

# The Grapeland Messenger.

AN AD IN THE MESSENGER IS WORTH TWO ON THE FENCE

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## Reclamation Planned on Trinity River Bottoms

Plans for the reclamation and improvement of one of the largest and most fertile sections of the Trinity river in this county assumed constructive form recently when the Commissioners' Court approved the application of the Houston County Levee Improvement District No. 1, and appointed the following citizens of Crockett as supervisors of this levee district: H. J. Arledge, chairman; Mose Bromberg, vice chairman; and Arch Baker, secretary.

The area which will be reclaimed from overflow is situated along the Trinity river and embraces approximately 7,500 acres of land, which will require a levy approximately four and one-half miles long, together with the erection of sluice gates, pumping plants, etc.

Preliminary surveys of this area have been made by the Henry J. Cox Engineering Co. of Dallas, who are the engineers in charge, and the cost of the project will be in the neighborhood of \$150,000. Bonds for this amount, as approved by the court, will be placed on the market and as soon as the money is available work on the project will begin and pushed to rapid conclusion.

It is contemplated by the supervisors to contract this levee work and bids will be submitted from contractors as soon as the engineers' estimates are avail-

able, which will be within the next sixty days. The supervisors of this district are large land owners in this improvement area and will use every effort to push the work to a rapid conclusion.

Practically all the area in this district is now under cultivation, producing large crops, which, when protected by the levee now contemplated, will be one of the finest farming sections in the state.

Major Stiles, state reclamation engineer, was present at the hearing before the court and approved the application of the district. He stated that this district was one of the best in the United States, considered both from an engineering and an agricultural standpoint.

## The New Garage

Messrs. Campbell Lively and Jim Norman have arrived from Livingston and are busy getting their garage ready to serve the public.

The Messenger was in error in a former issue when it stated that they had bought the Hodges Bros. garage. They purchased the garage formerly operated by Carl and Lester Bridges on the East Side. Hodges Bros. will continue in business at their present location.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McCall and baby visited relatives at Oakwood last week.

## Treasury is in Bad Way— Huge Deficit Looms Ahead

All appropriations must be cut "to the bone." All new undertaking by the government that would cost money must be given up.

This is the substance of a speech made in the Senate by Mr. McCumber of North Dakota, who, in the absence of Senator Penrose, is acting chairman of the Finance Committee.

A deficit of more than \$1,200,000,000 faces the treasury in the next few months. By June it will be two billions. Secretary Houston estimated the deficit by June at that sum, and said that by June 30, 1922, should be reduced to \$1,500,000,000.

Thus Mr. McCumber confirms what Secretary Houston has said about the impossibility of reducing the amount of money to be raised by taxes, and dwells upon it with even more emphasis. Campaign promises of "lower taxes" cannot be kept. Some taxes may be taken off, but others must be put on.

## Close of Season Good Time To Make Farm Inventory

With another season of farm work fast drawing to a close, the United States Department of Agriculture is urging that an annual property list or inventory be made by every farmer. It is the only means, department specialists say, whereby farmers may know accurately their net financial worth, what progress they are making from year to year, and how their investment in farm property is being distributed. Property lists, or inventories, made in accordance with a plan outlined in the office of farm management, United States Department of Agriculture, are not difficult to make and are of great value to any farmer who is striving to better his condition, overcome obstacles to success, and place his business affairs on a secure foundation. To drift along year after year, not knowing whether toward success or failure, is not the practice of business men. Specialists of the department are prepared to give complete directions for making a farm inventory that will put the farm on a business basis.—U. S. Weekly News Letter.

## Community Social

A community social will be held in the Baptist church from 7 to 10 o'clock Friday evening in honor of the new pastor, Rev. Fred Newland. Come and welcome him to our town. The friends and members of all the churches are urged to come. Committee in charge.

## Brown-Hale

Sam Brown and Miss Gertrude Hale were married Wednesday, December 30, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Herod, in the Guiceland community. Rev. N. S. Herod officiating. We join the many friends of these young people in congratulations and best wishes for all the good things on life.

Bob Scarborough spent a few days here with relatives during the holidays and upon his return to Belcher, La., was accompanied by his wife and little girl. They will make Belcher their future home.

## McLean-Dominy

A Christmas wedding of interest to our people was that of Mr. Dan McLean to Miss Emma Dominy, which took place at the bride's home in Groveton, and they will make their home in Port Arthur where Mr. McLean has a position with the Gulf Refining Co.

Both are well known in this city, Mr. McLean having been reared at Augusta, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim McLean. His wife taught in the Grapeland school last term and made many friends in the city while here. They have the best wishes of our people for a happy married life.

Mrs. W. B. Taylor spent Tuesday here with relatives, being on her way to Evansville, Dr. Taylor having recently removed there from Creek.

## A Woman's Success With Her Poultry Last Year

Editor Messenger:

I decided I would write of my success with poultry this last year.

I started with 80 hens January 1st, and have sold 686 dozen eggs, setting 14 1-2 dozen. I do not know how many dozen have been used at home. The 686 dozen eggs brought me \$238.83. I have also sold \$43.83 worth of chickens.

This goes to prove something can be made out of chickens with plenty of feed, hard work and good care.

Mrs. Wilson Whitaker.

P.S.—I have 78 hens to begin the new year with.

(That's fine. We would be glad to have short articles from others who have been successful with poultry.—Editor.)

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dennis of Oakwood were over a few days last week visiting old friends at Percilla and their daughter, Mrs. Albert Gainey. Mr. Dennis reported business very quiet in Oakwood, but the outlook optimistic and the people hopeful.

## Begin the New Year Right!

### SAVE! SAVE!

Our motto for the new year will be to save you money.

"QUICK SALES AND SMALL PROFITS."

10 lb standard granulated sugar for.....	\$1.00
6 lb of good roasted coffee for .....	\$1.00
10 lb full head rice for .....	\$1.00
8 lb of lima beans for.....	\$1.00
5 cans of good salmon for.....	.75
1 gallon of peanut oil for.....	\$1.35
20 bars of laundry soap for .....	\$1.00
8 cans of tomatoes for .....	\$1.00
3 lb bucket of coffee for.....	.85

We are going to keep the price down for the year 1921.

We want to buy your Eggs, Butter and Chickens.

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THE PRICE IS THE THING

## A Happy New Year and a Prosperous One

A New Year teeming with good fortune.

May you be blessed with your full share of the abounding joy and happiness this New Year has in store for us all—a year of peace, joy and happiness is our wish for all.

## McLean & Riall

DEPENDABLE MERCHANTS  
Grapeland, Texas



# THOUGHTS for the NEW YEAR



LOOK back and appraise the past year and see how little we have striven and to what small purpose; and how often we have been cowardly and hung back, or temerarious and rushed unwisely in; and how every day and all day long we have transgressed the law of kindness—it may seem a paradox, but in the bitterness of these discoveries a certain consolation resides. Life is not designed to minister to a man's vanity. He goes upon his long business most of the time with a hanging head and all the time like a blind child. Full of rewards and pleasures as it is—so that to see the day break or the moon rise, or to meet a friend, or to hear the dinner call when he is hungry, fills him with a surprising joy—this world is yet for him no abiding city. Friends fall through, health fails, weariness assails him; year after year he must thumb the hardly varying records of his own weakness and folly. It is a friendly process of detachment.

When the time comes that he should go, there need be few illusions about himself. There lies one who meant well, tried a little, failed much; surely this may be his epitaph of which he need not be ashamed. Nor will he



complain at the summons which calls a defeated soldier from the field; defeated, aye, if he were Paul or Marcus Aurelius!—but if there is still one inch of fight in his old spirit, undishonored. The faith which sustained him in his lifelong discouragement will scarce even be required in this last formality of laying down his arms. Give him a march with his old bones; there, out of the glorious sun-colored earth, out of the day and the dust and the ecstasy—there goes another Faithful Failure!

So shall you front, clear-eyed and smiling, the stress, the shining, of the brave New Year.—Stevenson.

