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GRAPELAND BOY IN GUARD OF HONOR

James Oakley Bean, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bean of Grapeland was one of the sailors acting as guard of honor on President Harding's funeral train, from San Francisco to Washington.

He was born in Grapeland February 28th, 1903 and joined the navy April 15th, 1921. He took his initial training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station and was later transferred to the New London Submarine base, afterwards becoming a yeoman and in the meantime, taking night training. He was then transferred to Hampton Roads where he entered the Yeoman school, choosing to be a stenographer after finishing school. He was then transferred to the Naval Transport Henderson, serving in this capacity at the present time.

Mr. Bean wrote his parents sometime back that he had the option either of a furlough home or the trip to Alaska accompanying the President, and chose the latter, and his many friends here appreciate the honor conferred upon him in acting as one of the Honor Guards on the funeral train.

BARN BURNED

Chuck Skidmore, living east of town, lost his barn by fire Tuesday night of last week, and did not know anything about it until next morning when he arose and started out to feed his stock. The origin of the fire is not known.

Mr. Skidmore's loss is pretty heavy. The barn was a two-story structure. In it was stored four sets of harness, plow tools, considerable quantity of feed-stuff, syrup, Irish potatoes, hay, etc.

Alph Wingfield and family of Middleton were here several days last week visiting their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lively.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FRIDAY MORNING

Complying with the proclamation of President Coolidge, the people of this community will assemble at the Methodist church Friday morning at 11 o'clock to pay a tribute to our late President, Warren G. Harding. All business houses in town will close for one hour, from 11 to 12 o'clock, and everyone is urged to attend this service.

The following program has been arranged:

Song—"America," by congregation.

Prayer—B. C. Anderson.

Scripture reading.

Quartette—"Lead Kindly Light."

Reading of President's Proclamation, by B. C. Anderson.

Harding as a Friend—W. A. Riall.

Harding as a Churchman—W. D. Granberry.

Harding as a Christian Statesman—W. F. Murchison.

Harding as a Mason—F. M. Boone.

Song—"Nearer My God to Thee."

Benediction.

SCOUTING FOR ROAD BUILDING MATERIAL

There is being done some scouting throughout this territory for suitable road building materials, anticipating the demand that will be made for rock, gravel, etc., when the paved highways are started. Announcement has already been made that the iron ore rock so plentiful in this section will be used as the 12 inch base for the highways. But there will be a big demand for gravel, sand, etc. There are some good deposits of gravel, sand, and even sand-stone rock in this county, and before the road-building campaign is finished we will know just how extensive they really are.—Palestine Herald.

Clewis represents one of the best dye works in the state.



NOTICE TO MASONS

Whereas, Brother Mike H. Thomas, Grand Master of the most worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, A. F. & A. M., has issued a proclamation directing all Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas to demonstrate their grief in this time of national sorrow, in a material manner, either by attending memorial services at the hour of the funeral of our dead President; or by pausing from their labors at this hour with uncovered head and for silent prayer, either service to be in supplication to Almighty God to lighten the burden and sorrow of the family and multitude of friends of our late President, and for His blessings and guidance to our new President; and

Whereas, such memorial services for the citizens of Grape-

land have been arranged for next Friday, August tenth, from 11 to 12 A. M. at the Methodist church.

Therefore, every member of Grapeland Lodge No. 473, A. F. & A. M. is requested and expected to attend this memorial service held in honor of and respect to our departed Brother, Warren G. Harding at the place and hour named above; and brethren who are unavoidably prevented from attending the same, are requested to cease from their labors for a period of silent prayer, as proclaimed by the Grand Master.

C. M. McCarty W. M.
F. M. Boone Secy.

Abb Newman, an experienced barber, has accepted a position with Connor Denson. Mr. Newman has had experience in large shops, coming here from Marshall.

S. S. AND B. Y. P. Y. MEETING AT ARBOR AUG. 25-27

The Baptist church or Arbor in making big preparations to entertain a large delegation of Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. workers, who will meet there August 25 for a two day's session. Delegates will be entertained free by the people of the community and dinner and supper will be served on the ground.

The Rusk College band will furnish music for the occasion, and many prominent men and women from different sections of the state will be in attendance and deliver addresses.

All churches in the Neches River Baptist Association will participate in the meeting.

HEROD & BROOKS SAW MILL BURNED

Herod & Brooks' saw mill, located about two miles south of town, was destroyed by fire Monday night about 10 o'clock. About 5,000 feet of lumber in the dry kiln near the mill was also burned but the lumber on the yard was saved.

Mr. Brooks said their loss would be about \$2,000. They plan to rebuild the mill immediately.

The mill was small, but was a very complete outfit, and had a capacity of eight to ten thousand feet of lumber per day. They operated a planer in connection with the mill; it was also burned.

The fire originated from the boiler. A negro was employed as nightwatchman, but the fire had gained considerable headway when it was discovered.

THE CRADLE ROLL

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. M. Ellis of Crockett announce the birth of a daughter Saturday, August 4, 1923. Their many Grapeland friends will extend congratulations.

Mrs. Odell Denson and son of Houston are visiting relatives here this week. Mr. Denson was here a few days last week, returning to Houston Sunday.

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Cooking oil per gallon	\$1.15
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100-YARD SPRINTER**



JOSEPH A. MURPHY

Sometimes sporting editor of the old Globe Democrat, Joseph A. Murphy, who will preside as racing judge at the State Fair running horse meet at Dallas, Oct. 13-20 this year, could once do his hundred yards in ten seconds flat. That was back in 1889 however, or thereabouts. Since that time Mr. Murphy has taken on a little "weight for age," but with it a wide experience in racing matters. He is regarded as one of the best racing judges in the country, and will come to the State Fair meeting off the grand circuit. He officiated at the State Fair a dozen years ago and gave eminent satisfaction. Arthur McKnight will be starter at the State Fair meet under Judge Murphy.

OUT OF LUCK

"Aha!" exclaimed a man on Market Street. "See a pin and pick it up, and all the day you'll have good luck"; and as he bent over to pick it up his hat fell into the mud; his glasses dropped from his nose and smashed on the sidewalk; he burst three suspender buttons, and tore the buttonhole out of the neckband of his shirt.—San Francisco Chronicle.

AN EXHILARATING EFFECT

A bottle of Herbine on the shelf at home is like having a doctor in the house all the time. It gives instant relief when the digestion gets out of order or the bowels fail to act. One or two doses is all that is necessary to start things moving and restore that fine feeling of exhilaration and buoyancy of spirits which belongs only to perfect health. Price 60c. Sold by

Wade L. Smith

E. M. Stanton, dean of the faculty of Alexander College, Jacksonville, was in GrapeLand Monday in the interest of the College.

**America's Marvels
NATURAL AND OTHERWISE**

By T. T. Maxey

THE WORLD'S LARGEST SHIP

If you can step-up your imagination so that it can clearly visualize a mastodontic ocean liner 956 feet long, 100 feet wide and 102 feet deep, without including the smoke stacks and weighing 64,000 tons, you can form an impression of the new Queen of the Atlantic—The Majestic.

This—the world's largest ship—makes regular trips between America's largest city, New York, Southampton, England, and Cherbourg, France, in five days flat, land to land.

The hold of the Majestic contains a battery of forty-eight boilers which supply steam to four giant turbine engines, which drive a like number of screw propellers. This power plant develops the amazing capacity of 100,000 horse power. This tremendous force drives this huge craft through the water at the surprising speed of twenty-three knots or sea miles—which is the equivalent of twenty-six land miles—per hour, making the Majestic one of the fastest large passenger-carrying ships on the high seas. Oil is the fuel used.

This ship has nine decks, or to put it another way round, is nine stories high. You can gain some conception of the monstrousness of the interior by reading the following statement issued by the owners: "The space in the great ship occupied chiefly by her housing facilities, so to speak, and her engines and other machinery, is equal to that in 400 average detached suburban residences of eight-rooms each, or of about 800 average four-room city apartments."

