyterian church on Sunday, March 29, at the 11 o'clock service.

JUST A WORD WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS

Callers at the Courier office during the last week continue to speak of the beautiful spring weather, but most of them say rain is beginning to be needed. While crops are not suffering, as a rule, they say that a rain would help. Some sections of the county are dryer than others.

The Courier's list of subscription renewals this week is just a little more than half as large as it was last week. Last week's large list could not be expected to be maintained every week. We thank our friends who have helped to make this week's list as large as it is.

Among those calling to renew or subscribe, or sending in their renewals and subscriptions, since last issue are the following:

Avon Sallas, Crockett.
W. H. Denny Jr., Crockett.
John L. Dean, Crockett.
Millar & Berry, Crockett.
W. F. Kelley, Crockett.
A. W. Gossett, Crockett.
C. L. Edmiston, Crockett.
J. W. Bennett, Crockett.
B. L. Satterwhite, Crockett.
W. A. Mize, Crockett.
G. B. Hill, Crockett.
Will McLean, Crockett.
Dr. W. C. Lipscomb, Crockett.
Dr. J. S. Wootters, Crockett.
Dr. J. B. Deal, Crockett.
Volney Streeter, Crockett.
H. T. Richards, Crockett.
A. W. Farek, Crockett.
B. L. Tunstall, Crockett.
Dr. E. B. Stokes, Crockett.
Mrs. R. G. Goree, California.
Dan McConnell, Crockett.
J. W. Madden, Crockett.
C. A. Hassell, Crockett.

Judge C. M. Ellis.

Judge C. M. (Marvin) Ellis died at his home in this city Tuesday morning at about 7:30 o'clock, following a prolonged illness of neuritis, or nerve inflammation. Eminent specialists were called into consultation by attending physicians, but the case was considered almost hopeless for some time before death resulted. But while there is life there is always hope, and nothing was left undone to relieve suffering and prolong life. Nurses were constantly in attendance.

Marvin Ellis was 44 years of age and a native of Houston county. He was reared and educated in Crockett, but finished his schooling in Southwestern University at Georgetown, where he graduated from the law department. While a law student in Southwestern University, he became acquainted with his wife, who was Miss Mabel Girvin before marriage. Finishing in college, he married and located in Crockett, beginning here a law practice which grew until his death. His life was spent in Crockett with the exception of his college years and a brief period at Breckenridge a few years ago.

Marvin Ellis was a son of C. W. Ellis by his father's first marriage. His father died a number of years ago, but the second wife of his father remains a resident of Crockett. By both marriages there were ten children in the family, who are: Mrs. A. G. Douthitt of Raymondville, Mrs. Will Neel of Elkhart, Mrs. Earle Tomme and Mrs. Mark Hanson of Lewisville, Ark.; Marvin Ellis (the deceased) and

Messrs. Irving, Frank, Will, Walter and Gerald Ellis. Besides these brothers and sisters, the deceased leaves his wife and three children.

Early in his professional life Marvin Ellis was city attorney of Crockett. Later he served this county as its county judge, filling both offices with characteristic ability and credit. His lodge affiliations were with the Knights of Pythias. He was a devout member of the Methodist church. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock and conducted by Rev. Mr. Hotchkiss, the presiding elder, the Methodist pastor being absent. Interment followed in Glenwood cemetery.

Marvin Ellis stood high in his profession and as a citizen.

Lions' Club Luncheon.

The Lions' Club again lunched with the ladies of the Methodist church in the church basement Wednesday. During the luncheon hour some splendid music by the Methodist church choir, under the direction of Mrs. A. M. Decuir, was very much enjoyed.

Following the luncheon some visitors were introduced. Mr. Long of Grapeland, foreman of the grand jury, made a brief but pointed talk, and was followed in like manner by Mr. Mangum of Weldon, another member of the grand jury.

Representatives of two manufacturing industries were present and made brief addresses. These guests were taken in automobiles to the Murray farm at Clapp's Ferry and shown the wonderful improvements that are being made down there. They expressed great surprise and satisfaction at what they saw, saying that they did not know that any such improvements were being undertaken in this part of the country.

Ball Practice Continues.

Base ball practice has been going on about two weeks at the ball park where the high school boys are getting the kinks out of their arms. Sore arms are getting back to normal and the boys are beginning to show a little form under the tutelage of Coach Abernathy.

The prospects are not bright for a winning club, but a number of games are hoped for with Lone Pine, Grapeland, Trinity and other nearby schools.

The first practice scrimmage is scheduled for this afternoon when the high school takes on the former school boys who still like to play ball. Several good games are pulled off each year by these two factions.

Provided the players develop as they should, they should present a good line-up for the closing weeks of the campaign.

Jurors Excused.

Jurors summoned for the second week of the Houston county district court, to serve as petit jurors for the week beginning March 30, have been excused by District Judge B. F. Dent until further notice, as the Courier editor was informed Tuesday morning by Judge Dent. These jurors will be notified if they should be needed at some other time, Judge Dent informed the Courier editor.

Coolidge had quite a number of photographs taken while he was young, and now the papers are printing them. Vanity gets punished sooner or later.

RELIEF FUNDS ASKED BY LOCAL RED CROSS

To the Citizenship of Houston County:

Division Headquarters of the Red Cross organization in St. Louis sent me the following telegram: "Relief operations in tornado stricken area Illinois, Indiana and Missouri under direction of Red Cross needed. Personnel and supplies being furnished promptly. Tremendous damage and loss of life will require large sum for relief purposes. Accept contributions, forwarding promptly to Saint Louis office."

The Red Cross organization is requesting aid through the local Red Cross Chapter for the relief of these unfortunate storm sufferers. If any one will contribute any money to help them, please mail direct to me and I will forward immediately to Red Cross office in St. Louis. Any donations will be appreciated, however small.

Leroy L. Moore, Chairman Executive Committee, Red Cross of Houston County.

Cotton Ginned in Houston County.

The department of commerce, through the bureau of the census, announces the preliminary report on cotton ginned by counties in Texas from the crops of 1924 and 1923. The total for the state was made public Friday, March 20, and was as follows: Number bales ginned from 1924 crop, 4,851,878; from 1923 crop, 4,212,248.

Number of bales ginned in Houston county is announced as follows: From the 1924 crop, 30,515 bales; from the 1923 crop, 35,933 bales. Houston county leads east Texas in the matter of cotton production.

Ellis county leads the state in the number of bales produced, the number being 122,227. Other big cotton counties in the state are Williamson with 106,672 bales and McLennan with 104,815.

Senior Class Play.

The senior class play, "Kingdom of Heart's Content," put on in the high school auditorium Friday evening of last week by the senior class of the Crockett high school, received a most encouraging patronage from Crockett people. The play was well received and enjoyed by the audience, as evidenced by repeated encoring and other expressions of satisfaction and pleasure. The class more than maintained the high standard set on former occasions and made a high mark which future classes will have to tiptoe to reach.

Funeral at Tyler.

A number of Crockett people attended the funeral of Mrs. M. L. Sheppard at Tyler Friday. Mrs. Sheppard was a daughter of Col. Bonner of Tyler and the wife of Rev. M. L. Sheppard, a former pastor of the First Baptist church of Crockett. Those from Crockett attending the funeral were members of the Baptist church and personal friends of Mrs. Sheppard during her residence here. Mrs. Sheppard is remembered as a talented musician and an untiring church worker.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. J. L. Jordan is visiting in Center.

Mrs. Earle Bennett is visiting in Houston.

Fresh strawberries at Sims-English Grocery Co. 1t.

Miss Alta Stokes is visiting at Dallas and Waxahachie.

Mrs. R. K. Willis is attending Baylor College at Belton.

Jack Barbee and V. Streeter were at Houston the first of the week.

Bennie Cannon has accepted employment with Goolsby-Julian Drug Co.

Regular dinner, 35c; dessert, 10c; drink, 5c; every day at the Mecca Cafe. 1t.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Monzingo were Houston visitors the first of the week.

Moore & Shivers are selling the \$10.00 Kelley fertilizer distributor for \$8.00. 1t.

Don't forget the special prices on groceries all this week at J. W. Bennett's. 1t.

