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## MARSHALL HOTEL AND STORE BUILDING DESTROYED BY FIRE

The Marshall Hotel and the store building of R. B. Edens just north of it were completely destroyed by fire at about 1 o'clock last Friday morning.

When the fire was discovered it had already burned through the roof and spread rapidly all over the building. The family barely had time to escape and practically nothing was saved. Two roomers on the second floor had to descend the fire escape as the flames were sweeping down the hallway next to their room, cutting off escape through the building.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Wright and George Brimberry had rooms in the hotel, but were away visiting at the time. They lost their furniture.

The hotel was a three story frame structure and made a big fire, which was visible five miles away.

The hotel loss was partially covered by insurance, the building being insured for \$3000 and the furniture for \$1000.

The store building of Mr. Edens had just been completed and J. M. Owens had rented it and planned to move his stock into it Friday. There was no insurance on it, and Mr. Edens estimates his loss at \$800.

A large crowd gathered at the fire when the alarm was given and worked hard to save Kennedy Bros. Store, which is located near the hotel. A slight wind was blowing from the west, which carried the flames away from the store, and the bucket brigade kept plenty of water on the roof to extinguish any fire that might start there. The row of seed houses across the railroad were in danger and the roof of the court house caught fire from a flying spark. However, it was quickly extinguished.

The big fire recalled to old timers that on the night of December 20, 1900, another disastrous fire occurred in the same place, burning the store of J. E. Hollingsworth and the Totty Hotel.

It is not known at this time whether Mr. Marshall will rebuild. He is working for the I. G.—N at Spring as pumper, holding a similar job here prior to going to Spring. Mrs. Marshall and the children remained here and conducted the hotel.

### SINGING POSTPONED

The Messenger is requested to announce that the singing at Union Chapel, announced for next Sunday, has been postponed until the second Sunday.

### COTTON REPORT

There were 35,793 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1923, prior to Dec. 13, 1923, compared with 23,828 bales ginned to Dec. 13, 1922.

E. B. Hale, Agent.

### GRAPELAND GIRL WEDS RUSK BOY

The following item is taken from the Rusk Press-Journal concerning the marriage of Miss May Belle Murdock, whom many Grapeland people know, and they will join The Messenger in congratulations:

"On Christmas day Marvin M. Troublefield and Miss Maybelle Murdock were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Judge J. J. Bolton performing the ceremony at the Bolton residence. Both these contracting parties are well known young people of Rusk; the bride being a school teacher and the groom having been engaged in business here for a number of years and at the present is clerking for Tom B. Mallard. The well wishes of a host of friends is extended for a life of happiness and prosperity."

### NEW BRICK BUILDING GOING UP

George Shaver is erecting a brick building on his lot adjoining the building occupied by J. M. Owens, and where Murdock's Cafe formerly stood. The old frame structure was torn down.

The new building will be 27x80 feet and will be occupied by Murdock's Cafe when completed. Mr. Murdock contemplates putting in a first-class bakery in connection with his cafe.

Work on the building will be rushed so as to have it completed within thirty or forty days.

### SCHOOL OPENED

The Grapeland school resumed its labors Wednesday morning after a ten days' vacation for the holidays.

### THE CRADLE ROLL

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Murdock Friday, December 28, 1923.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Skidmore announce the birth of a girl Friday, December 28, 1923.

On December 28, 1923, a boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Montgomery.

### CARD OF THANKS

Christmas has come and gone, and Santa Claus was good to me and mine. I want to thank every one that left a remembrance at the parsonage. It makes us feel mighty good and helped us enjoy the season. We feel like we are among those who appreciate us and our services. We start the New Year happy, and wish for one and all, a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

B. C. Anderson.

Dr. C. C. Officer visited his mother at Cleburne Christmas week.

### LEAVERTON FAMILY HOLD XMAS REUNION

One of the happy events of the Christmas time was the reunion of the Leaverton family, all members being present except Dr. C. C. Leaverton of Tacoma, Wash., who was unable to get here on account of the great distance. Those present from a distance were H. A. Leaverton and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Osborn of Breckenridge, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kellam of Medill, Ok., D. N. Leaverton came in from Lubbock for the reunion and to make preparations to move his family to Lubbock.

The week was featured by dinners, social gatherings, etc. Christmas eve night a huge Christmas tree was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Leaverton.

The crowning event of the week was a big barbeque given by Mr. and Mrs. George Calhoun on his farm eight miles west of town. Quite a number of guests beside the Leavertons enjoyed this occasion.

### OUR HONOR ROLL

Grapeland—J. J. Johnston, J. Murray, E. W. Davis, Miss Kittie Yarbrough, E. L. Frisby, Roy Brewton, Morris Long, C. M. Streetman, Cleve Sadler.

Route 1—Roy Burrow, E. W. Clark, E. P. Bean, Rev. J. C. McMillan.

Route 2—T. S. Goodnight, Will Brinkley, Jake Cutler, Mrs. S. V. Fulmer.

Route 3—Lee Martin,  
Route 4—Wm. Brown.  
Courtney—W. E. Wilcox.  
St. Louis, Mo.—Sam Herod.  
(By Dan Herod.)

Tyler—W. J. Willis.  
Hatton, Ark.—Mrs. T. N. James.

Brownfield—Miss Emma Wallace.

Kingsbury—Mrs. Willie Streich.

Crockett, Route 1—S. A. Wall.

Westbrook—Wm. Hague.

Percilla—D. H. Isaacks, Luther Dotson.

Augusta—Dan Hoicomb, W. W. Wilson.

Huntsville—Miss I. V. Campbell. (By C. A. Campbell.)

Mineral Wells—Jim Webb, (Col.)

Lubbock—W. N. Ferguson.

Tennessee Colony—Fletcher Weisinger.

Dallas—Mrs. E. Payne.

Oakwood—C. C. Jones.

Synder—A. B. Dunnam.

Ft. Worth—J. L. Clewis.  
(By Mrs. J. O. Brown)

Lovelady—Mrs. Thos. Dauphin, Dolph Zackery.

Beaumont—Murdoch Murchison (By R. T. Murchison.)

Crockett—Mrs. Lee Beavers.  
(By R. T. Murchison.)

Colored—Jim Robeson, Route 3.

If you want your car to have Pep you must get good oil and gas. You can get it at Guice's Filling Station.

Mrs. Jack Murchison went to Camilla to visit relatives last week.

## ROAD BOND ISSUE DEFEATED BY A VERY SMALL MARGIN

In the election held last Friday to determine whether or not Road District No. 1 would issue bonds in the amount of \$250,000 for the purpose of building the north and south state highway and lateral roads in the district, the proposition lacked about 25 votes of receiving the necessary two-thirds majority.

The vote was as follows:  
Grapeland West—  
For the bonds .....291  
Against the bonds .....66  
Grapeland East—  
For the bonds .....155  
Against the bonds .....80  
Daly's—  
For the bonds .....33  
Against the bonds .....34  
Percilla—  
For the bonds .....7  
Against the bonds .....59  
Augusta—  
For the bonds .....40  
Against the bonds .....55  
Total vote cast for the bonds, 526; against, 294.

From the above figures it will be seen that a majority of the people favored the proposition, although under the constitution a two-thirds majority is required to issue road bonds. Also it will be noticed that the west side of the road, which is the first road district organized in Houston county, gave a heavy majority for the issue.

Even if the issue was lost, those favoring the bonds feel that a great victory was won; a majority of the people favor it and it is only a question of time until others will fall in line and make complete victory sure.

### HARRY LIVELY DEAD

A message was received Tuesday from San Antonio, stating that Harry Lively was dead, he having gone there to a sanitarium for his health.

His brother, Alton Lively, of this city, immediately left for that city to accompany the remains here, and is expected to arrive this morning.

Burial will probably be in the Waneta community, where deceased lived.

