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EPHESUS

By Regular Correspondent

Ephesus, Aug. 4.—The crops here are looking good now and everybody is about through with "Gen. Green."

Our protracted meeting closed Friday night and everybody was sorry to see the preachers depart for their homes. We feel that much good was accomplished during the meeting.

W. B. Courtney and daughter, Miss Effie, of Buffalo, are visiting relatives in this community. Jesse Graham and family visited relatives at Latexo Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott of

Nacogdoches are visiting the latter's father, Mr. Jim Turner, of this community this week.

Bessie Kelley is very ill at this writing. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Several people of our community attended church at Latexo Sunday night.

Misses Roberta Gayle and Undine Whittle of Lovelady were the guests of Miss Agnes Murray the latter part of last week.

Rev. W. E. Ray was a pleasant caller at the Messenger office Monday, before departing for his home at Lovelady. He filled his appointment at the Baptist church Sunday.

Few people would care to live in a churchless community. Much less would they think of bringing up a family in such a place.

We invite you to join us in service each Sunday

Come to Sunday School at 10 o'clock

THE METHODIST CHURCH
of Grapeland

LIBERTY HILL

By Regular Correspondent

Liberty Hill, August 5.—We have some "newly weds" in our community. Miss Mary Lively and Mr. Charley Ramey were married Sunday. They are at present staying at the home of the groom's parents. All extend to them congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life.

Miss Irvine Talley has been to Palestine this week on business.

Misses Estelle, Cordie and Tommie Holcomb, Ruby Lee Young and Velma Moore have been visiting in Augusta this week attending the meeting.

A great many people from here went to Waneta to the picnic Friday. Everyone enjoyed the day.

Mrs. George Holcomb's mother visited her Sunday and they had a reunion of sisters and brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith gave a party Saturday night.

Bryon Moore has a new Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Robbins and Sidney Robbins are in Alto for the week end.

Road Work Begun

The bonds of Road District No. 4, east side of the railroad, have been sold and construction of roads will begin in earnest within the next few weeks. Available money to be spent in road building in this district amounts to about \$20,000. These bonds were voted prior to the war and the sale was held up pending more settled conditions.

The first stretch of road to be built will be a mile on the San Pedro road, and it will be in the nature of an experiment to determine the cost. This work was begun last Monday morning.

After the construction of this mile, those in charge of the work, will determine where other roads will be laid out, will know the probable cost, and how many miles can be built, etc.

The problem confronting the people in this road district is now that they are going to get some good roads, how will they maintain them? The best solution is to vote a special maintenance tax. This has been done in the district west of the railroad, in the Crockett district and other districts in the county. Unless provision is made to maintain the roads after they are built, it is a waste of time and money to build them.

To the Public

This is to inform you that I have sold my meat market to Mr. Albert Waller. I want to thank my many customers for their most liberal patronage while I was in business, and ask them to give Mr. Waller their patronage.

Respectfully,
Willis Goodson.

Rub-My-Tism is a great pain killer. It relieves pain and soreness caused by Rheumatism, Neuritis, Sprains, etc.

REYNARD

By Zack

Reynard, August 5.—We have gone a whole week without rain and if we can go another and another we might make a half cotton crop yet, but the light nights are on just at the wrong time and the weevils are working both night and day. While we are all optimists, yet not so over the money crop outlook without an effort.

The road hands and others are putting in some time on the road and are doing some good work. J. M. Murray is with them and you ought to see him dump scrapers. You can tell he been there before.

We had a good service at the tabernacle Sunday afternoon. Bro. Ray did the preaching. We are glad that the Sunday school lesson taught so clearly that we can worship the Lord at the tabernacle as well as in Grapeland; sorry so few of our Reynard folks were out, but glad to say it was not because of indifference. Some were out of the community visiting and

others had out-of-community visitors.

R. E. Pridgen and family, John Bridges and family, P. H. Herod and family and possibly others whose names we failed to get, were the out-of-community visitors, Douglass Beazley and family and Mr. West and family were the visitors to other communities, and Mrs. J. L. Chiles and daughters with their families tried to be, but had car trouble and were disappointed.

R. C. Beazley is spending the week with Frank Fulgham.

Bailey Taylor is spending awhile in our community and is welcomed by all, the more so because he is one of the boys who helped to break the Hindenburg line and ended the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Eaves and the boy spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Kent.

The Man Higher Up

No, gentle reader, the retailer is not responsible for the high cost of living. It is those big fellows up yonder barricaded behind goods they have been hoarding for several months.—Tim-son Times.

Insistent Demand!

Daily the demands on our stock of merchandise is growing more insistent. The price in all lines is going up so rapidly that we cannot make replacements at our selling price to-day.

To save yourself you must come soon and look our stock over. You will find a wonderful line of merchandise that is being sold cheaper than wholesale prices.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, '19

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Morris Long 225, 2 b.	Walter Gainey 115, 2 b.
Frank Leaverton 201, 3 b.	Marvin Gilbert 120, 3 b.
W. H. Long 240, s. s.	Claude Keeland 130, s. s.
J. E. Buttrill 225, r. f.	Wade L. Smith 121, r. f.
Joe Phillips 225, c. f.	Roy Brewton 140, c. f.
W. L. Mangum 200, 1. f.	W. L. Wilson 133, 1. f.

Game Called at 5 o'clock
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Admission:
Ladies Free. Adults 15c
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FUN?--You can't afford to miss this ball game!

Vote for Big Bond Issue

The largest bond issue ever submitted in any county in Texas and one of the largest voted anywhere in the country was ratified by a big majority recently in Dallas County, Texas. It provides \$2,000,000 for a complete belt line around the county, with 12 roads radiating from Dallas to all sections and 6 intermediate roads connecting the radial highways. The system provides for 332 miles of road, and in addition feeder roads amounting to about 100 miles will be improved by the decrease in maintenance expenses. Federal aid amounting to \$250,000 has been allotted to Dallas County for its highway development and it is expected that a large number of motor trucks will be assigned to assist in the construction work. The favorable reception of the big bond issue in this county is expected by officials of the Bureau of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, to have a favorable effect on similar proposals elsewhere. Road building in Texas is at high tide. State highway engineers estimate that more than \$20,000,000 worth of roads are now under construction.

