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Local News Reported From Antrim Country

Crops are not looking so very well now, something is causing the cotton to throw off the bolls and blooms so there wont be as good a cotton crop as was expected. Several around here have begun picking cotton; guess they will have lots of money to spend as it seems to be a splendid price.

Peas are not making like they should this year. Lots of people are going to be disappointed in their pea crop.

Rev. W. R. Durnell, assisted by Rev. J. W. Brewer, held a good meeting at this place. There were seven additions to the church as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dickerson, Mrs. M. E. Williams, Misses Nora and Marie Williams, Clara Taylor and Mr. Walter Blackwell. The last named four will be baptized next Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Skeens and family visited Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Martin Sunday.

Sunday School was well attended Sunday. Come again next Sunday and bring somebody with you.

Rev. W. R. Durnell has returned home after holding a series of meetings at different places.

Miss Eula McCutchen has finished her music school here and returned to her home near San Angelo.

Jim Hogg Edens has been visiting in Grapeland the past week. He was also out with the other Corn Club Boys at Myrtle Lake Thursday and Friday.

Miss Mamie Durnell spent last week with friends at Slocum and Fields Chapel.

Prof. Ruel McDaniel visited at Antrim last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Martin and children visited Mr. Martins mother, Mrs. S. J. Martin, last week.

Misses Mae Martin and Eula Durnell visited at Slocum last week.

Hiawatha.

WILL ORGANIZE BOY SCOUTS

Boys 12 years old and over desiring to join the Boy Scout Club will leave their name with me some time this week in order that we may send in to national headquarters for a commission to work under its auspices.

Every boy between the ages of 12 and 18 years is urged to take part in this work, and with the proper cooperation from the parents and citizens of the community we should have a good, active company. A fee of 25c per scout is required from clubs of 12 or more and a minimum fee of \$3 per company for an organization under 12. The aim of the boy scout movement is to teach the boys to be prepared. The movement is non-sectarian, yet in the scout oath the boy declares his obedience to God; it is non-military, yet it inculcates in a boy such high military principles as honor, loyalty, patriotism, etc. After a roll of members has been secured and the organization is completed active scout work will begin. If you want to join give me your name this week. Murdoch Darsey.

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W. D. Granberry,
President.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dailey and children, and Mrs. C. B. Dailey and son, Smith, left Wednesday morning in their car for Alpine to visit relatives.

W. E. Kerr is visiting the wholesale markets in St. Louis this week buying goods for Kennedy Bros.

WILL GO TO MARKET

I will leave for the St. Louis wholesale market the latter part of this week and spend a few days there inspecting the new things for fall. Should any of my friends desire a special selection of any article I shall be glad to personally make this selection from the many lines that will be shown there. If there is any way that I can serve you let me know. Respectfully,
Murdoch Darsey.

Balis Dailey and Miss Bula Poole were married last Saturday at the home of the bride in Groveton. Mr. Dailey is a prominent young man of the Daly's community, and his bride is a young lady of exceptional charm and beauty. She was a student in the normal here two years ago and later taught school at Daly's. The many friends of both these splendid young people will join the Messenger in best wishes.

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PROFITABLE DISPOSITION OF ALL SURPLUS FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Every Ounce of Food That Can Possibly Be Produced This Year Will Be Needed—Housewives Can Avoid Much Waste by Canning.

FIRST MAKE ALL NECESSARY PREPARATIONS

"One Hour From the Field to the Can," Is Motto Every Canner Should Have in Mind—Unless Fresh, Crisp and Clean Produce Is Used, High-Grade Article Is Impossible—Equipment Necessary.

(PREPARED BY UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.)

CAN SURPLUS FOOD, BUT USE JARS AND CANS WISELY

Don't have an empty preserving jar in your home next fall. Reserve regular tight-sealing containers for canning foods. Concentrate products so that each jar or can will hold as much food and as little water as possible. Put up jams, jellies and preserves in wide-necked glasses sealed with cork or paper and paraffin. Don't can anything that can be kept just as well dried or in other forms. Dry navy and mature lima beans for winter use. Produce in your garden lots of cabbage, potatoes, and root crops that can be kept for winter without canning.—U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The waste of surplus fruits and vegetables in this country each year is large. It would be deplorable if this normal waste were allowed to go on this year when every ounce of food that can be produced is needed. The waste can be avoided in large part if housewives will can as large a part of the surplus perishables as possible. The first step is to see that all the necessary preparations are made before the vegetables or fruit are picked. "One hour from the field to the can" is a motto that every canner should have in mind. This is impossible if one has to prepare utensils and wash and scald cans after the fruits and vegetables have been brought into the house. The condition of these is a prime factor in determining the quality of the finished product. Unless they are absolutely fresh, crisp, and clean when they are put into the cans, a high-grade article is impossible.

When canning in small quantities, it is not necessary to purchase special equipment, although inexpensive portable equipment for use in or out of doors may be purchased. If considerable canning is done, such outfits will prove convenient and save labor. Especially is this true when a comfortable out-of-door place can be selected for the work.

The method of packing fruits and vegetables into containers and sterilizing the product after it is packed has superseded to a very large extent the old plan of cooking the food in an open kettle, transferring it hot to the jar, and sealing without any further sterilization. Since this is true, the first consideration is a sterilizing vessel. This is sometimes called a processor. Cooking the food in the jar to sterilize it is known as processing. This cooker must be large enough to hold a convenient number of packed jars and must be fitted with a false bottom and a tight cover. A wash boiler, bucket, or galvanized tub can be used for a processor. It may be used on the kitchen stove or placed on a furnace built out of doors. One important factor is to be able to bring the water in this cooker quickly to the boiling point and maintain this temperature steadily. The false bottom is a rack which keeps the jars from coming

in contact with the metal which is next to the frame. This prevents breakage. Racks made of strips of woods are probably the best. Sometimes wire netting, or perforated galvanized trays, are used. If the latter material is used, it should be raised about 1 inch or 2 inches above the bottom of the vessel.

