

# The Grapeland Messenger.

AN AD IN THE MESSENGER IS WORTH TWO ON THE FENCE

Volume 24 No. 43

Grapeland, Houston County, Texas, Dec. 23, 1920

Price \$1.50 Per Year

## At the Methodist Church

Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, "Why and How to Glorify God."  
Sunday night, 7 p. m. Subject, "Liberty of Freemen."  
Your presence will be appreciated at any and all of these services.

We had planned to go to Timpson and spend Christmas with our parents until this rain came, and may do so yet if the roads dry up so we can make the trip. If so, we will not have any services Sunday except Sunday school. Wish you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

## Bee Keepers Meet

Every one owning bees in Houston County is urged to be present at the next meeting of the Houston County Bee-keepers' Association at the Commercial Club Room in Crockett, January the 1st, 1921. Those expecting to need bee-keeping fixtures should be on hand before noon in order to have time in which to canvass price lists and catalogues that are being received by the Secretary from manufacturers all over the country. Everyone having bees wax on hand should bring it, as we expect to have a shipment to be exchanged for comb foundation. Come early and if you are not interested in buying equipment be on hand at the afternoon session promptly at 1:00 o'clock.

Farmer Shaw, Pres.  
Lovelady, Texas.  
Geo. M. Jeffus, Sec-Treas.  
Crockett, Texas.

## Our Honor Roll

We thank the following for their subscription:

Grapeland—E. P. McCall, J. R. Richards, M. D. Murchison, George Calhoun, Mrs. S. J. Martin, Oscar Driskell, Mrs. Dave Walling, Carl Gainey, W. E. Allen, W. A. Shaver, Henry Richards, C. Denson, Miss Jewel Leach, (By Oscar Beazley) Jas. Owens, Murry & Mangum, W. T. Payne, Miss Kittie Yarborough.  
Route 1—Charlie Chaffin, C. F. Stockbridge, Mrs. Hattie Jones, O. P. Brown, Mrs. Eunice P. Dickey.

Route 2—Mrs. Nora Burden  
Route 3—J. J. Willis, Mrs. Rhodie Finch, Leslie Bridges, A. H. Streetman.

Route 4—Douglass Beazley.  
Percilla—A. L. Jones, J. W. Jones.

Crockett—H. Hurst Jr.  
Barnum—Clarence Bush.  
Troup—John B. Selkirk.  
Austin—State University.  
Tyler—Miss Mary Bell Holcomb, Miss Letha Collins. (By Alton Baker.)

Rusk—W. J. Starkey.  
Belton—J. A. Richardson.  
Stanton—J. L. Ward.  
Augusta—Ira Kirkpatrick.  
Elkhart—E. E. Clark.  
Colored—Anthony Walker, Ike Potts, Grapeland.

## Creamery Notice

Some time early in January, exact date to be announced later, a representative of the Texas Creamery Co. will be in Grapeland to interest farmers in the dairy business. It is said to be a paying side line, which we will have fully explained to us, and a ready market is open for all the cream we can ship. Watch out for the date of his coming.

J. W. Howard.

## Murchison-Hale Wedding

Mr. Jack Murchison of this city, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Murchison, was married to Miss Maggie Hale Wednesday, December 15, 1920, at the bride's home at Camilla, Texas. After the ceremony, they went to Houston, where they spent a day, and arrived in Grapeland Friday and will make this city their home.

Miss Hale was a teacher in the Grapeland school last year and made many warm friends who will be glad to welcome her back as the wife of one of our best young men.

Friday evening, the Murchison home was the scene of a brilliant social function, honoring the bride and groom with a six o'clock dinner.

As the guests arrived they were met by Mrs. Leon L. Anderson, who presided over the registry, and were entertained with selections on the Victrola until dinner was announced. As the gay party gathered around the elegantly decorated and sumptuously spread festive board, Mr. Chester D. Owens, as toast master, paid a fitting tribute to the bride and groom in a very appropriate toast, bearing eloquently on the service of the groom for his country, as well as giving due tribute to the charms and winsomeness of the bride, as she was known in her stay in Grapeland last year.

After dinner a thrilling and very pointed contest was held in the form of advice to the Bride on how to successfully "engineer" a husband. Each sentence of this advice began with some letter of the name of each young lady present, and if the directions are followed either in letter or in spirit, the young wife will have no trouble in handling her newly "acquired" husband very adequately. After the riot of mirth from this contest subsided, the music of the "Rosary" was heard, directly following which Mrs. Sam Kennedy began the strains of "Mendelsohn's Favorite" on the piano. As this familiar tune gained in progress a mock wedding party entered the sitting room, with George E. Darsey, representing the preacher and with Herman Murchison and Miss Patricia Harrison as Bride and Groom under the names of "Jack, the Son of Murdock" and "Mag the Daughter of Willie P." Chester Owens and Miss Rena Ross Richards acted as father and mother of the bride, with Miss Melba K Brock as the four year old ring bearer, and Mr. Arnold S. Clewis as train bearer to her majesty, the bride. As the knot was re-tied, there were many bursts of laughter heard, proving that even though, the license was for the registry of a "hound" and the bride was bought for a nickle, a very effective knot was tied, and the "duplicate ceremony" ended with stern admonitions on the part of the "preacher" expressed in his sentence dooming the happy pair to a continued existence of working in "double harness" forever and ever. After the mock ceremony ended the guests gathered around the real bride and groom and again proffered their congratulations and best wishes and at a very late hour the party broke up, still complimenting the happy young couple and wishing that the "sentence" imposed in the mock ceremony would apply only in the terms of continued harmony and happiness.

Elmer Lee Brimberry is home from Thalia, where he is teaching, to spend the holidays.

## Sunday at the Christian Church

We will have services at the Christian church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 6:45 p. m.

Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
Subject of the morning sermon, "Gentile Homage to a Jewish King," and the subject of the evening sermon will be, "Weighed in the Balances of Truth." The morning sermon will seek to be in accord with the Christmas season, while the evening sermon will be in keeping with the fact that Sunday is the last Lord's Day of the year 1920.

You will be welcome at these various services.

G. H. Farmer, Pastor.

## Musical Arts Quartet

will appear at the Auditorium Tuesday night, January 4, 1921. Good male quartets are always popular and this one will be no exception to the rule. In fact, it is extra good, so be sure to hear them. They can really play and sing. They have a varied program and will entertain you.

## For Boys

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

## New Baptist Pastor

Rev. Fred Newland has been called to the pastorate of the Baptist church of this city and preached for the first time last Sunday. He will preach again next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He will preach here three Sundays in each month and at Latexo one Sunday.

He is a single man and has been attending the Baptist Seminary at Ft. Worth. He will reside in Grapeland.

## 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.

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.

The Messenger received a pleasant call Saturday from J. R. Beeson and his daughter, Miss Gladys, of the Union Community.

## Our Christmas Wish



Wherever there is sickness,  
May Santa Claus bring health;  
Wherever there is poverty,  
May Santa Claus bring wealth;  
Wherever one is weeping,  
May tears to smiles give way;  
Wherever sadness hovers,  
May joy come Christmas day.

To every heart that's aching,  
May peace and comfort come,  
And may an outlook rosy  
Supplant each outlook glum;  
May friends now separated  
Soon reunited be,  
And everyone find gladness  
Upon this Christmas day.

—Edgar Guest.

**KEELAND BROS.**  
THE PRICE IS THE THING

## To Our Friends Everywhere:

We extend to you the greetings of the season and wish you

A  
MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
AND  
A HAPPY  
AND PROSPEROUS  
NEW YEAR

**McLean & Riall**

DEPENDABLE MERCHANTS

Grapeland, Texas

**Letters to Santa Claus**

I want you to bring me a ruby ring and a doll buggy and a doll and also some nuts and some candy. Your friend,  
Nettie Gertrude Brown.