This vessel can accommodate 4,000 first, second and third-class passengers, along with a crew of 1,000 and has 1,245 state rooms. There is no end of spacious public apartments including a lounge, palm court, dining saloons, library, reading and writing rooms, smoking room, card room, gymnasium, swimming pool, children's play room and sun porches, barber shop, hair dressing parlor, tailor shop, a conservatory and quarters for pet dogs. The promenade deck is fifty feet above the water and four times around it is one mile.

Wonderful as all that is, however, one does not sense the full significance of it all until he contemplates the staggering quantities of supplies of innumerable kinds that are required to complete the equipment of such a gigantic floating palace. To illustrate, figures supplied by the owners show 17 tons of blankets, 3,000 mattresses, 75 tons of dishes, 77,000 towels, 11,000 sheets, 10,000 table cloths, 45,000 napkins, 55,000 pieces of silver and cutlery, 30,000 plates, 16,000 cups, 2,700 pitchers, 2,400 tea and coffee pots, 29,000 pieces of glassware and so on until your head swims.

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Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Dunnam and two sons, Percy and Frank, of Fort Worth and Mrs. Joe Dunnam are here for a few days to visit old friends, they formerly living in this community many years ago.

DO NOT DUMP YOUR COTTON

There is no surplus cotton. The new crop will, according to every estimate, not exceed 12,000,000 bales. With the small carry-over, if any at all, based on the past year's consumption of cotton, there will be no more than will be needed. Therefore, if no more of this year's cotton is hurriedly dumped on the market during the ginning season than is needed, prices should go up. If producers use business methods in marketing, prices should remain at a point that will cover cost of production and leave a small margin of profit.—Farm & Ranch.

AT METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Preaching at Hays Springs at 3:30 p. m.

Your presence at these services will be appreciated.

B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

Rev. W. M. Durnell was in town for a short time Monday, being on his way home from New Hope where he and Rev. Deckard Anderson held a meeting, closing Sunday at the waters edge, five being baptized. Rev. Durnell reported that ten white robed Klansmen visited his meeting Friday night and made a donation of \$15.00.

MICKIE SAYS—

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BEAUTY HINTS FOR MEN

As a starter on the road to manly health and beauty, here are a few suggestions guaranteed to stand shoulder to shoulder with dishwashing in popularity and with sweeping and scrubbing as healthful exercise for women:

1. Beating the rugs is recommended to strengthen and beautify the arms and shoulders.
2. Pushing a lawn-mower develops the muscles of the back. It is less expensive than golf, can be enjoyed at home, and requires no instruction.
3. Washing windows is not only a wonderful arm strength-

ener, but saves a visit to the manicure, that expensive luxury of the modern man (just as dishwashing is supposed to save the woman).

4. Shaking the furnace not only gives exercise to many sets of muscles, but when the cold days come, cannot be excelled for developing an appetite for breakfast.

5. Driving nails and "fixing things" about the house trains the hands and eyes, and gives a variety of exercise not to be found anywhere outside a well equipped gymnasium. Also saves money instead of spending it.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Richard Lloyd Jones Says

TEST YOUR EDUCATION

The best college is not measured by endowment. It is measured by the men and women it turns out. The test of culture is the ability to serve, the power of giving, not getting; of helping, not hindering. The college will oftentimes pass a man the world will quickly flunk. Many men have been honored in college who have been dishonored by society because with all their high gradings in classes they have not learned how to march with the masses. The college is a starter but it never completes the education job. Your education does not end when you pick up your diploma. That is when it just begins. That is why graduation day is Commencement Day. Many of the best educated people got their education without the help of college courses. Test yourself. If you can honestly answer "yes" to all the questions that follow you are indeed educated, even though you never heard of Xenophon's Anabasis and never owned a parchment encased in a tin tube. Has education given you sympathy with all good causes and made you espouse them? Has it made you public spirited? Have you learned to make friends and keep them? Do you know what it is to be a friend yourself? Can you look an honest man or pure woman straight in the eye? Do you see anything to love in a little child? Will a lonely dog follow you in the street? Can you be high-minded and happy in the meaner drudgeries of life? Do you think washing dishes and hoeing corn as compatible with high thinking as dancing or golf? Are you good for anything to yourself? Can you be happy alone?

Can you look out on the world and see anything except dollars and cents? Can you be a brother to your neighbor? Have you a better ambition than merely "to make your pile"? Have you formed the habit of hoping that you may help others and thereby leave this world a little better than you found it? Do you put patriotism into your politics? Do you support a public official after election with the same enthusiasm you show before election and thereby help him to fulfill his pre-election promises? Can you read the history that is written in the rocks that boldly shoulder the broad current and bend the river in its course? Does the mountain lift you nearer heaven and the sea lead you in silent prayer? Can you look into a mud puddle by the wayside and see a clear sky? Can you see anything in the puddle but mud? Can you look into the sky at night and see beyond the stars? Can your soul claim relationship with the Creator? How many college A. B.'s can honestly say "yes" to these 22 questions? If you cannot, is it not time to ask yourself which has failed, you or your college? There are many who could pass this examination who cannot boast of an academic degree. To help you to conceive the purpose of life and to pursue that purpose is the mission of every school and college. They are to equip you with the tools. You are to use the tools. Are you educated? Study these questions, answer them honestly, and you yourself will know.

Nervous Break-Down

MRS. ANNIE LANGE, of R. F. D. 1, Burlington, Tex., writes as follows regarding her experience with Cardui: "Some time ago I had a nervous breakdown of some kind. . . I was very weak and so nervous. I had fainting spells and suffered a great deal, but more from the weak, trembly, no-account feeling than anything else. I knew I needed a tonic, and needed it badly. I began the use of Cardui to see if I couldn't get some strength, as I knew of other cases that had been helped by its

use. I soon saw a great improvement, so I kept it up. I used seven bottles of Cardui, and can say the money was well spent, for I grew well and strong. Am now able to do all my housework and a great deal of work besides." If you are weak, run-down, nervous and suffer from the ailments peculiar to women, it is very likely that Cardui will help you, in the way it helped Mrs. Lange and has helped thousands of others, during the past 40 years. Ask for, and insist on, Cardui.

**CARDUI
The Woman's Tonic**

SOME SMILES



Johnnie: "Pa won't you please buy me a microbe to help out with my arithmetic?"

Papa: "What good will a microbe do you?"

"I just read in this paper that they multiply rapidly."—Seattle Intelligencer.

A man who went to his grocer's to order something for dinner was asked if he would like to have a saddle of mutton.

"Why," said he, "wouldn't it be better to have a bridle; then I'd stand a better chance of getting a bit in my mouth."—The Progressive Grocer.

Mrs. Shortley was discussing the latest fashions with a young lady caller.

"Did you say your father was fond of those clinging gowns, May?"

"Yes; he likes one to cling to me for about three years."—Sheffield Telegraph.

Cohen placed a ladder against the side of the house and then called his son, Abie, aged seven, and made him mount to the top.

"Now jump," commanded Cohen.

"I'm frightened," replied Abie.

Cohen held out his arms. "Do as papa tells you—jump—papa is here."

Finally Abie did jump. Cohen

stepped aside and Abie fell with a bump.

"Let that teach you a lesson never to trust nobody," said Cohen.—Philadelphia Record.

"Where is the car?" demanded Mrs. Diggs.

Diggs. "Did I take the car out?"

"You certainly did. You drove it to town."

"How odd! I remember now that after I got out I turned around to thank the gentleman who gave me the lift and wondered where he had gone."—The American Legion Weekly.

Mrs. Johnsing: "Ah thought you-all said you was gwine to name your new baby 'Victrola,' but Ah hears you-all done make a change."

Mrs. Moses: "Yes, Ah expected it would be a girl an' Ah had decided to name her 'Victrola,' but she turned out to be a boy, so Ah done name him 'Radio.'"—The Christian Advocate (New York.)