Three types of canning outfits can be purchased. These are the hot-water, water-seal, and steam-pressure outfits. The first is merely a convenient form of the outfit described above. The other two make use of pressure and therefore accomplish the necessary sterilization in a shorter time than when the hot-water outfit is used.

Canning in Glass.

In canning in glass, select jars which are appropriate for the fruit or vegetable to be packed, considering the size of the container from the standpoint of the quantity desired when opened, the size of the fruit or pieces of fruit to be packed and the ease of sterilization.



Packing Blanched and Cold-Dipped Product into Jars.

Sterilizing Jars.—Wash these jars and place them, side down, in a vessel and cover with cold water. Bring this water slowly to the boiling point and allow to boil for 15 minutes to sterilize jars.

Sorting and Grading.—While the jars are being sterilized, sort and grade the fruit or vegetables according to size and degree of maturity. Discard all fruit that is overripe, underripe, or unsound. Vegetables which are in choice condition for the table—that is, young, tender and fresh—are suitable also for canning. Those which have become stale are more difficult to sterilize and the loss of flavor and deterioration in texture resulting from staleness make them unsuitable for canning.

Following the sorting and grading, thorough washing is necessary before proceeding to paring, coring or slicing. Some fruits and vegetables require scalding in order to remove peeling.

Blanching.—Blanching consists of plunging the vegetable or fruit into boiling water for a short time. Use a wire basket or cheesecloth square for this. The blanch gives a more thorough cleansing, improves the texture, and insures a clearer liquor. It also shrinks the fruit or vegetable and makes it more flexible. A full pack is then made more easily. The time required for blanching varies with the state of maturity. After blanching the fruit or vegetable is placed for an instant into cold water to make more crisp and to aid further in shrinking.

Packing.—After selecting fruit or vegetable for uniformity in size and quality, it should be arranged with reference to symmetry and the best use of the space within the jar. In placing the fruit or vegetable in a jar a thin, flexible paddle, made out of cane or other suitable wood, is useful.

When the jar has been packed as full as possible without crushing the pieces, the sirup, brine or seasoning is added. The paddle is also used to take out bubbles of air after the liquor has been added to the pack.

Adjusting the Rubber and Cap.—Immediately before using, cleanse the rubber by dropping, for a minute, into a soda bath (one teaspoonful soda to one quart boiling water). Flatten the rubber in its groove, without the presence of any seed or particle of the fruit, before placing the cap. When a glass-top jar with wire clamp is used, place the lid on evenly and raise both clamps up, the upper one fastened to hold the lid in place. With a hermetic jar, fasten the cap on the jar evenly with the clamp. This type of jar is self-sealing as it cools.

Processing.—Place the jars in a water bath on a rack (a wooden rack is good) to avoid breaking. Have the water the same temperature as the contents, letting it come to within two inches of the tops of the jars. Have a tight cover for the vessel to keep the steam around the tops of the jars which are above water. Do not count time until the water begins to boil; keep it boiling steadily for the time required. Seal the jars air-tight promptly at end of processing, and remove them from the bath, being careful not to allow a cold draft to strike them. In intermittent processing, raise the clamps of the jars at the beginning of each processing to allow for expansion. Seal at close of each processing. The hermetic jar cannot be used for intermittent processing.

Storing.—Before storing, allow jars to stand for 12 hours or more. Then examine the seal. With a lightning seal or hermetic closure, take off the clamp and test the lid to see if it is tight. With a screw-top jar, simply invert the jar to see if there is any leak. Store all products in a cool, dry, dark place.

Canning in Tin.

Before undertaking canning in tin, special equipment, including capping steel, tipping copper, firepot for heating tools, cans with solder-hemmed caps, flux, sal ammoniac and wire solder must be secured. Follow all instructions for canning in glass up to



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the point where packing is done. See time table for blanching period and for processing period for containers of different sizes. Note, also, the vegetables and fruits which require enamelled or inside-lacquered cans.

Packing.—The federal laws require the cans packed for sale to be filled as full of food as is practicable for processing and to contain only enough liquor to fill the spaces and cover the contents. Weigh a sufficient number of cans before and after filling to obtain an accurate idea of average net weight. On account of expansion in processing, corn can be packed less full than other vegetables. These instructions do not cover the canning of corn for market. Mark the cans with a pencil or knife to show contents.

After the fruit or vegetable is in the can, brine, sirup or water should be added to within one-fourth of an inch of the top and the can shaken gently to displace all air within it. The groove around the opening is then cleaned and wiped and the cap slipped on. In order to make sure that the contents of the can have the required weight, the container should be weighed carefully before sealing.

If the weight is satisfactory, flux should be applied carefully around the groove with a small brush or cord, or a little mop made by tying a piece of clean white cloth around the end of a small stick. Great care must be taken to see that none of the flux enters the can. The clean, hot capping steel is then applied, the cap being held in place with the center rod. As the steel is lowered it should be turned steadily until the solder flows. Hold the rod firmly and lift the steel with a sudden twist to swing the melted solder evenly around the groove.

Exhausting and Sterilizing.

The next step is to exhaust the air from the cans. To do this, they should be placed in trays and lowered into boiling water to within one inch of the top. Ordinarily three minutes is long enough for the cans to remain in the water, which need not be brought again to the boiling point before the cans are taken out. A temperature of 180 degrees F. is frequently sufficient for exhausting. Failure to exhaust

results in the air which is left in the can expanding. This causes the can to bulge and gives the appearance of a "swell," which will not only prevent the sale of that can, but prejudices customers in future. The leaders in the government canning work insist that wherever the "4-H Brand" label is used, exhausting should be done.

After exhausting, the small hole in the top of the can must be closed immediately. To do this, apply flux as for capping and use a little wire solder to close the hole. Hold the solder with the left hand near the hole and barely touch the hot copper to it, so that only a bead will drop.

