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LIVELYVILLE NEWS

Livelyville, Dec. 19.—We have learned school will close Wednesday for the holidays and open again the next Wednesday following. We hope teachers, as well as pupils, will enjoy the vacation and we wish them all a merry Christmas.

Erma Mills, formerly of this locality, now of Silver Creek, is able to be out again. He took a trip to Grapeland Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bishop announce the birth of a fine girl. We extend congratulations.

We have been informed that J. W. Ellis is again confined to his bed with his arch enemy, rheumatism. We hope it will be only for a short time.

Elwin Johnson and family moved on Leonard Howard's farm last week. We are glad to have them with us.

Mrs. Howard Denman has been sick for several days suffering with a severe cold.

Mrs. Jack Fulton and Mrs. E. Goodman went to Grapeland Tuesday to do their Christmas shopping. Mrs. Fulton will hold first place in the poultry business, as she sold 31 dozens of eggs that day.

Rev. Goodman has proven to the people here that he is an able preacher and is now demonstrating his skill as a farmer. He can use an ax as good as anybody and is not afraid to work. Folks love him all the more for it.

OUR HONOR ROLL

If any of our subscribers failed to respond to our call for renewals during "home town paper week," we want you to know that the invitation still holds good. During the Christmas time is a mighty good time to renew your subscription. It will make the editor feel good and put him in better spirits to enjoy the holiday season. To all of our subscribers, we wish you a merry Christmas and a full measure of happiness during the new year.

The following have our thanks for their subscription since last report:

Grapeland—Lon Beauchamp, Frank Allen, J. S. Eaves, F. P. Kennedy.

Route 1. W. H. Kolb, O. P. Brown.

Route 3. A. U. Streetman.

Route 4—Oscar Beazley, S. W. Haynes.

Percilla—Eugene Lively, W. D. Dickey.

Barnes, Ark.—G. R. Sewell.

Barnum—Clarence Bush.

Austin—State University.

Fife—J. M. Young.

Lamesa—John Pelham.

Troup—R. L. Williams. (By Mrs. Will Selkirk.)

Evansville—Dr. W. B. Taylor.

Colorado City—Miss Mamie Kennedy. (By Paul Kennedy.)

Socialism would be very lovely if somebody else would furnish the cash.

TRINITY RIVER RIPPLES

Reynard, Dec. 20.—This is our Christmas letter and our Christmas will be what we make it. We are not able to make it much, but trust all will observe it in the true spirit and remember things seen are temporal and are passing away. We will soon spoil out all we can of 1921 and begin anew.

There will be some turkey dinners in our midst during the week and all will have something good to eat and will expect something out of the ordinary.

We pray the father of all good gifts to look over the mistakes and help us to remember his great gift.

The norther Saturday blew in a few cases of sickness, but trust nothing serious and with plenty of quinine will tide over until another time.

The mast on the hills has about played out. Hogs are in good shape but are not big fat.

If it were not for the almanac we would hardly know winter was here.

The womenfolk are all turning things wrong side out and the children are expecting Santa Claus and the menfolk ought to do something smart and out of the ordinary.

We have read several copies of Billie Mayfield's paper lately, and as next year is political year think we can read between the lines and will know which side of the line to get on, and as God works in a mysterious way and through human agencies, there is no telling what Billie may do.

Mrs. George Kent came home with G. B. and will help him readjust things in the store for the holidays. We have heard she and the girls will spend the holidays on the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. West and little Bettie Bell were guests at the Chiles home Sunday.

T. S. Kent and family were guests at the Rials home Sunday. Merry Christmas to all, so good bye for 1921.

Santa Claus Visits The Methodist Parsonage

Last Monday afternoon Santa Claus visited the parsonage, leaving lots of good things to eat such as flour, sugar, coffee, peanut oil, can tomatoes, can peaches, fresh meat and sweet potatoes and other necessaries to go along with these, all of which made the preacher and his family happy, and for which they wish to return thanks, assuring you, dear Santa, that your visits are always appreciated, and hoping that we may live to enjoy many more of them. We bid you God's speed in your visits carrying joy and good cheer to the homes throughout the land.

B. C. Anderson.

Jess Holcomb of Alto was a business visitor to Grapeland Tuesday.

T. H. Leaverton has returned from Galveston, where he has been the past week taking special medical treatment.

SALMON NEWS

Salmon, Dec. 19.—Lots of hogs were killed Saturday, and now as the wind is coming back from the south and the weather is much warmer, it looks like it might be pretty bad time on meat.

We saw more ice Sunday morning than at any time this winter.

We are having a hot old time at Salmon since our last letter. Two houses have gone down to ashes last week. Tucker Campbell's store burned Monday night, and Mrs. M. D. Salmon's house burned Wednesday night. The origin of the fires is unknown. Mr. Campbell estimates his loss at about \$1500.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Davis and Miss Prudie Campbell, who are teaching at Day School House, spent Sunday with the latter's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hopper are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Will Springman of Alto, Ill., is spending a few days here with his father.

Renter Wanted

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NEW HOPE NEWS

New Hope, Dec. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. Ross Sammons are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Reginald Chambers entertained his friends Saturday night with a party. Everybody had a real good time.

Boyd Dickey has returned from Jacksonville, he has been attending a singing school.

Liberty Hill's first and second team of boys played basket ball with Waneta's teams Saturday. Waneta's first team won by a score of 19 to 12. Waneta's second team won by a score of 5 to 3.

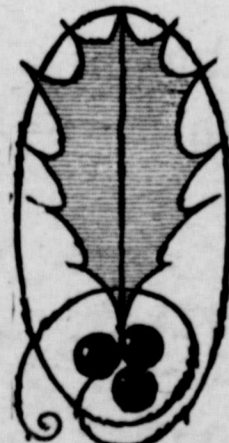
There will be a box supper, Christmas tree and a short program at Waneta school house Friday night, the 23rd. Everybody is invited to come.

There will be an all day singing at New Hope Sunday—Christmas day. Everybody is invited to come and bring a basket full of dinner.

John Jones entertained the young people with a party Friday night. A large crowd was present and everyone had a nice time.

Cow, soon fresh, to trade for cotton seed or hogs. 2t Walter Brumley, Percilla.

Greetings of the Season



To our many friends and customers we extend greetings of the happy Christmas time, and wish each of you much joy and happiness.

For the splendid business given us the past year, we sincerely thank you.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR is our sincere wish and supplication to everyone.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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THE MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

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Residence 11

Nebraska has a highway named "BVD". It ought to be a cool driveway for motorists.

Here's hoping old Santa Claus will drop an oil well in Houston county's sock.

To everybody everywhere: A merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Those who speculated in German marks a year ago may now wonder if they themselves are not marks, and easy ones.

We predict that the new year will usher in great activity for oil in this section of Houston county.

The Houston Post asks: "How will the women vote?" Like they please, just like they do everything else.

A fool and his money are soon parted, but the wonder is how they ever got together in the first place.

It is a selfish age. We all preach a lot of high-sounding doctrines for other fellow, and then sneak off and do just the opposite ourselves.

