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AN AD IN THE MESSENGER IS WORTH TWO ON THE FENCE

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## Bill Regulating Cotton Buyers is Introduced

Austin, Texas, Jan. 24.—Newt Williams of Waco introduced a bill in the house today regulating and licensing cotton buyers. Under the provisions of the proposed law cotton buyers must obtain licenses from the commissioner of agriculture after they have shown their ability to judge cotton. It is made an offense to grade cotton lower than its proper grade.

The bill is intended to protect farmers from unscrupulous cotton buyers, Mr. Williams said. Tags shall be put on the bale at the gin bearing the grade and each buyer must file monthly reports with the commissioner of agriculture showing the number of bales purchased, of what grade and from whom bought.

Merchants who purchase cotton and apply as much as one-half the purchase price on the account of the owner of the cotton are exempted from the bill's provisions. Collusion or agreement between buyers is made a punishable offense. A cotton buyer is defined as one who buys cotton on at least ten different occasions or dates during a season.

E. P. McCall of this city, who travels all over East Texas for the Kimble Milling Co., reports that business conditions in his territory are rapidly improving and that business men are becoming more optimistic.

## U. S. Low Grade Cotton Brings Profit in Germany

Temple, Texas, Jan. 24.—Announcement was made Monday by the Bell county farm bureau that a shipment of low grade cotton to Germany had been sold at a profit of from \$12.50 to \$15.00 a bale over prices offered in American markets. The cotton graded strict low middling and netted 11.50 per pound in Bremen.

## To the Tax Payers of Houston County:

After January 31st, you will pay a ten per cent penalty on your State and County tax, and a twenty-five per cent penalty on your cars; so let your car stay in the shed or pay your tax or pay the penalty.

C. W. Butler, Jr.,  
Tax Collector.

## Cost of Living is Still High, Despite Reductions

The cost of living decreased 11.4 per cent between July, 1920, when the peak of the rise since 1914 was reached, to January, 1921, according to a statement issued last Saturday by the national industrial board. The decrease between December, 1920, and January, 1921, was 4.8 per cent. Despite this reduction, the averages prices on January 1 were still 81.2 per cent above the pre-war level.

## Return to Simplicity Asked By Mr. Harding

Plans for an elaborate and expensive inauguration of the new president on March 4 were called off by the president-elect himself.

Mr. Harding said to the committee:

"I have been reluctant to intrude my views relating to inaugural plans, but I cannot longer remain silent without embarrassment and misunderstanding which I had rather avoid. It is my sincere wish for the simplest inaugural program consistent with the actual requirements in taking the oath of office and the utterance of a befitting address. I very respectfully request that Congress will not appropriate and the committee will not expend any fund whatever."

The president-elect went on to say that it would be most pleasing to him to have the ceremony take place within the capitol or on the east porch, "in its stately simplicity without a single extra preparation for the occasion. This will require no expense and we shall be joint participants in an example of economy as well as simplicity."

Mr. Harding asked that the proposed inaugural parade and ball be given up. In accordance with his wishes all plans for an elaborate inauguration were abandoned.

The only inauguration required by law is that the president-elect shall, in the presence of some official qualified by law to receive oaths—an ordinary notary public will do—take the oath of office prescribed by the constitution, which is:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the United States."

The action taken by Mr. Harding seems to meet the approval of the masses of the people and the press as a return to the dignified simplicity that governed most inaugurations up to the time of the civil war.

## Announcement of Time of Revival Meeting at Christian Church

In order that we may have with us in our revival meeting this year the same singer that we had last year, Harry K. Shields, Los Angeles, Calif., the time agreed upon for the beginning is Friday night, June 24th. As usual, the meeting will run about two weeks. Dr. John W. Kerns, pastor Central Christian Church, Waco, Texas, will be our evangelist. Further announcement of the meeting will be made as the date for its beginning approaches.

G. H. Farmer, Pastor.

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

## Another Lady Reports Her Success With Poultry

Editor Messenger:

I decided I would write of my success with poultry for the year of 1920.

I started with 65 hens January 1; sold 535 dozens of eggs and used 44 dozen at home. The 535 dozen eggs brought me \$190. We used most of our chickens at home.

This goes to prove what can be made out of chickens with plenty of feed, hard work and care. I have 74 hens for the year of 1921.

Mrs. J. F. Martin.

## Meal and Hulls

I have a car of cotton seed meal and hulls to trade for cotton seed, or will sell for cash. Will save you money.

Henry Dailey.

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.

## Both Drug Store Burglarized Last Friday Night

Burglars were active in Grapeland last Friday night for the first time in quite awhile. Both drug stores were entered and a small quantity of goods and money was taken from each.

Entrance to Smith & Ryan's was made through the back door by breaking a panel in the door. Here the burglars rifled the cash register, taking the change, amounting to about five dollars. Other items missing were a large quantity of cigars, candy and a lady's watch.

Mr. Leaverton reported about five dollars missing from the cash register. Entrance to his store was made through a rear window, which was left unlocked when the store was closed.

No arrests have been made.

Let us grind the valves and clean the carbon out of your car. It'll run much better.

Norman & Lively.

Mrs. W. F. Wills and Mrs. Benford Adkins of Lovelady were the guests of Mrs. A. O. Riall Saturday.

## Save the Pennies

Benj. Franklin said: "Save the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves." It's true!

LET US HELP YOU SAVE

10 pounds of sugar for	\$1.00
6 pounds of coffee for	\$1.00
22 bars of soap for	\$1.00
22 packages of soda for	\$1.00
7 cans of salmon for	\$1.00
8 cans of tomatoes for	\$1.00
6 cans of corn for	\$1.00
10 pounds of rice for	\$1.00
8 pounds of lima beans for	\$1.00

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## Days of Economy

These are days of economy—days that require prudent buying.

Quality, service and accommodation go to make the budget of economical policies you wish to employ in making your purchases.

You will look for these things when you go to buy and this store can help you in the very problems you are trying to solve.

It is not difficult to trade here. We have what you want and you can get it when you want it at prices that are always right.

You are demanding the maximum on your dollars and we make it possible for you to realize full value for your spendings.

Discriminating buyers will find this the ideal store with which to trade.

Come to see us and let your wants be known

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



## FARM POULTRY

### SUCCESS IN RAISING SQUABS

Healthy, Vigorous, Properly Mated Birds Are Essential—Keep Rats and Mice Away.

Begin with healthy, vigorous, properly mated breeders. Good quality foundation stock is very essential to success.

Select and keep only prolific breeders which are also good feeders.

Feed a variety of good-quality hard grains, including peas or peanuts. Use small whole corn rather than cracked corn.

Provide for the pigeons a pen which is dry, well ventilated, and can be kept free from rats and mice. Two nests should be allowed for each pair of breeders.

Keep clean, fresh, protected drinking water before the pigeons and provide a separate unprotected pan of water for bathing.

Market the squabs just as soon as they are feathered under the wings and about the time they are able to get out of their nests, say poultry specialists in the United States department of agriculture.

### GEESE UTILIZE WASTE GRAIN

Grazing Stock Take Up Most of Their Feed From Ordinary Grasses of the Pastures

Geese touch flanks with chickens in utilizing waste grain about the stables and feeding pens. In a larger measure than chickens or any other kind of poultry, they are grazing stock, taking their living in large part from the ordinary grasses of the pastures. When the facts are taken into consideration that the demand for geese is strong, steady, and extended over practically the whole year, not confined to certain holiday seasons, as the demand for turkeys largely is, and that their value as egg producers is considerable, the importance of a few geese on a general farm becomes apparent.

