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Grapeland Votes To Incorporate 137 to 18 Friday

In an election last Friday, Grapeland became an incorporated city. It took several years to get the opposition to this move, down to a minimum, but it has been accomplished and by a vote of 137 to 18, local citizens have taken a long step in the march of progress.

An incorporated town is a foundation for growth and expansion in every phase of the social and commercial life. It is something to build to in a systematic way. It is something to hold up before the eyes of the stranger and the visitor, as monumental evidence of good citizenship. It is pride exhibited in the materials with which the town is constructed. It reflects law, order and a co-operative spirit—three vital ingredients necessary for accomplishment of the things that will be worth while, not only to the present generations, but to posterity as well.

A. H. Luker, editor the Grapeland Messenger, was unanimously elected mayor and the following aldermen were elected: J. C. Kennedy, C. L. Haltom, Geo. E. Darsey Jr., W. D. Granberry and W. A. Riall.

The Chamber of Commerce, which was organized here last fall, has been carefully planning the incorporation of Grapeland, since the members had learned that the sentiment was practically unanimous for it.

Much in the way of civic improvement is planned for the near future and the men who have been entrusted with the affairs of the City are of the type who will consider the interest of the entire citizenry before taking action on anything that will necessitate magnanimous financial expenditure.

The co-operation of everyone is needed in making the new regime effective to the fullest extent and it is hoped that the few who opposed the change, will now lend every assistance for the betterment of Grapeland as a City.

FOR TREASURER

Mr. Willie Robison has yielded to the solicitation of his numerous friends over the county to again offer himself as a candidate for treasurer of Houston county, and so his name will be found in our regular announcement column this week, which is subject to the action of the democratic primary.

Mr. Robison also has an article in this issue to the people concerning his candidacy. Turn to it and read it.

As stated above, Mr. Robison entered the race at the earnest solicitation of many supporters, who were loath to see him quit public life. During the time he has held the office of treasurer we have heard nothing but praise for him as a faithful and efficient public servant, whose record is clean and without blemish.

He earnestly solicits the support of everyone in his race for re-election, grateful for past favors, with a promise of strict adherence to duty in the future.

Mrs. Grady Lasiter of Elkhart spent last week end here visiting her mother, Mrs. Dora White.

Old Methodist Church Building Has Been Torn Down

The old Methodist church building, which for these past many years has stood as a silent sentinel with its tall spire pointing heavenward, calling men, women and children to the shrine of worship, is no more. Tuesday morning early a large crowd of men gathered and began the work of tearing it down, and preparing the lumber for use in the new brick veneer building, which will be erected on another lot nearby. By noon the work had been nearly completed.

The ladies of the church came at the noon hour with everything good to eat that the heart could wish, and after eating such a dinner we feel sure the men folk were kinder demoralized for work in the afternoon.

This old building is really a landmark in the community. It was erected some thirty years ago, and at that time was said to be the finest church building in this section of the state.

Work on the new building commenced Wednesday morning and will be rushed to completion.

During its construction the Methodist congregation will hold services in the school auditorium, the use of which was tendered by the school board.

REVIVAL CLOSES

The revival meeting at the Methodist church came to a close last Friday night, having been in progress about two weeks. Rev. Charlie Hughes of Crockett and Mr. John B. Davis of Center, who did the preaching and singing, departed for their homes Saturday with the good wishes of a large circle of new made friends.

Twelve united with the church and one young lady volunteered for special service in the mission field.

Eugene Carleton of Hemphill is now a resident of Grapeland, having accepted employment with the Grapeland Motor Co., of which his brother, W. E. Carleton is proprietor.

The Messenger Purchases a New Model Linotype

Monday of this week, the Messenger placed an order with the Mergenthaler Linotype Co. thru their efficient representative Mr. Martin L. Anderson, for a new Model 14 Linotype machine, which is, in every way, the latest word in typesetting machinery. Its equipment will enable the Messenger to give better service to its advertisers, as well as greater capacity in setting reading matter for its constantly growing list of subscribers.

Watch for announcement of arrival of the new machine, when you will be invited to call and see the new features it contains.

Grapeland Man Enjoyed Singing at New Prospect

C. L. Haltom of this city was one of the many who attended the all day singing and dinner on the ground at New Prospect last Sunday. He stated that he believed there were people at New Prospect for the occasion from every community in three counties around. A friend, listening to Charlie's account of the event, and having been near him during the day's festivities remarked that if Charlie was as good singer as he was an eater, he would easily take Caruso's place in Grand Opera.