Buster Odom has accepted a position with the Goolsby-Julian Drug Company.

A number of Crockett Masons are attending a Scottish Rite Reunion in Galveston.

There are no better cultivators than Rock Island and Kelley. R. L. Shivers sells them. 1t.

Crepe de Chine on sale Friday and Saturday at 98c. 1t. D. C. Kennedy & Co.

Harry Painter Jr. of Houston visited Crockett friends from Friday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Salisbury of Dallas were Crockett visitors the first of this week.

Another car of that good Virginia-Carolina fertilizer expected this week at R. L. Shivers'. 1t.

Mrs. J. D. Woodward and Miss Archie Mae Satterwhite were week-end visitors at Tyler.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Dean and children are visiting relatives and friends in Houston.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Stokes of Oakland, Calif., are guests of their parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Stokes. 1t.

The J. I. Case cell drop planter saves time, labor, seed, money and lots of religion. Moore & Shivers have them. 1t.

Some of the best farmers in Houston county are using Swift's fertilizers. Arnold Brothers sell and recommend it. tf

Mrs. Hunter Smith and Mrs. E. C. Arledge were delegates to the Parent-Teachers' convention at Nacogdoches this week.

Misses Myra McConnell, Esta Mae Ellis and B. B. Kennedy were visitors at Palestine Saturday afternoon and evening.

Make more cotton on fewer acres and with less labor by using Swift's Red Steer fertilizer. tf. Arnold Brothers.

Curtain scrim, white and ecru, on sale Friday and Saturday at 12½ cents. 1t. Thompson's.

Colored Indian Heads (guaranteed fast colors) in all the popular shades, 45c per yard. 1t. D. C. Kennedy & Co.

Many people are taking advantage of the extremely low prices at J. W. Bennett's this week. Are you one of them? 1t.

Mrs. H. L. Morrison, Misses Marjorie and Sue Morrison, Josephine Edmiston and Bess Jordan were visitors at Palestine Sunday afternoon.

New shipment of Gordon hosiery just received. All new shades, chiffon and full fashioned, all threaded silk. 1t. Thompson's.

Blooded Cattle for Sale.

Two one-year old, full-blood Jersey heifers at a fair price. 1t. J. W. Madden.

Cow for Sale.

A 4-gallon Jersey cow, 6 years old, fresh in milk, \$85.00. 1t.* Dupuy Sheridan.

Friends of Louis Dear will be glad to know that he is fast recovering from a serious operation recently undergone at Nacogdoches, where he is attending college.

Stop and Think for a Moment.

Do you have any insurance? The Home Benefit is now four years old in Houston county. The cost to keep it up four years has been \$11.50. Can you afford to be without this protection? To join, see A. Houston, Agent, Crockett, Texas. 1t.

Rooms to Rent.

Three well-furnished rooms for roomers or light housekeepers. All modern conveniences. 1t. Mrs. J. W. Madden.

For Rent.

Eight-room residence on North LeGoroy street. Possession April 1. Apply to tf. C. W. Jones.

Special Sale

Friday and Saturday of ladies' muslin, batiste and voile underwear, gowns, teds and slips, 98c to \$2.50. 1t. Thompson's.

Notice, School Patrons.

All school children must be enrolled by April 1, as required by law. See Albert Smith, scholastic enumerator, at once. W. P. Bishop, 1t. Pres. School Board.

Killed in Accident.

J. D. Woodward was called to Mineral Wells Tuesday by the accidental death of a brother, John Woodward. Report was that Mr. Woodward had fallen from a derrick and sustained injuries from which he died.

Noted Specialist.

Dr. Graves of Galveston, the noted specialist, was in Crockett Sunday, in consultation with Dr. W. W. Latham regarding a patient of the latter, Judge C. M. Ellis. Judge Ellis had been very low from illness at his home in this city for a number of weeks.

Cotton Ginning Report.

There were 30,515 bales of cotton counting round as half bales, ginned and to be ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1924 as compared with 35,933 bales from the crop of 1923, according to information furnished the Courier by R. C. Stokes, cotton census enumerator for Houston county.

Mr. Tenney Sick.

Dr. Leyton P. Tenney of Lufkin was called to Crockett last week by the serious illness of his father, Rev. S. F. Tenney. Mr. Tenney's condition is serious enough to require the presence of his son in Crockett again this week. Mr. Tenney was stricken with lagrippe last week and it is feared that complications may develop.

Sixth Week Petit Jurors.

Petit jurors for the sixth week of district court, beginning April 27, 1925:

- J. F. Minter, Crockett.
- W. F. Selkirk, Grapeland.
- A. J. Vickers, Kennard.
- T. E. Covington, Augusta.
- O. Caskey, Grapeland.
- B. F. Woelfley, Crockett.
- J. T. Barnhill, Crockett.
- J. E. Towery, Crockett.
- Guy Hill, Crockett.
- J. C. Shotwell, Crockett.
- J. A. Harrelson, Lovelady.
- J. S. Reed, Crockett.
- Dan McConnell, Crockett.
- J. H. Chandler, Lovelady.
- J. W. Bennett, Crockett.
- W. G. Baker, Lovelady.
- R. O. Calvert, Crockett.
- J. V. McAnally, Augusta.
- Willard Goodwin, Lovelady.
- W. J. Branch, Percilla.
- N. A. Grounds, Crockett.
- J. R. Elliott, Lovelady.
- S. P. Manning, Crockett.
- J. S. Hammon, Augusta.
- Hayne Mainer, Lovelady.
- W. B. Parks, Kennard.
- J. L. Smith, Crockett.
- T. J. Foster, Kennard.
- J. L. Whitehead, Grapeland.
- G. G. Cecil, Lovelady.
- Sidney Boykin, Grapeland.
- W. E. Baucom, Lovelady.
- R. W. Goodrum, Weldon.
- G. A. Long, Lovelady.
- Gus Price, Lovelady.
- O. E. Hallmark, Crockett.
- B. B. Austin, Crockett.
- J. S. Eaves, Grapeland.
- H. Durst Jr., Crockett.
- W. R. Julian, Crockett.

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Baptist Church.

Program for Sunday evening, March 29; Rev. A. S. Lee, pastor; Mrs. Robt. Allen, director of music; Mrs. D. O. Kiessling, organist.

Prelude. Selections by Tunstall's orchestra.

Hymn 263. Scripture reading. Hymn 349.

Quartette (selected) — Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Fisher Arledge, Johnson Lundy Arledge, Mr. E. C. Oakley.

Offertory. Duet (selected)—Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Fisher Arledge.

Sermon. Hymn 146. Postlude.

Everybody is invited to come out to these services.

Spelling in County Meet.

The winners in sub-junior spelling were: Ratcliff first, Crockett second and Grapeland third. The contestants, words missed and grades are as follows: Ratcliff—Reba Green, missed one word, Rosa Veal, missed five words, total six, team grade 97; Crockett—Ruby Hall, missed two words, Tom Clark, missed 23 words, total 25,

team grade 87½; Grapeland—Lanier Starns, missed ten words, Dub Haltom, missed 16 words, total 26, team grade 87.

The winners in junior spelling were: Grapeland first, Weldon second and Crockett third. Grapeland—Evelyn Shaver, missed eight words, Helen Haltom, missed 40 words, total 48, team grade 76. Weldon—Lurline Pearson, missed 32 words, Eloise Jordan, missed 28 words, total 60, team grade 70. Crockett—Marie Reavis, missed 32 words, Aline Beasley, missed 36 words, total 68, team grade 66.

The senior spelling resulted as follows: Weldon first, Grapeland second, Porter Springs third. Weldon—Helen McVey, missed 23 words, Bettie Stanfield, missed 33 words, total 56, team grade 72. Grapeland—Zelda Woodall, missed 16 words, Liston Dailey, missed 62 words, total 78, team grade 61. Porter Springs—Leslie Pate, missed 91 words, Canel Vickery, missed 14 words, total 105, team grade 47½.

Cotton Seed for Sale.

Good Mebane planting seed, raised on Trinity river blackland farm. Price \$1.00 per bushel at farm, \$1.25 delivered in Crockett in new 3-bushel bags. 6t. Daniel & Arrington.

