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M. E. Church Making Drive For Funds

Nearly eight millions of the \$10,000 superannuate endowment fund being raised by the Southern Methodist Church for the support of the old and worn-out preachers have been officially pledged by approximately 4,500 of the churches throughout the connection. While the sum is to be raised and paid in within a five year period, many of the churches, knowing the need for early relief of the claimants, volunteered to make total payment within one year.

Information of progress of the movement has been received by Rev. B. C. Anderson, pastor of the Grapeland Methodist Church whose people are joining heartily in the efforts to bring it to complete success.

Pink slips, the information states, are pouring in each day at the offices of the Board of Finance, St. Louis, which is directing the movement, on which are noted total sums churches agree to raise for the old preachers. With every charge in the connection doing its full part, it is now indicated that the total objective will be subscribed, and it is hoped final returns will far exceed the ten millions sought.

"The superannuates to be supported by the fund." Dr. Luther E. Todd, secretary of the board, states, "laid the foundations and builded Southern Methodism to its present place of influence and power as a great church. Many of them, now old and infirm, were the pioneers who endured the hardships and toiled without ceasing for the Kingdom, and that for little pay. The day has come when we must remember their faithfulness and provide for their comfort."

Every member in the church, from the bishop down, are working for the complete success of the movement.

SINGING AT GUICELAND

Big singing at Guiceland 4th Sunday beginning at 10 o'clock, preaching at 11. Everybody come. Bring your song books. C. A. Campbell.

TAX COLLECTIONS SHOW INCREASE

For the tax paying period from October 1, 1923, to February 1, 1924, Tax Collector John L. Dean reports that he collected \$243,928.32 in taxes of all forms—personal, real, occupation, school, etc. The automobile license tax is not included.

This shows an increase in payments over last year. The delinquents February 1 showed a percentage of 14 3-5. Same date in 1922 showed a delinquent percentage of 20 2-5. This shows 5 4-5 per cent less delinquent in 1924 than in 1923, which is an indication that the county is in better financial condition.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Editor Messenger: Please announce that the Oak Grove Sunday school has changed its hour of meeting from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. and has agreed to have choir practice every second and fourth Sunday evening.

J. A. Bean.

White Man Arrested For Making Whiskey

Sheriff Hale of Crockett, in company with local officers, H. J. Shaw, Boss Scarborough and John A. Davis, went out into the Lockout community Thursday night and arrested Johnnie Tyer, charged with violation of the liquor law.

The officers found a whiskey still in Tyer's smokehouse, and two quarts of corn liquor in his possession.

Tyer was carried to Crockett and placed in jail, but was released Friday on bond.

PERCILLA NEWS

Percilla, March 10.—Farm work, which had begun in earnest here last week, received another setback Saturday by the unexpected arrival of another old fashioned, cold rain, followed by freezing weather which is still on. This will probably necessitate the planting over of what little corn that has been planted, and defer the further planting of corn for some time yet.

The principal of our high school, J. A. Bynum, and a number of the school pupils attended the Interscholastic meet in Crockett Friday and Saturday, and report a grand time.

J. W. Furr, in company with Bill Franklin and Luther Dotson, visited some of the modern school houses in the southern part of the County Friday for the purpose of obtaining plans for the new school house here.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Elliott of Palestine visited home folks here Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Bill Lively has returned home here after an extended stay with sick folks in Madelle, Cherokee county, and in Henderson, Rusk county.

Miss Erma Lou Elliott is back home again and had a visit from her chum, Miss Ruth MacDonald from Friday of last week till today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harrington of Waneta are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Will Lively here today.

The Newspaper Man

Bit of a priest and a bit of a sailor,
Bit of a doctor and a bit of a tailor;
Bit of a lawyer and bit of detective,
Bit of a judge, for his work is corrective;
Cheering the living and soothing the dying,
Risking all things, even to dare-devil flying,
True to his paper and true to his clan,
Just lock him over, the newspaper man.

Sleep! There are times that he'll do with
but little
Work till his nerves and his temper are brittle;
Fire cannot daunt him, nor long hours disturb him,
Gold cannot buy him, and threats cannot curb him;
High brow, or low brow, your own speech
he'll hand you.
Talk as you will, he'll understand you;
He'll go wherever another man can—
That is the way of a newspaper man.

Surgeon, if urgent the need be, you'll find him
Ready to help, nor will dizziness blind him;
He'll give the ether and never once falter,
Say the last rites like a priest at the altar;
Gentle and kind with the weak and the weary,
Which is proved now and then when his keen eye
grows teary:

Facing all things in life's curious plan—
That is the way of a newspaper man.

One night a week he may rest from his labor,
One night at home to be father and neighbor;
Just a few hours for his own bit of leisure,
All the rest's gazing at other men's pleasure,
All the rest's toiling, and yet he rejoices,
Who knows a calling more glorious than
The day-by-day work of the newspaper man?
—Edgar A. Guest.

FORMER SALMON MAN DIES AT LAMESA

The Messenger is in receipt of a letter from John Killion of Lamesa conveying the information that John Powell died there Saturday, March 1.

Mr. Powell formerly lived at Salmon, and has many relatives and friends in both Houston and Anderson counties, who will be grieved to learn of his death. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emily Powell, whom Mr. Killion states, is getting very feeble and has been confined to her bed for four months.

NOTICE

All cattle dipped at the Dailey vat during this year are taxed 7c per head. This is the actual cost of the dip used. Pay in to Hill Huff by March 20th. Committee.

NOTICE, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERS

If you haven't procured your "meal ticket" for the feed at Murdock's Cafe for next Monday night, see the secretary and get it at once. This is a "stag" affair for members only, and you sure want to be there.

A. H. Luker, Secy.

AT METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school 10 a. m. Preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

Preaching New Prospect 3 p. m.

Let every member make a special effort to be present at these services, and let's get ready for the revival that is to begin the 5th Sunday.

B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

Road Maintenance Crew Working Here

Johnnie Markham of Crockett, who is employed by the State Highway Department to keep up the state highways in Houston county, brought his road crew here last Friday and pitched his camp just west of town.

The crew is now at work on the north end of Palestine road, coming this way. Mr. Markham stated that he would keep the crew here long enough to put the road in good condition.

NEW PROSPECT NEWS

New Prospect, March 10.—Owing to the inclement weather the attendance at Sunday school and prayer meeting was small. We are glad to report Sunday school and prayer meeting are both well attended and the young as well as old are interested in the Bible questions asked each Sunday night. Let the good work continue.

Calvin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Brown is confined to his bed with measles. That is the only case in our community at this time.

Excitement ran high here last Tuesday when a dog supposed to have had rabies, passed through biting several dogs as he went. A crowd followed the dog several hours but failed to kill it. However, we have been informed that a negro near Hays Spring has killed the dog. All dogs known to have been bitten were killed.

Mrs. L. C. Smith returned home Saturday from a two months visit to her old home in Alabama. Mrs. Smith had not been back since she moved to Texas nearly 40 years ago.

S. P. Wilcox, Frank Caskey, Misses Mary Straughan, Zelma Finch and Velma Chandler went to Crockett Saturday to attend the county meet.

Our school will close April 18th. There is some talk of a program to be carried out by the school at that time.

Mrs. N. J. Campbell returned home from Palestine last week after spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. Taylor. She reports the arrival of a 10 pound girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

Very little corn has been planted here yet but if the weather continues favorable quite a lot will be planted soon.