This is the joyous Christmas time. Do not lose sight of the real Christmas spirit. Do something for others and you will be happy.

Far be it from us to throw a bomb into your Christmas joys, but if you have not paid your poll tax you had better perform that patriotic duty. Next year is election year.

If the statesmen and diplomats knew half as much about how to settle the problems of the Washington conference as some of the correspondents there do, it would have been all over weeks ago.

Most of us have two sets of manners, one for public display and the other for home consumption. But then what are wives for if not to jaw at and lay the blame on? That's the way Adam did.

There will be no issue of the Messenger next week. It has always been our custom to suspend publication during the holidays. The editor and family will visit relatives in another section of the state. The next issue of the Messenger will appear January 5, 1922.

Big Bill Haywood and Emma Goldman glance over in the direction of the United States of America and begin to sing "Home Sweet Home," but there is nothing doing for them in that direction. They are two mighty bad pills from any point of view.

If you murder and rob your neighbor to grab what he possesses, you will be punished sooner or later. It does not pay. The same is true as to nations. What they steal from each other is not worth a fraction of what it costs them to get it. As soon as this fact is learned by individuals and by nations there will be no more murder for theft and no more wars. People learn lessons from what endangers their own selfish selves and their pocketbooks, and so do nations, in time.

The Washington conference should ultimately be turned into the world's court, functioning in world disputes the same as any court functions in its district, and its decrees and judgments should be backed up by world powers now agreeing at

the conference. This would cause many nations to quit drilling and parading and go to work producing, and credits can then be established for them in this country for the American made goods they want and need so bad, which, in turn, would set every plow and factory wheel in this country at work and furnish no end of remunerative employment.

H. S. Murdock Dead

Mr. H. S. Murdock passed away at his home a mile south of Grapeland Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock, December 17, 1921. His body was buried Sunday afternoon in the Murdock graveyard, east of town, Rev. C. A. Campbell of Salmon conducting the service.

Mr. Murdock was born in February, 1836, hence was a little past 85 years old. He was born in Georgia, but came to Texas when a young man and had lived in Houston county practically all of his life. He was a member of the Baptist church.

He served in the confederate army throughout the civil war and was a member of the Houston county Camp of Confederate soldiers.

His wife and eleven children survive him: Messers. J. A., A. E., Edgar, Lewis, Lenard, Ira and Hayden Murdock of this community; Lee Murdock of Waco; Martin Murdock of Kerens; Miss Laura Murdock of Waco and Mrs. Florence Conoway.

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

The new Christmas game will be very fashionable. The players hunt through their pocketbooks to see how much money they have left.

Christmas Festival

THE INSTITUTION of the festival of the birth of the Savior is attributed by some authorities to Pope Telesphorus, who died A. D. 138.

In the early days of the Christian religion it was one of the most movable of feasts, being often celebrated with the Epiphany and celebrated by the eastern churches in April and May. In the fourth century the urgency of St. Cyril of Jerusalem obtained from Pope Julius I. an order for an investigation to be made concerning the day of Christ's nativity. The result of the inquiry, made by theologians of the East and the West, was an agreement upon the twenty-fifth of December.

As told in the gospel of St. Luke, Christ was born in the night. Therefore, divine service is performed on the night of December 24-25. It is the custom in Roman Catholic churches to usher in Christmas day by the celebration of three masses, one at midnight, the second at early dawn, and the third in the morning. This custom dates from the sixth century.

Preparatory to Christmas the bells are rung at midnight throughout England and the continent. After the solemn celebration of the mass in the churches of the continent, which are magnificently adorned for the festival, it is customary for the worshippers to partake of a collation.

Convicts Enjoy Many Athletic Divisions

Huntsville, Texas.—Diversion is offered the convicts in the Texas state penitentiary at Huntsville in a number of forms.

Movie pictures are shown to the prisoners each Sunday afternoon, while religious and song services are held each Sunday morning in the prison chapel.

Music is played frequently throughout the week by the prison band, both in the chapel and in the outdoor band-stand.

Athletic contests form a large part of the prisoners' recreation. There is some outdoor gymnasium equipment in the prison yard, such as swinging trapeze and rings. The men have boxing gloves and sometimes have boxing contests which are fought by rounds and according to rules recognized by the sport.

The prisoners also play croquet, dominoes, pitch rings and play catch. There is not sufficient room for a ball game in the grounds, although such games are held on different farms of the Texas prison system during the season.

Two hundred and twenty-two American merchant vessels were lost through foundings, strandings, collisions, and other causes in the twelve months ending June 30, 1921.

Christmas Games

MISTLETOE. Hang it up. Form a circle. A slipper is required. Also a nice, slippery floor. The first player slides the slipper. He tries to land it under the mistletoe. If he fails another makes the attempt. If he succeeds there is a lively scramble. It concerns the young lady toward whom the slipper points. She must seize it and get away before caught. Then the guests are given humorous gifts (previously wrapped), and are admitted (one at a time) to the Christmas room to deposit them in the stockings.

Another jolly game is played with Christmas stockings, a number of which are previously hung up.

These are placed in a separate room and the name of the person for whom each is intended is concealed upon it.

Another Christmas stocking game calls for a huge stocking of tough tissue paper filled with toys of all kinds. Each guest is blindfolded, given a light rod or cane, turned three times around and told to hit the bag. The first to break the stocking gives the signal for a general scramble, each guest being supposed to get one of the trinkets or souvenirs thus scattered.

Conserving the Tablecloth.

When the tablecloth is partly worn cut an inch off one side and one end, and make a new hem. When it is ironed the creases will come in new places and the wear thus be redistributed.

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TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY PEACE OFFICER OF HOUSTON COUNTY

This is to notify you that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan No. 23 of Grapeland, Texas, offer the following rewards for the arrest and conviction of any bootlegger or moonshiner found guilty of violating the State or Federal laws in Houston county.

For the conviction of each white person we will pay a reward of \$50.00

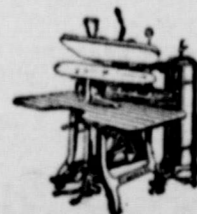
For the conviction of each negro we will pay a reward of \$25.00.

This offer holds good until further notice.

**Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
GRAPELAND KLAN NO. 23.**

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if I didn't wish
you all

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The United States, Great Britain, Japan, and France have agreed in principle to the four-power treaty proposed as a substitute for the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

Ragged Rascal Ran is Newest Test For Pro Law Violators

(Houston Post)

Quite sure you are sober as you read this? Then try this twister on your titillating tongue:

"Around the rugged rock the ragged rascal ran."

If you make it—if you get your "rugs" and "rags" and "r's" to run resonantly right, you're sober. But, if you find yourself saying "ragged rock" and "ragged rascal," you're drunk.

At least that is the view of City Health Officer Flickwir. That among other things, he testified Thursday, is the test he used to determine the inebriety or the sobriety of one of those brought before him for official opinion recently.

Reams have been written into the records regarding the righteousness of the charge of drunkenness. Recorders have been reversed time without number because of the absence of a standard test by which the true status of the toper might be told. Houston now has established the standard.

