

# The Grapeland Messenger.

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## LIVELYVILLE NEWS

Livelyville, Dec. 13.—We had preaching Friday and Sunday nights. A large number of people were present and all liked the new preacher very much, indeed. We hope he will fell at home among us.

Miss Lila Dennis was the guest of Mrs. C. A. Mills Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. Moore of Grapeland spent Sunday with O. P. Brown.

Venon Wilson is visiting his mother, Mrs. Dillard Haltom.

Misses Belmar and Anna Cunningham went to Grapeland on a shopping trip last week.

Dan Shipper returned home Saturday, after spending several weeks in the west.

Wood Tillman from below Denson Springs, is visiting his brother, Alna, and sisters, Gracie and Virgie.

Mrs. Ethel Tillman and Gracie and Vergie visited their mother, Mrs. Hubert Steadman, at Salmon.

## Victory Medals

Houston, Texas, Dec. 10, 1920.—The U. S. Army Recruiting Station, 1003 1-2 Congress Avenue, Houston, Texas, has received two consignments of Victory Medals. One shipment bearing the clasp for service in France and the other for service in the United States.

Commencing today the above classes of medals will be issued at the Army Recruiting Station,

Houston, Texas, and applications should be made to the nearest Recruiting Station or direct to the District Recruiting Station, Houston, Texas.

Men discharged from the army who are entitled to battle clasps are requested to make applications to this office and their medals with appropriate battle clasps will be forwarded direct to them from the Depot Officer, General Supply Depot, Philadelphia, Penna.

## Box Supper

There will be a box supper at Latexo school house, Friday night, December 17, for the benefit of the school. Everyone invited. 1t

O. P. Brown is a friend of ours living out in the Livelyville community and he's a pretty good sort of fellow. He killed hogs last week and sent us some old fashioned country sausage. It was fine—tasted just like the kind "mother used to make" away back yonder on the farm.

## For Boys

Give your boy a Boy Scout Axe and Sheath for a Christmas present. Only \$1.75 each at Kennedy Bros.

Mrs. A. H. Luker and son and little Miss Eva Carl Scarborough visited relatives in Crockett Monday.

## NEW PROSPECT NEWS

New Prspect, Dec. 13.—Rev. W. D. Andrews filled his regular appointment at this place last Saturday night and Sunday. Sunday school and preaching were well attended. We noticed several visitors from other communities. We are glad to have them with us and hope they may come often.

Several of our neighbors were killing hogs last week, and as there is a stiff norther blowing this morning, we expect more porkers will lose their lives today and tomorrow.

Miss Letha Collins, who has been attending school at Tyler, is at home on a visit but intends to return to Tyler in a few days.

Miss Adelle Caskey and Nathan Baker, both of Grapeland, were visiting at Alton Baker's Sunday.

Uncle Billie Brooks spent several days last week at the home of his son, Charlie Brooks at Grapeland.

Our young people met to sing at the home of Web Finch last Sunday evening. There was a large crowd present.

Mrs. E. J. Musick is spending awhile in Grapeland at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Sadler.

## At the Christian Church Next Sunday

10 a. m. Sunday school.  
11 a. m. morning service.  
6:45 p. m. evening services.  
Sermon subjects: at 11 o'clock "A Reasonable Expectation;" and at the evening hour, "The Call of the Gospel."

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.  
G. H. Farmer, Pastor.

## Capacity is Yet Unknown of Michigan-Texas Well

Palestine, Texas, Dec. 11.—Excitement was created here today by the reports that the Michigan-Texas Oil Company, drilling near Jarvis, had a 100-barrel well, and there is a good showing of oil and gas, the capacity of the well is as yet unknown. There is water above the oil sand, and the drillers are preparing to set casing and shut off the water. They have only drilled in a few inches. However, it looks good for a well. This is the third showing encountered. The well is about 700 feet deep.

## Eastern Texas Railroad Will Be Abandoned

The people of Ratcliff and Kennard, in the southeastern part of the county, have lost their fight to keep the Eastern Texas Railroad from abandoning its line from Kennard to Lufkin. The following news item was carried by the press from Washington, D. C., under date of December 6:

"The Eastern Texas Railroad company today was authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission to abandon its line between Lufkin and Kennard, Texas. The commission attributed the order to lack of traffic.

The commissioner also stipulated that the Eastern Texas road must offer its property for sale in a sum not exceeding \$50,000."

The line was originally built to haul the output of a large saw-mill at Ratcliff, which was operated by the Central Coal & Coke Co., and during the life time of the mill, the road enjoyed a splendid patronage. The mill has been moved away, and patronage is not sufficient to pay expenses of the road, so the officials claim.

The removal of this road will be a serious blow to that section of Houston county which abounds in fertile farms, and the outlet to a market will be a serious problem.

• Horace Powell and Nion Thompson attended the Masonic Grand Lodge at Waco last week as delegates from Augusta Lodge No. 93.

Mrs. Laura Goodson has returned home from Angleton, where she spent some time with her daughter, Mrs. A. S. Porter. Mr. and Mrs. Porter are happy over the arrival of a young lady at their home Thanksgiving.

## ROCK HILL NEWS

Rock Hill, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Nellie Gibson visited at John Spikes at Elkhart last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Streich visited at Ancil Streetman's Sunday.

Sunday school was very well attended Sunday as the weather was fine but unusually warm for this time of the year.

Mr. Denson and family have moved to the Robert Brooks place. We are very glad to have them with us.

Christmas will be here sooner than we expect, so we had better prepare to meet conditions. The giving and receiving of gifts to make all happy but in the meantime don't forget why we celebrate it.

Rock Hill school is being equipped as well as any in the country as it now has the real up-to-date jacketed heaters and real shades. We feel very proud of it.

Those Georgia boys who tried to haze their teachers need what would do a good many other boys scads of good—the old home shingle applied right where the pants are tight.