M. J. Baker went to Texarkana last week.

DOWNES—BEAUCHAMP

The Messenger learns of the wedding of Bennie Downes to Miss Permilia Beauchamp, which occurred Thursday, March 6, at Weatherford, Texas. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Beauchamp, and formerly resided in this community.

SCHOOL TAX ELECTION CARRIED AT CROCKETT

Crockett, Texas, March 9.—The election held in Crockett for a school maintenance tax and a new schoolhouse for the negroes, carried by about three to one. On account of small opposition the voting was light. The bonds are to be used in the construction of a brick building for the negroes on a lot bought for that purpose.

Seeks Place Once Held By Father

Austin, Tex., March 8.—Sam Houston Terrell, eldest son of H. B. Terrell, former controller of public accounts, today formally announced his candidacy for the office held for three successive terms by his father. Mr. Terrell is a member of the American Legion; he is 34 years old, and announces from McLennan County.

THE BEST TOOL FOR A BIG JOB

An axe in the hands of a crazy man is a serious menace, yet we do not condemn the axe for its wild or foolish application.

Advertising can be—has been—sometimes misused. Like all great forces, it must be intelligently planned and directed.

In the big job or reviving American business, advertising is the best tool that money can buy. Let's use it—boldly and well!

LIVELYVILLE LOCALS

Livelyville, March 10.—Jack Frost had another inning last night and won over the peach and plum crop, to judge by the looks of the blossoms this morning; cabbage also looks sick and so does early garden stuff.

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

Frank Masters is on the sick list, but is improving.

As the prayer meetings are on Wednesday nights, we are unable to print where they are held in time before this goes to press.

Mrs. James Brumley spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Teems of Grape-land.

Miss Vina Howard is pending the week with her sister, Mrs. Luther Dotson of near Percilla.

Several from here attended the dance given by Mr. Marshall McKenzie Friday night. All reported a lovely time.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION

The date set for the opening of our pre-Easter revival at the Christian Church is April 13th—just one month from this date. Now is the time to lay a foundation on which to build.

Biblical history records no account of a successful revival that was not preceded by adequate preparation in the form of teaching and prayer. Three thousand were converted on the day of Pentecost, but only after the disciples had undergone a baptism of prayer. Practically the same sermon that Peter preached upon this occasion was repeated by Paul in Athens, and with but little effect. Why? because the people were not prepared to receive it.

Do we want a revival in our Church and community? Then we can have it, but first we must lay a foundation for it and the time is short. "Let us then be up and doing." Prayer and hard work is a combination that knows no defeat.

Reporter.

CARS FOR SALE

Fords and other cars for sale at a bargain on fall time. Life insurance written in good companies, fall given on first premium. C. C. Officer.

Marooned!!



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OUR PURPOSE—It is the purpose of The Messenger to record accurately simply and interestingly the moral, intellectual, industrial and political progress of GrapeLand and Houston County. To aid us in this, every citizen should give us his moral and financial support.

THURSDAY, MAR. 13, 1924.

WORDS ARE GREAT THINGS

Words are used for various purposes: to evade issues, to put people to sleep, to break up homes, to pervert literature and to conceal ideas. Nothing exceeds like words.

Words are used in speeches, debates and stories. Massed in serried groups in newspapers and text books, they prevent people from learning anything. Last words are most effective and are employed exclusively by women and prominent citizens who are dying.

Words are nothing in themselves but only in their relationship to other words. It is the system of putting them together that counts. Some of our more or less esteemed contemporaries use words recklessly in political prognostications, chronicling things that never happened and elucidating circulations which ought to be but ain't.

Congress is made up almost entirely of words at this time—oily, greasy words—especially the senate, where the corridors are so clogged with them that hundreds of janitors are given political sinecures shoveling them onto trucks, which haul them to the Congressional Record printing office.

DON'T PLAY POLITICS

The two most urgent public questions at present time are tax reduction and dealing with corruption which has been unearthed in official circles in Washington.

President Coolidge feels with all his fellow countrymen a depressing sense of humiliation at the gross betrayal of public interest that has been disclosed.

The taxation question as well as law or criminal action of officials performing public duty is a problem for both Republicans and Democrats. The people of the whole United States have an interest from the standpoint of lessening tax bills and securing honest administration of public affairs regardless of what party is in power.

The pity is that self-seeking politicians will attempt to use present situations to further political ends rather than to advance the best interest of our government.

We must register our approval of honest officials and demand tax reduction if we expect to eliminate dishonesty in public office, or increasing tax bills.

Speaking of advertising, a man who advertised for a wife said afterward: "I can't say advertising pays, but it certainly brings results."—Inklings.

They say the average life of a dollar bill is two months, then it is sent back to the treasury to be renewed. We don't know that it is true—never kept one long to try it out.

THE NEW DAY AND GRAPELAND

The new day—a day of progress and expansion, has dawned, and already the sun is approaching the mid-day period. The workers and givers of service are already reaping bounteously of the first harvests, and in this they are happy. The loafers, who take all and give little or nothing in the service of life toward the betterment of their community, are of course, reaping proportionately.

As this new day is being rapidly and profitably utilized by practically every town in America, the question "What Will Ye Do With GrapeLand?" must be answered by every citizen of the community.

Will you continue to cling to the methods of business and farming that were in vogue yesterday, or will you adapt yourself to the new program of the new day?

Will you, through your inclination to follow the lines of least resistance, stand idle and ignore the glorious opportunities that are presented by the new day?

Are you satisfied with the appearance of your own town—GrapeLand, in all respects, when it is compared to other towns its size?

Have you always given your co-operation in obtaining the things that would benefit the town and its inhabitants collectively—or have you whined your disapproval because you, as an individual, could not reap all benefit?

Can you say with a clear conscience that you are keeping step with every move promising gains in the march of progress for GrapeLand?

GrapeLand has grown to its present size largely of its own volition, so to speak. It has done well to be what it is today, with very little co-operative effort of its citizens during the years since its birth toward changing it from the primitive state to the modern.

The time is ripe for lending assistance to the expansion and improvement of GrapeLand, which is naturally endowed with many ideal advantages. The strength and wealth of its citizenry used rightly will advance the old town into the city class, with new and modern advantages and a fuller realization on the part of its people of the opportunity for service that came with the dawn of the new day.

Public officials should ever remember that honesty is the best policy, then Congress wouldn't forever be wasting its time in investigations.

Every resolution introduced in Congress now winds up with a demand for a "complete investigation." There are now so many investigations under way one wonders who will investigate the investigators.

HIRAM HARDTHINKER

Says:

"The modern girl (of the flapper type) is more familiar with a wish rug than a dish rag."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

All babies are wonderful—ask any mother.

There are times when every married woman thinks she might have done better.

One woman says facetiously that a back-yard garden is a back-ache garden.

A woman likes to tell her troubles—a man likes to tell his successes.

Remember, girlie, you give him a stone bruise on his heart when you return his diamond ring.

It is usually safe to bet that the best-paid man deserves to be.

Few people realize how well they are off until they have become worse off.

Easter is on the way and its coming means wife's dress must be cut and fitted and so must hubby's bank account.

Put by a little money for your old age, but it isn't necessary to fortify yourself financially to live forever.

Though the telephone girl has lots of rings in her ears what she prefers is to have one on her finger.

The GrapeLand Messenger last week celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary by enlarging to the regulation 6-column size, and Editor Luker states it is now the largest paper in Houston county. The Messenger has always been a clean, newsy, neatly printed paper and one of which GrapeLand should feel justly proud, and no doubt, judging by its advertising patronage and news contents, the paper is held in high esteem by the citizenry. Here's hoping the Messenger continues to grow and prosper and serve its people in the future as it has in the past.—Rockdale Reporter.