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Less Sugar Cane this Year

The United States has 509,000 acres of sugar cane this year, as compared with 527,000, the revised estimate for last year, according to reports from field agents of the Bureau of Crop Estimates, United States Department of Agriculture. The 1919 acreage, however, is still well above the acreage of 10 years. This acreage does not include sorghum or other seeded cane, but does include all varieties grown by planting stalks or joints.

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Bloomington, Ind., Aug. 3.—"Eat plain wholesome food; sleep at least eight hours each night; don't use tobacco in any form, and take some form of physical exercise every day, being careful not to overexert oneself at the start," such is the recipe for 100 per cent perfect physical condition, outlined by John W. Kyle, Indiana University football player, who recently was described as 100 per cent perfect physically in an army medical examination. Kyle, whose home is in Gary, Ind., is the most perfectly developed man in the university, according to records in the office of the gymnastic instructor.

To show that he believes in his own recipe, Kyle asserts he never has smoked a cigarette. For his daily exercise this summer, he is swinging a sledge hammer in a Gary steel mill. He weighs 190 pounds and is five feet eleven inches in height.

Where the Sun is Shining

It is very difficult to inspire the people with a lofty and bounding idealism where bacon costs 70 cents a pound and eggs four-bits a dozen.—Houston Post.

There are more pigs in the country than ever before.

There are more hens in the country than ever before.

Texas is more prosperous than ever before and yet the prophets of the profiteers are more numerous than ever before.

They predict a coal famine the coming winter.

They predict an ice famine before the departure of summer.

They predict a leather famine and a

They predict a bread famine with more wheat in sight than at any time since Moses was a baby.

Regardless of this the sun is shining away down here in Texas and the wealth producers and builders are so busy from dawn until dark that they have forgotten that there is a league of nations covenant pending or that the armistice was signed last year.—Ft. Worth Record.

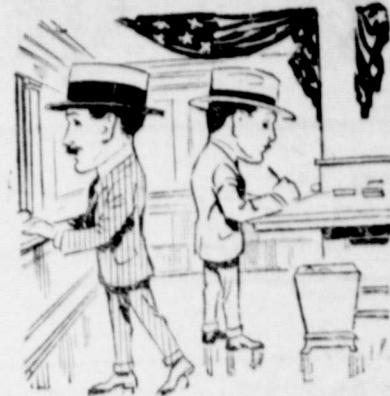
Hog Law Validated

The Houston county hog law, which was recently found to be technically void, has been validated by the legislature, Mr. R. C. Spinks informed us Saturday. He and other members of the Houston County Taxpayers' Protective Association took the matter up with the legislature with the result as above stated. The hog law is now legally operative all over Houston county, and people should be careful as to any violations of its provisions.—Crockett Courier.

Young Hens Best Layers

There are people who have the right variety of fowls, who house and feed them properly, and yet who can not obtain eggs early in the winter because their fowls are too old. It is seldom that it pays to keep hens for laying after they are two and a half years old; not that they will not give a profit, but that younger fowls will give a greater profit.

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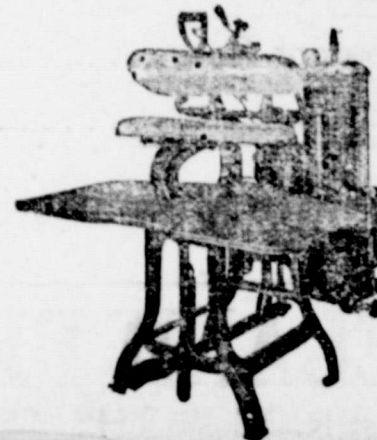
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On each bottle is plainly printed, "Money cheerfully refunded if not entirely satisfactory," and your own local druggist will let you try Rich-Tone on this money-back guarantee.

One user says: "I was run down after a bad case of 'flu.' Was in bed four months and under the care of five doctors, had nervous prostration and could not sleep and ate very little. I got a bottle of your wonderful tonic, Rich-Tone, and am now eating three times a day and I sure sleep sound. I can't say enough for your wonderful tonic, Rich-Tone. It is worth its weight in gold. It has saved me \$50 or \$60 as I was going to Mineral Wells, but I do not need to go now, thanks to Rich-Tone."

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NO newspaper can succeed without advertising, therefore we solicit the patronage of our readers for those who by their advertising help to make this paper possible.

ANTRIM

By Hiawatha

Antrim, August 4.—Little Alma Lorene Martin is sick at this writing.

Mrs. W. R. Durnell and children visited at her father's yesterday, Mr. M. F. Hopper.

Hardrick Marsh visited his cousin, Lee Martin, Saturday night and Sunday, and they attended the baptizing at Rock Hill Sunday.

Rev. W. R. Durnell went to Slocum Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pate visited the latter's mother, Mrs. Mary Blackwell, Saturday, returning home Sunday.

Mrs. J. F. Martin and children visited her daughter, Mrs. A. B. Keen, in the Center Grove community, Friday.

Miss Nora Gray visited in the Rock Hill community last week.

Mrs. Goulsfy returned home Sunday from Leon county, where she had been on a visit to her daughter.

There is a Dixie

"Is there still a Dixie?" asks Life in its "Dixie Number." Yes, there still is a Dixie. A Dixie in the hearts of some of us older ones, and in that realm of the spirit fancy may summon visions of the most beautiful of scenes, the loveliest of faces, and days of cloudless blue! Dixie, the East to which those of us who stand on the rim of the fading day turn in devotion, while the shadows creep! Dixie, the Glory Land of the Past, the golden bourne of memory's silent rambles, the hallowed Solitude in whose cool depths the lost chords of life breathe their music into the soul! Dixie, Love's Shadowland, peopled with the unfettered spirits of the noble and the great redolent of memories that do not die because they cluster about things immortal, templed with the dream-fabrics of a nation that drew from out God's boundless deep and, after four years of romance, poetry and glory, turned again Home! Dixie, the Beautiful and Glorious, the sweetest chapter of History, the noblest Epic of the ages, the Light of yesteryear whose effulgence gilds the crest of Time's swift onward tide! Dixie, the stainless Mother of the Nation, the indestructible Kingdom of the Twilight—Dixie, the incomparable South of our dreams!—Geo. M. Bailey, in Houston Post.

A Disappearing Lake

In Georgia, near Vladosta, there is a lake which disappears every three or four years and then comes back again, no matter what the weather is like.

The lake is three miles long and three-quarters of a mile wide with an average depth of twelve feet of water. There are natural subterranean passages beneath it, thru which the water passes off.