Dear Santa:  
Hope you are feeling fine this frosty morning. Santa please bring me some nuts, apples, oranges and all kinds of fire works. Bring me an air gun and little toy automobile and please don't forget my brother, Bert.  
Your little friend,  
Stanley Brimberry.

Dear Santa:  
I wonder what you are doing this morning? Santa please bring me some candies, nuts and all kinds of fire works, also bring me a little wagon and air gun. Your little friend,  
Greeley Chaffin.

P. S.—I liked to have forgotten to tell you, but please don't forget my sister, Flora.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a good girl and I want you to bring me a doll and a story book and all kinds of fire works.  
Verna Pearl Newman.

Dear Santa:  
How are you by now? Please bring me a pretty doll and a doll buggy, a trunk, and a thick story book. Santa bring me a handkerchief, and some apples, oranges, raisins, candy, and all kinds of nuts. I would like to have a little doll bed. If this is not asking to much. Your little friend.  
Birdie Mae Jones.

Dear Santa Claus:  
How are you this cool day? We are just fine. Please bring me a story book, a doll and a trunk, a doll buggy. That is all for this time. Your little girl,  
Zelda Jones.

Big Springs, Texas.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
How are you? I hope you are well. I wonder if you will come away out here in this cold country? If you do, please bring me a doll and doll buggy and lots of fruit, nuts and candy. Don't forget my brother and little sister.  
Wilda Lee Scarborough.

Percilla, Texas,  
Dear Santa:  
I am going to write, as Christmas is near at hand. I want you to bring me a ball, a top, and some marbles, candy, apples, a knife, all kinds of fruit, fire-crackers, roman candles and all kinds of fire works. Your friend,  
Wedon Brumley.

Percilla, Texas,  
Dear Santa:  
I am going to ask you to bring me a big sleepy doll, some hair ribbon and a story book, candy, apples, all kinds of nuts and fruits and bring my little brother, Tilman, a rattler and a horse, and a rubber ball, candy, apples, nuts and all kinds of fruits.  
Your little friends,  
Reba and Tilman Brumley.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a good girl. I want you to bring me a doll and a kitchen cabinet and a doll buggy and a doll bed and all kinds of fire works and a set of dishes. Your little friend,  
Orie Howard.

Percilla, Texas,  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I am going to write as Christmas is near at hand. I want you to bring me some hair ribbon, a box of stationery, a lavilere, a band comb, candy apples, all kinds of fruit, roman candles, fire crackers. Remember other little boys and girls. I will not ask for any more. Your friend,  
Edna Brumley.

Dear Santa:  
I want you to bring me a baby doll, two story books, and a music roll. Santa, I know you have more children to remember so I want no more than sparklers and fruits of all kinds. Your little friend.  
Hazel Kent.

**Merry Christmas—Happy New Year!**

With gratitude in our hearts for the blessings that the old year has brought; with hope in the promise the New Year brings, we cannot but face it with a feeling of joy and gladness befitting the occasion.



Resolved—as we stand upon the threshold of a New Year, to strive earnestly and in every way in our power for bigger, better work and service, and with new enthusiasm and unbounded faith in the future to do our full share in making this year of 1921 the biggest and best year in our history.

With the coming of the New Year our thoughts turn to the friends that the old year has revealed to us and we are taking this opportunity to thank you for your confidence and patronage during the Old Year, as we wish for you and yours that full measure of prosperity and happiness which we have every reason to expect will be yours during the New Season that is opening.

Although the year passed has been full of disappointments for some of our friends and customers, we have never for a moment lost confidence in the resources and the future of our Nation, in the integrity of our citizenship and the ultimate success and prosperity of our community.

Now as we face the New Year we have every reason for optimism, for the prospect is bright with promise of prosperous and happy days to come.

Filled with the true "Spirit of Service" this institution pledges itself during the year 1921 to serve a little better, to make friendship a little stronger, and to prove itself a helpful, constructive factor in the upbuilding of this community and the happiness and success of its people. To this end we ask your earnest co-operation, as we wish for you and your a full measure of gladness for the New Year.

**OFFICERS:**  
Geo. E. Darsey, President  
T. S. Kent, Vice-President  
W. D. Granberry, Cashier  
Geo. R. Darsey, Asst. Cashier

**Farmers & Merchants  
State Bank**

**DIRECTORS:**  
Geo. E. Darsey, T. S. Kent  
M. E. Darsey  
W. D. Granberry  
W. G. Darsey

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want you to bring me a doll with blue eyes, and also some candy, nuts, apples and oranges, and a little toy stove. Your little friend.  
R. Dell Luce.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want you to bring me a kiddie kar, a pistol and some caps. I want some fire crackers, some sparklers and some candy and nuts.  
Boyce Anderson.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want you to bring me an air gun and some shots. I want me a top. I want a few more little toys. I want all kinds of fire works. Please bring me some candy, fruit and nuts.  
James Howard Anderson.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a good boy. I want you to bring me a drum and a "nigger" doll, a red wagon, a apple, a orange. Don't forget the other boys and girls.  
Your little friend,  
Bill Howard.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I want you to bring me some candy and nuts, and a doll with black hair, and don't forget my little sister, Mildred. She wants a doll and a little doll bed, a set of dishes, candy and apples. And don't forget my little friends who live near by us.  
Minnie Bell Luce.

Dear Santa:  
I want you to bring me a doll and a doll buggy. Be sure to take the little orphans something, who have no parents.  
Your little girl,  
Willie Mae Fulgham.

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a doll and a doll buggy, a stove and some dishes, and bring some candy, nuts, apples and oranges and don't forget my little brother, Gilbert. Bring him lots of nice toys and things. Your friend,  
Rilda Parks.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been a good little boy and I want you to bring me a wagon with a goat hitched to it, a drum that will make lots of noise. I want a rubber ball, and a train that will run on a little track. Please bring me all kinds of fire works. Please bring me some oranges, apples, and all kinds of fruit and nuts. Don't forget my little baby brother. Your little friend,  
George Herman Howard.

Dear Santa:  
I will write and tell you what I want you to bring me. Please bring me a tea set, a doll and a doll buggy, and also some apples, candy fruits and nuts. I will not ask for anything more, for I want you to give all the other little children something. Don't forget my little brother, J. W. I am your little friend.  
Ardell Howard.

Dear Santa Claus:  
How are you this morning? I will tell you what I want you to bring me. Please bring me a big sleepy doll with black curly hair, some apples, oranges and fruits and nuts. That is all I will ask for this time. Please remember my little brother, J. W., and bring him something.  
Your little girl,  
Ethel Mae Howard.  
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Santa:  
I will write and tell you what us children want you to bring us Christmas. We have moved from Percilla to Swanson Hill, and I was a fraid you would not find us. Bring me an air gun and some shot and a pair of gloves, and bring Irene a sweater and a ring, a string of beads and some handkerchiefs, and Lucilla wants a sleepy doll with curly hair and a ring; and bring us all some fruits and nuts, and if you have any thing nice and handy, bring mama and papa something.  
Your little friend,  
Hubert Gee.

(Other letters to Santa Claus printer elsewhere in this issue.)

**State Schools Apportioned  
Two Million in Year**

Austin, Texas, Dec. 11.—During the present scholastic year \$2,000,000 has been appropriated by the State board of education for the rural school of Texas, out of the \$4,000,000 appropriated by the legislature to supplement the available school fund. The money was paid out at the rate of \$500,000 a month for the months of September, October, November and December, 1920.

The remaining \$2,000,000, it has been decided, will be appropriated in the same proportion. This money, though available, is on deposit in the State depositories. The appropriation of this \$4,000,000 has resulted in prolonging the terms of a large number of the rural school of the State.