It now remains to sterilize the contents of the sealed cans. For beans, corn, peas and asparagus, intermittent processing is recommended. Under this method sterilization is carried on for one hour for three successive days. The cans are lowered slowly under water that is boiling vigorously at the time. Naturally it ceases to boil as soon as the cans are immersed, but will begin to boil again a short time later. The time of processing is counted from the moment when the water begins to boil again, and it must be kept boiling constantly throughout the entire hour. In the case of very young string beans and some other easily sterilized vegetables, the processing is reduced to one hour for two successive days.

As soon as the processing is over, the cans should be cooled as rapidly as possible in order to stop cooking, which breaks down the fruit and injures the flavor and color. It is well to plunge the cans into very cold water. They should never be stacked close together until they are entirely cold.

The labeling should be done with a rather dry paste, which is put only on the end of the label, so that it does not touch the tin. Paste may cause rust, and in damp climates it is sometimes customary to lacquer the outside of the can before it is labeled. The label, if the product is intended for sale, must contain the net weight in

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Sealing a Packed and Sterilized Glass Jar.

pounds and ounces and the packer's name and address.

In packing fruits and vegetables, it is actually necessary to surround them with brine, sirup or water, but under the terms of the federal law governing the interstate shipment of canned goods, no more of this liquor is allowed than is actually necessary to cover the contents after as full a pack as possible is made. With tomatoes no water whatever should be added and no tomato juice should be added in excess of the amount in the tomatoes canned.

Add Sugar and Salt.

In addition to the liquor, a mixture of sugar and salt adds greatly to the flavor of such products as tomatoes, peas, Lima beans and corn. The mixture recommended by the government specialists in canning is composed of one-third salt and two-thirds sugar. Two level teaspoonfuls of this are

placed in a No. 3 can and one teaspoonful in a No. 2 can. For beans, okra, cauliflower, etc., a brine containing 2 1/2 ounces of salt to a gallon of water is used. For asparagus a heavier brine, four ounces to a gallon of water, is needed.

In order to conserve the supply of tin cans, it is strongly urged that all products intended for home use should be put up, whenever possible, in glass. The hermetic type of jar, however, is not a suitable one for intermittent processing, for which the best type is a glass-top jar with wire clamps. The clamps should be raised at the beginning of each processing to allow for expansion.

The following tables show the length of time, the character of the liquor, and other facts in regard to the canning of vegetables and fruits by this hot-water process:

CANNING VEGETABLES (HOT WATER PROCESS).

Do Not Attempt to Use This Table Without Reading All Directions Carefully.

Vegetables.	Blanch, minutes.	Liquor.	In Tin. No. of cans. Exhaust, minutes.	Process.
Asparagus.....	3 to 4.....	Brine (heavy).....	3	Intermittent or 2 hours.
String beans.....	3 to 8.....	Brine.....	2	Intermittent.
String beans.....	3 to 8.....	Brine.....	3	Intermittent.
Lima beans.....	2 to 5.....	Salt, sugar, water.....	3	Intermittent.
Beets.....	Cook 3/4 done, peel.....	Brine.....	2	3 1/2 hours.
Carrots.....	Cook 3/4 done, scrape.....	Brine.....	2	3 1/2 hours.
Corn.....	1 to 3 (blanch on cob).....	Salt, sugar, water.....	2	10 Intermittent.
Okra.....	10 to 15.....	Brine.....	2	3 Intermittent.
Peas (very young).....	1 to 3.....	Salt, sugar, water.....	2	3 45 minutes first day 35 minutes second and third days.
Peas, medium.....	3 to 8.....	Salt, sugar, water.....	2	3 Intermittent.
Potato, sweet.....	Cook 3/4 done, peel.....	Pack dry.....	3	15 3 hours.
Rhubarb.....	Cold water.....	.....	2	2 15 minutes.
Soup mixture.....	Salt, sugar.....	.....	2	5 2 hours or intermittent.
Tomato.....	Salt, sugar.....	.....	2	2 20 minutes.
Tomato.....	Salt, sugar.....	.....	3	3 30 minutes.

Vegetable.	Blanch, minutes.	Liquor.	Jar.	In Glass. Process.
Asparagus.....	3 to 4.....	Brine (heavy).....	Pint	Intermittent or 2 hours continuous.
String beans.....	3 to 8.....	Brine.....	Pint	Intermittent or 2 hours continuous.
String beans.....	3 to 8.....	Brine.....	Quart	Intermittent.
Lima beans.....	2 to 5.....	Salt, sugar, water.....	Quart	Intermittent.
Beets.....	Cook 3/4 done, peel.....	Brine.....	Quart	1 1/2 to 2 hours.
Carrots.....	Cook 3/4 done, scrape.....	Brine.....	Quart	1 hour.
Corn.....	1 to 3 (blanch on cob).....	Salt, sugar, water.....	Quart	Intermittent.
Okra.....	10 to 15.....	Brine.....	Pint and quart.	Intermittent.
Peas (very young).....	1 to 3.....	Salt, sugar, water.....	Pint	Same as No. 2.
Peas, med.....	3 to 8.....	Salt, sugar, water.....	Pint	Intermittent.
Potato, sweet.....	Cook 3/4 done, peel.....	Pack dry.....	Quart	3 hours.
Rhubarb.....	Cold water.....	.....	Quart	15 minutes.
Soup mixture.....	Salt, sugar.....	.....	Quart	2 hours or intermittent.
Tomato.....	Salt, sugar.....	.....	Pint	15 minutes.
Tomato.....	Salt, sugar.....	.....	Quart	30 minutes.

Note.—String beans packed in No. 2 cans are preferable because more surely sterilized.

Corn, lima beans, and peas should never be packed in larger container than No. 2 and processed always intermittently. Corn is cut from cob after blanching.

Soup mixture containing corn and lima beans should always be processed intermittently.

The brine used is made of 2 1/2 ounces salt to 1 gallon of water, except for asparagus, which contains 4 ounces to 1 gallon.

Beets and rhubarb when packed in tin must be put in enamel-lined cans.

CANNING FRUITS (HOT WATER PROCESS).