If Friend Wife finds that Father has stayed late in sampling home brew, or has trifled with the white mule, she has but to ask that he enunciate, without tripping, "Around the rugged rock the ragged rascal ran." Never mind the odor. If the tongue runs true to form, Father is sober. And, conversely, if he rags where he should rug or rugs where he should rag, he's drunk.

"She sells sea shells" is easy. Any school boy or girl knows that. So is the other famous tongue-twister, "Peter Piper picked a peck of prickly peppers. If Peter Piper picked a peck of prickly peppers, where are the prickly peppers Peter Piper picked?" The newest is Dr. Flickwir's test for sobriety: "Around the rugged rock the ragged rascal ran."

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

Urges Illiteracy Fight

In a statement issued in connection with "education week," Hanford MacNider, commander of the American Legion, called on men and women to "do battle with the forces of ignorance." He said every effort should be expended to make the English language the tongue of the United States and to teach everybody something of our history and form of government. "If we should turn this country into a big schoolhouse," he said, "our social discontent would soon end and the United States would be an Eden of happiness and prosperity."

Christmas Carols Revived

Carol singing on Christmas eve is being revived in this country. It is a beautiful old English custom. In many cities this year the carols will be a part of the community celebration.

Sometimes the singers wear red cambric caps and capes like the English "waits of old." They go about from street to street singing Christmas songs in front of the houses. A candle in the window is an invitation to stop and sing. Sometimes they are asked to come in and then there are good things to eat. Sometimes they bring their Christmas cheer to sick folk in the hospitals.

Emma Goldman, who was deported in 1919 from the United States because of her alleged anarchistic activities, is believed to be in Riga, with the intention of seeking permission to return to the United States.

THE MESSENGER'S AMERICANIZATION SERIES

Thomas Jefferson, Democrat

Thomas Jefferson was in its loftiest sense a Democrat; he loved, he trusted, the people; he loved his race; he was indeed a man, and there was nothing human that was foreign to him. He defied man as man, and despised and feared all that could create classes or ranks. Man as man was free and capable of self-government, was the postulate of all his thinking. This was the starting point of all his meditations. All men ought to be free, all men shall be free, all men will be free, was the conviction, the resolve, the hope of his life. His part was to assist in making America free. This was twofold—one part was to secure a government as would protect and maintain freedom; the other was to establish a policy that would in the end embrace the continent. With such a government expansion was possible; neither the number nor the size of the states, nor the extent of population or territory, need cause alarm or change. If men are free—if governments are founded on the consent of the governed; if local governments are sovereign and federal governments can be limited by written compacts or constitutions, then the possibility and modification of mere forms become infinite. If the object of all governments is to protect these inalienable rights, and freemen can secure that protection by a union of states under one compact, then there is no permanent failure of free government possible except on the single hypothesis that man is incapable of self-government.

Jefferson rejected this hypothesis for himself, his race, and his country, and accepted with a loving, trusting faith in mankind the verity of his hopes.

But there must be room for the development of such principles, and he held the continent to be ours. This new empire was to dictate law to the world, restore peace to the earth, give liberty to the oppressed. Here were ample homes to be founded for the poor, and plenty for the starving. The new era of nobler brotherhood, the sunlit dawn of a new day, had begun, and mankind was to find ampler room and fresher fields, for higher development. To Jefferson these dreams were actualities, and with a minuteness of details and a practical statesmanship that here equal to the prophetic conception, he secured freedom by the abolishment of a state religion; he destroyed an aristocracy based on wealth by abolishing the law of entails and primogeniture; he made naturalization easy; he dedicated the Northwest to a common country and to become free states; he ordered George Rogers Clark to seize the bank of the Mississippi River; he aided the pioneers of Kentucky to form a new state on the basis of universal suffrage and equal representation based on numbers, and tried with almost superhuman powers to abolish slavery. By these wonderful achievements the new republic began its career with the freedom of religion, freedom from possible aristocracy, and the certainty of the addition of new states—W. C. P. Breckenridge.

(Editor's Note—The articles appearing in the above space from week to week are taken from "Americanization" by Elwood Griscam, Jr. This excellent volume, which is a collection of articles upon the general theme of patriotism and good citizenship, is presented to the schools of Texas by the Bodies of Scottish Rite Masonary in Texas.)

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas brings the remembrance of a gift so wonderful that all who realize what it means to the world, feel the desire to give something in return though it may be nothing more than the expression of a wish for a Merry Christmas. No one was anxious to receive the gift at first. People do not always know the value of what is given them. The only door opened to receive it led into a cattle stable. But now, whose door does not fly open at Christmas to send out some blessing, some word of good cheer?

The old carol, sung to a few shepherds, has gone around the world now and the message of peace and good will has been carried everywhere. Somehow, when you lay a new born babe in a man's arms, you are pretty sure to bring a smile to his face and softening to his heart as well. An infant is a great peace bringer. What has touched and softened the heart of this grim world more than anything else, is that Christmas brought a blessed child down to earth and laid him confidently in the arms of humanity, brought him from home, and left him outcast, that the opportunity might be given him the love and tenderness which is every child's birthright.

This it is which moves us to strive to make children happy at Christmas. They may be like those who float along the river knowing nothing of its love source high up on the hills. But even if they do not know why, most of us want it a merry time for the children. It is emphatically the children's festival. No one ever regrets it who goes out of the way to make some little ones happy at Christmas time. They are the special friends of

the Christmas child, and it is well to be able to entertain the king's friends if not the king himself.

It does the world good to open its doors and take in the season's greetings. Business goes on all the happier because there is a warm, charitable feeling in a man's soul toward his employer or employees or acquaintances. We are all so busy we are apt to forget to be considerate, forgiving and kind. It is well to let the brain rest and allow the heart to rule sometimes, or men may lose the faculty of loving and being charitable.

Centuries of experience have proven that it is well to make a clearing house of the season, to square accounts by wiping off all the old grudges and settling old quarrels and listening once again to the message of peace and good will. Anger and malice never gave a man happiness; nothing but forgiveness and charity can do that.

The most energetic workers feel lazy and low-spirited at times. This condition is caused by impurities in the stomach, liver and bowels, which should be gotten rid of before they bring on a sick spell. A few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters, the remedy that men use, cleanses the system and sends new life and vigor to every part of the body. Price \$1.25 per bottle. —Smith & Ryan Special Agents.

Keep Scratching

You may wrap a hen's feet up in rags till they are as clumsy as drumsticks, and still she will scratch, even though she doesn't get a worm in a fortnight. Something here for you and me. Let's keep digging in. Worm is down there somewhere. We'll get it if we keep digging—Farm Life.

GRAPELAND HIGH SCHOOL

NOTES

Elizabeth Leaverton, Editor

The box supper Saturday night, given by the Mother's Club, was a great success. The amount taken in was \$92.16. From the boxes alone we got \$52.50. The ladies sold hot chocolate and got several dollars. The "beauty contest" brought the remainder. A very nice program was rendered and everybody enjoyed the evening. We only lack about \$5.00 to finish paying for the shades, so after paying the expense for preparation of the supper we will have something like \$85 left. We appreciate the help given us in the various ways to get our shades. We expect to have the shades right after Christmas.