Time is but a stream I go a-fishing in. I drink at it; but while I drink I see the sandy bottom and detect how shallow it is. Its thin current slides away, but eternity remains. I would drink deeper, fish in the sky, whose bottom is pebbly with stars.—Thoreau.

What is time? The shadow on the

dial, the striking of the clock, the running of the sand; day and night, summer and winter, months, years, centuries—these are but arbitrary and outward signs, the measure of time, but



not time itself. Time is the life of the soul; if not this, then tell us what is time?—Longfellow.

The years—how they have passed! They are gone as clouds go on a summer day; they came, they grew, they rolled full-orbed; they waned, they died and their story is told. Years



that are wrought upon us in thought and deed with the force and power of eternity, years whose marks we shall carry forever, were dissolved like the dew and their work is finished.—Beecher.

The time which passes over our heads so imperceptibly makes the same gradual change in habits, manners and character as in personal appearance. At the revolution of every five years we find ourselves another and yet the



same; there is a change of views, and no less of the lights in which we regard them; a change of motives as well as of action.—Scott.

If you would climb to the high places, carry off the richest prizes, get the most enjoyment out of life, and have the sublimest old age, you must conquer the base elements of nature; you must have every atom of the dross of dishonesty squeezed, hammered, burned out, if necessary; you must become as sound as 24-carat gold, as true as best steel.—George K. Morris.

## BIRTH of the NEW YEAR

People of New Zealand First to Give It Greeting

THE birth of the new year, as we are well aware, is variously celebrated, but how many people know of the manner in which the momentous date is set? Do you realize that the new year is really hours old before the great bulk of the civilized world is able to celebrate its arrival?

Priority in rejoicing over the event is actually given to the untutored inhabitants of the islands of the South Pacific. The first of the civilized world to greet 1921 was the people of the far away New Zealand. Sweeping westward, the change of date crossed Asia and then the old world of Europe and Africa before starting over the Atlantic to America. Onward it sped at the rate of a thousand miles an hour until the first day of the new year died away in the middle of the Pacific.

In the United States the idea of announcing broadcast over the land the birth of the new year originated with the officers in charge of the naval observatory in Washington. About 15 years ago it was suggested that the telegraph companies dispatch at midnight from Washington a series of signals proclaiming the exact moment of the new year's beginning. The idea was taken up and signals were sent out at midnight and at one, two and three o'clock in the morning following in order that each great time division of the United States should receive its own appropriate midnight signals from the capital.

The practice has now become fixed. The signals used are akin to those sent out each midday. These begin five minutes before the midnight hour by way of warning, and cover each second of the clock except the twenty-ninth, the last five of each of the first four minutes, and the last ten of the final minute. After this last long break there is a single prolonged contact, the beginning of which announces the exact instant of arrival of the new year.

Since the beginning of this service other telegraph and most of the cable companies have lent their co-operation, and signals are now sent covering both North and South America, all our colonial possessions, Australia, Japan and the principal nations of Europe. Some idea of the speed with which these New Year's greetings are flashed from Washington to distant points can be gathered from the fact that it takes less than 0.4 of a second to reach the Manila observatory; 0.5 of a second to reach Lick observatory, California; 2.25 seconds to cover the distance between Washington and the coast survey station in Alaska—this includes relaying—and four seconds to let the Wellington observatory in New Zealand know that the new year has reached us after the celebration has been hours old.

### A NEW YEAR IS NEAR.

"It's coming, boys,  
It's almost here;  
It's coming, girls,  
The grand New Year!  
A year to be glad in,  
Not to be sad in;  
A year to live in,  
To gain and give in;  
A year for trying,  
And not for sighing;  
A year for striving,  
And hearty thriving;  
A bright New Year,  
Oh! hold it dear;  
For God, Who sendeth,  
He only lengtheth."

### QUEER NEW YEAR'S CUSTOMS.

Volumes might be written upon the queer customs and curious superstitions connected with New Year's day. Literature is full of them, grave historians have preserved them for us, and versatile poets decked them with fairest flowers of fancy. From Chaucer, Sweet Spring of English Song, from Spencer and Herrick, Milton and Shakespeare, down to the humblest magazine rhymes of today—one and all—they have paid tribute. A wise essayist describes the day as "a peak on Darien, from which two oceans may be seen. Into one we look with sadness and regret, into the other, with hope and faith."

### Onions Foretell Wet Months.

Take 12 onions, cut them into halves, hollow them out and fill with salt. Those in which the salt completely dissolves indicate the wet months of the coming year.

Messrs. Clyde and Edwin Davis have returned to Kingsville, after a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Davis.

## Judged by the Banking Account He Keeps

A man's ability to accumulate money is one of the standards by which the business and financial world determine his worth.

Therefore, one's best bit of evidence is his bank balance.

One whose pocket is his bank can only have the temporary sort of prosperity. On the other hand, the thousands who bank their earnings have every opportunity and incentive to permanently prosper.

Select a goal and save for it. Devise a system and hold it—put your money in our bank; before long you will have a sizeable sum of money.

Be A Depositor in Our Bank

## Farmers & Merchants

State Bank

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### WANETA NEWS

Waneta, Jan. 3.—The old year has passed and the new year is here, and we wish for the Messenger and its readers a most prosperous year.

Farmers are beginning to cut stalks and plow.

Grandfather Sheffield is visiting his son and family at Huntington.

Will Lively and wife spent Saturday with Carlton Lively and wife.

Elbert Clark and wife visited Mr. House and wife Sunday.

Mrs. Minnie Gaines spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Velma Hendricks.

Quite a crowd of young people serenaded Mr. Will Wilson and bride Saturday night.

Miss Emma Jones of Oklahoma has been visiting her mother the past week. She left Friday morning to visit relatives at Alto.

Bro. Andrews filled his regular appointment at New Hope Sunday. A large crowd was present.

Sunday school at New Hope was well attended Sunday evening.

Carlton Lively and wife spent Saturday night at Mrs. Henry Goff's.

Mrs. J. E. Harrington and little son, Roy, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Ollie Harrington and wife.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Farrar, December 27th, twin girl babies. Mrs. Farrar is very low at this writing.

Cuin Barnes and wife entertained with a singing Sunday night and all report a nice time and some good singing.

Mrs. Eunice Dickey and little son of the Silver Creek community have been visiting here the past week.

### 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.

Mrs. Ory Heath of Aldine visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Richards, during the holiday vacation.



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### UNION CHAPEL NEWS

Union Chapel, Jan. 3.—Xmas has passed and the new year has dawned. Let us try to make this a better year on the record than the past years.

Wilburn Smith has returned home from Jayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Stokes Pelham of Marshall visited the former's sister, Mrs. T. L. Brown, last Monday.

Mrs. Omega Marshall and daughters, Misses Nannie and Flora, spent the holidays with relatives and friends at New Prospect.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chapman and children visited relatives at Houston during the holidays.

Mrs. A. W. Pelham spent a few days last week with friends in Crockett.

Miss Jessie Mae Chandler spent the past week here with friends.

R. E. Martin is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Cutler entertained their young friends new year's night. Mrs. Josie Johnson and Mr. Cutler rendered some lovely music for them. All left hoping Mr. and Mrs. Cut-

ler would repeat the occasion soon.

Jess Luce and family of New Prospect spent the week end here with Mrs. Marshall.

Mrs. L. D. Spruill and children of Grape-land visited Mrs. R. E. Martin during the holidays.

Pink Stringer and family have moved to the Shaver farm. We welcome them among us.

### Preaching at Midway

I will fill my regular appointment at Midway next Sunday at 11 o'clock and again Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend these services.

Milo Sullivan, Pastor.

### Cotton Report

There were 22,003 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1920, prior to December 13, 1920, compared with 8,520 bales ginned to December 13, 1919.

E. B. Hale, Agent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Zimmerman and children of Dallas spent the Christmas holidays here visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Davis.