# Buy Now

BUY NOW is truly a watchword. If you would buy goods cheap—cheaper than you can buy the same goods thirty days from now.

Things will adjust themselves after the first of the year and merchandise will sell for what it is actually worth instead of 50 per cent below its replacement cost.

We have positive reductions on on everything in our house and we ask that you inspect our stock and compare our prices before you buy your next bill. We know we can save you money.

We are yours for service, and want you to call on us freely.

**McLean & Riall**  
DEPENDABLE MERCHANTS  
Grapeland, Texas

## GEORGE E. DARSEY & COMPANY

# FINAL CLEARANCE SALE!

### The Greatest of All Sales

is the verdict of the hundreds of satisfied customers who attended this sale from miles around. . . We are glad that our prices and our efforts have met with the approval of the buying public and shall endeavor to make the last half of this great price reducing eclipse the first.

**WE HAVE REDUCED OUR ENTIRE LINE TO BELOW THE PRESENT MARKET VALUE OF THE GOODS. COSTS AND PROFITS HAVE NOT BEEN CONSIDERED.**

**IF YOU WOULD SAVE FROM 33 1-3 TO 50 PERCENT ON YOUR PURCHASES, COME AND SEE US.**

**GEORGE E. DARSEY & CO.**



Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a doll that will go to sleep, a doll piano, a kitchen cabinet, some fruits, nuts and candy; also some fireworks.  
Your little friend,  
Mary Myrta Richards.

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a big doll, a ring and some nuts and candy and fruit and also don't forget my little sister, Bertha Mae. Bring her a doll buggy and a doll and some fruits and candy and nuts, and please don't forget my baby sister. Bring her a squaky doll and a rattler and all kinds of fruits and nuts and candy, and bring her an 'all day sucker.' That is all I will ask for this Christmas. Dear Santa, good bye.  
Ruth Durnell.

Dear Santa Claus:  
How are you today? I am fine. Santa, please bring me a little celluloid doll and some clothes for it. Bring me some fruits and nuts and some fireworks of all kinds and bring me a story book and a music roll and some candies and a slate book and pencil. Good bye, good bye.  
Your little friend,  
Ruth Taylor.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I thought I would tell you what a doll, air gun, fruits and candy I want for Christmas. I want dies. Santa, I went to school the other day and my teacher whipped the seat out of my breeches and I want you to bring me a pair of overalls. Santa bring mama a big rocking chair.  
Your loving friend,  
Weston Brooks.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Santa, I don't want you to forget me, either. I want you to bring me a big sleeping doll, some nuts of all kinds, candies, fruit, story book and a rubber ball. Well, I will close. As ever, your friend,  
Louise Brooks.

Percilla, Texas, Dec. 10.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
How are you by now? Santa, I want you to bring me a box of target shells, some fireworks, candies, oranges, apples; bring my school mates something. You come and I will meet you at the door. Bring me a box of 12 gauge shot gun shells. Will you do that? I will close. Your friend,  
Calvin Edward Dickey.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I will write tonight to tell you what I want you to bring me. A sleepy doll with curly hair, and a trunk, fruits and nuts. That is all this time. Don't forget the other children.  
Your little friend,  
Evelyn Burden.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me an air gun, and some shot, a top, apples, oranges, candy, and all kinds of fruit and nuts, and please do not forget my little sister, Irene, and brother "Mutt."  
And oblige,  
Cleddie Caskey.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me some candy and apples, banana's and oranges; also some toys and, Santa, I will be a good little boy if you will bring me a Ford roadster to carry my grandpapa and my papa to town in.  
Your little friend,  
Charles Wilson Matthews.

# Greetings



I always come to visit you at Christmas-time each year,  
But every time I come along I miss a face that's dear;  
Some girlie is a woman grown, some boy is now a man,  
But while the crop of kiddies lasts I'll do the best I can  
To make you shout instead of cry,  
And make you laugh instead of sigh!

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a Daisy air gun, also some shot, candy and nuts and a few fire crackers. I won't need many with my gun. So don't forget me.  
With love from  
Bender Ross Jones.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a little wagon, a bugle and lots of fire crackers and candy; also bring my little sister a doll and some little dishes and lots of candy and nuts.  
With lots of love.  
Forest Jones Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I will tell you what I want. I want a doll and a rubber ball and a pair of shoes and some fruit and nuts. I will close for this time.  
Marceill McCorkle.  
Percilla, Texas, Dec. 11.

Dear Santa Claus:  
How are you this cold day? Allright, I hope. I want you to bring me a large sleepy doll with black curly hair and blue eyes that has slippers and stockings. Bring me some sparklers, also a pair of new shoes and a story

book. Bring me lots of candy, fruits and nuts of all kinds. Bring my brother a knife, some fireworks and some fruits, candy and nuts of all kinds, and don't forget my little school mates. So I hope it will be pretty weather. Will look for you. Your little friend.  
Alpha Brumley.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I will tell you what I want. I want a doll and a rubber ball and some fruit and nuts. Don't forget my little brother and sister.  
Elsie Mae McCorkle.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I thought I would write you and tell you what I want you to bring me. First of all, a Testament to carry to Sunday school, rubber ball, candy, nuts, oranges and apples. Your little friend,  
Dorris Starkey.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a good girl and I wish you would bring me a doll. I also wish a kitchen cabinet and some fruits and nuts.  
Lovingly,  
Hazel Howard.

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a ring, a doll, a set of doll dishes, a doll trunk, and some apples and oranges. Don't forget my mother and brothers and bring them something too. Your friend,  
Mary Allen.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I will tell you what I want. I want some firecrackers and a wagon and a ball and some fruits and candies. Well, I will close. Bye, bye. Your friend.,  
Jonnie McCorkle.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I will tell you what I want. I want a ring and a doll and a trunk and a locket and some nuts.  
Vergie McCorkle.