This caused the Messenger man to glance down at Charlie's waistline (this was about 4:30 p. m.) and his belt was still fastened in the last hole.

ENGINEER APPOINTED

Road District No. 3 (Crockett) has employed Mr. V. J. VonZuben as engineer for the district, who will have charge of the road building program which was recently authorized by a bond issue of \$150,000.

Mr. Von Zuben was the engineer in charge of Crockett's paving program, and is very competent.

Get your Easter Eggs and Rabbits at Whitehead's Cafe. Big variety.

The Revival at Christian Church Began Sunday

The revival meeting being conducted by Rev. Frank L. Adams of Atlanta, Ga. and S. W. Hutton of Ft. Worth, Sunday School worker and song leader, assisted by Rev. Arthur Hyde, local pastor, is being enjoyed by Grapeland people of all denominations.

Bro. Adams spoke Sunday morning on "Three Needs of the Church" and Sunday night his subject was "God Spake". Sunday night there was probably the largest crowd at the church that has even been at a single service, being more than the house would seat.

Bro. Adams is noted for his deep spiritual sermons and preaches in the spirit of love and loving service.

Bro. Hutton is conducting a Sunday School Institute with sessions each afternoon and all superintendents and teachers of all the Sunday Schools in the city are invited to attend this institute for study.

OUR HONOR ROLL

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

Grapeland—Will Selkirk, J. W. Ellis.
Route 1—Wilburn Johnson.
Elkhart, Route 2—E. E. Clark.
Crockett, Route 1—G. T. Harrison.
Palestine—J. W. Caskey.
Percilla—H. B. Powell.
Let others follow suit.

NEW POSTMASTER

Mr. W. T. Pridgen, recently appointed postmaster for the Grapeland office, was checked in Tuesday and assumed his duties Wednesday morning. Mr. Pridgen succeeds F. W. Leaverton, who has been postmaster for the past ten years.

Postmaster Pridgen, we salute you!

Cone Richards spent the week end in Huntsville with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Richards.

Grapeland P. T. A. Raise Funds With Hen Shower

The Parent-Teacher Association desires to install a moving picture machine in the High School. They devised a novel scheme to raise the funds. It was a hen shower. It rained hens at the auditorium last week-end and a total of about 800 pounds were shipped through J. W. Howard, local produce dealer.

Whenever a hen or egg shower is needed in Grapeland, there are plenty of "clouds" to produce a veritable downpour.

In the "shower" that fell last week, there were old hens, young hens; black hens, white hens and "old domineers"; scrub hens and good breeds and the members of the association are to be congratulated on such a practical method of raising funds for a needed cause.

MARRIED WEDNESDAY

Mr. Luther Warner and Miss Mary Stuckey were quietly married at the home of Rev. B. C. Anderson last Wednesday evening, that gentleman officiating.

Mr. Warner is one of the Grapeland country's most prosperous young farmers and is held in high esteem by all who know him.

Miss Stuckey's home is in Iola, Grimes county, and she was a teacher in the Daly's school the past term. During her brief residence in the Grapeland community, she has made many friends who have admired her winning personality and charming traits of character.

The Messenger joins the many friends of both in extending congratulations and best wishes for every happiness and prosperity.

MRS. SPENCE ENTERTAINS

Friday evening Mrs. A. B. Spence complimented her son, Jack, and the members of the Senior class of '24 with a delightfully arranged party. The class colors, rainbow, were carried out beautifully in the decorations.

On entering everyone was served with punch, after which a contest, a Game of Nations was enjoyed. Nuna Mae Anderson winning the prize—a box of chocolates and Ozell Haltom was presented the booby prize—a penny. A pleasant hour was passed in music and conversation, after which a lovely course of brick cream and cake was served. The hostess was assisted in entertaining by Mesdames E. P. McCall and Homer Jones.

Guests other than Seniors enjoying this affair were Misses Bess Boykin, Eva Gene Murchison, Gladys Schnorr, Anna Cecil Lively, Wilma Lively, Bessie Berry and Messrs. Wingfield Lively, Manley Jones, Graydon Shaver, Cone Richards and Otto Walling.

