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THREE COMMON BUSINESS MISTAKES

The third matter of business in which farmers are still lamentably behind their city brethren, lies in the too general failure of farmers to advertise for what they want or to advertise what they wish to sell. Many a farmer has wasted \$2 or \$3 worth of time trying by visit or inquiry to locate a milk cow for sale, when a 25-cent advertisement in his local paper would have supplied his need at once.—Clarence Poe, in The Progressive Farmer.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH BANQUET

Members of the Christian Church—men, women, boys and girls—you are invited to attend the Church banquet, all free—in the high school building on Thursday night of this week. The Ladies Aid is fostering the affair and that alone assures its success. Banquet dinner served at 7:00 o'clock and after-dinner speeches to follow. Bring the whole family along—babies and all—as the whole affair is to smack of the informal.

DALY'S NEWS

Daly's Feb. 12.—Farmers are very busy working and preparing land for the year's crop. Most farmers are through sowing their spring oats. Here's hoping their great plans for the year will not have been made in vain.

Mrs. W. W. Pridgen has been confined to her bed with a bad case of neuralgia.

School is progressing very nicely. We hear there is to be an eight months term, which will be a great help for the children to complete their grades more thoroughly.

Jack Spence and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with Smith Dailey.

Brud Huff and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Huff's mother, Mrs. Bill Brown at Hays Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Harden Pennington, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Dailey and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Beazley visited the Pridgen home Sunday afternoon.

Hamp Huff has been in very bad health here of late, though slightly improved at this writing.

Farmers who can make up cars of fertilizer for cash and take out of cars when delivered can save worthwhile money. Glad to visit farm communities in Anderson or Houston counties to explain why. Address R. R. Claridge, Salmon.

I wish to notify my old friends that I am located at J. R. Taylor's 5 miles north of Grapeland and am practicing as an Osteopath doctor. I make old chronic cases a specialty.

2t G. W. North.

Car load of maize heads. Get it out of the car today and Friday. Priced right. Kennedy Bros.

WORK TO BEGIN SOON ON NEW METHODIST CHURCH

Those having in charge the erection of the new brick Methodist church announce that work will soon start on the structure.

Plans have been perfected and contractors are now figuring the cost of the building, which will be approximately \$18,000. Plans of the building call for a modern church plant in every respect, with basement, large auditorium, and Sunday school departments and class rooms.

The new church will be located on three lots in block two, which is just west of where the Hotel Marshall formerly stood.

The committee in charge plan to start construction some time during March. A tentative trade has been made with Eugene Walling, who is now at Lubbock, to supervise the work.

LIVELYVILLE NEWS

Livelyville, Feb. 11.—The debate held at the school house Friday night drew a large crowd. While Union's representatives debated well, the victory went to Livelyville. Pupils from here will debate at the Union school house in the near future.

The remains of baby Ruth Lively, infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Lively, were laid to rest in the cemetery here last Wednesday. The entire community extend their deepest sympathy to the sorrowing parents and family.

Albert Denman spent Sunday with his brother, Howard, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Dickey are here from Houston. They were called to the bedside of Mr. Dickey's mother, who is very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brown visited Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hale Sunday; also Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howard and family.

Miss Ruth MacDonald spent the week end with Miss Erma Lou Elliott at Percilla.

Masters Marvin and Lloyd Shipper are here from Houston. They will make their home in the future with their father, Dan Shipper.

Mrs. G. W. Garner visited Mrs. J. F. Fulton last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Masters and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Watt Campbell, near San Pedro Sunday.

EPIDEMIC OF MEASLES

The Grapeland community is having its share of sickness in the form of measles. Quite a number of cases have been reported, however, none of serious nature. The attendance at school has been somewhat curtailed, and every precaution is being used to stamp out the epidemic. Those pupils who have been exposed to the disease have been stopped from school.

THE CRADLE ROLL

Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Wright of Percilla are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Friday, February 8, 1924.

8TH GRADE, ENON SCHOOL VISITS THE MESSENGER

Last Wednesday afternoon The Messenger was visited by M. S. Pelham, principal of the Enon school, and his eighth grade pupils.

They were here while the paper was being printed and saw the big newspaper press, with the attached folder, in action. They were shown how a modern newspaper was printed, and also how type was set on the linotype machine. We appreciated their visit and were only too glad to show them through the office.

In the party were Milton Ferguson, Roy Ivey, Melvin Ivey, Leland Ferguson, Porter Skidmore, Carl Skidmore, Leroy George, J. C. Lively, Golden Owens, Loye Whitaker, Ruth Colkin and Nora Shivers.

UNION CHAPEL NEWS

Union Chapel, Feb. 11.—Rev. Defore filled his appointment here Sunday. There wasn't many present as several families had sick folks.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Skidmore has been very sick, but is improving now.

Misses Mary Stucky and Annie Lou Clark of San Pedro spent Saturday night with Misses Eula Mae and Ardell Davidson.

Mrs. Omega Marshall and daughters, Misses Nannie and Flora, spent a few days last week with Mrs. Lowe Clark and daughter, Miss Annie Lou.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clark and son left last week for their new home at San Antonio.

Travis Weisinger is right sick with the measles.

Little Miss Edith Pendergrass spent last week at Hays Springs with her sister, Mrs. Wood Spence.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Garrett spent Saturday night with the latter's father, Ed Smith and family.

Misses Nannie and Flora Marshall had a number of their friends at their home Sunday afternoon. They had some good music and singing and spent a very pleasant afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Teems and Arwine Skidmore and daughter, all of Grapeland, attended church here yesterday.

LYCEUM ATTRACTION

The next number of the Lyceum course will be at the high school auditorium Tuesday night, February 19th, the Kellum Duo, said to be a very high class and entertaining number. The new seats have been placed in the auditorium, affording plenty of room for a large crowd.

Dr. G. Ward Shelfer, Optometrist of Dallas, will be at J. H. Ryan's Drug Store, Grapeland, again Friday, February 15th and at W. P. Bishop's Drug Store, Crockett, Saturday, February 16th. Eyes examined, glasses fitted.

Meridan Fertilizer is the best—we have it. Better get what you will need right now. Kennedy Bros.

J. R. OWENS AGAIN WITH THE MESSENGER

J. R. Owens, printer, writer and all 'round handy man, is again in the employ of The Messenger, after having spent several years in business for himself at Trinity, as editor of the Trinity Tribune, and as traveling salesman for the Western Newspaper Union out of Houston.

John was practically raised in The Messenger office, having begun his newspaper career here when a small lad, and we are indeed glad to have him back.

WANETA NEWS

Waneta, Feb. 11.—Bro. Sutton filled Bro. Anderson's appointment at New Hope Saturday night and Sunday. Bro. Anderson's baby is still sick but is improving.

Sunday school wasn't very well attended Sunday; hope to see more out next Sunday.

We are glad to report that Grandma Lively and Mrs. Chester Ferguson are improving.

Ben Lively from Arkansas is here spending a few days with his mother.

Mrs. Tom Heston returned to her home at Salmon Saturday, after a week's visit with her mother, Mrs. Lively.

Mrs. Harry Lively and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lively.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Herrington visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore Sunday.

Grandma Teems of Grapeland is spending a few weeks with her granddaughter, Mrs. E. B. Sutton.

Misses Hattie and Thoradell Pearce of Hickory Grove spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Grace Moore.

Miss Allie Barnes spent Saturday night and Sunday with Misses Dollie and Fannie Jones.

Miss Alvie Hendrick visited Miss Edna Mae Brumley Sunday.

Miss Lavenia Lively spent Sunday night with Misses Allie and Bertha Lee Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Vertice Cooper spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Sammon.