If your digestion is bad, your bowels constipated and you don't eat or sleep well, you need Prickly Ash Bitters, the remedy that men use for cleansing the system. It purifies and invigorates the vital organs, restores appetite, energy and cheerful spirits. Price \$1.50 per bottle. Smith & Ryan, Special Agents.

**Dental Notice**  
I am now located at the Grape-land Hotel ready to do your dental work. Teeth extracted without pain.  
C. L. Moore, D. D. S.

**Live Hogs Near Old Level**

Hogs on the hoof, at Chicago stockyards, are now selling at 10 1/2 cents a pound, which is about the pre-war figure. They sold at 8 cents in 1913.

You will never get anywhere traveling the line of least resistance.

Earle Adams Earle Adams Jr  
**ADAMS & ADAMS**  
Attorneys at Law  
Crockett, Texas  
Office in 1st Nat'l. Bank Building

**ABSTRACTS**  
You cannot sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the  
Only complete up-to-date Abstract Land Titles of Houston County.  
**J. W. YOUNG**  
Crockett, Texas

**C. C. OFFICER**  
Veterinarian  
Telephone the Goodson Hotel or Drug Stores

**Wm. F. MURPHY**  
Doctor of Dental Surgery  
Dental Examiner for the United States Public Health Service  
Hours:  
9 a. m. to 12 m.; 2 p. m. to 6 p. m.  
Office Phone.....336  
Res. Phone.....335  
207 1-2 Main St.  
PALESTINE, - TEXAS

**DR. G. L. RYE**  
DENTIST  
Office over First National Bank across from depot  
Palestine, Texas  
Office Hours:  
9 to 12 1 to 5

## 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—

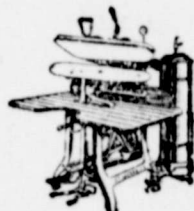
**OUR MOTTO: Keep it clean and nice and serve everybody right.  
WE DELIVER EVERY SATURDAY  
and will appreciate your orders**

A. E. MURDOCK, Prop.

J. C. SKIDMORE, Cutter



# Merry Christmas



## Clewis

### Clifton Hale Dead

Clifton Hale, a young man 22 years of age, died at Rusk last Friday afternoon, where he had been carried a few days ago to the institution for feeble minded.

His remains were brought here by truck Friday night and Saturday afternoon interment took place in the Guiceland cemetery, funeral services being conducted by Bro. W. W. LaRue.

Deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hale, and is survived by his parents and his wife and one child.

Up until a few weeks ago he was sound and well, but almost like a flash his mind became unbalanced. Finally he was placed in the hands of the authorities at Crockett who carried him to the institution at Rusk.

He was an exceptionally bright young man, had lots of friends throughout this section and the sad circumstances surrounding his death has cast a pall of gloom over the community in which he lived.

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.

### Hodges Garage Sold

Hodges Bros. have sold their garage to Messrs. Campbell Lively and Jim Norman, both of Livingston, who will take charge about January 1st.

Campbell is a Grapeland boy, whom all will be glad to see return to his old home. He has been associated with the Sory Motor Co. at Livingston. Mr. Norman is a mechanic, and has also been with the same company for some time.

### W. E. Kerr at Goose Creek

W. E. Kerr, former Grapeland citizen connected with Kennedy Bros., is now permanently located at Goose Creek, where he has purchased an interest in the A. M. Thomas Dry Goods Co., capitalized at \$40,000, and Mr. Kerr has been elected Secretary of the company. The following item was clipped from a Goose Creek paper:

"W. E. Kerr has purchased an interest in the A. M. Thomas Dry Good Store and will move back here from Grapeland where he has been interested in the mercantile business for sometime. Mr. Kerr is well and favorably known here, having lived here when in charge of the Water and Light Co. Mr. Kerr has been here several days now and expects his family here Sunday."

Mrs. Ben Frisby and baby left last week for Arkansas, where she joins her husband in their future home.

### Auto Death Rate Appalling

What was once considered a hightoned means of transporting oneself about in pursuit of pleasure is now turned into an instrument of death. When formerly in the horse days automobiles were as scarce almost as hen's teeth, they were targets of envy and admiration. They are now as common as fleas on the proverbial dog, and those who do not ride in autos are about as safe in the streets of a large city as was a Teuton in a Yankee trench in the war.

A war is now on to make the streets and roads of this country safe for pedestrianism. Automobilists should hereafter watch their step or they will find themselves fined, de-licensed and perhaps jailed without alternate of fine.

In 1919, the census bureau reports were 3,800 persons who were killed in automobile accidents or who died as a result of injuries. This represents over 14 perons to every 100,000 population. Back in 1916 the rate was only one person to every 2,000,000 population, which goes to show the enormous increase in the number of automobiles in the last years. On the other hand steam railway fatalities decreased from 17 out of 100,000 in 1916 to 10 out of 100,000 in 1918. Street car mortalities have likewise decreased during this period.

Youngstown, Ohio, showed the greatest proportionate loss of life from auto accidents during last year with 28 out of 100,000; it was a decrease, however, from 1918, when the rate was 32. New York had the largest owing to its huge population its total of deaths with 780, but rate of mortality was 14 out of 100,000. Chicago numbered 328 which was 12 out of 100,000. Washington, D. C., had 58 deaths; the rate was 13 per 100,000. Richmond, Va., had the lowest rate with six per 100,000.

### ANTRIM NEWS

Little Minnie Ola Martin is reported to have appendicitis but we hope she will soon recover and not have to have an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Willis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gray.

Miss Laura Gray, Vardaman Gray and Allie Little spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lusky Gray spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edd Gray.

Ivey Brinson spent Saturday night with Allie Little.

Our school will close Friday for Christmas. We will have a Christmas tree Friday night and everybody is invited to attend. Those wishing presents put on the tree, deliver them to the tree dressing committee: Misses. Mamie Durnell, Emma Charm Edens, and Katie Martin and Virgie Durnell and Allie Little.

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.

### 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,

Collector.

### Job Printing

The Messenger's prices for job work are based upon the Franklin Printing Price List, which are scientifically arrived at—no guess work, fair to the buyer and seller.

## WHEN IN ELKHART, EAT AT THE Elkhart Cafe

ALWAYS SOMETHING GOOD TO EAT

Short Orders a Specialty

—We also have a nice stock of—  
CIGARS, CHEWING TOBACCO, CANDY, ETC.

J. A. Murdock, Proprietor

### Good Roads for Progress

One of the surest ways to encourage commercial intercourse between the people of different states or communities is to furnish them with good roads over which they may transport their produce. This makes for cheaper haulage and quicker service, which are essential to lower costs.

The more good roads a state can boast of, the more prosperous it will be; demand for good roads is constantly increasing and several states at the last election voted in favor of issuing bonds for financing the construction of more good roads. The government is doing its share by defraying part of the expense incurred by the state.

There has been an enormous increase in road building in the United States since 1914, about which time the people began to realize the significance of good roads. In 1919 approximately \$400,000,000 was expended in their construction, not including

interest or redemption payments on bonds already issued, or streets within incorporated towns and cities.

This figure is an increase of about 35 per cent over expenditures for 1918 and 70 per cent over those of 1914. It is probable that during the present year, a still larger percentage of increase in road building will be noted.

A modern highway costs more than a railroad, and even after the tremendous first cost has been met there is still a heavy annual tax for upkeep. It is still an open question how good roads are to be provided for the country and what they are to be built of. We know we must have them however and ways will be found to provide them.

A large proportion of people still live back on roads which are virtually impassable for several months of the year. The cost of bad roads in wear and tear on harness, wagons, autos, etc is so great that good roads are a paying investment even at their present exorbitant price. In other words the people pay for good roads whether they have them or not; so they might better have them, and they are going to have them.

### A Christmas Day Menu

First course—Gladness.  
Entrees—Love garnished with Smiles.