Fruit.	Blanch.	Sirup.	No. of Can.	In Tin. Exhaust, minutes.	In Glass. Process, minutes.	Jar.	In Glass. Process, minutes.
Apples.....	1 minute.....	No. 1.....	3	8	12	Quart	12
Berries.....	No. 3.....	No. 3.....	3	10	10	Quart	10
Cherries, sweet.....	15 seconds.....	No. 3.....	3	20	20	Quart	20
Cherries, sour.....	15 seconds.....	No. 4.....	3	20	20	Quart	20
Currants.....	No. 3.....	No. 3.....	3	15	15	Quart	15
Figs.....	Soda blanch.....	No. 3.....	3	25	30	Quart	30
Gooseberries.....	No. 3.....	No. 3.....	3	15	15	Quart	15
Guava.....	15 seconds.....	No. 4.....	3	20	35	Quart	35
Guava.....	15 seconds.....	No. 3.....	3	20	25	Pint	25
May haw.....	No. 3.....	No. 3.....	3	20	25	Quart	25
Peaches.....	15 seconds.....	No. 4.....	3	15	20	Quart	20
Pears.....	15 seconds.....	No. 3.....	3	20	25	Quart	25
Plums.....	Prick with needle.....	No. 4.....	2	12	15	Quart	15

Note.—Berries, cherries, currants, figs, gooseberries, May haws and plums, when packed in tin, must be put in enamel-lined cans.

To make the sirups recommended, boil sugar and water together in the proportion given below until sugar is dissolved. Strain all impurities out of the sirup before using:

Sirup No. 1, use 14 ounces to one gallon water.

Sirup No. 2, use 1 pound 14 ounces to one gallon water.

Sirup No. 3, use 3 pounds 9 ounces to one gallon water.

Sirup No. 4, use 5 pounds 8 ounces to one gallon water.

Sirup No. 5, use 6 pounds 13 ounces to one gallon water.

The sirup for canned berries is made out of berry juice instead of water.

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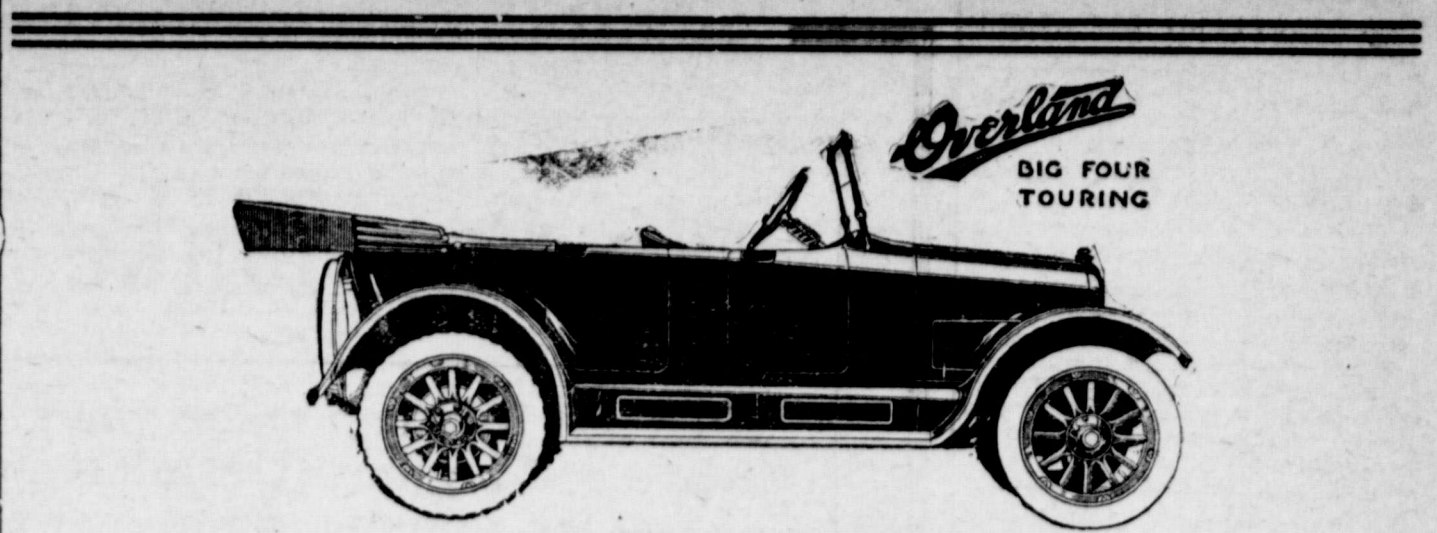
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THE FIRST BALE

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Misses Georgia Belle Richards and Belle Brown visited relatives in Crockett Sunday.



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Local Happenings
Reported From the
Rock Hill Country

August 13.—There was a good crowd at Sunday school Sunday.

Jess Luce and family of New Prospect community were visitors here Sunday.

The Y. L. S. C. have purchased an organ for the community. We thank them kindly for this, and other improvements.

Misses Cora and Effie Estill and brother, Carol, of the San Pedro community were recent visitors in this community.

Mrs. Emma Null and daughter, Gracie, of Groveton are visiting relatives and friends here.

Leonard L. Morgan of Grapeland visited in this community Saturday and Sunday.

Gratan Streetman returned from Huntsville Saturday, where he has been attending the Sam Houston Normal.

Our prayer meeting is progressing nicely. However, some are not taking enough interest.

We all know that we can't expect anything out of nothing unless we put something into it, so let's all come and strive to do our best.

C. M. Streetman, A. U. Streetman and John and Willie Willie Willis went to Crockett today on business.

H. M. and N. V. Streetman went to Crockett Saturday to see the soldiers in training.

John M. Warren visited home folks and friends the first of last week. He has been at Joplin, Mo., for a good while.

Rev. R. L. Brooks will start a meeting here Tuesday night, which will continue until Sunday night. Everybody is cordially invited. Norman.

Ed Stowe of Colorado City is here to spend a few days visiting relatives and his many friends.

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FIGHTING IN THE DARK

This is a people's war. The people are entitled to know the progress and the plans of their country in the struggle, but it seems the entire nation is in the dark. All that the people know is that congress is appropriating money like water and that the cry for more comes constantly.