NOTICE

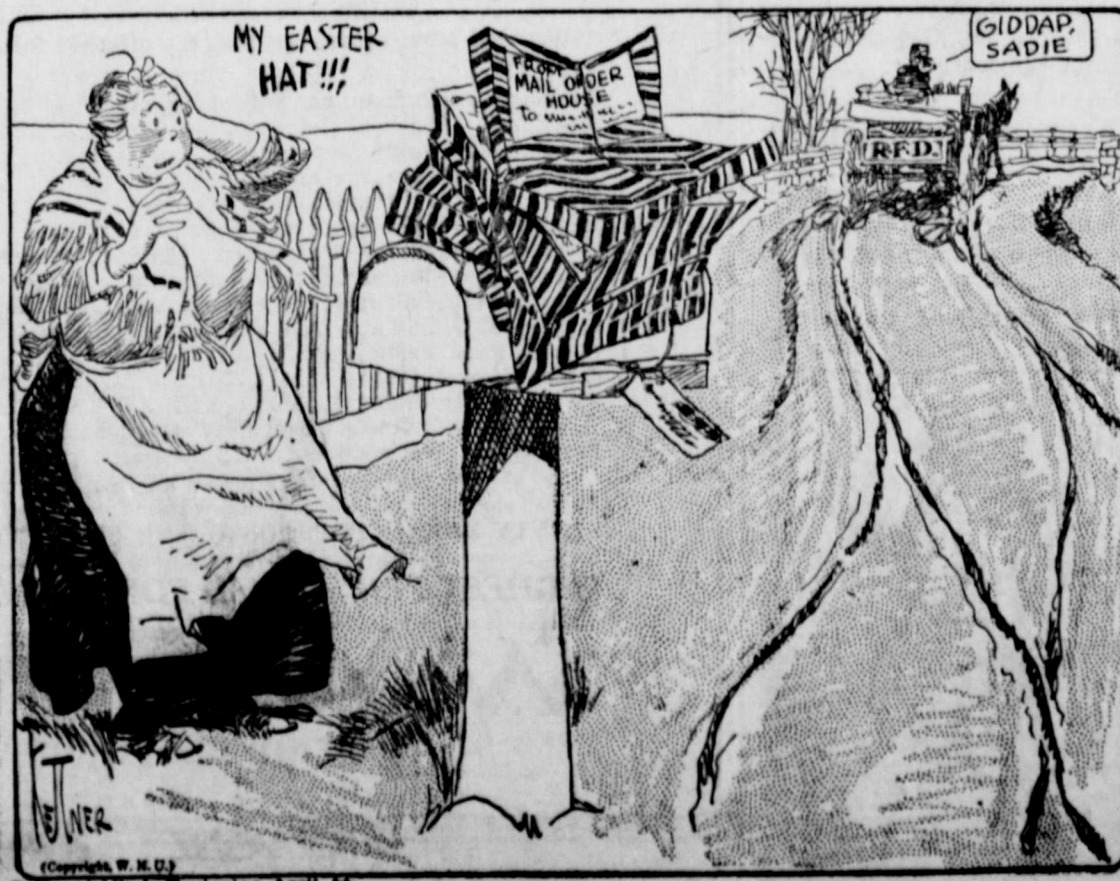
I have opened a sewing and dressmaking shop in Long's store and will appreciate a shart of your work.

Mrs. C. F. Stockbridge,

ESTRAYED

Jersey Male yearling, about 2 1-2 years old, marked crop off in right and two splits in left; Notify E. E. Clark, Route 2.

A Calamity



The Grapeland Messenger

A. H. LUKER

EDITOR AND OWNER



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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, APRIL 17, 1924.

ARE YOU READY?

Grapeland was a town for about fifty years before it was incorporated. In every other phase of social and commercial life, Grapeland citizens have always been keenly alive. There are no better people in the world than who populate Grapeland it's surrounding territory.

To the older citizens it seems that in a period of fifty years, you should be well prepared to appreciate the improvements that are to follow incorporation and systematic organization of co-operative efforts. To the young generation, there are greater opportunities for making Grapeland better, bigger and more beautiful than she ever was in the early days. Grapeland's future rests in the hands of the young men and young women who make their home here and many of whose parents still live here. What will ye do with Grapeland? Are you ready to enter into that great spirit of brotherly love and co-operation in serving the town and its surrounding territory.