Dear Santa Claus:  
As Christmas is drawing near, I will ask for a few things. I am a little girl nine years old. I go to school at Jones School House, and remember my teacher, Mr. Ben L. Keen. Please bring me a cameo broach pin and a pair of gloves. That is all I will ask for. And please bring my little sister a box of handkerchiefs and a little teaset, and bring my little brother, all kinds of fireworks and a rubber ball. So that is all we will ask for, and don't forget all the little orphan children. Your little girl,  
Hazel Burden.

Dear Santa Claus:  
How are you this cool morning? I am writing you a letter telling you what I want you to bring me Chrstmas.  
Please bring me a doll that can cry, a little white rabbit, a telephone, a ring, a string of beads, and some fruits. And Santa, don't forget my little chum Lula May Franklin. She wants a doll, a ring, a watch, a dancing doll, and some fruits. Hoping to see you Christmas.  
Little Myrta Edmondson.

Dear Santa Claus:  
How are you this fine sunshiny day?  
I am writing you a letter telling you what I want you to bring me Christmas.  
Please bring me a white rabbit, a little red chair, a telephone, a wagon with horses, and some fruits.  
I will not ask for nothing more for I want you to think of the other little children and divide toys with them.  
Little Garrett Nolan Dickey Jr.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy seven years old, and I am going to school. I want you to bring me an engine, a ball, a horn and a water gun, and some apples, oranges and candy.  
Your little boy,  
Jack Alien.

P. S.—Please bring me some fire works, too. Do not forget my teacher, Miss Vera, for she is good.  
(Other letters to Sana Claus printed elsewhere in this issue.)





# Big Christmas Sale!

Big Line of all kinds of Christmas Goods

**DOLLS, DOLLS and TOYS--all kinds!**

To be sold in this Xmas Sale at Extra Special Low Prices

Cedar Chests	Boys' Wagons
Art Squares	Air Guns
Rocking Chairs	Toy Autos
Iron Beds	Little Rocking Chairs
Cooking Stoves	Toy Trains
Dressers	Velocipedes

Extra Special on Groceries	
10 pounds of sugar for	\$1.00
7 pounds of coffee for	\$1.00
5 cans of good salmon for	75c
\$2.00 bucket of lard for	\$1.75
\$1.00 bucket of lard for	35c
Extra high patent flour the kind for that Christmas cake, guaranteed to be best	\$2.95

Apples, Oranges, Nuts, Candy and Fireworks. Come early to get yours

## Keeland Brothers

Home of Santa Claus

### Schwab is Optimistic

Existing slumps in business is only the natural transition of industries returning to a normal basis from the speeding up of production made necessary by the war, declared Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the board of directors of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation in an address recently.

"I want to go on record," said Mr. Schwab, "as saying nothing could be healthier for American business than the very condition through which we are now passing. The severer the storm now, the quicker it will be over and the sooner we can emerge into clear weather and shape our course upon the sea of prosperity."

Commenting upon the status of unemployed laborers, Mr. Schwab stated that "the great need of the world today is too work hard and save."

This, he said, applied to men of means as well as working men. The man who fails to work was characterized as a "slacker" who deserves no place among honorable men."

The foreign trade of the United States depends upon the power of business men to think "internationally," Mr. Schwab said, in advocating the plan of trusting in the good faith and productive power of Europe by sending raw materials and accepting in payment securities representing their producing activities.

He declared efficient production was the only guarantee of employment and higher wages.

"Never in our life time," said the speaker, "have the shelves of the world been so bare. At that moment, our export trade hangs by a slender thread. We are rapidly getting into a position where the whole world owes us money and yet can not pay it."

Irregularity in the bowel movements makes you feel uncomfortable and leads to a constipated habit which is bad. Herbine is the remedy you need. It restores healthy regularity. Price, 60c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

An agricultural exchange says that two streams of milk should flow instead of one. Must be some cow.

Distress after eating is due to bad digestion. Herbine helps the digestive process, clears the system of impurities and restores a feeling of vigor and buoyancy of spirit. Price 60c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

### Rock Where Pilgrims Landed

Plymouth Rock is to be moved back to the water's edge, from whence it was taken by zealous patriots in 1774. At that time it was dragged to the town square to serve as the base of a flagpole. In 1823 the precious relic was removed to the Pilgrim original place and not at the Hall. About 1880 it was taken again to the shore, but not to its waters edge. A rather ugly canopy of stone was built over it, and this happily, is to be taken away. The true historic place of the rock is known by the ledge from which it was torn, a spot some seven feet lower than the position occupied for the last forty years. With guards by day and night, great care is being taken to protect the rock from relic-hunters who might chip off parts of it.

A remedy that will penetrate is necessary in the treatment of rheumatism. Ballard's Snow Liniment goes right through the flesh to the bone and relieves promptly. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

### "Wizard" Lands in Jail

Ponzi, the Boston "wizard of finance," has been sentenced to five years in jail. He defrauded people by offering them high rates of interest on loans which interest he paid as long as he was able out of the principals of deposits made by new victims.

## "Safety First"

### Elkhart High School Play

To be Staged at

Grapeland High School Auditorium

Saturday Night **18th**  
December

A splendid farce-comedy play in 3 acts. Time of play, 2 1-4 hours. Come and enjoy the play. You will not be disappointed.