The conduct of the war is a matter of vital import to everybody. It no longer concerns the army alone, because the entire people are being girded for war. Business interests are sacrificed, individuals are subjected to new regulations and every spark of life in the entire country is being gathered together for the nation's strength.

Under such conditions it is not surprising that the people everywhere wish to know more about the war. They want to know what is happening, how the struggle stands and what the prospects are. The people are not afraid, they have as much courage as the government, and if they are taken into the confidence of the war directors they will measure up to the task better than if they are kept in the dark. Cut out the silly features of the censorship and let the people know the truth.

Conscription of wealth for war sounds badly to some men who favor conscription of soldiers.

Being busy is often the excuse that keeps us from performing the little deeds of kindness that should have been done.

Besides a Russian general bearing the name of Korniloff, and another Brussiloff, it seems that the Russian army is also off.

How is Europe going to play poker with a deck from which the kings and queens have been removed when this war is over?

While Russia is in a bad fix and the U-boats are sinking many ships everyone seems to think that the new republic will come back and that a way will be found to stop the submarines.

Vice-President Marshall suggested that the "wind squad" in congress be sent to France with the aviators. That wouldn't do at all because aviators can't fly in a gale.

Cotton is now coming in and in a week or two the gins will be humming from early morn till late at night. Now, for a brisk fall business. With the present price of cotton money will be plentiful and business ought to be better than usual.

We Can Make You Glad Twice

FIRST: We can make you glad by the many special offerings we are making on **SUMMER MERCHANDISE**. Our wearing apparel for summer is the real article when it comes to comfort and looks.

SECOND: We can make you glad by showing you the many new things for fall that are coming in. We are always glad to have you come and inspect our many lines.

We Can Add to Your Comfort With a Suit of Our High Class Summer Cut Underwear

FOR MEN, we have one and two-piece suits, in regular length shirts and drawers at **50c and \$1.00 a Suit**.

FOR BOYS, we can supply you with one and two-piece suits of summer underwear at **25c and 50c**.

FOR LADIES, we have a most complete assortment of vests, pants, and union suits in knit goods as well as a complete line of garments in muslins.

New Silks Are Here

Our first showing of new fall silks in all of the most popular shades and color combinations is now on display. These include massalines, taffetas, crepes, etc., in solid colors, plaids and stripes. When you see the quality, you will think the price is far too cheap.

Men's Shirts

We are just in receipt of the latest patterns in men's shirts showing the highly colored, large designs on white and tan background. These shirts are selling fast at **\$2.00**. Our line of dress shirts is the most complete in Grapeland. Prices range upward from **75c**. Boys shirts up from **50c**. **LION COLLARS** are on sale daily at our store in linen and soft collars. Sizes up to 18. **15c and 25c**.

Sewing Supplies

We are the largest dealers in the city in sewing machine supplies, having everything from a 5c paper of pins to a Free Sewing Machine. We have just this week received a new supply of shuttles, bobbins, needles, thimbles, snap fasteners, cotton thread, silk thread, **BUCILLA CROCHET THREAD**, and in fact everything you need. In machine accessories, we have bands and oil cans.

For School Children

We have received a new supply of girl's gingham dressess from **65c to \$1.50**; we have a pretty lot of fast colored dress gingham. We have just opened a complete line of boys pants; as before, more **BILLIKEN SHOES** will be worn to school than any other brand---there's a reason. If you don't know how to make that dress, look through a new fashion sheet; new patterns received monthly.

WE SELL STANDARD PATTERNS---STYLES SHOWN IN THE DESIGNER

Business is Better Than Usual

You have helped us to make it that way. We believe that you appreciate our effort to give a little better grade of merchandise for the money and we will be led by this aim during the coming season. We can serve you in any department, and take pleasure in doing something for you that you will appreciate.

WE SHALL THANK YOU TO COMMAND US

George E. Darsey

THE SERVICE FIRST STORE

LOCAL NEWS

Phone Darsey's for groceries. No. 666 will cure Malaria or Billous Fever. It kills the germs.

Walter Pennington is the latest to acquire a car, purchasing an Overland roadster.

Rub-My-Tism—Antiseptic, Anodyne—Kills pain, stops putrefaction.

If you need a pair of low quarters you will find them at reduced prices at Darsey's.

Let Clewis clean and reblock your old hat. Then it will look like a new one.

Misses Arline Howard and Annie Lois Taylor are the guests of Miss Marjorie Rayburn of Lovelady this week.

Mrs. M. D. Murchison and children motored to Galveston Saturday to spend a few days at the sea side.

Mrs. M. E. Darsey and baby and Miss Annie Rainey Hollingsworth returned Saturday night from Mineral Wells.

Miss Georgia Belle Richards will welcome her many friends from behind the counter at Darsey's, where she is now employed as saleslady.

Going on a picnic? Take along a mapleware lunch set. They have them at Darsey's at 10c and 25c.

Mrs. Byron Maxwell has gone to Marlin to spend several weeks for her health. She was accompanied by Mr. Maxwell, who returned home the latter part of the week.

NOTICE

After this week I will thresh peas in Grapeland only on Thursday of each week.

W. M. Weisinger.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Cure was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Cure is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. All Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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We are equipped for all car repair work, including charging of batteries. Guice's Garage.

They speak for themselves—that line of loud shirts at Darsey's.

Clewis' Tailor Shop Phone No. is 73. Phone when you want work.

Clarence Bush has returned to his home in Chester after a visit to relatives and friends at Percilla.

Palm Beach suits cleaned and pressed for 50c. We do it right. Clewis.

Mrs. W. D. Dumont and little daughter have returned to their home in New York City, after a visit here to relatives and friends.

Why send your batteries away when they can be charged at home? We are equipped to do the work. Guice's Garage.

EVERY YARD OF OUR 8 OUNCE DUCK IS GUARANTEED TO WEIGH ONE HALF POUND. We have plenty for everybody at Darsey's.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Darsey and children are spending the week in Galveston, leaving Sunday morning in their car.