An Easy One

1. What is a name with eight letters meaning the best place in East Texas?
2. What is a word with seven letters meaning the best place to buy your edibles?
3. What is a three letter conjunction expressing the general relation of connection or addition, and used to conjoin word with word?
4. What is a word with six letters meaning the place where the best BREAD is made?
5. What is an abbreviation with two letters meaning a bunch of fellows doing their "dirty darndest" to please you?

Any boy or girl solving this "fact" and on presentation of this "ad" at our store will be given a stick of "O-BOY GUM" free.

Millinery Reductions

Beginning at once we are going to close out our early spring millinery at prices unheard of.

**\$5.00 and \$6.00 Hats as Low as \$1.98
\$5.50 to \$7.50 Hats at \$2.95**

Our stock is too large and we are going to give our friends and customers the advantage of reduced prices now, so they will get the summer wear out of them.

Don't miss this Pre-Easter Sale, as the wife and daughters should have a new hat for the occasion.

The Vogue Millinery

AN APPEAL FOR SEMINARY FUNDS

To the Citizens of Crockett:
Mary Allen Seminary is making strenuous efforts to be accredited by the state. The greatest barrier at present is our physical equipment. It is estimated by the state department at Austin that the equipment can be bought for \$3000.

From the beginning when the city of Crockett offered ten acres for the school until now the citizens have manifested their interest in the work of the seminary. We feel quite sure that your interest at the present is no less and that you will help us in our efforts to raise this \$3000.

If Mary Allen Seminary is accredited by the state our attendance will increase one-hundred per cent next year. We lost this year at least forty prospective students because we were not accredited. Aside from what this will mean to my people, I venture to say the accrediting will mean a great deal to the city in a business way at least.

The policy of the present administration has been to spend as far as possible all its money in Crockett. When we were not able to buy in Crockett, we have bought in the state. And only when we had to have, we bought out of the state.

The following figures might prove interesting and also substantiate the statement just made. The figures were made from return checks:

Spent in Crockett since June, \$5,015.63.

Spent in state (not including Crockett), \$2,729.19.

Spent out of the state, \$1,501.68.

This does not include what students bought in the city under teacher supervision nor what the teachers spent. I do not know how much they have spent, but I am quite sure they spent a great deal of their earnings.

Now if having the school accredited will increase the attendance fifty or one-hundred per cent, then instead of doing a \$5,000 business in Crockett we would be in position to do a \$10,000 business, and to that extent contribute to the growth and prosperity of the entire city.

Our specific needs at the present are \$1,000 worth of books from a list submitted by the state department and \$2000 for scientific equipment. Other requirements including the length-

Woman Afraid to Eat Anything

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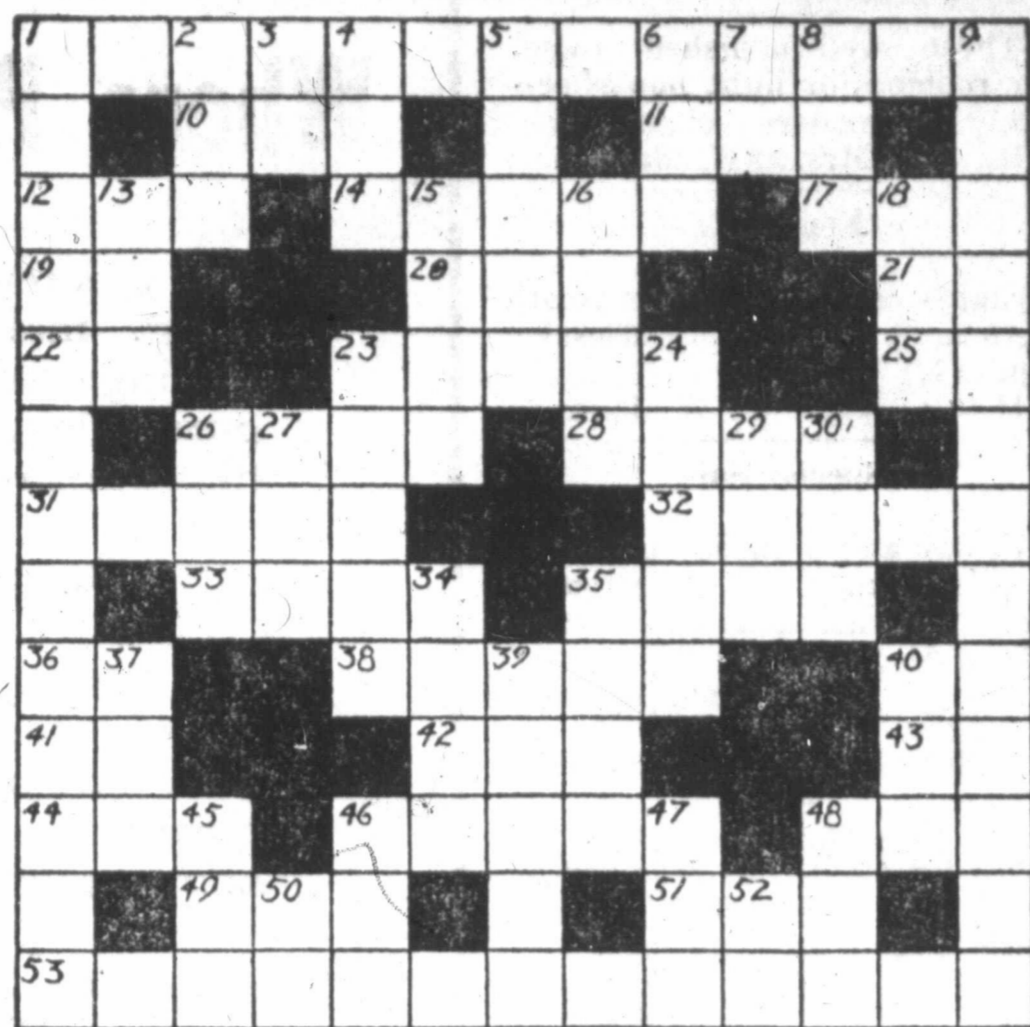


SEALED TIGHT KEPT RIGHT

WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT GUM

THE FLAVOR LASTS

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 10



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- Horizontal.**
- 1—That which goes along with
 - 10—Collection of information
 - 11—Modern
 - 12—Point
 - 14—To ponder
 - 17—Indefinite period of time
 - 19—Over
 - 20—Beverage
 - 21—Near
 - 22—You and I
 - 23—Perfume
 - 24—Musical note
 - 26—Small island
 - 28—Nipple
 - 31—Chastised
 - 32—Hordeum
 - 33—A pace
 - 35—Long cut
 - 36—Parent
 - 38—Old Norse poetry
 - 40—S. 14159
 - 41—For example
 - 42—Anything which obstructs
 - 43—Not out
 - 44—Prefix meaning new
 - 45—Type of willow tree
 - 46—Ovum
 - 48—Central part of wheel
 - 51—Mimic
 - 53—Perpetually

- Vertical.**
- 1—Declarations
 - 2—Vehicle
 - 3—Over
 - 4—Ornamental piece of material
 - 5—Slanting
 - 6—Writing accessory
 - 7—Personal pronoun
 - 8—Female sheep
 - 9—Teasingly
 - 13—Half the square of any type-face
 - 15—Loathe
 - 16—Tidy
 - 18—Changeling
 - 23—Tree
 - 24—Winds
 - 26—Small measurement (abbr. of pl.)
 - 27—Fix
 - 28—Species of cuckoo
 - 30—Explosive
 - 34—Saloons (English slang)
 - 35—Withered
 - 37—Era
 - 38—Unsophisticated
 - 40—Swine
 - 45—Unit of resistance (elec. term)
 - 46—Japanese sash
 - 47—Hastened
 - 50—Above
 - 52—Parents

The solution will appear in next issue.

Solution of Puzzle No. 9.



DALLAS GIRL KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Miss Irene Andrews Dies After Collision North of Decatur.