### ADMISSION:

Adults, 30c. Children under 12 years old, 15c

Benefit of Elkhart High School Auditorium fund. 25 per cent goes to Grapeland High School

## A. E. MURDOCK'S RESTAURANT AND MEAT MARKET

Prices Now on:

Long Loin and Round Steak per pound	30c
All other steak per pound	25c
Roast meat per pound	22 1/2c
Sausage and Pork ham per pound	30c
Pork chops per pound	25c
Breakfast bacon per pound	70c
Best cured ham per pound	55c
Fresh bread per loaf	10c

—WE HANDLE FRESH OYSTERS—

OUR MOTTO: Keep it clean and nice and serve everybody right. WE DELIVER EVERY SATURDAY and will appreciate your orders

A. E. MURDOCK, Prop.

J. C. SKIDMORE, Cutter



**Letters to Santa Claus**

Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a doll, some nuts, candy, oranges and fruits of all kinds.  
Lony Brown.

Dear Santa:  
Please be kind enough to bring me some candy, apples, oranges and nuts of all kinds; also a little doll and bed.  
Sirita Mosley.

Dear Santa:  
I am a little girl four years old. I want you to bring me a little rocking chair, a doll, some needles, a little pair of scissors, a thimble and nuts, oranges and candy. Please don't forget my little brother Woodrow. Bring him some fire works and candy.  
Vora Beeson.

Dear Old Santa Claus: I know you don't have as much money this Christmas as you have before and I don't want you to bring me much. Just go to Darsey's and get me something I can use. You can also get me some nuts and fruits and fire-works there too for Darsey's stock is always fresh and clean.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I will tell you what I want. I want a doll and a little knife and nuts and oranges and some apples and some candy. Don't forget my little sisters and brothers. I will close.  
Vernie McCorkle.  
(Santa, this boy asked for something else, but we couldn't make out what it was. Ask his pa about it.—Editor.

Rusk, Texas, Dec. 11.

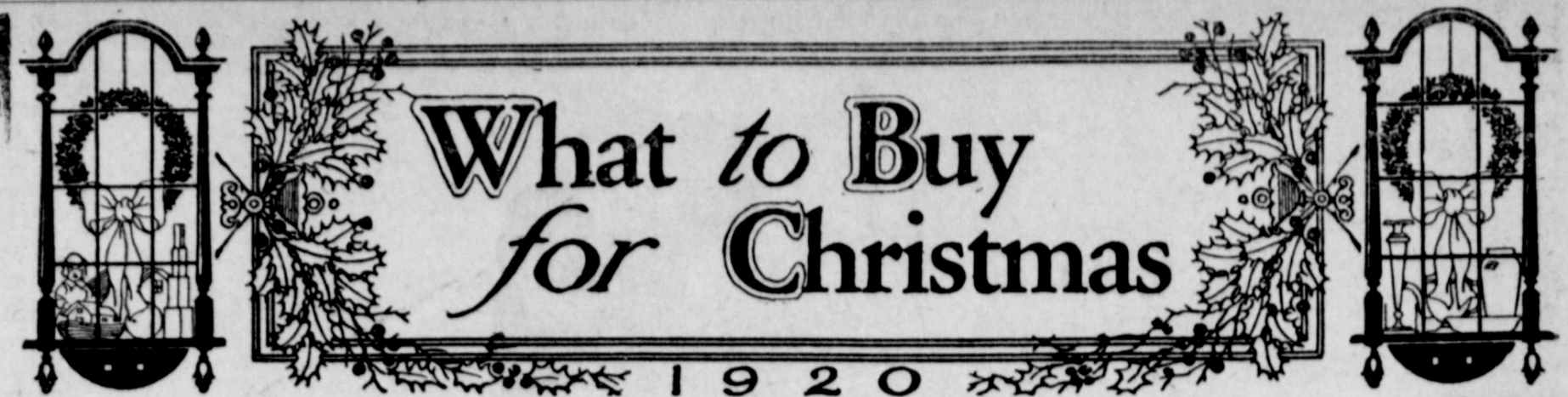
Dear Santa:  
How are you this cool weather? Santa will you please bring me a Testament to carry with me to Sunday school? Santa, don't forget my old-grey-headed grandpa and friends. Bring us all apples, nuts and all kinds of good things. Don't forget little Norris. We hope you good health so you can see all of us.  
Ever your friend,  
Buster Starkey.

Rusk, Texas, Dec. 11.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I will write and tell you what I want Christmas. I want a Testament to carry to Sunday school. Bring me some candy, apples, oranges, nuts and cocanut. Bring mama and papa something, too. And please don't forget little Norris. I am ten years old and am in the fifth grade. Bring all my friends something, too. I will be glad if you will bring me that much.  
Your little friend,  
Irene Starkey.

Dear Santa Claus:  
When you get to our house and see two stockings just alike don't think there is one greedy little girl here, but peep in our bed and you will see two little girls. We are twin girls and our stockings are the same size. Please leave us each a doll and little dishes and little stove, if you have any. We want some candy and apples, too. Don't forget to leave something nice for our big buddy. He is 13 years old and likes nice books better taan toys. He wants a shot gun. Please don't fail to come.  
Lueza and Lurena Musick.

(Other letters to Sana Claus printed elsewhere in this issue.)



**T**HIS CHRISTMAS the spirit of giving useful gifts is more predominant than ever before. And this store's FINAL CLEARANCE SALE affords an opportune time for selection of gifts at far below their real value. If you are interested in gifts of service and durability, we urge that you pay us an early visit.

Suitable gifts may be had from our men's, women's, boys' and girls' clothing departments. In this ad we offer a few suggestions and hope to have the pleasure of showing you  
**GIFTS FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY**

**GLOVES**

No gift is more serviceable than a pair of gloves and at this store you'll find the kind of gloves you want at Clearance Sale Prices. Our stock includes knit and fabric gloves for men, women and children; kid gloves for men and women in all desirable shades. Wrist length, short gauntlets and elbow length gloves for ladies.

**Come here for Gloves**

**HAND-MADE GIFTS**

We are showing a number of beautiful hand-made articles suitable for giving ladies and girls. In this assortment may be had boudoir caps from dainty laces and ribbons, camisoles, combing jackets, fancy garters and others. In this department we also show an attractive line of black and colored petticoats in sateen, silk taffeta and silk jersey.