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To neglect your personal appearance when our prices for cleaning, pressing and repairing clothes are easily within your means?

## CAN YOU AFFORD

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# Clewis

## A Home Orchard is Necessary On Every Farm

(The following article was written by M. E. Hayes, Horticulturist, Extension Service, A. & M. College of Texas:)

Over 50 per cent of the farm homes do not have a fruit tree or a berry vine. In a state such as Texas this condition should cause serious deliberation. For there are no sections of this state where some fruit can not be grown and very few farms that will not produce some fruit and berries. There are some sections where it would not be profitable to grow commercial orchards, but they can produce a home orchard. The home orchard is the cheapest and surest way of producing fruit for home consumption.

The Extension Service has encouraged the planting of home orchards in many sections of the state. From the demonstrations conducted we have been able to produce profitable home orchards in all sections.

There are some fruits that are adapted to some places that cannot be successfully grown in others. For example, cherries are very profitable in the south plains adjacent to Lubbock; the apple, pear, and dewberry can be successfully grown throughout nearly all portions of West Texas; through the black land belt the peach, plum and blackberry have proved to be the best for planting; in East Texas the peach, plum, strawberry and blackberry; in South Texas the fig, satsuma orange and strawberry are profitably grown. The above does not mean that these are the only ones that can be grown, but from our experience these are the ones that we use as a base and others are planted in smaller quantities. The pecan, the State tree, is grown in nearly every county of Texas.

In planning a home orchard there are a few essentials that are necessary in order to make it a success. In the first place, we must consider that the essential purpose of the orchard is for the production of fruit for home use, that the market to be supplied is a retail market and that the results of the home orchard cannot be merely measured in the cost of the product. In many cases a home orchard is the only available means of fruit and in all cases it is the most economical means of supplying that demand.

For variety a succession of varieties must be planted in order to have fresh fruit throughout the growing season. There are many varieties that are profitable for the home orchard that are not for the commercial orchard. The varieties of the highest quality are the ones to plant. The keeping or shipping qualities that are essential in the commercial orchard often make the variety unsuitable for home orchard use.

The home orchard should be located immediately adjacent to the home in order to have the fruit at all times available for immediate consumption. In cases where there is a slight preference to soil always consider that the orchard is in reality a home orchard and plant accordingly.

The criticism that many farmers make to planting a home orchard is that it will live for a few years and then die. This is true unless a certain amount of care is given. There must be

some pruning. The amount will depend on type of fruit grown, but as a rule, if the tree is pruned so as to allow the sun to get in and kept low to the ground it will bear profitably for a period of years.

The orchard must be cultivated. If a reasonable amount of cultivation is given the same as any farm crop it will aid in the production of fruit, also it will keep the trees from dying prematurely.

"A home orchard on every farm is our slogan."

## Better Market in 1921

The statistical position of cotton is strong from the standpoint of the world's actual needs. It is weak from the standpoint of the ability of the world to buy and pay for it. That the affairs of Europe will be greatly improved before another harvest rolls around is the hope and expectation of the business interests of this country. There is reason to believe that there will be a greatly increased movement of commerce. If this should be true cotton growers can reasonably expect better prices, provided of course, that they do not over produce.

Various cotton associations and many bankers have advised producers of cotton to delay selling and no doubt many thousands of bales are yet in the hands of the farmers. They have held as prices declined and at present there seems to be but little hope for a substantial advance in the near future. That being the case, would it not be good business for those who have cotton on hand to hold until next year and sell for probably twice what they could get now? Protect the cotton and consider it the 1921 crop, planting no cotton, or very little, this coming season.

The history of cotton has conclusively demonstrated that the short crop brings more money than the big crop. Then why not plant less, but better cotton, work less hours and have more money? The man who has not sold his 1921 crop should not plant at all, if acreage is to be reduced a sufficient amount to bring desired results.—Farm & Ranch.

Frank Woodard of Palestine spent Saturday and Sunday here with friends.

## Start a Food Factory in Your Back Yard

Better, Start it in Your Garden

THE HIGH COST OF LIVING, or we might put it, the cost of living high, is the most dangerous thing in the world today.

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Yours for more food,

## The Guaranty State Bank

## What the New Year Means

The New Year means new opportunity to every man, woman and child. It challenges the best that is in them and promises unusual reward for effort made. In it is the hope of years to come concerning whatever is for the well-being of society.

Aching joints, rheumatic pains and neuralgia can be relieved quickly by a rubbing application of Ballard's Snow Liniment. It is a powerful penetrating remedy. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

## A Mean Trick

Just when we are beginning to think we can make both ends meet, some guy comes along and moves the ends.—The Pacific Legion.

Take a dose of Herbine when you are bilious or constipated or your stomach is out of order. It is a marvel of promptness in correcting these conditions. Price 60c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

## Up Against It For a Goat

Of course it is none of our business, but who will the republicans lay the blame on when they can no longer lay it on the democrats?—Dallas News.

J. B. Woodside has returned to Oklahoma, after spending a few weeks here with his family. He is employed as carpenter on a large construction job, but expects to return to GrapeLand in the spring.

## Kidney Trouble Relieved!

No matter how much pain and distress your kidneys and bladder are causing you, quick relief may be yours through HOBOS Kidney & Bladder Remedy. Made from native herbs, this remedy has given prompt and permanent relief in hundreds of cases, and may be taken freely without harmful effects. No alcohol. Sold by all druggists for \$1.20 the bottle. Hobo Med. Mfg. Co., Shreveport, La.

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## NEWS FROM ROCK HILL

Rock Hill, Jan. 3.—Christmas has come and gone and so has another year, and we have all begun the new year with renewed energy and resolutions. Let us make the best of it.

Mrs. Ludie Denson of Dallas visited relatives and friends here the past two weeks.

O. L. Lowry visited home folk at Nacogdoches during the holidays.

Richard Streetman, who is teaching at Tavenor, was at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Streich and Elbert Streetman spent the week end in Palestine.

Sunday school seems to have gone to the bad. Not a good way to start in the new year. Let everyone come out that can.

Miss Prudie Campbell of Salmon was a visitor in our community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Streetman of Palestine spent Christmas with home folk.

Master Earl Tavenor of Tavenor was the guest of little Edwin Streetman the past week.

Lester Tucker left Monday to begin work as salesman, headquarters being at Palestine. We all wish him success in his new work.

Kidney weakness, bladder troubles and digestive disorders are all within the curative power of Prickly Ash Bitters. As a tonic for the kidneys and urinary organs it has proved its value. Price \$1.25 per bottle Smith & Ryan, Special Agents.

## Happiness

Happiness comes not so much from what is done for us as from what we do for others. Its prescription is the best service of which we are capable, rendered unselfishly. Let 1921 be a year of service to God, our country and our fellowmen.

J. B. Trimble has returned from Paris, where he has been for several months, and will install a gas lighting plant at the Christian church.

## Why Suffer?

Cardui "Did Wonders for Me," Declares This Lady.

"I suffered for a long time with womanly weakness," says Mrs. J. R. Simpson, of 57 Spruce St., Asheville, N. C. "I finally got to the place where it was an effort for me to go. I would have bearing-down pains in my side and back — especially severe across my back, and down in my side there was a great deal of soreness. I was nervous and easily upset.

TAKE

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ALL DRUGGISTS

L. 80

Miss Lucretia Riall of Woodworth, La., and Miss Eula Mae Riall of Oklahoma City, spent the holidays here with their mother, Mrs. A. O. Riall.



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THURSDAY, JAN. 6, 1921

**THE GOODS TO PUSH**

Every man who keeps a store nowadays is advertised, whether he advertises himself or not. Consequently, every storekeeper must be interested in advertising. The makers of scores of the things sold right here in Grapeland advertise them for the home merchants—not over their names in every case, it is true, but they advertise and the public, knowing that advertised articles always are sold in good stores, naturally go into good stores when seeking a branded and advertised product.