This is the middle of March. Over one-sixth of the new year is gone. The days, weeks and years slip by like water in a running stream. The great clock of time never loses a stroke. Relentlessly, surely, steadily, the moments pass, and our eager hands are not able to detain them. We cannot keep back the flying years, but we can and should keep the blessings they bring. We should hold fast to the lessons they have taught, keep the memory of their joys, and enrich every day of life with the garnered wealth of the days gone by.

It is noticed that Mr. Fall's health has appreciably improved since he was dragged before the congressional oil investigating committee.

If you know or hear of an interesting item in the community make it a point to see that it finds a place in The Messenger. Anything which tends to better or brighten the news service of the paper makes it of much more value to the community, and we greatly appreciate any item of news that is given us.

THE NEEDS OF SOIL AND CROP FOR PLANT FOOD

The plant food most often deficient in Texas soils is nitrogen. However, the large majority of East Texas soils need not only nitrogen but phosphoric acid as well. Only on deep sandy soils will potash pay for general field crops under the ordinary conditions. In the case of truck crops, potash does not often increase the yield, but it has been the experience of most growers that a fertilizer having a reasonably high per cent of potash is needed to produce crops of the best appearance and shipping quality. On the typical Black Belt soils, nitrogen is probably the only plant food which will pay a profit, although the grey soils on the edge of the Belt and the badly washed black soils may possibly need phosphoric acid also.—Eugene Butler, in The Progressive Farmer.

ALL TIMES

The swiftest thing we know of is light, which travels 186,000 miles a second. The next swiftest is a chorus girl, who doesn't travel quite so fast but gets here just the same.

The slowest thing we know of is the human thumb, which grows a billionth of a yard per second. The next slowest is the kick in nearbeer, which has ceased to travel altogether.

A cannon ball has been known to get up a speed of 2,000 miles an hour, and a Greenwich Village ball often gets up a speed of more than a mile a minute along about 3 a. m.

The earth revolves about the sun at 65,000 miles an hour. This is its normal speed, but under the influence of certain brands of homebrew it has broken that record.—Fort Worth Record.

THAT DOLLAR

One time I had a dollar bill, And it was worth a dollar; It bought a shirt, two pairs of socks,

A handkerchief and a dollar. And all I've got to say is this: I'm sadder and I'm wiser— A pair of socks is a dollar now, My Country, 'Tis of Thee, O wow But double darn the kiser! Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Statisticians say only one man in 50 has red hair—but drug stores enable women to laugh at nature's limit.—Greenville Piedmont.

Nurse Cavell's Pet Preserved



"Jack," favorite dog of Edith Cavell, the famous English nurse of the World war, has died, but he, like his noted mistress, will live in fame. His body, mounted by a taxidermist, has been sent by the Duchess De Croy to the Cavell home for nurses at Tombland, Norwich.

The Development of Our Railway Net in Texas

By Walter Splawn, R. R. Commissioner of Texas.

(Fourth Article)

Let us inquire how this vast performance was accomplished in a new country and so sparsely settled as was Texas from 1870 till 1890. The sources of aid were much the same as before the Civil War, but differing in some respects. Individual gifts continued to be neglected, as compared with the sum total, and were important in defraying preliminary expenses. Stock subscriptions were perhaps less important than before the Civil War, because of the difficulty of paying for the stock. There was no longer slave labor which could be exchanged or such stock. City and County bonds were a fairly important source of revenue. The following were some of the issues for the benefit of railroad construction:

April 30, 1873, Tyler voted \$50,000.00 of bonds for the benefit of the Houston & Great Northern.

February 12, 1874, Sherman voted \$84,000.00 in bonds for the benefit of the Texas & Pacific.

April 24, 1874, Dallas voted \$100,000.00 of bonds for the benefit of the Texas and Pacific.

June 6, 1876, Waxahachie

voted \$64,000.00 of bonds for the benefit of the Houston & Texas Central.

In 1872, Smith County voted \$200,000.00 of bonds for the benefit of the Houston & Great Northern.

In 1875, Galveston County voted \$500,000.00 of bonds for the benefit of the Sante Fe.

It is doubtful if as much as \$1,500,000.00 was secured in this way before a Legislature passed a law forbidding use of municipal credit for the benefit of railway construction.

If the bowels are clogged up poisons get into the blood, causing loss of strength, skin eruptions, dizziness and vertigo (blind staggers.) Prickly Ash Bitters will open the bowels, drive out the impurities and restore strength, energy and cheerful spirits. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith Special Agent.

Yes, there are a few counties left that have no candidate for governor and they should be told that there is a little time left. There ought to be some citizen in each county of the state who is gubernatorial timber.—San Saba News.

Your = Fault!

Its your fault, not ours if you are not buying from us. We have the merchandise: the price is right and we do our best to treat you right.

Our shoe stock is complete and your own interests are certain to draw you to our store for your shoe requirements.

Have just three or four Gearless Planters. Buy one and spend the difference.

2 section Harrows (Kelly) for \$12.50

Carnation flour, the best, why not buy your next sack of flour from us?

Plenty feed stuff at prices that are right.

HIGHEST PRICES PAID FOR CHICKENS and EGGS

W. A. RIALI
DEPENDABLE MERCHANT

THE PASSING DAY

By Will H. Mayes, Department of Journalism
University of Texas

Secretary Hughes is correct in a recent statement that what this country needs is not more laws, but more respect for the laws we have. Of course all countries need to revise their laws occasionally, to leave off some that have become obsolete and to add others to meet new conditions as they arise, but the country as a whole is too much given to lawmaking and not enough to law enforcement. Lax enforcement of any law brings about lack of respect for all laws. Insufficient punishment for a violation of law results in increased numbers of violations. Murder is stimulated by light prison penalties; theft is encouraged when thieves are freed; robberies increase when robbers make their escape. All through the gamut of crime, to condone an offense is to tempt others to commit that offense or some other. All criminals think that they can do what others have done and even more. Courts and juries often feel that they are merciful in imposing light sentences without considering that in extending mercy they are inviting more crime.

The pitiful part about all law violation is that even though the violator may not be caught and punished, the mere fact that he commits a crime makes him a worse man and in that way carries with it its own punishment. One offense that goes unpunished nearly always leads to another of the same or another kind, and in most cases the law violator is eventually trapped, so that, after all, but few that are guilty really escape. Delayed justice nearly always demands a high rate of interest. Glen Rose is just now furnishing Texas a striking example of that truth. A large part of the citizenship of the county is involved either directly or indirectly, in the cases there growing out of moonshining and bootlegging that defied law and apparently prospered so long. But what a price is now being paid in prison penalties, in suffering

and heartaches of the innocent, in stagnated business, in depreciated values of homes? There seems to be something about the illicit handling of intoxicants that seduces people to believe that they always escape punishment, notwithstanding the fact few such distillers and delayers have ever prospered or long escaped punishment.

The country has never before been so much interested in education as it is just now. Every candidate for office deems it wise to declare himself in favor of spending money liberally for educating the youth. He may oppose practically all other expenditures, but is emphatic as to education. Many people are subscribing large sums to support the schools, and especially the church schools; and others are making great sacrifices that their children may go to school. In most European countries students are attending colleges and universities although they are without the money with which to buy enough food or clothing. The masses everywhere are recognizing the truth of Sam Houston's statement that "The benefits of education and of useful knowledge, generally diffused through a community, are essential to the preservation of a free government."