BATTERIES CHARGED

We have installed a dynamo and can charge your batteries as good as anybody.

Guice's Garage.

FOR SALE

If there is a young man or young lady who is thinking of going to a business college, we have a scholarship for sale at a discount. The Messenger.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Scarborough and daughter, Mrs. Minnie Miller, Mrs. H. A. Anthony and daughter, Miss Alma B., Mrs. Jas. Ellis, M. S. Spence and A. H. Luker made an auto trip to Shreveport last Thursday, returning home Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. Luker and baby, Mrs. Spence and Mrs. C. E. Dockery.

ONE MILLION

best pine shingles for sale at lowest prices, both sap and heart. Best cut shingles ever made. Patronize "home industry." For particulars see Kennedy Bros., Grapeland, Texas, or write D. E. Holcomb & Co., Augusta, Texas. 4t

THRESHING NOTICE

I will thresh oats at my place, the 17th and 18th of August.

C. W. Butler, Sr. Percilla, Texas.

FOR RENT

2 buildings on Second Street. Henry Dailey, Grapeland, Route 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Long left Sunday morning in their car for Galveston to spend a few days, and while there Mr. Long will buy fall goods for his firm.

Mrs. H. A. Anthony and children returned to their home in Houston Tuesday morning after an extended visit here to relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Riall left for Dallas Sunday night, where Mr. Riall will buy fall goods for his firm.

Miss Willie Browning has accepted a position with George E. Darsey in his dry goods department, where she will be glad to welcome her many friends. She is an experienced dressmaker and will prove a valuable asset to this store.

MULE LOST

Black horse mule about 3 years old; will pay reasonable reward for recovery. Henry Dailey Grapeland, Route 4.

Miss Alma Jones of Percilla, is visiting Miss Fanny Goodson this week.

FOUND

In the town of Grapeland, about one hundred and fifty feet from the I. & G. N. railroad on the Crockett road, the best place in Houston county to sell eggs, chickens, hides, wax and other country produce as well as COTTON and PEAS. This is also the biggest and best store in Houston county and is the place to buy anything you need for the farm or home. That place is DARSEY'S and you will find a hearty welcome there.

COTTON PICKERS WANTED

I want a family that can pick a half bale or better each day. Good house, water and wood furnished free. Cotton will average half bale or better per acre. 40 acres to pick.

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Your Business will be Appreciated

Shop on main street, the new brick building, next door to the Guaranty State Bank.

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SECOND: We employ every effort to have what you want.

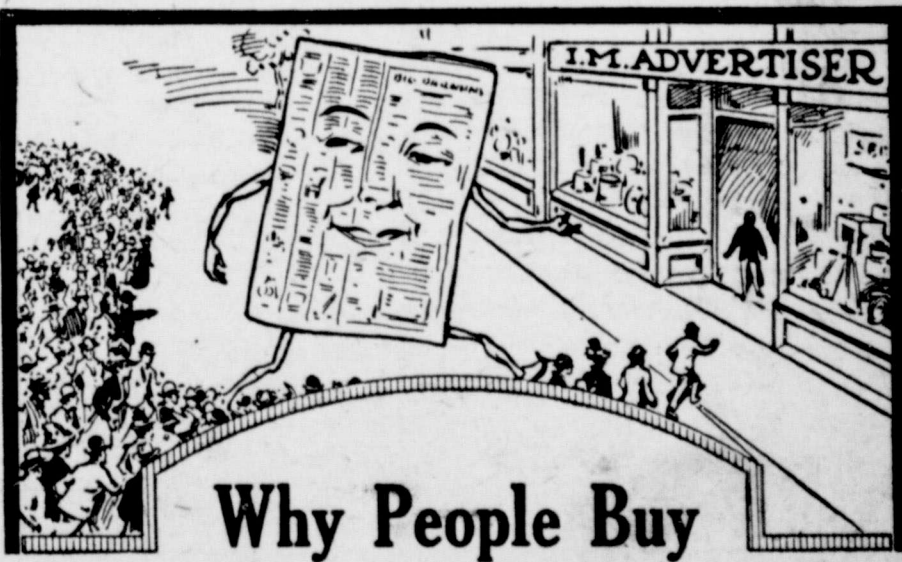
THIRD: We never seek to put off on a customer a substitute for an article called for, unless the customer so desires.

This three-fold policy has secured for us a line of SATISFIED CUSTOMERS of which we are indeed proud.

Ours is a drug store of SATISFACTION, and we want to SATISFY YOU.

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BLATZ-MILWAUKEE



UNCLE SAM WANTS ARMY HORSES AND MULES

The War Department is now in the market for horses and mules for the army. The War Department expects to buy these animals directly from the farmers and stock raisers and thus eliminate the profits of the contract buyers. It is believed that this will insure better prices to the farmers and stock raisers who supply these animals and at the same time the Government will get their animals cheaper by eliminating the profits of the middle-men.

Farmers who have horses for sale should bunch their stuff and have a sufficient number of animals together to justify a remount officer to come and inspect the lot. It is suggested that the farmers get up at least a car lot of animals and then select some efficient horseman from their number to go over the lot and determine whether there is a sufficient number that come up to the Government specifications to justify a remount officer's coming. In this way farmers will be put to no further expense or risk than bringing their horses to the point of assembly for preliminary inspection and then assembling them again for official inspection if their offer is favorably entertained.

The prices at which these animals are to be offered is a matter for the farmers to determine. The prices recently paid by the

Government were good. These prices may be obtained from the Quartermaster General, War Department, Washington, D. C. The Department will announce no fixed prices it will pay under the new plan as they will vary with the different localities and quality of the animals. As before stated the price will be good but no exorbitant prices need be asked as the Department will give them no consideration what ever.

Farmers who desire to sell their horses and mules in this way should apply to their County Agent for information as to the specifications of the animals. As soon as the County Agent learns that there is a prospect of enough available animals to make up a carload or more he will appoint a day and a place of assembling the animals for the preliminary inspection and for the organization of the group of farmers for making an offer to the Depot Quartermaster of this district.