It takes two or three weeks to disappear, when a mammoth basin is left in its place, which furnishes a beautiful sandy beach. After a month or so the water begins to return, and then in a couple of weeks it is the same magnificent stretch of water as it was before.—Ex.

Drink
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Ridding Country of Ticks

This year will see the removal of a large part of the tick territory in Texas from the domination of this very destructive cattle parasite. Cattle are being driven through the dipping vats in unprecedented numbers. There were 1,628,607 dippings of cattle in north Texas in May.

It is reported from south Texas that good progress is being made in Houston, Madison, Walker, Montgomery, Washington and Austin counties. In Harris county few ticks have been found in territory that was worked systematically last year.

and they were confined to the section of the county where opposition prevailed last season. Good showings are also being made in Galveston county and in Leon county, especially the southern half. In Brazoria county 175 of the leading live stock men have petitioned the commissioners court to call an election for the purpose of driving the ticks from the county. However, since such an election would cause considerably delay, a plan of cooperation is being arranged by which voluntary eradication work will be done in the section east of the Brazos river.—Progressive Farmer.



Lose Something?

Let Us Locate It for You

The surest way of finding the lost animal, the lost pet, or the lost article is to let us locate it for you. A small classified advertisement in our lost and found section will tell of your loss to many more people than you could see in a day.

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THURSDAY, Aug. 7, 1919

SHRAPNEL
 By Rekul

Why is This

When we ask our business people why we should not trade with mail order houses they find reasons a plenty. When we ask the dry goods man why not order our wife's suits from some catalogue house, he shows us why immediately. When we ask our grocer why not buy from one of the traveling representatives who offer us wormy prunes at such apparent bargains, he is never lacking for a reason. When we ask our banker if there really is an advantage in doing our banking with an out of town bank, he looks so mad we get scared. When we ask our lumber man if it really isn't cheaper to buy a tailor made house from Michigan and set it up ourselves, he thinks we are delirious. And yet when we ask any of them why not buy their stationery from their home town printer, they always seem to have such plausible excuses. You see the point, Bud? —Commanche Chief.

Germany has declared that garters are a luxury, but they are considered a necessity everywhere else except in New York.

If this predicted shortage of sugar hits the soda fountains, the younger element is very likely to go over to bolshevism.

The high cost of living problem is edging its way into congress, but the h. c. l. problem cannot be remedied by introducing a bill to that effect.

Not much has been heard of train robbers, as food gouging, painting, plumbing, auto repairing, and other things present better opportunities and the risk is not so great.

People who live along the automobile routes are informed that if they don't like the dust from the cars, they can procure machines themselves and throw some dust on other folks.

If the suggestion is adopted to tax tourists \$50.00 each to see the devastated sections of France and Belgium, a lot of travelers may conclude that it is their patriotic duty to see America first.

We have in the Messenger a printing plant that would be a credit to a city of 10,000 population, yet there are business (?) men in this town who prefer to spend their money with a foreign establishment rather than help build up a home institution.

The business man who buys his printed stationery out of town has no right to complain when his customers order goods from a mail order house. You'd be surprised if we should print a list of Grapeland business men who buy all, or part, of their stationery out of town that could be printed in this office.

The Messenger prints this week the order of the county judge for an election in the Grapeland school district upon the proposition of penning the town cow. It's interesting to speculate upon how the proposition will be decided, as heretofore when this same question was voted upon, the friends of "old Pide" said let 'er go, but many have revered themselves and say now they will vote the other way.

The big packing interests control about everything in this country with the exception of the rising and setting of the sun. It is now pointed out that the moving picture industry and manufacture of phonograph records is dependent upon the packers, as films and records contain a large per cent of by-product from the packing plants. Let us hope that the packers will not invent an air-meter to be placed upon the nose and charge for air at so much per snort.

Market Changes Hands

Willis Goodson has sold his meat market to Albert Waller, who took charge of same August 1.

Dr. C. L. Cromwell left last Thursday for Corsicana, where he has purchased a dental office and will practice his profession. His family will join him at a later date.

Frank Davenport of this city and Miss Deborah Sims of the Wesley Chappel community were married Sunday, July 27, at the home of the bride.

Wylie Ritchey has on exhibit at S. E. Howard's store a pumpkin which weighs 49 pounds. It's about the biggest thing we ever saw in the way of a pumpkin.

D. M. Jones of Percilla has purchased some lots in Selkirk Addition and expects some time in the future to erect a residence and move to Grapeland with his family.

Mrs. Annie Mangel and baby of Richmond are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Howard. Mrs. Mangel will be remembered here as Miss Annie Evans.

A. J. Holmes, connected with the war savings division of the government, was in Grapeland last week in the interest of the sale of war savings stamps. Mr. Holmes stated that both banks in Grapeland had arranged to give away grenade banks to the boys and girls of this community who buy a certain amount of stamps.

They Must Move!

There are a number of lines of summer merchandise now in our stock in broken lots and sizes, that we must move on account of the early arrival of our new fall goods. These lines at the prices we are making are exceptional values, and more so, inasmuch as hot weather has really just begun, and there are several months to come that will require light weight wearing apparel. These values are extraordinary and we want you to profit by them.

Every Man's Dress Straw Hat in the Store to go at
One-Half Price

All Summer Millinery at
One-Half Price

One lot of Men's and Boys Sport Shirt value up to \$1.00 at
50 cents

Any pair of Women's Slippers in the store up to size 4
at only \$2.00

All Misses and Children's Slippers up to size 2 at
a reduction of 20 per cent

Palm Beach, Mohair and Tropicloth Suits
Specially Priced

All Boys' Summer Suits Reduced

These are only a few of the big savings you can effect by taking advantage RIGHT NOW of these items while we have them in stock. No goods sold at these reduced prices may be returned or exchanged.

Mr. S. N. Boykin is now in St. Louis looking out after our shipments on fall merchandise as well as making purchases of the very newest things that have recently been put on the market.

Miss Ward has been in the wholesale Millinery Market since early last month and will have many pleasing surprises in millinery this season.

If we can serve you command us

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LOCAL ITEMS

8 ounce duck at Darsey's.

Roy Wherry of Houston spent Sunday in Grapeland.

2 bushel grain bags at Darsey's.

A. E. Owens of Crockett spent Sunday in the city.

Plenty of 8 ounce Duck at Darsey's.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Lively of Houston are spending the week in Grapeland with relatives.