Mr. and Mrs. Boss Scarborough of Grapeland and Messrs. Raymond Scarborough and Audry Murdock of Rusk spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilson.

Berry Hogan is visiting his brother-in-law, Louis Jones, of Huntsville.

NEW PROSPECT NEWS

New Prospect, Feb. 12.—There is quite a lot of sickness in the neighborhood at this writing, but none serious. There seems to be an epidemic of sore throat and colds with fever.

Alton Baker moved away last week and N. B. Brown and family moved here on the farm recently bought from Mr. Baker.

Arch Parker and family visited at Rock Hill last Sunday.

Carl Jones and family from Oak Grove were visitors at the home of C. W. Brooks Sunday.

GRAPELAND MAY GET ELECTRIC CURRENT

A representative of the Texas Power & Light Co., Mr. McDonald, of Palestine, was in Grapeland Tuesday and met with a representative number of Grapeland business men in regard to bringing a high-power line to Grapeland and furnishing lights and power for the town.

Mr. McDonald stated that he was not in position to lay down a definite proposition at this time, but felt sure his company had the project under consideration and would be in position to give a definite answer within thirty days.

Mr. H. L. McKenney of Corsicana was here last week looking over the situation of putting in a three unit Delco plant, which he is now operating in a little town near Corsicana. He proposed to move the plant here, provided he could sell local citizens stock in the plant. His proposition was accepted with the provision that his plant came up to specifications after being inspected by a local committee.

Now, since the Texas Power & Light Co., are figuring on bringing a high power line, Mr. McKenney's proposition has been held up a few days.

But whatever happens, the citizens of Grapeland seem determined to have lights from some source, so we have every reason to expect that within the next few months electric current will be available to every home and business house in Grapeland.

Leslie Bridges and his sister, Mrs. W. W. Finch went to Tennessee Colony yesterday in response to a message announcing the serious illness of the child of their brother, Cary Bridge. News reached us this morning that the child had died. Mr. and Mrs. Bridges have the sympathy of their many friends and relatives here in this hour of sorrow.

Miss Alice Maud Baker spent last week at the home of her uncle, C. P. Ray near Rock Hill.

Miss Aubrey Box is visiting friends here this week.

W. W. Finch and family visited L. A. Finch near Alto, Saturday and Sunday.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank each and everyone of our friends for their many deeds of kindness during the illness and death of our baby, Virginia; also for the beautiful floral offerings, telegrams and letters of sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt Lively, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lively and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. O'Hara and family.

LOST—Pocketbook on Lockout road Saturday, containing \$10.00 in currency and some small change. Reward to finder.

Tom Whitaker.

Don't forget the special sale of used Fords at the Grapeland Motor Co.

Texas Political Calendar

January 31—Last day for the payment of poll taxes. Voters must either hold a poll tax receipt or an exemption certificate. Husbands or wives may register, the one for the other.

February 18—Commissioners' court appoints election judges.

March 10—County tax collector certifies poll list to county clerk.

April 1—County clerk certifies to county election board poll list and exemption by precincts.

May 3—Delegates chosen by precinct convention to attend county convention, which will choose delegates to State convention, held on May 27 to elect delegates to National convention.

June 9—State executive committee certifies to county chairmen names of candidates for State offices and fixes date of State convention.

June 14—Last date of filing by candidate for county and precinct offices.

June 16—County committee decides on order in which names are to appear on primary election ballot.

June 23—Last day for payment of fees by candidates.

June 26—Within not more than thirty or less than twenty-three days before the primary, candidates and their managers shall file first expense accounts.

July 14—Sub-committee for county makes up primary election ballot.

July 6—Within not more than twenty nor less than ten days before the primary voters who desire may arrange through a notary public to cast an absent ballot.

July 14—Second statement of campaign expenses must be filed under the same conditions as those governing the first statement.

July 16—Last day for casting of absentee ballot.

July 26—Primary election day. Also precinct convention day for both Democrats and Republicans.

August 23—Second primary election, or "run-off" election day.

Kidney disorders cause much distress of mind and body. Such ailments should not be neglected because they lead to diseases that are dangerous. Prickly Ash Bitters is a splendid tonic for men. It strengthens the kidneys and purifies the stomach and bowels. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith Special Agent.

Harding's Tribute to Lincoln

The late President Harding paid the following tribute to Lincoln:

"No human story surpasses the fascination and the inspiration of that of Abraham Lincoln. The Republic pays tribute to Lincoln and most of the world is doing him reverence, because in his unshaken faith the world finds its own hopes mightily strengthened. Our words are all feeble, because we are dealing with the master martyr, the supreme leader in a national crisis, the surpassing believer in a figure among the hero statesmen of all the ages.

"Surely it is not strange that the eyes and the interest of a world should turn to him now, when all mankind feels the need for such leadership and service and direction as he gave. A world, a civilization, an epoch—all these are facing the bitter need for the moral purpose, the noble aspirations, the high courage that he interpreted to our America in the days of its crisis.

"More, humanity itself needs to drink of the cup of unflinching confidence which enabled him to stand erect and unshaken amid discouragements and criticism, which would have crushed any less than a master heart and soul."

FOR DISTRICT CLERK

Local candidates have begun to "step on" the accelerator, and in this week's issue of the Messenger in the announcement column appears the name of A. B. (Poor Albert) Smith, who offers his candidacy to the voters of the county for re-election.

Mr. Smith has served Houston county one term in the capacity of District Clerk and he just refers you to the records, if you find that his duties have been performed efficiently, he asks that you return him for a second term, which is nothing but right and according to democratic custom.

WILL McLEAN FOR TAX ASSESSOR AGAIN

Will McLean, present tax assessor of Houston county, places his name in our announcement column this week as a candidate for re-election, his candidacy being subject to the action of the democratic primary.

Mr. McLean is serving his second term in this office. His administration has been marked by fidelity to duty and courteous treatment to his constituents. If, in the wisdom of the people they see fit to return him to this office for another term, he promises to serve them as faithfully in the future as in the past.

We commend his candidacy to the people for their careful consideration.

Wisdom of Washington

Public Opinion: In proportion as the structure of a government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened.

Preparedness: However pacific the general policy of a nation may be, it ought never to be without an adequate stock of military knowledge for emergencies.

War: My first wish is to see this plague to mankind banished from the earth, and the sons and daughters of this world employed in more pleasing and innocent amusements than in preparing implements and exercising them for the destruction of mankind.

Freedom: I wish well to all nations and to all men. I think every nation has a right to establish that form of government under which it infracts no right or is not dangerous to others.

Honesty: I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles—the character of an honest man.

Tolerance: While we are contending for our own liberty, we should be very cautious not to violate the rights of conscience in others, ever considering that God alone is the Judge of the hearts of men, and to Him only in this case they are answerable.

Reputation: Associate yourself with men of good quality, if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company.

Cheerfulness: Be not angry at table, whatever happens; put on a cheerful countenance, for good humor makes one dish of meat a feast.

Malice: Let your conversation be without malice or envy.

Virtue and Happiness: There is no truth more thoroughly established than that there exists, in the economy and course of nature, an indissoluble union between virtue and happiness.

No biologist ever thinks of looking in the mirror for the missing link.—Toledo Blade.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Pearl Love by making publication of this citation once each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the Third Judicial District, but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said Third Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District court of Houston County, to be holden at the Court House of said Houston County, in the town of Crockett, on the 4th Monday in March, A. D. 1924, the same being the 24th day of March, A. D. 1924, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 19th day of September, A. D. 1923, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 8371, wherein Will Love is plaintiff, and Pearl Love is defendant, and said petition alleging

that plaintiff and defendant were married in Houston County, Texas, October 20th, 1906, and lived together as husband and wife until October 15th, 1912, since which time they have neither lived or cohabited together; that more than ten years have elapsed without cohabitation on the part of plaintiff and defendant; that plaintiff is a bona-fide inhabitant of the County of Houston and State of Texas; that the residence of defendant is unknown to plaintiff. Plaintiff sues for divorce.


Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, A. B. Smith, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, this the 29th day of January, A. D. 1924.
A. B. Smith,
(SEAL) Clerk, District Court, Houston County.

Mexicans find peace so dismal that they have to start another ruction to make life worth living.—Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

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Brig. Gen. Smedley Butler, director of safety of Philadelphia, is bound to see that the City of Brotherly Love is properly cleaned up. He is here shown directing the police in a raid on a disorderly house.

Farming Time

Yes sirree--it's farming time and we have the implements you need. Section Harrows, Stalk Cutters, Plows, Cultivators, Planters; etc. Our implements are **MOLINE** and are priced right. Come see us before you buy.

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Woodrow Wilson

The above picture of Ex-President Woodrow Wilson was ordered in time for last week's issue, but was delayed in transit. But even at this late date The Messenger will lay its wreath of sorrow upon the bier of the late war president together with the other millions of peoples of the world. The niche Mr. Wilson will occupy in future history will be as one of the greatest men the world ever produced. His powerful intellect, leadership and his fight for world peace makes him a citizen of the world.

W. R. DURNELL AND "EVOLUTION"

Editor Messenger:-

Well, all right, and so far, so good. I am glad to know that Houston County has at least ONE preacher who is brave enough to "speak out" on the "evolution" question. I, therefore, "take off my hat" to W. R. Durnell. His article in last week's Messenger certainly had the "right ring" about it. But I was not at all surprised at it, for it sounded mighty Durnellian to me. I know where that fellow came from, and it made me think very much of my old friend Bill Durnell. I never knew him to be wrong on anything—either in politics, religion or anything else, and the writer of the article referred to is just a "chip off the old block." I do not know the exact relationship, that is, whether son or grandson, but he is bound to be a scion of Bill Durnell. If not, then he certainly resembles him mightily,—in courage, character and outspokenness. I always did admire the man who has the "courage of his convictions," and Bill Durnell was that, and then some.

I am not concerned about the "issue" Rev. Durnell takes with me. We may differ in some of the details and non-essentials, and the important thing is to know that we are together on the essentials, viz: the hurt the advocates of the despicable doctrine of "Evolution" are doing to the Christian religion. If Evolution is true, then this religion is a farce and a fraud. You can never get a Christ in the world through Evolution, and if there is no Christ, there is no Christian religion. This is a fact that can not be disputed. If Evolution is true, then there was no death, Burial, or Resurrection of a Christ. If Evolution is true, then the Bible statement about the "Miracles" performed by Christ is a lie. If Evolution is true, then the Bible is not an "inspired" book any more than any other good book. If Evolution is true, then Christ was not "conceived of the holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary," as the Bible tells us He was. He was merely the son of a human father, and therefore an illegitimate child, because He was conceived before Mary and Joseph married. If Evolution is true, then there can be no such thing as the "atonement blood of Jesus Christ." If Evolution is true, the idea of the "immortality of the soul" is worse than foolishness. This life ends all, if Evolution is true. What a monster thought is this! How utterly revolting to every sense of

common decency and every impulse of Christianity!

And yet, there are some preachers in the land, to say nothing of others, who contend for this non-God "theory", this mere guess without a thing to support it. And when you "sound out" the doctrines of Modernism, Liberalism, or Rationalism, they are each and all some sort of modified form of Evolution, and they are just as destructive of the Christian religion as we have always known it. The trouble with these fellows is that they have lost their faith in God, and are trying to either find some easy "way to get to Heaven", or want to teach that there is no hereafter after death.

Since I began this article I have received a Protestant paper, whose editor is "sound to the core" in Orthodoxy and who is "skinning" a certain President of a Protestant school in China, who made this statement: "I think every one of us (teachers) believe that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. That we consider of Fundamental importance. As to how He did it, I dare say a few of us here would be disposed to dogmatize. I am inclined to think, however, that the majority of us incline to the opinion that this method was one of Evolution." Do you not think this is Evolution "with a vengeance." And yet, this is the sort of "stuff" that is being taught the Chinese children out of "missionary money" collected from the Protestant Church members of the United States. Is this right?

But I forbear. There are a large number of other preachers who are silent in Houston county on this question, and who will be next? "Echo answers, Who?"—J. W. Madden.

BABY DIED

Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt Lively have the deepest sympathy of their many friends on account of the death of their baby girl, Virginia, which occurred in Texarkana last Friday, February 8. Death was caused by measles and pneumonia. Little Virginia was one year and four months old, being born October 8, 1922. The body was shipped here and interred in the City Cemetery Saturday afternoon, funeral services being held at the Christian Church by Rev. Arthur Hyde.

The baby was taken ill while Mrs. Lively was in Texarkana visiting her mother, having been called there on account of the sickness of her brother.

Business before pleasure is the best tandem.

GRAPELAND POULTRY ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED

Last Saturday afternoon at the High School Auditorium a number of local poultry fanciers and farmers met and organized the Grapeland Poultry Association.

Purposes of the organization were outlined by Earle Porter Adams of Crockett, for several years an ardent fancier and breeder of fine poultry and by Jno. R. Owens. Mr. Adams was made temporary chairman of the meeting and the following officers were elected: W. D. Ferguson, president, Mrs. L. D. Anderson, first vice-pres., Mrs. C. M. Streetman, second vice-pres., and Jno. R. Owens, Sec'y-Treas.

Mrs. W. W. McConnell, county Home Demonstrator Agent was present at the meeting, and stated to the assembly that her work in the county included poultry work and that her services were available to any one who desired them in culling their flocks, selecting the best stock for freeing, etc.

The chief objective of the association will be the improvement of the breeds of poultry and increasing the farm flocks, keeping systematic records of the cost and production of flocks and in fact, developing the poultry industry into one of the major pursuits of this territory.

Twenty-two men and women joined the association last Saturday and each was appointed a committee of one to bring as many new members to the second meeting next Saturday at the High School Auditorium at 2:00 o'clock as possible. It is desired that at least one hundred members be secured by the close of the second meeting. Then we can report to Mr. W. B. Cook, Industrial Agent of the I. G. N. to make his preparations to bring the poultry lecture and demonstration train to Grapeland for two days next month.

It is to the interest of everyone interested in poultry either in a small or large way, to become a member of this organization, that greater and faster progress may be made. Come to the meeting next Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. at the Grapeland High School Auditorium and bring your neighbor.

LARGE INCREASE SHOWN IN POLL TAX RECEIPTS

County Tax Collector John L. Dean had issued a total of 6,349 poll tax receipts up until 10:30 o'clock this (Thursday) morning, but was not yet through with all of his mail, and estimated that when all mail had been opened the total would reach approximately 6,400. A total of 72 exemptions was issued by the tax collector to those who were 21 years of age by the 1st of January, or who would reach their 21st birthday by the time of the general election of 1924. Last year this county issued a total of 5,052 poll tax receipts, showing an increase for 1923 of approximately 1,350. The following is a correct tabulation of the voting boxes of the county:

Augusta	258
Antioch	110
Ash	165
Arbor	146
Belott	157
Creek	94
Percilla	106
Freeman	154
Daniel	74
Porter Springs	126
Holly	110
Daley	175
Ratliff	230
Weldon	259
Shiloh	142
Volga	129
Tadmor	34
Tyer's Store	60
Weches	122
Creath	44
Crockett No. 1	405
Crockett No. 2	353
Crockett No. 3	544
Crockett No. 4	363
Grapeland No. 1	428
Grapeland No. 2	511
Lovelady	624
Latexo	75
Dodson	64
Kennard	287
Total	6,349

—Houston County Times.