These manufacturers who advertise put up good products; if they didn't, the advertising would fail. This product, usually the best of its kind to be had, is advertised to stimulate the dealers' own individual trade. A demand is created by the maker and the goods are partly sold from the moment the dealer has placed his order. You go into a store for soap, and you ask for a brand you've seen advertised. It is the same way with hundreds of other things—you know them through advertising, and you know that unless they were good the advertising would have stopped long ago.

Advertising makes selling easy. The merchant knows this and he knows that he doesn't have to "talk up" advertised products, and he doesn't lose time explaining their merits to the customer. All he has to do is to take the order for an advertised article, wrap up the goods and put the money in the cash drawer.

That being the case, there should not be a merchant in all this land so headstrong as to argue that advertising doesn't pay, for he is arguing against the makers of the very goods he has upon his shelves.

The effect of the eighteenth amendment was very noticeable during this Christmas time. We saw no one flat on his back reaching up for the ground.

The farmer with a full smokehouse, a bulging corn crib, a yard full of good poultry and a rich garden spot which he tills well is not worrying over the cotton market. He has a living at home and can defy the world.

**OUR CHANCE FOR OIL**

You never can tell what is beneath the earth. Surface indications may tell a story to those who are versed in geology, but the truth is never known until an exploration is made with the drill. We are likely to tread for a lifetime above hidden wealth, never suspecting that just underneath us there lies the riches for which we have craved.

The oil excitement which has gripped Texas for the past two years has permeated every section of the state and caused people to wonder if their own immediate locality did not possess the coveted fluid. So individuals and oil companies have turned their attention to nearly every section in the state to "wild cat" for oil.

The territory immediately surrounding Grapeland, though a "wild cat," is a prospective oil field. The drill of the O'Hara Oil Co. is pounding away every day down, down, down to, let us hope, down to oil. The well is now about four hundred feet feet. Indications so far have been encouraging and it ought to get real interesting about seven hundred feet.

Eminent geologists have visited this section and passed their judgment upon it. None of them will risk their reputation by saying positively there is oil here. They give you that "far away look" and say it looks good.

Sometime in the long ago, away back yonder when the earth was in the making, they will tell you that there was a great upheaval in this section and nature has deposited something that does not belong here. They read in the surface indications almost a perfect structure but it ends there. They say we must depend upon the drill to tell the true story.

So we are waiting and hoping, and with the encouragement we receive we are entitled to hope. It is reported the Michigan-Texas well in Anderson county is good for 100 barrels of oil a day. Only a few weeks since, the discovery well at Mexia was brought in, showing a very high grade of oil, and it is predicted the Mexia field will be one of the biggest and best in the state.

Why not put all the jazz bands out of commission for the next four years and note the helpful result?

A new year's resolution isn't worth a cent unless kept inviolable. Therefore, if you make a resolution have the manhood to stay with it.

To those who have put it off to the last minute, we remind you that this is the last month you have in which to pay your taxes. After the 31st of this month a "stinger" will be added.

Congress is agitated over the immigration question and threatens to shut off immigrants for a year. That's something like locking the stable after the horse is stolen.

With proper systematic newspaper advertising any honest business man can and will become a success. The merchant who does not avail himself of advertising is hiding his talents and limiting his growth.

Thousands of people believe that if they put their fingers on a heart-shaped piece of plank running on three wheels that St. Peter will at once unlock the pearly gates and send the spirits flocking down through endless space to gather around that six-inch piece of board and answer all the foolish questions which intellectual misfits ask of them. What is the answer to anything like that? Since thousands do so believe, how is it ever going to be possible to drill knowledge, sense or anything else into their heads?

Congress is trying to find out who owns the twenty-four billion dollars worth of bonds issued by the government. Speaking for ourself, we can say, "not guilty."

**SALMON ITEMS**

Salmon, Jan. 3.—It has been quite awhile since Salmon was heard from through the Messenger. Santa Claus has been to see us and Christmas is over and the year of 1920 has gone down into history with all of its sorrows and misfortunes that have come into the hearts of men and women everywhere. But as we enter into the new year may God help us all to enter it with a new determination to do everything that is possible for us to do to build up our community, our church and our Sunday school. And to do this we must work together, pull together and do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

Bro. W. J. Starkey filled his appointment here last fourth Sunday, and preached to a large crowd. His family came with him and spent the holidays here visiting relatives and friends. They returned to Rusk Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe LaRue and daughter, formerly of this place but now of Palestine, spent the holidays in our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Lasiter of this community, and Mr. Dean West of Hillsboro spent several days in the Jones School House community last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stokes Pelham and Floyd Campbell of Marshall spent a few days here during Christmas.

George Smith has been real sick but is reported to be better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. John Salmon have moved to their home, which they purchased from Web Easley.

Sunday school was pretty well attended last Sunday, and we hope that more will attend next Sunday.

**Call for Tomato Growers to Oranize**

The Messenger is requested to give notice of a meeting to be held next Saturday afternoon at three o'clock at the court house for the purpose of organizing the tomato growers, or to get the tomato growing industry started in this section. Those in charge of the move say at least 100 acres must be pledged, and they are confident of that many. There are a few men in the community who have had experience in growing tomatoes, who will be at the meeting Saturday. Let's break away from all cotton and privation and strike out for plenty and prosperity.

**A New Year's Wish**

What can I wish for you in this New Year  
More than I wish you every day;  
What can I say, I have not said before,  
What new prayer can I pray?  
For every hour of every day  
Deep in my inmost heart I say  
A Prayer for you!

What can I ask for you this coming year  
More than I dared to ask before;  
What new gift can I crave from Heaven for you  
From Love's own boundless store?  
My heart petitions from the Throne of Grace  
One blessing more!  
For every day of every year  
You are more dear!

No blessing can I beg of you this year  
More than you gave to me before;  
Your lips to kiss, your hand in mine to hold  
Now, as of yore!  
Your love to guard, your happiness to keep  
In life till death, and when we "fall on sleep"  
To meet once more!

C. D. C.



**TAPS**

WELL, Old Year, good-bye—Taps while you die!

You brought a lot of new things to us. You have told us a lot of our failings and helped us to step better. You have tripped us up and knocked us down and talked cross to us, at times. But we understood, and didn't mind, because we knew you thought a lot of us.

So Taps to you, as you steal away into a past strewn with the efforts of the mighty.

We made a lot of mistakes while you were with us, Old Year. But Taps to them. We went ahead and did things without thinking them carefully out. And then you told us afterward of these blunders. So, you see, we learned. Thank you, Old Year.

How many times we were disappointed! What great things passed us by! But Taps for them, now, too. Life, after all, is but an unfolding, a sowing and a reaping, a going to bed at nighttime and a getting up in the morning, tears and laughter, work and rest, while Time plays about us. But now you are going away, Old Year. Good luck to you with what we have given to you. Taps!

For all that we have lost or failed in—Taps!

But no regrets—just gladness for chances, and a million prods of every sort hidden away in the somewhere to find us all anew in the glad New Year that will awaken us on the morrow. We tried, we failed—we won.

While you go, we smile, and a few tears touch our smiles. But we blow our Taps. Listen to them, Old Year. And good-bye!—Detroit Free Press.

**NEW YEAR'S IN MANILA.**

To occidental eyes New Year's day in Manila is a strange olla podrida of Christmas, Easter and Fourth of July. The day is ushered in with early mass, celebrated in the cathedral, which is attended by all the women attired in old clothes, and the poorer class barefooted, and the wealthy in sombre black with black mantillas or shawls shrouding their heads. But immediately after breakfast everybody begins to prink and preen for callers. Raven locks are plastered into elaborate coiffures with coconut oil and crowned with red or yellow blossoms.

**At the Methodist Church**

Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 6:45 p. m.

Preaching at Antrim at 3 p. m.  
Subject Sunday morning, will be "Standing Still Out of the Question." Subject at night, "Devotion a Standard of Grace." If you didn't start the new year right by being at church last Sunday, make amends by being there next Sunday.