She gave up mutton, pork and beef,

She gave up ades and teas,

She gave up milk, without relief,

She gave up beans and peas,

She gave up fruit, and spuds, and jams,

She gave up bread and toast,

She gave up herring, shrimp, and clams,

She 'most gave up the ghost.

She gave up powder, rouge, and men,

She gave up baths and soap,

And when she weighed herself again

She wept and gave up hope.

—Wisconsin Octopus.

Is your subscription paid in advance?

MY TRIP AND SHORT COURSE AT A. & M.

Miss Barnett and I arrived at College Station Sunday night, July 22, at 12:30 o'clock. We were met and carried to Bizzell Hall in a motor buss. Monday morning we ate breakfast at 6:48. We then had a joint meeting of the boys and girls at Guin Hall. After the meeting the girls that hadn't been assigned to their rooms met in Goodwin Hall and were given the number of the room they were to stay in. Then we were put in sections. There were four sections, A, B, C and D. I was put in section D. We had to choose between two courses, cooking or clothing. I took clothing and it surely was an interesting course. We had an outline of our classes for the entire week.

All the club boys and girls took their meals at the Mess Hall and we always had dinner at 12:30 and supper at 6.

After dinner Monday, our first class was Handicraft. It was held in room 413 Agriculture building from 1:30 until 3:30 p. m. We were shown the many different ways to make party favors from crepe paper and different ways to decorate your table and make them more attractive. After this class we were through work. We were given free picture shows the first three nights. We were chaperoned every where we went and had to be in our rooms at 10:30 every night.

Each morning we had to get up at 6 o'clock and assemble in front of Goodwin Hall for physical exercises. These exercises lasted until 6:35, after which we marched to breakfast. After breakfast we met at Guin Hall for the joint meeting. We had a joint meeting every morning we were there. These meetings consisted of announcements for the day and addresses by famous men. Then as usual we had our classes. Tuesday the classes were as follows: Renovation of millinery, hat materials, health, home dyeing, button hole contest between the girls of North Texas and the girls of South Texas and I want you to know that the girls of South Texas won by a score of 14 to 4. Then at 8 p. m. we had motion pictures.

Wednesday morning at our joint meeting Mr. T. O. Walton, State Director delivered an address to the club boys and girls. This was very interesting. The most interesting things we had that day were problems in color and design, interior decorations, and handicraft. In Wednesday's Handicraft we were taught how to use the sealing wax in several ways. We made a pendant by covering a pasteboard tag with the wax. They are beautiful too. Then we were shown over the college plant.

Thursday we had our joint meeting at Guin Hall. Then our classes were given tests in clothing (including hats) social usages and handicraft. We were also taught the principle of basket weaving. Then for amusement that night we had stunts given by each district. Each stunt was supposed to represent standing selling product. There name of district number one's stunt was, "The Cuero Turkey Trot." Turkey's are their outstanding selling product. There were nine districts represented and our district, which is district four, won second place in stunts.

Friday morning at our joint meeting Miss M. Helen Higgins, State Home Agent spoke to us. Then we had what the short course has meant to me. Every boy and girl were asked to rise and tell what he or she had gotten out of the course. Most all gladly responded. A number of the boys said they intended to be graduates from A & M. College and the girls they hoped to be graduates from C. I. A. Then we had a demonstration of use of sewing machine attachments, household mechanics and handicraft. At 7:30 p. m. we had the clothing pageant at Guin Hall and the awarding of prizes. The prizes were simply beautiful, every one of them.

I can hardly say which course I enjoyed most but I believe the handicraft was the most interesting. I had a lovely time all during the week and I accomplished very much from this course. I want to thank those that made it possible for me to attend this short course and that I surely do appreciate it.

Corinne Scarborough.

CARD OF THANKS

We, the undersigned girl and boys, who were fortunate enough to win in the county contests and who were sent to the Annual Farmers' Short Course at A. & M. college by the business men of Crockett and Grapeland, wish to express our appreciation and thanks.

It is our opinion that your money was spent worth while and we did our best to receive all benefits given. We enjoyed every minute of the time and only wish every boy and girl in the county could have been present.

Again we wish to thank all those who were so generous to donate to our trip.

- Corinne Scarborough, Augusta.
- Milton Creasey, Kennard.
- Hill Miller, Stubblefield.
- Lynn Durham, Stubblefield.

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THURSDAY, AUG. 9, 1923.

PRESIDENT HARDING

The heart of America is bowed down with genuine grief on account of the sudden and untimely death of President Warren G. Harding, which tragic event occurred in the Palace Hotel at San Francisco Thursday evening, August 3.

Regardless of political belief or the adherence to party principles, the average American is a patriot before he is a partisan, and regards the chief executive of this nation as a man worthy of love, confidence and respect.

Mr. Harding was a man that made and held friends. Intimate stories of his life reveal that he was intensely human and loved humanity. No doubt a contributing cause to his death was his devotion to duty, serving the people who elevated him to the highest office within their gift, with unswerving fidelity so characteristic of trustworthy men. His life as a public servant, beginning as a representative in the legislature and ending at the White House, has been one of noble purposes, worthy of emulation by every young man in America.

Mrs. Harding, the wife and bosom companion of the stricken president, herself frail from a recent illness, can find consolation in the fact that the American people sympathize with her from the depth of bleeding hearts in this time of national sorrow and distress.

In His infinite wisdom, God strikes down His leaders, but raises up others to take their places. "God is on His throne and the government at Washington still lives." President Coolidge has assumed the reigns of government with a vigor that is inspiring and will command the confidence of the people of the nation.

Underwood says he will be a candidate for president if the people of Alabama want him to run. All other prospective candidates will say "me too."

Grapeland merchants are going to make a strong bid for trade this fall. It will be to the interest of the people of this trade territory to "watch their smoke."

Just put aside the best you have of farm products, canned fruits or vegetables, handiwork, etc., for exhibition in the Grapeland Fair.

Grapeland reports the receipt of her first bale of new cotton. Grapeland is an East Texas town, and others, including Timpson, will soon begin to report the "first bale."—Timpson Daily Times.

The many tragic deaths that take place at railroad crossings is appalling, but it is characteristic of the American people to take a chance. But from observation they should learn that a tin flivver can't knock a big railroad engine off the track.

WANETA NEWS

Waneta, July 6.—The revival meeting which was held at New Hope by Bro. Durnell closed Sunday night with 6 additions to the church, 2 for baptism.

Bro. Anderson left Sunday morning.

Bro. Durnell and daughter and Miss Ethel Kiser remained over until Monday.

L. H. McElroy and family left last Thursday for their home in Wheeler county.

We are glad to say Aunt Sarah Rich is still better.

J. J. Sheffield and family of Alto visited here Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Allie Barnes has returned home after a 10 days visit at Alto.

Misses Stella Sloan and Dottie Lively of Augusta and Miss Lottie Louise Cromwell of Needlen, Texas and Eula Cook of Silver Creek have spent the past week with Mrs. Leta Lively and attended the meeting at New Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Tyre of Percilla spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Herrington.

Messrs. Vertice Cooper and John Henry Hendrick are spending a few days at Elkhart attending the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hogan, who have been visiting here a month, moved to Grapeland Monday.

Cotton picking is the order of the day. Several began picking Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Barnes of Percilla were the dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Barnes, Sunday.

Miss Allie Barnes spent Sunday night with Misses Maudie and Laudie Jones.

John Allen and family of Ellis county are here visiting relatives.

Coone Foster spent the week with Mr. Marshall Rich and attended the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Dugger have returned home after a few weeks visit at Waxahachie.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I take pleasure in announcing to my patrons and general public that Dr. G. W. Sheffer, registered and licensed optometrist of Dallas, will be with me Friday, September 7th. Eyes examined glasses fitted, prices right. Remember the date and come to see us.

J. H. Ryan, Druggist.
(Formerly Leaverton's)

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Allen and Miss Erma Holcomb of Alto were visitors in Grapeland this week with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gainey.