Geese, in common with ducks, are utilizers of forms of food confined to



Toulouse Goose.

ponds and streams, but they are in that particular excelled by ducks. On farms where ponds or streams are available ducks will convert into meat and eggs great quantities of water insects and various aquatic forms that would not be utilized by any other kind of poultry. Ducks, while they consume much grass and other green stuff, are more partial to animal feeds and are very energetic in patrolling the branches, creeks and ponds as sources of food supply, say poultry specialists in the United States department of agriculture. Where conditions are favorable they will provide for their own food needs in a measure that will make them highly profitable.

### LAYING HENS LATE MOLTERS

General Purpose Breeds Lay and Molt at Same Time, Slowing Down on Egg Production.

The hen with a natural tendency to lay usually postpones the molt until her production is finished regardless of the time she started. This applies more particularly to the egg breeds, as the general purpose or meat breeds sometimes lay and molt at the same time. In such cases the feathers are dropped and replaced slowly and the egg production also slows down but may not entirely suspend.

### 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.

To break a cold take 666.

## AN ICE CREAM

By MYRTLE E. WHITTEMORE

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Miss Charlotte dropped her work in her lap and ceased to rock. Dressed in lavender negligee she sat in the little sewing room on the north side of the house crocheting. It was the 31st of July with the thermometer registering 94 degrees in the shade. No wonder Miss Charlotte was finding difficulty in concentrating her mind on her pattern.

"Oh," how I wish I had an ice cream, she sighed. "But it's Sadie's afternoon off, and surely nobody else wants to go out in this terrible heat." Mechanically she resumed her work.

"Oh, Elizabeth," she called "Are you going down town?"

"Would you be willing to bring me some ice cream?" she asked.

Elizabeth smiled her sweetest. "I'll be glad to," she said, "I'm going over to Grace's to tea and can't promise when I'll be coming home."

Elizabeth repeated her offer, but it was declined. So in all the vivacity and gaiety of her youth she skipped down the street, while Miss Charlotte lazily picked up her crocheting.

"Three open, two closed and three open," she murmured to herself, but her hook failed to keep pace with her counting. Suddenly an idea came to her. Laying her work in the basket. "I'll ask Mildred to bring it," she exclaimed as she reached for the phone.

"Give me 43," she called. "Hello—Miss Corey? I'm simply roasted up here on the hill and am dying for an ice cream. Would you bring it up when you come. . . . The last day of the month? Why, so it is, Mildred. I didn't think about your working late tonight. That's too bad. . . . Thank you just the same. I'll get along somehow."

Resignedly she leaned back in her rocking chair.

Suddenly she was roused from her napping by a knock at the back door. On the piazza stood a little boy about nine years old.

"Want to buy some blueberries?" he asked. "They're high bush and just picked."

"Won't you come in?" she asked kindly. "I can use a quart, I guess. How much are they?"

"Twenty-five."

"You look dreadfully hot," she continued, as she brought a small dish. "Did you have to go far for the berries?"

"Yes'm, way down to Beaver Pond's where the best berries grow. 'Twas some hot walking up to town, believe me."

Miss Charlotte went to the pantry again and returned with a larger dish. "Do you want to let me buy what berries you have," she asked, "and I'll have Sadie put them up tomorrow?"

The little boy grinned all over his face as he filled his measure again and again. As he picked up his empty pail, Miss Charlotte had a clever thought.

"Would you like to do an errand for me downtown?" she asked.

"Sure; what is it?"

Miss Charlotte counted out the change while she explained. "I want some ice cream. Go to Lane's and ask for a pint box of dry-packed Harlequin. Can you remember all that?"

"Sure," again came the prompt reply as he repeated the errand before starting out the door.

Not five minutes later the doorbell rang and to her amazement Miss Charlotte saw Elizabeth.

"I've brought you the ice cream," said the girl. "I came home early as I hated to think of you sitting here all alone."

"You dear child," said Miss Charlotte. "You'll stay, of course, and help me eat it, won't you?" and she hastened to set the table with her pretty glass dishes.

Just as they had begun to eat, the doorbell rang again. Greatly amused by this time, Miss Charlotte ushered in Gertrude Corey carrying a small box in her hand.

"Mildred told me you wanted some ice cream," she explained.

"You darling!" exclaimed Miss Charlotte. "Elizabeth has brought me some, too. Won't you come in and join us? We've got lots more than we can eat." So Gertrude sat down to the table, delighted to eat with her elders.

It seemed only a moment later when they were interrupted by a knock at the back door.

"That's my little blueberry boy," Miss Charlotte excused herself. "He's brought me some cream, too."

She laughed as she confronted the boy with the package. "Well, my little man, it looks as though you would have to eat all that cream yourself, for I have had two boxes brought me already."

The child's eyes grew as big as saucers. "Honest?" he asked doubtfully.

"Of course. Come in, and see," and

# It's Renewal Time!

On January 1st many subscriptions to The Messenger expire. Are you going to renew?

Look at the Figures Opposite Your Name

If it reads "Jan 1 21" it means that your subscription expired January 1, "Dec. 1, 20" means that your time was out December 1, 1920. "Feb 1 21" means your time will expire February 1, 1921, etc.

We Appreciate your Patronage and Solicit your Renewal

## The Messenger

YOUR HOME PAPER

she opened the screen door. The boy peeped into the dining room and was satisfied.

"Can I take it home to ma?" was his immediate question. "She likes ice cream, too."

"You may do anything you like with it," Miss Charlotte smiled. "I have all I want here."

Again the little chap picked up his empty pail.

"I'll bring you some more berries tomorrow," he said.

"Goodness me, not before Saturday," she called as she laughingly went back to her guests.

### Two Spots

The comic papers that make fun of the country people, don't mention that 22 out of 27 presidents have at some time been farmers.

It is denied that people don't get any exercise in the cities, as they have to walk the pavements a lot finding jobs.

Some men who can't afford to put running water and labor saving equipment into their country homes will later spend a lot of money for doctor bills for their overworked wives.

### BETHEL HAPPENINGS

Bethel, Jan. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Lasiter spent the week end at Mr. and Mrs. Burrows'.

Mrs. Eunice Dickey and little son visited Misses Bamma and Annie Cunningham Saturday night and Sunday.

Several of the young people of this community attended the party at Elmer Brumley's Saturday night.

Misses Rusie Brown and Cora Morgan spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown.

Mrs. Lenard Howard and Misses Etta Wright and Vergie Tillman spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Henry Redmond.

Alna Tillman and wife visited relatives near Denson Springs Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henryard Redmond, Horace Redmond and Miss Gracie Tillman attended services at Salmon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hodges visited Mr. and Mrs. Price Brown Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wright

spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chester McQuer.

Zack Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Chaffin and Mrs. Eunice Dickey were visitors to Palestine last week.

Mrs. May Belle Denman and Miss Gracie Tillman spent Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Eunice Dickey.

Miss Etta Wright visited Miss Leona Haltom Friday night.

### New Constable

W. N. Ferguson has been appointed constable of precinct No. 5 (Grapeland) by the Commissioners' Court, vice Dick Murchison, resigned.

Avoid irregularity in the bowel movements, it leads to chronic constipation, a condition that poisons the blood and breeds disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a man's remedy for putting the system in order. Price \$1.25 per bottle.—Smith & Ryan Special Agents.