**FOR MEN AND BOYS**

- Overcoats, Knit Mufflers
- Silk Ties, Florsheim Shoes
- Silk Shirts, Underwear
- Jewelry, Styleplus Clothes
- Silk Socks, Suspenders
- Hats, Caps, Belts
- Handkerchiefs
- Gloves

**FREE! FREE!!**

We are giving away many things suitable for your own use or for gifts at our premium counter. These premiums are given in exchange for Cash Register Checks, and include baby dolls, chinaware, aluminumware, enamelware, water sets, lamps, vases, and glassware of all kinds. These premiums are given our customers during our Big Final Clearance Sale and mean an extra discount.

**HANDKERCHIEFS**

In this department we feature handkerchiefs in all sizes and materials, from dainty, sheer fabrics, neatly embroidered and initialed, to the more serviceable kind. Our showing of silk, cotton and other handkerchiefs is put up in many forms—and are sold separately and by the box. Priced at—

**5c, 10c, 15c, 25, and up each  
35c, 50c, 75c, \$1 and up by box**

**FOR LADIES AND GIRLS**

- Hand Bags, Coats
- Dresses, Georgette Waists
- Undergarments, House Shoes
- Sweaters, Silk Hosiery
- Handkerchiefs, Gloves
- Knit Caps, Scarfs
- Shoes, Millinery
- Waist Sets

**HOME FURNISHINGS**

Gifts that will add to the attractiveness of the home are for every member of the family. Here you will find the most complete showing of furniture, beds, stoves, rugs, art squares, grafanolas, draperies, bed coverings etc.

**George E. Darsey & Co.**  
THE SERVICE FIRST STORE



# HOLIDAY HEADQUARTERS

You will find here something for every member of the family. If not on display call for it. Below is a list of a few things we have to offer you:

Jewelry—a splendid assortment  
 Ivory—Mirrors, combs, brushes, picture frames, perfume frames, etc.  
 Safety Razors—Gillette . . . \$5.00 and \$6.00  
 Manicure sets up to . . . . . \$18.00  
 Toilet perfume sets up to . . . . . \$10.50  
 Pictures—Famous Harrison Fishes kind  
 Toys—A generous assortment

Community Silverware in full sets, 50 years guarantee. .  
 Cut glass, Fountain Pins, etc.  
 Christmas Stationary from 35c up to . . \$10.00  
 Box Candy from 65c to . . . . . \$12.50

The biggest and best General Assortment we have ever displayed

## SMITH & RYAN

DRUGGISTS

### LOCAL ITEMS

A few doses 666 break a cold.  
 Dave Adair of Crockett is here visiting relatives.  
 THINK OF IT! Darsey's entire line of silk waist cut half in two.  
 Rub-My-Tism cures bruises, cuts, burns, sores, tetter, etc.  
 See the play, "Safety First," by Elkhart High School at auditorium Saturday night, Dec. 18.  
 Lester Bridges has returned home from Lubbock, where he has been for several months.  
 THINK of it!, Beautiful new coats for girls and misses at half price at Darsey's. All millinery cut half in two.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Price Brown have returned from the west where they have been for the past two months.  
**Cotton Seed for Sale**  
 600 bushels of Mebane planting seed; made three-fourths bale to the acre this year, 42 per cent lint. 75c per bushels at barn, \$1.00 delivered.  
 C. A. Campbell,  
 It Salmon, Texas.

### \$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative power of Hall's Catarrh Medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

To break a cold take 666.  
 Boys Express Wagons for Christmas at Kennedy Bros.  
**For Sale**  
 6 Duroc gilts, some bred.  
 It J. V. Rosprim, Salmon.  
 Do it now. Buy your Christmas goods. Get them at Darsey's Final Clearance Sale.  
 Express wagons for boys Christmas presents at Kennedy Bros.  
 666 breaks a cold quicker than any remedy we know.

All men's and boys suits, hats and overcoats included in Darsey's Clearance Sale. Get Darsey's prices and save money.  
 You will find what you need in Ford parts at Hodges' Garage.  
 Miss Virgie Elkins fo Lovelady visited Miss Agnes Murray several days last week.

**Renter Wanted**  
 To work 75 acres of land on third and fourth. Good land; also hog pasture furnished.  
 f Mrs. Lucy Willis, Rte 3.  
 "Safety First" at school auditorium Saturday night, Dec. 18. See it.

**Berry Plants**  
 Macatawa plants now ready to move. Let me supply your wants while they last.  
 tf M. L. Williams, R. 4.  
 Our prices on Christmas nuts, fruits and candies are adjusted to the times. See us before you buy. Kennedy Bros.

Rub-My-Tism relieves Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sprains.  
 John B. Selkirk of Troup was here on business a few days this week.  
 All kinds of good candy and nuts for Christmas at Kennedy Bros.  
**Posted**  
 Positively no hunting allowed in any of our enclosures.  
 It Kyle Bros.  
 Plenty of fancy bowls, dishes, water sets, just the things for a Christmas present.  
 Kennedy Bros.  
**Renter Wanted**  
 To work about 50 acres of good land; good house and plenty of water. See  
 G. A. Walton.

**DON'T BUY ANYTHING** until you get Darsey's prices. The biggest Clearance Sale in East Texas is now in progress at Darsey's.  
**Men Only**  
 Buy your wife a nice piece of aluminumware for a Christmas present. It will please her.  
 Kennedy Bros.