B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

**THE GOOD NEW YEAR**

EMORY J. HAYNES  
in the Boston Globe

IT WAS foretold forty years ago. The New Year shall be a good one. This is the story of the prophecy. It depends upon you to believe it.

Forty years ago a lone skater upon the glassy surface of a lake in northern New England celebrated his solitary holiday. At the far end of his ten-mile dash he rested in the noonday sun, sitting at the base of a towering cliff.

He was a stonemason's apprentice, a mere boy workman. He habitually carried his steel chisel in his pocket. Climbing high, and with much hazard, up the face of the towering rocks, he cut this legend in the face of the mountain:

"The New Year Will Be Good."

The bold lettering is visible for miles. The lake in summer is a favorite resort of pleasure parties. Each year thousands of eyes have spelled out the cheery monograph, while boats passed, and many a hearty laugh has rung with a heartier joy as old and young have approved the sculptured promise.

It will long endure, for the steel cut deep, and the mountain will not remove, nor the pretty lake pass away.

The boy did not date it. Fortunately so, for that makes it fit every year and every reader. Why not for a century to come?

A thousand times the question has been asked: "Who wrote it?" And no one knew. So it seemed some eternal truth of nature that the very rocks had miraculously inscribed upon themselves.

It was true to anyone who would take the trouble to lift his eyes and read it. In storms the snow silvered the lettering. In sun the words gleamed with lines of living light. A sentence by no means elegant, but crude and boyish rather. Yet what rhetoric could add to the abrupt and simple prophecy from a hopeful, healthy spirit?

The New Year was to be just plain "good." Was that enough? Is it not enough for us all? One good to you, another good to me, still another



good to others. But always to all who will grasp it, written on the very face of the turning globe, the next year will be "good."

Last summer a wealthy visitor at the lakeside hotel drew the proprietor to the corner of the veranda, and, lifting his glasses, asked: "Do you see those letters on the rocks? I am the boy who cut them, January 1, 1847. You seem glad to know the author. I never revealed the fact. Why should I?"

"It is not because I said it that it is true. No matter who says it, on a Happy New Year the New Year will be good. It is true in itself. Happy the man or boy who says it, who feels it, and who will have it so."

"The mere freak of a moment, yet somehow later I awoke to the fact that I had written a life creed on my heart out of the hopefulness and daring of a boy."

Let us take the hope and courage of youth as the truth of this latest of our years. The New Year must be good. We will make it good. Can you not see those lettered cliffs? No visitor ever was dull to their magic spell, and many have read them through grateful tears.

Chester Owens, who has been eeping books for Kennedy Bros., has resigned, and has been succeeded by Arwine Skidmore.



**LOCAL ITEMS**

To break a cold take 666.

Miss Mabel Boykin visited relatives in Crockett last week end.

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

Miss Fay Murray of Lovelady was the guest of Mrs. J. M. Murray last Sunday.

666 breaks a cold quicker than any remedy we know.

Rev. B. C. Anderson and family visited relatives at Timpson several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Streetman of Palestine visited relatives in the Rock Hill community last week.

Ed Parker has resigned his position with Kennedy Bros. and will be with the Murray farm on Trinity river this year.

J. A. Murdock has sold his restaurant at Elkhart to Glover Long, and has returned to Grapeland.

Mrs. Claude Keeland and son returned Sunday from Huntsville, where she spent the week with relatives.

**Berry Plants**

Macatawa plants now ready to move. Let me supply your wants while they last.

M. L. Williams, R. 4.

Mrs. Loye Stowe has returned from Tyler, where she worked last year, and is again with Geo. E. Darsey & Co. Her many friends are very glad indeed that she is with us again.

**Ready for Service**

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

C. C. Hill.

W. D. Granberry took advantage of the holiday season to visit his father and other relatives at Cabot, Ark., and reports a most pleasant time.

**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.

Miss Eva Gene Murchison has returned to Houston, after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Murchison.

Miss Lileene Brown, who is teaching at Streetman, spent a few days here this and last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brown. She was prevented from spending all of the holidays here on account of having to attend the teachers' institute at Fairfield.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY.

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666 quickly relieves a cold.

Miss Tressie Jones visited in Crockett last week.

To prevent a cold take 666.

John B. Selkirk of Troup was here this week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Gamage of Elkhart visited relatives here during the holidays.

Henry Hassel of Neches visited his sister, Mrs. A. A. Allen, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. George Calhoun visited relatives in Crockett last week.

**For Sale**

100 bushels of corn. Lonzie Tyer, R. 2.

**Cropper Wanted**

Man with sufficient force to work 70 acres of land on shares. J. S. Weisinger, R. 1.

Miss Myriam Weisinger has returned to Berclair to her school after having spent the holidays with her parents near here.

Fletcher Weisinger and family of near Palestine visited relatives in this community Christmas week.

Miss Melba Brock and her little brother and sister visited their grandmother at Huntsville last week end.

**The Cradle Roll**

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips announce the birth of a daughter Tuesday, January 4, 1921.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen, who moved to Palestine a few weeks ago, are returning to Grapeland to live. We are glad to have them back.

Let Norman & Lively, the garage men, fix that "old boat," tune her up and make her run like new. We can do it.

**Lost**

Car crank between Grapeland and my home. Finder please return to Hodges garage.

J. S. Weisinger.

A program and a box supper will be given at the Salmon school house on Friday night, January 14, at 7:30 o'clock. The funds will be used to buy athletic equipment.

The new pastor of the Baptist church, Rev. Fred Newland, is "on the job," and has made a very favorable impression upon the people. We are glad to have him in our town.

**To Owners of Cars**

We have purchased the old Service Garage on the east side, and we are prepared to do first class work on any make of car. We are ready for business now. We have one of the best mechanics to be found anywhere and we absolutely guarantee satisfaction. All we ask is a trial.

Norman & Lively.

**Will Ship Hogs**

I will ship a car of hogs next Saturday, January 8. If you have any to sell, see me at once. Will ship again in about three weeks.

J. W. Howard.

A few doses 666 break a cold.

C. R. Taylor and Hadie Gilbert are in Port Arthur this week.

Miss Esther Davis is visiting relatives in Livingston.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Porter and baby of Angleton are here visiting relatives.

Prewitt DuBose, who is teaching at Hemphill, was at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Adams of Palestine visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ritchey of Dialville spent several days here last week with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Murray of Trinity were visitors here during the holidays.

Mrs. S. E. Traylor and son visited relatives in Houston last week.

Stovall White of Sweetwater was her several days last week seeing his friends.

K. C. Alsop of Goose Creek visited his family here a few days last week.

**Wood For Sale**

All kinds, both stove and fire wood. F. U. phone.

J. W. Cook.

Mrs. A. A. Allen and children have returned from Houston, where they visited Mrs. Buchanan for a few days.

We will work on a doctors' or undertakers car any time at night or on Sunday. We give service. Norman & Lively.

Ernest Davis, who has been here a few days visiting his uncle Henry Shaw, has returned to his home in McGregor.

Jim Wilson has sold his interest in the mercantile firm of W. H. Long & Co. to the company.

John R. Owens, editor of the Trinity Tribune, spent Christmas day here with his numerous friends.

Poly Edens, who resided here several years ago, now living at Leroy, visited relatives and friends here several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Stringer of El Paso visited relatives here and at Percilla during the holidays. Mr. Stringer has returned, but Mrs. Stringer will visit awhile longer.

Porter Newman and family came down from Durant, Ok., to see relatives and friends at Augusta and other sections of the county. They returned to their home several days ago.

The Missionary Society of the Methodist church will give an apron tea and social in the near future, time and place to be announced later.

**Notice to Public**

I will be in my shoe shop every Friday and Saturday. Bring me your work—have cut the price half in two.

