

The Grapeland Messenger.

AN AD IN THE MESSENGER IS WORTH TWO ON THE FENCE

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NEGRO ARRESTED FOR STEALING COTTON

Arthur William Smith, colored, was taken into custody Tuesday morning by local officers, charged with stealing about 350 pounds of seed cotton from Bridges' gin Monday night. Smith was tracked to his home, then from there to Herod & Leaverton's gin, where he left the cotton Tuesday morning. The cotton was in sacks and was identified by the owners. When arrested, Smith made a confession and implicated a white man, Tom Mitchell. Both were released on bond. Smith has served a term in the pen for burglary.

To the Automobile Owners of Houston County:

I have just received my supplies for the 1923 Automobile registrations and have already started registering cars for next year. To comply with the law all cars being operated must be registered before Jan 1st 1924. By paying your license fee now you will avoid the rush later and the fine and penalty which attach to non-payment. The fee this year is based on both the weight and the horse power of the car. Be wise and pay now.

John L. Dean,
Tax Collector.

NOTICE

Someone got an overcoat through error Tuesday; coat had a pair of scissors and red beads in pocket. Please return same to George E. Darsey & Co's office.

Ryan's Drug Store is showing the most complete line of jewelry silverware and gift shop merchandise ever shown in Grapeland.

KLAN HELPS DEFRAY BURIAL EXPENSES

Mr. Barney Tucker of the Salmon community called at The Messenger office Saturday and requested the following letter to be printed. Mr. Tucker also requested The Messenger to tender his sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of the Klan for their kindness in making the donation. The letter follows:

"We hand you herewith \$35.50 to help bear the expense incident to the death of Mr. and Mrs. Will Grant, who we understand passed away leaving five small children. We understand that you are looking after the expenses and we are only too glad to contribute our mite to such a cause. One of the principles of the Klan is—"Not for self, but for others."

It was signed by Lone Star Klan No. 23, Grapeland, Texas, and bore the official seal of the order.

Home Talent Play Success

"The Adventures of Grandpa," staged by the members of Class No. 11 Methodist Sunday School, Thursday night, was such a success that by popular request, it was put on again Tuesday night. Both performances played to very appreciative audiences and the treasury of the class was enriched considerably as a result. The personell of the cast were very ably assisted with specialty numbers by Miss Lucile Howard, a chorus directed by Miss Clarite Elliott, and "The Howard Four," a newly organized local orchestra.

Just received my stock of auto tires and tubes. When you need a new tire or tube see mine before you buy. We put them on your car free at Guice's Filling Station.

THIS WRITER HITS A LICK FOR ROADS

Last Tuesday night, according to announcement, three of Grapeland's representative citizens met a majority of the men voters at Reynard school house and held a love feast in the interest of the good roads agitation and the approaching election for a bond issue to build same. Quite a number went to the meeting with the avowed purpose of opposing a bond issue from "a to izzard," but when our talented editor of the The Messenger, that untiring and persevering advocate of all things beneficial, not only to the town of and citizens of Grapeland, but to all surrounding rural districts, addressed the audience in that inimitable and fascinating way that permeates the columns of the Messenger each week, one could not but help see the benefits derived from good public highways. If the Romans in ages gone by saw and realized the benefits derived from good roads over which to drive their two-wheel chariots, then we, of this horseless age, certainly need them, and to get them we must pay for same.

A few years ago this district voted bonds to build clay roads. Every man that travels the Grapeland-Reynard road today that knew it in the days of the sand, is bound to admit the bond issue has proved to be an asset and not a liability as so many thought. Under the old bond issue we had no maintenance fund for the road's up-keep and consequently after the lapse of several years they are now, as our editor and speaker said, in a "—of a fix," and I guess he's right. With the present bond issue we also vote on a maintenance tax to be spent on the road each year while the road hands sit down on their job as they have in the past. The time has come when we can no longer depend on free labor to do the work. They must be paid and to do it a way must be provided and a bond issue is the inevitable result. With something like \$1500 to the mile we should be given a road adequate to our needs, being clayed and wherever possible a coat of gravel will be added. The Reynard people can rest assured that this road and the road leading toward the Woodard place, as far as possible will receive its quota of the issue. All that is necessary to demonstrate that fact is the presence of Joe Murray on the committee to see after the spending of the money allowed in this section.

With the old bond issue retired, our taxes will be increased but very little, the increase being offset by the saving in wear and tear of vehicles and teams each year.

The editor of The Messenger is to be commended for his interest in the welfare of this end of the county, the goods roads proposition being strictly a child of his, conceived in his own fertile brain for the interest of every one. Let's help him to

OUR CHRISTMAS MAGAZINE SECTION

The Messenger's Christmas Magazine Section will be issued December 20th. The story and department matter in this holiday issue is composed chiefly of Texas Current News and Historical Events, well edited and printed, and very interesting for each member of our family of readers. Below are the contents:

"A CHRISTMAS HUNT AND DINNER," tells how four Texas hunters go into the hills of Southwest Texas, kill deer, turkey, quail, etc., and cook and serve a unique, but primitive, Christmas dinner.

"THE TOURNAMENT IN TEXAS," was once a popular Christmas game, and is well told by a writer who used to participate in these red-blooded contests.

"CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS," by J. H. (Jim) Lowry, reminds us that the day we celebrate is in fitting commemoration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

"FISHIN' TALES OF ME AND JIM," written by Jack Maxwell is a story of how three fishermen had a great time in East Texas, just a week before Christmas, catching bream and bass at Lake Park, near Tyler, Texas.

"REVIEW OF THE YEAR 1923 IN GRAND OLD TEXAS." An economic review of the progress of our State during the year 1923.

"THE PRINCE OF PEACE," by an American Mother, is a sincere and graphic plea for the abolition of war among nations.

"CHRISTMAS GIVING," reflects the holiday spirit and emphasizes the gift as a token of love and esteem rather than a sordid exchange of dollars and cents.

"WORKBAG CHAT" suggests some clever gifts that can be made at home with needlecraft.

"CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS"—Games that can be played by your guests during the holiday season.

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS, BOYS AND GIRLS." Aunt Mary wishes all her boys and girls a Merry Christmas and tells one fine story about "Danny," a poor Texas newsboy whose heart beat warm for his fellow beings.

"WOMAN'S PAGE"—"The Christmas Table," "House Decoration," "Christmas Recipes," "Menus," etc., by Mrs. Margaret Stute.

help Grapeland and ourselves at the same time by voting a bond issue.