The man that wrote "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" is dead. He was a cripple almost from birth, and he had never made the long journey to Tipperary. Along with many others, I have forgotten his name, but his song will live in my memory and in the memory of every man, woman and child of this generation. It helped millions of soldiers to make weary marches that its writer was himself unable to make. No one can explain exactly why this melody, without rhyme or reason, played such an important part in helping the soldiers to win the war. Perhaps it was the spirit of the crippled writer marching

side by side with every man who sang it. Possibly he little dreamed that it would play a part in the war, for it is the only song he ever wrote that became famous. We never know when we are doing a thing just what influence it may have. It may be best that we should not know, but there is a lesson in Tipperary and its crippled writer for each one of us. Something we do, however trivial it may appear at the time, may help or retard thousands in their battle of life.

At Cisco and Comanche poultry raisers have installed incubators with a capacity of 4000 eggs. One of these monster hatcheries can do the work of about 300 old hens and release them for other duties. The poultry people have learned that it is much cheaper to buy and operate a big incubator than it is for all of them to own and run their hatcheries. Gradually, even though slowly, the farmers are learning that it pays to cooperate even though they do wait for their wives and children to show them this. But why should I single out the farmers as a class? In this matter of co-operation they are, in some sections, far ahead of the merchants, who still think that competition and not co-operation is the life of trade.

Advertising And Locomotives

William Wrigley, Jr., in explaining the big expansion of his chewing gum business, said it was due to advertising.

In a trip recently in company with a friend, the latter said: "You have built a remarkable business. Why not save some of this advertising money and run along on momentum for awhile?"

"Well," Mr. Wrigley said, "we have had a fine, fast trip west from Chicago so far. How much progress do you think we would make if they took off the locomotive?"

The annual sales of talcum powder, cold cream, rouge, lipstick, and toilet powder amount to \$75,000,000, or about \$15 for every woman in America.

The Why of Superstitions

By H. IRVING KING

FOOLING GHOSTS

AN OLD-TIME superstition which is still occasionally met with in the rural districts is that a funeral procession should not return from the cemetery to the house by the same route which it traversed before.

In Virginia there is a prevalent superstition among the colored population that after a funeral from the house the position of the door-knobs should be changed. The Virginia negro frankly says that this change is made so that "the ghost cannot find his way in." The first superstition mentioned is of a kindred nature and had originally a like purpose. It was to throw the ghost of the departed off the trail so that he could not find his way back to the house. Along the Carolina coast a stake is sometimes driven through a grave as soon as a body is buried to keep the ghost of the deceased from "haunting."

Among the peasants all over Europe there are similar superstitions to these and among all savage tribes kindred precautions are taken to keep away the spirits of the departed. The customs under consideration are not related to the superstitious—which are many—concerning the protection against ghosts by means of "charms" but have to do with primitive man's conception of the spirits of the dead as entities which could be "physically" controlled by sympathetic magic and easily deceived by the more vigorous spirits embodied in the living. That primitive idea is the basis of the modern superstitions mentioned above. The old English law—enforced in comparatively recent times—which directed that a certain class of malefactors should, after execution, be buried at a crossroads with a stake driven through the grave was but a legal enactment of this primitive superstition.

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America's Marvels

NATURAL AND OTHERWISE

By T. T. Maxey

THE ROOSEVELT DAM

In the south-central part of Arizona a large area of fertile, sandy loam lying at an altitude of about 1,200 feet above sea level and well-suited for the production of grain, cotton, alfalfa, fruit and live stock, was unproductive because of the simple fact that the annual rainfall of from seven to nine inches was entirely too scant to admit of crop maturity.

The waters of the Salt and Verde rivers carry the drainage from some 12,250 square miles of territory. If this water could be properly stored and carefully spread over this great unproductive area during the "growing" season fabulous crop wealth would naturally result.

By the building of a tremendous dam a reservoir was formed which holds the water which formerly went to waste. This dam (Roosevelt) is 1,125 feet long on top and 280 feet high in the center, and contains 342,325 cubic yards of building material. The reservoir extends some 20 miles up stream and holds sufficient water to cover 1,865,000 acres one foot deep. To properly and efficiently handle such a herculean task as the storing and distribution of such a stupendous volume of water over such a broad area, it was necessary to construct and bring into use an intricate and far-reaching system of spillways, tunnels, hydraulic gates and something like 750 miles of canals.

Some idea of the success of this project can be glimpsed from the crop report for the year 1920. The irrigated area had been divided into 4,200 farms which boasted a population of 31,000 and contained eight towns which had forty-one schools and forty-five churches and housed 32,100 persons. These 4,200 farms yielded the following crops, in bushels: barley, 178,520; corn, 66,985; oats, 67,390; wheat, 95,285; sorghum grain, 22,388; beans, 1,400; potatoes, 11,700; 13,671,000 lbs of fruits; 28,465,000 lbs. of cotton, 100,936 tons of alfalfa hay and 42,700 tons of cotton seed. The farms on this project also contained 5,137 sheep; 8,662 hogs; 254,572 chickens, turkeys, geese, etc., and 13,819 hives of bees.

Thus the magic-like touch of the U. S. reclamation service "maketh the desert to blossom as the rose."

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ONE IN TEN

Neglecting a little wound, cut or abrasion of the flesh may in nine cases out of ten cause no great suffering or inconvenience, but it is the one case in ten that causes blood poisoning, lockjaw or a chronic festering sore. The cheapest, safest and best course is to disinfect the wound with liquid Borozone and apply the Borozone Powder to complete the healing process. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by

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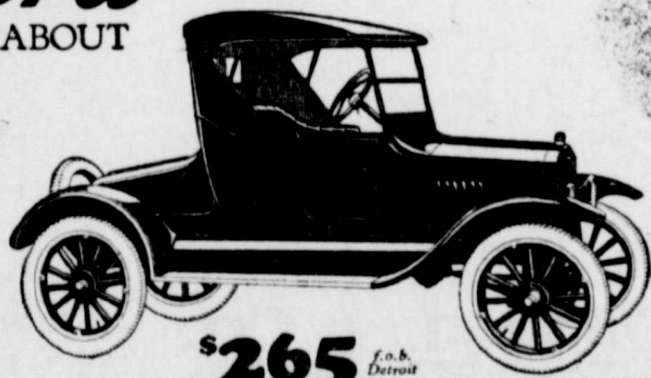
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W. M. S. MEETING

The Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church met in regular session Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Cleve Sadler.

A program on the "New spirit of understanding in race relations" was carried out, different members reading interesting papers on the subject.

Mrs. Willis Shaver presided and acted as leader at this meeting and conducted a very inspirational Bible lesson on our possessions.

Mrs. W. D. and Mrs. C. M. McCarty were welcome visitors.

The hostess served hot chocolate and angel food cake for refreshment.

Reporter.

OUR HONOR ROLL

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

Grapeland—Mrs. Dora White, W. F. Murchison, Bob Wherry, H. J. Shaw.

Route 2—Lonzie Tyer.
Salmon—Dan Trigg.
Crockett, Route 1—C. H. Allen.

Reed, Ok.—W. F. Taylor.
Elkhart, Route 2—P. L. Herod.

Crockett—W. H. Musick.
Tuscola—N. J. Tims. (By W. H. Lively.)

Resume Crockett Test

Crockett, Texas, March 9.—Work of drilling has been resumed on the Porter No. 2 test on the P. D. Austin farm. This test has been closed down several weeks, when several thousand feet of drilling pipe stuck.