**For Sale**  
 House and lot of Mrs. Thornton's. Write W. C. Thornton, It Onalaska, Texas.

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 Roy Moore of Houston spent Sunday here with friends.  
 Bob Wherry went to Houston Monday with a car of cattle.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ellis and baby were up from Crockett Sunday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moore of Crockett visited relatives here Sunday afternoon.  
 Jack Ellis of Jewett is visiting is visiting his brother, J. W. Ellis, in the Bethel community.  
 Calhoun Mitchell has returned from Colorado City, where he has been working for several weeks.  
 J. J. Willis of near Elkhart was in Grapeland Tuesday transacting business.  
 THINK of it! Beautiful coats for ladies at half price at Darsey's. Ladies coats as low as \$2.00. All ready to wear cut half in two.  
 J. H. Padon, editor of the Elkhart Record, was in Grapeland Monday on business between trains.  
 Many people from miles distant were in Grapeland Saturday attending Darsey's big Final Clearance Sale. Everyone went home satisfied and to tell their friends of the wonderful savings they could make at Darsey's.  
 J. M. Gilbert, Scout Master.



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THURSDAY, DEC. 16, 1920

**A GOOD TIME TO BUY**

There is no reasonable doubt that, generally speaking, the shrewd Grapeland buyer will do well to take advantage of present prices. Newspapers everywhere are crowded with offers of real bargains, and the dollar goes further today in purchasing necessities, and many luxuries, than at any time since the world-war started. How long this condition of things can continue is a problem and, therefore, it is advisable for people intending to make purchases to make them before the tide turns and prices take another upward swing, as it is quite possible they may do with the condition of production as they are.

To unduly delay purchasing, to hold back in expectation of a still greater decline, tends to render more serious the present situation and to lessen the production in many lines. While in some instances there may be a surplus of goods on the shelves of retailers, generally speaking production has a long way to go before it makes up for the losses we sustained in production during the war.

We are all in the same boat together and in order to keep the wheels of industry turning and labor well employed at good wages, it is necessary that goods should move in a normal way and the movement not to be retarded by the unjustified refusal on the part of consumers to buy. We have really been through something like a panic without realizing it. The best judges of business affairs take the view that the worst is over, and that, if the public generally will act in a normal way and satisfy their normal wants, the situation will brighten, and we will again enter a period of general prosperity.

It is time for prices to break—the rest of us went broke long ago.

We are told that the government is facing a deficit. So do a lot of the rest of us—and Christmas right here.

The citizens of Shreveport, La., have put "old man gloom" on the blink. Last Saturday, under the direction of the gloom chasers, "old man gloom" was officially executed in the parish jail. Then they started a funeral procession with a real hearse

and upon the tombstone there was placed an epitaph announcing that "old man optimism" had become supreme. Other communities might profit by the splendid example set by Shreveport.

We congratulate our friend, Henry Edwards, editor of the Troup Banner, upon his appointment as a regent of the College of Industrial Arts at Denton by Gov. Hobby. Mr. Edwards is well qualified for the job, and he takes delight in doing just such things as will be required of him in this position. He finds joy in service, consequently is always a busy man.

**ENON NEWS**

Enon, Dec. 13.—The health of our community is good at present, and everyone is at work. Breaking land and cutting wood and the tie making is the order of the day.

Our school is progressing nicely and the children seem to be learning fast, but think they are studying more about Santa Claus now, than about books.

Ephesus, we congratulate you for your excellent letter of last week. If the farmers would raise their living at home and quit raising so much cotton there wouldn't be such a howl about hard times. Yet the farmers were hit hard this year, as there wasn't any market for anything but cotton and hogs. Prices are so low that they can't make half expenses on them.

Sailor we don't think you are as blue as your prayer would have us think.

Roy Ferguson spent Friday night with his aunt, Mrs. Mozell Edge.

Mr. and Mr. M. L. Whitaker spent Sunday with the latter's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ferguson of the Union Chapel community.

Quite a crowd of young folks from here went to Union Chapel Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Brimberry spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Colkin.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Colkin spent Sunday afternoon with the latter's father and mother.

John James and family visited Mr. and Mrs. George Brimberry Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wright visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brimberry.

Mrs. Paul Williams visited her son, Jim Williams, last week.

Mrs. Lizzie Whitaker spent last Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Whitaker in the Union Chapel community.

**Notice School Tax Payers**

I will be in Grapeland every Friday for the purpose of collecting the tax for the Grapeland Independent School District. Please pay your tax at the earliest possible date, as the school needs the money.

Paul Kennedy,  
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If you are subject to attacks of heartburn or indigestion, it may do you good to learn that Prickly Ash Bitters is a prompt and efficient remedy. It strengthens digestion, relieves heartburn, tones up the stomach and by its agreeable cathartic effect it empties and purifies the bowels. Try it. Price \$1.50 per bottle. Smith and Ryan special agents.

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**Cash for Produce**

We are cash buyers of produce and it will always pay you to see us when you have anything to sell, especially chickens and eggs.

J. W. Howard.

**Traditions of Christmas Festival**

In the record of every nation we find traditions of the Christmas festival, traditions which have been handed down from generation in oft-told tales which thrilled the hearts of the listeners with alternate fear and delight. Sir Walter Scott tells us that they who are born upon Christmas or Good Friday will see spirits, and will have the power of commanding them. He also adds that the Spaniards imputed the downcast looks of their monarch, Phillip 11, to the disagreeable visions to which this privilege subjected him.

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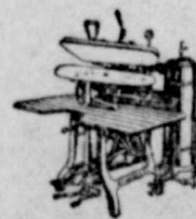
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### EPHESUS NEWS

Ephesus, Dec. 14.—We will begin our report this week by correcting a mistake in our last letter. The candy breaking was at Dude Allen's instead of Deckart Anderson's. Of course it didn't do any violence to either party, but we are always glad to correct mistakes.

Jim Turner, who has been on a cotton picking trip, is back home disposing of all his feed and livestock. He has rented a place in Falls county, near Mineral Wells. We hope he will make a good crop next year, and we are sure that he will, but we are afraid it won't sell as high as some seem to think it will. The country is full of cotton and if we can't dispose of this crop we sure can't dispse of another.