W. L. Fox.

NEGRO ARRESTED

Bennie Rusher, colored, was arrested Tuesday by Deputy Shaw upon advice from officers at Elkhart, who wanted him for jumping a fine. When Mr. Shaw arrested him, he had on a "Texas Special" six shooter. The negro paid his Elkhart fine and was released on bond after being arrested for carrying a concealed weapon.

VOTE FOR ROADS AND PROGRESS

As the campaign for good roads progresses, The Messenger still believes that the proposition will carry by the necessary two-thirds majority with some to spare. The writer has visited several of the communities since the campaign started and at every place the sentiment seemed to be favorable.

There is some opposition, of course, and they are making lots of noise in the hope perhaps of stampeding those favoring it, but they are standing pat, putting in every lick that will count, with the firm belief that they will triumph on December 28.

The only argument the opposition has, "it will cost money." To be sure it will cost money. Anything of value costs something. We can't sit here and expect some good fairy to drop down in our midst with a wave of her wand leave a system of good roads.

Good schools cost money. Are they worth it?

Churches and their support cost money. Are they worth it?

Take the church and school out of a community and what would be the result?

Good roads, schools and churches make the country, and you can't successfully deny that fact. Their interests are all one.

Stop thinking about what the roads are going to cost and just for a moment visualize what it would mean to this section to have two trunk roads, one running north and south, the other east and west, with splendid lateral roads leading into each one. Every community in north Houston county would be served by a good road.

To have such a system of roads, do you not think it would cause people to move among us and develop the country? As it is, people are leaving this section by the dozens, and they are all good citizens, and we are getting none to take their places. Let that continue and after awhile the country will be depopulated of good people, land values will shrink to nothing and there will be no sale for land at all.

The property owners in the district ought to build good roads in self defense.

WANTED

1000 men and boy ages 14 to 99 years to order fall suits. Prices right.

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ROAD MEETINGS

Road meetings will be held at the following places, provided the weather will permit:

Union Chapel, Friday night, Dec. 14.

Liberty Hill, Friday night, Dec. 14.

Enon, Friday night, Dec. 14.

Absent-minded dentist, tinkering inside the hood of his motorcar: "Now I'm afraid this is going to hurt you just a little."

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF HOUSTON.

On this the 19th day of November, A. D. 1923, the commissioners' court of Houston County, Texas, being in regular session, came on to be considered the petition of W. G. Darsey and more than fifty (50) other persons praying that bonds be issued by the territory hereinafter designated as Road District No. 1 of Houston County, Texas, in the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000.00) Dollars, bearing 5 1-2 per cent rate of interest, and maturing at such times as may be fixed by the orders of this Court, serially or otherwise, not to exceed thirty years from that date, for the purpose of retiring outstanding bonds in Road Districts Numbers 1 and 6 and constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof; and it appearing to the Court that said petition is signed by more than fifty (50) of the resident property tax paying voters of said Road District No. 1, and that the amount of said bonds to be issued will not exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of said Road District No. 1 of Houston County, Texas, which has been heretofore designated and created as such Road District No. 1 of Houston County, by a legal order of the commissioner's court of said County at its regular meeting held on the 12th day of November, A. D. 1923, as fully described on page 525, volume 12 of the Commissioner's Minutes of Houston County, Texas.

IT IS THEREFORE CONSIDERED AND ORDERED that an election be held in said Road District No. 1 of Houston County, Texas, on the 28th day of December, A. D. 1923, which is not less than thirty days from the date of this order, to determine whether or not the bonds of said Road District No. 1 of Houston County, Texas, shall be issued in the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000.00) Dollars, bearing 5 1-2 per cent rate of interest, and maturing at such times as may be fixed by the orders of this Court, serially or otherwise, not to exceed thirty years from their date and whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the property of said Road District No. 1 of Houston County, Texas, subject to taxation for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity. Notice of said election shall be given by publication in a newspaper published in said County for four consecutive weeks before the date of said election, and in addition thereto there shall be posted notices of such election at three public places in said Road District No. 1 for three weeks prior

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Crockett, Texas

to said election. Said election shall be held at the regular voting boxes at GrapeLand, and at the regular voting box at Percilla, and at the regular voting box at Augusta, and at the regular voting box at Daly's, which said voting boxes are situated in said Road District No. 1 of Houston County, Texas, and the following named persons are hereby appointed managers of said election: At GrapeLand, West side, W. A. Riall and J. C. Kennedy; at GrapeLand, East side, C. L. Haltom and Ed Davis; at Percilla, A. K. Lively and Elmer Sullivan; at Augusta, J. M. Sheridan and W. H. Wall; at Daly's, Geo. Richards and Bailus Dailey. That said election shall be held under the provisions of the Road District Act passed at the First Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature and under the Road District Act passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature and the Road District Act passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, and only qualified voters, who are tax payers of said Road District No. 1 of Houston County, Texas, shall be allowed to vote, and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the issuance of the bonds and levy of tax in payment thereof", and those opposed shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "Against the issuance of bonds and levy of tax in payment thereof."

The manner of holding the said election shall be governed by the laws of the State governing general elections, and a copy of this order signed by the County Judge of said County, shall serve as a proper notice of said election, and the County Judge is directed to cause said notices to be published in a newspaper published in said Houston County in said Road District No. 1 of Houston County, Texas, if there be a newspaper published therein, for four successive weeks next preceding said election, and also cause to be posted a notice thereof at three public places in said Road District No. 1 of Houston County, Texas, for three weeks prior to said election.

Leroy L. Moore, County Judge,
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It is therefore considered and ordered that an election be held in said Road District No. 1 of Houston County, Texas, on the 28th day of December, A. D. 1923, which is not less than twenty nor more than ninety days hereafter, to determine whether or not there shall be levied upon the property within said District a road tax not to exceed fifteen (15) cents on the One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars worth of property situated within said District to be known as "Special Road Tax" or "Maintenance Tax" and those in favor of said election shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "for the levy of the tax," and those opposed shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "Against the levy of the tax."

The manner of holding the said election shall be governed by the laws of the State governing general elections, and a copy of this order, signed by the County Judge of said County, shall serve as a proper notice of said election, and the County Judge is directed to cause said notice to be published in Houston County in said Road District No. 1 for four (4) successive weeks next preceding said election.

Leroy L. Moore, County Judge,
Houston County, Texas.

PERCILLA NEWS

Percilla, Dec. 10.—A mad dog passed through our section of country a few days ago causing the loss of several of our citizens of their dogs, said to be worth from anywhere from \$100. to \$250. each. This is a considerable loss, especially among poor folks, but if the good women thus affected will now feed their hens the table scraps that the deceased dogs had to have they will very soon recoup their loss.