Gentleness, with sweet-wine sauce of Laughter.

Second course—Hospitality.  
In some homes hospitality is brought on surrounded with relatives. In others it is dished up with Dignitaries. In a third, best of all, it is served in simple shapes but with a great variety of unfortunate persons—such as lonely people from lodging houses, poor people of all grades, widows and childless in their affliction. This is the kind most preferred; infact, never abandoned by those who have tried it.

For dessert—Mirth.  
Gratitude and Faith beaten together and run in the molds of solid Trust and Patience.

Bonbons of Good Cheer and kindness.

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.

J. R. Finch of New Prospect and J. D. Baker of this city went to New Hope last Friday to attend the quarterly conference of the M. P. Church. The president of the M. P. Texas Conference, Rev. Sanders, of Ft. Worth, was in attendance.

Our prices on Christmas nuts, fruits and candies are adjusted to the times. See us before you buy. Kennedy Bros.

The fool who cannot stand prosperity is still in evidence.

## For Torpil Liver

"Black-Draught is, in my opinion, the best liver medicine on the market," states Mrs. R. H. White-side, of Keota, Okla. She continues: "I had a pain in my chest after eating—tight, uncomfortable feeling—and this was very disagreeable and brought on headache. I was constipated and knew it was indigestion and inactive liver. I began the use of Black-Draught, night and morning, and it sure is splendid and certainly gives relief."

## Theford's BLACK- DRAUGHT

For over seventy years this purely vegetable preparation has been found beneficial by thousands of persons suffering from effects of a torpid, or slow-acting liver. Indigestion, biliousness, colic, coated tongue, dizziness, constipation, bitter taste, sleeplessness, lack of energy, pain in back, puffiness under the eyes—any or all of these symptoms often indicate that there is something the matter with your liver. You can't be too careful about the medicine you take. Be sure that the name, "Theford's Black-Draught," is on the package. At all druggists.

Accept Only  
the Genuine.

1. 79

**Letters to Santa Claus**

Dear Santa:

As Christmas is drawing near I thought I would let you know what I want. I want a doll, a doll buggy, and a doll broom. Santa, be sure and take the little orphans something which havn't any father or mother.

Your little friend,  
Hazel Fulgham.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a piano that will play, telephone and some sparklers, and apples, oranges, nuts and fruits of all kind, and Santa, don't forget papa and mama, and my little brother, J. W. Please bring him an auto. I will close now. Hope the weather will be pretty Christmas so you will not miss any of the little children.

Mada Arline Howard.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a sleepy doll with black hair and blue eyes and a ring. I won't ask for much as dolls are so high. Please bring me all kinds of fireworks. You will find me at grandmother Spence's. Your little friend,

Eva Carl Scarborough.

P. S.—James Carl Ellis will also be at grandma's. Don't forget him.

La Porte, Texas.

Dear Old Santa:

We are two little boys that live on the corner of Main street at Bay Ridge, South of the club house. So please don't miss us. We want a little motor boat so we can go across the bay every evening after daddy when he comes home from work at Goose Creek; also bring us a pistol and some paper caps, a big bag of marbles, some fire crackers, a little bell; also a wheel borrow so when Grandpa comes we can go to the Beach and get some shells. Bring our cousin, Jim Hogg, a big old car, one that goes real fast. Bring us a bugle and bring Billie Black a little goat. Well, Santa, I guess that's enough, as I know if I get too much Calvin and Jonnie Parks won't get all they want. Don't forget where we live.

Victor and Theron Waddell.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring us a doll with a nipple, a doll bed, some dominoes and some fruit and sparklers and anything else you would like for us to have. We want things just alike if you have them.

Your little friends,

Edwina and Francis Darsey.

Dear Santa Claus:

How are you? I am writing to tell you what to bring me. I want a doll bed, a nice story book, a splashier, a celluloid kewpie and a pair of white beads. I want some roman candles, sparklers, firecrackers. I do not want the big firecrackers. I want some torpedoes. I will close for this time. Your little friend,  
Dortha May Denson.

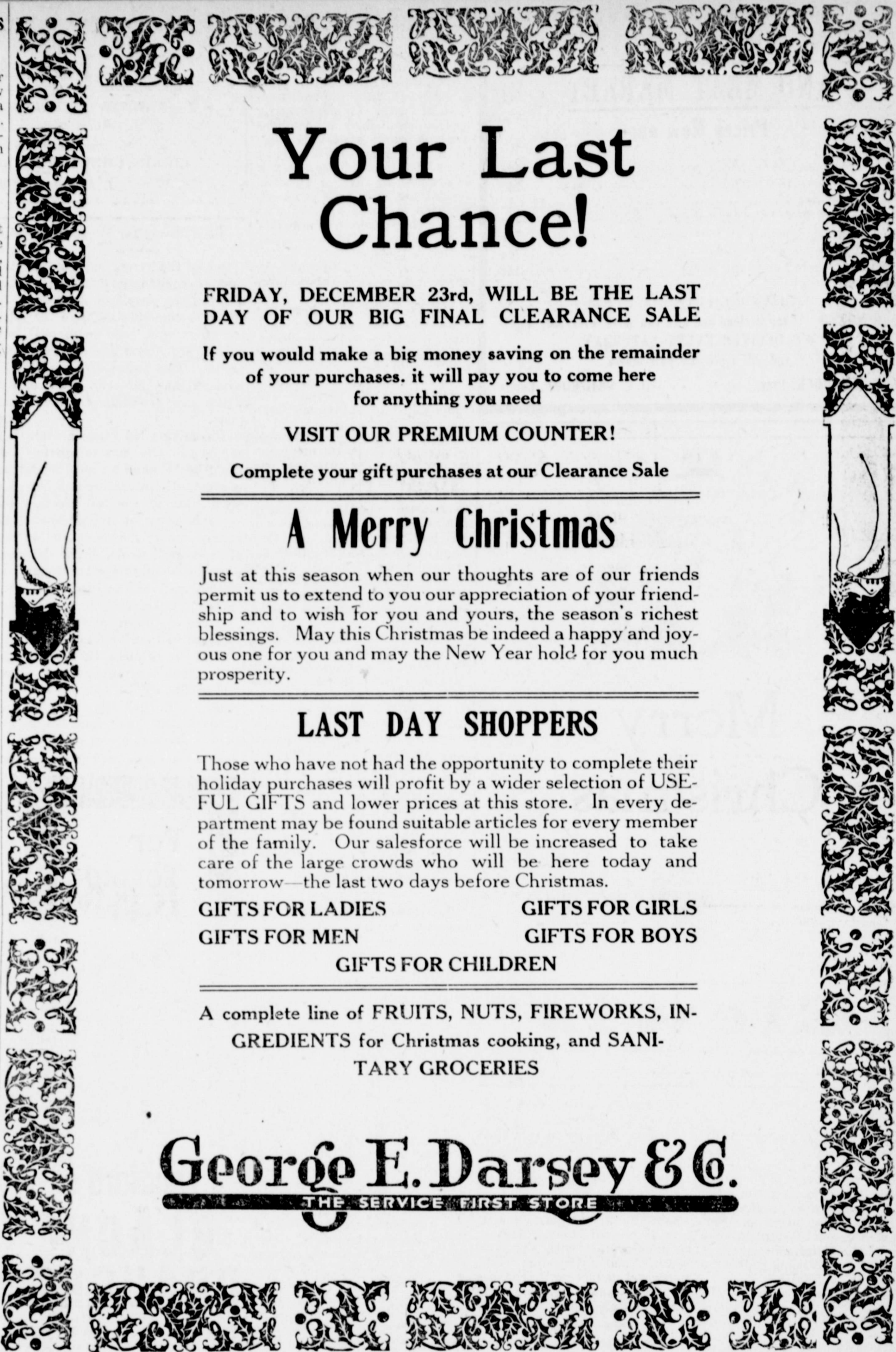
Dear Santa Claus:

How are you. I am going to tell you what I want you to bring me Christmas. I want a doll bed, a pair of beads, a celluloid kewpie, a nice story book, a splashier and all kinds of nuts. I want some candy, some grapes. Then I want five packages of firecrackers, 19 roman candles, 5 boxes of torpedoes, 6 boxes of sparklers. I will close for this time. Your little friend,  
Willie Mae Denson.