Ira Murdock and family spent Sunday at Jesse Graham's.

Deckart Anderson and Jesse Graham attended church at Union Chapel Sunday night.

We are informed that Rev. Durnell will preach at Union Chappel next year and we would advise the Union Chapel folks to raise plenty of speckle peas and watermelons, for we will be there next summer to hear Bro. Durnell preach and would like to eat the melons between sermons, and everybody knows what East Texas folks do with speckle peas.

Mrs. Mamie Anderson and Mrs. Stella Graham spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Erma Graham.

Meredith Graham has his new house almost finished.

Lee Graham and family visited relatives in the Lone Star community Saturday night.

W. R. Durnell will fill his appointment here next Saturday night and Sunday. Everybody is invited to come and hear him.

### TRINITY RIVER RIPPLES

Reynard, Dec. 13.—Thought all the cotton was about in, but when the ginner's edict went out cotton began to move again and most eveyone had from one to five bales. Quite a number of bales were brought back home and are under the roof. Everything has sure gone to pieces except eggs, and they do not go very far in paying land notes, doctor bills, buying mules, or such things.

Only about twenty days now and we will be ready for the fray again. Do not see how we can make much improvement; only become more reconciled to conditions.

Most all have their shoates in the pen and putting the corn to them and are going to try to make hogs out of them, but the most of them are small.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Stevenson and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Allbright spent several days in our community last week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kent. They had fine luck with the ducks; said they saw more ducks than they ever saw in their lives, and they were self-sustaining so fas as the meat proposition was concerned.

A. E. Owens came out Saturday evening and was the guest of Herman and Glenn Beazley Sunday.

Sunday school was very meagerly attended yesterday. The Christmas tree was talked and the following committees were appointed: Tree committee, W. P. Chiles, Ted Fox, Frank Fulgham and Lee Smith. To dress and put on presents, Mrs. West, Mrs. Gussie Beazley, Mrs. J. A.

## YOUR "PAID" CHECK IS VALUABLE TO YOU

Many disputes over past obligations are avoided by producing your "PAID" check, which was in settlement of the account.

There is no need to have that feeling that you "have paid that account twice."

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"Always Glad to Serve You"

Allen, Miss Gertrude and Maude Fulgham. The committees may add others to help them. No program has been arranged, unless a few selections by the two piece band. The tree is program enough in itself. A wide invitation is extended. Please note the hour of Sunday school has been changed from 4 to 3 p. m.

All are glad to note that O. M. Rials will soon be able to take his place again.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Chiles, Mrs. J. A. Allen and son, Jack, and Tom Kent and family were guests at the Fulgham home yesterday.

Miss McCall spent the week end with Miss Esther Darsey at Grapeland.

Chester Owens and Charlie Wall were in our midst yesterday.

Some of our folks are landing help for another year, but labor is going to be a problem and look for lots of land to be idle.

### What to Do Next Year

1. Plant to grow practically all food and feed needed on the farm.

2. We should keep at least enough good livestock to consume the roughage that usually goes to waste, to provide a full year's work for men and horses, to furnish milk and butter, to

provide pork and pork products, and to supply poultry and poultry products for home use.

3. We should keep at least one brood mare on the farm to do the light work and to raise the necessary colts to furnish horse power. This will save the money paid out for mules and horses, but the greatest profit will come from securing in this way sufficient horse power for the most economical production of crops.

4. Only the most prolific seed of all kinds should be planted.

5. A systematic rotation of crops should be practiced, and a leguminous crop should be grown on every acre of land every year.

6. Liberal applications of acid phosphate should be made on all soils and deficient in phosphorous, and lime should be applied to soils needing lime.

7. Labor-saving farm implements and machinery of all kinds should be used for the most economical production of crops. The Progressive Farmer.

To relieve rheumatism, sprains, lame back, lumbago or pleurisy, Ballard's Snow Lintment is a remedy of proven merit. It is very powerful and penetrating. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

To prevent a cold take 666.

## IS YOUR HEALTH GRADUALLY SLIPPING?

Interesting Experience of a Texas Lady Who Declares That if More Women Knew About Cardui They Would Be Spared Much Sickness and Worry.

Navasota, Texas.—Mrs. W. M. Peden, of this place, relates the following interesting account of how she recovered her strength, having realized that she was actually losing her health:

"Health is the greatest thing in the world, and when you feel that gradually slipping away from you, you certainly sit up and take notice. That is what I did some time ago when I found myself in a very nervous, run-down condition of health. I was so tired and felt so lifeless I could hardly go at all.

"I was just no account for work. I would get a bucket of water and would feel so weak I would have to set it down before I felt like I could lift it to the shelf. In this condition, of course, to do even my housework was a task almost impossible to accomplish.

"I was . . . nervous and easily upset.

I couldn't rest well at night and was . . . just lifeless.

"I heard of Cardui and after reading I decided I had some female trouble that was pulling me down. I sent for Cardui and began it . . .

"In a very short while after I began the Cardui Home Treatment I saw an improvement and it wasn't long until I was all right—good appetite, splendid rest, and much stronger so that I easily did my house work.

"Later I took a bottle of Cardui as a tonic. I can recommend Cardui and gladly do so, for if more women knew, it would save a great deal of worry and sickness."

The enthusiastic praise of thousands of other women who have found Cardui helpful should convince you that it is worth trying. All druggists sell it.



**First Christmas Observance**

It was said that Christmas was first observed in the year 98 and that it was not until the year 137 that it was made a solemn feast. Pope Telesphorus decreed that it should be celebrated by all Christmas in that year. On one early Christmas day the Roman Emperor Diocletian, hearing that the Christians assembled in their church were engaged in celebrating the birth of Christ, commanded that the doors of the church be closed and the building set on fire. This was done and six hundred persons lost their lives in the burning church.