The Grapeland Messenger is to be congratulated on its enlargement from a five column to a six column paper. The Messenger, with A. H. Luker as editor and owner, is one of the best weekly newspapers in Texas and is highly deserving of the splendid support given it. With its enlarged size, the Grapeland paper will be better able to serve the news needs of that little city as it has so efficiently handled the advertising matter of its merchants in the past.—Lufkin Daily News.

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Below are the names of a few of his many satisfied patients in Texas.

John W. Hairston, Route 4, Cameron, Texas, stomach trouble.

Mrs. B. E. Howell, Big Springs, Tex., high blood pressure.

Mollie Counts, Point Blank, Texas, heart trouble.

Mrs. T. P. Gunnels, Gause, Texas, gall stones.

T. E. Acker, Maydelle, Texas, adenoids. (daughter.)

Mrs. M. L. Long, Pilot Point, Texas, gall stones.

Remember above date, that consultation on this trip will be free and that his treatment is different.

Married women must be accompanied by their husbands. Offices: 211 Bradbury Bldg., Los Angeles, California.

MENCKEN CHOSEN BOSS



H. L. Mencken, former associate editor of Smart Set and an author of prominence, has been elected the Democratic "boss" of Baltimore, Md. Mencken's many friends in Baltimore decided that he was the man for the job and conducted such a vigorous campaign that he was elected for the job by a comfortable plurality. He is here shown wearing on his derby the symbol of victory.

RICE TO RUN

In a communication to The Messenger Tuesday, Hon. Chas. C. Rice, present representative in the state legislature, states that he is a candidate for reelection, and will make his formal announcement in the near future.

Buy your carbon at Ryan's Drug Store.

Buster Brown shoes for girls and boys at Keeland Bros.

Want to buy a good young milch cow.

C. A. Campbell,
Salmon, Texas.

A free country is a brand-new republic that hasn't had time to pass many laws.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Mrs. Robert Little of Antrim community spent last week end here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Streetman.

Don't be satisfied with 'just as good' quality when you can get the best at The Darsey Co. for the same money or a little less.

Mrs. McMasters of Fort Worth, field representative of the United Missionary Society of the Christian Church, was in Grapeland a few days this week in the interest of the society, and while here was the guest of Mrs. A. O. Riall.

C. A. Mills, overseer on the Augusta road, requests the Messenger to tell those who have been guilty of the practice of carrying their junk out on the road and dumping it in the ditches to please stop it. It causes the drainage ditches along the road to fill up and gives the road hands extra work to do to keep the road in shape. Besides, a public highway is not the proper place to throw junk and tin cans.

The cold weather the first of the week, preceded Saturday by a down pour of rain, was very unwelcome. Folks were just getting accustomed to the warm, welcome sunshine. The cold weather will retard all kinds of farm and garden work. However, we notice that farmers are taking advantage of the spell to carry out large quantities of fertilizer and other farm supplies so when spring does come they will be ready to "hit the ball" in a very vigorous way.

It is no longer the rule that a woman is as old as she looks. The chances are she is older.—Boston Transcript.

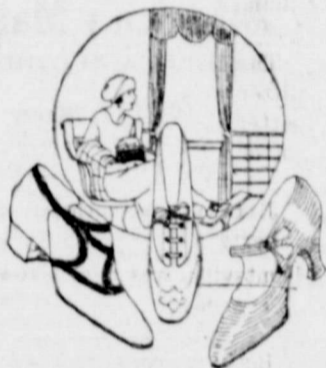


Footwear for Spring

Newest of the new in footwear styles for the Springtime are now on display at this store, that are a pleasure to wear and a satisfaction to own. Tasty styles that give a refined appearance: correct lasts that insure a perfect fit and wearing ease, enduring qualities made from the best of materials—these are some of the virtues of this line you will like; that are worn by men and women who are particular about style and careful about quality. We invite you to view this display and let us fit you in the style you like best.

"IT TAKES LEATHER TO STAND THE WEATHER"

For the Woman who Cares



Pumps and oxfords in the new materials and colors fit to grace any foot and that will add charm and graceful appearance to any costume for any occasion, are shown here in a variety of patterns.

THE STYLES

Hollywood sandals in grey buck and black patent leather. Flat rubber heels.

One and two strap, Louis heel black kid and satin

pumps, trimmed with black suede. One and two strap low heel walking pumps in tan calf brown trimmed, nude buck, grey buck, black satin, black suede. Half-rubber heels.

Dress styles in one, two and three strap pumps, with the new medium height heel in grey suede, black suede, black satin, light tan suede, brown suede, black patent leather.

Suort styles in one and two color combinations in strap and buckle pumps, grey and patent, grey and blue, etc. half rubber heels.

Oxfords in low, medium and high heels, for walking, dress wear or comfort styles in black and brown kid, black and brown calfskin, grey suede, grey buck with the new trouser crease.

Sizes 2 to 10
Widths A to EE

The prices on this line of footwear are lower than you would expect. Ranging from \$7 to \$8.50 for the top grades, \$4.50 to \$6.50 for the medium grades and from \$2.50 to \$4.00 for the popular priced grades, we can offer you exceptional values and quality at a price you will want to pay.

SILK HOSIERY

All of the new spring shades are shown at this store in ladies silk hose at 50c to \$2.50 and in men's silk socks at 50c to \$1.50. New socks for children are arriving daily.

For the Man who Cares



There's no little satisfaction that comes to the man who enjoys Florsheim comfort, fit, style and wearing qualities. And he should rightly expect it, for in no other line will you find a wider range of pleasing combination of those things that make a good shoe at such a reasonable price.

The Parkway, The Brighton, The Pathfinder, The Rialto, and The Chester are some of the new styles in oxfords here in black, brown, tan and combinations at \$9.00

Florsheim shoes in most all grades are only \$10 at The Darsey Co. and you have a wide range of styles in other all leather dress shoes and oxfords at from \$3.50 to \$8.50.

SOUVENIRS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

RED GOOSE

Every boy and girl buying shoes or slippers at this store this week will be given a swimming Red Goose. We have other souvenirs we will give every boy and girl visiting our store this week.

Red Goose Shoes, oxfords and pumps in new Spring styles now on display in all sizes. Watch for our K-E-D-S announcement and display. All kinds of tennis shoes for everybody.

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Significant Rural Conditions

Are you interested in the prevailing conditions and tendencies in Texas regarding education, standards of living, agricultural practices, health, rural church work, community development, organizations, and so on? If so, you should have a copy of "Some Socially Significant Rural Conditions," a new bulletin just put out from the Texas A & M College. It can be had by sending a card to the Department of Rural Sociology, Texas A. & M. College, College Station, Texas, and asking for Rural Sociology Publication No. 2.

The point of view of the bulletin is indicated by the following quotation:

"The great need of the times

is more acquaintance with, and group discussions of, the facts as to fundamental conditions and tendencies, and of their social significance. With the recent rapid development in the natural and social sciences, and the rise of the many State and National public service institutions and agencies, it is now feasible for a community, a State, or a Nation to solve almost any problem with which it may be confronted, and to carry out any program which it may have the vision, and courage, the initiative, the energy and the will to undertake.

"In other words, it is no longer necessary to leave social progress to blind chance; but it is now practicable to set definite standards or goals as socially desirable—standards as to edu-

cational attainments, health conditions, home surroundings, church work, agricultural practices, and so forth, through the whole range of community life. Through a well-thought-out, long-time program—a program based on the solid rock of exact fact, rather than on the sand of conjecture and theory—it is possible with unified effort to reach the goals which have been agreed on as desirable."