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Don't neglect signals of distress in the kidneys. Backache, nervous disorders, pale complexion, dark rings about the eyes, mean kidney trouble. Begin promptly taking Prickly Ash Bitters; it is a kidney remedy of the first class. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith Special Agent.

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Life is not too short and we are never too busy to be courteous, for courtesy is the outward expression of an inward consideration of others.

This bank always endeavors to work with as well as for its customers. You are invited to bring your business here.



THE MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice every Thursday as second class mail matter



THURSDAY, FEB. 14, 1924.

NOTICE, MASONS

Our regular meeting is this Saturday night, February 16. Work in the second degree. Some important business to attend to. All members are urged to be present. Visitors are welcome.

C. M. McCarty, W. M.
F. M. Boone, Sec'y.

Hart Schaffner and Marx men's suits on display at The Darsey Co.

Ryan's Drug Store has some attractive club offers on magazines and newspapers.

PEAS WANTED

Will ship a car of peas between now and February 24th. Those having peas to sell had better dispose of them now. Will pay \$2.25 per bushel cash. J. W. Howard.

The 6-months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Cary Bridges, who reside near Palestine, died Monday and was buried Tuesday. Relatives from here attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Finch, W. L. Bridges, Mrs. Herod Parker, Mrs. Peyton Gamage and Mrs. Arrie Newman.

Plenty of maize and corn. For prices see J. W. Howard.

Barb wire large size per spool for \$4.75
\$1.25 good work bridle for \$1.00
\$2.50 Bonnet blind bridle \$1.95
\$2.00 work collar for \$1.65
All leather collars from \$2.50 to \$6.50
\$60.00 Saddle for \$45.50
\$50.00 Saddle for \$39.50 at Keeland Bros. sale.

Dr. C. C. Hill went to Weatherford last week to attend a field trial of bird dogs, carrying with him two of his best bird dogs to enter in the events.

Messrs. Snell and Cannon of Trinity arrived in Grapeland Sunday and will be employed by contractor Lee McPhail of Trinity in the erection of the J. S. Hunt Lumber Co. mill and kilns several miles southeast of town.

A few more sows and a bunch of shoates to sell at once.
J. W. Howard.

THE DARSEY CO.
GRAPELAND'S CASH DRY GOODS STORE

Best of the New Hats

That's what you will think when you see the liberal display of the new styles we have assembled. Both in style and quality, you will approve of this showing of modish hats for Spring and early Summer wear.

Distinct patterns in the new materials and colorings, also a complete line of the new flowers, trimmings and
CORSAGE BOUGUETS



SPRING DRESS STYLES

Correctly modish are the dresses for Spring which tell their own story of value. Representative of the newest styles, carefully fashioned from the newest fabrics and marked at prices much less than you would expect, they offer every woman a chance to dress economically and well. We invite you to come and see them.

NELLY DON FROCKS

Charming wash frocks for every hour of the day from the Nelly Don line were received in this week's shipments. Bright new patterns in fast color materials, made in latest styles make them most attractive and appealing at only \$2.00 to \$6.00



SPRINGTIME DRESS FABRICS

Nowhere will you find a more complete assortment of the new Spring materials as at this store. Lustrous shades in plain, figured and changeable silk taffetas, crepe de chines, canton crepes, pongee, etc., fine organdies, voiles, zephyr gingham, suitings, etc., sateens, linens, pongees, and other wash fabrics in all the leading shades.

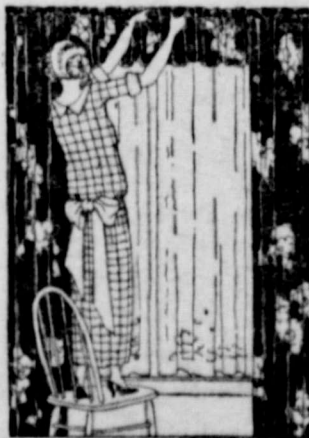
Genuine Everfast Wash Fabrics are sold in Grapeland at this store only. Do not accept a substitute. Get the genuine here. Everfast sniting, Everfast Voile, Everfast Sateen, Everfast Crepe-weave, Everfast Basket Crepe, Everfast Gingham—"Wash it any way you please. Colors guaranteed fast to everything."

STAPLE DRY GOODS

The best way you can determine value, is by comparison. We admit that you can find cheaper merchandise than we sell, for we buy only reputable brands, and sell them for no more than is often asked for qualities not so good. Take for instance, we sell you
27 in. fast color gingham \$1.50
27 in. fast color gingham 20c
32 in. fast color gingham 25c
32 in. fast color Utility ging. 29c
32 in. fine zephyr gingham from 50c to 65c
36 in. fast color Fairy percale 20c
36 in. bleached domestic 15c
36 in. brown domestic 15c
9-4 bleached or brown sheeting (not Pepperell) 50c
Good turkish towels 35c, 50c to \$2.00 per pair
MISSISSIPPI (heaviest) chevots 20c
Bookfold Madras shirting 20c
Mattress ticking 17 1-2c to 25c
A. C. A. 8 oz. Feather Tick 40c

HOUSE CLEANING HINTS

When doing your Spring House cleaning, why not replace those ragged and dirty curtains with new ones? We have a wonderful line of beautiful draperies, etc. and will be glad to help you plan them.
Our Everfast Drapery Materials 75c-\$1.50
retornes 25c to 50c
hallies (yard wide) 20c
ets, Marquesettes, scrims, etc 12 1-2c to \$1.25
Window shades (solid color) 50c to 75c
Window shades (two colors) \$1.50 and \$1.00
Firsch Flat Cottage Rods 25c and 45c
Firsch Flat Brass Rods guaranteed up from 65c
Firsch rods may be made any desired length.



15 DAYS SALE



Begins Thursday Lasts 15 Days

A new store, with new methods, new goods, new prices—this is what we are going to open on the above date. Our success is going to depend upon our ability to save you money and to cater to your needs in a way that cannot help giving you satisfaction and pleasure. Just as a few examples of what we are planning to do for you during our opening days we are listing a few prices here. See our big circular for the other prices.

EXTRA SPECIALS

Lead pencils 2c
60c Wash Board 39c
25c plain line rope, lb. 19c
Palmolive soap 7c
25c Bayer Asperin tablets for 13c
\$1.25 Lamp complete 95c
10c Spring Clothes pins, per dozen 5c
15c No. 2 Lamp Chimneys for 10c
65c Collar pads 55c
75c Enamel Dish pan 49c
10c Tin pie plates 3c
25c files 19c
25c flour sifter 19c
6 glass tumblers for 29c
75c brooms 69c
\$1.25 Enameled tea kettle for 95c
90c Goblets per set 69c
Aluminum percolators 89c
One of the best trace chains made, per pair \$1.15

GROCERY SPECIALS

Pure home made Ribbon Cane syrup, per gal. \$1.00
10 lbs. granulated cane sugar \$1.00
4 lbs.-best grade ground coffee 95c
Very best grade flour \$1.85
Cream Meal, per sack 69c
We have a car oats, bran, shorts, chops. Our prices are right.
6 lbs. best grade dried Apples 95c
5 lbs. best grade dried Peaches 95c
3 bottles Garrett Snuff 95c
3 glasses Roosters Snuff for 95c
3 bars best grade Toilet soap 25c

12 boxes matches 49c
5 cans extra good corn 95c
7 cans extra good Tomatoes for 95c
10 cans extra good Lye 95c
20 bars Laundry Soap 95c
5 cans extra good Salmon for 89c
Armour oats, per can 10c
Smokeless powder shot gun shells for 95c
New Club shot gun shells for 85c
Mavis Talcum powder sells for 25c the world over 19c
Maxwell House Coffee large size \$1.19
Bull Durham Tobacco per sack 5c

DRY GOODS SPECIALS

Medium heavy work sock for 94c
Good grade striped bed tick, per yard 19c
New Plaid gingham, yd 13c
L. L. Sheeting, yard 19c
Percales in light patterns per yard 9c
Bordered Honeycomb towels 9c
Men's light weight overalls for \$1.24
Men's blue chambray shirts for 69c
Men's dress shirts \$1.39
75c Fashionable Silk hose for 49c
Women's smart oxfords, per pair \$2.95
We have a nice line of all leather shoes for men, women and children in prices from 95c to \$7.50

Keeland Bros.
The people that keep the price down

Locals

Get it at Ryan's.
666 for Colds and La Grippe.