The recent rains have checked oat sowing here, and the hot weather accompanying the rain is beginning to cause those who have killed their hogs to feel just a little blue.

Seth Fitchett came in from Houston last week to spend the Xmas holidays with home folks.

Clay Henderson is home from Palestine after quite a long stay.

Miss Mamie E. Sullivan is visiting kinfolks in Palestine this week.

LIVELYVILLE NEWS

Livelyville, Dec. 10.—The spring like weather was most welcome after the rain; kind of hard though on fresh meat, we think.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Brown spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bishop.

Elvin Johnson is remodeling his home, putting more rooms to it and a bungalow roof.

G. W. Garner and Dan Shipper were business visitors to Palestine one day this week.

Mrs. Chester McIver visited Mrs. J. F. Fulton last Tuesday.

We learn with regret that J. F. Fulton is still sick in a sanitarium at Houston. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Ruth Denman spent last week end with her son, Howard and family.

Frank Masters and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Denman Sunday.

STEWARDS ORGANIZE

The board of stewards of the Methodist church held a meeting Sunday night and organized for the year's work. A. H. Luker was re-elected chairman of the board, M. E. Darsey, vice chairman and Wade L. Smith, secretary and treasurer.

C. W. Kneddy, J. W. Howard, R. B. Edens and M. E. Darsey were elected collectors.

If you have no appetite for your meals, something is wrong in your digestive organs. Take a dose or two of Prickly Ash Bitters, the medicine for men. It cleanses the stomach, liver and bowels, creates appetite, vigor and cheerfulness. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith Special Agent.

Of course, we must affect a liking for the flubdub, piffle and bunk of reform, but down in our democratic bosom, we want to see an old Andrew Jackson kind of president in office who will ride the republicans with spurs and say the thing he means and fling all the hypocrisy of politics into the ashbarrel.—Houston Post.

Another thing we've noticed is that the School of Experience never issues any fake diplomas.—Mineral Wells Index.

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

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No true and permanent fame can be founded except in labors which promote the happiness of mankind.—Sumner.

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Fine feathers do not make fine birds, some adage-maker told the world once while it was listening, but we guess he never saw his wife strutting off with a new hat that was mostly feather.—Wilmington News-Journal.

MISS THERESA SHEEHAN.



Miss Theresa Sheehan, the inimitable Irish reader, will appear on our Lyceum course with the Theresa Sheehan Concert Company. Miss Sheehan has spent many seasons at the head of her own company in Lyceum and Chautauqua and concert work.

Seventeen processes are involved in the laundering of a collar. Judging from the results, 16 of them are necessary to get the saw-edge effect.—Ashville Times.

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LOVE FOR THE SOUL

The country was built up by people who ardently desired to possess a little spot of God's earth, which should be their very own, and on which they could erect their little homes. Their affection for the soil led them to dig and delve early and late. Their energy and devotion built up our substantial cities, lovely rural communities, and prosperous farms.

But as the country has grown and men and women have swarmed like ants into great cities many people seem to have lost all love for the soil. They just flit from one spot to another, sending down no roots anywhere. Some of them are

forced into this roving life by the nature of their occupations.

But the majority of them are not forced into such changeable habits by any vital reason, and they lose many of their gains every time they uproot themselves. They would find many rewards, if they would settle down into a permanent home, build up a reputation for themselves as workmen or business men in some good town, cultivate the old time love for the soil and develop attractive dwelling places.

One often finds recent immigrants who have this spirit more than the natives. One such man was speaking the other day of his home place. "I could kiss the ground of that place," he

said. Critical natives might find fault with certain features of his home and location. But to him it has been a haven of refuge and a home of delight. He has set out trees and plants, and every year the place keeps improving and showing the effect of his loving touch.—Dayton Daytonite.

AT METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Preaching at New Prospect at 3 p. m. Come and worship with us. B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

MAIZE FEED

I have a car of maize heads on the track. If you need any of this excellent feed get it now as it is scarce on account of continued wet weather. J. W. Howard.

If silence is golden, the White House may fairly be said to be on a gold basis.—Providence Journal.

He that hath a trade hath an estate; and he that hath a calling hath an office of profit and honor.—Franklin.

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LIST OF CHEVROLET OWNERS:

A. W. Gossett, Crockett, Touring car.
G. A. Rohloff, Latexo, Truck.
Dr. J. B. Deal, Crockett, Coupe.
Daniels & Arrington, Truck.
O. H. Maxwell, Crockett, Touring car.
W. A. Spaine, Crockett, Roadster.
M. L. Hansen, Crockett, Touring car.
John B. Collier, Crockett, Touring car.
Crockett Bottling Works, Truck.
Dan Whitaker, Crockett, Touring car.
W. N. Saxon, Crockett, Touring car.
M. Bromberg, Crockett, Touring car.
W. D. Collins, Crockett, Touring car.
Robt. Cassels, Crockett, Touring car.
W. R. Allee, Crockett, Touring car.
R. C. Hill, Crockett, Touring car.
I. W. Tatem, Arbor, Truck.
W. C. Shivers, Crockett Touring car.
C. L. Edmiston, Crockett, Touring car.
W. H. Seay, Crockett, Touring car.
W. E. Earnst, Crockett, Touring car.
Mrs. Dupuy Sheridan, Crockett, Touring car.
J. Homer West, Crockett, Touring car.
Thee W. Grobb, Crockett, Touring car.
R. S. Waddell, Crockett, Touring car.
Earl Adams Sr., Crockett, Touring car.
Rev. E. S. Lee, Crockett, Touring car.
Jessie West, Porter Springs, Roadster.
J. D. Curre, Arbor, Truck.
M. A. Maliff, Crockett, Touring car.
Eliga Tatem, Arbor, Touring car.