Besides a concise statement of the most significant facts as to conditions and tendencies regarding the various phases of country life, each section of the bulletin has a series of carefully worked out questions designed to give life to those facts. This arrangement makes the bulletin especially adapted to use as a basis for club programs. Or-

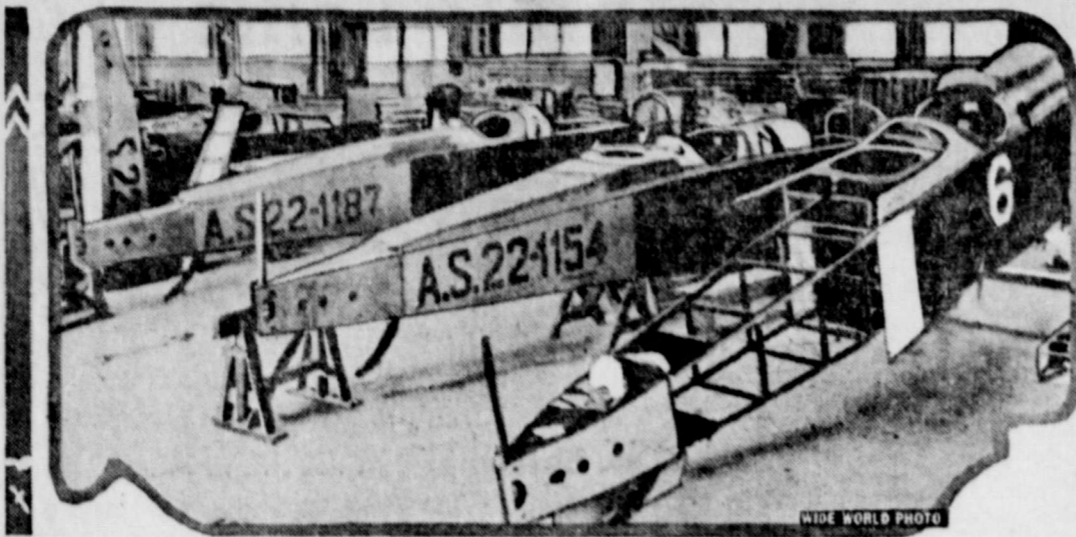
ganizations using it in their program can obtain assistance from the A. & M. College, Department of Rural Sociology, in securing similar facts for their own particular sections.

"I'm sorry I ran over your hen," said the kind-hearted motorist. "I'll pay you for her." "That was a pet hen, sir. She always came to me when I called her, and laid an egg every day." "Would a dollar be all right?" "You'd better make it two, sir. I also have a rooster. He thinks a lot of that hen, and when he finds out she's dead it wouldn't surprise me much if the shock killed him."

If she asks to see something more expensive, she probably is shopping, not buying.—Robert Quillen.

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Mexican Government Gets Planes From Ohio



These eight De Havilland planes have been assembled at Wilbur Wright field, Dayton, O., with the exception of the wings, and shipped to Mexico for the federal army.

GETTING AHEAD OF THE BOLL WEEVIL

Growing cotton under boll weevil conditions requires industry and study. Thus far those who have cut their acreage to a point where they can give the crop all the attention that it needs have been more successful in securing profitable acreage yields than those who have gone right along planting as much as they can to the exclusion of all other crops. I have found that the following suggestions have been worth while to me:

Plant not more than eight acres to the plow.

Select land that is fertile and if possible, land that was in some other crop the previous season.

Prepare a good seed bed.

Select an early variety.

Get best seed possible.

Be liberal with seed in order to get a good stand.

Chop to a stand as early as possible.

Fertilize, if on sandy soils. Plow as much organic matter into black waxy soils as possible. Use barn yard manure.

Cultivate as early as possible and keep it up throughout the

summer. Good cultivation is necessary to rapid growth.

A good seed bed means a firm seed bed. Poor stands often come from planting in a loose and poorly prepared soil. Cultivation should be shallow, particularly in hot, dry weather. It keeps the top soil in a form of dust and holds the moisture in the ground. Continuous cultivation not only keeps the plant growing, but there is a reason to believe that it destroys many weevils by covering up fallen squares in the hot dust and possibly many weevils. At any event, it disturbs the pest considerably and it has been the experience of many that constant cultivation prevents more or less weevil damage.

(By J. C. Harris, in Farm & Ranch)

Do you have spells of dizziness when everything turns black before the eyes? These are symptoms of torpid liver and clogged condition of the bowels. Take Prickly Ash Bitters and get rid of the misery. It is a man's remedy for correcting such disorders. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith Special Agent.

How to Apply Fertilizer

In applying fertilizer the farmer may bed on it, put it about half way down in the bed, or in the bed at planting time. Those farmers who bed on fertilizer insist that with this method the roots of the plant are encouraged to seek the fertilizer and this brings about the development of a good root system. However, under Texas conditions, good rains fall during the spring when the fertilizer is to work downward in the soil as it is dissolved by soil water. Hence even though fertilizer is applied fairly close to the surface of the soil, all of it does not necessarily remain there for an extended period. However, the chief advantage of applying fertilizer fairly close to the surface is that it is close at hand just after the seed germinate and it begins to feed the crop early in the season. Under weevil conditions, early, rapid growth is desirable and it is quite important that the plant roots reach the fertilizer without delay, and not be forced to grow down to it. Some farmers compromise the matter by throwing one furrow, applying the fertilizer, and covering it with another furrow, or where the bed is made by one trip of the middle burster it is customary to run deep in the bed with a shovel, apply the fertilizer and cover by harrowing so that the fertilizer will be considerably below the surface.—Eugene Butler, in The Progressive Farmer.

POLAR FLIGHT SUSPENDED

President Coolidge directed Secretary of Navy Denby to order all preparations for the flight of the Shenandoah over the north pole to be halted until some form of congressional approval of the project can be secured. The committee on naval affairs in the house of representatives definitely refused to take up the resolution approving the trip. Since the resignation of Secretary Denby some of the high officials of the navy see a remote possibility that the president may request congress to authorize the expedition.

Putting Salmon P. Chase's picture on the \$10,000 bills is practically the same as turning it to the wall.—Houston Post.



A college professor in West Virginia is the author of a volume entitled "Insects and Pests." The work is "Dedicated to My Wife."—Kansas City Star.

"Yes," said the amateur sports, "I had great luck on my gunning trip today."

"Why you didn't bag anything."

"I know, but the last time I was out I bagged a cow."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"With all due reference, my boy, I think our English custom at the telephone is better than saying 'Hello!' as you Americans do."

"What do you say in England?"

"We say: 'Are you there?' Then, of course, if you are not there, there is no use in going on with the conversation."—London Tit-Bits.

A well known chemist says that a man came into his laboratory the other day, threw down a sample bag of stuff on his desk and asked him what it was worth.

"Iron pyrites," pronounced the chemist as he carelessly juggled the sample in the air. "Not worth anything."

"Say," gasped the horrified visitor, "you mean to say that stuff's not gold? There's a widow living out here who's got a whole hill of that, and I up and married her yesterday."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

His Off Day

Bobby was of an inquiring turn of mind, but mother usually managed to answer his questions.

"Why does daddy go to town every day?" he asked on one occasion.

"To work, so that you and I can have good dinners," mother replied promptly.

Next day, as Bobby sat down to dinner, he looked disparagingly at the fare provided, then turned an accusing eye on father.