W. B. Cook, County Agent.

If you feel bad; if you are "blue," tired and discouraged, without apparent reason, you need Prickly Ash Bitters, the system purifier. It restores action in torpid liver, cleanses the stomach, helps digestion, drives out gas and fermented matter in the bowels, and brings back that fine feeling of strength, vim and cheerfulness which belongs only to perfect health. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

A. A. Smith Issues Statement About A Forged Check

To the people in and around Grapeland, and in fact, Houston county: No doubt you have already heard something about the stolen check, taken from Mr. Robert Brooks' mail box some time ago, and the trouble it caused the writer on account of the check being changed from Adams & Young to Ada Smith, the party erasing the two letters, "m s" from the name Adams, then erasing Young's name and writing Smith. You see now that this slight of hand performer has a real nice check made out to Ada Smith and Ada being my wife's name, you can guess that things began to look rocky to Abb. Then after this "young duck" was arrested he said that he sold this check to a fellow who said his name was Abb Smith, was enough to make Abb see visions and dream bad dreams, and will say right here that was one time in my life I was proud of my age, for I am old enough to have my growth, otherwise I would never have gotten it.

Now, all foolishness being laid aside, I want to say that I have not lost much time in investigating this matter, but I haven't been dead asleep all the time. I accomplished one thing I set in to do: I stopped this young

gent on the road one day in the presence of Mr. N. V. Streetman and before I quit him he told quite a different story to what he told while he was under arrest. He come straight and said that he sold the check and that he knew just who he sold it to and his name was not Smith and Abb Smith's name was not mentioned. He further said that he had never heard Abb Smith's name until after he was arrested. I refer anyone to Mr. N. V. Streetman as to the conversation between the three of us.

Of course I feel that I was not treated just exactly right. The court could have found out just what I knew about it by request without charging me with the theft of \$22.50. Of course I am bound to admit there was some room for suspicion, the check being made payable to my wife and he claiming he sold the check to Abb Smith, and some thinking that I was on the river that day, was enough to make people think I was implicated in some way. I am going to make this statement: When I see that all the people are convinced beyond a doubt that I had no more to do with that business than they did, then I think I will give the sheriff of Houston

county the fellow's name that cashed the check, also the names of at least three witnesses who will swear they saw him cash it; also another who will swear he told him that he cashed it and paid him \$1.00 that he owed him out of the money.

I thank the Messenger for this space and will close. Any one having in their possession a check for \$22.50 they want to sell for \$1.50, call on or apply to
A. A. Smith,
Grapeland, Route 1.

P.S.—Some may think strange because I did not give the young man's name. This I will explain if any one cares to ask about it.
A. A. S.

PAY YOUR DUES

All members of Elberta Camp, W. O. W., are hereby notified to pay their dues promptly each month or go suspended. Please don't ask me to pay your dues.
C. L. Hattom, Clerk.

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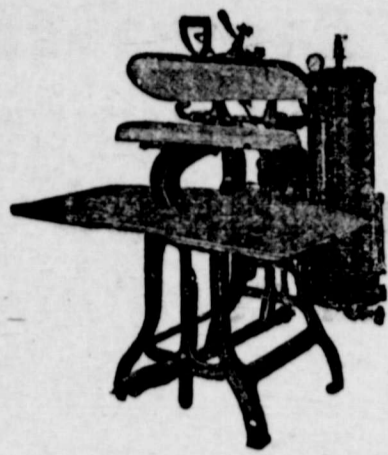
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BOYS' CLUB ENCAMPMENT

Dear Editor:—Last Wednesday morning the agricultural club boys of the county began to gather, according to appointment, at Myrtle Lake near Grape Land. The owners of the lake gave us the use of it, and Mr. Leaverton turned his camp house over to us, and when we took possession we found that one of our Club boys had been on hand earlier and left for our consumption forty of the finest watermelons we ever tasted. Of course we wanted our friend Skidmore to know we appreciated his treat, so upon motion of Bernard Avera we unanimously voted our thanks and at the same time voted to call this encampment "Skidmore-on-the-Lake."

Early in the morning we met Mr. H. H. Williamson from the A. & M., and, under his direction, organized a chapter of the Royal Order of Stuckups. The officers were duly elected and installed, and we proceeded to confer degrees and attend to such other business as came before the order. In the process of the work Judge Harold Hester preferred charges against Sheriff Pat Nelson for unlawfully pushing him, the said judge, into the lake against the peace and dignity of the order and against the sanitary condition of the lake.

After the fraternal and business worries of the day we were assembled in the shade of a tree and formally introduced to our already chums, Messrs. H. H. Williamson and C. M. (Si) Evans. Mr. Sims gave us an address of welcome and Messrs. Williamson and Evans taught us some lessons in practical agriculture. These men were highly interesting and instructive; and we learned after they left us that they are two of the biggest men in Texas. We thought big men would be different. Why, they got right down to business, and fun too, with us fellows just like they liked us, and I believe they did. Anyhow we like them, and you ought to have heard the rah! rah! rahs! we gave them when they were leaving us.

As to our eating, we had barbecue, light bread and pickles, you ought to have seen us converting the raw material into boy, the finished product. Let me say right here that everything that happened to us while there was wedged tightly in between swims in the lake.

Mr. Johnson lives near the lake. He has a good jersey cow. Mr. Evans marched us in military order over to look at the cow and get some valuable and interesting instructions in cow-judging. We are now sizing up mama's old cows, trying to make their anatomy measure up to regulations. Mr. Evans has a cow that gives twelve gallons of milk a day. Our cow is not quite up to that standard.

After dark, Mr. Williamson gave us a show and lecture on livestock with his lantern and slides, then our friends from the A. & M. left us in the hands of our County Agent, Mr. Cook. Before we had the last lecture from Mr. Williamson however, we were lined up on the bank of the lake and had a hog-calling contest. Now that was fun. Charlie Allen won first prize and Rufus Turner second.