J. H. Bowman.

**Liquid Smoke**

**Liquid Smoke for Meat**

Saves time, money and worry

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Quart \$1.00

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DRUGGISTS

**For Sale or Exchange for Land or Livestock**

A gin outfit at Anderson county station. Engine, boiler and most of the other stuff, in good shape. A bargain. Write Box 383, Palestine, Texas. 2t

Miss Pat Harrison has returned from Dallas, where she spent the week with her sister, Mrs. E. E. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brooks and Miss Ellen Logan have returned to San Antonio after spending a week here with relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks are taking a course in chiropractic at the Texas Chiropractic College, and say they are delighted with the work.

Miss Jennie McMasters of Gillespie, Ill., and her mother of Houston visited Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Leaverton last week.

F. W. Woodard of Elkhart was down Saturday for a little while meeting his many friends. He has sold his interest in the mercantile firm of Woodard Bros. and has engaged in the restaurant business.

**For Sale or Trade**

A 5-passenger Maxwell automobile. Will sell for cash or trade for hogs, cattle, horses, mules, town lots, small tract of land, corn, cotton, or good notes. See C. L. Haltom. 2t

**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, Trinity Texas. 4t

Mrs. W. S. McCarty left last week for Beaumont to join her husband, and they will make their home in that city. She was accompanied by Mr. McCarty's children, who have been living with their grandfather, Dr. W. D. McCarty.

Misses Julia Etta and Goldia Mae McDonald of Montgomery were here a few days last week visiting their uncle, Dr. C. L. Moore.

**ENON NEWS**

Enon, Jan. 3.—We hope the new year will be a happy and prosperous one for all.

Christmas was dull in this community. Old Santa visited the little folks, but left the older ones out, as he was too poor this year.

Mrs. Lizzie Whitaker gave the young people a new year's entertainment Saturday night.

Dan James is very sick with pneumonia. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brimberry visited at John James' Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Whitaker visited Mr. and Mrs. Louis Story Sunday afternoon.

Our school has had visitors every day for the past week and we appreciate having visitors to the school and extend an invitation for them to come again.

Alvin Oliver has moved on R. C. Ferguson's place for another year. We are glad to have these good people come into our community.

We wish the editor and all the readers a happy and prosperous new year.


**Woodard-Kortiwitz**

Miss Mabel Woodard, formerly of this city, now of Palestine, was married Christmas day to Mr. Sam Kortiwitz of Houston. Mr. Kortiwitz is a recruiting officer of the U. S. Army, and spent quite awhile in Grapeland last summer. They will make their home in Houston. They have the best wishes of their many Grapeland friends.

Mrs. W. R. Wherry of Houston, accompanied by Mrs. Skidmore, a relative of Oklahoma, is visiting her son, Bob Wherry and wife.

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

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**Letter From Olen T. Lively to  
His Grandmother, Mrs. Tyer**

Corozal, Canal Zone,  
Nov. 16, 1920.

My dear Grandmother:

I have just received your most welcome letter and was ever so glad to hear from you. We heard the "mail call" and the room orderly went down after the mail. When he got back he brought the mail up to the barracks and called off the names of those who got mail. When I opened my letter and found it was from you I told all the boys I had them beat, that I got a letter from my grandmother. And so I am writing you.

Well, mammy, I am going to tell you something about the magic land where the tropical breezes blow. I am stationed at Corozal, about two miles from Panama City, a city that has representatives from all parts of the globe. I can get a pass and go to town, which I generally do. It is the only pastime I have. And it is very interesting, too. The streets are very narrow and very dirty, too. Nearly all the people live upstairs, that is, those who live in houses at all. It is a common sight to see men going down the street barefooted pushing a wheelbarrow full of bananas or charcoal. Old women, as old or older than you, go down the streets, just as near the middle as they can get, barefooted. You can imagine how much we laughed when we first saw such a thing. You can ask the world over if there is a city that will compare with Panama and the answer will be, not another like it. The regular Panamanian is similar to the Mexican, although the women are more beautiful than the Mexican women. They are a little dark but their skin is clear, black hair, about medium size, just enough to make a good looking woman. Some of the men have been to Yale and to some of the most important universities of the United States. But none of the women look like the girls in dear old East Texas.

So much for the city folks, now for the Jungleists, that is, the people who live in the interior. We went on a thirty days' hike about three or four months ago and it led us down in the equator region. Just imagine, if you can mammy, being thousands of miles from civilized people, people that don't wear any clothes. Poor things! I guess they haven't any money. I thought the cabaret girls were bad enough, but these "signorita espana" have got them all beat. On the hike we stopped at a place called "Jaun Diaz," (pronounced "Wan Dea") in the southern part of the Republic of Panama. It happened that we stayed there about three days. So one night a bunch of us soldiers went down into the village to see the sights. About sun down all the people began gathering around the "plaza" for their evening dance. Some of the soldiers got drunk and they began mixing with the natives. Then the dance came off. If I hadn't been sober, for you know I don't "savvy" this rum, I wouldn't haven't enjoyed myself like I did. The fool soldiers made it more funny than it would have been. I liked to have "croaked" laughing. The natives thought we liked their dance so they began putting on. And believe me, if you ever have a chance to see a Panamanian

dance, be sure to go, for it will be worth while, especially if they have any drunken American soldiers to help pull it off. Then we went on to South America to a place called "Pacourri," or something like that. It was like the other place a whole lot. We stayed there about fifteen days decorating the jungles with "buzzer wire," until the great command came to "strike tents." You see it was a great sensation to think we were going back to the civilized world. Then the greatest of all commands came, one that we all like on a hike. That is the one that went "Squads Left — Company." You ask Clyde how I felt when I heard that command. But there are no more hikes for me now. Tell Clyde that I am a "gold brick." In other words, I am a clerk at Post Headquarters. Tell Clyde that there is a new rating in the army now. It used to be that a clerk rated a Corporal or Sergeant. Now it is called specialist. It is like this: A special duty job that rates a Corporal gets what is called "fifth grade specialist," or "specialist, fifth grade." A job that rates a sergeant is called "specialist, fourth class," etc. So you see I am a specialist, fourth grade. I draw only \$42.50, for I got cheated out of my privates' first-class pay. That is \$9.60. So you see I would be drawing \$51.60 now if I hadn't got cheated.

Olen T. Lively,  
Co. D, 54th Tel. Bn.,  
Signal Corps,  
Corozal, Canal Zone.

**Killed Brother's Wife**

Smith Williams, a young negro about 24 years old, surrendered to the officers here last Saturday afternoon and a charge of murder was filed against him. His examining trial was waived and he was held over until the March term of district court under a \$1000 bond. Williams shot and almost instantly killed Neila Williams, his brother's wife, at their home on the Cochran farm on the Trinity river. He claims that the negress had a gun and that he shot in self-defense. Sheriff Deb Hale and County Attorney Earle Porter Adams went to the scene of the killing and made an investigation.—Houston County Times.

**Mr. Neff Commended**

Governor elect Pat Neff has been commended by the Pastors' Association of McGregor in a resolution adopted for eliminating the ball from the inaugural program. The resolution declares that "the modern dance is subversive of true spirituality, baneful in its influence upon the religious lives of our people, contrary to the spirit of Christians and is one of the greatest menaces of the chastity of our young people." The resolution further reads that "the inaugural ball has lent respectability to a practice frowned on by the church of Jesus Christ, because of its immoral trend." Mr. Neff is warmly commended for breaking the conventional rule by eliminating the ball and "refusing to be laughed out of court" and cajoled into observance of the rule and for showing "a moral courage greater than his predecessors, which augurs well for an administration in the fear of God."

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Continue what you are and where you are and you will always be what you are now and where you are now. If you are satisfied with your present position in life don't read further. You are done for.

The hoppers, wishers and hesitators of the world are held down by foolish doubts and empty fears. Endless thousands of bright, fine fellows whose wishbone is where their backbone ought to be, afraid, halting, timid, think business is a mystery and they can never learn to succeed in it.

You must do more, have more and be more in life or you will always be seeing others around you that are getting more out of life, more of this world's comforts than you. We can point you to hundreds of young men and women no more brainy than you who are now successfully and happily engaged in business for themselves, because they attended our institution, secured a business training

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Business is not a happy-go-lucky, haphazard sort of thing. If you understand it thoroughly you are sure to succeed. If you have not been trained for it, it is all left to luck and guess-work.