He is survived by his wife and two children besides his parents and several brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Nell Macanliss, who is teaching in Dallas, came home to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. T. W. Marshall, and was unfortunate in losing her clothes, purse and return ticket to Dallas in the fire which destroyed the Marshall hotel early Friday morning.

J. W. Hollingsworth of Odessa was here several days during the holidays visiting his brother, J. E. Hollingsworth, being his first visit here in a number of years.

We thank you for your business in 1923 and hope you will give us more of it in 1924.

Guice's Filling Station.

### ROAD MASS MEETING HELD MONDAY NIGHT

A large and representative crowd of business men and citizens from outlying communities held an enthusiastic meeting at the school building last Monday night to discuss the recent road bond election and formulate plans for the future.

The question was discussed from every angle, both for and against, and it was the consensus opinion that the fight for good roads should be continued, although no definite plans were made.

However, some committees were appointed to report at another meeting to be held at the school building next Monday night, at which time the question will again be taken up. All interested parties are urged to attend this meeting.

The advocates of good roads will not concede defeat. It is pointed out that a majority of the people voted for the bonds and the majority should rule. Therefore, it proposed to win over enough votes to make it two-thirds, the required constitutional number.

### PICKLING VATS

Mr. E. M. Frazee, field manager of the Price-Booker Manufacturing Company, of Houston and Waco, was in Crockett recently in the interest of placing a cucumber salting station at Crockett and Grapeland.

It is necessary to subscribe the planting of 100 to 150 acres of cucumbers to secure one of these salting stations, and the Price-Booker Mfg. Co. are ready to sign a contract with the growers to take the cucumbers grown on the above acreage at the following prices delivered at their salting stations.

No. 1—from 1 to 3 inches in length straight stock \$3.00 per 100 lbs.

No. 2—from 3 to 4 inches in length straight stock \$1.50 per 100 lbs.

No. 3—from 4 to 5 1-2 inches in length straight stock \$.75 per 100 lbs.

They ask the local people to erect a shed over the vats, the shed to be 32x72 feet and enlarged if needed and to furnish water for the months they are using the vats, the shed to belong to the local people.

Mr. Brazee is coming back to Crockett and Grapeland soon, at which time I expect to invite every one interested in this proposition to meet with him and hear him explain the proposition in detail. And in the meantime if you are interested in growing cucumbers I would like to discuss this proposition with you and will be glad to furnish you with any information I have on the subject.

R. R. Morrison,  
County Agent.

**Increase the Acre Yield of Cotton Not the Acreage**

With cotton bringing what is regarded as a good price, many farmers and quite a few who are not farmers are forgetting the lessons which supposedly were learned when prices were not so good. As a case in point, a rather prominent man made the statement recently that "Texas ought to raise 5,000,000 bales of cotton next year." "We used to talk diversification," he continued, "and that was well and good, but it is not the thing now."

Of course, this man is hoping that cotton will bring a good price next year. Present conditions are favorable to the realization of that hope. But it should not be overlooked that the cotton market does not always act according to apparent indications. There have been times in the past when the indications before planting pointed to good prices, and yet when fall arrived the situation had changed. Don't be too certain that prices are going to be good next fall. Don't bank on the oft repeated statement that it is impossible for the South to again grow a large crop, and remember that the excess above consumptive demands does not have to be great for prices to slump disastrously.

But aside from the price consideration, there are other reasons why Texas should not increase her cotton acreage. Even at present prices, many thousands of Texas farmers are not making money on cotton for two reasons. First, the yield per acre is too low because with 14,000,000 acres in cotton, it is not practical to make provision for the fertility of the soil, and second, the crop is costing too much, because the large cotton acreage has made the purchase of feed at high prices necessary.

The yields of cotton in Texas are growing smaller with each succeeding ten-year period. From an average yield of approximately 250 pounds of lint cotton just after the Civil War, yields have declined until the current ten-year period will show an average yield of less than 150 pounds per acre. Texas purchases a comparatively small amount of fertilizer; its acreage in legume crops is insignificant. Without the use of either fertilizer or legumes in a farming system which includes livestock, the maintenance or increase of soil fertility is beyond the power of any farmer.

It is estimated that Texas will produce 87,600,000 bushels of corn, 43,720,000 bushels of grain sorghums, and 49,824,000 bushels of oats, making the total supply of feed grains 181,144,000 bushels. If the supply was evenly distributed, it might be sufficient, but the 1920 census

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Lawyer  
CROCKETT, TEXAS  
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showed that one-half of the farmers of the state purchased feed.

To satisfy the need for both feed and soil fertility, Texas should not increase its cotton acreage. It is time for our farmers to quit gambling on the cotton market by increasing and decreasing the acreage according to our "experts" guesses as to the future price of cotton. We need to adopt a cropping system that provides for feed and fertility first and cash crops last and stick to it without regard to the trend of cotton prices.—The Progressive Farmer.

**IT DRIVES OUT WORMS**

The surest sign of worms in children is paleness, lack of interest in play, fretfulness, variable appetite, picking at the nose and sudden starting in sleep. When these symptoms appear it is time to give White's Cream Vermifuge. A few doses drives out the worms and puts the little one on the road to health again. White's Cream Vermifuge has a record of fifty years of successful use. Price 35c Sold by

Wade L. Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Anderson were in Cooper December 16 to attend the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. Anderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Anderson. Ten children were present to enjoy the happy event, and with their families a total of sixty-four were in attendance.

Cleve Spence of Post City spent the holidays in Houston county with his numerous relatives.

**America's Marvels**  
NATURAL AND OTHERWISE

By T. T. Maxey

**ZION NATIONAL PARK**

Zion National Park is in the extreme southwestern part of Utah. Zion Canyon, its dominating feature, bisects the park from north to south. This canyon is fifteen miles long, varies in width from 50 to 2,500 feet and its walls range from 800 to 2,000 feet high. Crooked as a snake's trail, topped with many splendid and enormous domes and peaks and aglow with color, this canyon is one of the striking scenic spectacles of Western America.

Zion is oft referred to as the "Rainbow of the Desert"—its color scheme being a mixture of grays and reds and browns and yellows which shift into entirely new and unexpected combinations of varying degrees of intensity as the sunrise, sunshine and sunset come and go.

This region was first known to white man when pioneered by Mormons who were taking stock of their holdings in 1858. The Mormons colonized here and Brigham Young, their leader and prophet, termed the place "Little Zion—a sacred place for his people where they might find protection if need be from the Indians who never entered its sacred precincts." The Indians called Zion Canyon Mu-kun-tu-weap (Valley of Many Waters). Zion was little known, however, because of its inaccessibility, until Uncle Sam preserved it for the enjoyment of his people in 1919 by proclaiming it a national park.

The great walls of the templed peaks, extending from the high plateaus to the depths of the canyon, display about 10,000 feet of sandstone strata which has been painted by the brush of time in every shade of pink, gray, brown and yellow, striped sometimes with darker colors, covered sometimes with a layer of white. Shadowed by green trees and canopied by a deep blue sky, this scene presents a color scheme of marvelous beauty.

While visualizing such a startling panorama in a desert world, remember that the walls of this canyon have been fashioned by the erosions of centuries into an endless maze of huge forms—arches, domes, towers, spires, alcoves and natural bridges of many styles and sizes and your mind will undoubtedly reach the conclusion that Zion is an out of the ordinary place.

One of the show places produced by nature in building the formation which we know as Utah, Zion presents an unusual appeal.

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**UNION CHAPEL NEWS**

Union Chapel, Dec. 31.—Christmas has past again and we are now facing a new year. Many will begin laying plans for another year.