The boys played Elkhart last Friday afternoon, first and second teams, and won both games. The score for the first team was 30 to 10; second team score was 8 to 4.

Mrs. Riall is going to have a recital at the auditorium Thursday night. Everybody come.

We will not come to school next week, so everyone is excited and wishing Friday would hurry and come.

The other day Elma Lea Tyer went over to her grandmother's, Mrs. Whitaker's. While there Mrs. Whitaker said: "You girls nowadays aren't much like the girls in my day. Why, I don't believe you know what a needle is for, Elma Lea." "Why, of course I do, grandmother," said Elma Lea. "It's used to play the Victrola."

While Ray Norman was escorting Miss Lucile Howard home from the Triangle Club last Friday night, a savage dog attacked them and bit Ray on the public square.

W. D. Taylor threw a stone and struck a companion in the alley last Tuesday.

Purley Willis climbed on the roof of Dr. Hill's house last week, looking for a leak and fell, striking himself on the back porch.

Miss Frances Leaverton let a can opener slip last week and cut herself in the pantry.

Mayo Murchison, while harnessing a mule last Saturday was kicked just south of the corn crib.

Manly Jones was playing with a cat Friday when it scratched him on the veranda.

"Why is it?" asked Mrs. Traylor impatiently, "that you are always at the bottom of the class? You never seem to get anywhere else. I should think you would be ashamed." "I can't see that it makes any difference whether I am at the bottom or the top, mama," replied Rollie pacifically. "You know they teach the same thing at both ends."

Mrs. Murchison: "Joe Pridgen, name the poles." Joe: "Tadpole and polecat."

Luna Frank Lively was buying a Christmas present for mother. She asked to be shown some table cloths. The salesman brought a pile and showed them to her, but she said she had seen those elsewhere. Nothing suited her. "Haven't you something new?" she asked. The clerk then brought another pile and showed them to her. "These are the newest patterns," he said. "You will notice that the center is exactly in the middle and the border runs around the edge." "Oh, isn't that lovely," said Luna Frank. "I will take half a dozen of those."

Ardis Murray walked briskly into the market, dropped her bag on the counter and said, "Give me a chicken, please." "Do you want a pullet? the market man asked. "No. I want to carry it," said Ardis.

George E. Darsey & Co.

THE SERVICE FIRST STORE

Christmas Greetings

We take this occasion to thank you for your friendship and patronage during this rather unusual year and extend to all, our hearty, good wishes for this Yuletide season. May you and yours have an abundance of happiness, good will and cheer at this Merry Christmas time.

MAKE THIS AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

Remember what joy and cheer used to be yours at Christmas time? Seems like everybody had a smile and good word for everybody else. In recent years, we seem to have forgotten the real spirit of the season and measure it by a different standard. In a time like this, you can bring back that old time Christmas feeling by remembering your friends and loved ones with gifts that are useful as well as appropriate—not necessarily expensive ones. This store specializes in gifts that please and serve.

We will continue our Anniversary Sale pries until Christmas

GIVE SER A NEW COAT

A good coat will prove to be one of the most satisfactory gifts you could select for a lady, young lady or girl. In our ready-to-wear department, we have many attractive styles in Coats for the womenfolk of all ages.

Also Coat Suits, Skirts, Dresses and Millinery.



Other Gifts for Ladies and Girls

will be found thruout our entire store and we suggest the following:

- Silk Waists, Wool Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Table Cloths, Ribbons, Jewelry, Sweaters, Toilet Goods, Towels, Knit Caps, Underwear, Shoes, House Shoes, Purses, Dress Goods, Beads, Gloves

GIVE HIM AN OVERCOAT

A good overcoat will make a most appropriate gift for any man, young man or boy. We have a superb line of overcoats tailored along most popular lines, in materials that are serviceable and attractive.

- For men 12.00 to \$19.50
- Young men \$9.50
- For boys \$5.00 and \$7.00
- Combination coats \$7.00 and \$8.00

Other Gifts for Men and Boys

are offered in our big stock, and among them we suggest:

- Dress Hats, New Ties, Silk Hose, Trousers, Sweaters, Shoes, Dress Shirts, Supporters, Handkerchiefs, Wool Shirts, Suppoerters, House Shoes, Suits, Belts, Gloves, Caps, Jewelry, Underwear, etc.



GIFTS FOR EVERYONE

In every department of our big store may be found gifts for the home that will add comfort and attractiveness and bring joy to everyone. Among these, we mention

- Rocking Chairs Alumnumware
- High Chairs Draperies
- Dinner Dishes Dressers
- Blankets Kitchen Cabinets
- Iron Beds Chifforobes
- Dining Tables Cook Stoves

GIFTS FOR BABY

- Baby Blankets Knit Bootees Silk Caps
- Chairs Knit Sacques Undervests
- Rattlers Hosiery Wagons
- White Coats Knit Caps Pins
- Shoes Talc. Powder Sweaters

FOR CHRISTMAS COOKING



The very best ingredients are not too good for those many delightful, enticing edibles served at Christmas time and we have a most complete line of such things as:

- rainins, dates, currants, orange peel, lemon peel, apples, oranges, lemons, nuts, candies, spices, etc. as well as all staple groceries.

LOCAL ITEMS

6 6 6 cures Malarial Fever.
 Buy your Christmas gifts at Darsey's and save money.
 6 6 6 quickly relieves a cold.
 Christmas seals, boxes and paper at Darsey's.
 Bring on your butter fat and get the best market price.
 J. G. Dickson.
 Firecrackers, sparklers and torpedoes at Darsey's.
 Pair of mules wanted for their feed.
 2t Burtis Kolb, Route 1.
 Mrs. George Crook and daughter, Miss Sarah Mac, of Crockett visited relatives in Grapeland Sunday afternoon.

For Rent

My place one-half mile south of town.
 R. E. Martin.

A delayed shipment of holiday goods going at wholesale cost.
 Smith & Ryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Maxwell moved to Palestine last week, where Mr. Maxwell has a position with the I. & G. N. railway.

The Cradle Roll

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bishop Thursday, December 15, 1921.

Hogs Wanted

I am in the market for all kinds of stocker hogs. See me and get my price before you sell.
 Henry Dailey.

Mrs. A. S. Porter and baby of Angleton are here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Goodson.

At the Methodist Church

Remember services at the Methodist church Sunday. I will preach at Percilla at 3 p. m.
 B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

Rub-My-Tism, a pain killer.

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured
 by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system.
 We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Circulars free. All Druggists 75c.
 F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

To break a cold take 6 6 6.

Boys, get your fire crackers at Darsey's.

6 6 6 cures Chills and Fever.

Darsey's is the place to make your gift selections.

Clewis represents the best dye works in the state.

Rhode Island Red roosters for sale.

Mrs. R. B. Edens.

Notice—Posted

My farm 9 miles west of town is posted and no hunting is allowed.

4t Mrs. C. B. Dailey.

A delayed shipment of holiday goods going at wholesale cost.