Write for our catalogue today and read the unsolicited testimonials from many of our former students, who were at one time working at low salaries or out of a job, and are today demonstrating the value of our training by their success. Opportunity never comes to him who waits. It comes to him who goes after it with all there is in him, with a deep, burning, intense, iron resolve of his entire being. Read our catalogue carefully. Why not be one of the 4000 that will go out of our institution this year into a good business office?

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Miss Ora Gainey, who is working as a milliner at Streetman, is here visiting her relatives and many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Blalock and son, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Blalock Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Nat Davis and children, all of Livingston, spent a few days here with relatives and friends during Christmas.



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### LIVELYVILLE NEWS

Livelyville, Jan. 3.—Christmas has gone and new year is here. Very soon people will all be settled in their new homes and ready for another year's work. We will miss the old neighbors, but we welcome the new ones and hope they will like their new location.

Wedding bells rang for one of Livelyville's most popular couples, Mr. Sam Brown and Miss Gertrude Hale. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hale and a general favorite among old and young. The groom is the son of Mr. O. P. Brown and is very well known and liked by everyone. We join their many friends in wishing them a happy and prosperous life.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Tucker announce the birth of a daughter December 25. We extend congratulations.

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

Isom Garner and family from near Elkhart and Palestine spent Christmas and new year's day at the home of Mr. G. W. Garner.

Many Livelyville folks attended a new year's entertainment at the home of Chester McIver in the Bethel community.

My goodness! Who would

have thought Mr. N. S. Herod didn't believe in Santa Claus! Just as well tell the little folks the sun doesn't shine, than to take the very sunbeams of love and kindness, of faith and generosity out of their young lives by denying them their Santa Claus. No, no, Mr. Herod, leave childhood their Santa Claus and the Scripture that you have studied for fifty years will lull your conscience to rest for letting them believe in Santa Claus with the words: "And a little child shall lead them." Yes, Mr. Herod, even lead us all into the land of love and faith.

Mr. and Mrs. David Denson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sullivan.

Raymond Garner spent Sunday at the home of Hanes Wilkins.

Herbine corrects biliousness, indigestion and constipation. It is a fine herbal medicine that drives out impurities and restores healthy conditions in the system. Price 60c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Mrs. W. P. Traylor and children of Cleveland, Mrs. Schnor, Miss Dot Scarborough and Frank Scarborough of Palestine, and Bob Scarborough of Belcher, La., visited their mother, Mrs. Geo. Scarborough during the holidays

### ANTRIM ITEMS

Antrim, Jan. 3.—Another year has passed into history and we are now facing the new year of 1921. How many of us can look back over the past year and think of the good we accomplished, or do we think of something left undone that we could have done, by which we could have helped ourselves and others, and accomplished much good in the community? Let's try to make some good resolutions this year and live up to them and do all we can to make ourselves, and others happy.

Our Christmas tree and little program we had Christmas eve night was quite a success and we think all the children are quite contented with what Santa Claus brought them.

There were a good many entertainments during the holidays for the young people. Among those entertaining were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lasiter and Miss Emma Charm Edens

Mrs. Omega Marshall and daughters, Nannie and Flora, of Union Chapel, visited Mrs. J. F. Martin and Mrs. S. J. Martin and Mrs. Mae Keen during the holidays.

Lee Martin, who is in the employ of Sears & Roebuck at Dallas, visited home folk during the holidays.

Miss Eva Mae Nichols of Rock Hill visited Miss Mamie Durnell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ancil Streetman and children of Rock Hill were guests at John Willis' Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Martin and children of Union Chapel visited relatives in this community last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. J. F. Martin and children visited Mrs. J. F. Durnell last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Deckart Anderson of Ephesus spent Christmas at W. R. Durnell's.

Miss Katie Martin spent Friday with Mrs. W. M. Durnell.

Minnie Ola Martin, Eula Maud Durnell and Merle Edens are on the sick list.

Miss Jessie Mae Chandler recently visited Miss Katie Martin.

Mrs. Jess Luce and children visited Mrs. S. J. Martin Sunday.

William Waddell and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Durnell.

Miss Ethel Kiser, who has been visiting relatives at Palestine, returned home Sunday.

Constipation is the starting point for many diseases that end fatally. Healthy regularity can be established through the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is a fine bowel tonic, is mildly stimulating and strengthens the stomach, liver and kidneys. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Smith & Ryan, Special Agents.

### 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.

A bad wound, burn or cut should be cleaned of dirt or impurities and dressed with Liquid Borozone. It heals the flesh with marvelous speed. Price 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Mrs. Bettie Berry of Crowell spent several days here during the holidays visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. A. O. Riall.

### LIBERTY HILL NEWS

Liberty Hill, Jan. 3.—Everyone seems to have given themselves up wholeheartedly to the celebrations of Christmas and new year. The young people have been entertained by a series of parties and musical entertainments, while duck and squirrel hunters on the river have been liberally rewarded.

Jim and Misses Cordelia and Tommie Holcomb spent the week here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Holcomb.

Mr. and Mrs. McBee, A. C. Wright and John Kellum have been spending a few days with W. L. Kellum and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cannon of Alto have been visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Davis of this community.

Messrs. Marshall and Raymond Morris, who are living in West Texas, spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Morris.

Tom Ray, who has been in West Texas for some time, has returned.

Elzie Bobbitt of Weches is visiting his sister, Mrs. Byron Moore.

Jim Barnes, who spent the holidays visiting relatives in Dallas, has returned.

To drive out worms that are eating away the strength and vitality of your child, use White's Cream Vermifuge. It expels the worms without injury to the child. Price 35c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

### 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.

Thomas Foy, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Sullivan, broke his arm while cranking a gasoline one day last week.

### TRINITY RIVER RIPPLES

Reynard, Jan. 3.—Of course the holiday happenings are in order; could fill the paper almost, but must condense and give someone else space. First on the slate was the tree, which was a success and was very nice and beautifully decorated and lighted, and it was chuck full of various presents. The house was decorated pretty by our teacher before she went home, for which she deserves praise, and had the children trained in a few exercises in keeping with the holiday spirit. The best of them all was a song by the entire school, "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam." Then during the week came the usual dinners, and we have some as good cooks as can be found most anywhere, unless he be a real expert, and then the cakes and pies and they are not expensive. The best cake, or one among the best, that Mrs. Zack bakes does not take but one egg and just a little bit of butter, generally two of the most scarce articles, then she makes cakes which do not call for either flour, sugar, eggs nor butter, but this cake of course eats best with some turnip greens and hog jowl.

Miss Irma Hunt was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Beazley for the week end.

Miss Mildred Traylor of Grapeland was a guest at the Fulgham home.

Mrs. Tom Kent and children spent the time with her parents at Crockett.

Miss Gertrude Fulgham visited in Palestine.

There is to be a New Year's party at Mr. and Mrs. West's Tuesday night.

Hope all have made good resolutions for the year.

Zack.

Mrs. Roy Harvey of Houston visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Weisinger, for a few days during Christmas.

# New Year Greeting

We take this opportunity of expressing to you our deep appreciation of the cordial relationship that has existed between us in the past. May it continue indefinitely. We hope the New Year will bring you health, prosperity and happiness.

Accept Our Greetings and Best Regards

**D. N. Leaverton**

LEADING DRUGGIST

We feature Goodrich Rubber Goods



\$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 the above trade-mark.

For the children, particularly, you should insist on Friedman-Shelby "All-Leather" Shoes, because nothing but leather-built shoes will stand the hard knocks that the little folks give them day after day. Men, too, know what leather means in footwear and women are gaining a keener appreciation every day. Friedman-Shelby "All-Leather" Shoes are made in a wide variety of styles and prices, for all the family. Just ask your shoe dealer.