Doc Grounds, Crockett, Touring car.
I W Tatem, Arbor, Touring car.
Mitchel Bethersby, Crockett, Touring car.
M. H. Holland, Crockett, Touring car.
Andrew Lewis, Crockett, Touring car.
G. A. Rohloff, Latexo, Touring car.
W. R. Stephens, Grapeland, Truck.
G. A. Walton, Grapeland, Touring car.
Bob Spence, Grapeland, Roadster.
Wade L. Smith, Grapeland, Sedan.
W. C. Owens, Grapeland, Touring car.
Sam Pennington, Grapeland, Roadster.
J. E. Spence, Grapeland, Touring car.
Alton Lively, Grapeland, Touring car.
Connor Denson, Grapeland, Touring car.
R. B. Edens, Grapeland, Touring car.
A. E. Murdock, Grapeland, Touring car.
G. F. Lively, Grapeland, Touring car.
Ford Newman, Grapeland, Touring car.
Eugene Walling, Grapeland, Touring car.
Rev. Anderson, Grapeland, Touring car.
Rev. Campbell, Grapeland, Touring car.
Dr. R. L. Barclay, Kennard, Roadster.
Geo. M. Jeffus, Lovelady, Truck.
Mr. Wills, Lone Pine, Touring car.
C. L. Monk, Belott, Touring car.
N. W. Ritchey, Percilla, Touring car.
Grady Derman, Crockett, Coupe.
Jake Sheridan, Augusta, Touring car.

Note that some buyers bought one model, then bought another, which shows that the car pleased, and several of our sales were the result of satisfied owners recommending the car to prospects.

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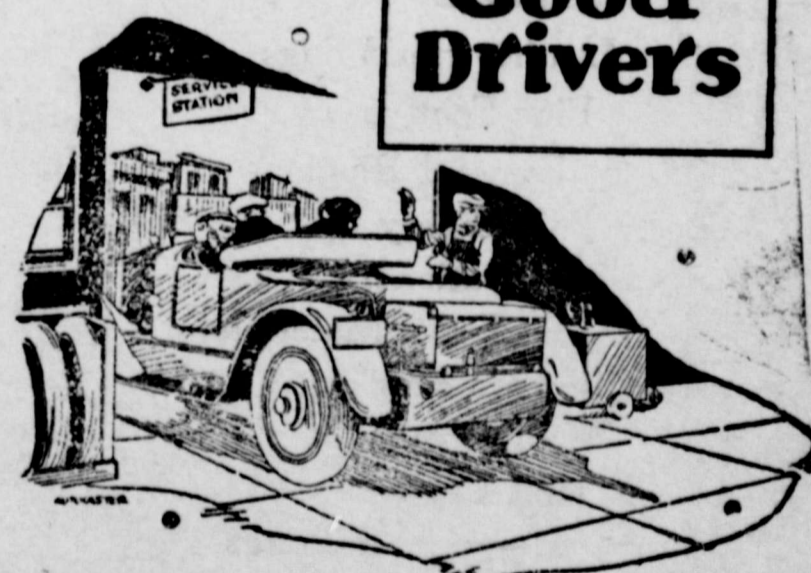
LADY GOT SO WEAK COULD SCARCELY STAND

After Suffering From Many Female Troubles This Lady Heard of Cardui and Took It, She Says, "Until I Was Well."

"SOME TIME AGO," says Mrs. Buena McFarland, of R. F. D. 2, Bostic, N. C., "I suffered a great deal with weakness common to women. I had bearing-down pains, my sides and back hurt, and my limbs drew. I would get so weak in my knees I could scarcely stand. "I was very nervous, and could not rest. I didn't feel like eating. I grew thin, and did not have ambition for anything. "I had been trying other remedies . . . but did not get any better. "Some one told us of Cardui, and what it was recommended for. I also

took a Ladies Birthday Almanac and read of a case something like mine. I told my husband to get it and I would try it. "I saw a great improvement after the first bottle (of Cardui), so I kept it up until I was well. Now I am the picture of health." Thousands of other women have written, to tell of the beneficial results obtained by taking Cardui, and to recommend it to others. Cardui has stood the test of extensive use, for more than forty years, in the treatment of troubles common to women. Try it.

Good Drivers



Drivers of automobiles know the thrill of satisfaction in driving a smooth purring engine. But some drivers never learn the importance of a regular over-hauling to keep engines in first class condition.

Good drivers know. That is the reason they are "good drivers." When a knock in mechanism develops they drive at once to a first class garage. It is a precaution which keeps their car on the roads long after the thoughtless owner's car is in the scrap heap.

Before the winter months come is the time to have your car overhauled. Now is the time and this shop is a good shop. We want to overhaul your car for you. We now have time to give your car a most careful and thorough over-hauling. Our prices are reasonable.

Norman's Garage
J. C. NORMAN, Proprietor

THE CHRISTMAS STORE

The Christmas Spirit radiates from every nook and corner of this store. Every department is resplendent with useful and appropriate merchandise for every member of the family and no gift shopping tour is complete without a visit to The Darsey Co. Suggested in this ad are some of the things you may select here. Come and let us help you solve your gift problems. We will gladly pack for delivery Xmas Eve, anything you choose.

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- Jewelry
- Tolietries
- Coat Suits
- Coats
- Sweaters
- Counterpanes
- Fur neck pieces
- Handkerchiefs
- Kid gloves
- Hand Made Underwear
- Leather Hand Bags
- Fine Footwear
- Esmond Blankets
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 They're half the fun of having feet.
 All leather, of course.

GIFT BOXES AND
Greeting Cards

New ideas are shown among our assortment of Xmas cards, seals, tags, etc. Also expressive sentiments engraved on attractive cards.

HOLLY BOXES IN ALL SIZES
STATIONERY

No gift is more appropriate than stationery of good quality. Here you will find most any size you want in boxed stationery at
25c, 50c, 75c to \$1.00

HANDKERCHIEFS

From 5c each and up, you cannot fail to please with handkerchiefs from Darsey's. Attractive patterns are here in white and colors in swiss-Maderia and linen, singly and by the box.

GIVE HER A FUR

May pretty fur neckpieces received here this week, including scarfs and throes of Red Fox, Flapper Fox, Slate Fox, Fitch, Stone Marten, Jap Marten, Mink and Squirrel, ranging in price from as low as \$15 to \$35. They are wonderful fur values.

MEN'S NEW TIES

All styles are best shown here in new knit and silk patterns in men's ties. Ties for gifts boxed free of charge. See them. He'll wear it is it comes from here. 50c to \$1.50.

DON'T FORGET
Big Reductions On All
MEN'S & BOY'S SUITS
AND OVERCOATS
 New Styles Perfect Fit

Gifts for Men and Boys

- Arrow shirts
- Stetson Hats
- Pep Caps
- Florsheim Shoes
- Suit of Clothes
- Handkerchiefs
- Neckties
- Perfecto Shirts
- Wotrth Hats
- Work Clothes
- Overcoats
- Silk Hosiery
- Jewelry
- Stationery
- Furnishings
- Locker Trunk
- Dress Gloves
- Supporters
- Cuff Buttons
- Tie Clasps
- Bill Folders
- Suit Cases
- Sweaters
- Underwear
- House Shoes
- Watch Chains
- Knife Sets
- Pocket Books

THE DARSEY CO.
 GRAPELANDS CASH DRY GOODS STORE

Locals

Powdered sugar at Darsey's. 666 for Colds and La Grippe. Plenty of fresh fruits at Darsey's.