(Other letters to Santa Clause printed elsewhere in this issue).

A modern discovery for the rapid healing of flesh wounds, cuts, burns, bruises, sores and scalds is Liquid Borozone. It is a clear colorless liquid possessing marvelous healing power. Price, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Mrs. George E. Darsey and daughter, Miss Lucindy, and Mrs. M. E. Darsey—were visitors to Houston last week end.



# Your Last Chance!

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23rd, WILL BE THE LAST DAY OF OUR BIG FINAL CLEARANCE SALE**

If you would make a big money saving on the remainder of your purchases, it will pay you to come here for anything you need

**VISIT OUR PREMIUM COUNTER!**

**Complete your gift purchases at our Clearance Sale**

## A Merry Christmas

Just at this season when our thoughts are of our friends permit us to extend to you our appreciation of your friendship and to wish for you and yours, the season's richest blessings. May this Christmas be indeed a happy and joyous one for you and may the New Year hold for you much prosperity.

### LAST DAY SHOPPERS

Those who have not had the opportunity to complete their holiday purchases will profit by a wider selection of USEFUL GIFTS and lower prices at this store. In every department may be found suitable articles for every member of the family. Our salesforce will be increased to take care of the large crowds who will be here today and tomorrow—the last two days before Christmas.

- GIFTS FOR LADIES
- GIFTS FOR GIRLS
- GIFTS FOR MEN
- GIFTS FOR BOYS
- GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

A complete line of FRUITS, NUTS, FIREWORKS, INGREDIENTS for Christmas cooking, and SANITARY GROCERIES

# George E. Darsey & Co.

THE SERVICE FIRST STORE

**TRINITY RIVER RIPPLES**

Reynard, Dec. 20.—As this will be our last for this year, feel like we ought to write a good one, but everything is in such a hustle and bustle until we can hardly pull ourselves together, and both the physical and mental is under considerable strain.

Christmas is right here and half the cars in the community out of commission. Now, our people are not to proud to ride in wagons, but as a Crockett man puts it, "too lazy and the speed so slow."

Chriss Smith has moved from his river home to the one on the hill, hence he will be of more help to us in the way of community entertainment.

Very few Christmas turkeys in sight, so it may be that we will not get to stick our tooth in a sure enough turkey, but a substitute.

Douglass Beazley killed a fine lot of meat last week and has several yards of nice sausage.

O. M. Rials is still on the improve. We miss him from our little band very much.

We are sorry to learn that J. R. Edens of Daly's is in such bad health. We were over to see him one evening last week. He seemed cheerful and sat up and chewed tobacco with us and talked about pioneer days, and he told some experiences he had with the wolves and his hogs. He had a pretty tough time in his young days, but we needed such men as John and Frank Edens in those days.

Our school will close Wednesday for the holidays and resume work again January 3.

Mrs. Chas Kent and baby of Woodworth, La., came in last week to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Owens.

**NO PAPER NEXT WEEK**

The Messenger will suspend publication next week. The next issue will be January 6, 1921. It has always been our custom to suspend one issue during the holidays in order to "wipe the slate" and get in shape for the new year.

We wish you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

When the kidneys are ailing, use Prickly Ash Bitters. It is a fine kidney tonic. Relieves backache, bladder troubles, indigestion and constipation. Men of advanced years get great relief from its use. Price \$1.50 per bottle. Smith and Ryan Special Agents.

666 quickly relieves a cold.

**School Closes Wednesday**

The Grapeland school closed Wednesday at noon for the Christmas holidays, and all the teachers have gone to their homes to see home folks. Miss Hassell to Crockett; the Misses Sandall to Huntsville, Miss Moseley to Marshall; Mr. Halbert to Dawson.

The school will resume work again Monday, January 3rd.

To relieve rheumatism, sprains, lame back, lumbago or pleurisy, Ballard's Snow Lini-ment 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.

Rub-My-Tism cures bruises, cuts, burns, sores, tetter, etc.

# HOLIDAY HEADQUARTERS

19 20

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.  
 Miss Mattye Leigh Moseley spent last week end in Palestine.  
 Dick Murchison attended the Murchison-Hale wedding at Camilla last Wednesday.  
 You will find what you need in Ford parts at Hodges' Garage.  
 Miss Lucy Heart of Palestine was the guest of Mrs. A. L. Brown last Saturday.  
 Wade Bolton, who is attending Alexander College at Jacksonville, is spending the holidays with his parents at Augusta.  
 Lewis Nance Murchison and Holloway Mitchell are home from A. M. College, Bryan, to spend the Christmas holidays.

#### Berry Plants

Macatawa plants now ready to move. Let me supply your wants while they last.  
 M. L. Williams, R. 4.

Jimmie Herod of the Oak Grove community, and Miss Dorothy Bridges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bridges of this city, were married last Thursday night at the home of Rev. Milo Sullivan, who officiated.

#### \$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 cataract. Cataract being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Cataract 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 Cataract 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.

J. M. Murry went to Lovelady Monday on business.

Boys Express Wagons for Christmas at Kennedy Bros.

A. M. Brashears of Texarkana is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Bettie Richards, and other relatives in this community.

Miss Adabel Leaverton is home from T. C. U., Fort Worth, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Leaverton.

Express wagons for boys Christmas presents at Kennedy Bros.

Miss Blanche Ray, superintendent of the school, left last Friday for Dallas, where she will take treatment under a specialist for several days.

666 breaks a cold quicker than any remedy we know.

Miss Bess Boykin arrived home Wednesday from T. C. U., Ft. Worth, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Boykin.

#### Renter Wanted

To work 75 acres of land on third and fourth. Good land; also hog pasture furnished.  
 Mrs. Lucy Willis, Rfe 3.

#### Gin Notice

We will gin Friday, December 31. This will positively be our last ginning day, and customers will please take notice.  
 Herod & Leaverton.

#### Watch Lost

On road between Grapeland and Reynard Saturday, Dec. 11, Elgin, open face, "Frank Murphy" engraved on back. Finder please return to Sumner Rials. It

Rub-My-Tism relieves Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sprains.

All kinds of good candy and nuts for Christmas at Kennedy Bros.

Jot Davis Hollingsworth came in Saturday from Southwestern University, Georgetown to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hollingsworth.

Mrs. Leon Anderson of Paris is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Darsey. Mr. Anderson will join her next week.

Miss Clara Anderson arrived Saturday to visit her parents, Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Anderson. She is a student in the State Normal at Denton.

#### Renter Wanted

To work about 50 acres of good land; good house and plenty of water. See  
 G. A. Walton.

Srgt. C. L. Walters, wife and baby of Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, are here to spend the holidays with Mrs. Walter's mother, Mrs. E. C. Hill.

#### Men Only

Buy your wife a nice piece of aluminumware for a Christmas present. It will please her.  
 Kennedy Bros.

#### To Whom it May Concern.

This is to advise parties who wish to become interested in stocks or leases around or in the O'Hara Oil Co. to consult with James T. O'Hara before investing, as he can give full information.

#### Ready for Service

Financial Prince Premier, registered Jersey male now ready for service. Fee \$5.00 in advance, service guaranteed.  
 C. C. Hill.

## REMEMBER

That we can send 50 pounds by PARCEL POST and we prepay everything we send. This will enable you to get most anything you need out of a Drug Store. We appreciate ALL orders, small or LARGE and fill them promptly. Do not do without something you need—send us your order and ask for your package in the NEXT MAIL.