Ready made mosquito bars without frames at Darsey's.

If you are thinking of buying a wagon let us show you a Weber. W. H. Long & Co.

C. W. Kennedy broke his right arm Sunday while trying to persuade a Ford to run.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gainey of Houston are here on a visit to relatives and friends.

Miss Ora Gainey has returned from Houston, where she visited relatives.

If you want a home in town or a farm in the country, see—Howard Land Co.

George R. Darsey and Hadie Gilbert, two of Grapeland's popular young men, are spending the week in Galveston flirting with the mermaids.

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 Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine 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 Medicine 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 stand back of every thing sold and if goods purchased should happen to be unsatisfactory, we ask for the privilege of "making good."

Our store is an institution in this County—one with a reputation for fair dealing, honest goods and superior service.

BISHOP DRUG CO.

WE PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL PHARMACY
CARL GOOLSBY Crockett, Texas LIP SHERMAN

Meal Sacks at Darsey's.

Mrs. J. E. Buttrill and son are visiting relatives at Temple.

Mrs. Claude Keeland is visiting relatives at Huntsville.

The new men's suits have arrived at Darsey's.

G. A. Walton was a business visitor to Palestine Monday.

Rev. J. E. Buttrill is at Queen City this week conducting a revival meeting.

Miss Irvine Tally of Augusta was the guest of Miss Esther Darsey Sunday.

See the patent Fifth Wheel on the Weber Wagon, sold at W. H. Long & Co's.

Bob Parker returned Sunday from Lufkin, where he visited relatives.

D. N. Leaverton made a business trip to Dallas the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jones of Malvern were over for the week end.

We can save you money on a Hay Press. W. H. Long & Co.

Miss Willie Gladden of Waco is here on a visit to her former teacher, Miss Maude McCarty.

Ory Heath of Aldine and Carl Longbotham of Madisonville were in Grapeland Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Maxwell of Malvern are visiting relatives here this week.

Miss Alma B. Anthony of Houston is here visiting relatives.

Miss Evelyn Cocke of Jacksonville is here visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Selkirk.

Hogs Wanted

We will buy any and all kinds of hogs. See us for prices. 2-t Dailey Bros.

The Misses Pool of Groveton are visiting their sister, Mrs. Balis Dailey at Daly's.

Miss Sarah Mac Crook of Crockett visited Misses Mary Lou and Lucindy Darsey this week.

Chester Owens and Dick Murchison spent several days in Houston last week.

Miss Vera Ellison, who has been visiting Mrs. J. M. Murray, returned to her home in Lovelady Monday morning.

We Advertise

farms for sale. If you want to sell, list your farm with Howard Land Co.

Bob Scarborough left Sunday night for Belcher, La., where he expects to take a position with a mercantile establishment.

Raymond Black and Ben Chaffin have joined Uncle Sam's air force, and have gone to Ellington Field for training.

Mrs. Ed Lipscomb of Easterly came in Monday morning to see her father, Mr. A. M. Rencher, who is sick.

We have some nice homes in town we can sell cheaper than you can build.

Howard Land Co.

Misses Evagene Murchison, Agnes Murray and Leta Lively are spending the week in Lovelady with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Phillips of Cleveland visited their children, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Phillips, this week.

Stop This Loss!



HOG - TONE--60 day free treatment.

Peoples' Drug Store

Honesty and Quality Wade L Smith

Mrs. J. J. Knight of San Antonio, and Miss Ersell Knight of Conroe are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Selkirk have returned from a visit to their children, John B. Selkirk at Troup, and Mrs. Cocke at Jacksonville.

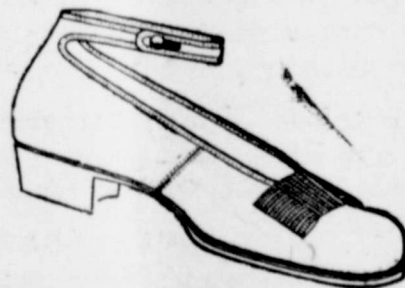
Mr. Shurtliff, county attorney of Robertson county, was in Grapeland several days last week looking at some farms with a view of making a purchase.

John Pate has purchased a lot on the east side of rail road and has erected a building on same. He will put in a shoe repair shop and restaurant.

To Make Room for our Fall Stock of Shoes

We are offering all summer footwear at **Extraordinary Specials**

Oxfords on Sale



1 ladies' black and brown kid pumps, hand turned soles, Louis wood covered heels, positively \$9.50 and \$10.00 values, on sale at \$6.95

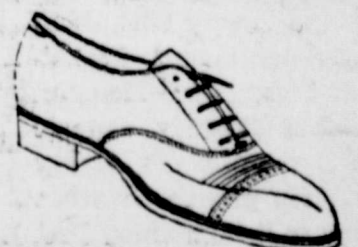
1 lot ladies' black kid pumps, Louis leather heel, hand turned soles, regular \$6.00 value on sale at \$4.25

1 lot ladies' black kid oxfords on sale at \$1.75

Men's Oxfords at Actual Cost

All Hamilton-Brown and Selz Oxfords, bought before the advance in shoes. TO CLOSE THEM OUT, we are offering them at ACTUAL COST. Prices range from \$2.98 to \$4.98.

—ALL GOOD STYLES—



This is no fake sale. If you want to buy SHOES AT A BARGAIN better come in early before they are picked over. Above prices are for CASH ONLY

W. H. Long & Company

The Value Giving Store

Permanent Cavalry Troop

Lieut. A. E. Owens of Troop M, 7th Cavalry, N. G. of T., has just returned from Austin, where he, with the other officers of the 7th Cavalry, was called into conference with General J. F. Wolters of Houston and Governor Hobby.

Being interviewed by the Messenger, Lieut. Owens said that, while there, it was decided to hold a fifteen days encampment either at Camp Mabry or Camp Stanley for the purpose of instruction, the camp to be held either during the latter part of August or the first part of September. The men will all be required to attend this camp, which has been ordered by the War Department and while on that duty will receive full pay and subsistence. Lieut. Owens declined to comment on the Mexican situation.

It is the intention of the War Department, so Lieut. Owens says, to maintain a full division of National Guard troops in Texas and Oklahoma. There has already been organized and federally recognized two brigades of cavalry and one of infantry and all that is now lacking is one regiment of infantry, one regiment of field artillery, the necessary field, hospital and signal trains, to complete the division.