Buy Hawke's Glasses at Howard's.

T. H. Leaverton made a trip to Galveston last week.

Sell your chicken's and eggs to eGo. E. Darsey and Co.

C. E. Lively spent last week end in Houston visiting his son, Aubrey Lively and family.

We can save you money on men's and boy's hats. See ours. S. E. Howard.

Mrs. J. N. Haynes was carried to Palestine Sunday for an operation.

Have you seen the beautiful line of holiday goods at Ryan's Drug Store?

WANTED TO TRADE

80 7-10 acres of land 2 miles south of Augusta for house and lot in Grapeland, or small acreage close to Grapeland. 2t F. J. Lucas, Augusta.

666 prevents Colds. Get your Xmas groceries at Darsey's.

666 for Malarial Fever. Buy Ruth flour and water ground meal at Howard's.

If it is a gift you are looking for—get it at Ryan's Drug Store.

Get her one of those cedar chests at Darsey's.

Remember you will get good gas and oils at Guice's Filling Station.

Start Xmas day and every other day with a cup of Alemeda. Get it at Darsey's.

STRAYED—Light brown horse mule with split in one ear, 3 years old. \$5.00 reward. Will Murphy, R. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Brooks of Crockett visited Mrs. Brooks' mother, Mrs. Laura Woodard, Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Lively returned home last Friday from a Palestine sanitarium, where she underwent a very serious operation. Her condition is now very satisfactory, which is gratifying to the family and her many friends.

666 for Headaches, Colds, etc. Don't forget to get your fruit cake ingredients at Darsey's.

Gifts that last—jewelry—at Ryan's Drug Store.

W. E. Keeland made a business trip to Dallas last week.

George E. Darsey & Co. want to buy your chickens and eggs.

Red rust proof oats, also feed oats at Howard's.

Gifts for men and boys at Darsey's Hardware Department.

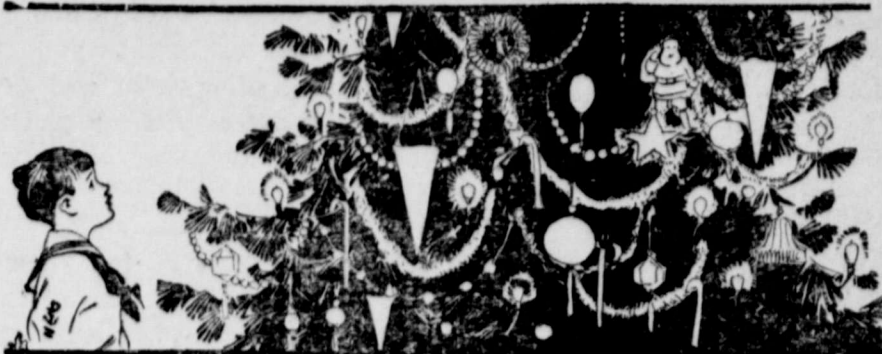
Everybody can appreciate a stove or piece of furniture. Many styles to select from at Darsey's.

The most beautiful line of Xmas stationery ever shown in Grapeland at Ryan's. Prices range from 25c to \$4.95.

NOTICE—POSTED

All of my fields are posted against hunters. 2t R. L. Pridgen.

Dr. G. Ward Shelfer of Dallas will be at J. H. Ryan's drug-store Grapeland, Friday, Dec. 21st and at W. P. Bishop's drug-store, Crockett, Saturday, Dec. 22nd. Eyes examined, glasses fitted. See large ad in this issue.



Gift Suggestions

FOR THE GIRLS

Dolls all kinds from 10c to \$5.00
Special mama dolls excellent values \$1.25 to \$5.00
These heretofore sold for \$1.75 to \$5.00
Vanity boxes, mesh bags, toy sets and dozens of other articles

FOR BOYS

Tinker toys, tool chests, drums, wooden wagon at cost horns, air guns, etc.

FOR MISSES

All kinds of jewelry, special a fine line of white gold wrist watches at surprisingly low prices—manicure sets, toilet sets, box stationery, etc.

FOR THE MOTHER

Serving trays, candle sticks, cut glass, silver pieces, Pirex pieces, etc.

FOR DADDY

Smoker sets, box cigars, fancy pipes, etc.

Our limited floor space prevents us from displaying all our holiday stock. We may have just what you want but not in sight—ask us.

If you are in doubt about what to buy let us suggest to you—we have something for every member of the family.

Our holiday goods this year are marked lower than ever before. We positively can save you money on your Xmas purchases.

A Graduate in Pharmacy Here

SMITH'S DRUG STORE

Everything a Good Drug Store Should Have

Christmas

The most joyous season of all the year is right upon us. If you are vexed about what to give we invite you here to see our extensive line of suitable gifts.

Our Store is Gift Headquarters

LADIES BLOUSES

We have just received something new in the way of blouses they are specially priced. All \$5.00 blouses special \$4.45 All blouses that sell for \$3. special \$2.25 All blouses that sell for \$1.25 special for \$1.00

DEVONSHIRE CLOTH

Big line of patterns to select from—every yard guaranteed fast colors . . . 35c

LADIES SILK HOSE

The holidays will soon be here and you will want silk hosiery. We are showing the best line of silk hose that we can buy, and they are specially priced and will save you money on them.

CHILDREN'S HOSE

We have a complete stock in children's hose and we can save you money on your children's hose. Specially priced . . . 25c

DRESSER SCARFS

To those who did not get what you wanted in dresser scarfs last week—will say we have a small shipment received today, special . . . 59c

LADIES HOUSE DRESSES

Have you seen our new line of long sleeve house dresses? They are all good styles, long sleeves, fast colors and specially priced. You can't afford to miss seeing them if you need a house dress . . . \$1.75 to \$3.25

LADIES PURSES

We have just received a big shipment of ladies purses in all styles, that will please you for your holiday gifts and they are priced at . . . \$1.00 to \$2.75

LADIES HANDKERCHIEFS

You will need ladies handkerchiefs for your holiday gifts. We have the nicest assortment that the eastern markets afford and priced from . . . 10c to \$35c each

SHEETING! SHEETING!

We are going to make a special price on sheeting for a few days.
9-4 Brown sheeting Pepperell 50c
9-4 Bleach sheeting Pepperell 55c
Be sure and get your requirements soon.