### GOOLSBY-SHERMAN DRUG CO.

Graduate Pharmacists Superior Service  
 Crockett, Texas Dependability

#### Card of Thanks

To our friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us on account of the death of our son and husband, we tender our sincere thanks.  
 Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hale,  
 Mrs. Clifton Hale.

#### NOTICE

Those holding our Cash Register Checks must turn them in by 1:30 o'clock Friday, December 24. At that hour we are going to give away one Manophone Talking Machine.  
 W. H. Long & Co.

#### For Sale

Choice frost-proof cabbage plants, early Flat Dutch, Early Jersey and Charleston Wakefield. Post paid. Prompt shipment. 100, 35c; 300, \$1.00.  
 Jesse Barnes,  
 4t Trinity Texas.

To prevent a cold take 666.

READ THE ADS

#### For Rent

The Will Irwin place about a mile east of town consisting of about 50 acres of good land and house, orchard, etc., on good road. See C. W. Kennedy, at Kennedy Bros.

N. H. Montgomery and family will leave this week for Colorado City, where they will reside in the future. Mr. Montgomery having sold his farm east of town to J. H. Powell.

#### The Next Cabinet

There is much speculation about President Harding's Cabinet. The slate-makers seem pretty well agreed that either Senator Lodge or Senator Knox will be Secretary of State. Former Senator Weeks of Massachusetts is said to be on the slate for Secretary of the Navy. He is a graduate of Annapolis Naval Academy.

Renew your subscription.

**THE MESSENGER**

A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice every Thursday as second class mail matter

**SUBSCRIPTION IN ADVANCE:**

1 Year .....\$1.50  
6 Months ..... .75  
3 Months ..... .40

Our Advertising Rates are reasonable and Rate Card cheerfully furnished upon application.

Subscribers ordering a change of address should give the old as well as the new address.

OUR PURPOSE—It is the purpose of The Messenger to record accurately, simply and interestingly the moral, intellectual, industrial and political progress of Grapeland and Houston County. To aid us in this, every citizen should give us his moral and financial support.

Phones—Farmers Union System  
Office ..... 51  
Residence ..... 11

THURSDAY, DEC 23, 1920

**TO YOU AND YOURS—A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

To the good people of Grapeland and community, we extend the season's greetings, and hope down deep in our hearts that this may be the Merriest Christmas you have yet had.

It is a custom as ancient as the hills, and yet as beautiful as it is ancient, to turn with a warm heart at this period of the year to those about us, and to feel again the spirit felt by those away back in early days when the brightest star of all hovered over Bethlehem. We seem to catch the anxious yearning that stirred the three wise men, as they followed that star, and we seem to feel in our own hearts the peace which fell upon them and about them as they knelt about the manger which cradled the object of their fondest hopes. Our hearts warm toward each other anew, and we feel again the majesty of the ONE whose birth we have come to celebrate.

Blessed with good health, good homes and good neighbors; surrounded by a bountiful harvest of that which will sustain us through another year; enjoying the peace which was promised two thousand years ago and the good-will of our fellow-men, this then, should be the Merriest Christmas of them all. Passing safely through twelve months of prosperity, unmarked by strife or pestilence, we come to the season of good cheer and light hearts happy in the privilege of having near us those whom we love and who love us, those who bear us no malice, those who bring us, with joyous smiles and steadfast hands the palm leaf of friendship and fraternalism.

Never before have we had more cause to thank the One whose birth we celebrate for having led us safely to this season. And at no time have we had more reason to lay aside anything we find in a search of our hearts that might breed the spirit of ill-will. Truly is it the season of rejoicing. Truly is it a time for pledging anew our devotion to the nation, the state and the community, and all the people who live therein.

We bring at the Christmas time the greeting of good cheer, out of a heart that feels and knows the goodness of your own. We offer to you and yours again the wish that the same Providence who guided you safely in the past may do so through many more years to come. We wish for you all that goes to make your life move along like a song. And may the peace and contentment, the love and the happiness which now hovers about you as a benediction continue with you and yours all the days of your life.

**THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS!**

The age old question, "Is there a Santa Claus?" is asked every Christmas time, usually the query of innocent children, but in this issue the question is asked by a gray-haired man. To use his own language, he puts it this way: "Is he a real man or is he just an imaginary being?"

This writer wants to know the truth from a scriptural basis. the Bible does not refer specifically to Santa Claus, calling him by name, but we challenge any man to read the Bible in search of truth without experiencing the "Christmas spirit." Can the questioner give us the scripture and verse wherein the Bible says there is not a Santa Claus?

Perhaps our friend thinks nothing can be which is not comprehensible by the mind. Life is a mystery. There are many things about we cannot understand, yet we know they exist and are real. The most real things in life are those that children and men cannot see.

Did you ever see God? No, but we have felt his holy presence and have felt the experience that He was leading us by His unerring hand. He is real to us.

Can we comprehend the meaning of the word "love?" Not fully, but we know it is a feeling which delights and commands our admiration and excites a strong desire within us to promote the welfare of others. There is no mind that can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen in the world.

We have never seen Santa Claus, but that does not prove that he does not live and is not real.

Frank P. Church, while editor of the New York Sun, once answered this question for a little girl, and we quote below his answer in part:

"There is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity exist and you know that they abound and give to your life its joys and beauty. Alas, how dreary the world would be if there were no Santa Claus. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the hearts of children."

**Barn Burned**

S. C. Spence, who lives at La-texo, lost his barn and all contents by fire Tuesday afternoon of last week. The fire originated in a servants' house built in connection with the barn, and when discovered had gained such headway it was impossible to put it out or save anything. A large quantity of cotton seed, corn and peas, and lots of plow tools, gear, etc., were burned.

**Colds**

At this season of the year the number of people suffering with common colds is always increased. It goes on increasing until Spring brings a larger outdoor life and a more liberal ventilation of houses, stores, factories, churches and schools.

It is unfortunate that the word "cold" ever came to be applied to this common of all disorders. The word misleads people as to the cause. Low temperature has little or nothing to do with it directly, but indirectly cold weather does bring "colds" by keeping people shut up in over-heated and ill-ventilated homes.

Arctic explorers tell us that colds are unknown in the far-distant North. One is, in fact, much more likely to catch cold from being in a hot room than from being out in the wintry air.

**To You and Yours  
OUR CHRISTMAS WISH**

**I**T REQUIRES not the occasion of Christmas with its joys, cheer and prevalent good will, to arouse in us a sense of the appreciation due patrons of this paper.

In our hearts and minds are gratitude and good thoughts for you during every day of the year; but Christmas hallows our sentiments and makes their expression fitting and timely.

Such as we have accomplished and such good as may be traceable to our efforts would not have been possible without your sustaining power and co-operation. If in any sense we have upheld a beacon, you have supplied oil for the lamp. If ours has been a chariot, yours has been the motive element which has kept it on its way.

All characters appealing to or endeavoring to entertain the public, must be given a certain meed of applause or they cannot exist. With those engaged in publishing a newspaper, the applause comes in the interest which readers manifest in its columns and in an occasional word of approval. The practical help of subscribers and advertisers has enabled us to maintain a publication standard; their encouragement has furnished the degree of pleasure necessary as an incentive to our daily tasks.

May the spirit of Christmas work for you the full degree of its bountifulness. May you be enabled to get the same amount of pleasure and benefit from these columns that we have derived from making them.

THE PUBLISHER

Copyright 1920

**A Christmas Thought**

Once more the chimes of Christmas bells will soon be heard throughout the land. Every nation that proclaims the name of Christ above all other names, and every individual who acknowledges Him as Lord, Priest and King will hail the time-marking epoch with joy and gladness.