SHOOTING OWLS

A certain farmer and his son the other day shot three monkey-faced owls, commonly known as barn owls, on their farm. They were very proud of their feat. So, too, were their neighbors.

Then along came a naturalist who patiently explained that of all the wild friends of the farmer the barn owl is the best, because he is the most efficient foe of mice, of things that fly, walk or crawl. One pair of barn owls, he says, will kill more mice than a dozen of the best cats. Moreover, there is no record of such an owl ever attacking any kind of poultry. All owls are the friends of farmers, though some varieties do poach on the poultry yard occasionally.

Those two farmers besides contributing to the extinction of a rare species, were acting about as sensible as if they had chopped down several perfectly good apple trees or set fire to a field of ripe wheat.

It is rather luminous example of the folly of meddling with nature's business and destroying wild life indiscriminately without taking the trouble to understand it.—Shreveport Journal.

According to the Department of Agriculture, the tomato now ranks third in importance among truck crops.

Mrs. J. M. Murray and daughters, Misses Agnes and Ardis returned Sunday from their visit to Mississippi, where they spent a month with relatives.

J. A. Mason recently came in from San Marcos, where he has been going to school, and after spending a few days, left with his family for Watt, where he will teach again the coming term.

FOR SALE

I have 50 acres of land just above my place that I will sell at a bargain price if sold in the next few weeks. See me about it.
2t John Masters.

We buy, sell exchange and repair furniture and musical instruments. Call and see us, east side of public square, Crockett, Texas.
J. H. Green and Barker Tunstall.

Dr. and Mrs. W. D. McCarty and Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Sadler and children returned the latter part of last week from their visit to Mississippi, and report a most pleasant time.

AT UNION CHAPEL

We will have singing at the church Saturday night and Sunday at 11. All members of the church are urged to be present Sunday morning.
G. W. Weisinger.

Week-end auto accidents July 28 and 29 caused the death of thirty persons and the injury of twenty-eight others, two of whose injuries were thought to be fatal.

Everybody wants money and everybody needs money, but one of the secrets about money is that when you turn your face in the right direction and help the world get what it needs, the necessary money can't be kept away from you.—Henry Ford.

THE DARSEY CO.
GRAPELANDS CASH DRY GOODS STORE

The Right Goods at the Right Price

Special reductions at this time at this store is making it the center of attraction for the value seekers throughout this entire section. Here you have the choice of many of the most popular items of the season at prices you'd hardly expect to find so low. Our big store is filled with values supreme in every department. The things you buy here now can be used later. Here are some of them:

LADIES MID-SUMMER FOOTWEAR

In our shoe department, you have the season's most favored styles in pumps and oxfords to select from. Oxfords in black and brown, strap pumps in many shades and combinations. These reductions are far below what you would expect to find them at later:

- \$8.50 values now only\$6.90
- \$7.50 values now only\$6.10
- \$7.00 values now only\$5.90
- \$6.50 values now only\$5.10
- \$6.00 values now only\$4.90
- \$5.00 values now only\$4.10
- \$4.00 values now only\$3.60
- \$3.50 values now only\$3.15
- \$3.00 values now only\$2.70
- Other values as low as \$1.00 and up

Don't overlook the special values in Silk hosiery advertised last week. They won't last long.

MEN'S WEAR INCLUDED

Many special prices are offered in our men's wear departments. Here are some of them:

- \$13.50 Palm Beach Suits\$10.25
- \$15.00 Palm Beach Suits\$11.25
- \$17.50 Palm Beach Suits\$13.25
- \$25.00 3 piece Suits\$19.50
- \$30.00 3 piece Suits\$23.50
- \$35.00 3 piece Suits\$27.50
- \$40.00 3 piece Suits\$31.50
- Men's Pepperell drawers79c
- Light weight blue shirts75c
- Men's straw hats choice\$1.00
- Odd lots men's oxfords reduced.

GOOD WORK CLOTHES

To stand the strain of the Harvest time, work clothes are demanded that stand every test. In buying our work clothing, we do not endeavor to have something good to look at for a price, but rather, merchandise that we can stand behind and guarantee to give the right kind of service. And yet, you'll find here the best grades of goods of this character at prices that are no higher than is often for goods of a cheaper quality. Whatever you may need in this line we can best serve you with

- Blue overalls and jumpers
- Striped overalls and jumpers
- Khaki Pants and coats
- Extra trousers
- All Leather Shoes
- Leather gloves
- Khaki Shirts
- Blue shirts
- Good suspenders
- Supporters

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MAP OUT PROGRAM**

The Chamber of Commerce held a very enthusiastic meeting Monday afternoon and pledged itself to a constructive program, which, if carried out, will mean untold good for the future development and prosperity of this section.

Several of the members made speeches upon what they believed to be the problems confronting this immediate section all of whom agreed that good roads is the crying need.

Looking to this end the President appointed a committee consisting of A. H. Luker, chairman, W. G. Darsey, J. M. Murray, Henry Dailey, C. W. Kennedy, Wm. H. Long, T. H. Leaverton, of this city, and Walter Newman and Jake Sheridan of Augusta to work out a plan to submit to the next meeting the first Monday in September.

Briefly, this committee was empowered to take up with the State Highway Commission the proposition of having designated as a state highway the road running east and west from its intersection with the Jim Hogg Highway near Weches on the east to the Trinity River on the west. If this can be accomplished it will mean another state highway running through Grape-land from Shreveport, La., to Waco. Then, if this can be accomplished, it is proposed to enlist the co-operation of the people of north Houston County in a road building campaign to the end that this section will have a

network on intersecting high-ways.

This proposition should appeal to every right thinking man who wants good roads and who wants to see his community prosper. Think what it would mean to farming interests of this section to have a hard surfaced road running north and south and east and west, with lateral roads leading to them.

Farm values would be increased, new people would be induced to move in and settle up the undeveloped areas, crops could be marketed more quickly and easily, thousands of dollars annually would be saved in the wear and tear of vehicles, less gas consumption, less repair bills. It will be much cheaper for us to build roads than not to build them, for the tax paid by automobile owners, which should be expended on our own roads, is now going to other counties because we have no state highways under constructions and are not getting the benefit of state aid.

Let us wake up to the real situation and go after what is rightfully ours.

WOODMEN UNVEILING

The Woodmen of the World will unveil the monument of Sov M. E. Bean the second Sunday in this month at 4 o'clock P. M. at the Parker Graveyard. All Woodmen are requested to meet at the Hall at 2 o'clock on that date.

C. L. Haltom, Con Com.
W. D. Granberry Clerk.

UNION CHAPEL NEWS

Union Chapel, July 30.—The singing school which was taught by Mr. Campbell came to a close last Friday and the largest crowd we ever saw was present. Mr. Bullar and his splendid class came over from Sunset and we surely had some fine music.

Misses Effie and Wilma Grounds spent last week here with Mrs. A. D. Grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clark had as their guests Sunday Mrs. Elbert Owens and children of Oak-woods and Mr. and Mrs. Lowe Clark and Miss Annie Lou of Lone Star and two of Mr. Clark's brothers from Palestine, and Miss Flora Marshall.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Frisby of Crockett died Friday night and its remains were laid to rest here in the Den-son cemetery. Mrs. Frisby was reared here and has many friends who sympathize with them.

The revival meeting started yesterday. Very good crowds are attending, considering the warm weather.

Harris Campbell and sister, Miss Agnes, of Salmon were guests of Misses Eula Mae and Ardell Davidson Thursday after-noon.

Olan Weisinger and family of Houston are visiting relatives here.

Roscoe Cutler and family have moved to the old Cutler place.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Cutler and daughter spent the week end here with relatives.

SOME DRUG STORE HINTS

- Three bars Jergens Violet Glycerin soap .25c
- Three bars Jergens King cocoa soap for .25c
- Three bars Jergens Rose Soap in boxes for 25c
- The above soaps formerly sold at 15c a bar.
- Two cans Japanese Honeysuckle Talcum 25c
- Two cans Field Violets Talcum for25c
- Two cans Grecian Girl Talcum for25c

We do not boast when we say that we have the most complete line of drug store merchandise in any town our size.