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**Where Do We Go From Here?**

There has been a reduction in prices on some lines. There may be further reductions; maybe, and then perhaps maybe not. Many factories have shut down; others have reduced their output. This will have its natural tendency to inevitably cause a shortage of these commodities, as even a restricted consumption must certainly and surely deplete the surplus stocks now on hand.

And these surplus stocks are being diminished rapidly. At what prices their replacement can be sold at we cannot say, but it is likely that it will be possibly somewhere between the late high peak and the present prices.

In our own line we find that paper of all kinds is on the advance. The demand for it is in excess of the supply. We recently tried every paper house in the state in an effort to get a small shipment of a kind of paper in very common use, but found none to be had. Machinery, parts and repairs are higher than ever. A late price list received quotes, for instance, lino-type moulds, were \$80, now \$110. Other items in the list are raised in the same proportion. And yet some folks wonder why printing don't come down.

A State labor law has fixed minimum wages for certain classes of employment, which in turn may have some bearing on prices.


The recent avalanche of cut

price sales over the country does not mean a general return at this time to pre-war conditions. It simply means that most dealers are overstocked with goods purchased at the peak prices, are pressed for money to liquidate their obligations, and have no recourse other than to sacrifice profits.

In the meantime, don't rock the boat. Don't yell "fire" and holler "wolf." Don't preach from the housetops that the country is headed straight for the bowwows. Senseless chatter brought about the horrors of the Salem witchcraft delusion. Unthoughtful talk has caused panics business and bank failures, wars, and divers calamities. Whatever you do with your shirt, keep your head. Use common sense and discretion, and don't be stampeded. There is no sense in jumping off a precipice, nor in pushing the other fellow off, for he may carry you over with him.—Woodville Messenger.

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.

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**THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT**

**White Haired Alabama Lady Says She Has Seen Medicines Come and Go But The "Old Reliable" Thedford's Black-Draught Came and Stayed.**

Dutton, Ala.—In recommending Thedford's Black-Draught to her friends and neighbors here, Mrs. T. F. Parks, a well-known Jackson County lady, said: "I am getting up in years; my head is pretty white. I have seen medicines and remedies come and go but the old reliable came and stayed. I am talking of Black-Draught, a liver medicine we have used for years—one that can be depended upon and one that will do the work."

"Black-Draught will relieve indigestion and constipation if taken right, and I know for I tried it. It is the best thing I have ever found for the full, uncomfortable

feeling after meals. Sour stomach and sick headache can be relieved by taking Black-Draught. It aids digestion, also assists the liver in throwing off impurities. I am glad to recommend Black-Draught, and do, to my friends and neighbors."

Thedford's Black-Draught is a standard household remedy with a record of over seventy years of successful use. Every one occasionally needs something to help cleanse the system of impurities. Try Black-Draught. Insist upon Thedford's, the genuine.

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**POULTRY**  
**BEST HOUSES FOR CHICKENS**

Several Plans and Arrangements Between Two Extremes Which May Suit Conditions.

In the manner of housing fowls there are two systems widely different in their extremes. At one extreme is the colony plan, which consists in placing small houses for small flocks far enough apart to obviate the necessity of fences, thus giving free range with but little mingling of the different flocks. At the other extreme we have the continuous house. This kind of house consists of a series of separate pens, under one roof, opening directly into a hallway in the rear, or having doors between the pens without the hallway, or opening into a hallway and also into one another. There are several plans and arrangements between these two extremes which may be built to suit varying conditions.

The advantages of the colony plan, according to poultry specialists in the



Colony Houses Allow Flocks Free Range.

United States department of agriculture, are, first, small flocks on free range; second, no expense for fencing; third, there is less need for scrupulous attention to cleanliness and providing regular supplies of animal and vegetable feed during summer months. This plan, however, has the following disadvantages: First, extra cost of labor in caring for fowls in stormy weather, when it will often be difficult to get around to feed and care for the fowls regularly; second, houses built on the colony plan, if built as well, cost more than a continuous house of the same capacity, for partitions, which may be constructed largely of wire netting, are much cheaper than two end walls; third, the colony plan allows only about 100 birds to the acre, while the continuous-house system, with suitable yards, allows 450 to 500 birds to the acre.

**ROOSTS FOR LITTLE CHICKS**

Difficult to Keep Youngsters Clean if They Are Permitted to Remain on Floor.

It is often advisable to teach the chicks to roost when eight to twelve weeks of age. When they are allowed to remain on the floor it is difficult to keep them clean and to keep them from crowding. If wide roosts—three to four inches—are used there is but little, if any, more danger of crooked breasts than if the chicks are allowed to remain on the floor.

The chicks can generally be taught to roost by putting the perches near the floor and placing with them one or two old hens or older chicks that are in the habit of roosting. If this plan is inconvenient or does not prove effective, the chicks may be placed on the perches after dark for a few nights, until they have learned to go there of their own accord, say poultry specialists of the United States department of agriculture.

**TEST OUT BROODING SYSTEM**

Greatest Loss Is Due to Chilling Received While Being Transferred From Incubator.

Chickens are usually left in the incubator from 24 to 36 hours after hatching, without feeding, before they are removed to the brooder, which should have been in operation for a day or two at the proper temperature for receiving the chickens, say specialists of the United States department of agriculture. A beginner should try his brooding system carefully before he uses it. After placing the chicken in the brooder they can be given feed and water. Subsequent loss in chickens is frequently due to chilling received while taking them from the incubator to the brooder. They should be moved in a covered basket or receptacle in cool or cold weather.

A few doses 666 break a cold.

**MAKEUP OF POULTRY MASH**

Among Ingredients Are Corn, Alfalfa, Barley and Gluten—Charcoal Aids Digestion.

Hens love mash. Usually, ground feeds, such as cornmeal, corn chop, corn and cob meal, gluten meal, ground barley, cottonseed meal, linseed meal, gluten meal and alfalfa meal are used in the mash. Sometimes charcoal is added to guard against digestive troubles.

**FEED FOR GROWING CHICKENS**

When About Eight Weeks Old Give Supply of Cracked Corn and Other Small Grains.

As soon as the chickens will eat the whole wheat, cracked corn, and other grains—usually in about eight weeks—the small-sized chick feed can be eliminated. In addition to the above feeds sour milk, skim milk or buttermilk will hasten the chickens' growth.

**CULL OUT ALL LOAFER HENS**

Reason Why So Many Flocks Are Unprofitable Is Because of Presence of Nonlayers.

Lack of proper culling thus far has proved to be, in the majority of cases, the principal reason why a poultry flock is not profitable. Forty per cent of the hens in the average farm flock today are nonproductive and should be sold or eaten. It costs about \$2 a year, taking the country over, to feed each hen. If she does not produce more than that amount of eggs she is unprofitable.

**SUIT HAD A STRING TO IT.**

A novel device to prevent thefts from the outside of a shop was described at Manchester (Eng.) recently when John Taylor was sent to prison for three months for stealing a suit of clothes from outside a pawnbroker's shop.

The clothes were attached by a piece of string to a bell in the shop. When Taylor took them from the hook the bell rang and alarmed the shopman, who rushed out and caught Taylor before he could get away.

**DESPERATE IMPULSE.**

"What are you going to do if they decide to suppress 'home brew'?" "I'll go right back to the house," replied Uncle Bill Bottletop, "and turn the 'No Place Like Home' motto to the wall."