Even though the first settlers cast their lot here more than half a century ago, the country has many idle acres, yet to be developed and made to produce wealth. Are you ready to help bring about this added development? It takes work and the expenditure of funds, but they will not be wasted. You could make no better investment than to invest your efforts and money in the big program of development and improvement that is necessary in this immediate section. The dividends may not come quickly and they may not come to you during your lifetime, but they will come to posterity—a posterity full of young blood and new ideas who will take up the work where you have left it and carry it on nearer to a glorious completion.

As neighbors and friends, anxious to achieve something that will be worth while to those who are to live after us, we should now be ready to start reinforcing the foundation of a good town, making it sufficient for the building of a city.

Let us proceed. Are you ready?

Pedestrians may have equal rights with motorists, but more pedestrians go to the hospitals than motorists.

Kick in old top; you owe something to the community in which you live. Are you forever going to use a rake and never try a pitchfork?

The Messenger is appreciative of the many spoken and written words of praise of the paper that have been handed us of late. These words of commendation of our efforts to give the people a good newspaper spur us on and gives us added joy and pleasure in serving you.

GRADE CROSSING PSYCHOLOGY

When ill, people will spend weeks or months in bed and money for doctors, nurses and medicine, with the hope of saving their life.

But, judging from the number of grade crossing accidents, many of them, place their life in imminent peril by dashing across the track in front of a fast-moving train and even into the train rather than spend 10 seconds waiting for train to pass.

The psychology of this is not easily discernible. It is evident, however, that not grade crossings, but carelessness in effecting a crossing is the seat of trouble.

Many devices have been installed for protection of the public at grade crossings but the most effective safeguard is for driving of autos to stop, look and listen.

North Carolina enacted a law requiring autos to stop before crossing and in six months with this law in effect, in spite of increase in registered autos, grade crossing casualties on the principal railway system of that state were reduced 50 per cent, fatalities being 4 instead of 8, injuries 11 instead of 22.

When it is considered that such a law is intended to safeguard the drivers of autos against injury or death at crossings, it would seem that they above all others should favor its enactment.

If the "stop law" effects such a reduction in North Carolina, how much greater would be the saving of life from passage of a similar law in all states.

In the old days when a hole appeared in a sock, it was "darned." In the modern times when a hole appears in one of the new socks, it is eternally damned.

There may not be any paths of flowery ease, but a few flowers strewn along the path of life makes it easier.

The radio will not become popular with the politicians until a device is invented to send back the applause.

Although less than 30 per cent of the total, the farm population of the United States is carrying more than 35 per cent of the child population. The farm educates this excess of youth and turns it over to the cities at the producing age.

HIRAM HARDTHINKER Says:

"We've heard a lot of men 'go up in the air' about women bobbing their hair, but not 'ary one was a barber."

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

A novel clothes wringer recently put on the market has soft rubber rollers instead of hard ones, so that buttons are not torn off the clothes and even if you get your fingers caught between the rolls you can't be injured.

Lemon juice is better than alcohol for cleaning piano keys.

Sew a piece of tape along the edges of new bath towels and they will last longer.

When packing glass or fine china use excelsior or straw which has been slightly dampened. This will cause the material to swell and thus afford better protection.

To remove paint marks from colthing use equal parts of ammonia and spirits of turpentine. Wash out with warm soapy water.

A handful of salt added to water in which lace curtains are soaked will help loosen the dirt.

In 1930. "Central! You've given me the wrong wave length!"—Little Rock (Ark.) Gazette.

When your money talks, even in a whisper, nobody seems hard of hearing.—Petersburg Progress Index.

The only race that seems to set a livelier pace in spite of a muddy track is a political race.—Robert Quillen.

An old-timer is one who can remember when the first sign of spring was sulphur and molasses.—Jersey City Journal.

COUNTRY NEWSPAPER AN AMERICAN INSTITUTION

Arthur Brisbane says, "Each of five Paris newspapers has a million or more circulation because all parts of France look to Paris for news, while in this country only one daily circulates a million copies, because Americans feel the real newspaper is one in their own neighborhood. That is good for America."

The Manufacturer has said on many occasions that no country so large as the United States could ever have been developed with all its people in every nook and corner fully informed on local, state and national questions without the 14,000 country daily and weekly newspapers which give immediate information to rural communities on all subjects.

America's country newspapers are the safeguard of its democratic institutions.—The Manufacturer.

GET IT RIGHT

The statement that one person out of every twelve is working for the Government should read: "One person out of every twelve is paid by the Government."—Milwaukee Journal.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

HEY TELLS ME A FOOL EN HE MONEY SOON PAHNTED, BUT SHUCKS! HE DON' HATTER BE NO FOOL --ME EN MAH MONEY DOES IT, TOO!