Khaki pants, best grade, \$1.75
Henry Dailey & Co.

Plenty of carbon at Ryan's—
kill your ants now.

4000 new spring samples just
arrived at Clewis'.

New styles in men's suits at
\$16.50 and up at The Darsey Co.

Chops, bran, oats and prairie
hay at Kennedy Bros.

Ladies hats and hosiery.
C. H. Sewell & Co.

Have your car washed, polished
and greased at the Grapeland
Motor Co.

We send in subscriptions to
any magazine or newspaper.
Ryan's Drug Store.

Correct styles in men's and
woman's spring footwear at The
Darsey Co.

Henry Dailey was in Dallas
and Fort Worth several days this
week on business.

Fresh shipment of tabaccos
and cigarettes direct from the
factory at Ryan's.

Mrs. J. M. Owens has returned
from Alexandria, La., where she
spent some time with her daugh-
ter, Mrs. Chas. Kent.

Ryan has it.
666 for Headaches, Colds, etc.

Old hats made new. Have
Clewis to clean and reblock them.

Seed potatoes and onion sets.
C. H. Sewell & Co.

For fresh milk, fresh butter
and eggs see Mrs. C. L. Haltom.

Car of flour and feed to arrive
this week at Howard's.

Garden seed, onion sets, seed
Irish potatoes. Get them at Ken-
nedy Bros.

Misses Ardis Murray and Lena
Clewis were recent visitors with
Miss Kathryn Powell at Crockett.

Anything you need in the
grocery line you will find at
Kennedy Bros.

A complete line of new spring
patterns in men's shirts, collars
and neckties at The Darsey Co.

FOR SALE
Plenty of two foot wood.
Otis Herod.

Save MONEY
See our new hats, either ladies,
misses or men's at lowest prices.
S. E. Howard.

We have plenty seed potatoes,
seed onions, garden seed, seed
oats.
Keeland Bros.

LOST—One black mare mule
about 15 hands high, stocky
built, good flesh, no brand or
mark. Finder notify W. A. Riall,
Grapeland, Texas and receive re-
ward.

Get it at Ryan's.
666 prevents Colds.

Used Fords \$50.00 and up.
Grapeland Motor Co.

Garden seeds 5c per paper,
Triumph seed potatoes \$2.25 per
bushel at Howard's.

D. M. Terry & Co.'s Garden
Seeds.
C. H. Sewell & Co.

RUGS! RUGS!
New line 9x12 rugs all grades.
Buy your rug in this sale and
save money at Keeland's.

Mrs. Genora Morris of Alba
was here several days last week
visiting her brother, Dr. A.
M. Fisher and Mrs. Fisher.

George Calhoun left Tuesday
for Crystal City, in Southwest
Texas, to look after his cattle in-
terests.

Mrs. Howell Appling and little
son of Carthage came in Tuesday
for a visit with her parents, Mr.
and Mrs. S. E. Howard.

LOST—2 tens and 1 five dollar
bill folded together, between
Guaranty State Bank and Henry
Dailey's store. \$10.00 reward.
E. E. Brumley.

Every person interested in bet-
ter poultry and better quality
poultry products, which mean
better prices and better profits
is cordially invtd to attend the
second meeting of the Grapeland
Poultry Association which will be
held at the Grapeland High
School Auditorium next Satur-
day afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Overstocked on Toilet Articles

Note these Bargains

25c Grecian Girl Talcum 2 for 25c
35c Mary Garden Talcum 2 for 35c
25c Lazelle's Talcum 2 for 25c
\$1.00 Nyal's Face Powder each 25c
50c Nyal's Face Powder each 25c
50c Nylotis Face Powder each 25c
50c Soul Kiss Face Powder each 35c
25c Nylotis Cold Cream each 15c
50c Soul Kiss Face Cream 25c
50c Nylotis Cold Cream each 25c

And many others at greatly reduced prices.

A good assortment of Valentines.

A Graduate in Pharmacy Here

SMITH'S DRUG STORE

Everything a Good Drug Store Should Have

Ryan has it.
Eating potatoes and onions.
C. H. Sewell & Co.

Pep Caps. Just received. Fifty
cents to two fifty. The Darsey
Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Collin Lochfield
of Crockett visited relatives here
Sunday.

VALENTINE PARTY

On Friday the Methodist
ladies are going to have a Val-
entine entertainment at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C.
Hill. You are cordially invited.
Admission 25c. Hours from 4
to 9 o'clock.

To see perfectly see Dr. Shel-
fer, Optometrist of Dallas at J.
H. Ryan's Drug Store Friday,
February 15th. Eyes examined
and glasses fitted.

LOST—One black bob-tail sow,
weigh about 150 pounds, and
2 small red spotted shoates, gilt
and male. If found please notify
Eugene Huff, Route 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Lively
of Livingston were here Satur-
day to attend the funeral of little
Virginia Lively. They returned
home Sunday.

JUST ARRIVED VIRGINIA HART



Our Gingham and Percale dress-
es have just arrived. You will
find our Virginia Hart dresses
above the average of style and
quality and when you see them
and see the great variety of
style and trimmings used in
their make up, you will wonder
why you ever gave so much time
and worry to the making and
trimmings of your own dresses,
especially since they are so
modestly priced. We have them
in Misses sizes from 16 to 20 and
Ladies sizes from 36 to 46 and
at the very low price of
1.25 to 2.25
Be sure to see these dresses.

While you are in don't fail to
see our complete line of shoes
and hosiery.

SPRING Clothing and Shoes FOR MEN

**Our Clothes and Shoes Fit You
While the Price Fits Your Purse**

Men! We are receiving new wearing apparel every day.
Our men's shoe stock is very complete in work shoes and
dress shoes, both high and low. Just let us show them to
you.

Big shipment of Dutchess trousers from . . . \$3.50 to \$7.00
10c a button \$1.00 a rip. Ask to see them.

Everything in work clothes and postively at money saving
prices. We've received since 15th of January over 4000
yards of gingham. We bought it and are selling it absolutely
right. Nobody undersells us on gingham. Some and see.
New Spring goods arriving daily.

McCORMICK-DEERING IMPLEMENTS ARE HERE!

Our stock of plow time needs is complete.
We have anything you may need in plow tools
and farm necessities.

Try us on your Farm needs

**We can fill your entire work
time needs**

Henry Dailey & Co.