Smith & Ryan.

Hogs Wanted

Will ship a car of hogs next Tuesday. Will buy what you have. 140 pounds up.

J. W. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howard and children were in Crockett Sunday to attend the wedding of Mrs. Howard's sister, Miss Katie Berry, who was married to Mr. Ragsdale of Waco.

Strayed

Horse mule colt about 1 1-2 years old; brown bay in color. A suitable reward will be paid for recovery. Notify C. C. Hill.

Mr. Shaw, who formerly lived at Elkhart for fifteen years, is back on a visit to his numerous friends in this section. He is now residing at Lubbock, where he has been for the past six years. His many friends were glad to see him again.

Messrs. Bert and Walter Owens, with their families, arrived Sunday night from Jayton, in Kent county, where they have been living for some time, and will make their home in this community.

Miss Lucindy Darsey, who has been attending school at Brenau College, Gainesville, Ga., and Mrs. Leon Anderson of Paris are here to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Darsey.

Card of Thanks

We want to thank the people of Grapeland for being so kind and attentive to us during the recent long illness of Mr. Gilbert. We assure you of our heartfelt appreciation for the service rendered.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gilbert.

6 6 6 cures Bilious Fever.

Holiday Goods Galore!

Just received today (Thursday) a delayed shipment of
Toys, Dolls, etc.

Most all of these will be sold at WHOLESALE COST.

We have in stock \$12.50 and \$10 dolls which we will sell at . . . \$5.00

\$2.00 dolls for \$1.00. \$1.25 dolls 75c.

75c dolls for 50c

and most everything else in like proportion.

BUY YOUR TOYS HERE



SWEETS FOR THE SWEET

Nearly everyone likes candy—that is, real good candy.

By good candy we mean the kind that isn't a hodge-podge mixture, but that kind that will give you true enjoyment.

For the Christmas trade we are ready to serve you with Jacob's.



THE GIFT WORTH WHILE

No expression of thanks will be more sincere than that of the recipient of one of our Ivory traveling cases. Just because the article you select here is of the highest standard. We offer for your choice variety at prices which are truly moderate.

Smith & Ryan

EVERYTHING A GOOD DRUG STORE SHOULD HAVE

Cotton Report

E. B. Hale, cotton census enumerator for Houston county, gives out the following figures:

There were 12,409 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1921, prior to December 1, 1921, compared with 21,080 bales ginned to December 1, 1920.

Notice

For one week only I will sell fire wood at \$2.50 per cord, beginning the 19th and ending the 24th. You had better get enough to last you until spring. All orders I cannot fill that week will be at \$2.50 if I receive the order during this sale. After that it will be \$3.00 per cord. All seasoned oak wood, full cords guaranteed.
 J. L. Beauchamp, R. 4.

LITTLE THINGS

Little drops of glucose,
 Little drops of ink
 With some acid tablets
 Make a temp'rance drink!
 —Minneapolis Tribune

To prevent a cold take 6 6 6.

See J. M. RUNNELS

—For all kinds of—
 Monuments and Grave Fixtures
 Phone No. 304. Box 334
 Palestine, Texas
 Will try to be in your town once a month.

Use

KIMBELL'S FLOUR

Guaranteed to make whiter, lighter and better bread or money refunded.

Ask your Merchant

Hughes & Sons Auto Shop

We will appreciate a part of your business and hope we will have some of your future business

A Trial will Convince you

Goodyear Tires and Tubes for Sale

YULETIDE GREETINGS

With a hearty hand clasp and every good wish for you and yours,—we have striven earnestly to please and serve you. We hope we have succeeded. May every blessing be upon you during 1922 is the sincere wish of

GOOLSBY-SHERMAN DRUG CO.
 WE NEVER SUBSTITUTE CROCKETT, TEXAS

We have what you want.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Liberty Hill

Dear Santa Claus:
How are you this beautiful day? Santa, please bring me an air gun, little wagon, toy automobile, little train and a bugle, fire crackers and roman candles, apples, oranges, candy, all kinds of nuts. Don't forget papa and mama and my little brothers and don't forget the other little boys and girls. Your little friend,
Lemon Langham.

Hello, dear Santa Claus. How are you by now? Well, I hope. I am a good boy. I am going to school. Santa, will you please bring me some candy and apples and some fruit and fire works? Dear Santa, I will close for this time. Be good. Bye, bye. From Major Robinson.

Hello Santa Claus! How are you? Dear Santa, will you please bring me some candy and apples and some nuts of all kinds. Dear Santa, will you please bring me some toys of some kind. Dear Santa, be good. I live on Route 2 from Elkhart.

Olive Duitch.

Hello, dear Santa Claus. How are you by this time? I hope you are well. Dear Santa, will you please bring me some apples and some candy and different kinds of nuts and some fire crackers and some toys of some kind. Dear Santa Claus, I will close for this time. Bye, bye. From Orlen Duitch.

Dear Santa Claus:

I will write you, as I haven't forgotten how good you have been to me. I want you to bring me a piano and a doll chair. As I have a doll I won't ask for any this time. Santa, please don't forget to bring my little brother, J. W., a car and anything else you think would be nice for a little boy. Bring me some oranges, apples, candy, nuts and fire works of all kind. I am your little friend.

Arline Howard.

Dear Santa Claus:

I will write and tell you what I want you to bring me. I want a doll, a doll buggy and some oranges, apples, candy and nuts of all kinds and, Santa, please don't forget to bring mama and papa something nice. Your little friend,

Ethel Mae Howard.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to please bring me a steam engine, growling bear, a knife with four blades, a sandy andy, some fruits, nuts candy and fireworks. I am going to spend the night at grandmother's. Eva Carl wants a wrist watch. Your little friend,
Albert Merle Luker.

Dear Santa:

I want you to bring me a doll, a tea set, some oranges, apples, candy, nuts of all kind, and fire works of all kind, and don't forget mama and papa and baby brother, As ever your little friend,
Ardell Howard.

Dear Santa:

How are you? I want you to bring me a package of fireworks and some roman candles and a sky rocket and some Busters and some torpedoes and a toy pistol and some caps and some apples and some oranges and bananas and candy, but don't forget the poor ones and all my friends. Your friend,
Gilbert Grounds

Dear Santa Claus:

I'm a little girl five years old, and I want you to be sure and don't forget brother and I. We are living with grandmother and grandpapa. Please don't forget us. I'll tell you what I want I want some candy, apples, oranges, some nuts. I want a doll that can open and shut its eyes. Please don't forget brother. Bring him some fruits and other things. Bring grandmother and grandpapa something. From your little friend,
Lois Lively.

Our Greetings

In the Meaning of Christmas

IN THE true spirit of the occasion and with due appreciation of all it implies, we extend Christmas greetings to the readers of this publication. Christmas has a meaning possessed by no other holiday throughout the world. America has its national and special days, other countries have theirs; Christmas is the only one alike in spirit and celebrated in all Christian lands. So pure is its principle that it commands respect and admiration among people who worship their Creator in different ways from ours.