SHOES FOR THE FAMILY

We are in a position to sell you shoes of solid leather, well put together that will stand this wet muddy weather at a great saving. Get your next pair of shoes here.

OTHER VALUES

We have many other good values that we are offering every day but haven't space to mention them—Pay us a visit and be convinced that this is the place to trade.

We Want to Buy Your Eggs

HENRY DAILEY & COMPANY

Will sell one good milch cow at reasonable price, or will let her out for feed. See Herod Parker at Ryan's Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Beavers of Crockett were here Sunday visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Murchison.

I handle Penant auto oils, Gulf Supreme and Mobiloil. You can take your choice at Guice's Filling Station.

F. M. Patton was in Crockett Saturday attending a meeting of the county school board. Mr. Patton is chairman of the board.

We are unloading a car of feed and flour. The best goods at lowest price. Call and save money. S. E. Howard.

NOTICE—POSTED

My fields are posted against hunters and trappers, 9 miles west of town. Mrs. C. B. Dailey.

Those having bought hulls from me will please call and get same, as I need warehouse room to store shipments coming in. J. W. Howard.

A. M. Woodell, who left Grapeland sixteen years ago, and has been making his home in Louisiana, has returned to Grapeland to make his home. His family will come the latter part of the week. Mr. Woodell has purchased an interest in the store of Keeland Bros. January 1st this firm will occupy the two buildings on the corner now occupied

by them and the Cash Grocery Co., and will put in a large stock of general merchandise. C. B. Keeland, now of the Cash Grocery Co., will be associated with the new firm. We are glad to have Mr. Woodell and his estimable family to come back to us, and hope the new firm will have great success.

STRAYED—two Duroc Jersey gilts, unmarked, will weigh about 150 and 125 pounds on foot. Smallest one is deep red, been gone about three weeks. Notify Tom Brown, Route 2 Elkhart, Texas. tf

Arch Murray and Ted Fox returned last week from an auto trip to Mr. Murray's old home in Mississippi. They report crop conditions bad on account of too much rain.

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

STOP THAT ITCHING

Use Blue Star Remedy for Eczema, Itch, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Ring Worms, Chapped Face, Poison Oak, Sunburns, Old Sores or Sores on Children. It relieves all forms of Sore Feet. For sale by RYAN'S DRUG STORE

FOR OVER 40 YEARS

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THURSDAY, DEC. 13, 1923

If you have a kick, kick forward, not backward.

Here's a Grapeland woman's opinion of men: They're just like eggs—they're either fresh, rotten, hardboiled, or just spoiled.

Counties all around us either have good roads or are building them. What will become of us if we refuse to do the same thing?

Do you think a good citizen of Cherokee county, who lives on a good road (they've got 'em over there) would move over into Houston county and settle down by the side of one of our mud puddles?

If you were going to invest in a farm would you select one on a good road or would you go away back somewhere and get one in an out-of-the-way place? Which one would be the more valuable?

Houston county is known everywhere for its notorious bad roads. Let's remedy that condition December 28. A county with a bad reputation cannot hope to bring in good citizens from other places. We want more good people to come in and settle among us.

The president of the United States doesn't go into office until four months after his election, because in the days of stage coach transportation and slow communication it took that long to find out who was elected and get him to Washington. Now the votes can be counted and the president rushed to Washington by airplane almost overnight. So the recommendation of the American Bar Association that our political system should be changed to put the president and congressmen into office immediately after election is sound, common sense. There are many other stage coach systems in politics that ought to be changed.

UNION CHAPEL NEWS

Union Chapel, Dec. 10.—Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Smith and son spent last week end at Percilla.

Mrs. Albert Turner, who has had fever several weeks, is slowly improving.

Henry Weisinger is visiting relatives in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. John Skidmore and daughter of Grapeland and Mrs. Alton Frisby and daughter of Crockett were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Skidmore Sunday.

Grady Turner and family have

**Only 11
More Buying Days
Until Xmas.**

Have you made your selections? We hope you will think of us when you come to buy.

If you plan to give USEFUL PRESENTS we call your Special attention to our store.

Shoes For All, Men's and Boys' Suits, Men's Overcoats, Hats and Caps for Men and Boys. Plenty of all kinds of Aluminum at Surprisingly low prices.

Give useful presents for the Grownups and remember we have all kinds of Fruits and Candies for the Kiddies.

McLEAN & RIALI

PHONE US for CHRISTMAS GROCERIES



No Christmas dinner is right without the right kind of groceries. For 37 years the tables in this vicinity have been laden with good things to eat from Darsey's. Won't you let us help you with yours this time? Groceries sold here are strictly fresh and of the highest quality.

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| Jellies | Teas and Spices | Best Flour |
| Cured Meats | Raisins | Cocoanut |
| Sauces | Granulated Sugar | Canned Vegetables |
| Marshmallows | Canned Fruits | Salads and Dressings |
| Baking Powder | Pickles | Nuts and Candies |
| Fresh Fruits | Alameda Coffee | Cakes and Crackers |
| Cherries | Extracts | Powdered Sugar |

ALL KINDS OF INGREDIENTS FOR FRUIT CAKES

GIVE HER A CEDAR CHEST

Several sizes here to select from.

George E. Darsey & Co.

THE SERVICE FIRST STORE

VARIETY STORE NEWS

The holidays are almost here and my stock is complete. Avoid the rush; come in and select what you want and set it aside. Don't wait until the rush is on.

We have a full line of toys for the kiddies, dolls of all sizes—just anything to please the children.

Musical instruments: fiddle strings, banjo strings, mandolin strings, guitar strngs. Phonographs for \$3.50, genuine Columbia 10 in. records at 30c Tubeophones at \$1.50.

Wagons all sizes. All kinds of air rifles, tool chests for the boys, doll beds, doll carriages for the dollies. We have mama dolls that cry and call mama.

The most beautiful line of neck ties and dress shirts for gifts and the finest line of stationery from \$1.50 to 75c per box

Come in and let us show you our line before before you buy

Fire works. roman candles 10 to 30 balls. Sky rockets up to 1 lb. Baloons 5c to 50c

Anything you want we have it

moved to the home vacated by Walter Whitehead.

There will be a Christmas tree at the church on the night of the 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Arwine Skidmore and children visited G. W. Weisinger and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Martin of Antrim spent last Wednesday night at the home of R. E. Martin. They were accompanied home by Mrs. S. J. Martin.

G. W. Weisinger, W. P. Davidson, Turner Skidmore and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Platt attended the Union picnic at Salmon Saturday.

Mrs. Josie Johnston and daughter are visiting Roscoe Cutler and family.