Decatur, Texas, March 11.—Miss Irene Andrews of Dallas was killed here Wednesday shortly after noon in an automobile accident on the Meridian highway, one and a half miles north of town. The car in which she was riding was driven by A. W. Porter, pastor of a Methodist church in Wichita Falls, traveling north, and ran into a car driven by Dr. Weaver of St. Jo, who was coming south.

The accident occurred at a short turn in the road. The Porter car was turned over, throwing Miss Andrews out of the car. A deep gash was cut on her head. A passing car brought the injured woman to a local sanitarium where she died a few minutes after reaching here. With the Rev. Mr. Porter and Miss Andrews were Miss Zona Bachman of Wichita Falls and Miss Porter and Miss Paschall of Mesquite. The other occupants of the car were not injured.

Miss Andrews was secretary of the Sunday school of the Rev. Mr. Porter's church in Wichita Falls.

Those Darling Bell-Bottoms.

New York, March 21.—Two items of real news: The spring-bottomed pants have gone. Those who still wear them are hopelessly out of style. Anyhow, not many wore them except young boys.

Bobbed hair stays. The hair-dressers, which is short for barber, tried their best to hold the style, but seem not to have had much to do with it. The ladies like the comfort of the bobbed style, even if the upkeep is horrendous. It's fair guessing that the ladies will continue to bob, for a time, anyhow. Of course, if fashion definitely decrees that bobbed hair must go, it will.

ening of our school term have been referred to our board. This \$3,000 we are trying to raise ourselves, and we take this occasion to appeal to citizens of Crockett to help us. We shall appreciate any amount given. Donations may be cash or subscription to be paid within six months.

B. R. Smith, President.

Election Notice.

The City Council in session assembled hereby order an election to be held in the City of Crockett, Texas, on the 7th day of April, A. D. 1925, for the purpose of electing three (3) Aldermen, a City Attorney, a City Marshal and a City Secretary.

Therefore, be it ordained that an election be and the same is hereby ordered to be held in the City of Crockett, Texas, on the 7th day of April, A. D. 1925, for the purpose of electing three (3) Aldermen, a City Attorney, a City Marshal and a City Secretary, and Jno. C. Lacy is hereby appointed as manager of said election.

Passed this the 5th day of March, A. D. 1925.

C. L. Edmiston, Mayor.
C. A. Hassell, Secretary.

Twenty-five years ago John Hertz was a penniless Hungarian immigrant boy. Today, at 47, he is a multimillionaire, father of the Yellow Taxicab, and of about 800 taxicab companies, employing more than 25,000 workers—some of whose forefathers came over on the Mayflower.

ECONOMY CUTS HIT WASHINGTON

Drastic Slash in Government Departments Causes Uneasiness.

Washington, March 14.—Most of the population of the national capitol was on "uneasy street" Saturday night, fearing further slashes in government personnel during the quiet summer season, when President Coolidge's mind will turn back from battles with the senate to his campaign for economy.

Approximately 1130 federal employes have been let out since January 1, following the president's announcement at the budget meeting that all departmental chiefs must "hew to the line."

On the basis of the average federal employe's salary of \$1322 a year, the saving is \$1,493,860. One Washington newspaper points out, however, that the congressional salary increase aggregating \$1,363,000 cuts the actual saving accomplished to only \$130,804 a year.

Civil service records just obtained show that last year's effort of the Coolidge administration to cut down the number and expense of federal employes was unsuccessful. There were 555,615 employed at the end of 1924, as compared with 554,671 at the end of 1923.

But the renewal of the effort this year backed by Coolidge's persistence has many workers guessing. The "ax" has fallen on the navy yard, bonus division, land office, bureau of printing and engraving, and in the government printing office so far this year.

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COMMISSIONERS IN SPECIAL SESSION

The Houston county commissioners' court met in special session March 14 and the following proceedings were had:

The following were appointed as members of the road district No. 12 advisory board: G. T. Lundy, W. W. Lundy, W. B. Collier, Mrs. E. A. Whitehead and G. Kimble.

The resignation of H. W. McCelvey as a member of the Ratcliff road district advisory committee was accepted.

The following were appointed as members of the road district No. 7 advisory board: G. M. Mahoney, E. M. Culley, H. Z. Collier, B. G. Steed and C. L. Steed.

Resolutions were passed by the commissioners' court approving the new road law as drafted and presented to them by the county judge.

The following claims were allowed:

J. H. Smith, pay roll, \$59.00.
R. E. Parker, nails, \$3.80.
H. & G. Beazley, lumber, \$188.27.
N. H. Phillips, drafting road law, \$12.50.
John Spence, fees in lunacy case No. 143, \$5.00.

CRIME AND THE EMPTY CHURCH.

Many thoughts worth pondering occurred in the address of Everett W. Hill, president of Rotary International, before the thirteenth district conference in Galveston Monday. Out of the speaker's seasoned experience came a discourse founded on the commonplace relations of home and community life, but rearing its superstructure into the rarefied atmosphere of world fellowship and peace. It was a speech not alone for Rotarians, but for every man and woman interested in the normal contacts of life.

With one observation the News was particularly impressed. In the course of his discussion of the "boy problem" Mr. Hill refuted the statement so often made that the war was responsible for the post-war prevalence of crime, particularly crimes of violence. It has been popularly supposed that most of the offenders were former service men, brutalized and made unfit for the exacting responsibilities of civil life by their war experience. But it is Mr. Hill's contention that the men now going to fill our prisons are young men—mere boys, some of them not out of their teens. The News believes that authorities familiar with the handling of criminals will bear out the statement. To older people the war may seem a thing of yesterday. But nearly seven years have passed since the armistice. Men now past their majority were boys in short trousers when their older brothers were in uniform. So if the crop of misfits in this younger generation is abnormally

large, the blame can not be traced to ideals distorted in military service.

Does it not seem reasonable that the criminals of today—or an appalling percentage of them—are the direct result of the empty church period? It can not be charged that ministers and lay workers are derelict in their duty. Most of them labor harder, if anything, to make the church felt in the life of the people. But they are fighting against overwhelming odds. The fact remains that a comparative vacation from church attendance is followed by an epidemic of crime committed largely by offenders who are in their teens.

A militant campaign is going forward to get more people into the churches. Reasoning like the foregoing, although it may not link up at every point, assuredly deserves consideration.—Galveston News.

Second Week Petit Jurors.

Petit jurors selected for the second week of district court, beginning March 30, 1925:

J. E. Spence, Grapeland.
A. S. Nelson, Crockett.
Cal Raines, Crockett.
J. M. Sheridan, Augusta.
J. A. Butler, Lovelady.
C. T. Page, Kennard.
J. L. Arledge, Crockett.
S. F. Calhoun, Crockett.
W. L. Standley, Lovelady.
A. C. Newman, Grapeland.
W. J. Patton, Crockett Rt. 8.
W. H. Denny Jr., Crockett.
Harry Denton, Crockett.
B. H. Jones, Lovelady.
D. O. Keissling, Crockett.
J. K. Shields, Crockett.
G. D. Lundy, Creek.
E. M. Smith, Crockett.
C. O. Morrow, Lovelady.
Jim Lofton, Crockett Rt. 8.
J. R. Moore, Augusta.
W. F. Ashley, Augusta.
John D. Sloan, Augusta.
J. H. Hines, Crockett.
J. A. Coon, Creek.
J. C. Crowson, Lovelady.
Richard Satterwhite, Lovelady.

S. V. Hall, Crockett.
Henry Kyle, Grapeland.
J. B. Allen, Lovelady.
Willis Shaver, Grapeland.
W. D. Dickey, Percilla.
J. S. Caskey, Grapeland.
W. T. Buchanan, Weldon.
E. W. Little, Lovelady.
H. A. Vaught, Weches.
C. A. Kellett, Crockett Rt. 8.
Bob Scarborough, Grapeland.
E. P. McCall, Grapeland.
F. A. Smith, Crockett.

In the United States (1923) more than 60,000 girls averaging 17 years of age were reported "missing." Less than 10 per cent of them came from criminal environments—the majority being from the better class of homes. Every year thousands of runaway girls and boys, the majority being girls, are picked up in the streets of New York. If the police did not come to their rescue and save them, they would, in all probability, become the victims of crime.

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SENTIMENTAL TRIUMPH FOR MR. FERGUSON.