Where the Price is absolutely right



ROTHSCHILD Dent Caps



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 Chil-
dren. It relieves all forms of Sore Feet.
For sale by
Wade L. Smith

"COLD IN THE HEAD"

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

Robbins Restaurant

In Whitaker Building
Back of Clewis' Tailor Shop
Short orders cooked right and
served quick

Oysters fried, dozen 35c
Big Chili 15c
Big order sausage 25c
Big order steak 25c
Ham and eggs 35c
Eat with me and save money
Good Apple Cider on Tap

J. A. BRICKER
GRADUATE OPTOMETRIST
GLASSES FITTED
Optical Supplies, Watch and Clock
Repairing
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED
Crockett, Texas.
2nd Door East of Postoffice

**LYNCH DAVIDSON OPENS
CAMPAIGN FOR GOVERNOR**

Groesbeck, Texas, Feb. 9.—Lynch Davidson, former lieutenant governor of Texas, officially opened his campaign for Governor here today at the Methodist Church.

Mr. Davidson made a clear and concise statement and at the close of his speech summarized his position in approximately the following language: "I am for fewer and quicker justice. I am for less taxes and fewer state jobs. I believe the state should be put on a cash basis. I believe there is 25 per cent waste in the operation of the state government and that \$10,000,000 can, and should be, saved every two years, and that this \$10,000,000 should not be taken from the pockets of the tax payers. It should be left in the avenue of business and for the comfort and prosperity of Texas' homes."

"When I say that I believe in less laws and and quicker justice, I mean that I favor the revoking of every unnecessary law now on the statute books of Texas. We are law ridden and law driven people. This maze of law puzzles and paralyzes business and destroys initiative. If we can clear Texas statute books of even one-half of the ten or twelve thousand laws which now puzzle and confuse us, our life would be simpler and our conduct far more law abiding than if we passed additional laws to make it so.

When we as a state are forced to confess insolvency; when our employees must wait five months before the payroll for their services are available, am I presumptuous in stating that the paramount need of Texas is that someone of her citizens, skilled in business, offer himself as the helmsman during this financial storm? All other issues I consider secondary to these fundamentals."

Mr. Davidson then discussed the various issues and needs of the state in detail. He stated that his position in regard to the so-called Klan question was well known, having been stated as far back as October, 1921, at which time he expressed himself as favoring the administration of law by the duly constituted authorities.

In working out the details of his proposal that the State could and should save 25 per cent of its present expenditures—that is \$5,000,000 per year—he proposed that the State Penitentiary farms be sold to the landless



LYNCH DAVIDSON

farmers of Texas; that the especial consideration be given to applications and claims of ex-soldiers qualified to farm. He proposed the building of State Highways, with convict labor, and stated that a present \$1,000,000 deficit in the State Penitentiary system would thereby be erased and that much more than \$1,000,000 would result by this course of building and maintaining roads.

He announced in favor of the co-operative warehousing of Texas farm products. His sympathy with and regard for, the large place labor occupies as the fundamental energy of all American progress, was expressed. In conclusion, he declared, that he stood offering himself, not as a Moses of politics, but simply as a plain, direct, business executive, who desired to have the opportunity of placing the state on a solvent and financial operating plane.

Aching in the small of the back is an indication of kidney disease. The proper course in such cases is to begin at once the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is an effective kidney remedy and system regulator. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith Special Agent.

The people who brood over their troubles must be anxious to hatch more.

ROCK HILL NEWS

Rock Hill, Feb. 11.—Rev. G. W. North from Center Grove is spending the week here. He was pastor of our church several years ago and has many friends here who were glad to see him again.

Mr. Munsinger and family from Arkansas are visiting at the homes of his sons, Earl and Burton Munsinger. Little Oleta Nichols is on the sick list at this writing.

Mrs. Box returned home Sunday from New Prospect and was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Arch Parker and children.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hudnell from Houston moved into our community last week and are living on the Matthews farm, known as the Brimberry place.

C. P. Ray and family spent Saturday night and Sunday at J. R. Taylor's at Center Grove.

Elbert and Limuel Streetman from GrapeLand were in our midst Sunday.

T. J. Cutler and sister, Miss Ella, and Messrs. Spruill and Tiller from GrapeLand were guests at the home of J. W. Taylor Saturday night.

J. L. Nichols attended church at Walston Springs Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Easley and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with friends at Slocum.

Virgil Beauchamp and family visited relatives at Hays Springs Sunday.

Miss Alice Maud Baker returned to her home at New Prospect Friday, after a two weeks stay here.

PREVENTS INFECTION

The greatest discovery in flesh healing is the marvelous Borozone, a preparation that comes in liquid and powder form. It is a combination treatment that not only purifies the wound of germs that cause infection but it heals the flesh with extraordinary speed. Bad wounds or cuts which take weeks to heal with the ordinary liniments mend quickly under the powerful influence of this wonderful remedy. Price (Liquid) 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by

WADE L. SMITH

Did you know that you could buy a guaranteed paint for \$2.25 per gallon at T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co's.?

**Have A
Business Home**

Call at our bank today and let us start you on the road to prosperity.

We not only accept your deposits, keep your money safely and render you every possible accomodation that the best banks in the country can render, but we will take care of your valuable papers and give you our assistance in any business transaction free of charge.

We invite you to make our bank your business home.

**FARMERS & MERCHANTS
STATE BANK**

THE KELLAM DUO

**LYCEUM ATTRACTION
TUESDAY NIGHT, FEB. 19**

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

The Kellams have had ten years of successful tours of the United States and Canada, they have appeared repeatedly in many of the best Lyceum and Chautauqua courses, and never fail to please the most critical audience. Their marked versatility, and rare ability to interpret high grade music places them in the front rank as thorough artists who not only entertain but inspire their hearers.

Mr. T. J. Kellum, baritone and reader has been before the public a number of years and has won an enviable place on the platform as a dramatic reader and impersonator. He is a musician of ability, plays the violin, mandola and piano and has an excellent baritone voice. He is especially strong in character sketch work and as an entertainer is unsurpassed.

Miss Lela Lowrey has a most charming personality, an unusual voice of power and quality, a real coloratura. She possesses wonderful musicianship, is excellent pianist and plays piano accordion.

ADMISSION . . . 25 AND 50 CENTS

Next Spring-

With over 200,000 orders for Ford Cars and Trucks already placed for delivery during the next few months, we are facing a record-breaking spring demand.

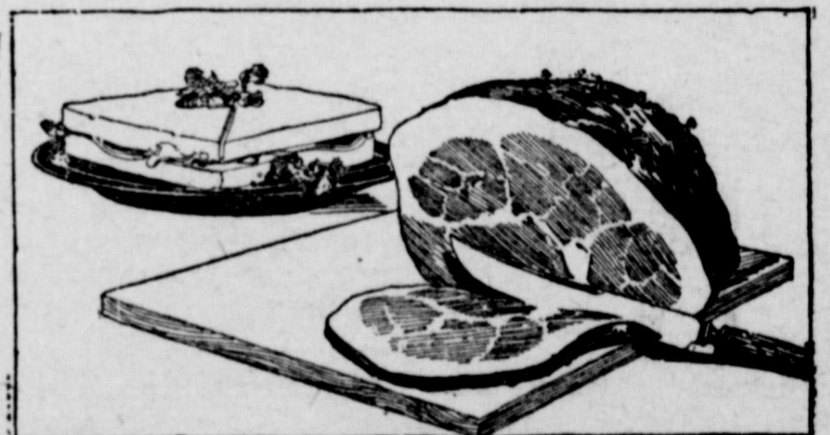
Each successive month this winter has witnessed a growth in sales far surpassing that of any previous winter season. This increase will be even greater during the spring months, always the heaviest buying period.

These facts suggest that you place your order early to avoid disappointment in delivery at the time desired.

Ford Motor Company
Detroit, Michigan

It is not necessary to pay cash for your car in order to have your name placed on the preferred delivery list. You can make a small payment down, or you can buy, if you wish, under the convenient terms of the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan

See the Nearest Authorized Ford Dealer



Ham for Dinner! Yum! Yum!