**A Graduate in Pharmacy fills
your Prescriptions**

SMITH'S DRUG STORE

Everything a Good Drug Store Should Have

ANTRIM NEWS

Antrim, August 6.—The Methodist meeting started here the last Sunday in July and we had several good sermons, but as there was so much sickness around it was decided Tuesday night to postpone the meeting until crops were gathered.

Little John A. Martin is on the sick list again.

Grandpa and grandma Wood from Slocum are spending this week with their sons, Will and Floyd Wood, and their families.

J. P. Pullens and family and others are visitors at the home of C. W. Weisinger this week.

Mildred Dixson is on the sick list.

Mrs. Carol Rushing and two children are spending this week in Houston with her daughters, Misses Alice and Pearl Rushing.

Rev. W. R. Durnell held a revival meeting at New Hope last week. He was accompanied by Misses Ethel Kiser and Eula Durnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dixon and children recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Whitaker.

Lorene Rushing spent Sunday with Mildred Dixson.

Miss Zelma and Walter Blackwell visited at the home of J. F. Martin the first of last week.

An interesting training in Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work is now being conducted at the Oak Grove Baptist church by Mr. H. Allen McMurrian, State S. S. and B. Y. P. U. worker. Large crowds are in attendance every night. The progress of this work has been sufficiently suitable to bring the training school to a close Thursday night, at which time a big rally will be held.

A cordial invitation is extended to all the surrounding communities to attend this rally and it is expected that a large number of visitors will be present.

J. A. Bean.

REAL ESTATE

We have several homes in Grape-land and close by farms for sale. See us if you want to buy real estate.

Davis & Edens.

NEW HOPE NEWS

New Hope, August 7.—It still continues dry and hot. A rain would surely be appreciated.

The Baptist protracted meeting came to a close yesterday. We had a splendid meeting. Bros' Anderson and Durnell did some fine work, preached some of the best sermons the writer has heard this year. There were 6 additions to the church.

Dan Ferguson and family were dinner guests at Will Brumley's last Sunday.

Mrs. Jas. Owens of Grape-land was the guest of Mrs. Wiley Ritchey all of last week.

Miss Durnell and Miss Ethel Kiser from Antrim spent last week here attending the meeting. They are two loyal, Christian young ladies, and we will be glad to have them come again soon.

Lewis Hendrick and family were guests at John Brumley's Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt Hendrix were guests at Wiley Ritchey's Sunday.

The singing school at this place has been postponed until the crops are harvested. We hope later to be able to have Prof. Harris teach a 15 day's school.

Cotton picking has begun here and it will be only a matter of a few days until the crop will be gathered, as the dry weather has cut our crop short. Quite a few men are talking of moving to where they can get work through the fall and winter.

Miss Evelyn Logan left Sunday for her home in Beaumont, after an extended visit here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Howard. She was accompanied by Miss Mary Sam Howard, who will also visit in Lake Charles, La., before returning home.

"COLD IN THE HEAD"

is an acute attack of Nasal Catarrh. Those subject to frequent "colds" are generally in a "run down" condition. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is a Treatment consisting of an Ointment, to be used locally, and a Tonic, which acts quickly through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces, building up the System, and making you less liable to "colds." Sold by druggists for over 40 Years. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

Six More Days!

We are going to extend our AUGUST SPECIALS for another week. Have you taken advantage of the good bargains? If not, now is your time. Come look, then you will buy.



HOUSE DRESS SPECIAL

Ladies house dresses that are real dresses for the price, 6 day special \$1 to \$1.75

LADIES HATS

New York's newest large fall showing and they are correct, only a few but the newest. Get yours now.

- Dotted Swiss, 36 inches wide, regular price everywhere 75c, 6 day specials 50c
- Voiles, 44 inches wide, regular price 75c, 6 day special45c
- Tissue gingham, 32 inches wide, regular price 50c, 6 day special38c
- Tissue gingham, 32 inches wide, regular price 40c, 6 day special30c
- Tissue gingham, 32 inches wide, regular price 65c, 6 day special45c
- SHEETING! SHEETING! SHEETING!**
Now is the time to buy your winter supply of staple goods and especially sheeting.
- 10-4 Pepperell brown sheeting, the regular price 65c, 6 day special55c
- 9-4 brown sheeting, regular price 55c, 6 day special45c
- 9-4 brown Pepperell sheeting, regular price 55c a yard, 6 day special45c
- Bleaching, 36 inches wide, regular price everywhere 17 1-2c, 6 day special15c
- Bleaching, 36 inches wide, the very best for 22c a yard, 6 day special17 1-2c
- Kalburnie gingham, 32 inches wide, regular price 35c a yard, 6 day special at25c
- Toil due noid gingham, 32 inches wide, regular price 35c, 6 day special25c
- 8 oz. duck, the best to be had this season 6 day special27c

Pay us a visit and you will see the good values that are being offered each day.

WE WANT YOUR EGGS

Henry Dailey & Co.

DEATH SUDDENLY CALLS HARDING

President Succumbs to Apoplexy
When Seemingly on Road
to Recovery.

SHOCK TO NATION AND WORLD

Remains Taken on Special Train to
Washington for State Funeral
Services—Crowds in Every
Town Stand With Bared
Heads in Silent Re-
spect.

Washington. — Warren Gamaliel Harding died suddenly Thursday evening from a stroke of apoplexy at 7:30 San Francisco time (10:30 p. m. Chicago and 11:30 p. m. New York). The end was shockingly sudden and came in the midst of apparent convalescence.

The special train left San Francisco at 7 p. m. Friday, routed directly to the capital by way of Reno, Ogden, Cheyenne, Omaha and Chicago.

The train made no stops en route except those necessary for its operation. The body of the President was borne in the rear car. The car was lighted at night, and at all times two soldiers and two sailors, a part of a naval and military guard of sixteen enlisted men, stood at attention guarding the casket.

The train carried the presidential party as composed during the trip across the country to Alaska, and also General Pershing, Attorney General Daugherty, and Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Rensberg and family, Mrs. Rensberg being a sister of the President.

Untold thousands of American citizens stood with uncovered heads, day and night, as the train passed.

Through Nevada in the hours of daylight and darkness there were mourners at the stations. Utah contributed its thousands the next day. Wyoming's citizens mourned en masse. And so on across the continent. At the cities, especially, large crowds assembled at the stations.

President Harding died of a stroke of apoplexy at 7:30 o'clock Thursday night (10:30 p. m., New York time). His exact age was fifty-seven years and nine months.

The end came suddenly while Mrs. Harding was reading to him from a magazine and after what had been called the best day he had had since the beginning of his illness exactly one week before.

Suddenly it was noticed that the President was shuddering and gasping. Mrs. Harding ran to him, but he was unable to respond to her inquiries. She then ran to the door of the sick room and called to the secret service men there to summon the President's physicians.

When General Sawyer reached the room the President was still alive, but he died almost at once.

Collapse Is Sudden.

In greater detail the facts of the death are related. With Mrs. Harding in the sickroom were two nurses. Due to the seeming improvement in the President's condition, members of his party, including the physicians who had remained in constant call, were confident they could leave the hotel for a few hours' relaxation. Many of them were at dinner.

Mrs. Harding, however, refusing to desert the post, was seated by the bedside, reading to her husband, when at 7:10 o'clock the President suddenly collapsed. His breathing, which had been quick ever since the illness overtook him, suddenly became spasmodic. Mrs. Harding, leaving the nurses to take whatever steps they could in the emergency, ran to the door of the presidential suite.

"Get the doctors," she called, as she ran part way into the almost deserted corridor. A secret service operative was seated about twenty feet down the hall. She hurriedly told the secret service man that the President had had a sudden and seemingly severe relapse, and begged the detective to try to locate Doctor Boone or any of the other physicians.