The Christmas tree here was a real pretty one and everything was very quiet.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clark had as their guests Dec. 23, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Owens and children of Oakwood, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark and children and C and G. Clark, all of Palestine, Mr. and Mrs. Lowe Clark and Misses Annie Lou, Monta Clark and family, all of Lone Star

The fifth Sunday meeting was quite a success, considering the weather. The following preachers were present: Revs. Durnell, Anderson, McDaniel, Weisinger and Key. We must make mention of the splendid work done by Bro. Key, and consider the church very fortunate in getting his services. Visitors were too many to mention, but will say we were glad to have them with us.

Miss Edna Lou Martin spent a part of the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. E. F. Musick at New Prospect.

Miss Irene Weisinger had as her guests during the past week Misses Dora and Opal Marshall, Ella Cutler of near Grapeland, Viola Clark of Palestine, and Alice Taylor of Rock Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Skidmore are the proud parents of a girl baby.

Mrs. Terrell Smith of Oak Grove is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Gaylon Skidmore.

**Nothing Like It on Earth**

The new treatment for torn flesh, cuts, wounds, sores or lacerations that is doing such wonderful work in flesh healing is the Borozone liquid and powder combination treatment. The liquid Borozone is a powerful antiseptic that purifies the wound of all poisons and infectious germs, while the Borozone powder is the great healer. There is nothing like it on earth for speed, safety and efficiency. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by

WADE L. SMITH

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

At 8 o'clock Christmas morning, the children and grand children of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Grounds of Chapel Hill community commenced to gather in at the old home place, and by 11 o'clock there were fifty-one present, all of whom were children or grand children, and then the good old time commenced—children playing ball, dolls, etc., while the older ones engaged in conversation on different lines, some of them discussing good roads, others farming, while some were riding in their new cars. At about 12 o'clock tables were arranged in a suitable place in the yard and one of the nicest tables spread that I ever witnessed, and in a short time dinner was announced and all gathered around the beautiful table and commenced to partake of the good things that had been provided by all the children and family. So it was a grand, good old time and a time long to be remembered by all present.

Mr. Grounds is 70 years old and is quite spry yet; he offered to wrestle or out run any man on the ground but all of the boys

were afraid to tackle "Pa Grounds," as they all call him. And lucky they were, as I expect they would have come out loser.

Mr. Grounds made four bales of cotton this year and picked three of them himself, besides making a large crib of good corn.

Mr. Grounds carried the mail during the civil war. Not being old enough to go to the battle field, he rendered his country service just the same, although only a lad.

Mrs. Grounds is able to do most of her work but her health has not been very good for a number of years. We think she is improving all the time. She is 68 years young and we all hope to meet these two good people on next Christmas day as young and spry as they were this time.

George McCorkle.

Mr. and Mrs. Murdock Murchison of Beaumont were here for a short while during the holidays to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Murchison.

Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Davis and children of Groveton spent the holidays here with relatives and friends.

**The Scotts**

—LYCEUM ATTRACTION—

**SATURDAY NIGHT, JAN. 5th**  
**SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

The Scotts are entertainers unique, a proven company of ten years' experience. Presenting original one-act plays, "Home Folks," full of heart interest; "Internationally Understood," a rollicking comedy. Also sketches from Shakespeare's plays. Mr. Scott, a true Scot, appears in kilt changes, singing, "When I was Twenty-one," "Wed in the Summer Time," "Roamin' in the Gloamin'" and many other Lauder songs. He plays the bagpipes and dances the Highland Fling

Marion Scott is a true daughter of Killarney, and can tell an Irish story till you "smell the peat a'burnin'!"

ADMISSION:

ADULTS 50c. CHILDREN 25c

**The Hustling, Saving Bee**



During the time when food is plentiful the bee keeps busy laying up a supply of food for the days when he can no longer obtain it. And wise folks will follow this same wise plan, putting aside regularly a certain amount in a SAVINGS ACCOUNT, so when non-productive days of life arrive they can live in comfort as a reward of thrift.

The Beginning of a New Year is the time to start your Savings Account. \$1.00 starts you

**Farmers & Merchants State Bank**

WANETA NEWS

Waneta, Dec. 31.—The holidays are over and our teachers are all at their places this morning. The children are glad for school-days after a week's vacation.

We are having some real winter weather at present. Most every body is killing hogs.

Prayer meeting and Sunday school was well attended yesterday and last night.

Mrs. Harry Lively spent a few days last week visiting in the Liberty Hill community.

Clyde and Walter Cooper are spending the holidays here visiting relatives.

C. L. Day and family spent Saturday night and Sunday at Palestine.

Misses Maudie Jones and Ida Barnes spent Saturday night at Willie Barnes and attended the musical at Mr. W. B. Kellums.

Mrs. Stella Sheffield and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Beulah Harrington.

Mrs. May Welch and children of Lamesa, who have been visiting her parents here, returned home last Friday.

Mrs. Sutton visited in Grape-land a few days last week.

AT METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Preaching at Reynard 3 p. m. In making your resolutions for the new year, don't overlook the one you owe to the house of God. Come and worship with us.

B. C. Anderson, Pastor

Mrs. W. E. Carleton visited relatives at her old home in Hemphill during the holidays.

Will Robbins has gone to Crockett to engage in the restaurant business.

LIVELYVILLE NEWS

Livelyville, Dec. 31—Christmas passed quietly here. We didn't have any public celebration but everyone enjoyed the day very much and as near as we can learn Santa Claus remembered every one.

There was much visiting. Some folks that had moved to other places came in to spend the holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shipper and baby from Toneca, Ill., are here visiting home folks, Mrs. J. F. Fulton and brother, Dan Shipper. They will leave today for Arlington, Texas, to spend a few days with George Shipper and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Masters spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs G. W. Garner.

Mrs Victoria Ferguson entertained a few friends Friday night in honor of her daughter, Mamie, who was home for Xmas vacation.

P. C. and W. C MacDonald also their sister, Ruth, spent Friday with Bud Elliott and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Masters and family visited Frank Masters Thursday.

Mr and Mrs. Frank Masters spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Ellis.

Mr and Mrs Jesse Bishop came home from Huntsville to enjoy Christmas with friends and relatives

Mr. and Mrs. Will Howard announce the birth of a daughter Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1923.

C.F. Stockbridge recently visited his daughter, Miss Julia, in Houston, and relatives in Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Skidmore spent the holidays in Dallas visiting their daughter, Mrs. Rose.

MICKIE SAYS—

WHUP! A FELLER JEST SAID WE WUZ GITTING OUT 'N' BEST NEWSPAPER FER A TOWN OF THIS SIZ 'AT HE EVER SAW. AN' 'N' BLOW'S MOST KILT POOR MICKIE! WE AINY USED T' KIND WORDS MUCH!



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THE JUMEL MANSION

The Robert Morris house, more recently called the Jumel Mansion, located near One Hundred and Sixtieth street and Amsterdam avenue, in the city of New York, is one of the most famous of all the historic buildings in that greatest of all American cities. Well preserved, it is a splendid specimen of Georgian architecture.

As history goes, Colonel Robert Morris of the Forty-seventh British regiment and a comrade-in-arms of General George Washington, purchased the property and erected this mansion which he subsequently presented to his bride, in 1763.

General Washington occupied the place in 1776, while 8,000 volunteer soldiers camped in the neighborhood. During a battle which resulted in the capture of Fort Washington, this house was the center of operations. In 1777 it served as the headquarters of the British army. In 1778 it was occupied by General Baron Von Kuyppausen and his German following as Hessian headquarters.

Following the close of the Revolutionary war, this building was familiarly known as Calumet Inn. Stage coaches operating between New York city and Albany changed horses at this point. President Washington and his cabinet dined here in 1790.

In 1810 Stephen Jumel, a French wine merchant of fame and fortune, purchased this mansion, restored it to its condition in the time of Washington. Jumel died in 1832. The following year Mme. Jumel married the illustrious Aaron Burr who, in 1801, was elected vice president of the United States, and who shot and killed the celebrated Alexander Hamilton in a duel which was the outgrowth of a political feud, at Weehawken, New Jersey, in 1804. Subsequently, Attorney Chase, who studied law in Burr's office and who married a niece of Mme. Jumel, occupied this house for 50 years.