Fit for any meal, as for that matter. Nothing quite so toothsome as good old ham. Try some of ours. It will cure that grouch, if you have one.

Remember we also have a complete line of staple and fancy groceries and would be pleased to fill your order for anything you need.

Thank you very much for the business you have given us. We are growing.

QUICK DELIVERY SERVICE

SHAVER'S MEAT MARKET

WILLIS SHAVER, Proprietor

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

JOHN SPENCE

Lawyer

CROCKETT, TEXAS

Office up stairs over Millar & Berry's Store

The Messenger And It's 25 Years' Service And Progress

By Jno. R. Owens

With this issue of the Grapeland Messenger, just a quarter of a century has elapsed since the paper was first established.

In March, 1899, Dr. H. S. Robertson and several of the business men of Grapeland formed a stock company and bought a plant for the publication of the paper. Dr. Robertson was editor and manager, and while he was not a practical printer, he was a good writer and the paper made progress even though the town was very small and there were at that time only about one third the number of business houses in Grapeland as there are at the present day. About 1904, the plant was sold to Mr. Lee Satterwhite, who kept it only a short while, when he removed with his family to western Texas. (Mr. Satterwhite is now a State Representative from the Panhandle country.)

During the time Dr. Robertson published the Messenger, the present editor and owner of the paper, then a lad of about 14 years, was employed in the capacity of "Devil", little knowing at the time that he would live to see the Messenger plant owned by Albert Luker in 1924, equipped with modern equipment and up-to-date linotype machine. Dr. Robertson "dubbed" Albert "The Kid", and for years he was known as "Kid" Luker and even yet, his wife and the writer kinder like to use the old familiar nick-name, and in all probability the continued use of this name has been largely responsible for his retaining his youthful appearance in the middle years of his life.

In 1905 "Kid" Luker leased the Messenger from the Grapeland stock company, and in June of that year he began his career as editor and publisher of the paper. He was at that time nineteen years of age, and probably the youngest editor in the State. The equipment of the plant at that time consisted of a 5 column quarto country Campbell newspaper press, a job press, a gasoline engine and a few cases of type. For several years

he printed a four page, 5 column paper and in looking over the old file copies of those days, the art of advertising by the smaller town merchants was in it's infancy, and to send out a regular weekly message to prospective customers was considered an awful expense by the average business man. However, in those days, supplies and living expenses were minor considerations, compared with present day prices, and the paper, under Albert's management, grew as the town grew.

In 1910 the plant was owned by Geo. E. Darsey, from whom Albert purchased it outright. In 1913 the plant was moved from the wooden structure now used as a warehouse by Geo. E. Darsey & Co. into it's present location on the first floor of the Masonic brick on 3rd. street. Little by little, old type and material was discarded and replaced with new. In 1916 the old country Campbell newspaper press was discarded and replaced with a new and faster Babcock Reliance press. Up until 1918, all typesetting had been done by hand, which was very slow and tedious work. In 1918 a linotype machine was installed and a little later a folding machine which is attachable to the press, was installed, which eliminated folding the papers each week by hand.

Today the Messenger is one of the best equipped country weekly plants in the State, and it's volume of business has grown with it's expansion and the growth of the town.

The paper has rendered service to the people of this community for a quarter of a century and for nearly nineteen years under the editorship and management of A. H. Luker.

The writer has been associated with Albert for several years and has finally concluded that his success thus far has come, not as a rushing swelling stream would traverse a lowland, but has come steadily with the years of service he has rendered and the foundation of his progress has always



ALBERT H. LUKER

been honest service and tireless work for everything that would be of moral or financial interest for the Grapeland country and it's residents.

At the present time only one business firm remains in Grapeland that was here when the Messenger was established—that of Geo. E. Darsey, which shows that many changes transpire in the course of a quarter of a century. There has been some bankruptcies, others closed out their businesses and have removed to other parts, a few have now passed on to their rewards, but only one remains. It might not be amiss to state that this one firm during the entire 25 years has not missed 25 issues of the paper with carefully written advertisements, telling the people constantly of their merchandise values.

In closing, the writer wishes to state that it was difficult to gain Albert's consent to use a photograph of his likeness in this article, but we out-talked him.

The people of Grapeland, both advertisers and subscribers should feel a sense of pride in the Messenger, and in it's editor, who stands high in the ranks of the Texas Press Association, and as an expression of their appreciation of Mr. Luker's services in the Texas Press Association, he was elected Vice-President at Galveston last June.

OUR HONOR ROLL

The following have our thanks for their subscription since last week:
 Grapeland—Sol Adams, Willie L. Smith, Mrs. Lucy Willis.
 Route 1—R. T. Gee.
 Route 2—Ed Skidmore.
 Route 3—Rev. J. E. Bean.
 Route 4—Eugene Huff.
 Percilla—Clay Jones.
 Dallas—R. E. Denson. (By Purley Willis.)
 Stanton—J. L. Ward.
 Crockett, Route 1—Mrs. G. A. Grounds.
 Lamesa—A. C. Herod.
 Crockett—O. B. Hale.
 Palestine—Willie Gee, J. R. Gee. (By R. T. Gee.)

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
 Our meeting will begin the 5th Sunday in March, C. W. Hughes of Crockett doing the preaching, and John W. Davis of Center leading the singing. B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

A SPLENDID FEELING

That tired, half-sick, discouraged feeling caused by a torpid liver and constipated bowels can be gotten rid of with surprising promptness by using Herbine. You feel its beneficial effect with the first dose as its purifying and regulating effect is thorough and complete. It not only drives out bile and impurities but it imparts a splendid feeling of exhilaration, strength, vim, and buoyancy of spirits. Price 60c. Sold by Wade L. Smith

Do not neglect to look over the farm implements and see that everything is in readiness for the spring work. Gather up the tools and machinery, sharpen and adjust them. Check up and purchase necessary tools and implements. When planting time comes time means money.

DEB HALE WANTS TO BE SHERIFF AGAIN

Now comes O. B. (Deb) Hale asking the people of Houston county to re-elect him as their Sheriff for the third time. When a man asks for the third term his past record must be clean and above reproach. So far as we know Deb Hale has firmly established this sort of record. We have heard no complaints against him. Perhaps some of the bootleggers and lawless element would like to have a change, as he has waged a relentless war against them. As a result of his activity lawlessness in Houston county has been reduced to a minimum.

If re-elected, Mr. Hale promises to continue to jail bootleggers and law violators as vigorously as in the past and render the people the very best service possible as their chief peace officer.

His name will be found in the announcement column, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

ST. JOHN COLORED SCHOOL

What of the interscholastic league? Our school boys and girls are anxious to go. They say "We are rearing to see the program that we may know how and what to prepare. We had rather debate than speak or sing, but are willing to get up against, Oh, just anything."

Please give us a program. We are something, will do something, and have something.

The demonstration experts left us samples of fertilizer and enough paracide for 160 peach trees to save the trees from boerers.

I am glad my class of '24 has finished the book of agriculture but we have no ground for our samples of fertilizer. I am willing to give different samples of fertilizer, insecticide, fungicide and government seeds to any one who has need of them, since my sick daughter and crowded school calls for more than all my time.

Prof. Wheaton of Madison county hopes to come before us with new projects; also Prof. Benson of Anderson county. Shall we encourage them to join our next fair?

F. J. Grant, Principal.

Strictly Business

A speaker at a minister's meeting in Boston told the story of a negro clergyman who so pestered his bishop with appeals for help that it became necessary to tell him that he must not send any more appeals. His next communication was as follows:

"This is not an appeal. It is a report. I have no pants."