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EXTRA SPECIALS!

At Keeland Brothers

We always make the lowest prices

- \$5.00 men's U. S. army shoes\$3.95
- \$2.50 men's work shoes\$1.95
- \$3.50 men's box calf dress shoes\$2.95
- \$2.50 ladies plain toe oxford house shoes\$1.95
- All brand new stock, not a pair of shoes that have been in our store over 60 days.
- Extra Special**
- 25c size Bayers Asperin per box19c
- 25c box Black Draught19c
- Extra Specials on Men's Hats**
- \$2.50 hats\$1.95
- \$3.50 hats\$2.95
- \$5.00 hats\$3.95
- \$6.00 hats\$4.50 to \$4.95
- Rugs! Rugs! Rugs**
- We have an extra nice line in prices from\$2.95 to \$55.00
- We want to buy your chickens and eggs. Its the same as money with us.
- Extra Special**
- 65c full size Silver King Wash Board49c
- Extra Special**
- \$1.50 full size lamps95c
- Extra Special**
- Baker's Perfect Barb wire, per roll\$4.75
- Aluminumware**
- \$1.25 Aluminum Percolator .95c
- \$1.75 Aluminum water pail \$1.25
- \$1.75 Aluminum tea kettle \$1.35
- \$1.75 Aluminum boilers with top\$1.25
- Good Year Tires and Tubes**
- Best Tire on Earth**
- 30x3 Goodyear Tires\$6.95
- 30x3 1-2 Goodyear tires\$7.95
- 30x3 Goodyear tubes\$1.95

TO THE VOTERS OF HOUSTON COUNTY:

On account of not having entirely recovered from a serious illness with which I was attacked last summer, I had about decided not to make the race for the office of County Treasurer, and so expressed myself, but as I have regained my health, and moved by the earnest solicitation of some of the most influential citizens of the county, who have stated that they were well pleased with my manner of conducting the affairs of the office, and urging me to again announce myself as a candidate, I feel that I would be indeed ungrateful if I refused to have my name placed on the ticket, thus giving them an opportunity to support me if they desired to do so.

Now, in offering myself as a candidate for re-election to this office, I do so only on my record while serving you, and my personal merits of which you must be the judge. If you feel that the experience I have gained in your service and the knowledge I have of all the different funds, bond accounts, etc., of your County would be of benefit to

you then I ask your support and influence in re-electing me, promising the same courtesy with as good, or if possible, better service if I am so fortunate as to win your approval at the polls. But, if, on the other hand, you think it to be to the best interest of the County to make a change in the management of the office, I will thank you for past favors and render to my successor all the assistance that I can in getting settled.

Thanking you again for all past favors and asking you to give my candidacy your most careful consideration before casting your ballot, I am,

Yours for service,
Willie Robison.
(Political Adv.)

FOR HOME AND STABLE

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

Wade L. Smith

Home Town Paper Best

Chas. E. Blackwell, the most successful merchant in the entire state of Washington, has no faith in calendar advertising. He says: "There are many lines of publicity that the country store can use to advantage, but the one he can use to best advantage is his home-town paper. I venture to say that if the money spent each year for fancy calendars and other knick-knack give-aways were invested—I say invested, not spent or donated in carefully planned newspaper advertising, the actual net returns to the advertiser would be ten times as great to say nothing of the advantage the small-town paper would derive from the additional and much needed revenue. And we know that as a business builder it is without an equal in any town.—The Manufacturer.

SINGING DATE CHANGED

Singing at Percilla that was to be next Sunday, April 20, has been postponed for awhile, on account of a singing in the lower end of the county on same date.
H. Clay Henderson.

Specials! Specials!

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

We need some extra cash and are offering following prices to obtain that cash.

- Regular 25c gingham, per yard19c
- Regular 25c Bleached Domestic, per yard19c
- Regular 20c Brown Domestic, per yard16c
- Regular 25c Chambray and Cheviots, per yard19c
- Regular 65c Organdy all colors per yard59c
- Regular 35c Organdy all colors, per yard29c
- Regular 20c Printed Organdy, per yard14c
- Regular 50c Silk and Lisle Hose for41c
- Regular \$1.25 Silk Hose for\$1.00
- Regular \$2.50 Silk and Lisle Hose\$2.05
- 8 cans good Salmo\$1.00
- 4 lbs. Ground Coffee\$1.00
- 10 lbs. Sugar\$1.00
- Regular \$2.00 "Scott's Lye! Best" Overall\$1.89
- Regular 85c Work shirts69c

Our shoes have been under priced all year and you can get "Star Brand Shoes" cheaper than the ordinary kind.