There is no wealth but life; life, including all its powers of love, joy and of admiration. That country is the richest which nourishes the greatest number of noble and happy human beings; that man is richest who, having perfected the functions of his own life to the utmost, has also the widest helpful influence, both personal and by means of his possessions, over the lives of others.—Ruskin.

An old-fashioned practitioner is a doctor who can lance a boil without a nurse and two assistants.—Ex.

**Theresa Sheehan
Concert Company**

**High School Auditorium
Monday Night, Dec. 17**

SECOND LYCEUM NUMBER

A high class attraction in varied numbers of readings and music

Admission:

Adults 50c Children 25c

Miss Sheehan is considered one of the foremost readers on the stage. She is ably supported by Miss Trippeer, soprano, and Miss Peck, violinist

THE GENUINE SPIRIT

The genuine holiday spirit

consists not only in wishing a merry Christmas, but in making one.

ROAD COMMITTEE MAKES STATEMENT UNDER OATH

As the time draws nearer for the election to determine whether or not Road District Number One shall be bonded, in the amount of \$250,000 for the purpose of building roads within said district, various opinions are expressed both for and against the proposition.

Reasonable citizens have always a right to be furnished with full and reliable information about any measure upon which they are to vote. It is said that experience has taught that the people have not always had a fair deal in the matter of roads and road bonds. Also, it is argued by those who are not very well qualified to make a safe estimate that the amount of the bonds is not sufficient to build the amount of road contemplated. It is in response to these two items that your Road Committee wishes to make a plain statement, under oath, for the benefit of the good citizen who might be pessimistic and otherwise inclined to oppose the issue.

It is the bonifide intention of the committee, collectively and individually, to see that a good and substantial road equipped with good and substantial bridges be built into every community within the district, from Liberty Hill to Reynard and from the Anderson County line to the Crockett Road District, and lateral roads leading into them, thus arriving at or near every scholastic community in this section of the county; and it is the bonifide belief of the committee, collectively and individually, after carefully figuring and estimating the cost, that there will be sufficient funds to carry out the project in good and substantial manner. It is not the intention of the committee, neither collectively nor individually, to let the work out to a contractor and thereby incur a risk as to getting full value of our money; but it is our intention and bonifide determination to get full value for every dollar spent and to see that each community and each individual gets a square deal so far as it is within our power to do so.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE:

W. A. RIALI,
W. G. DARSEY,
HENRY DAILEY,
W. H. LONG,
J. C. KENNEDY,
A. D. GROUNDS,
J. M. MURRAY,
A. K. LIVELY,
FRED BRIDGES,
W. H. HOLCOMB,
JAKE SHERIDAN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Grapeland, Texas, this the 11th day of December, 1923.

(SEAL) J. R. Richards, Notary Public, Houston Co., Texas.

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

From a Brooklyn schoolboy's essay on Washington: "The president of today is the two-cent stamp of the future."—Life.

When your digestion is poor, when your bowels are costive, when your breath is bad, when your stomach is sick or disordered, and you feel languid and low-spirited, Prickly Ash Bitters is decidedly the remedy you need. It cleanses the vital organs, purifies the bowels, and imparts a fine feeling of strength, vigor and cheerfulness. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith Special Agent.

Jazz is dying, says a music publisher, so possibly that it why it sounds that way.—Detroit News.

Grounds School Community News

Dec. 10.—Our school is doing nicely under the instruction of Mr. Boyce Smith, our principal.

We are planning to play several ball games in the near future and we are also planning to win.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gentry and little Devoe Gentry attended the fair at Waneta and report a nice time.

Miss Barnice Gentry spent Saturday night with Miss Arrie Allen.

Miss Lora Goodnight spent the week end at Salmon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Smith's mother.

Archie Wall and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Keen near Salmon last week.

Mrs. N. C. Stowe of Colmesneil is visiting friends and relatives in this community.

Mrs. Joe Allen was called to Lovelady last Tuesday on the account of the death of her mother. We extend to her our sincerest sympathy.

Rev. E. M. Odgen of Rusk filled his regular appointment here Saturday night and Sunday in spite of the bad weather. Rev. Ray accompanied him and made an inspiring talk on Sunday School.

Misses Arrie and Mattie Dell Allen and Mr. Boyce Smith were guests of Mrs. Edd Hartt Sunday.

Prayer meeting was well attended Sunday night.

ROCK HILL NEWS

Rock Hill, Dec 10.—Our teachers and pupils are preparing a program to be rendered Friday night before Christmas.

Quite a number have moved into our community since our last writing. Mr. Virgil Beauchamp and a Mr. Drake and family from Reynard, Burton Munsinger and family from near Elkhart and Mr. and Mrs. Du Bois and son from Samatra, Montana.

Miss Alice Taylor went to Crockett Friday to take the teacher's examination.

Mrs. Willie Streich from Kingsbury, spent last week here visiting relatives and old friends. She left Thursday to spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. Robert Little in Antrim community.

C. W. Weisinger, J. W. Cook and W. J. Willis and families left Wednesday for Tyler, where they expect to reside.

Julius Shaver left Monday to visit his home folk at Kernes.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Campbell and baby from Grapeland are visiting at the home of R. M. Brooks.

B. B. Crawford and family spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of his brother, Jim Crawford near Elkhart.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ray and children spent Sunday at J. W. Taylor's.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Brooks expect to leave this week for Alto, where they will make their home.

H. M. Streetman went to Palestine Thursday.

If he dodges jitneys, he is a pedestrian; if he dodges taxes, he is a financier; if he dodges responsibility, he is a statesman.—Everett Herald.

THE THERESA SHEEHAN CONCERT COMPANY



The Theresa Sheehan Concert Company, popularly known as "The Lyceum Beauty Squad," is one of the finest numbers that will appear on our Lyceum course this season. This company consists of Miss Theresa Sheehan, the inimitable Irish reader, Miss Marthalyann Trippoor, soprano soloist, and Miss Claudia Peck, violinist. Miss Sheehan has taken this company all over the United States, appearing under the management of practically all the larger Lyceum and Chautauque Systems, and their artistic program has won universal approval from the press and from their audiences. Each of the three is an artist in her line, and their program is one that all music lovers will want to hear.

Pennant Gas and Oils

In buying gasoline always call for PENNANT GAS AND PENNANT AND DIAMOND OILS, handled by Pierce Agency in Grapeland. They have made a \$3,500 investment here, pay school and county taxes and spend between \$600 and \$800 monthly, giving employment to two men and one truck.