"You didn't do much today, did you?" he remarked.

A busy business man was the father of a small family which he rarely was able to see, as he was engrossed in making a fortune. One night, however, he was to stay at home and take care of the several young offsprings alone. The next morning his wife asked him if he underwent any difficulties.

"Oh," he said, "I got them all to bed O. K. except that little red-headed one. I had to lick her before she'd go."

"Why, John," his wife exclaimed. "That isn't our child. She lives across the street!"—Argonaut.

MOTHERS

Watch for symptoms of worms in your children. These parasites are the great destroyers of child life. If you have reason to think your child has worms, act quickly. Give the little one a dose or two of White's Cream Vermifuge. Worms cannot exist where this time-tried and successful remedy is used. It drives out the worms and restores the rosy hue of health to baby cheeks. Price 35c. Sold by WADE L. SMITH

When we humor our weaknesses they force themselves continually upon our attention like spoiled children. When we assert our mastery of ourselves and compel its recognition, we stand secure in our sovereign rights.—Charles B. Newcomb.

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Flag of Egypt Raised in Capital



S. Younsy Pasha, the new minister to the United States from Egypt and the first envoy from that country in modern times, raising the new Egyptian flag over the New Willard hotel, Washington, in the presence of the members of his staff. This was the first time this flag has ever been raised in a foreign country. The Willard hotel is the temporary legation of Minister Younsy.

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HOW TO TREAT CHICKS FOR GAPES

(Nell Portrey, in Farm & Ranch)

Chicks are never afflicted with gapes if the colony houses are on new ground, but it is where the poultry yards are in the same place for years and years that the tiny worms infest the soil, and are picked up in the chicken's feed. When this is the case, the chicks should be taken to new soil if colony houses are used, but if this is impractical, the next best thing to do is to plow up the runs. And plow them deep.

If you are in doubt as to whether it is really gape worms that are bothering the chicks, the best thing to do is to make sure. Kill an afflicted chick and examine it. If tiny white worms are found in the chick's windpipe it will not be necessary to look farther. You have found the trouble. Burn the chick and begin treating for gapes.

We have found London purple the most satisfactory cure for gapes. If only a few of the chicks are affected, catch them and put them in a box or similar place, where the air will be rather close, but where there will be sufficient ventilation to keep them alive. Then sprinkle them very lightly with London purple and put the lid or other cover on the box. The powder will cause the chicks to cough or sneeze until they cough up the

tiny worms. Use the powder sparingly, as it is poisonous and an overdose will leave you with a bunch of smothered chicks. It can be procured at almost any drug store. Be sure to burn any fowls that die from gapes.

Succeeding With Baby Chicks

During the past few years the day old chick industry has reached immense proportions. Millions of chickens are hatched and shipped by parcel post annually. It is now quite possible for a person in the most remote sections to purchase good purebred chicks at reasonable prices.

Many farmers and back-lot-ers have time and facilities for caring for baby chicks, but do not have the capital to purchase incubators, or a suitable place to operate them. A breeder may wish to try his luck at raising chicks before investing in an incubator. In some sections it may be more economical to purchase chicks than to buy hatching eggs and hatch at home. The South is fast developing into an early broiler section and large quantities of early chicks must be produced by the hatcheries. Almost any common breed or variety can be obtained from them at any season. A person desiring new blood for the flock will find the practice of purchasing baby chicks quite economical. In this case, however, only the best chicks of known ancestry should be purchased.

Hatcheries or commercial poultrymen selling baby chicks will notify you of the shipping date in order that you may be prepared for chicks and looking for them. Upon receiving the chicks examine carefully and count chicks before the postman leaves. If any chicks are missing or dead, or if they look sick or mistreated, make an affidavit with the postman. Most baby chick shipments are insured, but the shipper cannot collect unless the postal authority certifies as to the delivery. Too many baby chick buyers wait from one to several weeks and then complain. A complaint should be made immediately in

BEAUTY PRIZE WINNER



Miss Hazel Collins of New York, who was adjudged the prettiest girl at the recent beauty pageant held in Miami, is shown with the cup awarded her.

order that the shipper can in turn complain to postal authorities. One point to remember is that the chicks will appear somewhat small. A chick that is three days old is really smaller than one first hatched for its food yolk has been used up and no more food has been supplied. —J. H. Wood, in The Progressive Farmer.

WAGES FOR THE HEN

If there is one thing on earth that is supposed to do all the giving and little of the getting, it is the hen. And yet that is all wrong. Even the Bible says the laborer is worthy of his hire. And who or what labors more than the hen?—tell me that.

Up in the morning early while the dew is on the vine and on till the sun has gone to rest she scratches, scratches, scratches. When not searching for worms is she doubtful? Nay, she makes herself lovely to the pleasure-seeking male. The sand is her bath; she anoints her feathers with oil.

Thriftiness is hers. Grain, grit, green—all is grub that comes to her craw. While she works, she has in her heart the making of a gift to the world—the egg. Generous she is; and she sings about her task; hers is one of the happiest songs in the world. Many a prima donna have I heard with less pleasure.

What is she paid for her benevolences in life and her benefactions in death, her unselfishness in populating the chicken world through weeks of sitting on rocky eggs; and months of scratching, clucking, scolding, warning off dogs, and the general care incident to the upbringing of large families? No labor union dictates her wage. Her demands, like those of most other farm wives, are in goods rather than dollars. She asks:

Feed—clean, good, well balanced, adequate.

Sanitation—Free from pests and parasites.

Housing—Warm, clean, dry, draftless.

All else she asks is small return for her many generous gifts to mankind—appreciation sufficient for kindly protection.—The Progressive Farmer.

For the serious diseases that attack the kidneys, Prickly Ash Bitters is a remedy of merit. It relieves backache, dizziness, persistent headache, loss of strength and nervous weakness; symptoms which indicate kidney trouble. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith Special Agent.

The South's Permanent Prosperity Resis on a Balanced System of Farming

The Bible says, "Man cannot live by bread alone," and no section has ever enjoyed permanent prosperity that depends upon one crop—be that crop wheat, corn, or cotton. The reason for this is two-fold—you cannot properly utilize either your time or your land under a one-crop system. Secondly—it takes many things to sustain the life of your family, and if you get money from only one crop, you have to spend it all to buy the things that you can produce more cheaply on your own farm. Look around you and you will see that the independent farmers of your community have always grown their corn, raised the meat supply, and made their farm as nearly as possible self-sustaining. The severe ordeal through which the farmers have passed during the three past years should leave indelibly impressed, this lesson upon their minds. But the trouble is so many feel the need of ready cash that we fear that the temptation to plant too much cotton, or tobacco, will be too strong for them to resist. The right thing to do is to be prudent, and not to grab at every seeming opportunity to make a little more cash, but instead to work so as to build up a permanent system on your farm where two things will be insured—

First, a system that will increase the fertility of your soil through natural agencies, and secondly, a system that will produce as nearly as possible all the food that you will need for your stock and the people on your farm. This is the ideal method of farming and the one that we should be always striving to attain. Remember these maxims: 1—"The dollar goes the farthest that stays at home." 2—"If you are a good farmer you can produce food crops as cheaply as the other man, and far cheaper than you can buy them." 3—"The larger the cash crop that is produced the cheaper will be the price." 4—"The speculators are ever on the watch to rob those who are forced to sell." 5—"The only truly independent farmer is the one out of debt and the one who has a full smokehouse and corncrib." 6—"Cattle will eat grass and sorghum grown on a farm and turn it into a valuable form of food and give you a valuable fertilizer for your land in addition." 7—"Grain crops grown in the winter when your land otherwise would be idle." 8—"The legumes, winter and summer legumes, will grow valuable food crops and at the same time increase the fertility of your soil."