By a majority vote of both houses the Texas legislature has said that James E. Ferguson is cleaved forever from the stain of impeachment; that the political rights of which he was deprived in 1917 are restored to him in full. Passage by the house of the senate amnesty bill is hailed as a victorious conclusion of Mr. Ferguson's eight-year fight for vindication.

Amnesty through legislative action was what Mr. Ferguson wanted. He wanted it in the face of the attorney general's opinion that the legislature has no power under the constitution to pardon an impeached official; wanted it in preference to the slower—and perhaps more uncertain—method of a constitutional amendment, about which there could be no doubt. There is something in this attitude to support the theory that Mr. Ferguson craved vindication rather as a matter of sentiment than as an opportunity to run for office. As a lawyer and a man of common sense he knows, of course, that the attorney general's opinion is not entirely without substance, because it is concurred in by other Texas lawyers having some claim to the title of authority on constitutional law. But if Mr. Ferguson does not design to run for office no occasion will be offered for submitting the question to the courts. Possibly the only public office to which Mr. Ferguson aspires is that of senator from Texas, and there is a very grave doubt as to whether the disqualification of impeachment would be effective in that case. The senate is the sole judge of the qualifications of its own members.

Ruminating over the events that led to Tuesday's action in the house, Mr. Ferguson's sentimental satisfaction in the outcome must still lack something of completeness. He is vindicat-

ed, yes; vindicated by the vote of the legislators variously swayed by considerations of personal loyalty, mercy and political expediency. The last named motive, though it be a seal of triumph, strongly dilutes the sentiment of the action itself. It is no reflection to say that some of those who voted for the amnesty bill undoubtedly must have done so because the Fergusons are in power.

What the people of Texas think of James E. Ferguson will be influenced but little by legislative forgiveness or the lack of it. In the average citizen's mind he already stood vindicated or unvindicated, according to the individual viewpoint. We can not see that Mr. Ferguson's status, legal or otherwise, has been greatly changed.—Galveston News.

Obviously They Got a Kick Out of This.

The publishers of the Marion (Ill.) Daily Republican submit the following as eligible for hon-

ors in the contest for the worst typographical error in a wedding story:

"A story which appeared in the Daily Republican a few years ago told of a lawsuit over the ownership of a team of mules. There were some humorous points to the story and it was played up on the front page. The next day another team of mules figured in local affairs for a similar writeup, and the head written was 'Another Mule Story.' Unfortunately, when the head appeared it was over the account of the marriage of two well-known young people, while the mule story was under the caption of 'Popular Young Couple Wed.' The error was not discovered until the entire edition had been printed, but the strange part was that the newlyweds took it good naturedly and it was not necessary for the editor to leave town."

The ignorance of a pretty girl is bliss to the young man who is teaching her to drive an automobile.

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CROCKETT, TEXAS

WOMAN LOSES LIFE IN TRAIN ACCIDENT

Some Crockett citizens motoring to Palestine Sunday afternoon arrived at Elkhart about the time of a frightful accident in which a woman lost her life. While they were not eye-witnesses to the accident, they arrived in time to see the train stopped and the victim picked up from the side of the railroad. They say that a Mrs. George Whitley, a woman about 60 years of age and a widow, was crossing from the east to the west side of the railroad where some crossties are stacked near a section house just south of the Elkhart station. No. 24, the north-bound local passenger train, passing Crockett at 2:35, was approaching the station, a fact which Mrs. Whitley had failed to note. They heard the engine's whistle, the creaking of the brakes, and saw the train brought to a sudden standstill, within two car lengths of where the woman was struck. They saw the crowd gather and the woman put on a stretcher and carried away. Mrs. Whitley had been knocked from the railroad and instantly killed, being almost across the track when struck. The accident was at about 3:30 p. m., an hour after the train passed Crockett. Mrs. Whitley was the widow of a former well known citizen of Elkhart and is said to have been residing with a married daughter who lived west of the railroad, to whose house she was returning from a visit to a neighbor when killed.

Christian Church.

We had 154 in Sunday school last Sunday, thanks to Brother Kennedy and his fine class of 45 who came over and helped us catch up with Grapeland. Grapeland had 130 and so they are still 149 ahead of us.

Following the school period the pastor will preach the first sermon of the meeting Sunday morning on "Ye Are the Salt of

the Earth" (Matt. 5:13), and the subject for that night will be "Christ the Way, the Truth and the Life" (John 14:5, 6).

Sunday will be observed as "Church Day," and we are anxious to get out as nearly every member as possible at the morning service. We have arranged to send cars for all those who are not able to walk and who have no conveyance. If you belong to that class and will phone up Brother Jno. A. Grant, phone 192, we will send for you in time for the Sunday school and will take you back after church. We want you to be with us so we can have one good old-fashion church reunion.

Brother C. K. Hutto, our song leader from S. Carolina, will not arrive until Wednesday of next week. However, we have 100 new copies of very fine evangelistic song books and the choir, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. G. B. Lake, has been making splendid headway learning a number of these soul-stirring songs, and so we will have good music even before our singer arrives. Let us all pray for a good meeting and so do personal work as to help answer our own prayers. We cordially invite all the people of Crockett to attend these services and aid us in the meeting.

Albert T. Fitts, Pastor.

Hundreds Throng Station as Body of Culberson Arrives.

Fort Worth, Texas, March 22.—Hundreds of lifelong friends of former Senator Charles A. Culberson, for 24 years Texas representative in the upper house of congress, who died in the capital city last week, thronged the union station Sunday afternoon when the body was received. It was taken directly to his home, where it will be held until noon Monday, when it will be taken to the First Presbyterian church, where it will lie in state until 2 p. m., when services will be held. The Rev. George W. Truitt of Dallas will officiate.

Tell him that you saw his ad in the Courier.

DISTRICT COURT NOW IN SESSION

District court convened Monday morning with District Judge B. F. Dent and District Attorney W. D. Justice present. After being given the usual charge by Judge Dent the grand jury was empanelled as follows: W. H. Long, foreman; T. F. Dailey, H. C. Marks, W. H. Mangum, W. F. West, R. L. Shivers, T. S. Tunstall, A. J. Morrow, C. B. Keeland, F. M. Posey, L. H. Arnold and M. E. Darsey. Those excused were C. L. Edmiston, John LeGory, W. H. Collins and G. M. Mahoney.

John C. Lacy was appointed door bailiff and Mattie Satterwhite town bailiff. The constables in each of the precincts are the riding bailiffs.

Fourth Week Petit Jurors.

Petit jurors selected for the fourth week of district court, beginning April 13, 1925:

- J. O. Kelley, Crockett.
- Seth Fitchett, Percilla.
- C. C. Smith, Grapeland.
- G. H. Lowe, Crockett.
- J. E. Harrison, Kennard.
- J. E. Bay, Lovelady.
- Ed Parrott, Lovelady.
- L. L. Murray, Crockett.
- T. D. Blakeway, Kennard.
- W. E. Maxey, Weldon.
- G. M. Cunningham, Grapeland.
- G. W. Hayslip, Crockett.
- G. H. Parker, Crockett.
- D. W. Brooks, Grapeland.
- Carl Leediker, Crockett.
- D. E. Holcomb, Augusta.
- Price Brown, Percilla.
- A. N. Haltom, Grapeland.
- M. M. Cook, Crockett.
- R. C. Deaton, Crockett.
- A. F. Thomas, Crockett.
- Ed Bowman, Grapeland.
- R. W. Ainsworth, Crockett.
- Avery Johns, Lovelady.
- B. E. Goodrum, Weldon.
- J. N. Guice, Grapeland.
- Leo Knox, Lovelady.
- L. E. Hart, Lovelady.
- T. J. Hall, Lovelady.
- E. H. Speer, Lovelady.
- J. R. Donner, Crockett.
- J. B. Kelley, Latexo.
- R. A. Shaw, Lovelady.
- W. S. Stephens, Lovelady.
- D. P. Thames, Crockett.
- B. J. Gunter, Crockett.
- C. C. Nelson, Weldon.
- J. S. Arrington, Crockett.
- W. J. Dobson, Lovelady.
- W. H. Seay, Crockett.
- J. E. Driskell, Lovelady.
- J. M. Collins, Lovelady.
- N. H. Coon, Lovelady.
- J. W. Brumley, Percilla.
- Tucker Campbell, Grapeland.
- Frank Leaverton, Crockett.
- J. C. Curry, Kennard.
- C. B. Lively, Percilla.
- G. W. Cupp, Lovelady.
- W. A. Ashmore, Crockett.