**NATURALLY.**

"When the policeman picked up the girl who fell over the bank, how did she look?" "She looked very much cast down."

**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.

**LUCKY  
 STRIKE  
 cigarette**

**It's toasted**



The American Tobacco Co.

**DALY'S NEWS**

Dalys, Jan. 24.—A tacky party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Pennington Saturday night. All had a nice time and a big laugh.

Mr. John Edens, who has been sick for quite awhile, is now improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Williams spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Balis Dailey Thursday.

Our school is just doing fine. The pupils are learning fast and like their teacher.

Miss Lila Dennis visited Mrs. George Richards a few nights ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill Huff spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Huff.

Mr. Sambo Pridgen visited Mr. Hamp Huff Sunday.

Little Loye and Milo Pennington spent Saturday night in Crockett with relatives.

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**The District of Columbia Should Vote and Be Represented in Congress.**

By ARTHUR BRAMWELL, Washington Visitor.

One of the chief reasons for the failure of the District of Columbia to obtain the electoral franchise is the large number of residents who wish to retain their ballots in their home states and do not want to vote here. I have been coming to Washington for many years and have been interested in the refusal of congress to bestow the ballot on the district. Like any other real American, I think the people of the capital should have a voice in the government under which they live, but I am afraid it will never be granted them until the thousands of workers who vote in other states relinquish their home vote for a vote here and urge their congressmen to grant the district the franchise.

There is no doubt in my mind that the district should vote and that it should have representation in congress as well as the power of choosing its own municipal officers and public servants. The school situation in Washington has never been entirely satisfactory, simply because the people have had no voice in the selection of their school officials. No city can succeed as well under a paternalistic government as under its own rule.

Politics is necessary in any city, as it keeps some factions actively watching every movement made by the party in power, and the officials know that they must satisfy the public if they wish to be returned.

The District of Columbia cast about 60,000 votes in the recent election, all of them in other states.



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THURSDAY, JAN. 27, 1920

**1921 IS HIKING ALONG**

Just a few more days now and and one-twelfth of 1921 will be gone. What have you done towards the accomplishment of the many things you planned to do? Unless you have gone one-twelfth of the way you are behind time, and like a freight train under a heavy load, you are back of your schedule. You will find that others have the right-of-way and while you stand on the side-track they will push along the track of life and make good where you failed.

Get up, get a move on yourself and make up that lost time! The greatest lesson you can teach yourself is that time is like money—once spent, it is gone. What time we spend let us spend it wisely.

Start February with a determination to make up for the lost days in January. You must put your shoulder to the wheel and get your body behind your brains. Take care of yourself, but work to the limit. Hard work is the way to be successful, there is no other way.

Beating swords into plowshares is gaining poor headway in this country, as we seem more inclined to beat them into jazz instruments.

All the so-called professional farmers and so-called statesmen have been for years very greatly concerned about getting the farmers to produce more, and still more. What we need is a system of distribution and marketing. Why doesn't some wise guy give us this? The farmers, it appears to us, are producing more now than they can sell. Give us a marketing system, a system of distribution and selling, a system that will eliminate most of the middlemen, a system that will obviate this thing of farm products rotting in one section of the country while people even a short distance away are starving for life's necessities, or being literally robbed when they do buy them.—Troupe Banner.

There are dogwoods threatening to bloom in this part of Texas. Such threats from dogwood trees constitute a bold challenge from the catfish in the creeks to put some real bait on the hook and fling it in.—Geo. Bailey, in Houston Post.

**ENON ITEMS**

Enon, Jan. 24.—Sunday school is progressing nicely under the capable management of Mr. Hague.

Bro. Leediker preached two good sermons Sunday, which were enjoyed by all. He will preach here again next fourth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shaver visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shaver, Sunday.

Miss Velma Whitaker spent Saturday night with Mrs. Cora Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Weisinger of Union Chapel visited Mrs. Lizzie Whitaker Sunday.

Mrs. Lula Tyler and children of Grapeland and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ferguson of the Union Chapel community visited Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ferguson Sunday.

Miss Ruby Oliver, who is teaching school at Ephesus, visited homefolk Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Nola Coleman gave a party Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Edell Shaver visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mason Sunday.

Mrs. Lizzie Whitaker visited Mrs. Ed Edge Monday.

Miss Nola Coleman visited Miss Wessie Hague Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Duffy Moore's baby has been right sick, but is better now.

Mr. Spruill's baby, which is being cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williams, has been real sick, but is better.

Chuck Skidmore made a business trip to Crockett Saturday.

Miss Loye Whitaker spent Sunday night with Misses Eula Mae and Evelyn Shaver.

Virgil Musick of Grapeland visited in this community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Denson visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shaver Sunday.

People who contemplate leaving steady work in the country for city jobs should reflect on the irregularity of most of the factory trades. While the flush times of the war were on the factory workers had all they could do. But in ordinary periods most shops have periods of shut downs or half time when board money and household expenses go on just the same, but the pay envelope is truly thin. A job in the country, or cultivating a good farm, gives steady work in good times and bad. Most people who have tried both say that the country job gives a man the better bank account at the end of a period of years.

**A Days' Hunt**

Percilla, Texas, Jan. 24.—I would like to tell you folks about our big bird hunt last Saturday. A few of us Waneta boys spent the day in hunting. Among them were Culbert Cliburn, Lum Starkey, Harry Lively, Bert Lively and myself, the latter named owners of the dogs. They did the work fine. We challenge Houston county with our dogs. We started out at 8:30, returning at 3 o'clock and killed 99 birds that we found. We sure did enjoy the day, but guess it will be the last this season. But we still leave the challenge open for next year and if anybody feels lucky, come to see us. We have the birds, dogs, guns and boys to use them. Joe Rich.

**LIBERTY HILL NEWS**

Liberty Hill, Jan. 24.—The extremely warm weather that we have been having for the last few weeks has caused much worry among the farmers. They fear it will cause the peach buds to swell, then Jack Frost will come and ruin the crop.

Sunday school was well attended Sunday, a number of people from Waneta being present. Bro. Henry Holcomb delivered an address on the lesson, which should have been heard by everybody.

A. C. Wright and his sister, Miss Lura Mae, together with Misses Zuma and Edna Daniels, of Percilla, spent the week end visiting relatives here.

A large crowd attended the basket ball games played between the boys' and girls' teams of Waneta and Liberty Hill here Saturday. The home teams won by a large score in each game.

Mrs. L. A. Avera left last week for Port Arthur, where she will spend a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. E. P. Tucker.

Julian Mayhär, who has been away for some time, returned home last week.

Joe Bays, who has been spending the week in this community, returned to his home in Marshall Monday.

The large crowd of young people, who attended the candy pulling at George Wright's Saturday night, say they had an excellent time.

**Our Honor Roll**

The following have our thanks for their subscription:

Grapeland—Dr. W. D. McCarty, J. J. Johnston, R. L. Pridgen, Miss Eura Woodard, Mrs. Josephine Sadler.

Route 1—W. P. Grounds, R. L. Wright, J. H. Kolb, E. W. Clark.

Route 2—A. D. Grounds, J. R. Williams, W. H. Platt, P. H. Williams, G. W. Weisinger, George McCorkle, R. H. Cook.

Route 3—N. V. Streetman, Web Fench, Lewis Herod.