Christmas typifies all that is best in mankind. It is the culmination of the human mind throughout the ages dwelling upon the wonders and mysteries of existence, turning to a reverence for God and His representative on earth. It expresses the ascendancy of spirit, the realization of men of their interdependency and their duty to one another; and so it is marked by the bestowal of gifts and other sentiments of benevolence and well wishing.

The makers of newspapers, concerned as they are with the doings, manifestations and thoughts of their respective communities and the world at large, and recording them in their more important aspects for the information, mayhap the education of readers, are brought into an intimate sense of the spirit and meaning of Christmas. Would that we could express to you all the good that we see in the hearts of men and the increased brilliancy behind a few shadows of the light which has upheld the world for so many centuries. In the happy auguries we see for the future, there is every reason to be merry.

Our Yuletide thoughts go out to the people of this community and our thanks are due the patrons and kind friends who have given us practical support or extended encouragement during the year. May this be the best Christmas you have ever spent, is our wish to all.

THE PUBLISHER

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a wrist watch. That's all I want. I will spend the night at grandmother Spence's. Your friend,
Eva Carl Scarborough.

My Dear Santa Claus:

I am writing you a letter asking you to bring me a lot of Xmas toys. I want a car, an air gun, a top. I would like to have a tricycle. I want some oranges, apples and candy, chewing gum, a lot of nuts. Now, Santa, don't fail to come to see me. I may go down to grandpapa Lively's. If I do you may just come down there. With best wishes,
Orman Odell Jones.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to bring me a sleepy doll with curly hair and with slippers and socks, dishes, fruits, candy and fireworks.
From Virginia Leaverton.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a large rubber ball, bat, mit, nuts, fruit and candy. Your little friend,
Byron Sullivan.

Dear Santa.

I wish you to bring me some oranges, apples, bananas, ring, doll, and don't forget my two little brothers. Your friend,
Mabel Kilburn.

Dear Santa:

I want you to bring me an air-gun, roman candles, firecrackers, apples, oranges, nuts and candy. Your little friend,
Albert Fowler.

Dear old Santa:

I want you to bring me an air-gun, rubber ball, bugle, knife, top, set of blocks, and all kinds of fruit, nuts and candy, and yes, I want some fireworks, too. I am, your little friend,
Elmer Lee Dickey

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me a doll, doll bed, and doll stove? And I want some fruits, nuts, and candy also. Your friend,
Lavada Rich.

Dear Santa Claus:

How are you by this time? Fine, I hope. Well, Santa Claus, I will tell you what I want you to bring me. I want a doll and some candy, apples, oranges and nuts. Well, I will close.
Elsie Mae McCorkle.

Dear Santa Claus:

How are you by now? Fine, I guess. Well, Santa Claus, will you please bring me a ring and some ribbon and candy, apples, oranges nuts and firecrackers. Well, I will not ask for much.
Virgil McCorkle.

Dear Santa:

I will write and tell you what I want. I want a wagon and some roman candles and some firecrackers and some apples and oranges and some candy and nuts. I guess I had better close.
Johnnie McCorkle.

Dear Santa Claus:

How are you? Fine I hope. Will you please bring me a doll and some candy, apples, oranges and some ribbon and nuts. Well, don't forget the other little children and do not forget my little brother.
Vernil McCorkle.

Dear Santa:

I want a rubber ball, bat, mit, fireworks and fruit. Your friend,
Harold Mitchell.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll, doll bed, roman candles, firecrackers all kinds of fruit, nuts, rubber ball and balloon. Your friend,
Benola Mitchell.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a balloon, rubber ball, firecrackers, roman candles, sparklers, fruits, nuts, and candy. I want two big coconuts also. I am, your friend,
Bracie Denson.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me an airgun, rubber ball, a toy dog, all kind of nuts and candy and fireworks. Your friend,
Henry Rich.

Dear Santa:

We are nearly the same size and we want you to bring us each an airgun, a top, a knife, fire-crackers, roman candles, nuts and candy. Your little friends, Chester and Emmitt Hendrick.

Dearest Santa:

We are two little boys 9 and 7 years old. We want a bugle, airgun, knife, fire crackers and sky rocket, roman candles, nuts and candy. Your little friends,
Orvil and Louie Lively.

Dearest Santa:

We are little twin boys 6 years old, but we love you lots. I (Iren) want you to bring me a large rubber ball, a tricycle, a balloon, nuts, candy and apples. I (Oren) want an airgun that will shoot shot, a set of marbles, and all kind of nuts. Your little friends,
Iren and Oren Daniels.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 9 years old. I want you to bring me a doll and doll bed, a vase and a large rubber ball, some nuts and candy. I am, your little friend,
Alta Frank Daniels.

Dear Santa Claus:

I wish you would bring me a doll and doll bed and rocking chair. All kind of fruits, nuts, and candy. I am, your friend.
Cleo Clark.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll and doll bed, fireworks and fruit. From Katie Clark.

Dear old Santa:

Please bring me a story book, rubber ball, sparklers, roman candles, firecrackers, fruits, nuts and candy. Your friend,
Glenn Flora Sullivan.

Dear Santa:

I wish you to bring me a doll, rubber ball, a rocking chair, doll bed and some fruit, nuts and candy. Your little friend,
Lottie Fowler.

Dearest Santa:

Will you please bring me a toy monkey, airgun, a ball, some candy, apples and oranges, nuts and fireworks. Your friend,
Harry Bush.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a little pistol, a rubber ball, a drum, a story book, all kind of fireworks, nuts, fruit and candy. Oh, yes, a big coconut, too. I am, your little friend,
Boyd Sullivan.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me an airgun, some B. B. shot and some nuts, fruit and candy. I am, your friend,
Gilbert Smith.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a doll, hair clasp, roman candles, firecrackers, sparklers and fruits, nuts and candy. Your friend,
Coila Lively.

My dear Santa Claus:

I want you to bring me a ring, doll and doll bed, all kind of fruit, nuts and candy. Santa I hope you will remember all the little children who are going to our school. I am, your friend,
Essie Rawls.

If you have a bad taste in your mouth, if your tongue is coated, and you have spells of dizziness, the trouble is in your stomach, liver and bowels; they are clogged with bilious impurities. Prickly Ash Bitters clears out the obstructions and restores healthy conditions. Price \$1.25 per bottle.—Smith & Ryan Special Agents.

Milburn Ellis and family, formerly of Livelyville, have moved to town and are occupying the residence vacated by Bro. Farmer.



We Must Guard Our Girls

On the threshold of womanhood comes the crisis which means health or invalidism. Three generations ago an old southern doctor wrote a prescription for the ills of women, which has become known to fame as "Stella Vitae;" has been the right thing at the right time for thousands of young girls, down to the present day. Try it for YOUR daughter. Money refunded if FIRST BOTTLE does not benefit. At your drug store

Saved An Operation

MR. W. F. NELSON, a merchant of Hixon, Tenn., says: That the daughter of one of his neighbors, Mr. James Roberts, was in such a condition with female trouble that an operation was advised, and the young lady was sent to Chattanooga for its performance. She dreaded the operation, and STELLA VITAE having been recommended, decided to try that first. She has taken six bottles and is happily on the road to recovery. She is able to do her usual work and is in better health than for years before, but continues to use it. She writes: "STELLA VITAE will do all you claim." Her father says "She began to improve at once, after taking STELLA VITAE."