GRAPELAND DEALERS:

Norman's Garage Keeland Bros.
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Guice's Drive-in Filling Station

PERCILLA DEALERS:

Lively & Kellum C. E. Jones

AUGUSTA DEALERS:

C. A. Moore, J. V. McAnaly

REYNARD DEALER:

Beazley & Kent

Nothing Mysterious

There is nothing mysterious about modern banking methods. Most people know all about how to do business with a bank, but to those still unfamiliar, we offer the following information:

To open an account, merely bring your money to the bank. We will credit you with the amount and will give you a pass book on which the amount of your deposit will be entered. We will also give you a check book. When you wish any of the money or desire to pay a bill, write a check for the amount and sign it. When the check reaches the bank we will pay it, charging it to your account. Every additional deposit of funds will be entered on the pass book which you have. We keep a complete record and do all the bookkeeping free.



If you have a want of any description, use a little want ad and get rid of it.

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl in the third grade and am very good. It is almost Christmas, so I must tell you what I want.

I want you to bring me a doll, a story book, all kind of fire works, fruits and candies and anything else you can spare.

Your little girl,
Maggie Lea Martin.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 9 years old. Will you please bring me a big doll and some doll clothes, sparklers, all kinds of fruit, candy and nuts.

Your friend,
Reba Salmon.

Dear Santa:

I am little boy two years old and I want you to please bring me a Teddy bear, and some blocks and a tricycle and all kind of candies, apples, oranges and fireworks of all kind. This will be all I will ask for this time.

Your little friend,
Bernard Francis Bean.

P. S. Don't forget Grandpa and grandma and bring them something too.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to bring me a 36 rifle and a box of shells. I want you to bring me a knife and a football, also bring me some fruit and fire works. I have a baby brother one and a half years old. Be sure to bring him some toys.

Your little friend,
William Keeland.

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy almost one one and a half years old. I want to tell you that I am not a little girl, nearly everybody that sees me thinks I am and I expect you

will too; so don't bring me a doll but a ball, stick horse and some blocks.

I love the men folks Santa, and I will jump up and hug you around the neck when I see you filling my stocking.

Your friend,
Claude Keeland Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to bring me this Xmas a little shot gun and a bicycle and fruit and nuts of all kinds, and please bring me lots of fire works and anything else you want to.

Your little friend,
Marvin Dickey.

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring be a little tricycle, an air gun and some shot and also bring me some nuts and fruit of all kind. Don't forget to bring me lots of fireworks.

Santa, please remember my little sisters, they want something nice too.

Your friend,
Orfen Dickey.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good boy this year and I want you to bring me a football, drum, saw mill, train, car and caps to go in my gun. Also bring me some apples, oranges and all kinds of fruits and nuts but be sure to come to Beaumont, for I will be down there.

Your little friend,
George Mobley Murchison.

FINCH RETURNED HOME

Grady Finch, who was seriously hurt in an automobile wreck at Houston the first of last week, has sufficiently recovered to return home Tuesday of this week.

THE CRADLE ROLL

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Lively of the Salmon community Monday, December 10, 1923.

FOR HOME AND STABLE

The extraordinary Borozone treatment for flesh wounds, cuts, sores, galls, burns and scalds is just as effective in the stable as in the home. Horse flesh heals with remarkable speed under its powerful influence. The treatment is the same for animals as for humans. First wash out infectious germs with liquid Borozone, and the Borozone Powder completes the healing process. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by

Wade L. Smith

Just received a shipment of that good Mobiloil try it and see the difference. At Guice's Filling Station.

MARLIN

The best all round health resort in the South. Three hot alkaline laxative mineral wells. Thousands have found relief from rheumatism, sciatica, neuritis, skin diseases, malaria, constipation, and many other chronic troubles. If you need a rest, change, "boil-out" or an expert diagnosis and treatment for any persistent chronic trouble, try it. The Majestic Hotel and Bath House are thoroughly modern and up to date in every respect and connected directly with the Torbett Sanatorium. A large group of experienced specialists in all lines equipped with the latest X-ray, electrical, laboratory and other modern equipment. Many who have not recovered from the influenza or dengue have found relief.

For folder or further information address—

MAJESTIC HOTEL AND
BATH HOUSE
Marlin, Texas
or Box 60

Announcement

I take pleasure in announcing to my patrons and general public that Dr. G. Ward Shelfer, now with Brown & Montgomery, Inc., Optometrist and Manufacturing Opticians of Dallas, who has been coming to Grapeland and Crockett for years, will be with me again

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

Dr. Shelfer being associated and officing with the old reliable firm of Brown and Montgomery, Inc., of 1304 Elm St. Dallas, who have been doing business continuously for twenty-seven years in Dallas, is better lined up than ever to give patrons and those who need glasses prompt and accurate service and satisfaction. All repair and duplicate jobs mailed into Dallas will now receive prompt attention whether Dr. Shelfer is in or out of the city. Remember the name, place and date and call as early as possible as he will be with me one day only this trip.

J. H. RYAN, Druggist
Grapeland, Texas.

Another Message from Santa Claus



Winnipeg, Canada, Dec. 11th, 1923.

Dear Jimmy Ryan:

As you will notice I have traveled quite a distance since I sent you the radio message last week telling you that I am going to make your drug store my headquarters during the holidays.

I have been temporarily delayed in this city on account of an accident to one of my Reindeer, but will not let this delay me in reaching Grapeland Saturday, December 15th.

In order to be in Grapeland on time I shall ride the "Sunshine Special" from St. Louis to Crockett and double back to Grapeland on the train arriving there at 3 p. m.

Tell all the children to meet me at the train and from there we will go to Ryan's Drug Store where I will make my headquarters.

Yours for a happy Christmas,
Santa Claus.

P. S. A little gift will be given to each child meeting me.
Santa.

What to Buy for Christmas

As it is only two more weeks until Christmas and everyone is looking for presents, we suggest a few that we have for your convenience.

FOR LADIES AND GIRLS

Dresser Scarfs, Bath Towels, Bath Sets, Linen Table Cloths, Purses, Compacts, Fancy Hair Pins, Beads and House Shoes

FOR MEN AND BOYS

Tie Sets, Belt Sets, Ties, Silk Hose, Nice Shirts, Hand bags, Shoes, Hats, Cuff Buttons and Tie Pins

FOR LITTLE BOYS

Ties, Purses Belts, Suits, Shoes and Caps

FOR LITTLE GIRLS

Dolls, Beads, Handkerchiefs, Purses and Barrettes

WE WILL BUY YOUR COTTON

KENNEDY BROS.