In 1903 the property was purchased by the city and in 1907 the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution acquired the use of the house for a museum of historical relics and furnishings of the Revolutionary period.

In the council chamber, a large octagonal room at the rear of the broad hall, General Washington, it is said, received visits from the sachems of the five Iroquois tribes who came to offer their allegiance to the cause of liberty.

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W. N. Ferguson, who moved to Lubbock in October, came back to see his friends during the holidays. Mr. Ferguson said he liked his new location fine, that the town and country was in prosperous condition and growing.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McCall and son visited relatives at Jacksonville a few days last week.

Mrs. P. H. Blalock and son and Miss Esther Davis of Livingston were here to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Davis at Christmas time.

UNION DOTS

Union, Dec. 31.—The pie supper was quite a success last Thursday night. \$22.60 was collected.

Miss Ruth Smith spent Saturday night with Miss Fannie Bell Weisinger.

Alfred Caskey and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives in Palestine.

Miss Laura Goodnight spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith.

Miss Fannie Lou Collins spent the week end with Miss Annie Mae Garrard.

Mr. and Mrs. W J Starkey spent Xmas here with relatives.

School began this morning after a week's Xmas. We hope that every one has had a delightful time and is ready to start studying again.

Common Sense Vs. Legislation

Radical farmers in North Dakota and Minnesota have found by experience that legislation will not correct economic or personal deficiencies.

Growing wheat alone year after year means worn-out lands and hard-up farmers, and no government subsidy or guaranteed price will help.

One man in ten who goes into the grocery business succeeds and grows wealthy, and the average is about the same with farmers.

Farming is the basic industry and if we could destroy every city, the wealth production and necessities of the farms would build them up again.

But if we destroy the farms, the cities would fall into irretrievable ruin. To guarantee wheat prices is to tax weaker industries than farming.

The world excess of 30,000,000 bushels of wheat would be doubled by a subsidy as a premium on increased production and wheat would go down as taxes went up.

The way out is not by more legislation but more faith in our country, more common sense and more diversified farming.

EAVES FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. B. R Eaves spent a very happy Christmas, having all their children with them except two. Those present from a distance were Rev. and Mrs. E. Payne and children of Petty; Rev and Mrs. R. L. Brooks and children of Elgin; Mr and Mrs Lee Eaves of Stephenville; Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Eaves of Granger; Mrs. Collier of Stephens, Ark; Mrs. Kiser of Houston; Woodie Eaves and family and J. S. Eaves and family of this city.

Distribution of Industries

"It is an ill wind that blows nobody good," can be applied to the freight rate situation. With low freight rates, raw materials, such as cotton, were transported thousands of miles to industrial centers and the finished material, or at least a part of it, sent back to the original source of supply. That is being done today to a certain extent, but conditions are rapidly being adjusted. Cotton mills are being erected in the South—even in Texas, where manufacturing has not been very prominent, and thus a distribution of industry is being brought about which would probably have taken years of old conditions.

High freight rates are bringing about some of the old self reliance which our forefathers were noted for. In early days there was no transportation, except by wagon, and settlers learned to provide for their own needs to a very large extent. Today, the high cost of transportation by rail is an encouragement to home thrift and home industry. If high freight rates teach us a lesson of self reliance and force a "live and board at home" program, they will prove a blessing to many communities and to many farmers.—Farm & Ranch.

A. M. Woodell and family arrived last Thursday from Belcher, La., and will occupy a residence in South Grapeland. Mr. Woodell will be associated with Keeland Bros. in the general merchantile business.

WE WILL APPRECIATE A PART  
OF YOUR BUSINESS  
IN 1924

You will find our stock of Groceries complete at all times and the Price is Right

We carry a complete stock of FEED, FLOUR, MEAL, ALFALFA HAY.

It will always pay you to get our prices before you buy

We are going to have on hand at all times a complete stock of staple dry goods as follows:

Ginghams, Percales, Sheeting, Domestic Hosiery, Uuderwear, Men's and Boys' Dress Shirts, Hats, Caps, Shoes for all the family, Men's and Boys' Suits, Overalls, Work Shirts.

We appreciate your telephone orders. They will always have our prompt attention.

We Deliver to any part of the City TRY US WITH YOUR NEXT ORDER

We are always in the market for your Produce and pay the highest market price

Long's Cash Store



To our True and Loyal Friends, who have so generously patronized us during the past year, we extend our sincere thanks

To everybody everywhere we wish A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Norman's Garage  
J. C. NORMAN, Proprietor

**THE MESSENGER**

A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

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THURSDAY, JAN. 3, 1924

**STAGE COACH POLITICAL DAYS**

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.—The Grapeland Messenger.

To illustrate with recent facts: Mr. Harding was elected, at least so far as the expression of the people at the ballot box elected him, very early in November, 1920. He assumed the duties of office on March 4, 1921. With his administration began a new congress whose members were elected at the same election at which the President was chosen. The term of that Congress (two years) expired March 4, 1923. But the next Congress had been chosen early in November of 1922. In that election Hon. Earle B. Mayfield was chosen to the U. S. Senate. He presented himself on March 4 of 1923, four months after his election, and assumed the duties of his office. A Senator is mainly a legislative officer; but, as the Congress whose members assumed office March 4, 1923 was not called in special session by the President during the year prior to the regular meeting date, the first Monday in December, as provided by the Constitution, it comes about that Senator Mayfield did not assume his real legislative duties till thirteen months after his election. Other examples might be given. Congressmen, both the Representatives and the Senators are usually chosen upon some particular issue. The voters would naturally prefer to have this issue worked out in legislation before a lapse of thirteen months after the election, even before a lapse of four months. Some day, it may be, an amendment to the Federal Constitution may be adopted to obviate these old "Stage Coach political methods."—Troup Banner.

We know of no better time than in the beginning to this new year to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the multitude of friends and patrons who have so generously patronized The Messenger during the year that has just closed. Our business shows a very substantial increase over the previous year, for which we are duly grateful. We want to show our appreciation by putting forth our very best

efforts in the coming year to give you a better and more newsy paper. In the very near future we expect to increase the size of the paper to a six column. This will enable us to handle a larger volume of advertising without encroaching upon the news columns of the paper. Beginning with this issue we will not accept any advertisements for the front page. Up-to-date newspapers, both country and city, long ago removed all advertising from the front page, and in doing this The Messenger is taking a step that is in the interest of both the advertiser and the reader. To be valuable advertising must be placed in an attractive medium and a front page attractively made up with live reading matter will gain attention instantly. If you can get the front page read, the other pages will be sure to be read. Then, it places all advertisers on equal basis. The first issue in each month we will issue an 8-page magazine section with a two-color comic page. It will always contain interesting reading and historical matter, sure to please everyone who pursues its columns. We expect to add other features from time to time. In conclusion, we solicit your continued patronage and wish each and every one a happy and prosperous new year.

Bootleg liquor took a terrible toll of human life during 1923. It is estimated that 2500 people died from the effects of drinking the stuff, and there is no way of telling how many permanently injured themselves.

A majority of the people of north Houston county are in favor of good roads, and that is some consolation. It means that enough people can be won over to make it a two-thirds majority next time. So let us not be discouraged, but rather take courage and work a little harder to insure victory at the next opportunity.

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

Miss Clara Anderson reached home from Denton in time for the holidays. She finished her course at the teachers training college and will teach the Antrim school for the remainder of the term.

Mrs. Thomas Caskey returned to her home in Houston Sunday morning after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bridges.

Ross Brock of Livingston, son of U. M. Brock of this city, was married Christmas day to Miss Dorris Rowe of Livingston. They spent the week end here with Mr. Brock, returning to Livingston Sunday morning.