OUR ARROGANT WOMEN.

The arrogance of American women toward men exceeds anything the world ever saw, according to an American, at home after ten years in Europe, who is quoted in a New York paper.

American men exceed all others in their politeness to women, according to the returned traveler. The men are more than polite. They're submissive, subordinate, subnormal in their demands, and too yielding to exactions of the arrogant sex. They have "surrendered their strongholds, the barbershops and the smoking room, without a murmur."

Primitive men believe in what Big "Bill" Heywood termed direct action, in the days of his acid attitude toward law and order in America, before he knew Russia. North American Indians made the women do the housework and hoe the corn, tan the hides and make the leather clothing and moccasins. White Americans permit the women to play three-fourths of the mangle, and more than one-half of the bridge and let them get more than half of the mileage out of the family automobile. Until somebody from Europe, a native or an American who has

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been an observer, tells them how the women impose upon them Americans don't seem to be at all aware of it. After being told they forget about it. As suffering is due to state of mind rather than to circumstances, does the matter which the returned traveler discusses so dourly really matter?—Louisville Times.

Licensed to Wed.

Marriage licenses were issued last week at the office of County Clerk W. D. Collins to the following couples:

Phocian Box and Miss Geneva Weisinger.
Ed Taylor and Minnie Woods.
Drew Black and Larcena McCoy.

Mary E. Hamilton, New York's first policewoman, says: "Every community today has its boy and girl problems, every village, town and city is reaching out for a strong, helpful hand to steady it and its precious burden of American youth across the streams of undetermined and changing social standards with currents of crime rising up threateningly."

Let the Courier print your sale bills.

YOUTH KILLED IN FALL UNDER TRUCK

Port Arthur, Texas, March 21.—Perry Broussard, 16, was killed almost instantly when he received a fractured skull about noon Saturday. He was thrown under the rear wheel of a truck belonging to the Stout Lumber Company.

The boy and two others were holding on the truck while riding their bicycles.

The boy was dragged from the truck when a car going in the opposite direction passed.

Crockett boys who persist in this dangerous habit might well take heed to this boy's case. The practice is very dangerous to both the boys and other people who must use the streets.

The great problem is to impress, forcibly, upon the individual—the ignorant, or ignoring, fathers and mothers—the fact that crime prevention must begin in the home; as, astonishing as it may seem, less than 10 percent of delinquent children come from criminal environments.

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STATE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES MUST BE PERFECT MEN

Austin, Texas, March 17.—Loyalty to the State administration and nine hours a day work are demanded by the State highway commission, while cigarettes and booze are denounced, in instructions sent Tuesday to all highway division engineers, maintenance superintendents and county foremen.

"Do not allow your men to waste time while at work rolling cigarettes or smoking them," said the instructions.

"Drinking or keeping intoxicating liquors on any premises under control of the department is absolutely prohibited.

"Loyalty to the department and administration is expected of every employe.

"All employes are expected to perform at least nine hours a day work. If you feel nine hours a day is too much, then please send in your resignation.

"At all times be courteous, kind and polite to the public."

DALLAS TAX RATE SHOULD BE CUT IN HALF.

To the Dallas News.

Your issue of Wednesday contains a dispatch from your Washington bureau which ought to be read carefully by every citizen of Texas. It shows the per capita cost of government of the State of Texas and of the municipal governments of five Texas cities during the year ending April 30, 1923.

The per capita cost for the state was \$9.86. The per capita cost for San Antonio was \$29.68, Beaumont \$36.41, Waco 41.14, Austin \$43.84, Dallas \$49.26, which more than one-half represent of municipal government for Dallas in 1923 was \$8,556,355, of which more than one-half represented general operating expenses and the remainder went for improvements, interest, etc.

These figures may be tedious but they tell a story which the thinking person would do well to heed. This may be summed up in the comparison which shows that the cost of municipal government in Dallas during the year 1918 was \$27.46 per capita; an increase of nearly 100 per cent in seven years.

Fifty years ago the total cost of the Texas State government was less than \$1,000,000 a year. Then life was safe and property interests were secure in Texas. I put the question to the conscience of any intelligent man;

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can that be truly said of the present?

He is dull indeed who does not see danger—deep, threatening danger in the pace which we are traveling. Business may endure any stress in propitious times, but business could not endure in hard times the tax burden which now obtains in every Texas city.

We may race along and shut our eyes to these conditions, but the time is coming when somebody will have to deal with them. If the present generation shall postpone that day until the newer generation, trained in nothing but expenditure, shall take the reins, what will happen when the day of payment comes? And it always comes.

I am not an alarmist and I am not a pessimist. I believe in Texas and I believe in Dallas. I also believe that the future generation should have a fighting chance and, so believing, I affirm that the tax rate, both for the state and for Dallas, should be cut in half; that every politician, every organization, every agency and every influence which stands in the way should be brushed aside with a stuffed club, if necessary, to cut that tax rate in half.

E. G. Senter.
408 Andrews Bldg., Dallas.

THE CROSSING LAW.

President W. R. Scott of the Southern Pacific Lines thinks that a great saving in life can be effected through the operation of a law such as the Holbrook and Ward measure which passed the State senate Thursday.

The measure provides that every motorist shall bring his vehicle to a full stop 20 feet from a grade crossing, whether a train is in sight or not.

According to Mr. Scott, the law has worked well in other states, resulting in a marked decrease in the number of grade crossing accidents.

It will be many years before the railroads can eliminate grade crossings, Mr. Scott pointed out. The Southern Pacific Lines have done away with many grade crossings in recent years, but for every one abolished, several new ones have been made.

Much of the Southern Pacific's roadbed in Texas is through partially developed territory. As the communities of the west settle up, new roads and crossings are needed.

Mr. Scott pointed out that there are no protective measures that will insure absolute safety at railroads.

"We have in our files records showing that motorists have run over watchmen and then crashed into moving trains, run past lowered safety devices, smashed into the middle of long strings of freight cars and even struck signalmen's shacks at the side of the road," he stated.

Mr. Scott says that in his belief most people will obey the law cheerfully, once it is enacted, while a few fines will reduce the number of violations.

If only half the motorists heed the legal injunction to stop at crossings, it will effect a saving of many lives, it was asserted.—Houston Post-Dispatch.

Missing.

Another thing we'd like to know is what has become of the old-fashioned citizen who used to obey the laws?—Dallas Times-Herald.

There are so many more laws than there use to be that he is afraid to come out of doors for fear he will break a few of them.—Houston Post-Dispatch.

According to the 1923 report of the National Probation Association, approximately 200,000 children under 18 years of age passed through the courts of the United States during the year. This means that 200,000 children have incurred the liability of a court record which will reflect upon their credit as citizens throughout their lives.

BIDS ADVERTISED FOR ELKHART AND NECHES HIGHWAY

The county commissioners' court, in session Monday, ordered bids advertised for on the Neches and Elkhart highways, both to be concrete roads, and part of the state highway system. The bids are to be on the construction of earth work and grading, and will be opened April 14th. The contract for the concrete work will be let later under separate bids. This is done in order to give the dirt work plenty of time to settle. The Neches road, a concrete highway, will be 10.75 miles long, and the Elkhart road 9.75. This leaves the west road yet to be advertised.—Elkhart Record.

A NOVEL PROPOSAL.

The proposal of William Langhorn Jr., of LaGrange, to accept a life sentence in the penitentiary and pay an agreed judgment, giving \$20,000 to the parents and the sister of the girl he slew, if the State would withdraw its request for a death sentence, is rather a novel one in Texas.

But too big dangers are involved.

In the first place, such a practice would offer an inducement for wealthy men to defeat justice by buying their way to liberty or to a less severe punish-

ment than they would ordinarily receive.