The secret service man took up the search for the physicians, while Mrs. Harding returned to the bedside. They located Doctor Sawyer at once.

Hoover Arrives Quickly.

Word of the President's sudden turn for the worse spread through the hotel and efforts were launched at once to try to locate the members of his official party.

Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce and one of the closest cabinet members to the President, was the first of the cabinet members to reach the bedside. He hurried into the corridor, already aware that the President's life was ebbing fast, and the door to the suite closed behind him. A short time after he came out. He was completely broken up and could not

Milestones in Harding's Life.
Here were the milestones in Warren G. Harding's life:
Born in Blooming Grove, Morrow county, Ohio, November 2, 1865.
Began career as newspaper publisher, November 20, 1884.
Elected to Ohio state senate, his first political office, November 6, 1898.
Elected lieutenant governor of Ohio, November 3, 1903.
Defeated as Republican candidate for governor, November 8, 1910.
Elected to United States senate, November 3, 1914.
Nominated for the presidency, June 12, 1920.
Elected President, November 2, 1920.
Inaugurated March 4, 1921.
Died August 2, 1923.

speak to the newspaper men as they gathered around him on his way down to his own quarters. Tears were running down his cheeks and he seemed to be stunned by grief as he made his way to the elevator.

Mayor James Rolph of San Francisco was the next to arrive, and he, too, after a visit to the death room, was inarticulate.

Official Statement.

It was about twenty minutes from the time Mr. Harding was stricken (7:10 p. m.) until he died (7:30). The circumstance is told briefly in the following formal announcement:

"The President died at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Harding and the two nurses, Miss Ruth Powderly and Miss Sue Drusser, were in the room at the time. Mrs. Harding was reading to the President when utterly without warning a slight shudder passed through his frame, he collapsed, and all recognized that the end had come. A stroke of apoplexy was the cause of his death.

"Within a few moments all of the President's official party had been summoned."

Dr. Boone said later that Miss Powderly looked at the President while Mrs. Harding was reading to him and was struck by a great improvement in the patient's appearance.

"Doesn't he look fine?" she said, turning to Mrs. Harding.

Then the nurse turned back to look at the President to verify her comment. Mrs. Harding looked, too. They saw a shudder pass over the sick man's frame. That marked the stroke that produced death.

The following telegram from the members of the cabinet who are here was immediately sent to Vice President Coolidge, Chief Justice Taft, and those members of the cabinet who were not in San Francisco:

"The President died at 7:30 p. m. from a stroke of cerebral apoplexy. The end came peacefully and without warning.

"DAUGHERTY,
"WORK,
"WALLACE,
"HOOVER."

A Shocking Surprise.

Nothing could have been a more shocking surprise. But an hour earlier General Sawyer had been telling newspaper men that Mr. Harding had had the best day since he became seriously ill the preceding Saturday. He said that the President had definitely entered upon the stage of convalescence and that everything went to show that Mr. Harding was on the road to ultimate recovery.

The members of the official party—those who had accompanied the President and Mrs. Harding—had no warning that the President was in danger. They, like the newspaper men, had been assured that a fatal termination of the President's illness was a thing not to be expected, in view of his apparent improvement—the evident lessening of serious symptoms—in the last 48 hours.

George B. Christian, Jr., secretary to the President and his devoted friend, was in Los Angeles with Mrs. Christian. He had gone there at the President's solicitation to read at a Masonic gathering an address which the President had prepared in the expectation that he would deliver it in person.

The newspaper men had an engagement with General Sawyer for 8 o'clock. He was to tell them then how the President was progressing toward recovery. The bulletin came at 7:30.

Regarding the manner in which Mrs. Harding sustained the shock, an official statement given to the press by Judson D. Welliver of the White House staff, a member of the President's official party, said:

"Mrs. Harding, who from the beginning of the President's illness had expressed complete confidence in his recovery, did not break down. On the other hand, she continued, as from the beginning, the bravest member of the group. When it was realized that the President had actually passed away, she turned to those in the room, whose concern had turned to her, and said: 'I am not going to break down.'"



Mrs. Warren G. Harding.

TRINITY RIVER RIPPLES

Reynard, August 7.—The consensus of opinion seems to be that the cotton crop is cut in half. The old cotton is opening up very fast.

The gin steamed up late Thursday evening and started on their first bale of cotton, and of course, it run like clock work since it was put up by the blue print. The first bale rolled out of the press at 10:15 Friday morning, and up to Saturday morning had gained 3 bales. Doug Beazley had the first bale put through and now they are ready for the cotton.

W. P. Chiles is working for H & G. Beazley, helping to move their grist mill and house up near the gin.

W. F. West and Stovall White, both will have trucks on the road all the time hauling cotton. J. L. Chiles says he has three things he feels like there is a here after in, peanuts, potatoes and collards, but neither one is a money crop and we must have money. Say what you please, the farmer is hard hit. In the main he is to blame. My advice to those who are not fixed to farm is don't get fixed; and to those who are fixed and own your dirt stay with your job. You are sure not to lose it.

A. E. Murray and his gang are doing some good work on the highway. The bridge on the Kent gulch is the best bridge in the county. They are now at work on the long bridge and the dump and fills are getting pretty well set in grass and will soon be in shape to hold.

Ben West and family and Mrs. Maud Garrison and children, were out of community visitors at the West home last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kyle, who spent the night Saturday with their daughter, were guests at the Fox home Sunday. Mrs. Ada Platt and children and Mrs. Mamie Beazley and daughters were guests at the writer's home.

C. C. Smith hurt his back one day last week and was out of commission a day or so, but is able to be on the job again. He came near getting a fine mule colt killed by a grown mule. He saved the colt by shooting the mule but did not kill it, so Smith, mules and all are on the way to recovery.

W. A. Riall was in Dallas and San Antonio the first of the week on business.



COOLIDGE IS NOW PRESIDENT

Oath of Office Administered by
His Father in Early Morn-
ing Hours.

TO FOLLOW HARDING'S PLANS

New Executive Makes Statement in
Which He Promises to Carry Out
Policies of Predecessor—
Roused From Bed to Take
the Oath.

Washington.—President Calvin Coolidge is now thirtieth president of the United States, succeeding Warren G. Harding under the provisions of the Constitution. He has retained the cabinet, at least for the present, asking the co-operation of those associated with his predecessor in office.

Calvin Coolidge took the oath as President of the United States at Plymouth, Vt., at 2:47 a. m. Friday, August 3. The ceremony took place in the living room of the residence of the new President's father, John C. Coolidge. The oath of office was administered by the father, who is a notary public. The text of the presidential oath had been telephoned to Mr. Coolidge at Plymouth from the White House.

Statement by New Chief.

President Coolidge received the news of the death of President Harding and of his own elevation to the presidency at ten minutes before midnight, standard time, Thursday.

Mr. Coolidge received the first news through telegrams from George C. Christian, Jr., secretary to President Harding.

Mr. Coolidge issued the following statement:

"Reports have reached me, which I fear are correct, that President Harding is gone. The world has lost a great and good man. I mourn his loss. He was my chief and my friend. It will be my purpose to carry out the policies which he has begun for the service of the American people and for meeting their responsibilities wherever they may arise.

"For this purpose, I shall seek the co-operation of all those who have been associated with the President during his term of office. Those who have given their efforts to assist him I wish to remain in office, that they may assist me.

"I have faith that God will direct the destinies of our nation."

The following telegram was sent to Mrs. Harding:

"Plymouth, Vt., Aug. 3, 1923.
"Mrs. Warren G. Harding, San Francisco, Cal.: We offer you our deepest sympathy. May God bless you and keep you.
"CALVIN COOLIDGE,
"GRACE COOLIDGE."
Message Tells of Death.
The telegram announcing the death

of the President was as follows:
"Palace hotel, San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 3, 1923.—Mr. Calvin Coolidge, Plymouth, Vt.: The President died, instantaneously and without warning, while conversing with members of his family, at 7:30 p. m. His physicians report that death was apparently due to some brain embolism, probably an apoplexy.