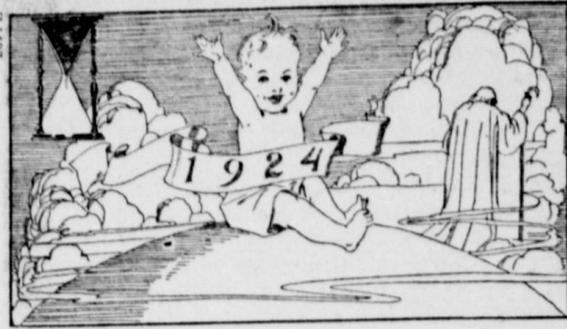
**STRAYED**

One unmarked 300 lb. black sow. Finder please notify Arwine Skidmore.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR FOLKS**

Your liberal patronage and good will in 1923 prompts us to thank you and wish you a full season of health and prosperity through the New Year.

A B Spence & Son, Ginners.



**THE DARSEY Co.**  
GRAPELAND'S CASH DRY GOODS STORE

WISHES YOU

**A Happy New Year**

May you enjoy a liberal amount of success, health and happiness during 1924.

**A NEW YEAR RESOLUTION**

The greatest joy that comes to us, is that of SERVICE. Realizing this and sincerely appreciative of your liberal patronage and loyal friendship, we enter the New Year with a determination to serve you better than ever in the past. To this end, we solicit your further co-operation toward making 1924 the best year this section has ever seen, and invite your suggestions. If you are not already one of our customers, the best step you can make toward further Prosperity is to join the ranks of the hundreds who are and make this store your merchandise headquarters. Satisfaction always guaranteed. Let us serve you often.

**THE DARSEY Co.**

**WINTER IS HERE**

You don't have to suffer any discomforts this kind of weather. Right at this store, you will find many things that will help to keep you comfortable. If you can't come to town for what you want, write or phone and we will send it by mail or delivery.

**BLANKETS**

Good warm blankets in many weights and sizes are here in solid colors and plaids, both cotton and wool.

**\$2.50 \$4.00 and up to \$10 a pair**

Cotton filled comforts with fancy cretonne, silkine and challie covers, several sizes, at only

**\$2.50 \$2.75 \$3.00 \$4.00 and up to \$7.50**

Beautiful patterns to select from

Baby blankets from as low as \$1.00 to \$2.50

**WINTER WEARING APPAREL**

Good warm underwear in union and two piece suits for men, women and children are here in most all sizes. Also, several weights in cotton flannel, outing, etc. Heavy overshirts, duck and corduroy work clothes. Heavy pull down caps.

**SPECIAL PRICES ON BOYS SWEATERS**

**BUY IT NOW**

Right now is the best time to buy your early requirements in staple cotton goods, such as gingham, ticking, shirting, sheeting, percale, etc. as later merchandise will be higher in price; also such clothing as overalls, work shirts, work pants, and all cotton materials. You will find highest quality at lowest prices at this store.

**FRIEDMAN-SHELBY ALL LEATHER SHOES LAST LONGER BECAUSE THEY ARE BETTER.** Shoes for work, dress or play. Be sure your shoes are leather. Buy them at this store.

**FOR COMMISSIONER**

S. W. Duitch of the Union community authorizes his announcement this week as a candidate for Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July.

Mr. Duitch is one of our best citizens and is well qualified to fill the office to which he asks

the voters to elect him. Two years ago he made the race, although he announced only a short time before the primary, and after many people had pledged their support to others. But in spite of this fact, he received a good vote. He announces early this year so his friends will know he is in the race to the finish. We commend his candidacy

to the serious consideration of the voters.

**LOST**—On Augusta road pair ladies grey kid gloves. Reward—Bring to Messenger office.

**Political Announcements**

For Commissioner Prec. 1: S. W. Duitch.

# Locals

666 for Colds and La Grippe.

Clewis represents one of the best dye works in the state. 666 prevents Colds.

Free air, water and service at Guice's Filling Station.

Julian Walling has returned home from a business trip to Lamesa.

T. W. Marshall, who is working at Spring, spent the holidays here with his family.

Messrs. C. E. Lively and J. H. Rosser spent Christmas on a big hunt out on the Mexican border.

Mrs. J. H. Rosser and children visited relatives in Jacksonville last week.

Henry Richards has returned to Huntsville, after spending the holidays here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Darsey Jr. spent a few days last week in Cooper visiting relatives.

Luther Campbell, who has been living at Rotan, for some time came in for the holidays to see relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pridgen of Houston were here for the holidays visiting their daughter, Mrs. W. T. Pridgen.

Frost proof cabbage plants by parcel post, 100 for 35c, 200 and over 25c per 100.

Jesse Barnes, Trinity, Texas.

LOST—Somewhere between Crockett and Augusta, 31x4 Goodyear Diamond tread auto casing, with black cover. Finder please notify C. M. McCarty, Grapeland.

666 for Headaches, Colds, etc.

Get that good gas and oil at Guice's filling station.

Mrs. J. C. Kennedy visited relatives in Crockett last week.

J. M. Murray made a business trip to Galveston this week.

Miss Edith Brown visited relatives in Houston last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ellis and daughter of Crockett visited relatives here Sunday.

Jot Davis Hollingsworth, who is teaching at Onalaska, spent Christmas here with relatives.

Miss Ardis Murray visited friends in Crockett last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Ryan were visitors to Centerville last week end.

Mrs. C. C. Jones and children of Oakwood came over for the holidays to see relatives.

Lawson Payne of Houston was here last week a few days visiting his parents.

W. E. Holmes of Palestine was visiting Grapeland friends last Thursday.

Get your maize heads from us. We have a car load. Long's Cash Store.

G. R. Murchison returned home Thursday from Ft. Worth where he spent a week with his son, Ross Murchison and family.

### FOR SALE

Duroc hogs—boars, gilts, pigs and bred sows. Papers furnished. A. N. Edens, Route 3.

Messrs. Clyde and Edwin Davis of San Benito and Kingsville came home to see their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Davis.

666 for Malarial Fever.

Frost proof cabbage plants, 100 for 35c. H C Jones.

O. Caskey is remodeling his home, adding a room and porch.

Aubrey Lively of Houston was here for a few days during the holidays.

Miss Leila Sewell has gone to Overton to spend some time with her mother.

I. N. Whitaker visited his daughter in Dallas during the holidays.

Miss Ola Willis of Dallas came home for the holidays to see her mother, Mrs. Lucy Willis.

Mrs. B. H. Lewis and children visited relatives at Chireno last week.

Miss Lucy Mae Murchison spent Christmas day in Lovelady with friends.

Miss Mary Belle Hill of Forney spent the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. E. C. Hill.

Miss Eula Mae Riall, who is teaching in Oklahoma City, came home for the holidays.

Mrs. Nesbitt Lively and baby visited relatives in Texarkana during the holidays.

Mrs. C. B. Keeland and children visited relatives in Huntsville last week.

Mrs. M. V. Matteson, who is teaching at Telegraph, Texas, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Duitch, during Christmas.

Mrs. A. S. Porter and daughter of Angleton spent the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Goodson.

Miss Katherine Powell of Crockett was the guest of Miss Ardis Murray a few days last week.

F A. Lively of Lovelady was in this community a few days this week visiting relatives and friends.

Tom C. Scarborough, who is attending school in Galveston, spent the holidays at home with his mother.

A happy new year to everybody. Start the new year right by buying your gas, oils, tires, tubes and spark plugs at Guice's Filling Station

### FOR SALE

I offer my home on west side of railroad; also mother's home on east side of railroad at a bargain if sold at once. W. H. Gilbert.

LOST—1 brown colored mare mule, hanes marks, weight 1200 or 1300 pounds; think she has W on jaw. Finder write Arthur Holcomb, Augusta, Texas.