**Have Old Clothes Dyed**

Beat the high cost of clothing by having your old clothes dyed. We represent one of the best dyeing establishments in the state and their work is very satisfactory.

M. L. Clewis.

J. R. Finch of New Prospect called in to see us a little while Tuesday and had us to "fix him up" with reading matter for 1921 which consisted of the Messenger, Farm & Ranch and the Galveston Semi-Weekly News.

**What the Democrats Spent**

The democratic National Committee had a total campaign fund of \$1,339,235—less than the Republicans deficit—and ended with a deficit of \$241,030. The figures are from the report filed this month according to law.

**Delivery Service**

We deliver every Saturday. See us for meats of all kinds; also oysters.

A. E. Murdock.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Clewis returned Saturday from Houston, where they were called to the bedside of Mrs. Clewis' brother, John Johnson, who is critically ill in Camp Logan hospital. Mr. Johnston was wounded in the late war while in service with Canadian forces, and has never recovered from it.


**Scholarship for Sale**

We have a scholarship in the Tyler Commercial College, which we will sell to some young man or woman at a discount.

The Messenger.

It matters not so much what you give at Christmas as how you give it. A grudging gift that dents the bank account is of less account than a simple gift that breathes friendship and joy of giving.

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**The Heart of Christmas**

Christmas is not a day, it is a mood. It is independent of other days. We celebrate it on Friday, Saturday, Sunday—any day of the week. Christmas is indifferent in days. It has nothing to do with the almanac. It has nothing to do with place. It is as independent of geography as it is of chronology. It has no relation in human government, or even to race or blood. It is an institution which can be set up on any soil and under the folds of any flag. Christmas is a spiritual creation, and belongs to the kingdom of the heart. It is constructed by angels of the heart of a child. If it then be a mood, it can be extended over a week, a month, a year, a lifetime. It can be built upon time, upon eternity. If you confide it to a day, you miss the meaning of it. If you try to cram it into twenty-four hours, you crush it and lose the essence of it.

**Ready For Service**

My registered Jersey bull, Financial Prince Premier, is now ready for service. He is purely Jersey Island bred, having only 8 American ancestors; a nephew of Leda Raleigh, who took sweep stakes prize national dairy show at Chicago in 1919, and sold for \$25,000. Texas imports \$50,000 worth of dairy products each year, imported from states where natural advantages are very much inferior to our own. I also have for sale a bull calf about 5 1-2 months old out of a double grandson of Noble of Oakland.

Chas. C. Hill.

**Great Production of Oil**

It doesn't look much as if the oil supply were being exhausted, when almost 40,000,000 barrels of the precious liquid was pumped out of the earth in the United States in October. This was an increase of 6 1-2 million barrels over October, 1919, and sets a new high record.

**Reading is Better Than Rummaging**

When you go to buy a pair of boots, a can of peas, or a kitchen cabinet, do you know what you want? Or do you just take "pot luck"?

You can save many a dollar and many an hour's time if you know beforehand what your money is going to get you—and where to get it.

Merchandise with established reputation is always the best to buy.

If it's clothing, you know how well it should wear and what style should be.

If it's a musical instrument, you know what to expect in tone and workmanship.

If it is a carpet sweeper, you know what kind of service it should give.

David Crockett said, "Be sure you're right, then go ahead."

The way to be sure of the goods you buy is to read advertisements regularly. Then you won't go wrong.

Reading advertisements is far better than rummaging around aimlessly.

Renew your subscription.

**READ THE ADS**

**You Can't Beat These Prices**

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- Our entire stock of shoes per pair are from \$1.50 to \$5.00
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- 1 lot men's hose per pair ..... 15c
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- Ladies silk hose, were \$2.25 now ..... \$1.50
- Ladies silk hose, were \$3.25 now ..... \$2.10
- Ladies Union suits were \$2.50 now ..... \$1.50
- Ladies 2 piece underwear per suit ..... 85c
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**Wonderful Spirit of Giving**

Another year is nearing its close and with its ending comes that glad time, the Christmas holiday season. The absent ones are home again or if they cannot come there are letters and tokens to be sent and received. The remembrance need not be expensive as to the money value, to be very much appreciated.

Christmas is pre-eminently the children's day. Do not insist that Santa will not remember them if they are not good. For we all know that Santa will surely come and the children know it too. He did not forget us in our own childhood whether we were very, very good or not. Let us teach the children about the wonderful spirit of loving and giving that brings a happy Christmas time.

**Millions in Chickens**

You may talk about getting a longer staple cotton, about community canners, about diversification of crops, government warehouse, cotton holding corporations, and the thirty other remedies proposed to make the farm more profitable. There is merit in all these propositions, if they are put in active working

order. However, the first and easiest step to take and the one which will bring profitable returns the quickest and with the least outlay, is the poultry business. There are cotton growers all over the country now who are cussing their luck (and we think it needs cussing) who ought to fix their wives up a better poultry house, a big number of hen's nests, brooding pens and feed coops, and let their wives boss the ranch. By next fall these wives would have enough money to clothe the whole family and buy for themselves many little things long desired and much needed which the wives of cotton raisers most often have to do without.—Troup Banner.

The merchant that figures advertising as an expense is drifting in a long rut that will

make him obscure from the trading public so long as he continues his obsolete notion. Advertising is as necessary to a business firm as oil to a locomotive. The advertising merchant can sell his goods much cheaper than the fellow that does not advertise, and besides the public has learned that the advertiser does not deal in shelf-worn merchandise.—Timpson Times.

**Card of Thanks**

We desire to thank our friends for the many kindnesses shown us at the death of our son and brother, Alpheus Matthews; also for the beautiful floral offerings. Respectfully,  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Matthews and Family.