"GEORGE B. CHRISTIAN, JR.,
"Secretary."

This telegram was brought to the Coolidge home at Plymouth Notch by W. A. Perkins of Bridgewater, who owns the telephone line running from Bridgewater to Plymouth. About five minutes later newspaper men arrived in Ludlow.

A drive of thirty miles through the mountains brought them to the Coolidge summer home.

Mr. Coolidge and Mrs. Coolidge had retired about an hour before the death messages were received. Ten minutes after the arrival of the newspaper men Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge came downstairs into the sitting room of the Coolidge home. Mr. Coolidge was dressed in a black sack suit and wore a black necktie. Mrs. Coolidge wore a black and white gown, white shoes and stockings. Mr. Coolidge was very pale and showed deep regret for President Harding's death. He seated himself at a table, while Mrs. Coolidge brought a lamp and read the telegrams he had received.

He then called his assistant secretary, Irwin Geisser, and dictated to him his statement and the telegram to Mrs. Harding.

Mrs. Coolidge Weeps.

In the meantime people were arriving from all directions. Mr. Coolidge, seeing the house becoming crowded, gave orders that an adjoining house be opened for use as press headquarters.

Meanwhile, the new first lady of the land sat weeping softly and exclaiming in sympathy for the bereaved first lady in San Francisco.

"What a blow—what a terrible blow to poor Mrs. Harding," she said. "She had had such a heavy burden, in her own illness, to bear up under—and now this!"

Finally Secretary Geisser returned with the press copies of the statements, and pushing back the old photograph album and the family Bible on the center table, Mrs. Coolidge busied herself with the work of helping distribute them.

The newspaper men had scarcely gotten out of sight when another telegraph messenger arrived with a copy of the presidential oath from Washington. In the same sitting room with its hand-braided rugs, its clutter of venerable colonial furniture, its old wood stove and its family Bible—Calvin Coolidge received the oath of office from his father.

President Coolidge left Plymouth early Friday morning by automobile for Rutland to catch a train for New York, where he immediately boarded a train for Washington. He was accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge.

He was mentioned as a possibility for the presidential nomination prior to the 1920 campaign, but he made a public announcement that he would not consider the nomination. His nomination and election to the vice presidency followed.

COTTON PESTS

The papers say that the leaf-worm is reducing to nothingness thousands of acres of cotton in the southwest. Again, they say that the boll weevil is on the job, early and late, feasting on an annual banquet that costs the farmers of the South tens and hundreds of millions of dollars. Later on, the boll worm will be active, and other pests will contribute their quota toward the destroying of the cotton crop.

We have sat idly by and watched the army of destruction lay waste the plantations, one after another, until the whole South has been conquered. Crossing the Rio Grande, and traveling at the rate of sixty-five miles a year, the boll weevil—the most deadly of the species—has at last come into complete possession of the South.

In the meantime, we are told, engineers of a great foreign syndicate, after having met with failure in Mesopotamia, are surveying ten millions of acres of potential cotton land in Brazil. They hope to be able to transfer the cotton capital of the world from Dixie to South America—to move the throne of King Cotton from the North to the South Temperate Zone.

What are we doing about it? Some little work of dusting and spraying is going on, but what is being done compared with what should be done is as a baby's breath in a cyclone. As yet no economical method has been produced. The poisons are so high and the equipment so expensive that only a few can afford to combat the cotton pests with poison.

They say that necessity is the mother of invention. It seems to us that it is time for her to conceive and issue.

Cotton is our one great crop in the South. We may raise enough grain and fruits and vegetables to feed ourselves and our livestock, but cotton is the money crop. To us cotton is what fruit is to California; hogs, to Iowa; tobacco, to Kentucky; diamonds, to Kimberly—it is our money crop.

It seems to us that too few of the business men and bankers

of the Southwest are concerned about the cotton pests. It seems to us that the country as a whole knows nothing about it and cares less. It is time to turn the searchlights of "pitiless publicity" on the cotton pests. Like the thief who robs our banks, or the vandal who burns the leading church, or the slayer who fells our leading citizen, we should offer a reward for the scalp of the cotton pest, dead or alive.

Truly, it is a problem for all of us. Regardless of how we make our living, we are in partnership with the farmer. We can't afford to pass the buck to him and let him work out his own salvation with fear and trembling. It is our problem, and it is time we did a little more of the work and a little less of the straw-bossing. Swat the cotton pest! —Southwestern Machinery.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Wrapping newspapers around ice in a refrigerator will prevent its melting to a considerable extent, but ice so wrapped will not keep the refrigerator as cold as unwrapped ice will.

If you want clothing to retain its well-pressed look, allow it to hang up for a short time before it is worn. The creases will stay in better.

Rub a cut lemon over a leg of lamb to improve the flavor.

A her may be a fool, but you can't fool her into laying eggs, if you throw sticks at her and allow her to roost in a place that is alive with vermin.

To prevent cheese from becoming mildewed place a lump of sugar in the dish. This will absorb moisture and keep the cheese quite fresh.

Children's Fatal Diseases

Worms and parasites in the intestines of children undermine health and so weakens their vitality that they are unable to resist the diseases so fatal to child life. The safe course is to give a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge. It destroys and expels the worms without the slightest injury to the health or activity of the child. Price 35c. Sold by

Wade L. Smith

It's subscription paying time.

WANTS I.—G. N. TO TAKE OVER SHORT LINE

An effort is being made to get the officials of the International-Great Northern Railroad to take over and operate into Palestine the Eastern Texas Railroad, formerly operated by the Cotton Belt from Lufkin to Ratcliff in Houston county. The suggestion is that since the road traverses a county rich in fine timber that it could be made a profitable feeder for the I-G. N. by making a short extension. Lufkin people are very anxious, it is understood, to have this arrangement made, as it would give that city a new trunk railroad connection.

The road formerly operated by the Cotton Belt was a lumber line, but for some reason the Cotton Belt never extended it, and finally abandoned it.

It is not known if the I-G. N. can be interested.—Palestine Herald.

COTTON SHEDDING

Palestine, Texas, Aug. 2.—Because of lack of rain, cotton is shedding in most parts of Anderson county and the crop will be much shorter than was anticipated a short while ago. But even at that, there is going to be more cotton grown here than there was last year and a prosequous fall is expected.

BURIED AT GRAPELAND

Alton Jr., the 15 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Frisby of this city, died on Friday night of last week and was taken on Saturday afternoon to the Murdock cemetery near Grapeland for interment at 4 o'clock. Death was the result of dysintery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. A. Maness, pastor of the First Methodist church of Crockett, who accompanied the funeral party to the cemetery.—Crockett Courier.

Annual Government Expenses

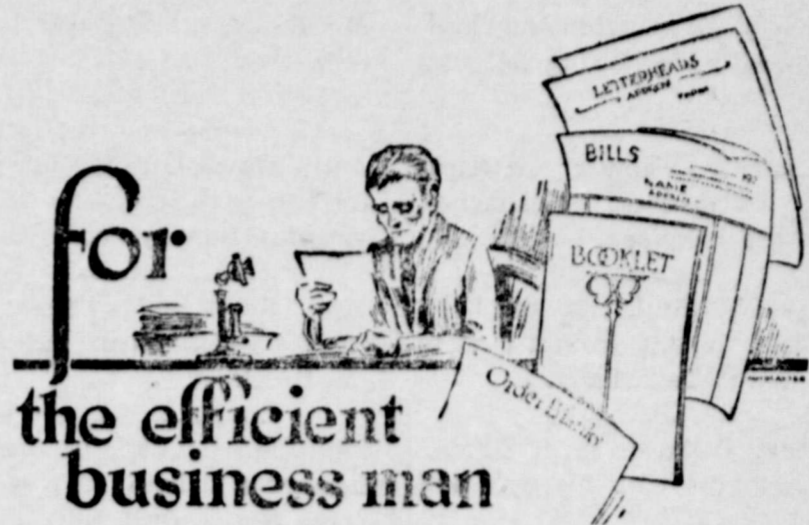
A treasury department report shows that the total expenditures of the government for the fiscal year 1923 totaled \$3,697,478,020. Expenditures in connection with the public debt totaled \$7,963,789,180, of which \$402,850,000 was credited to debt retirement. The veterans bureau led all departments with expenditure of \$461,719,000.