In the next place, there is no assurance that Langhorn would be compelled to serve a life sentence or anything approaching it. He might be pardoned within two years or he might escape.

The wealthy or the influential man should get the same treatment in the courts as the poor man. He should have the same safeguards, but he should enjoy no "edge" over his less prosperous neighbors. He most emphatically should not be allowed to use his money to escape the just punishment of a crime, whether that punishment was a mild one or the most rigorous that the law permits.—Houston Post-Dispatch.

The report of the Washington county grand Jury, declaring that "We find in our investigations a very lax regard amongst the citizenship of this county for the sanctity of an oath and that the crime of perjury is widespread," does not necessarily indicate that a peculiar situation exists around Brenham. All over the land there is a growing tendency to disregard the precepts of personal honor and integrity. Too many persons are unwilling to acknowledge any law except their own desire and lack the courage to tell the truth when they think truthfulness might subject them to embarrassment.

No one is ever right all of the time, but few will admit they aren't.

The Proud Father.

Modern education was being discussed, Jimson saying it was of little value, while Johnson protested it was a good thing.

"Now here's my son, Jack," said the latter. "Only 8, but ask him any question, and he'll answer it."

"Well, Jack," murmured Jimson, "how many are seven and four?"

"Twelve," came the prompt reply.

"There you are," said the proud father, "only missed it by one."

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Special Sunday dinner at the Mecca Cafe. 1t.

Jack Linder has returned from Texas university.

Foy Lewis was a visitor in Houston this week.

H. F. Craddock Jr. has returned from a trip to Dallas.

W. G. Cartwright has returned from a business trip to Dallas.

Mrs. Homer West is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. R. LeMay, in Athens.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Buller have announced the arrival of a young daughter.

Regular dinner, 35c; dessert, 10c; drink, 5c; every day at the Mecca Cafe. 1t.

Five gallons coal oil for 60 cents Saturday at Sims-English Grocery Co. 1t.

Mrs. E. B. Stokes and daughter, C. C., were visitors at Palestine Monday.

Miss Mary Belcher of Palestine was a Crockett visitor Sunday afternoon.

Moore and Shivers have a limited quantity of the pure Kasch cotton seed. 1t.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Deaton attended the funeral of a relative at Groveton Friday.

There are no better cultivators than Rock Island and Kelley. R. L. Shivers sells them. 1t.

65c and 75c Satinellas on sale Friday and Saturday at 59c yard. 1t. D. C. Kennedy & Co.

Remember the special sale of groceries at J. W. Bennett's closes Saturday night. 1t.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Purcell and son and W. M. Campbell were visitors at Nacogdoches Thursday.

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Tornado, Automobile, Parcel Post, Health and Accident and Life

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WILL APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS

COLLIN A. LOCKFIELD
PHONE 216

Another car of that good Virginia-Carolina fertilizer expected this week at R. L. Shivers'. 1t.

Mrs. C. H. Milburn of Strawn is the guest of her mother, Mrs. H. J. Arledge, and family.

Swift's Red Steer fertilizer will produce the desired results. Buy it at Arnold Brothers'. 1t.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leaverton and Miss Frances Leaverton were visitors at Alto Sunday.

Bring us your eggs. We pay you the top price. 1t. Sims-English Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bennett and children of Kerens visited relatives in Crockett from Friday until Sunday.

J. L. Sherman of Houston, visiting friends and relatives in and near Crockett, returned home Tuesday afternoon.

Some of the best farmers in Houston county are using Swift's fertilizers. Arnold Brothers sell and recommend it. 1t.

The friends of Miss Ollie Parker will be glad to know that she is fast recovering from her recent appendicitis operation.

Make more cotton on fewer acres and with less labor by using Swift's Red Steer fertilizer. 1t. Arnold Brothers.

The Case cultivator has few equals and no superiors. Try one and be convinced. 1t. Moore & Shivers.

Ladies, give us your next month's grocery trade. We will appreciate it. 1t. Sims-English Grocery Co.

Fast Amoskeag Blue Chambray Shirts, full sizes, double pockets, at 69c. 1t. D. C. Kennedy & Co.

Wanted—Agents to sell Heinrich products in Houston county. For further information write H. L. Walker, Mt. Selman, Texas. 3t.

1000 yards of beautiful, new patterns in printed and plain voils, on sale Friday and Saturday at 49 cents. 1t. Thompson's.

36-inch fast color and pre-shrunk Dress Linen (all the popular shades) worth \$1.00, balance of this week at 89c. 1t. D. C. Kennedy & Co.

Twelve new spring coats which formerly sold up to \$19.50 and \$25.00, to close out at a special price Friday and Saturday at \$12.50. Thompson's. 1t.

Mrs. Haynie Poe underwent an operation for appendicitis last Wednesday at the office of Dr. W. W. Latham. She is reported to be rapidly recovering.

For Sale.

Resident lots from one hundred and fifty dollars up, small cash payment, balance monthly or annually, C. W. Jones, the Real Estate Man. 1t.

A beautiful assortment of voiles and dotted swisses (40-inch width) worth 65c and 75c, on sale balance of week at 49c per yard. 1t. D. C. Kennedy & Co.

Piano Bargain.

Attractive upright piano for sale at a bargain. Will sell on small monthly payments. 1t.* Mrs. W. B. Wall.

Another assortment of young men's bell bottom trousers, worth \$7.00 to \$8.00, came in Monday. We are going to make another "quick turnover" at \$5.95 per pair. 1t. D. C. Kennedy & Co.

Masons at Galveston.

W. W. Cowherd and B. M. Chamberlain, members, and Smith Murchison, T. J. Waller, Mack McConnell, Lanier Edmiston and Arch Baker, candidates, are attending the Scottish Rite reunion at Galveston.

Singing Convention of Trinity County

Will be held at Pennington all day Sunday, April 12. Singers from Jacksonville, Houston and Angelina counties will be present. All invited to come and bring basket lunch. 2t. Wesley Lee, Pres., Groveton, Texas.

With Grateful Hearts.

For their attitude of tender sympathy and for their helpful services in countless ways in our bereavement, we shall ever feel grateful, not only to our personal friends, but to the entire community. Nothing could be more beautiful than the spirit in which the people of Crockett united to soften our sorrow and to reconcile us to our loss. Words fail to express our appreciation. 1t. Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Adair.

Baptist Church.

Voluntary 323. Doxology. Invocation. Hymn 6. Responsive reading. Lord's Prayer. Gloria. Hymn 201. Announcements. Offering. Solo, selected—Miss Johnson. Sermon—"A Friend to Men." Invitation 50. Mrs. Johnson Arledge, director of music. Mrs. D. O. Keissling, organist.

Chas. A. Hassell for Re-Election.

Mr. Chas. A. Hassell announces in the Courier this week as a candidate for re-election to the office of city secretary, subject to the election to be held Tuesday, April 7. Mr. Hassell is the present city secretary and is filling the office to the satisfaction of all concerned, so far as the Courier knows. He is conscientious in the performance of his duties, and is always polite and accommodating. He will appreciate the active support of his friends in the coming city election, and the Courier commends his candidacy to your consideration.

Only One Error.

Lovelady, Texas, March 24, 1925. Crockett Courier: You made only one mistake in the report of the county meet. In track Arbor Grove defeated Lone Pine by one point—78 and 79. You got Arbor Grove's junior points instead of Lone Pine's senior track points. Very truly yours, Jno. A. Long.

A scientist says the earth has a core of iron surrounded by silicate rock. And those who own the earth show no disposition to let the rest of us have the core.

250 New Dresses

RECEIVED BY US THIS WEEK

These are from the manufacturer's second showing of spring models. Some are samples and offer you a great saving. The sizes run from 14 to 46 and are priced from

\$3.95
—TO—
\$29.50

Crockett Dry Goods Co.

Asa H. Bynum for City Secretary.

Mr. Asa H. Bynum announces in the Courier this week as a candidate for the office of city secretary, subject to the city election to be held Tuesday, April 7. Mr. Bynum needs no introduction at the hands of the Courier. He has spent his life in Crockett and among Crockett people, and they all know him. He will appreciate the active support of his friends, and they know of his qualifications and integrity, which are only the very best. The Courier commends his candidacy to your most careful consideration.