JOHN SPENCE

Lawyer

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One of the toughest tasks confronting the politician is sustaining a vigorous policy about nothing much in particular.—Detroit News.

Revival Campaign!

The meeting that is to begin at the Methodist church the 5th Sunday in this month will be led by Rev. C. W. Hughes of Crockett doing the preaching and John W. Davis of Center leading the singing.

Now is the time for us to begin to get ready if these leaders are to mean all they should to our community.

We want the invitation big enough and broad enough to extend to every individual in the community to attend any or all of these services.

We desire not only a revival in the church, but one that will touch every individual in the community.

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A. H. LUKER,
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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.)
Ben Brimberry

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

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

For County Superintendent:
Mrs. Gertie Sallas (Re-election)

INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE MEET

According to a statement of Mrs. Sallas, County Superintendent, there were more than 500 contestants filed eligibility certificates for entrance in the Meet.

Inclement weather caused a postponement of track and field events until Saturday p. m. March 15 at 1 o'clock. Senior music at 8 o'clock Saturday evening of the same date. Following this program county Judge Leroy Moore, will present approximately 35 prizes to first place winners in addition to loving cup and banner to championship schools. Ribbons will also be presented to all second place winners.

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view, he arranged a "Fruit Demonstration" special, and in co-operation with the A. & M. College, implement men and others interested in orchard equipment, gave numerous demonstrations in the orchards along the I. & G. N. lines in that section of the State. To prove his contention, he has taken over several small orchards, the owners agreeing to follow instructions, the railroad company furnishing necessary materials. One of these orchards is located a few miles out from Palestine. It is situated on high, well-drained ground, the soil being a deep red iron composition said to be excellent for peaches. It is owned by J. B. Boxley and a part of it is three years old, the rest four. Mr. Boxley was preparing to dig up the orchard and use the land for other purposes. He had lost one crop by late frost and the trees were beginning to show disease. He had made up his mind that there was nothing in the peach industry, but when Mr. Cook made him his proposition, he agreed to it. Although work of rejuvenation has only begun, Mr. Boxley is so favorably impressed that he is making plans for another twenty-acre orchard.

Rejuvenating East Texas Orchards

(Frank A. Briggs in Farm & Ranch)

A peach tree was recently found in an East Texas orchard, which was afflicted with scale, crown gall, root knot and peach borers. It was making a desperate effort to live, and had it not been uprooted in order to serve some specialists as a "horrible example," it would have probably put out a few blooms this spring. There are thousands of such trees in East Texas and hundreds of orchards now struggling to live that will be dead in another year or two unless they are given better care.

Can East Texas come back as a producer of quality peaches? Can old orchards be stimulated to a profitable production? All specialists are agreed that East Texas should be producing peaches and other fruits for home use and for the market. The opinion is not unanimous on the question of restoring old and diseased orchards. Many believe that orchards on land infested with nematodes and with trees ill shaped and afflicted with the various diseases common to peaches, should be destroyed and another start made on new land with good trees free from disease of any kind.

W. B. Cook, agriculturist agent for the I & G. N. railroad, is of the opinion that a peach orchard, if not too old and too badly diseased, can be rejuvenated and brought back to profitable bearing if given the right kind of attention. He also believes that the production of peaches in East Texas should be brought back to commercial importance, and with this end in

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During the tour of the fruit special, this orchard was visited and a demonstration was given in orchard care. A section was plowed, a tractor being used to draw the disk plow. This was followed by a disk harrow, also tractor-drawn, and later a demonstration was given with a tractor-drawn, spring-tooth harrow. Following the cultivation, the audience of farmers was taken to a tree that needed pruning and specialists, after explaining the use of the various tools, pruned the tree and gave a lecture on why the work was done after the manner demonstrated. Pruning was followed by spraying, and this by a demonstration of applying paracide, the comparatively newly discovered remedy for killing borers. It was explained that it was the wrong time of the year to use paracide, but the demonstration showed those interested just how to do the work.

Orchards were visited at Jacksonville, Troup, Lindale, Arp, Grapeland and Crockett, where similar demonstrations were given. In some of these places, such as Lindale, Arp, Troup, and Jacksonville, farmers exhibited great interest, and crowds of from 100 to 200 listened attentively and asked numerous questions. At Lindale, a class of 22 boys studying agriculture in the Lindale High School, assisted in the demonstration work. At Grapeland thirty girls from the high school visited the train, inspected the exhibits and listened to a talk by W. B. Cook and others.

There have been "cow, sow and hen" trains on nearly every railroad in Texas and an occasional train devoted to poultry demonstration work, but the effort to bring back an industry that has been tried and almost failed, is something new.

Those who visited the train or witnessed the demonstrations learned something worth while. Men who had grown and lost orchards several times were inspired to try again. They have discovered that one can no longer set out a tree and neglect it and expect it to produce fruit of quality and in profitable quantities. They were told that healthy trees, if given a good start, more successfully resisted disease than unhealthy and neglected trees and that sudden cold waves did less damage to the fruit buds. Since the early days of peach growing in East Texas the scale has become troublesome. It is easily controlled if sprayed at the right time. Proper pruning lets the sunlight into

the center of the tree and wards off disease. It also shapes a tree so that the limbs will not break and so that the fruit is more easily gathered. Proper spraying does away with the brown rot, and the peach borer can now be gassed and destroyed. The only remaining trouble for which no real remedy has been found, is root knot, caused by nematodes, an almost invisible worm which feeds on the small roots of peach trees, cotton, certain kinds of cowpeas, velvet beans and other varieties of legumes. Specialists advise the setting of peach orchards on well-drained land which has not been planted to crops on which the nematodes feed, or upon land where the infestation is not bad. Give the young tree a good start and keep it growing by proper cultivation and by fertilization, and it is said the nematodes do not have so good a chance to destroy the tree.

No effort is being made to induce farmers to make large plantings of peaches in East Texas. It is more desirable to inspire farmers to set out a small orchard which can be properly cared for at little expense, thus demonstrating the possibility of producing peaches profitably. It is believed that when a large number of small orchards have been developed, some of the number specially adapted to orcharding will increase their acreage and thus the industry will again be placed on a commercial basis. During the interim means of disposing of the crop successfully can be provided. During the past few years, however, the scarcity of good peaches in Texas has advanced prices, there being a demand for every bushel produced.

Many East Texas peach orchards were planted without due attention given to proper location. Some orchard locations would indicate that the man who set out the trees believed that any place and any kind of soil would do. Others were undoubtedly unfortunate in securing diseased trees. While nursery inspectors are making an effort to destroy all diseased stock, there

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are not enough men employed to properly take care of this important work, and there is much danger of having new insects as well as new diseases introduced into Texas orchards. It is important, say the specialists, that trees should be free from disease and insects and that they be properly set in the right location and in suitable soil.

Specialists aboard the demonstration train advocated pruning young stock. "The only way to get a well shaped tree is to start it right," said one. "As the twig is bent, the tree's inclined."

A new interest in orcharding has been created. Small orchards on every farm, is to be the slogan. Canning for home use, with the sale of selected fruit on local markets, or in car lots by pooling the product of several farms, will be encouraged. As interest grows, other

demonstrations will be given. Sections of East Texas where the peach industry once thrived have an opportunity to come back.

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