THACHER MEDICINE CO.
Sole props. & Mfrs., Chattanooga, Tenn. U. S. A.



Smith & Ryan Druggists

Colds & Headache

"For years we have used Black-Draught in our family, and I have never found any medicine that could take its place," writes Mr. H. A. Stacy, of Bradyville, Tenn. Mr. Stacy, who is a Rutherford County farmer, recommends Black-Draught as a medicine that should be kept in every household for use in the prompt treatment of many little ills to prevent them from developing into serious troubles.

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

"It touches the liver and does the work," Mr. Stacy declared. "It is one of the best medicines I ever saw for a cold and headache. I don't know what we would do in our family if it wasn't for Black-Draught. It has saved us many dollars . . . I don't see how any family can hardly go without it. I know it is a reliable and splendid medicine to keep in the house. I recommend Black-Draught highly and am never without it."
At all druggists.

Accept No Imitations

ABSTRACTS

You cannot sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the

Only complete up-to-date Abstract Land Titles of Houston County.

J. W. YOUNG
Crockett, Texas

New Freight Rates Approved

The cut in freight rates on farm products proposed by the railroads in November has been approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission. It will reduce the cost of shipping nearly all agricultural products by 10 per cent., but will remain in force for six months only. Included in this are some reductions which have already been made.

The New England states are not affected by the cut. There the railroads are in bad financial condition and the distances from farms to markets are so short that the per-mile rates now charged are barely enough to cover the cost of handling farm products.

Rates on grains and hay must be reduced an additional 6 1-2 per cent. beginning Dec. 27, by order of the Commission.

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

Cheap Casings

Ford size. Front, \$11.65. Rear, \$12.80. Prices in proportion in all other sizes. Norman's Garage.

Hundreds of popular patterns are now on display at Clewis'. Come to see them. Prices reasonable. Style, fit and quality guaranteed.

Too much sweet stuff puts the stomach out of order. A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters corrects the trouble, restores appetite and good digestion. Price \$1.25 per bottle.—Smith & Ryan Special Agents.

The American birth rate advanced 1.4 per cent in 1920 as compared with 1919. The highest birth rate for the white population was in North Carolina with 31.7 per cent per thousand population.

Renew your subscription.

UNION CHAPEL ITEMS

(Delayed)

Union Chapel, Dec. 12.—Misses Ruby Davidson and Nannie Marshall were the guests of Mrs. Henry Platt Saturday night.

Roscoe Cutler and Mrs. Alma Lee Kirk were married at Grape-land Saturday night, December 10th. They are now at the home of the groom's mother. We wish them a happy married life.

W. D. Ferguson has recently recovered his barn. He gave a working and all worked until noon very well. My, the good dinner prepared by Mrs. Ferguson made any one feel they needed rest in the afternoon.

Misses Eula Mae and Ardell Davidson visited Miss Birdie Mae Weisinger Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Garrett were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Cutler Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Pelham and little Mavis McCally spent Monday night with friends at Grapeland.

Jack Goodnight of Enon was in our midst Sunday.

Christmas Eve! The wonderful Santa Claus comes to the children with thee. What visions of dolls, games, books, candles, and all sort of goodies; drums, trumpets, whistles of all sorts of squeaks and discordant blasts, and the wonderful Christmas tree with its brilliant lights, gay colors, and mysterious packages, some of which may contain the long-wished-for skates or the huge jack-knife. It is all enchantment, all the color of the rose, the rainbow that spans their young lives. Not all the agony in the manger, all the wonder of the story of the Star of Bethlehem, of the following and guiding of the wise men to the lowly cradle of the coming King; not all the sad beauty of the old old, story can fully satisfy the juvenile heart like these. But are we not children of a larger growth? In spite of the solemnity of the occasion in spite of its deep and tender meaning, the gifts and goodies and merry-making are all dear to us, children in heart as we are.

Eats a Ton a Year

The American man, on the average, eats more than a ton of food a year, according to figures of the Department of Labor made public by Secretary Davis. The exact amount shown to be the average is 2664 pounds per man per year. Secretary Davis thinks this is too much. He points out that the average Japanese eats only 905 pounds of food in a year.

Complete abandonment of all forms of chemical warfare has been recommended to the American delegation of the arms conference by its official advisory committee.

MICKIE SAYS—

IT HAIN'T NECESSARY FER US TO SET ON TH' MOURNIN' BENCH WITH TH' PRICE CUTTERS BECUZ WE NEVER JOINED TH' PRICE BOOSTERS! ANY ADVANCES WE MADE ARE TOO SMALL TO BE SEEN WITH TH' NAKED EYE!!



Christmas Greetings

At this season of the year we all feel most kindly toward those who have been kind to us, and at this time we wish to extend you our best wishes for a full measure of Good Health, Good Luck and Good Cheer, and to say for your support and patronage, thank you.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, we are,

Your for more business,

The Guaranty State Bank

U. M. BROCK, Cashier.

REWARD OFFERED FOR CONVICTION OF BOOTLEGGERS

After December 20, 1921, the Crockett Klan No. 22 of the Invisible Empire of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan offer a reward of \$50.00 for the arrest and conviction of any bootlegger or moonshiner found violating the State or Federal laws of Houston county. One-half of the reward set aside by the Klan to be paid for the conviction of white men and one-half for the conviction of negroes.

This offer holds good until further public notice.

**KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
Crockett Klan No. 22.**

Box Supper Nets Mother's Club \$92.16 For Window Shade Fund

Last Saturday night the Mother's Club held "open house" at the school building with a box supper and as the result, the window shade fund for the school building was swelled \$92.16. The first half of the evening was very pleasantly spent with a varied musical and comic program featuring quite a few of the Grapeland High School students as the entertainers and they entertained well.

After this part of the program was over, Mr. F. M. Boone called attention to a "few" boxes of appetizing treats that were on the stage and said that he would sell the boxes at auction. This auction started with a vim and grew in interest as the "fight" wore on, the boxes selling as high as five fifty "a throw". And the interest naturally was more intense when several of the boxes were recognized and several of the buyers who each had more than a passing interest in the "originator" of a particular box vied with each other to purchase the box—also the privilege of sharing the contents with the certain young lady who fixed the box. After the boxes were sold, they were delved into and a great feast there was, accompanied to the tune of hot chocolate—served also by the Mother's Club.

Then it was that the "riot" started, for it was at this time that the contest for the prettiest

girl began and votes were sold for one cent each. Miss Dot Clewis was the fortunate young lady and received a huge box of delicious chocolates as a prize. At the same time another contest was started and rivalry was supreme. It was announced that for a limited number of minutes votes, would be sold for the ugliest, homeliest, most dilapidated man in the crowd and only three were honored with nominations, these three being Charlie Kennedy, George E. Darsey Jr. and Harry Lassiter of Elkhart. At first it looked as if Charlie Kennedy would win in a walk, but at about this time George E. Jr. nosed in and took the lead. But at this time the friends of Harry Lassiter got busy and as time was called Harry was about three hundred votes in the lead, with the other two contestants running close for second place. Harry was presented with a very handsome pair of "Arkansas Grey" socks and a blood red bandana handkerchief as his spoils of the fray.