Humanity could do nothing more appropriate at this time than to forget the cares and burdens of material things and pause for a moment to consider what Christmas means.

Wonderful and inspiring it would be if the followers of Him who was lifted up would show that degree of reverence and esteem for the day that marks the birth of the Messiah that was manifested nearly two thousand years ago when the shepherds followed the star that led them to the manger wherein the babe of Bethlehem was born.

How glorious it must have been to stand upon the earth and listen to the beautiful strain of the angelic hosts as they proclaimed that the promised Savior was born and the blessed assurance of peace and good will. Many hearts have been made

glad and millions have rejoiced because of this same glad news.

From a small beginning of a few Gallileans, His fame has circled the globe. In every nation there are those that will rejoice. In every tongue there are those who will sing his praises.

Possibly no one people will so universally observe the event as here in the "land of the free and the home of the brave." Let us while we remember Him, not forget the hardships and struggles of those who helped to make it possible for us to serve Him according to the dictates of our own conscience by giving themselves as a living sacrifice to His cause in order that this religious liberty might be purchased for us.

May the dove of peace hover over our fair land, and the name of Christ be preached until "every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is the Christ to the Glory of God."

W. R. Durnell.

Mrs. W. Totty and daughter, Miss Eola, have arrived from Lewis Springs, Ariz., to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Leaverton.

**House Burned**

Will Bryant, a young man living in the Waneta community, lost his home and all contents by fire last Saturday morning about 4 o'clock. He and his wife barely had time to escape with their lives when awakened by the flames. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Young Bryant is a veteran of the late war and his discharge, together with some souvenirs of the war, were destroyed; also a little money he had in the house.

Some of his friends were in town Saturday soliciting contributions for him.

**Cotton Report**

There were 21,080 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1920, prior to December 1, 1920, compared with 8,173 bales to December 1, 1919.

E. B. Hale, Agent.

Miss Bess Howard of Beaumont, accompanied by her little niece, Evalyn Logan, is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Howard.

When you want anything in

# MEATS

EITHER FRESH OR CURED

**Cheese, Bread,  
Fruits, etc.**

COME TO SEE US

## CITY MEAT MARKET

C. Denson, Prop.

# LEAVERTON'S

Our Drug Service is so complete, so adequate in every respect, so accurate at all times, that it means comfort and relief to those in ill health.

Just as important, it means convenience and perfect satisfaction for you in every requirement that properly can be made of a drug store.

We Invite Your Business for Your Own Satisfaction

## D. N. Leaverton

LEADING DRUGGIST

We feature Goodrich Rubber Goods

"Looks easy but—"

Says \$5 Bill



Yes, it looks easy—says "\$5 Bill"—but just ask your shoe dealer if he can do the same thing. If he can, then he'll sell you good shoes.



\$5.00 cash and a new pair of shoes will be given to the wearer who finds paper in the heels, counters, insoles or outsoles of any shoes made by us, bearing this trade-mark.

You can beat the high cost of living by insisting on Friedman-Shelby "All-Leather" Shoes. Made in all styles and sizes, for every member of the family, at prices that are right and with extra wear in every pair.

"It Takes Leather to Stand Weather"

George E. Darsey & Company  
Service First Store

Friedman-Shelby

# ALL-LEATHER SHOES

### Santa Claus Versus Truth

For quite awhile the Messenger has been very busy advertising cut prices. We hear Kennedy Bros. calling, "Come in and get 'em at your own price." McLean & Riall say, "No, get our price before you buy your next bill." Going on down the line a little distance to Darsey & Co's, we hear 'em saying, "Come in, for we have cut the thing half in two." And in we go to get our half, for we learned a long time ago that a half loaf was better than none.

But amid all these cut prices we haven't heard a word about nails. But the Messenger may look out next week, judging from the number of letters from all over the country petitioning Santa Clause to come, and even telling him the very things to bring that their little stockings may be filled. The little fellows will have to have something to hang their stockings on and nails being the best things we can think of to stick in the crack about the fireplace. (You know you tell your children Santa Claus comes down the chimney.) So there must not be any holes in the little stockings, and as I haven't heard a word from Mr. Dailey about cut prices, and if he happens to be overstocked with little stockings we may reasonably expect to see a cut price ad from him next week, as mother and big sis will not have time to sew up the holes in the old ones.

One of my grandsons away over at Rusk wrote to the Grapeland Santa Claus to be sure and not forget grandpa. (Bless his little heart.) I suppose by this they are coming to see us Christmas and will just about meet Santa at Uncle Bud's Grounds' to hang the little stockings. So Uncle Bud and Aunt Jessie must see to it that there is not much fire in the fireplace when Santa comes down the chimney lest he gets his long whiskers singed, for I see his picture in the Messenger this week shows he has a long suit of

'em, and getting a little gray as well as mine.

Christmas eve night comes. The children are hurried off to bed. They lie there thinking, thinking, thinking, until they nearly wear out their little thinkers, and finally they land in sweet communion with morpheus. Then mother and big sis get the little stockings ready for Santa Claus when he comes down the chimney. Enough about Santa Claus.

Truth. What is truth? John 18, 38, "Buy the truth and sell it not." Pro. 23, "Jesus says I am the truth," John, 14, 6, The thing we want to know is who is Santa Claus? Is he a real man or is he just imaginary being? So far as my personal knowledge about him, I know about as much about him as I do Melchizedek. All I know about Santa Claus is what we hear about him at Christmas time. But hold up, somebody says. We had a fine picture of him in the Messenger this week talking to the children and you know we can't get a shadow without a substance. So he must be a real man. Please just give the facts in the case founded upon the truth according to the scriptures I have noted. And all we know about Melchizedek, he was king of Salem, without father or mother, etc. But if you want to know who Melchizedek is just ask some of those little 2x4 college boys, who come out with their hair parted in the middle. He can tell you all about him, but the man who has studied the Bible for half century can't tell just who he was.

Now, my good people, what we want to know is the facts in the case based upon the truth as to the reality of Santa Claus. If any one has the truth it is worth telling, but if it is only imaginary throw it away and quit teaching it to your children. Just tell them for what purpose we celebrate Christmas.

N. S. Herod.

Plenty of fancy bowls, dishes, water sets, just the things for a Christmas present.

Kennedy Bros.

### Will Insist on His Rights

In his brief speech to the Senate, probably his last as a Senator, Mr. Harding said:

"When my responsibilities begin in the Executive capacity I shall be as mindful of the Senate responsibilities as I have been zealous of them as a member, but I mean at the same time to be just as insistent about the responsibilities of the Executive. Our governmental good fortune does not lie in any surrender at either end of the Avenue, but in the co-ordination and co-operation which becomes the two in a great and truly representative popular Government."

### Newspaper Gems

The Department of Agriculture has confirmed our suspicions by announcing a bumper crop of nuts.—Troy Times.

Now that the voice of the people has been heard all the country needs is somebody who can interpret what they say.—Richmond News-Leader.

Mose people feel that there is only one way of mediating tween the Turks and the Armenians. That is by mediating the Turks out of the neighborhood.—New York Evening Post.

A bandit after buying a pair of shoe laces at a Union Street store held up the proprietor and took \$275. That's starting on a shoe string.—Seattle Times.

### 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.

### JOHN SPENCE

Lawyer

CROCKETT, TEXAS

Office up stairs over Millar & Berry's Store



## "Merry Christmas, Everyone!"



### YOUR LAST CHANCE

December is the last opportunity to get Uncle Sam's Government Savings Securities of the 1920 Issue.

Do Your Christmas W. S. S. Shopping Early.

Commencing January 1, 1921, Uncle Sam's new 1921 Government Savings Securities may be obtained through our Bank or the Postoffice. The 1921 securities are 25c Thrift Stamps, \$1 Treasury Savings Stamps, \$5 Savings Stamps and \$25 and \$100 and \$1,000 Registered Treasury Savings Certificates. Thrift Stamps bought in 1920 are good in 1921.