Parent-Teachers' Association.

The Parent-Teachers' Association, who hold their regular monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of each month, met at the school auditorium on the first Wednesday of this month with a very large attendance.

A pretty and enjoyable program was rendered by Mrs. Archibald's French pupils. The recitations and songs were all in French, accompanied by Miss Powell on the piano. It was a very delightful program, fully enjoyed by all present. Mrs. E. McLemore gave a very

interesting reading on "Why Children Must Play," which was inspiring and beneficial.

The meeting opened with "The Lord's Prayer," after which our regular business and matters of importance were discussed. The county meet was also discussed in every detail, and committees appointed to look after those entered in the meet and to see that every one was taken care of.

We are glad to report that our play-ground apparatus has been received, and we hope to have the school ground equipped in a very short time.

Our next regular meeting will be held on the first Wednesday of April. Everybody welcome. Mrs. N. L. Asher, Reporter.

For Sale.

Due to the fact that the Texas Power and Light Co. has recently entered our city, we are offering for sale our Western Electric Light plant (in use about one year). Sixteen large storage batteries go with this plant.

If interested write, phone or, better still, come and see this plant for yourself. 1t. Ryan's Drug Store, Grapeland, Texas.

The Better Sort of Men's Clothes

That is what you get when you come here for your new spring outfit. Carefully tailored from the choicest of the season's woolens, these suits represent the utmost in dollar for dollar clothing value possible to secure.

Styles That are Appealing—Fabrics That are Likable—Workmanship That is Enduring.

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Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Courier will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the management.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Courier is authorized to make the following announcements for city office, subject to the action of the city election to be held in April:

- For City Marshal
WILL REED
- For City Secretary
ASA H. BYNUM
CHAS A. HASSELL

"Let every American, every lover of liberty, every well-wisher to his posterity, swear by the blood of the Revolution never to violate in the least particular the laws of his country, and never to tolerate their violation by others. As the patriots of '76 did to the support of the Declaration of Independence, so to the support of the Constitution and laws let every American pledge his life, his property and his sacred honor. Let every man remember that to violate the law is to trample on the blood of his fathers, and to tear the charter of his own and his children's liberty. Let reverence for the laws be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe that prattles on her lap; let it be taught in schools, seminaries, and in colleges; let it be written in primers, spelling books, and almanacs; let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in the legislative halls, and enforced in courts of justice. In short, let it become the political religion of the Nation."—Abraham Lincoln.

PROBLEMS OF THE RICH.

Rich parents are faced with problems of child rearing that he less favored of fortune know nothing about.

It was brought out recently that John D. Rockefeller Jr. believes children of wealthy parents should be taught frugality and thrift by having their per-

sonal incomes strictly limited. His own children were thus brought up. They were started at 30 cents a week and didn't get any more until they had learned to save a definite portion of that. Even in their later teens they were held to allowances that the children of a traveling salesman would probably scorn. Miss Abby, who is about to marry a poor young man, it is said, had to buy her own clothes out of her scanty allowance and can't even afford to own her own motor car.

A. E. Lefcourt, who was a bootblack thirty years ago, and is now a millionaire real estate operator and builder in New York, evidently has other ideas. He has just given his son, aged 12, the deed to a property worth \$10,000,000. He explained in making the gift public that he wants to inculcate in his son "a sense of thrift and responsibility."

Each father could undoubtedly advance good argument in favor of the method he pursues. They represent the extremes. Fortunately most parents are not faced with having so wide a range to choose from.—Omaha World-Herald.

Third Week Petit Jurors.

Petit jurors selected for the third week of district court, beginning April 6, 1925:

- J. D. Taylor, Lovelady.
- F. E. Marler, Lovelady.
- R. O. Hooks, Crockett.
- Bert Lively, Augusta.
- J. L. Allbright, Lovelady.
- W. M. Gregg, Augusta.
- F. P. Knox Jr., Creek.
- W. R. Oaks, Lovelady.
- J. M. Shields, Crockett.
- John Penick, Augusta.
- H. F. Burton, Lovelady.
- H. J. Phillips, Crockett.
- W. F. Adams, Lovelady.
- W. W. Finch, Grapeland.
- L. C. Henderson, Percilla.
- W. N. Anderson, Weches.
- E. B. Sutton, Augusta.
- T. R. Deupree, Crockett.
- J. A. Ferguson, Crockett.
- R. H. Atkinson, Lovelady.
- C. H. Millwee, Kennard.
- J. T. Smith, Grapeland.
- W. F. Melton, Kennard.
- M. L. Clewis, Grapeland.
- C. E. Brooks, Grapeland.
- W. A. Lockey, Crockett.
- C. M. McCarty, Grapeland.
- M. E. Gimon, Lovelady.
- D. C. McCarter, Crockett.
- Sam Sanders, Lovelady.
- W. A. Manning, Crockett.
- T. J. Duren, Crockett.
- J. H. Harrison, Weches.
- J. R. Pennington, Grapeland.
- C. A. Moore, Augusta.
- Floyd Lewis, Lovelady.
- H. L. Whitehead, Lovelady.
- George Holcomb, Augusta.
- Tom Kent Jr., Grapeland.
- H. B. Cruse, Crockett.

The man who says all women are frivolous and shallow is mistaken. He has merely been associating with that kind.

FREE!

Special Offer for Saturday, Mar. 28

WITH EACH PURCHASE OF ONE 35-CENT TUMBLER OF

Rooster or DeVoe Snuff

YOU GET A TUMBLER FREE

This Applies On Each Sale of From One Up to Six FOR INSTANCE:

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- If you buy two, you get four
- If you buy three, you get six
- If you buy four, you get eight
- If you buy five, you get ten
- If you buy six, you get twelve

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| G. H. Parker | W. N. Blair |
| Billy Lewis | L. H. Morrow |
| Jas. S. Shivers | Arnold Brothers |
| R. L. Shivers | Caprielian Brothers |
| J. M. McGee | Douglas & Thames |
| Sims-English Grocery Company | |

Don't Miss This!

CHIROPRACTORS

We wish to announce that we are located in this city and are now ready to take care of your health problems. Those who have or wish to investigate Chiropractic can call on us. We make all examinations without charges. If you have given up or wish to look further call in and let us go over your case with you. What has been done for others can be done for you.

ROBINSON & ROBINSON

Mem. U. C. A. Palmer Method
One Block North and One Block East of
New Auditorium, Ave. B, 156

MAN ARRESTED HAS PARDON OF FEB. 5

Alleged to Have Forged a Check to Purchase Marriage License.

Austin, Texas, March 23.—Pardoned Feb. 5, arrested March 21 on charges of forgery and theft of an automobile, is the record of W. M. Hackett, being held in the city jail here pending arrival of officers from Houston, where the crimes are alleged to have been committed.

Hackett was sentenced to eleven years in the penitentiary from the Travis county courts in 1920 on a charge of forgery, the pardon he carried in his pocket shows.

He was pardoned on Feb. 5 and went to Houston. There he is alleged to have passed several forged checks, including one for a marriage license. After his marriage he is said to have rented a car for two hours with another forged check and to have brought his bride to Austin.

Here the wife found that he did not intend to return the car and abandoned him, returning to Houston.

Improvements Noted.

G. W. Tubb, whose address is Silver, Coke county, was a pleasant visitor at the Courier office Monday. Mr. Tubb was paying his first visit to Crockett since 1889. He lived for a number of years near Guy's Store in Leon county, and at that time cotton was hauled to

Crockett in wagons. Mr. Tubb was much impressed with the growth and improvement of the town and county in the time that he has been away. "It doesn't look like the same town," he said.

In olden times seasickness caused a woman to become pale, but seasickness has no effect on the modern complexion.

Cotton Seed for Sale

We have a few more bushels of Oklahoma Cotton Seed for planting. This cotton yielded as high as 1800 pounds Seed Cotton to the acre. All select seed, improved Half and Half variety. Price, \$1.50 per bushel.

If you are interested in more cotton to the acre, see me before these seed are all taken.

W. E. Hazlett
Located Near Walter Bennett's Store.