Route 4—Sumnar Rials, M. L. Williams.

Percilla—W. W. Adams, W. W. Sullivan.

Silver Valley—Bennie Craig.

Salmon—Odie Killion.

Dallas—Lee Martin.

Tennessee Colony—Miss Ava Sullivan.

Troup—A. C. Driskell.

Creek—W. E. Gainey.

Elmina—Miss Lucile Hill.

Woodworth, La.—Chas. Kent.

Denison—J. H. Gee. (By R. J. Gee.)

Ione, Ark.—Mrs. W. M. Jeter.

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Experience is a dear teacher; but the wise profit by the experiences of others. The moral of this lesson is that the safe place for money is IN OUR BANK and not in some hiding place around your home.

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**GRAPELAND HIGH SCHOOL NOTES**

(By the School Reporter)

On Monday of last week the students of the high school started a review for the mid-term exams, which lasted throughout the week. With the help of the teachers and the co-operation of the pupils, a very thorough preparation has been made for the examinations.

On Friday, mixing a little excitement with their work, the boys' basket ball team easily defeated the boys of Belott, on the high school campus. Saturday they journeyed to Groveton, where they were badly defeated, being handicapped by the loss of two of their best players. We are neither giving up nor feeling discouraged, but looking forward to February 4, the day when Groveton returns the game.

At 8 o'clock Monday morning of this week the mid-term examinations were enthusiastically begun, to continue until Wednesday at noon.

At the end of this week Mr. White will return to Dallas to teach in one of the high schools there, and on Monday of next week Miss Ray will resume her work here. Although the student body has taken a great liking to Mr. White, Miss Ray will be welcomed back. The school has received little, if any, setback by Miss Ray's absence, but it is hoped that upon her return it will take new life and a greater progress be known.

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**LOCAL ITEMS**

Onion sets at Kennedy Bros.

Garden seed at Kennedy Bros.

Messrs. Geo. E. and Speer Darsey spent Sunday in Palestine

Seed Irish potatoes at Kennedy Bros..

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W. H. Long & Co's.

Fresh garden seed at Kennedy Bros.

666 breaks a cold quicker than any remedy we know.

All kinds of plow goods at Keeland Bros, at lowest prices.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leaverton and children visited friends in Crockett Sunday afternoon.

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**Wood For Sale**

Wood of all kinds at any time. E. L. Frisby.

Try a bottle of our Worcestershire sauce. It's fine on oysters or fresh meat. Only 20c per bottle at Kennedy Bros.

Mrs. Ely Willis returned to her home in Willis Sunday morning, after a visit here to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ike Whitaker.

Concrete well curbing is the thing to use to stop your well from caving. See us about it. Leaverton & Walling.

If you break down on the road just phone us and we'll be there in a jiffy. We give you service. Farmers Union phone. Norman & Lively.

Our stock of groceries is "spick and span," clean and ready for your inspection. See us before you buy. Kennedy Bros.

Miss Ora Gainey, who has been visiting relatives here several weeks, left Tuesday for Big Sandy to visit friends a few days and then will go to Dallas.

**I'll Trade You—**

A pair of good mules for a pair of good mares. See me at barber shop. G. A. Walton.

Miss Pat Harrison, who has been with the Messenger quite awhile as linotype operator, left Sunday for Graham, where she has a similiar position with the Graham Leader.

Lewis Nance Murchison has returned home from College Station where he has been attending A. & M. College. He expects to leave in a few days for Breckenridge where he has a position.

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Try a sack of our extra high patent flour. It will satisfy you. W. H. Long & Co's.

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Mr. Matt Mobley of West Texas is here visiting his brother, Mr. G. W. Mobley.

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George Moore left Tuesday for Benford where he has a position with the Continental Lumber Co. His family will remain in Grapeland for the present.

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E. W. Clark of Route 1 paid us a pleasant visit last Saturday, and, as he expressed it, gave us some "hush money" on his subscription.

From the Oakwood Oracle we learn that Messrs. Oscar Dennis and Ormie Lively have sold their mercantile business, but nothing is said of thier future plans.

**Apron Social**

The W. M. Society of the Methodist Church will have an Apron Social on Tuesday, February 1, from 5 until 10 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Owens. You are invited to attend.

**At the Methodist Church**

Something doing at the Methodist church next Sunday morning. Come out and be with us. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 o'clock. No services at night, as I have promised to go to Latexo and preach. B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

Onion sets at Kennedy Bros.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kennedy were Palestine visitors Monday.

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O. W. Davis spent Monday in Houston on business.

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George Moore of Augusta was in Grapeland last Saturday on business maters.

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The United States Soldiers' Home in the District of Columbia receives and maintains discharged soldiers of the regular army.

A pychologist has discovered that hair pulling is a sign of love and we suppose when a husband plunker gets in her automatic work, that is a sign of undying affection.

Every man who has ever been a child should remember what he was when a child, what he loved, and how much he understood, and what he did, and should remember that his child is just the same sort of a child.

\$3,000,000 worth of Chicago booze is missing, say the dry officers. The evaporation of whiskey in government warehouses has been one of the most astonishing phenoma of prohibition.

**Card of Thanks**

I take this method of thanking my many friends and neighbors for their kindness and help during the recent fatal illness of my mother; also wish to thank the good doctors for their faithfulness. May God bless you all. Mrs. Jennie Griscom.

Rev. C. U. McLarty, presiding elder of the Navasota District, held the first quarterly conference for this charge here Sunday afternoon, and at night delivered a splendid sermon to a large congregation. The reports given in at the conference indicate that the church is in splendid condition and is starting the new year off well. J. W. Willis and Ed Gray of Antrim and P. L. Herod, Fred Bridges and Lewis Herod of New Prospect attended the conference.

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It was a perfect French night. In other words, the rain was coming down steadily and the mud was at its stickiest. In "squab" formation, twos, trees, fives and sixes—a regiment of Buffaloes was moving into an alleged rest camp. The accent was on the camp.

The most forlorn of all forlorn crew staggered against a barracks doorway, where he was accosted by a white noncom.

"Well, Sam, whaddye think of this war now? Pretty good war?"

With a facial expression that said he meant it Sam replied: "Boss, dis heah war never was a good war—and dis last day practically done ruined it completely." — American Legion Weekly.

The United States Naval Academy was founded at Annapolis, M., in 1845 by George Bancroft, who was then secretary of the navy.



**HARD TO SIGNAL TO MARS**

Neither Light Nor Electric Flashes Are Really Practical, According to Professor.

In attempting to communicate with Mars, there are several factors that must be taken into consideration. Henry Meier of Center college, summed these up at a recent meeting of the Kentucky Academy of Science. He said that in the first place the probably low temperature, rarefied atmosphere and absence of water on Mars are against the existence there of beings similar to ourselves.

In the next place, signaling by light must be given up, for the reason that the earth's atmosphere would absorb 40 per cent of the light sent out, and the distance is so great that an area of light ten miles square on earth would, if seen from Mars through a telescope magnifying five hundred times, appear like an area one inch square viewed at a distance of five hundred feet.

In considering signals by radio, it has been computed that it would require a current of a million amperes at the sending station to obtain one ampere at a receiving station on Mars. And Mr. Meier remarked that the powerful electric current sent out by the sun would probably overwhelm the weak waves sent from the earth.

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Willie—Mother, I just made a bet. Mother—You naughty boy! What made you do it?