### FOR SALE

My farm of 90 acres 3 miles east of Grapeland; well improved, good pasture, one nice 6-room house, and a 4-room tenant house, 2 wells of good water and everlasting water from spring branch. For price see or write A. D. Grounds, Grapeland, Texas.

Bad digestion robs the body of the nourishment it needs to maintain health and strength. To restore tone in the digestive organs there is no better remedy than Prickly Ash Bitters. It is the remedy that men use for purifying the stomach, liver and bowels. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L Smith Special Agent.

# An Appreciation

In beginning another year's work I desire to express my sincerest thanks and appreciation to my many friends and customers who have made my business life in Grapeland a success.

With the assurance that I shall maintain the same high standard of service at a very reasonable cost to you and wishing all a prosperous year, I am yours for our mutual success

A Graduate in Pharmacy Here

# SMITH'S DRUG STORE

Everything a Good Drug Store Should Have

### COME TO SEE ME

My Grapeland friends are invited to call and eat with me when they are in Crockett. I have opened a restaurant just east of Chamberlain's drug store. Will Robbins.

Lee Burden and family, who have been living in Oklahoma for some time, have returned and will reside in the San Pedro community.

### FOR SALE

Plenty of pine shingles for sale at mill at Latexo at \$2.25 per 1000. G. D. Dunn.

### MAIZE HEADS

We have a car load of this good feed. Get it from us now, as it will not last long. Long's Cash Store.

Misses Lorene Edington and Bessie Kennedy, who are attending school in Tyler, were home for the holidays.

Bob Wherry and Marvin Herod returned Thursday from La-Pryor, in Southwest Texas, where they carried 300 head of cattle for George Calhoun.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Streetman gave the editor's family a Christmas gift, some fall tomatoes grown in their garden.

### 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

Wade L. Smith

### CATARRHAL DEAFNESS

is often caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing. Unless the inflammation can be reduced, your hearing may be destroyed forever. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will do what we claim for it—tid your system of Catarrh or Deafness caused by Catarrh. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE has been successful in the treatment of Catarrh for over Forty Years. Sold by all druggists. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

# 1924



With full appreciation of the many courtesies shown us during the past year

We extend to you the compliments of the season and wish you a full measure of prosperity in the coming year

## Henry Dailey & Co.

# Announcement

We wish to announce to our many friends and customers that we are making preparations to more completely take care of their wants this year on a larger scale. We have secured the building next to our present building, formerly occupied by the Cash Grocery Co., and will use both buildings.

We will in the near future put in an up-to-date line of shoes and dry goods, and combined with our present heavy lines will put us in position to serve you with anything you want.

It will be our policy in the future, as in the past, to keep the price down. By keeping our overhead expense down, we can sell goods on a close margin, being content with a small profit on a large volume of business.

We invite you to trade with us this year and we will save you money on your purchases.

Mr. C. B. Keeland, formerly of the Cash Grocery Co., and Mr. A. M. Woodell, a former citizen of Grapeland whom many of you know, will be associated with us.

# Keeland Bros.

The people that keep the price down

PERCILLA NEWS

Percilla, Dec. 31.—Christmas and the holidays have passed here without any extra disturbance of any kind and the road bonds and tax election was altogether too one sided to cause any discord among our people. The vote here was nearly 10 to 1 in favor of leaving bad enough alone.

Waneta and Percilla boys basket ball teams played a game on Percilla's court Thursday to the tune of 16 to 6 in favor of Percilla.

Mrs. Bill Lively spent the past week with home folks at Maydelle.

W. J. Branch is on a visit to kinfolks in Alabama

Mrs. W. W. Sullivan is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Artie Harris, at Gallatin, Cherokee county. (Ava has a fine girl baby.)

Mrs. M. E. Dotson is visiting kinfolks in Houston this week and Miss Clara Mae Dickey is visiting kinfolks in Palestine.

Mrs. D. M. Jones is visiting her father, Tuce Lively, at Lovelady. Mrs. Jones left in company with two of her visiting sisters from out counties and a brother from New York City.

Clarence and Olan Denson of Houston visited home folks here Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Tollie Hollis and baby of Port Arthur visited Mrs. Hollis' father, J. W. Franklin, Christmas.

Pat Wilson and wife have moved to Rusk, Cherokee county.

Ellis Wilcox of Courtney, Texas and Weldon Rawls, who is attending school at Huntsville were here visiting friends and home folks the past week.

Elmer Sullivan and family and Annie Mae and Glenn Flora Sullivan visited kinfolks in Palestine the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lively, Mr. and Mrs. Buddie Fitchett and Mrs. Thomas Sullivan all of Palestine are visiting home and kinfolks here.

Mrs. Lipscomb Sexton of Crockett is visiting home folks here.

Ed and Rob Bobbitt and their families of Grapeland spent Christmas here with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ory Heath of Houston were here a few days this week visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Richards.

NEW PROSPECT NEWS

New Prospect, Dec. 31.—The holidays passed very quietly. The Xmas tree and program by the school was enjoyed by a large crowd. Our teachers visited their home folks and are back at their job this morning.

Misses Velma Chandler and Zelma Finch went to Enterprise last Thursday to visit a friend. They returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown from Grapeland visited their daughter, Mrs. Parker last Saturday.

Mrs. Pledger Chiles went to her home at Reynard last Wednesday after spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kyle.

Lee Smith, W. P. and J. L. Chiles all from Reynard were visitors here Xmas.

W. H. Whitescarver and wife spent several days last week at the home of E. F. Musick

Mrs. W. P. Kyle has been visiting her daughters, Mrs. Musick, and Mrs. Rials several days

J. E. Luce and Jodie Gibson, the latter a negro, have each had the misfortune to lose a nice young pony recently; supposed to have had blind staggers.

Sumner Rials has a badly sprained arm. While driving cattle his horse fell into a bog causing him to fall on his arm.

Mrs. E. J. Musick, who has been on the sick list is improving.

We wish the Messenger and its many readers a glad and prosperous New Year.

LIBERTY HILL LOCALS

Liberty Hill, Dec. 31.—School opened this morning after the holidays we have been enjoying. The teachers, Misses Owens and Morgan and Mr. Stanley returned yesterday.

Misses Tommie Holcomb and Freddie Ramey returned to Huntsville yesterday, where they are attending school, after spending the holidays at home

Jammie Avera, who is attending A. & M. College this year is spending a few days at home.

Miss Cordelia Holcomb returned to Oswell, where she is teaching

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McAnally have moved to Crockett.

Mrs. Dave Rice of Lenwood spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Woodyly.

Welcome, New Year



I HAVE written a welcome, a rhythmical welcome. A message glad-hearted and true. I want you to read it, perhaps you may need it

For it was intended for you. I have written a greeting, a versified greeting.

With every word pertinent, true. To welcome the glad year, the merry, the sad year, The wonderful year that is new.

I have written a welcome, a love-inspired welcome, Read on 'till the story is through. This New Year advancing, inspiring, entrancing.

This New Year depends upon you. Will you make it a treasure and fill it with pleasure, Its skies of a heavenly hue, Will your earnest endeavor enshrine it forever, This wonderful year that is new?

I have written a greeting, a wide-scattered greeting, The best that my pencil could do, But the joy and the glory of making its story

A blessing, reverts unto you. If at last you have crowned it with good deeds and bound it With kindly intents not a few, Then through your endeavor you've hallowed forever

This wonderful year that is new. —L. M. Thornton, in Orange Judd Farmer.