Troop M of the 7th Cavalry will be permanently maintained at Crockett. The building back of Chamberlain's drug store has been secured for an armory and lockers, store rooms, etc. are now being built. The equipment for the troop, consisting of uniforms, rifles, sabres, pistols, etc., is expected to be received during August. Plans are being completed for the erection of stables for the accomodation of thirty-two horses. These horses will be kept at Crockett and will require the services of one sergeant and five enlisted men, who will be detailed for that duty on full pay and allowances.

The horses are not expected until the return of the troop from camp, some time in September. At that time, the troop will enter into a period of intensive training, consisting of weekly drills of 1½ hours each, for which they will receive one-fourth pay.

It is estimated that something like \$20,000.00 per year will be spent by the U. S. Government in maintaining the troop at Crockett. Houston county should congratulate itself on receiving this troop and should back up the men and officers in every way. The recent trouble at Longview has emphasized the value of National Guard troops, and shows the necessity of having at a few hours call a strong, well drilled citizen soldiery.

Lieut. Owens is very enthusiastic over the permanent acquisition of this troop for Houston county and confidently expects the support of all lovers of law and order. He promises within a short time to have a troop that will be a source of pride to Houston county.

More Evidence

Less than 15 per cent of business men are non-advertisers; yet 84 per cent of all business failures are among this 15 per cent of non-advertisers and only 16 per cent of failures occur among the 85 per cent of advertisers.—Detroit Herald.

Margin Too Wide

Washington, July 2.—The testimony given by E. A. Calvin of Houston, before a senate committee investigating the cost of living in the District of Columbia revealed that the producer was not the one that is responsible for the high retail price of commodities. He declared that the margin of profit from the producer to the consumer was entirely too wide.

Mr. Calvin did not say where the fault rested. He brought before the committee samples of gingham which he purchased in Washington which he weighed to show they contained but 15 ounces of cotton, which at an average price of 27 cents per pound, the farmer received for cotton last year, meant that the producer received but 25½ cents for the cotton in the samples. Calvin paid the Washington retailer \$4.50 for them.

Samples of voiles for which he paid \$3.48 contained but 18 and 17 cents worth of cotton. He also weighed up cotton sox and cotton handkerchiefs to show there was larger margin between the cotton cost and the retail prices. In the matter of vegetables, a high rate of profiteering was present. Mr. Calvin stated, as he related the purchases he had made and figured against his cost the price received by the producer.

No longer can the farmer who received a guaranteed price for wheat fixed by the government be accused of getting the larger end when it came to the price of bread, Calvin said. The farmer received for his wheat a price that was equal to flour at \$9 per barrel, whereas the bread was being sold to the consumers on the basis of flour at \$32 and \$36 per barrel.

Calvin told the committee something about the beef price in Washington and showed that the butcher was making more profit on a single transaction than was the producer, the packer, distributor, and commission, all put together. The government's figures showed the beef was being delivered to the butcher's block on July 1, from 16 to 18 cents per pound, whereas the retailer resold the beef for 40 cents per pound.

Left it on Guard

An Irish soldier had lost an eye in battle, but was allowed to continue in the service on consenting to have a glass eye in its place. One day he appeared on parade without his artificial eye. "Nolan," said the officer, "you are not properly dressed. Why is your artificial eye not in its place?"

"Sure, sir," replied Nolan, "I left it in my box to keep an eye on me kit while I'm on parade."—Current Opinion.

Murder!

"I see here that this country has shipped 50,000 tons of barbed wire to Russia," said the Boob, as he looked up from his newspaper. "I wonder what that's for?" "Oh," replied the Cheerful Idiot. "I suppose they are going to try and keep the cow in Moscow."—Luke Mc-Luke.

Rub-My-Tism is a powerful antiseptic; it kills the poison caused from infected cuts, cures old sores, tetter, etc.

THE NORTHERN STATES HAVE OFFICIALLY ADOPTED THE 56" AUTO TRACK WAGON

Neither too Wide nor too Narrow but Standard 56-Inch Auto-track

-- WEBER --

Bought by Farmers Because of Its Known Qualities

REGARDLESS of all other considerations—the 60-inch wagon does not fit the road. Any advantages it might possess are offset by the fact that it is a stranger on its own roads. It rides the ridges, which causes broken axles, wheels and other parts, and the tongue whips about which is hard on the team.

The justly famous Weber wagon is built only in 56" auto-track because this is the standard approved tread of automobiles—and the automobile makes the ruts in mud or soft roads. If the farm wagon is not made to follow the same path it is out of date for road service. Automobiles are increasing among farmers because they are a time-saving necessity, and every farmer who hasn't an automobile intends to procure one at the earliest opportunity.

The Weber 56" auto-track wagon will do everything that the old 60" wagon would do. It will haul cotton bales as easily as the wide track wagon and the team can draw the load without having to pull every inch of the way. It lends itself just as readily to all kinds of farm work and in addition it fits the prevailing road tracks.

Besides the auto-track feature the new Weber has the patented Fifth Wheel and the "Safety First" Swivel Reach Coupling—two advantages that are worth \$20 apiece to the user during the life of the wagon.

By all means see our Weber wagons before you buy. We can offer you something that will save you money and give you service.

W. H. LONG & COMPANY

THE SOUTHERN STATES HAVE OFFICIALLY ADOPTED THE 56" AUTO TRACK WAGON

Luke McLuke Says—

When a man leaves town for a while he expects people will miss him a good deal. But they don't.

You may not believe it, but excitement gets monotonous quicker than anything else.

One reason why a man has no chance with a woman in an argument is because a woman can't get indignant without getting hysterical.

No married man should brag about his self-control. He lost control of himself the day he got married.

The trouble about letting a girl go to an out-of-town school is that it is so hard for her friends to get acquainted with her when she gets back home.

Never direct a man to a place where there is good fishing. He will advertise you as a liar for the rest of his life.

The minority is always in the right when you happen to be in the minority.

Why is it a man isn't ashamed to do a lot of things that he would be ashamed to be caught doing?

It doesn't help a married man to have a way of his own. The betting is that he has a wife who outweighs him.

At 16 she knows that a prince is going to come along and carry her away to a palace. But at 26 she hopes the man who marries her will rent a house that has at least six rooms in it.

A girl is never so selfish that she wants a whole hammock to herself.