Bright and early Thursday morning we were all in the lake working up an appetite for breakfast. When breakfast was over we were given further in-

structions in agricultural subjects and then swam in the lake until the plow rang for dinner. When dinner was over we held a business session and began to think of leaving. A constitution and set of by laws were adopted and the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: Clyde Nelson, R. 2, Crockett, President; Wilbur Rayburn, Lovelady, Vice-President; Geo. Webb, R. 2, Crockett, Secretary-Treasurer.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Be it resolved that we extend our sincere thanks to the Lake Club for the use of their beautiful Myrtle Lake, to Mr. Leaverton for his convenient camp house, to Gaylon Skidmore for those delicious melons and to Messrs. Williamson and Evans for their splendid lectures and jolly good fellowship at our encampment; that we hope to meet those gentlemen all in later years and show them that their generosity and interest have not been misplaced.

Be it further resolved that we are with our County Agent to the last ditch; that we regard him as our indispensable big brother; that he knows us and we know him, and that Houston County boys can't get along without him.

Then we were dismissed, Old Glory was lowered from the pole and the last whoops and boyish yells died away in faint echoes across the lake as we bade each other good-bye and took our courses homeward to tell the other boys about the joy of such a trip.

Yours truly,
Geo. Webb, Secretary.

Local News Reported From Ephesus Country

August 12.—The health of our community is good at present with the exception of a few cases of chills and fevers.

This is fine weather to save fodder and the farmers of this community are taking advantage of it.

We have made good crops this year, but at present we would appreciate a good rain.

Messrs. Boyd Wall, Monroe Anderson, Hance Hobson and Leonard Luce of this community have joined the army. We hate to see our boys go, but we see that it is going to take the strength of every man, woman and child in the United States to protect us from the autocratic, monarchical kings who would finally overpower us.

Our school house is under construction and we are expecting to have a fine school this winter.

Mrs. Myrtle Parker was visiting Mrs. Lillie Graham Saturday.

Misses Ruth Allen, Minnie

Life Was a Misery

Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes:

"From the time I entered into womanhood . . . I looked with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery. I would think I could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. . . Nothing seemed to help me until, one day, . . . I decided to

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Preaching was held at Ephesus Sunday and Monday night. It was conducted by Rev. Elisha Allen.

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**Local Happenings
Reported From The
Reynard Country**

August 13.—War talk and the good price of cotton are the topics of the day, and farmers are after the fleecy staple in a make haste manner, and it has already begun to move from this part of the county.

Our last rain was July 20th. Some plowed after the rain but think it was time and feed thrown away. If we could have had a good rain the first of August it would have saved many bolls and lots of goobers and peas and potatoes, but it's dry and hot and the temperature is ranging high.

Tom Kent, Sumnar Riels, Geo. Allen and their families spent a night and couple of days on the river. The writer was an honorary member of the crowd and had a nice time. We had no fish but plenty of squirrels.

Tom Kent and family spent Saturday night and Sunday in Grapeland.

Miss Mollie Moore of Crockett spent last week with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Chiles.

J. S. Eaves left today for a trip to Trinity and Angelina counties.

Pledger Chiles says it's dangerous to drive a buggy team over the roads now.

Just a few words in regard to Visitor's article. I am like the boy the calf run over. I am not surprised at anything I see or hear. It would not surprise me the least bit if there was a distillery located somewhere in the Taylor hills east of Reynard. I am sorry to say but would not be surprised that "Visitor" does not give a hill of beans for Reynard and does not even go to Sunday school and try to make things better. It is so easy to talk unless one is salivated. Since it is so easy will quit for this time, but could say a lot more.
Zack.

P.S.—Of course anyone with an ounce of sense knows that "Visitor" lives in Reynard or furnished the information. You see from this P. S. 'tis hard to quit.
Z.

**TEN REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD
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LETTER FROM H. A. TYER

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 1, 1917.
Editor Messenger:

We are having some hot dry weather here now, the first hot weather we have had this year; it was a frequent thing to see people wearing heavy clothes in July, but let me tell you they are wearing just as few as the law allows now.

The small grain crop here is going to be as good as was ever known here I guess, but corn is not so good. There is plenty of corn that is not two feet high.

The farmers are beginning to cut their small grain, such as barley and wheat, and I want to tell you they raise barley here in great plenty as it is used in the making of beer, and as this state is almost 90 per cent Germans, that means beer and more

beer. There are more saloons in Milwaukee now than was ever in the state of Texas at one time, but one does not see much drunkenness.

I notice Mr. Fisher at Crockett is trying to get the farmers to raise wheat for their own bread. I wish to add to what he has so nobly said, this, I think that would be one of the best things the farmers of Houston county could do. I was talking with different farmers here recently and was told they raise their wheat, take a load of it to the mill, get it made into flour and the high prices of flour has no terror for them.

Now if the farmers around Grapeland would plant two or three acres each of wheat, say make up 1200 or 1500 acres, then one of the Grapeland mill men put in a threshing machine, say size 36x60 fully equipped at a cost of \$1050 to \$1250, then farmers around could bring in their wheat the same as they bring in their cotton and each one would have enough to make all the flour they would need for a year. Suppose the wheat made but 10 or 15 bushels per acre, that would be sufficient for each one who was raising it. Then the same method could be carried

out around Crockett, Lovelady, Augusta and so on. I would think winter wheat would be the kind to grow. Then some one, or a company, would put in a mill for grinding and bolting. Wheat can and is being successfully grown in Texas for at Dallas is one of the largest flour mills in the south. Suppose something like the above outlined were to be carried out in Houston county for a few years it would be plainly seen that it would be worth the time and expense. In other words if the farmers of the United States and especially Texas, particularly Houston county, would turn their time and attention to raising more for home use than for selling, it would be better for all.

Then let us hope that at no distant date the farmers of Houston county will rally to the call of Mr. Fisher, put their shoulders to the wheel and make a success of raising their own flour. It can be done if there are enough who will join in and try to make it a go. Will they do it?

Yours truly,
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