HOME FROM COLLEGE

The following young people who are away attending college spent the Christmas holidays here with homefolk:

Frank Granberry and Cecil Bean, Waco; Rencher Brewton and Miss Elizabeth Leaverton, Austin; John Anderson, Lewis Nance Murchison, Walter Gainey and Graydon Shaver, College Station; Misses Mildred Haltom, Ida Mae Herod, Mary Alice Kent, Lonnie Mae Guice, Gertye Mae Shaw, Prudie and I V Campbell, Huntsville

W. R. Wherry of Houston spent a day here during the holidays meeting his numerous friends. He went to Elkhart to visit his son, Roy Wherry and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Maxwell and son of Palestine were Christmas visitors here.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

A cloth wrung out in vinegar and water mixed together in equal proportions will readily clean a carpet and will also save time in dusting.

Use water in which macaroni, rice or potatoes have been boiled as a foundation for soup or sauces.

Give new patent leather shoes a coat of vaseline before wearing them. Rub well in. This lengthens the life of the leather and prevents it from cracking easily.

To renew an old icebox buy a small can of aluminum paint and a cheap paint brush. Paint the inside of the box. One coat is sufficient and it dries in a few hours.

A supply of lemon syrup can be made from six lemons, four cupsful of sugar, one cupful of

water and one tablespoonful of grated rind. Put the sugar and water in a porcelain-lined kettle and stir with a wooden spoon until the sugar is dissolved. Then boil for three minutes. Remove the scum, add the strained lemon-juice and boil for five minutes more. Pour into jars or bottles.

He (lovingly)—What would you do now if I should kiss you? She (timidly)—I—I—don't know. I have never had to answer such a question before.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Dauphin of Lovelady spent a few days last week with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Bean north of town.

Walter Branch left the first of last week for Alabama to spend awhile with relatives amid the scenes of his childhood home.

WE GIVE YOU Prompt - Service



CLEANING PRESSING ALTERATIONS TAILOR MADE CLOTHING

M. L. CLEWIS

GREETINGS

TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS:

We have deeply appreciated your patronage which has been the means of us remaining in Grapeland and making our store a good place for you to trade.

We wish for each and everyone of you a year of peace, happiness and prosperity and hope to have a liberal portion of your patronage during 1924.

C. H. Sewell & Co.

GRAPELAND'S CHEAP CASH STORE (Frank Allen Bldg., Grapeland, Texas)



We feel it fitting, with the coming of the New Year, that we should lay aside the claims of business for a moment and thank the people of this city and vicinity for their generous participation in the growth of this business during 1923. Not only do we owe our thanks for the progress of the past, but for the confidence inspired for the future.

We would have you know that we are sincerely grateful to each of you. We extend our sincere wishes with the hope that 1924 will fulfill your highest hopes and fondest aspirations.

McLEAN & RIALI

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

The old year with its goodness and its badness, is about to take its place in the store house of past events and we are about to usher into virile life a New Year with its hopes and possibilities.

Let us be thankful for what it has brought us, and sorrow not.

And let us at the same time meet the New Year with hearts full of hope.

I hope the old year has been good to you,

That it has brought more of sunshine than of shadow, and some friendships that will endure throughout the years.

May the New Year bring to you and yours much joy, unbounded success,

That comes from life well lived and work well done.

As we usher out the old and bring in the new,

Let us not be forgetful of those who perhaps have been less fortunate than we,

And let us try to bring a ray of light in the darkened corner of their lives.

May peace, prosperity and plenty reign with you,

And may all your days be bathed in sunshine.

Arthur Turner.

FOR WORKING PEOPLE

The best of workers get out of sorts when the liver fails to act. They feel languid, half-sick, "blue" and discouraged and think they are getting lazy. Neglect of these symptoms might result in a sick spell, therefore the sensible course is to take a dose or two of Herbine. It is just the medicine needed to purify the system and restore the vim and ambition of health. Price 60c. Sold by

Wade L. Smith

CARD OF THANKS

Words are inadequate to express our appreciation to the good people of Grapeland and community for the help given and interest shown after our loss due to the fire. May God's blessings be with each of you. Mrs. T. W. Marshall and family.

MOVING TO JACKSONVILLE

W. E. Kerr of this city, who has been connected with Henry Dailey & Co. the past year, and Walter Newman of Augusta have formed a partnership and purchased a shoe and drygoods business in Jacksonville. Mr. Newman is there in charge of the business and Mr. Kerr expects to leave in a few days.

Both of them are successful business men, Mr. Newman having been engaged in business at Augusta for some time, and up until a few months ago when his store was destroyed by fire carried a large stock and enjoyed a very lucrative trade. Prior to going in the merchantile business with Henry Dailey last January, Mr. Kerr was in the merchantile business at Goose Creek, although he formerly lived here and was head salesman for Kennedy Bros.

The loss of these two splendid families will be keenly felt, but we hope their ambitions will be realized and that their new business venture will be successful.

Ben Swearington, besides being a successful business man and politician who never runs for office, is somewhat of a philosopher on the side. Yesterday he was using an argument against the moon weather prophets that looks like knocks the moon man's prognostications in the head. He says that at his old home in Mississippi it has rained nearly every day since the first of June, while here in Marshall we have suffered with probably the worst drouth we have ever experienced. He raises this question: "Don't they see the same moon in Mississippi that we do in Texas?"—Marshall News.

Mrs. Kirk Denson is in Houston visiting her son, Odell Denson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Clewis visited relatives at Cold Springs this week.

Miss Emma Wallace, who is teaching at Brownfield, came home for the holidays.

NEFF FOR PRESIDENT

Editor Messenger:

The action of the State Democratic Executive Committee in giving to Gov. Pat M. Neff its practically unanimous endorsement as the choice of Texans for the Democratic nominee for President in the campaign of 1924, should thrill every loyal democrat with the deepest sense of gratification and State pride and bring to his support the united effort of the people of Texas to lead themovement to ultimate success.

Texas has a number of Democrats of "Presidential size," among whom I could mention Chas. A. Culberson, Horace Chilton, J. W. Bailey, M. M. Crane, F. A. Willilams, R. E. L. Saner, and a host of others whose names I need not call but are well known to the people of this State, and this fact is enough to make us all feel proud that we live in Texas and have such men among us.

But it so happens just now that Gov. Neff is the only one of these splendid men who is being prominently mentioned for the place, and I am sure that neither personal preference nor past political difference will deter any good Democrat from falling into line for the Texas Governor and give to him that faithful and loyal support that his splendid equipment and his well known capacity entitle him to.

A great deal is now being said about "A Southern man for President," and the belief is general that NOW is the best time to get such a man that we have had since the Civil War ended. Mr. Underwood, himself a candidate and a Southerner, is stressing this point in all his speeches, and Mr. Underwood is right about it. No man can offer any SANE reason why a man from the South should not be chosen for that high office, and as stated by the Executive Committee, the South will never have this honor "until she TRIES TO GET IT."

There are some Democrats, even in Texas, who seem to believe that the Democratic party has little chance for success in the next general election. But every sign of the times indicates to the contrary. The old "G. O. P", the Republican party, is divided into several distinct and well organized "groups" and these groups are so divided on PRINCIPLE that they can not get together on any common ground except "for the spoils." With Lodge, Hiram Johnson, La Follette and a number of other "Western Progressives" in vig-

orous assault upon the politics of President Coolidge, the latter is not likely to have "easy sailing" to succeed himself. It looks very much just now that something like the old "Taft-Roosevelt" dissension is going to "rend the Republican party in twain" and very likely bring about the election of the Democratic nominee. There seems to be little doubt, to my mind, that with a solid Democratic effort, based upon issues that will appeal to and satisfy the great mass of the people of this country, the chances for Democratic success are anything but discouraging. The lines are already drawn on these issues, and it is known that Gov. Neff stands "four square" upon each and every one of them, and why not a Texan lead Democracy's forces as well as a man from New York or Alabama or any other State? With Gov. Neff as a candi-

date, both State pride and LOCAL pride should well up into the hearts of the people of Houston county and prompt them to do all in their power to promote his interests. For, aside from his eminent fitness for the place, we should consider what an HONOR it would be if this County should furnish the next "Mistress of the White House", Governor Neff's wife being a native of the county and a member of one of its best and most prominent families. We hope to see every democrat, men and women go to work and do their whole duty.