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

Ten Million Bales of Cotton to Handle

The Government estimates this year's cotton crop at 10 million bales. Prepare to help handle this enormous crop. It requires from four to six weeks to qualify. If you act quickly you can be ready. The A. & M. College of Texas, Bureau of Markets, U. S. Agricultural Department have seen fit to establish several cotton grading stations in this and adjoining states to assist the farmers in having their cotton properly graded, claiming that there will be a saving of from \$10 to \$40 per bale on the crop. The States Board recently held their examination in our College Sample Rooms and quite a number of our students qualified under the state law. This shows conclusively what we can do for you. We have the largest and best equipped Sample Room in the state, a new building 30x60 with a solid glass wall on the north to afford the proper light. This building was erected especially for the cotton work. There being such a dif-

ference in the grades of cotton and with the ever increasing demand for help along this line, young men and women should prepare themselves. When we say women, we say so based on the fact that there are several women taking our Cotton Classing, realizing what an opportunity is open to them and the State admits women to the Cotton examination the same as men.

The cost of the course is \$35.00, including samples and material for Cotton Grading paper and the average time from four to six weeks.

In order to get in in time to prepare for the coming cotton season, write, wire or phone for information and our free catalogue.

Name
Address
Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

666 has more imitations than any other Chill and Fever Tonic on the market, but no one wants imitations. They are dangerous things in the medicine line.—

Ford

"The Universal Car"

Don't forget to get your order in now if you intend getting that NEW FORD this fall, as we are booking cars every day, so get in line—book now.

We wish to state that we are now getting the Ford one-ton truck with pneumatic tires all around and demountable rims, rear casings 32x4½. This makes it an ideal truck.

Touring Car	\$525.00
Roaster	500.00
Chassis	475.00
Coupe	750.00
Sedan	875.00
Truck Chassis	550.00

F. O. B. Factory

TOWERY MOTOR COMPANY

AUTHORIZED SALES AND SERVICE

HUGH L. MORRISON, Authorized Representative



United States Tires are Good Tires

The Real Thing Right Through

Put United States Tires under your car and you'll find them the real thing.

They're built to wear—to give you the kind of economical service you want. And that's just what they do.

Hundreds of thousands of regular users will vouch for that—lots of them right around here.

There are five distinct types of United States Tires—one for every need of price or use.

We have *exactly* the ones for your car.

We know United States Tires are good Tires. That's why we sell them

George E. Darsey & Company

Where the Rainbow Never Fades is such an era of inflation as was with larger circulations, but it never seen before and prices are is doubtful if any other has so based on a tremendously inflated much influence with its subscrib- man's only abiding place. It can- basis. High prices will continue ers. The family in the small not be that our life is a mere for some time. There will be town and on the farm is in ac- bubble cast upon by eternity to wild speculation which will run cord with the aims and service float a moment on its waves and its course and finally will come of the good country paper. then sink into nothingness. Else the time of reaction and stagna- tion. Despite the tendency of city papers and of city folk in gen- eral to ridicule the country pa- why is it that the glorious as- tion. Wise men will pay their debts eral to ridicule the country pa- from the temple of our hearts now in dollars which have a pur- per, there is little doubt that in are forever wandering unsatis- chasing power less than half of some ways, the country weekly what they had four years ago, is the best paper printed. It stars that hold their festival but which still have a debt-pay- comes nearer to fulfilling the around the midnight throne are ing power equal to what they purpose for which it was estab- set above the grasp of our limit- had then. People not so care- lished—that of telling the news ed faculties forever mocking us ful will not only get out of debt about its own and neighboring with their unapproachable glory? but will go in debt deeper than communities—than any other And, finally, why is it that before and when the reaction paper has ever come. bright forms of human beauty comes they will discover that The successful country week- presented to our view are taken while their debts have not been ly confines itself very largely to from us, leaving the thousand reduced their own earning capa- the home field. It gives its sub- streams of our affections to flow city as measured by the dollar, scribes that which the daily back in Alpine torrents upon has increased. Then will prob- cannot furnish. It is close to our hearts? There is a realm ably come a financial panic the lives, the ambitions, the triumphs and the disappoint- where the rainbow never fades; which will shake the business ments of the people of its com- where the stars will be spread foundations of the nation. munity.—Missourian, Columbia Mo.

Country Weekly Best

The country weekly is the home paper fit to go into the home and to be read by all members of the family when they gather around the hickory-wood mosquito smudge on the front veranda of the small-town home on summer evenings, or as they sit around the base burner of the little farm home sittin' room of cold winter nights. There are other newspapers

Graveyard Working

The Messenger is requested to give notice that there will be a graveyard working and memorial service at Lone Star August 12. Those interested are requested to be present and bring necessary tools to clean the yard, and bring a basket of dinner, which will be spread on the ground.

High Prices to Continue

Papers all over the United States are filled with discussion of the high cost of living and what can be done about it. The probability is that nothing effective will be done about it. There

More Mexican Trouble

Just now the Mexican situation is exciting nearly or quite as much general interest as the debate over the proposed League of Nations. Two members of Congress, one a Democrat from Texas, and one a Republican from Ohio, have introduced resolutions which if passed and made the policy of the government, would almost certainly mean intervention in Mexico. Both resolutions agree in denouncing the Mexican government for failure to protect the rights of American citizens, more especially the citizens of the United States in Mexico.

A rather significant circumstance is the fact that army officers who expected to be immediately demobilized and released from service are being held. It is being quite freely predicted that intervention will be an established fact within the next few months. The Carranza government has pursued a course calculated to irritate the people of the United States and antagonize our government. It is also very doubtful whether Carranza possesses the power to protect citizens of the United States in Mexico even if he wishes to do so. None of the resolutions bearing on the situation propose to annex Mexico, but do propose to send a sufficient armed force down there to establish control until an efficient and orderly government can be established by the Mexican people.