"We Co-Operate With Uncle Sam"

It's an age-old, time-worn adage, but there's nothing that will ever more fully express our wishes, and so we we are wishing it for you.

The nearer we approach the happy Yuletide Season, the more we are impressed with the warm, throbbing, joyous significance of "Merry Christmas," and this year we hope it's going to be a Merry one.

Then "Merry Christmas" Everyone!

For the best that this year brings to us is the revival of that old-time spirit of warmth and contentment, interspersed with a glad, new joy. We have at last stripped away some of the shucks of snow and superficiality and have found revealed the rare, true, untarnished kernel of the old-fashioned Christmas—the gift spirit of service.

## Guaranty State Bank

"Always Glad to Serve You"

U. M. BROCK, Cashier

## To Our Friends and Patrons:

Another year is coming to a close—and as the dawn of 1921 draws closer, we experience the old promptings to let that "peace on earth and good will to men" feeling find expression in words of appreciation for the past and hope for the future.

Breathes there the man, woman or child with soul so dead who does not rejoice at the thought of Christmas and all that goes with it?

You, friends, we have endeavored to serve in the past twelve months as you wished to be served. If we have not fully come up to your expectations at times it has been because of forces beyond our control working against us.

Your co operation—your patience in aiding us to overcome obstacles—and above all, your superb LOYALTY have made us feel that nothing is impossible of accomplishment, and that business conducted along clean, sound principles offers the real joy in life.

And so we come to you this Christmastide to express our deepest appreciation of your patronage. We trust that the year 1920 has dealt kindly with you and that the year 1921 fairly teems with health, happiness and prosperity for you and yours.

Sincerely,

**W. H. LONG & CO.**  
THE VALUE GIVING STORE

## You Can't Beat These Prices

### Wise Buyers

Will Profit by this Opportunity

Outing per yard . . . . .	16c
L L Domestic, per yard . . . . .	16c
Cotton Checks at 12 1-2 and . . . . .	18c
Overalls, suit . . . . .	\$3.50
Our entire stock of shoes per pair are from \$1.50 to .	\$5.00
Few men's and boys' suits going at cost . . . . .	\$18 to \$25
1 lot men's hose per pair . . . . .	15c
1 lot of men's hose, 2 pair for . . . . .	35c
Ladies silk hose, were \$1.50 now . . . . .	85c
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
The best feather tick per yard . . . . .	50c
Men's heavy underwear, was \$2.50 . . . . .	\$1.75
Few sweaters left. Come and get them at your price	

## Kennedy Brothers

THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY

#### SALMON NEWS

Salmon, December 20.—Just a few more days and Christmas will soon be passed and another mile stone reached. Here's hoping that everyone will enjoy a merry Christmas.

There has been some moving and changing around in our community lately. Jesse Murdock has moved with his mother and sister to Ellis county, and Mr. Cronk, who occupied Mr. Claridge's residence, moved to Mrs. Murdock's place, where they will stay until Mr. Cronk can find a location.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mosley's little boy has been real sick with diphtheria, but was reported to be better yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Isiah Haltom and the proud parents of a baby girl.

Clifton Hale was buried in the Guiceland cemetery last Saturday. His death was a great shock to his many friends in this community, who extend the bereaved ones sympathy.

Sunday school was pretty well attended yesterday and we want to invite all to come next Sunday. We learn that Bro. Starkey of Rusk will fill Bro. Morrison's appointment here Saturday night and Sunday. Come and hear him. Sunday school at 10 o'clock.

Charlie Trigg of Houston is spending a few days here visiting his mother and other relatives and friends.

Miss May Bell Murdock of Waneta is visiting in our community.

#### LIVELYVILLE NEWS

Livelyville, Dec. 20.—Only a few more days and Christmas will be with us once more. We will have a Christmas tree at the church house and we hope its branches will be loaded with toys and presents for the old and young.

Our community is saddened by the death of Clifton Hale. He was stricken about two weeks ago and the end came Friday morning about 2 a. m. The young man was just in the early morning of his manhood, being 22 years of age. He was loved by all who knew him. Although he is gone to a better land, he will never be forgotten by his neighbors and friends. To his wife and baby and to his father and family, we extend our deepest sympathy. His remains were laid to rest in the Guiceland cemetery Saturday afternoon.

The condition of nearly every locality was described in "Trinity River Ripples" notes of last week. It seems we are all in the same boat, which is a very shaky craft, indeed.

Mrs. Tom Ray is spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. Dillard Haltom.

We learn with regret that Byron Keen and family will

move back to Taylor county in the near future.

Frank Masters and family and Mrs. Rat Jones spent Sunday with J. W. Ellis.

Paul MacDonald and Raymond Garner went to Elkhart Friday night to attend the high school play.

Billy and Ruth MacDonald and Jimmie Garner visited at the home of George Smith Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Chaffin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Haltom.

B. L. Keen and wife visited his mother Saturday and Sunday.

Robert Keen and Herbert Denman went to Dallas last week on business.

#### LIBERTY HILL NEWS

As the holiday season draws near one may hear "Merry Christmas" on every hand. Although this has become a rather trite expression we sincerely hope that everyone will take it to heart and really and truly have a Merry Christmas. Of course we all know that old Santa's purse is rather lean, but let us not let the matter of giving and receiving gifts make or mar the true Christmas spirit.

The Rev. Marquis, our new pastor, filled his regular appointment here Sunday. The people were very favorably impressed with him, both as a minister and as a man. He will preach here regularly every third Sunday morning and night.

Our boy's basket ball team has played two games this season. The first one was lost to Belott by a large score and the second was won from Augusta by a much larger.

School will close Wednesday December 23, for the Christmas holidays, and will be resumed on the following Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Moore and family of Augusta attended church here Sunday and spent the day with relatives.

Rev. J. B. Davis has returned from Huntsville, on which circuit he will preach next year, to move his family there. He is well pleased with his work there.

Misses Minnie Mae and Freddie Ramey spent Friday night with their brother, Charlie and wife, at Waneta.

J. M. Young made a business trip to Crockett Saturday.

M. S. Scarborough returned to West Columbia Thursday, after spending several days at home. Tom Cutler went with him.

#### The President's Flag

One of the many perquisites that President-elect Harding will enjoy when he enters the White House is the flag which will be his alone to use and which is distinctive from any other flag flown in the world. It is used by the president in his ex-officio capacity as commander in chief of the army and navy. It is flown over the White House ordinarily. This flag, which is no doubt unknown to many in our land, of the coat-of-arms as it appears on the president's seal, set in a blue field and flanked by four stars. The four star are the symbol of high command—the same as those of any army general or navy admiral. When the president boards a U. S. vessel his flag is hoisted and if possible 21 guns are fired; when he leaves, another salute of 21 guns is fired and at the last gun his flag is lowered. Should the president embark in a boat his flag is usually displayed from the bow, in which case passing naval vessels prade the full guard, four ruffles are given on the drum, four flourishes are sounded on the bugle, the national anthem is played by the band, and officers and men salute. If aboard ship the president is saluted by passing naval vessels and all naval batteries with the regular 21 guns.—The Pathfinder.

#### 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.

## ECZEMA!

Money back without question if HUNTS fails in the treatment of ITCH, ECZEMA, RINGWORM, TETTER or other itching skin diseases. Try a 75 cent box at our risk.



Smith & Ryan Druggists

#### 3 PER CENT REAL ESTATE LOANS

The best plan to borrow money at the lowest rate of interest. The best and safest investment for your savings. Under supervision of the Insurance and Banking Commission of Texas.

THOS. B. COLLINS, and  
CHAS. W. JONES  
AGENTS  
CROCKETT, TEXAS.