PLENTY BRAN, CHOPS, OATS AND SHORTS AT SAVING PRICES

HIGHEST PRICES PAID FOR CHICKENS and EGGS

W. A. RIALI
DEPENDABLE MERCHANT

History of Lent

By H. L. Mills

MILLIONS of followers of the Christian faith over the world are at this season making preparations for the Easter festival, the most important occasion in the Christian calendar.

"If Christ be not risen from the dead, then is our preaching vain," said Paul, and the whole Christian structure rests upon the resurrection as its foundation. Without the resurrection the hope of humanity is gone, for only in a living Christ is there salvation.

The death and resurrection of Christ are primarily involved in the keeping of the Lenten season, which is observed formally by the older branches of the Christian church. The different churches vary in their practices in the observance of the forty days preceding Easter, but the spirit prompting the observance is the same in all. Some of the Protestant churches do not observe Lent, but many ministers find it a propitious time for evangelistic effort, and in recent years some very successful evangelistic campaigns have been waged by Protestants in the large cities during the season of Lent.

The history of Lent has many interesting passages. The severe rules of the fast prescribed in the early days have been greatly relaxed during the centuries, as far as they apply to physical observance.

Since the earliest times in religious history fasting at times has been a custom. The patriarchs had great mournings and the ancient Israelites had devotional fasts for the expiation of sins. Moses passed forty days on Mount Horeb in fasting and after Israel was defeated at Ai, Joshua and the elders remained prostrate before the ark from morning until evening without eating. Christ spent forty days in the wilderness in fasting, but however prevalent the custom it does not appear that either Jewish legislation or Christ Himself, either by command or example, ever designated any certain period for fasting.

It is certain, however, that the examples of Moses, Elias and Christ exercised a great influence upon the establishment of the Lenten season in the Christian church, and that observance of the period of forty days was evolved from their examples. Modern scholarship rejects the claim that Lent was of apostolic institution, although some of the early fathers contended that it was. While the apostles fasted at seasons and enjoined the practice upon others, the specific Lenten observance was evolved after apostolic times.

In the Catholic Encyclopedia, which is the principal authority upon Catholic history and teachings, some interesting facts are recited about this season, which, whatever its exact origin, has been religiously observed every year for at least 1,700 years. The word Lent itself is a Teutonic word, which has been in use since the Anglo-Saxon period, and is generally used in preference to the Latin term "Quadragesima," meaning the "Forty days." The forty-day observance of "Lent" is not mentioned by the pre-Nicene fathers, but St. Athanasius of Alexandria, after traveling over Europe wrote in 339 that a fast was generally practiced in Europe and he enjoined upon the Alexandrians to do likewise, "to the end that while all the world is fasting, we who are in Egypt should not become a laughing stock as the only people who do not fast, but take our pleasures in these days."

As the centuries passed, there was great diversity in the practices of keeping Lent, but from the earliest times there was a prohibition against the eating of meat, and it was deemed especially pious to refrain from eating eggs or fruit with a hard covering. In the beginning there was no prohibition against the "Lactinia," but St. Gregory in writing to St. Augustine from England laid down the rule: "We abstain from flesh meat and from all things from flesh, eggs, milk and cheese." There were special dispensations for eating these products, however, and many churches were built with the gifts for these dispensations. Thus a steeple in the cathedral at Rouen was known as "The Butter Tower." The custom of giving Easter eggs, so much enjoyed by the children of today, arose from the prohibition of eggs. The eggs were blessed and given to the children.

Although in the early Middle Ages the rules of the fast were very strict, with only one light meal on week days and that in the evenings, and no flesh on Sundays, the rules began to be less rigid a little later. It became the custom to break the fast at three o'clock in the afternoon or the period called "home." Charlemagne is said to have broken his Lenten fast at two o'clock in the afternoon. Gradually the time was moved up to midday, as noon was a period rather than an hour, and the fast was eventually taken at twelve o'clock, and the word "home" is perpetuated in our word "noon."