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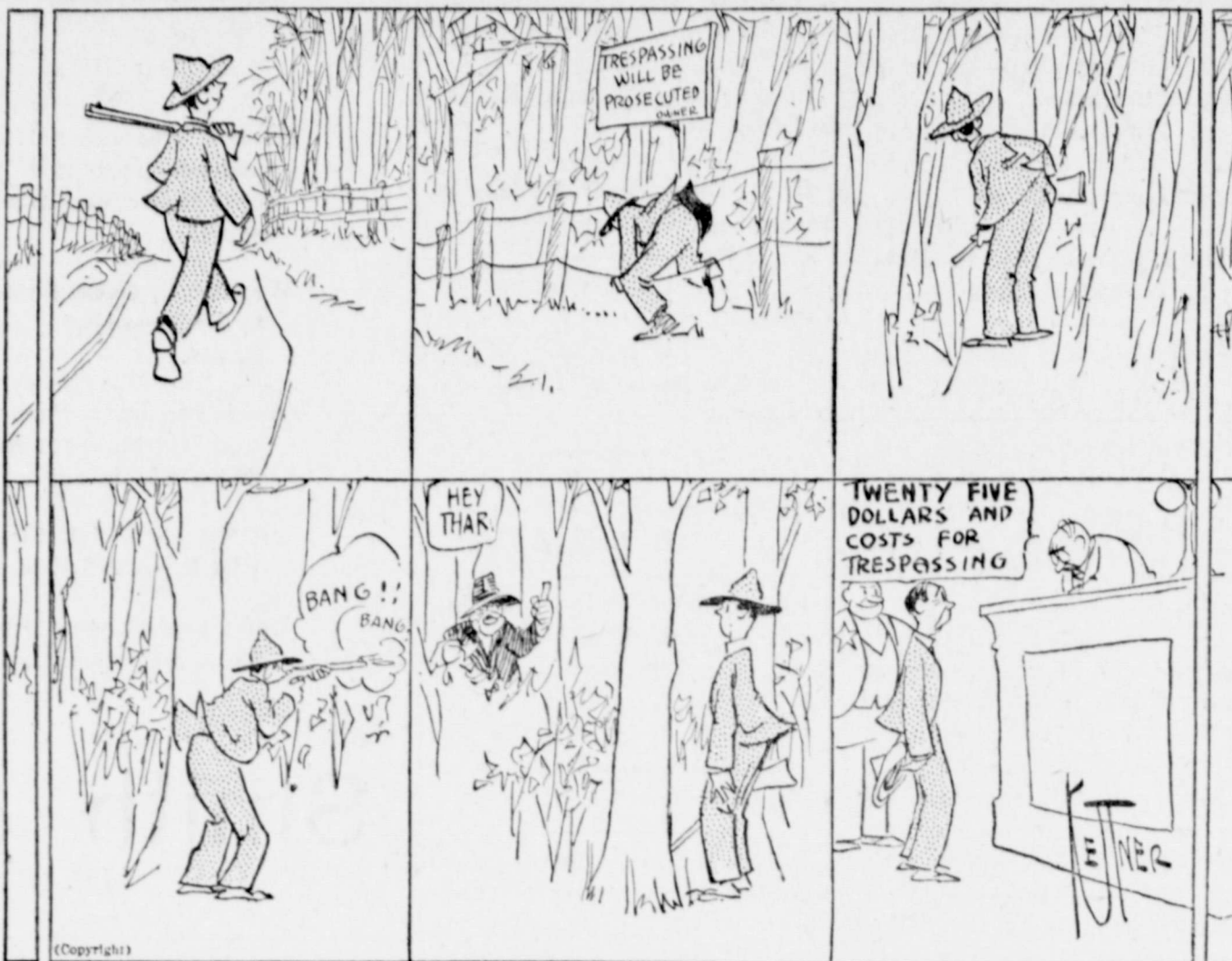
A new method has been perfected for supplying motive power for engines. The invention of the gasoline engine marked a great forward step over the steam engine. In these engines gasoline is mixed with air and ignited by an electric spark, and the resulting explosion forces down the piston. The new plan is to spray oil upon heated air under pressure, when the resulting explosion provides the force which drives the piston. The lower grades of crude oil can be used for the purpose. The invention is believed to be one of the most important in a generation. It is, besides, an American invention and will enable our ships driven in this way to enjoy a tremendous advantage compared with the engines of other nations. The invention is especially timely today when America's merchant marine is competing for the supremacy of the seas.—Boys' Life.

**Police Praise Neff for Abolishing Pardons Board**

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 24.—Police Commissioner L. E. McGee and officials of the police and detective department were loud in their praise of Governor Pat Neff's action in abolishing the pardons board Monday. "It will reduce crime, and it's the best thing that could have been done to reduce the crime wave," said Mr. McGee.

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**The End of a Perfect Day**



**SALMON NEWS**

Salmon, Jan. 24.—A good norther would be appreciated, as some have hogs to kill. We are afraid the fruit crop will be killed, as the weather has been so warm.

A large crowd was present to hear Bro. Newland preach Sunday afternoon, and enjoyed listening to a fine sermon, and we decided before he finished that he was really a bigger preacher than he is a man. Messrs. Granberry, Claude and Bill Keeland and T. S. Kent came with him. We were glad to see all of them and hope they will come again.

Henry Redmond and wife and Miss Gracie Tillman attended church here Sunday afternoon; also Mr. and Mrs. Lenard Howard and Cleveland Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Campbell spent Saturday night at Weches.

Lee Trigg, who has been working in the oil fields the past three or four years, has purchased a tract of land from Mr. Claridge and will build on it soon. We welcome him back to our community.

Our pastor, Bro. Ben Morrison, will preach for us Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. We invite all to attend these services. He will probably be back at the regular time after Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Taylor spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Herod.

**LIVELYVILLE NEWS**

Livelyville, Jan. 24.—The weather having been favorable the past week, farmers have been busy plowing, indicating that they will chance the farm another year, although the acreage in cotton will be greatly reduced and food and feedstuff will be the main crops in this locality.

We had a fairly good attendance at Sunday school, but hope to have a great many more members in the near future. Let us do what we can to make our Sunday school the best in Houston county.

Paul MacDonald and Raymond Garner spent Saturday

and Sunday in Elkhart with friends.

Claude Masters and family visited his father, Mr. Ben Masters, in the Oak Grove community Sunday.

Mrs. Rat Jones entertained the young folks Saturday night and all had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Garner and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Garner.

John Adams came home from Mineral Wells to see his folks. He is doing nicely and hopes to be entirely well soon.

J. W. Ellis is able to be up, although he is still suffering with rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Bishop visited Mr. and Mrs. Josh Bishop Sunday.

**UNION DOTS**

Union, Jan. 24.—The farmers are all busy starting another crop, for which we all hope to get better prices.

Ralph Neal and wife and Mrs. Ingram spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brumley.

Misses Jewel and Nettie Leach spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Gladys Beeson.

Freddie Beeson spent Sunday with Elmer Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brown visited his sister near Daly's Saturday night and Sunday.

There was a large crowd at the party at Elmer Brumley's and all report a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Keen and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chaffin Sunday.

Miss Mamie Ferguson visited Miss Lennie Keen Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Audry Chaffin spent Sunday with Miss Ina Mae Weisinger.

Miss Nannie Lee Ashwood visited Miss Grace Caskey Sunday.