The Best of Reasons

The Sunday school teacher was explaining the difference between love and respect. She told the little ones about how their love for their parents was natural; and their respect the result of teaching and experience. And she asked some questions of one bright lad with the following good results:

"Robert, why do you love your father?"
"Because he's my father and because he's good to me."
"And why do you respect him?"
"Because he could lick me with one hand tied behind him!"
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

BAPTIST CHURCH

W. E. Ray, Pastor.
C. L. Haltom, Church Clerk
Preaching each first and third Sundays, morning and evening.
Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.
W. D. Granberry, Supt.
Baptist Women's Auxiliary meets each Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.
Mrs. Geo. Moore, Pres.
Mrs. Frank Allen, Sec'y.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

G. H. Farmer, Pastor.
Preaching first, second and fourth Sundays in each month, morning and evening.
Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.
T. H. Leaverton, Supt.
Lucretia Riall, Sec'y.
Junior Endeavor Society meets each Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.
Ladies' Aid Society meets on Tuesday afternoon after each first and third Sunday.
Mrs. Geo. Calhoun, Pres.
Mrs. Sidney Boykin, Secy.
Women's Missionary Society meets Tuesday afternoon after the second Sunday in each month.
Mrs. P. H. Stafford, Pres.
Mrs. G. H. Farmer, Secy.
Official Board meets on Monday night following each third Sunday.
J.E.Hollingsworth, Chm.
Miss Blanche Kennedy, Secretary.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH

J. E. Buttrill, Pastor.
Farmers' Union Phone No. 59
Preaching each Sunday morning and evening.
Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening.
Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.
M. E. Darsey, Supt.
A. H. Luker, Sec'y.
Junior League each Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.
Mrs. J. E. Buttrill, Supt.
Francis Leaverton, Secy.
Women's Missionary Society meets Tuesday afternoon following the second and fourth Sundays at 3 o'clock.
Mrs. C.W.Kennedy, Pres.
Mrs. Marvin Gilbert, Sec.
Board of Stewards meet on Monday night following each third Sunday.
E.E.Hollingsworth, Pres.
S. E. Howard, Sec'y.

Young people who marry in airplanes going at eighty miles an hour are not quite as smart as young people were in our youthful days, and even at that we wouldn't have it understood that the youth of our generation had much sense when it was in the grip of the love bug.—Houston Post.

Read the Advertisements

You read your newspaper to get the latest news. To get all the news you should read the advertising columns as thoroughly as you do items of local, national or worldwide interest.

For every advertisement is a news item. Each advertisement tells a story of its own—a story of economical interest to you and your family.

Advertisements tell you what, where and when you can buy to best advantage.

Advertisements keep you posted on the latest improvements in every article of human need, whether food, clothing, article of household utility, necessities and luxuries.

Advertisements have established standards of quality for nearly everything. You insist on that quality when you buy—perhaps unconscious of the fact that advertising has implanted that standard of quality in your mind.

Your local merchants deserve your support and patronage. READ THEIR ADVERTISEMENTS.

Boll Weevil Poisoning Machine

The limiting factor in cotton boll weevil control by poisoning is the lack of machinery for dusting powdered calcium arsenate, the only poison that has been found sufficiently effective. There is a shortage of calcium arsenate, but the machinery obtainable is not sufficient to handle the quantity of poison available. There are only two types of dusters, a small hand affair that can not be used successfully on more than about 40 acres of cotton and a large power machine that is too expensive for use on less than 200 acres of cotton in a body. The main need is for an intermediate type of duster, suitable for use by cotton growers whose plantings run from 50 to 200 acres. Such a machine is in course of construction by the United States Department of Agriculture at the Delta Laboratory, Tallulah, La., and will be on the market for the cotton-growing season of 1920. It will be operated by wheel traction, will cost about \$75, and will cover in the neighborhood of 20 acres a day.

Captured A Still

Sheriff Spence and Esq. Jno. A. Davis, in company with two U. S. secret service men, captured a whiskey still Tuesday afternoon, and arrested three men, one by the name of Maxwell, and two Warren boys. They were carried to Crockett and placed in jail.

The still was located on the R. L. Pridden farm several miles northwest of Grapeland. Several gallons of whiskey were found on the premises. The still was a very crude, home-made affair, which the officers dismantled and carried away with them.

Southwest is Prosperous

Reports of the Manufactures Record of Baltimore show continued activity in the cotton mill districts of the South. Ten large concerns were organized during the week. Among the larger oil activities is the incorporation of a \$20,000,000 company in Texas by Delaware capitalists for the purchase of oil properties and building storage tanks; the formation of a \$4,000,000 production company by Fort Worth and Los Angeles capitalists; the incorporation at Sweetwater of a million-dollar petroleum company; at Wichita Falls of a \$350,000 apartment hotel company and at Tulsa a half million dollar foundry and machine shop will be erected. Builders and developers are in evidence under southern and southwestern skies.

For Sale

One 70-saw Gullet gin with feeder, condenser, elevator seed outfit, single box press, shafts, pulleys, hangers, etc.; ginning machinery complete; will gin a bale every 45 minutes. It is practically new; has ginned less than 500 bales. Have no use for it. Will sell for \$950.00—cost new \$1800.00. Address—
P. O. Box 512,
Palestine, Texas.

Three dollars seems a scandalous price to pay for a tie, but there is a pippin line at Darsey's from two bits up.

Grave Situation

The Texas Teachers' Association has issued the following statement:

The publicity committee of the State Teachers' Association has just received, in reply to numerous letters sent out, information that indicates so grave a situation in Texas schools that the committee feels that this information should be brought to the attention of every citizen of the State. The committee frankly admits that it does not see how the situation is to be met in time to prevent serious loss to our schools, but the information is given out in the hope that out of the wisdom of all the people some way may be found to remedy the condition.

Carefully prepared replies from nineteen of the best cities and large towns of the state show a loss this year of 34 per cent of their men and 20 per cent of their women teachers. In addition to many vacancies at the present time, these reports show an average of only one-fifth the number of well qualified male and one-third of the number of well qualified female applicants this year as compared with recent years.

Of the teachers lost, according to the estimates of superintendents, 77 per cent are among the better and 23 per cent among the poorer teachers. The reports from four schools losing over forty teachers among them, show that every teacher lost was in the better class.

Returns from county superintendents representing 607 teachers show even worse conditions. They have lost this year 33 per cent of their men and 30 per cent of their women teachers, and 78 per cent of those lost were among the better teachers. The number of male applicants is less than one-fourth, and the number of female applicants is less than one-third of that of last year. One North Texas county reports 100 vacancies now, and a middle western county has sixty vacancies.

Of course a part of the losses in teachers is due to the usual transfers from one school to another, but 35 per cent of the city and town losses and 66 per cent of the rural losses are reported as permanent.

These losses are reported in spite of the fact that there has been an average raise of salary of 28 per cent in the cities and towns and 23 per cent in the rural schools reporting.