J. W. Madden.

Miss Josephine Teems has returned to school in Fort Worth after spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Teems.

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**SALMON SAYINGS**

Salmon, Dec. 31.—Another mile stone has been reached and to-morrow marks the beginning of the new year 1924, and here is wishing the editor and his readers a prosperous and happy new year.

Rev. W. J. Starkey and family of Rusk spent Christmas in our midst visiting relatives and old time friends. He preached for us Sunday and brought a great message, which was enjoyed by all that were present to hear him. After the preaching service the church went in to conference for the purpose of selecting a pastor for the ensuing year, and Bro. Grumble, who will move to Grapeland in the near future, was elected and will preach for us Sunday evening at 2:30 o'clock. Everybody is invited to come and hear him.

Mr. Glenn has recently put in an up-to-date gas filling station, which means another step toward Salmon's building up. He has also purchased the tract of land from Mr. Williams just south of the church and will build on it in the near future.

We understand that our good friend, R. F. Smith, will make the race for tax collector of Anderson county. We hope he will be successful.

We learn that the road bond that was voted on for the northern part of Huston county last Friday was defeated by a small vote, and as the writer lives just over the line in Houston county, where our interest should be and is, he and his wife placed their votes in favor of the bonds, which was all we could do in that way, and we did this for several reasons. First is, that we can remember 15 years ago when we would hitch four horses to a bale of seed cotton and start out to the gin at Grapeland through sand knee deep the most of the way, and then could hardly get there with the four, and when we didn't have the four head of horses we carried half of the bale one day and unloaded it in a stall and went back home and brought the other half the next day. Now follow me up and see where we go. Our good friends at Grapeland started the move and did the most of the moving and a great many of us lined up with them and built what we thought then a good road leading out each way from Grapeland, and we must say it was a good road, and the result was that we could load on a bale of seed cotton and put a pair of little jack leg mules to it and move it to the gin with more ease than we could with the four before we clayed the roads. And now, the result is we had nothing to keep the roads up, so they are going down. Second, if you count your time anything and the wear and tear of your team, wagon and car, you will find that you are paying a higher tax than you would be paying if we had the bond on and a good road. There would be a saving in many ways. You would save time, save your team, wagon, car and gas, and lots of worry, and many times your religion, if you ever had any. Now, we are wondering if we are going to just keep muddying down through the same old muddy ruts and be satisfied? I for one will not be satisfied with the road condition as it is. I am for anything that is uplifting in public enterprise. So let's not give up by being defeated this

time and bring our forces together as citizens of a worthy town and community and put it over yet.

L. N. Lasiter.

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

D. N. Leaverton, who went to Lubbock in October, came home for the holidays and will leave this week with his family to make that city home in the future. Mr. Leaverton and his family carry the best wishes of their many friends in this city for their happiness and success in their new home.

Miss Pearl Murchison spent last week end in Crockett visiting her sister, Mrs. Lee Beavers.

Mrs. C. W. Kennedy and daughter, Miss Ruth, were visitors to Houston several days last week.

Miss Lileene Brown, teaching in the Livingston school, had a two weeks' vacation and is spending the time with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Selkirk and son of Jacksonville were here last week visiting relatives and friends.

**FOR SALE**

1 good work horse and a 2-horse hack, cheap. See or write 3t Mrs. Lucy Willis, Grapeland, Texas.

Rev. B. C. Anderson went to Conroe Thursday to attend a meeting of the pastors and stewards of the Navasota district.

The young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Owens, who reside just east of town, was carried to Palestine Saturday for an appendicitis operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ozzie Lively of New York City spent the holidays with the former's father at Lovelady and visited relatives here before returning home.

Fletch Weisinger and family of Tennessee Colony visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Weisinger north of town Christmas week.

Miss Lucy Mae Murchison left Sunday for Beaumont where she will spend some time visiting her brother, Murdock Murchison and wife.

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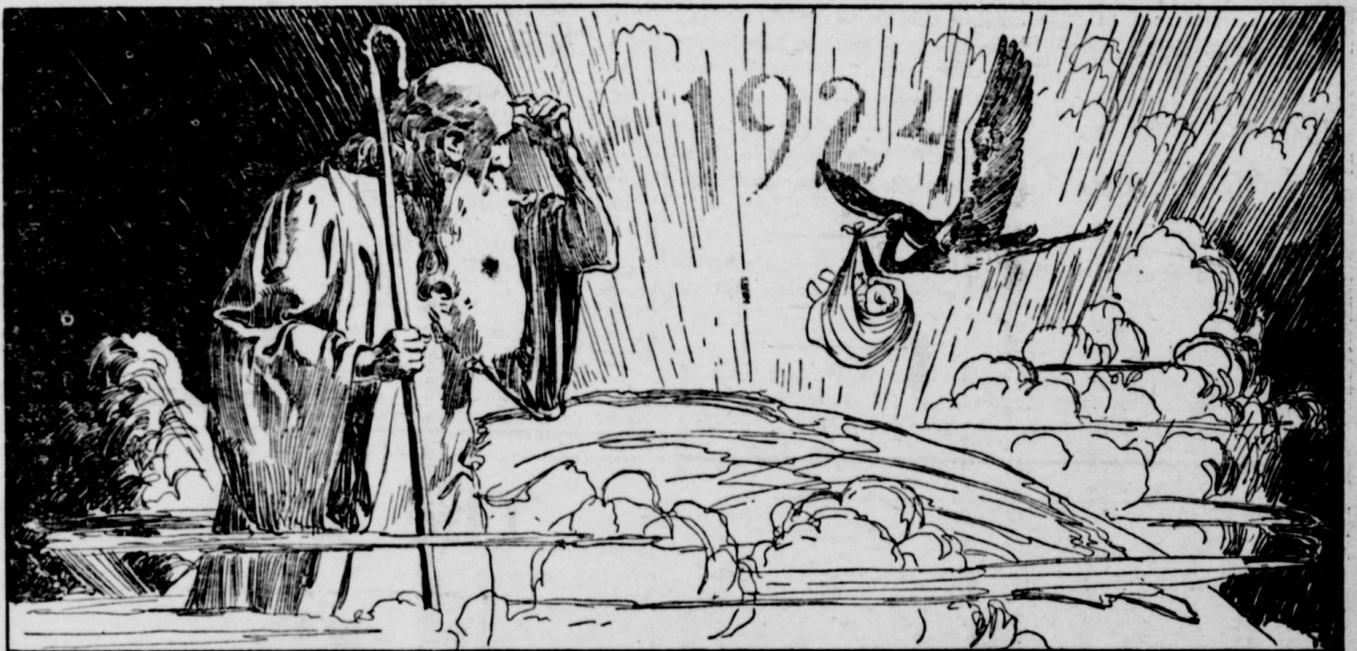
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Bob Kennedy has returned home from Lubobck, where he has been working for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gainey and children came over from Maydelle to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Carnie Murchison has returned to Sweetwater to resume teaching, after spending the holidays here with homefoik.

Mrs. W. L. Mangum and children were here from Alto last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Murray.



**Welcome to the New Year**

And we want it to be a whole-hearted, whole community welcome in which every man, woman and child in Grapeland and surrounding communities will join with a will.

With the coming of the New Year, we wish to pause for a moment to thank the people of this town and the surrounding communities for the business with which they have favored us and we sincerely hope that the service we have rendered and the merchandise which we have sold you have proved us worthy of your continued patronage.

If in any way we have not fulfilled your expectations, we ask you to tell us so that amends may be made and we can all start the New Year with a clean slate.

With our best wishes to you, your friends and your family, we are, sincerely,

**KENNEDY BROS.**