**New Grocery Store**

Lem Spruill has opened a grocery store in the Allen building on South Main Street.

**WANETA NEWS**

Waneta, Jan. 24.—The farmers are taking advantage of this pretty weather, fixing their land to begin another crop. We all hope this year's crop will be more successful than last year.

Mr. and Mrs. Cui Barnes and children, Grandma Jackson and John Henry Hendricks visited Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harrington Sunday.

Grandma Barnes has gone to Dallas to make her home with her daughter, who resides there.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Barnes, Dollie, Fannie, Jones and Oveta Barnes went to a pound supper at Elmer Brumley's Saturday night at Livelyville.

Mr. Billie Lively and wife and Mr. Killgo and family visited Will Lively and wife Sunday afternoon.

Dunk Miles and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Jones.

The Waneta basket ball team played Liberty Hill Saturday. Liberty Hill won the game. The same teams will play at Waneta again next Saturday.

Ollie Harrington is at Palestine taking treatment under Dr. Speegle.

Elbert Clark and family visited Jap Sheffield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hendricks and children attended the singing at Percilla Sunday night.

**Well Shut Down**

Drilling has been temporarily suspended at the O'Hara well awaiting the arrival of casing, and Mr. O'Hara has gone to Omaha, Neb., on business for the company.

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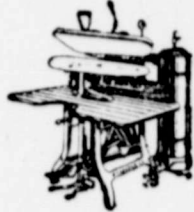
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### Beekeepers Meet

A good many members of the beekeepers Association met at the Commercial club room on the 15th and gave their order for supplies in to the Secretary. Some new members were enrolled. A nice order for supplies, amounting to \$490.28 was sent off Monday and a substantial saving was effected by the members co-operating together. Special discounts running from 10 per cent on some things to more than 30 per cent on other things when buying in a body through a secretary's conclusive proof that co-operation will pay in beekeeping. Any beekeepers who have not become members and who need supplies should address the secretary and he can place your orders. The next meeting of the Association will be on the 19th day of February.

Geo. M. Jeffus, Sec. Crockett Farmer Shaw, Pres. Lovelady.

666 quickly relieves a cold.

### Win One—Lose One

Grapeland high school and Bellott played basket ball in Grapeland Friday afternoon, Grapeland winning by a score of 13 to 4. Grapeland went to Groveton for a game Saturday, but did not fare so well, losing the game by the one-sided score of 48 to 12.

### Gun to Shoot 200 Miles!

The secret of the famous German gun that threw shells 75 miles into Paris has never been made public and perhaps was never learned. However, the French and Belgians are testing a gun which they expect to throw projectiles 200 miles. It is said that an entirely new principle is used. The pressure is kept constant in the barrel, and even after the projectile has left the muzzle it increases its speed, perhaps somewhat on the principle of the rocket.

Is your subscription paid in advance?

## WHO'S WHO?

By RUTH W. BAKER.

(C. 1920, by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

The lobby of the Hotel Rexford is a most inconvenient place for one's bride of an hour to dissolve into tears. At least, so thought Ned Burton. They had so far succeeded in appearing nonchalant and many years married, but Esther had been seized with stage fright as the awful person of the hotel clerk met her shrinking gaze.

"Oh, Ned!" she gasped. "Just a minute! Just a minute! They're all looking at us! Oh, I wish we hadn't—No, I don't. Oh dear, what will happen to us if your father disowns you?"

"Oh, I say, Esther, there's a good girl! Don't cry—not here, anyway. Father's a good old scout. He'll take me back into the office all right. Their lingering footsteps had at last brought them before the desk, and now the polite clerk was observing them with a sort of detached inquiry. Esther tremulously nudged her husband.

"Oh—ah—O, yes, the register," exclaimed Ned. Now—Great Scott!"—the pen fell from his nerveless fingers. "My father!"

"Where?" quavered Esther, looking nervously over her shoulder.

"Here, on the register. His name, I mean. Look here, Esther, it's a great chance for us, if he ever sees you, well, it's all over but the cheering."

As the door of the elevator closed upon the eloping couple, an elderly gentleman strolled up to the desk. "Have you by any chance—" then his eyes fell upon the open register. "By George, they're here!" His eyes twinkled. "Didn't know the young cub had so much grit. I ran away with the girl I loved. He's pretty much like the old man, after all. Oh, by the way," to the clerk, "did you happen to notice Mrs. Burton?"

"Oh, yes, sir," the obliging clerk hastened to explain. "Not very tall, sir, brown eyes, had a white feather in her hat and—"

"Yes, sir," interrupted Mr. Burton. "Much obliged."

Smiling to himself, he turned from the desk, then stopped abruptly. What luck! There she was right before him!

With a smile and a bow, he approached the girl, who stood watching the elevator door with anxious eyes. "I recognized you, instantly, my dear, and I—"

"My dear, indeed!" interrupted the very indignant young lady. "Why, you old flirt, if you don't—"

"But, my dear young lady, I am your new father," said the embarrassed Mr. Burton. "I was looking for—"

"Well, you may find some one who is willing to be your daughter, but I should advise you not to insult ladies in a respectable hotel," and the outraged girl swept past him into the elevator, leaving the innocent man speechless with indignation and rage.

Meanwhile Esther, who had been left in the writing room, had become tired of waiting for Ned to return with his father and a parental blessing. "I'll just stroll through the lobby," she thought. "It may give me something besides myself to think about. Oh dear, if I could only see Ned's father and talk to him, I am sure he would forgive us. Good gracious, there he is now!"

"Bald-headed, fidgety," whispered Esther. "I know that's Ned's father. I am going to speak to him. Yes, I am," defiantly, although no one seemed inclined to oppose her. "I beg your pardon," she began tremulously, "but is this Mr. Burton?"

"Yes, madame, my name is Merton," replied the old gentleman testily, peering at her over the top of his gold-rimmed spectacles.

"Oh, sir, please forgive us. Truly, it was more my fault than Ned's."

"What—what—" blurted Mr. Merton.

"Oh, I am your daughter, you know. That is, your son—" Esther stopped for the gentleman was looking at her askance. "Pretty good for a bachelor," he muttered to himself. "She must be crazy. I'd better not excite her." Slapping his knee jovially he exclaimed: "Why, of course! How stupid of me. My daughter, yes, yes."

"Oh, good! Now let me find Ned. There he is now!"

In alarm Mr. Merton caught her arm. He must speak soothingly to her. "There, there. You must wait until he gets here," he wheedled.

"But he is here. Don't you see? Oh, Ned, Ned!" Esther was still trying to pull away, when Ned, talking angrily to Mr. Burton, drew near.

"I tell you, father, she is not a tyrant. What on earth are you talking about? She is as timid as a mouse." He was interrupted by Esther's cry "There she is now. Good heavens what is that fellow doing with her? Here, you ruffian—"

"Lucky you came along as you did. Keep a sharp eye on her," advised Mr. Merton confidentially. "She's too pretty a little lunatic to—"

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"Lunatic!" cried Ned and Esther in unison.

"This isn't the girl I spoke to," roared Mr. Burton. "Who the dickens!"

"I guess you'll have to excuse me," stammered Mr. Merton, backing ponderously into a passerby and finally making a blind rush for the elevator. Peeping through the gratings of the slowly rising car, he saw the young man kiss the fair lunatic, saw the old man kiss them both, and then: "Confound these elevators for going so fast," he muttered, as he vigorously blew his nose.