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**Hymn for the New Year**

Come, let us anew  
Our journey pursue—  
Roll round with the year,  
And never stand still till the Master appear:  
His adorable will  
Let us gladly fulfill,  
And our talents improve  
By the patience of hope, and the labor of love.

Our life is a dream;  
Our time, as a stream,  
Glides swiftly away,  
And the fugitive moment refuses to stay:  
The arrow is flown,  
The moment is gone:  
The millennial year  
Rushes on to our view, and eternity's near.

O that each, in the day  
Of his coming, may say,  
"I have fought my way through;  
I have finished the work Thou didst give me to do."  
O that each from his Lord  
May receive the glad word,  
"Well and faithfully done!"  
Enter into My joy, and sit down on My throne!"



**Seven Sentence Sermons**

**M**EAN to be something with all your might.—Phillips Brooks.

Doing what can't be done is the glory of living.—General Armstrong.

A bright New Year and a sunny track  
Along an upward way,  
And a song of praise on looking back,  
When the year has passed away;  
And golden sheaves, nor small, nor few!

This is my New Year's wish for you!  
—Anon.

If you tell the truth, you have infinite power supporting you; but if not, you have infinite power against you.—Charles George Gordon.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to the which also ye were called in one body; and be ye thankful.—Col. 2. 15.

I asked the New Year for some message sweet,  
Some rule of life which to guide my feet;

I asked, and passed; he answered, soft and low,  
"God's will to know."  
—Anon.

What thou hast in store  
This coming year, I do not stop to ask;  
Enough, if day by day there dawns before me

My appointed task;  
I seek not great things,  
For I have learned how vain such seeking is,  
But let me seek Thy will, O King of kings,  
And find therein my bliss.  
—O. E. Fuller.

**BEGINNING A NEW YEAR.**

Though we are apt to think that New Year's has been observed since the year one, such is not the case. In fact, there is no mention of the day as a Christian festival until the fifth century, and even now the Hebrews celebrate their New Year's in September, for their calendar is arranged according to the new moon, which makes New Year's a moveable holiday. Today, however, there is scarcely a nation but observes this season of the year in some manner or other, though customs differ in most localities.

**Brief and Pointed**

Political pills do not seem to cure—they just cause another pain.

**3 Per Cent Real Estate Loans**  
Under supervision of Insurance and Banking Commission of Texas.

THOS. B. COLLINS and CHARLES JONES, AGENTS,  
Crockett, Texas

**Stewards Meeting**

The stewards of the Methodist church held their first meeting for the new year Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Boykin. It was more of a "get together" meeting than of a business nature, although plans for the year were discussed. Several helpful talks were made. Rev. Fred Newland, new pastor of the Baptist church, and Mr. T. S. Kent, were visitors, and Rev. Newland made a splendid talk.

At the proper time Mrs. Boykin, assisted by her daughter, Miss Mabel, and Miss Rena Ross Richards, served refreshments of sandwiches, cake and boiled custard.

It was a helpful meeting, indeed, and everyone left feeling good, and thanking Mr and Mrs. Boykin for the delightful time.

Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Maxwell and baby visited relatives in Crockett a few days last week.

Edgar Brooks, a former Grape-land boy, who has a good position in Beaumont with the Texas Building Material Co., spent several days here Christmas visiting his parents and many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. LeMay of Coolidge spent the holidays here and at Crockett with friends and relatives. They formerly lived here, Mr. LeMay at the time being superintendent of our school.

The Guaranty State Bank offers its customers a very acceptable new year's gift and gives some good advice in their ad in this issue, but you have to comply with certain conditions. Read the ad to see what they are.

**Pay Your School Tax**

The time is short. Penalty added after January 31. I will be in town every day from now on to collect taxes.

F. P. Kennedy, Collector.

Messrs. C. H. Clancy, I. B. Zimman and John Lubold of Omaha, Neb., spent several days here last week looking over the holdings of the O'Hara Oil Co., Mr. Lubold being one of the directors of the company. Mr. Clancy is a geologist and has had many years experience in the oil game. He said the prospect for oil here were good, and upon his return to Omaha expects to heavily invest with the O'Hara Oil Co.

**A Resolution**

**T**o be patriots, rather than partisans; to win the peace by revising the idealism which won the war; to broaden our outlook and narrow our animosities; to carry into national and international affairs the maxims which guide gentlemen and gentlewomen in their daily conduct; to practice thrift that we may be able to practice charity; to recognize that each of us is and always must be his brother's keeper; to work well that there may be plenty of goods in the world and think well that they may be rightly distributed; to go forward each day to a higher level of purpose and effectiveness, and live as one afraid of no man, and of whom no just man is afraid.  
—Chicago Journal

**We are Wishing you a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year!**

The old year is gone; the last entry made; the final record closed and bound in the Book of Remembrance are its joys and sorrows its successes, and failures, its happiness and disappointments. The curtain has fallen on the last scene in the year 1920.

Now the New Year is here—rosy with promise of better things, glowing with services to be rendered, responsibilities to be shouldered. What the new year holds for you or us we cannot know. We are not permitted to read hurriedly or far ahead, but on those mystic pages that comprise its record there will ever be accounts of success and joy and happiness for some, while for others sorrow and disappointment and loss. Who can say what the year will bring?

But this much we DO KNOW: A glad, new, unspoiled season is upon us and it is exceedingly bright and beautiful and fair. Each day lies before us like a gleaming, radiant page, awaiting the final record of the year's accomplishments. Its very aspect breathes achievement: it is transcribed with hope and brings to us the promise of glorious opportunity. What greater thing can we ask for than three hundred and sixty five splendid untouched days for better and more conscientious service?

And we want you to remember that throughout the year we will be ever ready and willing to co-operate and serve with friendliness and promptness and courtesy, our customers, neighbors and friends.

• And so we are wishing you a very happy and prosperous New Year

**Kennedy Brothers**

THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Anderson have returned to their home in Paris, after spending several days here with relatives.

Mrs. Wright Sullivan of Palestine spent last week here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Walton.

Mr. and Mrs. Stokes Pelham of Marshall visited relatives here and at Salmon during the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubry Lively and baby have returned to their home in Houston, after a brief visit with relatives.

Mr. Bell Owens has returned to her home in Trinity after spending quite awhile here with relatives.

Miss Linnie D. Haltom has returned to Trinity to resume her music class after spending the holidays with her mother.

Marshall Hollingsworth, who is attending the State University at Austin studying law, was here with his relatives last week. His mother, Mrs. M. C. Hollingsworth of Sweetwater, also visited here.

Mrs. and Mrs. J. H. Ryan visited relatives at Centerville a few days during the Christmas holidays.

J. C. Scarborough, who is teaching at Austell, visited at his home in Augusta, also here and at Crockett, during the holidays.

Miss Carnie Murchison has returned to Singleton to resume her school work having spent the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Murchison.

Rev. J. L. Willis of Willis Point came home Christmas to visit his mother, Mrs. Lucy Willis, in the Rock Hill community.

**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.

H. A. Fisher, secretary of the Crockett Commercial Club, R. H. Wotters of Crockett and Luther Eastham of Huntsville, were here a day last week to look over the oil activity and visited the O'Hara well.

Olan Hinds of Houston visited Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Traylor last week.

Dock Tyer and family, who have been living in Shelby county the past year, have moved back to this community, and are living just northwest of town.

Joe E. Edmondson, who lives at Slocum, has received an appointment in the comptrollers office at Austin. Mr. Edmondson has been with the department of agriculture for several years as field man and lecturer. He is considered authority upon many agricultural matters.

On account of ill health, Miss Blanche Ray, superintendent of our school, has been granted a thirty days absence, and she is in Dallas taking treatment under a specialist. Mr. J. B. White of Dallas has taken her place in the school.

Ed Lively and family have moved to Percilla from Wichita Falls, where he has been working in the oil fields. Mr. Lively was raised at Percilla, but has been in other sections of the state for the past eight years. We are glad to have he and his family with us.