—Literary Digest.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS, TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE OF HOUSTON COUNTY, GREETING: You are hereby commanded to summon Lura Belle Weisinger by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the Third Judicial District, but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said Third Judicial District to appear at the next regular term of District court of Houston County, to be holden at the Court House of said Houston County, in the town of Crockett, on the 4th Monday in March A. D. 1924 the same being the 24th day of March A. D. 1924, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 9th day of February A. D. 1924 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No 8428, wherein Horace R. Weisinger, By next Friend, Paul Weisinger Is Plaintiff, and Lura Belle Weisinger is Defendant, and said petition alleging Suit for divorce, Plaintiff alleging that Plaintiff and defendant were married in Houston County, Texas November 29th, 1922, and lived together until December 28th, 1922, when Plaintiff caught defendant in the act of adultery and immediately abandoned her. That Plaintiff is a bona-fide inhabitant of the State of Texas, and for more than six months preceeding the filing of this suit, has resided in Houston county. That defendant's place of residence is unknown.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

WITNESS, A. B. Smith, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, this 9th day of February A. D. 1924.

(SEAL) A. B. Smith, District Court, Houston County.

Sticky, Peevish Children

Children suffering from intestinal worms are cross, restless and unhealthy. There are other symptoms, however. If the child is pale, has dark rings under the eyes, bad breath and takes no interest in play, it is almost a certainty that worms are eating away its vitality. The surest remedy for worms is White's Cream Vermifuge. It is positive destruction to the worms but harmless to the child. Price 35c. Sold by Wade L. Smith

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Men's work shirts75c	4 lb. best coffee\$1.00
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Ginghams, best grade per yard20c	3 bottles 6 oz. Garrett Snuff for\$1.00
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No better workmanship can be found anywhere than the kind we give you here.

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SUN SET NEWS

Sun Set, Feb. 11.—Farming seems to be the order of the day. Everybody is behind with their farm work and are trying to catch the other fellow.

Mrs. Tom Sanches and Mrs. John Oliver spent Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Laney Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morris made a shopping trip to Grape-land Saturday.

Tom Sanches has been sick with the flu about ten days, but is able to be up now. He and his wife went to Grapeland Saturday to see the doctor.

Misses Annie Mae, Velma and Elsie Oliver ate dinner with Mrs. Tom Sanches Sunday.

Mrs. Bradshaw spent Sunday with Mrs. John Oliver.

Mrs. Laney Johnson, Mrs. Tom Sanches and Mr. and Mrs. Denn Oliver were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver Sunday.

Nat Patton has returned to his home in Crockett, having completed the job of helping to gather the Mayfield-Peddy ballots for transmission to Washington. Mr. Patton was appointed as assistant sargeant-at-arms of the U. S. Senate to do this work.

Political Announcements

These announcements subject to action of democratic primary in July.

For Commissioner Prect. 1:
S. W. Duitch.
C. B. Lively

For Commissioner Prect. 2:
C. A. Story (Re-election.)

For County Treasurer:
Frank H. Butler

For Sheriff:
O. B. (Deb) Hale (Re-election)

For Tax Assessor:
Will McLean (Re-election.)

For District Clerk:
A. B. (Poor Albert) Smith
(Re-election)

For Tax Collector:
John L. Dean (Re-election.)

TAKEN UP

3 red Jersey sow pigs, weigh about 80 pounds. Owner please call for same, pay cost, or I will stray according to law.

J. O. Herod, R. 3.

FOR TAX COLLECTOR

"I will appreciate a chance to serve the people of Houston County a second term as their Tax Collector, if they see fit to re-elect me," says Mr. Jno. L. Dean, present incumbent.

Mr. Dean's announcement is recorded this week in the announcement column of the Messenger, his candidacy being subject to the action of the democratic primary, as are all other local officers' election.

Mr. Dean refers the voters and taxpayers to the work of his office since he has been serving and his candidacy is submitted for the consideration of the people.

The Grapeland Poultry Association started last Saturday with twenty-two members. These twenty-two members are working for 100 members by next Saturday at 2 o'clock when the second meeting will be held at the Grapeland School Auditorium. Come and join and give others benefits of your experience in the poultry game.

NOTICE—FOR SALE

One of the oldest and best equipped blacksmith shops in Houston county; doing a good business; plenty of work for two men; reason for selling, other business. For price see me.

A. B. Guice.

FOR SALE

5-room house, 3 lots, desirable location. For price and terms see or write W. H. Musick, Crockett, Texas. 4t

Let us show you our new line of paints; all shades and colors for \$2.25 per gallon. T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.

GOOD YEAR TIRES BEST ON EARTH

30x3 good year tire\$6.95
30x3 Speedmore Gray tube \$1.39
We have all other sizes in tires and tubes at extra special prices at Keeland's Sale.

666 for Malarial Fever.

Clewis will fit you best.

My home for sale reasonable.
E. P. McCall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hunt visited relatives in Conroe last week end.

Plenty of ear corn at Kennedy Bros.

Good overalls and jumpers \$1.00 each.

Henry Dailey & Co.

If you are not able to buy a new suit, Clewis will have the old one dyed

WANTED TO BUY

Good milch cow; must be fresh and a bargain. See F. M. Boone.

Mrs. Sam Long of Augusta is in Grapeland on a visit with relatives and friends.

If interested in pure bred gilts or bred sows, phone or write A. N. Edens, Grapeland, Texas.

WANTED—1000 boys, ages 16 to 99 years to look over my new spring samples. Clewis.

If you expect to do any painting see T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co. We have a guaranteed paint at \$2.25 per gallon.

I take pleasure in announcing to my patrons and general public that Dr. G. Ward Shelfer, Optometrist of Dallas will be with me again Friday, Feb. 15th. Eyes examined, glasses fitted. Phone us for appointment and call as early as possible as he will be here only one day.

J. H. RYAN, Druggist.

Ask Your Neighbor

Ask your neighbor where he buys his drugs.

Ask your neighbor where he buys his patent medicines.

Ask your neighbor where he buys his cigars, tobaccos and cigarettes.

Ask the ladies where they buy their toilet articles.

The answer is—"We buy at Ryan's". Why? Simply for the reason we know we are getting fresh drug store merchandise at "live and let live" prices, and service with a smile.

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Prescriptions Filled by Registered Pharmacist
Quality, Service and Fair Price

CARS FOR SALE

Fords and other cars for sale at a bargain on fall time.
C. C. Officer.

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

Jesse Barnes,
Trinity, Texas.

Get the genuine Oliver plow—the only kind to farm with. Come see our line and let us sell you the plow you need.

Kennedy Bros.

A. L. Brown, who has been one of Uncle Sam's rural carriers out of Grapeland since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, was taken to be a new and much younger carrier by his many patrons when he went out on the route the other day. They learned, however, that this was not the case, that it was their same jolly carrier, minus his moustache. (It is not a fact, as was first reported, that all of Al's kids hid under the bed the afternoon he went home after having his moustache amputated.)

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50 per cent of all genuine Ford parts retail for 10c or less ALL GENUINE FORD PARTS are identical in material, workmanship, fit, strength and long life with the parts which were in your car when you bought it. They are made on the same machines, in the same foundaries by the same men, to perform the particular function of the original part.

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Nearest Ford Dealer

Fast Color Suiting

GUARANTEED NOT TO FADE

We now have in stock Fast Color Suiting guaranteed not to fade. If it does all you have to do is to bring it back—get pay for the making and trimming used on it, also a new dress.

NEW FRENCH GINGHAM

In several different colors, per yard50c

STAMPED GOODS

Have just received a nice assortment of stamped goods in various designs.

Our stock now is almost complete in every way and the prices are right.

We invite you to come around before buying elsewhere and see what we have.

Kennedy Brothers

The Store for Everybody - Grapeland, Texas