OLDEST PERSON IN TEXAS

The oldest person in Texas is said to be "Aunt" Priscilla Anderson, a negress of Palestine, who, according to records in possession was born 114 years ago. She is a native of Alabama, and came to Texas in the days when it was a republic. She says she can remember the building of the first cabin at Fort Houston, in Anderson county. Although her sight and hearing are impaired, her mind is active and her voice has not failed and she likes to talk for hours about the pioneer days in Texas.—Southwest Magazine.

Rev. B. C. Anderson returned to Grapeland today after accompanying his wife here, who was called on account of the serious illness of her father, Mr. O. M. Ramsey.—Saturday's Timpson Times.

Good Printing



The efficient man would as much think of sending poor, unattractive printed matter as he would an unkept, careless, or ill-bred salesman.

Your printing often introduces you to your business prospects. If it fails to make an acquaintanceship, it's an unsatisfactory job. Particularly does it apply to the stationery you use—as well as other printed matter.

We are equipped to handle any printing job you may want and we take pride in turning out only the best work.

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

Booklets, Business Stationery, Office Forms



Place Your Order Now For a

Ford

Father starts it—mother finds she can add a little—even the kiddies will contribute their pennies and in a surprisingly short time, the whole family is enjoying the pleasures of owning a Ford. Here is how you can do it through the

Ford

Weekly Purchase Plan

Bring the first \$5 in to us. Enroll under the terms of the new, easy way to buy a Ford. Select the car you want. We will deposit your money in a local bank, at interest. Add a little each week. You will be surprised at the rate the money piles up when everyone is helping. Soon the payments, plus interest paid by the bank will make the car yours. Come in—let us give you full particulars.

Grapeland Motor Co.

THE BEST DREAM BOOK

You have probably heard many times about Dream Books—but did you ever think of your Bank Book as a Dream Book that will make your dreams come true.

Well, it will—if you do your share to help by adding a certain amount to your account regularly each pay day.

Start an Account right now—a dollar or more will do it—and then watch your dreams become a reality.

We help by adding interest.

Guaranty State Bank

U. M. BROCK, Cashier.



Local Happenings

Mrs. W. L. Mangum and children of Alto are visiting relatives here.

666 quickly relieves Constipation, Bilioussness, Headaches, Colds and Lagrippe.

Mrs. Nesbitt Lively and baby returned Sunday from a visit to relatives in Texarkana.

Henry Richards spent Sunday in Huntsville with his wife and daughter.

Miss Lela Sewell has returned from Overton, where she spent the summer with her mother.

Wm. Hague of Westbrook is here on a visit to his parents east of town.

Miss Melba Brock is visiting relatives and friends in Livingston this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Spence moved into their new home Tuesday.

Just received a car of Birdsell wagons. We will sell you one, either cash or terms.
Kennedy Bros.

Cotton pickers sacks in six, seven and a half and nine foot lengths.
C. H. Sewell & Co.

Mrs. Roy Harvey returned to home last Thursday, after a visit here to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Weisinger.

Mrs. Claude Bradford and two children of Overton visited Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sewell last week end, returning home Sunday.

WANTED—A family that can pick as much as two bales of cotton per week. Can furnish house.
John Cook, Route 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Word McCelvey and two children of West Texas are spending awhile in Houston county visiting their old time friends and numerous relatives. They formerly lived at Crockett.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Eaves spent several days this and last week in Groveton visiting relatives.

Leroy Davis, Otto Walling and John Anderson visited friends in Livingston Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Brock of Livingston is here this week visiting her son, U. M. Brock.

Mrs. Dewitt Coker of Athens is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Royall.

Buy yourself a new wagon from Kennedy Bros. Cash, or easy terms to right party.

Miss Adelaide Hague returned to her home in Waco Monday after a week's visit with her parents east of town.

FOR SALE

My place in south part of town is for sale.
Ed Parker.

Plenty feed oats, corn chops, whole maize, chicken feed, shorts and bran.
C. H. Sewell & Co.

NOTICE STOCK RAISERS

Prince, my fine Hamiltonian horse, will make the season at my place. Fee \$10.00 insured.
G. W. Garner.

Just arrived Pride of Lamar Flour special extra high patent absolutely guaranteed.
C. H. Sewell & Co.

A letter frm T. H. Leaverton, who is taking treatment at Marlin, states that his health is improving.

Mrs. Woodard and daughter of Huntsville and Mr. and Mrs. John Woodard of Dallas are here this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Musick.

Miss Linda Turner of Lufkin is spending the week in this community with relatives and friends. Miss Turner is head nurse in the Angelina County Hospital.

B. Y. P. Y. PROGRAM

Leader Charles Dailey.
Song Loyalty to Christ
B. Y. P. U.
Prayer Mr. Granberry.
Special Music ... Dora Johnston
The Christian Equipment
Gertye Mae Shaw
The Precious Promises
Lorene Edington
The Christian Addition Table
Spurgeon Payne
Fruitfulness Lonnie Mae Guice
False Teachers and Last Days
Foretold Bennie Watts
Song—He Lives on High
B. Y. P. U.
Benediction.

TO THOSE WHO WILL HAVE COTTON TO WEIGH

I am now ready to weigh cotton, and my platform is located just at the rear of the Woodmen building. I have plenty of competent help and can give you quick hervice. I will appreciate all cotton brought me and will treat everyone fair.
C. A. Mills,
Certified Public Weigher.

Lon Beauchamp returned home Tuesday from a trip to West Texas as far as Big Springs. He reports crops burned up just like they are in East Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Hadie Gilbert and baby and Miss Wilmer Lively came home Tuesday morning from Abilene, Tuscola and other points in West Texas, where they visited relatives.

666 cures Malaria, Chills and Fever, Dengue or Biliouss Fever. It destroys germs.

THANKS

To our friends for the nice business given us

We will try to supply your every need in our line.

We are receiving new goods almost daily and soon will have a complete stock of drugs, sundries, etc.

ONLY FRESH AND PURE DRUGS USED

Prescriptions filled by Registered Pharmacist

Ryan's Drug Store

Quality, Service and Fair Prices

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

We will be ready to start ginning August 9 (today). We have Mr. Pink Stringer for our ginner, and also have new Murray air blast stands with the super-cleaners. Yours for better ginning.
A. B. Spence.

Tom Richards spent Sunday in Houston with his sister, Mrs. Ory Heath.

Rev. W. A. Reagan passed through Grapeland Monday morning on his way to Groveton from Salmon, where he held a week's meeting. He thrust his head out of the train window to say hello to his many Grapeland friends, and said the Ku Klux Klan visited the church Sunday night and gave him \$15.00. He seemed to be very proud of the donation.

Have your hats cleaned and reblocked. M. L. Clewis.

GETTING READY for FALL

We wish to announce to our hundreds of customers and friends that we are going to be prepared to take care of all the business that comes our way this fall. Our various lines will be complete in every way and you can shop through this big store and fill your every want.

Our fall goods are now arriving, and in a few days they will be rolling in every day. To make room for the large stock that is coming, we are offering many special bargains in summer goods of all kinds. Come to see us if you need anything in our line, and we will make it to your interest.

CAR OF BIRDSSELL WAGONS

We have just received a car load of the famous Birdwell wagons. We are selling these wagons at close prices and on easy terms to right parties. We will be glad to figure with you if you need a new wagon.

KENNEDY BROTHERS

The Store For Everybody



IF YOU ARE IN A BIG HURRY
WE CAN
PRESS YOUR CLOTHES
WHILE YOU WAIT
SERVICE IS OUR MIDDLE NAME

M. L. Clewis
Your Tailor