The government printing office used 50,000,000 pounds of paper last year. The expenditures of the office amounted to \$11,000,000 as compared with \$13,000,000 the previous year.

In Washington there are two classes—the appointed and the disappointed.

**The Austin Well at Crockett
May Come in a Producer**

The Porter-Austin well, which is being drilled just south of Crockett, has been attracting a great deal of attention the past week.

The drill went into oil sand Wednesday a week ago, when drilling was suspended to make a test. Bailing the well commenced Monday, but water broke through, and it will be necessary to case the water off with cement before a test can be made. This may require several days. A phone message to the Messenger Tuesday night stated the drillers were still very confident they would bring in a producing well.

Drilling at the Moore well, near Crockett, has been suspended on account of dropping a string of casing in the well late Sunday afternoon.

There is nothing new to report in this section, although the first of the year we expect to hear of two or three drilling contracts being closed.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS
Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring me a pretty china doll and some cloth to make it some dresses with a little machine and embroidery set, a box of tinker toys, and don't forget to bring me a pair of real good shoes, some fireworks, nuts and fruits of all kinds. If I am not at home take them to aunt Lizzie's. I will be there. Don't forget all other little girls and boys. Bring them lots of things—just fill their stockings full. Good bye. Your best friend.

Ruth Maud Taylor.

Advertising Money Invested

Money spent for advertising is invested. And sometimes, as in other cases, it proves a total loss. But not if one sticks to old-line stuff and passes by the trick goods. Newspaper advertising is the "old-line stuff security of the publicity business. Year in and year out it returns its legitimate dividends to the advertiser who is willing to give it a little time and thought.—Newport (N. H.) Argus and Spectator.

Arrested For Carrying Pistol

John Collins, farmer residing northwest of town, was arrested Wednesday in town by Sheriff Hale and Deputy Lively for carrying a concealed weapon. The pistol was a small automatic. Mr. Collins was released on bond.

Many of us attempt to make auger holes with a gimlet.

Some Suggestions

Editor Messenger:

I would like to have just a little of your space to offer a few thoughts in this time of all times, when people are coming and going in all directions, seeking better places or something better and finding none. It seems to me that of all times, this is the worst anyone could find to be moving, for every move costs something, be it even so short. It is true I know that some times one makes a move and profits by it but many more lose. The saying goes "that every little bit added to what you've got makes just a little bit more." The same is true that every little bit taken from what you have leaves a little bit less, and there is not many who have got much to spare, so I would suggest that we stay with what we have and do our dead level best to make more next year, despite the green bug, boll weevil, snapping bug, gold bug and every other insect or creature that preys upon our crops.

These bugs have become so numerous lately that we can scarcely grow anything but what they damage it more or less, and let me offer this suggestion for every farmer and business man to think about and then act upon:

We know most insects that fly will go to light, so then let us try to get an organized effort to get every farmer to put one light to every 15 acres in his field; more would be better, and one at the house, and every house in town have out a light with water underneath them and you will be surprised at the amount of insects you catch.

Do this early in the year as soon as it begins to get warm enough for them to begin to come out and continue at intervals until up in the spring, and I believe our crops will be increased from one-fourth to one half, which would mean much, and I believe if we would get the people interested we could in the course of the few years rid our country of these pests and be making crops again.

Oil is cheap and we can get something to answer the purpose of a lamp. If nothing else, get a snuff bottle, put a quill through the stopper to run the wick through and a pan or tub to put the water in so it will burn till about midnight. Let's try it. What do you say?

G. W. Weisinger.

If the meat packers want to stimulate business they might put on the market some cuts in prices.—Seattle Times.

You miss the best news in the paper if you do not read the ads.

THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY **KENNEDY BROS.** THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY

The Place where you can buy anything you want for the Least Money

We Thank You

As this is the last opportunity we will have before the New Year we want to thank the people of this town and surrounding country for their liberal patronage this year that enabled us to carry on a substantial business.

We ask you to patronize us in the same way next year and we will at all times serve you in the best manner.

OUR STORE WILL BE CLOSED NEXT MONDAY FOR THE HOLIDAY

We will be closed next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday taking inventory of stock

We Wish You All
**A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A VERY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

Buy your Christmas nuts, fruits, candy and cake ingredients from us. Make our store your stopping place.

KENNEDY BROS.
The Store for Everybody

Progress Has Been Made

The world, and America especially, is progressing, has progressed and will continue to progress. The junking of bloody battleships is the latest progress, and we have in mind two pictures which typify other forward steps. One is the drunkard sitting at a saloon dive table, bottle of booze and glass in hands, in rags and tatters and surroundings reeking with filth. At home his destitute wife and children go hungry to bed. That awful picture, so prevalent but a few short years ago, has been broken, the saloon is no more and the drunkard in the gutter is much scarcer than he was, in fact is hard to find. The other picture is of a wife and baby at home, she reading under the lamp and rocking the cradle of the infant—a bright, intelligent and fairly well-educated woman, yet denied the right to vote. Drunken bums, low-browed, ignorant brutes, negroes, criminals all such could vote on how our country should be governed, but the wife and mother, rearing those who are to be rulers in the next generation, was barred and the right of franchise denied her. That picture also has been broken, along with the other, to the everlasting credit of American manhood be it said.

Rub-My-Tism for Rheumatism.

**Just 3 More Days
Until Xmas**

We want to make these few days "Value Giving Days" for our customers.

We Offer the Following Low Prices for the Next Ten Days:

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| 17 lbs Granulated sugar for | \$1.00 |
| 7 lb Good Roast Coffee for | \$1.00 |
| Extra High Pat. Flour, the kind for your Xmas cake. | |
| per sack | \$2.00 |
| 100 sacks salt, in white bags, for | \$1.00 |
| Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup, every bucket guaranteed for | 75c |
| Garrett Snuff per bottle | 30c |
| Rooster Snuff per bottle | 30c |
| Honest Snuff per bottle | 30c |
| Wheat Bran per sack | \$1.35 |
| Wheat Shorts per sack | \$1.65 |
| Chops per sack | \$1.50 |

Every item in our drygoods department will be specially priced.

It will pay you to see us before you buy.

We have a complete stock of Apples, Oranges, Walnuts, Almonds, Candies and Fireworks at the right price.

We will pay you the top price for your Eggs and Chickens.

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



**The Energy Food for
Strong Men and Women**

When you work hard you need plenty of meat to supply you with energy and vitality. Your appetite craves tender brown roasts and juicy, thick steaks.

Meat is good for you. We have the very best meat to be bought—it is fresh and kept under the most sanitary conditions. It "touches the spot" when you are hungry, and it builds you up. Eat more meat!

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All kinds of Fruits and Nuts

THE CITY MEAT MARKET

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