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**Parcel Post System and the Salary of the Fourth Class Postmaster.**

By W. H. BROPHY, National League of Postmasters.

One of the crying needs of the service is a classified civil service status for third and fourth class postmasters. The parcel post system has placed a burden on the postmasters of this class that is all out of proportion to their compensation. Since the parcel post system was established it has grown to gigantic proportions, and in the smaller towns, where a large percentage of buying is done from mail order houses, it forms the bulk of the mail handled.

The present compensation of the fourth-class postmaster is fixed on conditions that existed a half century ago. His pay is based on a percentage of the cancellation of stamps in the outgoing mail. Incoming mail is from three to eight times greater than the outgoing mail, and the postmaster gets nothing for handling it. That means that he has from three to eight times more work to do free than his paid work.

An adequate wage scale, based on the hours of service required and the amount of work performed, is what the National League of Postmasters stands for, and congress will be asked to grant such scale at the coming session.

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Every person who has money to spend, much or little, can profit from this lesson.

Every large business concern has a purchasing agent or professional buyer. It has been his job to buy to best advantage. He must keep posted on what the firm needs, he must know values and prices and sources of supply. He is constantly gathering information to help him in his work and he reads carefully all the advertisements of the manufacturers from whom he might purchase.

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**Fifth Sunday Meeting Program**

Fifth Sunday meeting of the Neches River Baptist Association, will meet with the Baptist church in Crockett on Jan. 28, 1921.

**Friday**

10:30 a. m.—"Our Present Need of Prayer," W. H. Rosser.  
11:00 a. m.—Sermon, A. W. Parker.  
2:00 p. m.—Devotional, W. A. Mays.  
2:30 p. m.—Setting Out the Home Church Enlistment Campaign," W. A. Reagan, I. H. Wilingham.  
3:30 p. m.—"Privilege of Giving," Fred J. Newland.  
7:00 p. m.—Devotional, Ben Morrison.

7:30 p. m.—"Blessing in Fulfilling Vows, Curses in Failing to," Charles Orrick.

**Saturday**

9:30 a. m.—Devotional, J. L. Kee.  
10:00 a. m.—"The Pastor's Duty in Collecting \$75,000,000 Campaign Pledge," L. J. Hand, J. L. Kee.  
11:00 a. m.—Sermon, Ben Morrison.  
1:00 p. m.—Executive Board Meeting.  
2:00 p. m.—Devotional, T. N. Mainer.  
2:30 p. m.—"Some Benefits That May be Derived Through the Budget System in Home Church Finance," Chas. Orrick.  
3:00 p. m.—"Woman's Work and Our Plans for 1921," Mrs. H. Nelms.  
3:30 p. m.—"Making Our Missionary Meetings Interesting," Miss Blanche Ray.  
7:00 p. m.—Devotional.  
7:30 p. m.—"Some of the Benefits of the B. Y. P. U.," Fred J. Newland.  
8:00 p. m.—"Some Advantages of a Graded Sunday School," A. W. Parker.

**Sunday**

9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.  
11:00 a. m.—Sermon, W. A. Reagan.  
3:00 p. m.—"How Can We Increase the Number and Efficiency of Our B. Y. P. U.," Ben Morrison and others.

**Notice**

I request that those who wish to become notaries and those who wish to continue their service as notaries to send me their names at once. Charles C. Rice, House of Representatives, Austin, Texas.

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**CUT COTTON COST BY MAKING FOOD**

Southern Farm Prosperity Absolutely Dependent on Cutting Production Cost Through Food-Making and Saving.

Atlanta, Ga.—(Special.)—"A right-about-face movement in 1921 is necessary if the farmers of the South are to get on safe, firm ground again," said H. G. Hastings, President of the great Southeastern Fair.

"It looks as if we all went cotton crazy last spring, despite all the danger signals flying and the disregard of plain facts as to costs of cotton production. We have repeated our follies of 1911 and 1914 and piled up debts based on costly food and grain to be paid for by cotton that is now below cost of production.

"With few exceptions those items of food and grain could and should have been produced on home acres at one-third to one-half what the supply merchant charges for them.

"Cotton is the one best money crop for the South, and probably always will be. The time of war prices is over and the problem from now on is to lower cost of production and at the same time afford the cotton grower a fair profit.

"Cost of making cotton is primarily the cost of food, grain and forage for the farmer, his family, his laborers or tenants, and his work stock. Cutting food, grain and forage costs by home production will reduce cotton costs from one-third to one-half.

"Plant for an abundance of food, grain and forage, thus cutting down store bills, and the lower prices for cotton will not hurt so much. We cannot, with European countries so thoroughly disorganized, reasonably expect high prices for cotton for several years and we must make cotton at lower cost, or else quit cotton growing.

"Most of us cannot quit cotton, hence the absolute necessity of food, grain and forage planting in 1921—the making on home acres of every pound of food and grain needed to see us through.

"In this food production program, take the home vegetable garden seriously. Give the home garden a square deal and it will surprise you in the amount of healthful food produced. It takes the least ground, can be planted the earliest, brings quick returns and if kept replanted and worked will stay by you all the season through."

**PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN**



We all looked Like This once, but Blamed Few of us Will Admit it. A Baby is Just Grand until he gets This Way, whereat Friend Father wonders aloud How Far it is to the Orphan Asylum. And then he Will go Down Town and Pester his Friends to Death, Bragging about what a Bright Child he's the Father of Which.

**OVERCAME HIM.**

"Who is the fellow on the pier?"  
"A food profiteer."  
"He seems fascinated."  
"Well, it is a case of pirate getting his first view of the ocean."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

W. N. Ferguson returned the latter part of last week from Hall county, where he spent several weeks visiting his daughter. He says people in that section are complaining of hard times more than in this section. They have raised big crops of cotton and milo maize, but cannot sell it for a profit, hence money is scarce. Much of the cotton is still in the field, Mr. Ferguson said.

Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.—Barrie.

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Richard H. Lee, special counsel of the Associated Advertisings Clubs, said recently that 97 per cent of the advertising in the United States could be depended upon as truthful. He also made the statement that 99 per cent of the products of American industry are marketed through the results of advertising.—Roxton News.

To one who is not well posted in the advertising business the above figures may seem magnified. It is very true that manufactured articles which arn't worth advertising arn't worth buying or selling, but to say that 99 per cent of the products of our industry are sold through advertising startles some of us in the editorial department. It is said that the scouts who investigated Canaan and reported it to be a land flowing with milk and honey were the first men who ever sold the Israelites on a proposition sight unseen, and that nobody has been able to do it since. That transaction was consummated through the advertising ability of the scouts. Their graphic figures of speech captured the attention of the Israelites

and notwithstanding some other explorers reported there were giants among the Canaanites, the milk and honey vision so captivated the imagination of the newcomers they went in with but the slightest hesitation. Thus we see that if the advertisement of Canaan had been indiffernt, or non-existent, the history of the Hebrews might have been very different, therefore the history of religion not what it is. There is no end, we observe, to the effect of a good advertisement.—State Press, in Galveston News.

**High Cost of Crooks**

Burglary insurance companies place their losses for 1920 at \$5,000,000.

Better pay your poll tax and your automobile tax right now for by the time the Federal income tax collector gets through with you you may have neither a vote nor a "flivver."

See us for concrete well curbing. We have a large stock on hand. It is cheapest in the long run because it will last a lifetime. Leaverton & Walling.



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