If the figures compiled from these reports are typical of the state as a whole, Texas schools have lost about 4,500 women and 1,200 men teachers this year, and there are 4,500 vacancies at this time. These vacancies, if filled at all, must be filled with untrained and inexperienced young people, mere boys and girls, and with former teachers who have dropped out of school work on account of inefficiency. Some Superintendents report that they are obliged to use more inexperienced teachers than ever before in order to fill vacancies at all.

It will soon be school time and just about a month remains to get the children ready. If you mothers want to buy where you will find everything you'll need, we want you to come to our store. Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

Notice of Election

The Commissioners' Court of Houston County, Texas, being in regular session this 31 day of July, A. D. 1919, considers the petition of Frank Leaverton and forty others asking that an election be held to determine whether or not horses and cattle should run at large within the confines of the Grapeland Independent School District; and

It appearing that said petition is signed by the requisite number of property tax-paying voters of said School District and is in all things in conformity with the law;

It is therefore the order of the court that an election shall be held at Grapeland, Texas, on Monday, September 1st, 1919, to determine whether or not the law to prevent the running at large of horses and cattle shall be held to operate within the limits of the Grapeland Independent School District.

T. H. Leaverton is hereby appointed Manager of said election. He shall appoint such assistants as he may deem necessary and shall make his returns to this court as is required by law.

Nat Patton, County Judge.
Attest:—
A. E. Owens, County Clerk,
Houston County, Texas.

Notice to Baptists

All members of the church are urged to be present at prayer meeting tonight (Thursday) to attend a special conference.

C. L. Holtom, Clerk.

Messrs. Holden, Henderson and White of Robertson county, closed a deal last week for the farm of Mr. Fitchett at Percilla. The farm consists of practically 200 acres, the price paid being \$35.00 per acre.

Maize Feed

We have just received a car load of maize feed. If you need any, better get it this week, as this will be the last car we will be able to get.

J. W. Howard.

Grapeland and Crockett kid ball teams played a game of ball on the local diamond Friday afternoon. Grapeland won the game by a score of 5 to 2. The same teams will play at Crockett this Friday afternoon.

Scholarship For Sale

We have a scholarship in Tyler Commercial College for sale. The Messenger.

Speer Darsey arrived home Tuesday, after seeing about a year's service in France with a motor truck company. His many friends are glad to see him again.

Say fellows, you ought to see those advance fall models in young men's suits received this week at Darsey's.

S. N. Boykin left Sunday for St. Louis, where he will spend the week buying fall goods for the firm of Geo. E. Darsey & Co. He was accompanied by his young son, S. N. Jr.

For Sale

A full blood Jersey bull; young and vigorous and a fine specimen. See me—
Jno. A. Davis.

Coolidge Druggist Recommends

Admirine
"The Body Builder"

"In speaking a few words about Admirine tonic, I will say that it is in a class by itself. There is no one who knows more about the results received from it than I do. I have found it to be the best medicine in the world for what it is recommended."

"Several years ago my wife took a high fever, and her temperature ran up to 105 degrees. All the medicine the three doctors gave her failed to do her any good. I commenced giving her Admirine tonic. The first dose began running down the fever, and after taking it a few days she was completely cured. If it had not been for Admirine she would have died."

"When I was located in Marquez, Texas, after I had sold Admirine to a few of my customers, they would then do the selling, as the results were so satisfactory that they told their friends about it," writes B. P. Wallace, druggist, Coolidge, Texas.

If your system is all run down, take Admirine, "The Body Builder." Sold on a guarantee.

For Sale by **WADE L. SMITH**
Manufactured by Eucaline Medicine Co., Dallas, Texas

LIVELYVILLE
By Rip Van Winkle

Livelyville, August 4.—We have been enjoying ideal summer weather, the first, almost, of the entire season, and cotton prospects look somewhat brighter. We hope for continued dry weather for several weeks longer. Perhaps Mr. Boll Weevil will think better of it and quit us.

The revival services at the M. P. church, now being conducted, promise to be very successful, as many people were present Sunday morning and evening. We were glad to see so many folks from surrounding communities, and hope more will be with us. Rev. J. F. Lively is conducting the services.

Many folks have gone visiting and some are taking quite a long trip. Lenard Howard and Alna Tillman went to the far west to visit Mr. W. Tillman.

Arthur Guice of Grapeland spent Saturday night and Sunday with Paul McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Jones of Percilla took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Brown Sunday.

Ben Keen and his mother spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Haltom.

Bruce and Luther Morehead visited their sister, Mrs. Leamon, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Ellis spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ellis in the Bethel community.

Miss Lina Keen spent Sunday afternoon with Misses Modelle and Bertha Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cook and children spent Monday with relatives in Salmon.

J. W. Ellis' horse got into the wire and was badly cut last Saturday.

"What causes the high cost of living" is still an open question and we are looking forward to the opinions of Messenger readers on this point. (It seems that the people are a little backward about tackling it. Let us have a few short articles on this question.—Ed.)

Bunk Smith, Alvin Johnston and Misses Ethel Wilkins and Marie Masters took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Smith Sunday.

Little Oselle Masters was very sick last Saturday, but is better now.

Mrs. E. Howard spent several days at Denson Springs visiting relatives.

Miss Mary Lou Darsey left Wednesday morning via the auto route for Alto, where they will spend a few days looking at the country with a view of buying a farm.



DOES A KID FEEL LIKE THIS IN HIS FIRST PAIR OF LONG PANTS?

MICKIE SAYS

SAY, LOOKIT HERE, JERRY! YOU'N ME IS GOIN' TO MIX IT THE VERY NEXT TIME YOU WADE 'ROUND IN THE INK FOUNTAIN AN' THEN GO FER A STROLL ON THE BOSS'S DESK. I'VE STOOD FER A LOT FROM YOU, BUT THERE'S A LIMIT, CAT!



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80 acres of well improved land, in good community, 5 miles from Grapeland. All under hog proof fence. For price and terms, see or write—
J. W. Cook,
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Rev. C. U. McLarty, presiding elder of the Navasota district, filled the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dockery of Shreveport, La., arrived Saturday and will spend some time here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Selkirk expect to leave Monday for Goose Creek to visit the family of their son, Ainsworth Selkirk.

Messrs. Lee Finch and Arthur Brooks and their families left Wednesday morning via the auto route for Alto, where they will spend a few days looking at the country with a view of buying a farm.