The collation was introduced in the thirteenth century when the council at

Aix-la-Chapelle sanctioned that concession. It began with allowing in monasteries a draught of water to the inmates at evening after a day of labor. From this the much larger indulgence was developed. The principle that a small quantity of food, but not taken as a regular meal, did not break the fast, was adopted by Thomas Aquinas, the celebrated Dominican theologian, and in the course of centuries taking of food not to exceed eight ounces became recognized as a lawful custom of the church. It took the name of "collation" because it was first taken in the monasteries at the hour at which the "Collationes" of Abbot Cassian were read aloud to the brethren.

In modern times the Catholic church prescribes rules more lenient, especially for the working people who are not prohibited from eating flesh meat except on Fridays, Ash Wednesday and Saturday of Holy week, and soldiers and sailors in active service are dispensed from the law of abstinence except on Ash Wednesday, and several other holy days.

Aside from the fasting as an observance of the Lenten season the Catholic church conducts special services at stated times and the fundamental doctrines of the church are preached and other ceremonies carried out. It is the desire that all should refrain from all pleasures during this forty-day period and keep their minds and hearts upon spiritual things. The other churches that observe Lent dispense with the fast but stress the period as a time for self-examination and prayer, and reconsecration to Christ. Their members also dispense with ordinary worldly pleasures during the Lenten season and observe it as a period of extra religious effort.

NEW PROSPECT NEWS

(Delayed)

New Prospect, Apr. 7.—Rev. Deckert Anderson filled his appointment at this place Saturday night and Sunday.

S. P. Wilcox and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Caskey went to Lone Pine Sunday.

The election for trustees and for a 75c maintenance tax resulted as follows: C. W. Brooks and S. E. Finch were re-elected and vote was 28 to 11 in favor of the tax.

Ed Musick and C. W. Brooks went to Crockett Monday.

Frank Musick and son from near Alto were visitors at the home of P. L. Herod Sunday.

The measles has run its course in this neighborhood, all being able to be up and no new cases. Mrs. J. E. Luce celebrated her birthday last Sunday by having a reunion of her brothers and sisters with their families. There were present Misses Flora and Nannie Marshall, two brothers, Tom and William Marshall with their families, three married sisters with their families, several other guests but we failed to get all the names and didn't get to count the candles on the birthday cake.

Sam Bridges and family, Verna and Mirtis Newman, Nathan Baker and wife spent Sunday at the home of Tom Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Arch Parker visited relatives at Grapeland Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a lot of fertilizer is being used on the cotton land in this section. We hope the feed crop will not be neglected while the cotton is being worked. If every farmer would raise their feed and then work less cotton we would not see so many hauling hay, corn, oats and maize from town. Really we don't see much profit in raising cotton to pay for feed that might be grown with a great deal less work than cotton requires.

Children's Fatal Diseases

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

Wade L. Smith

More than likely the earth shocks recently recorded by the Georgetown seismograph had their origin in Washington.—Kalamazoo Gazette.

NO. 183 Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank

at Grapeland, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st of March, 1924, published in the Grapeland Messenger a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 17th day of April, 1924.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$109,138.44
Loans, real estate	6,595.00
Overdrafts	755.25
U. S. Bonds & Certificates	27,634.40
Real Estate, (banking house)	2,983.03
County Warrants	1,775.97
Furniture and Fixtures	1,500.00
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand	91,026.87
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	3,060.67
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,918.24
Other Resources: Collection in transit	92.79
Total	\$247,480.66
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus Fund	16,500.00
Undivided Profits, net	3,807.85
Individual Deposits, subject to check	167,490.96
Time certificates of Deposit	36,731.85
Dividend unpaid	50.00
Bonds Deposited	4,900.00
Other liabilities: Reserve	3,000.00
Total	\$247,480.66

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Houston

We, Geo. E. Darsey, as president, and W. D. Granberry, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Geo. E. Darsey, President.
W. D. Granberry, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of April, A. D. 1924.
(SEAL) J. R. Richards,
Notary Public, Houston County, Texas
CORRECT—ATTEST:
M. E. Darsey,
W. G. Darsey,
T. S. Kent,
Directors.

NO. 768 Official Statement of the Financial Condition of THE GUARANTY STATE BANK

at Grapeland, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st of March, 1924, published in the Grapeland Messenger a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 17th day of April, 1924.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal and collateral	\$ 71,799.04
Loans, real estate	3,783.74
County Warrants	110.93
Bonds and Stocks	10,375.11
Real Estate (banking house)	3,428.90
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	44,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,386.70
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand	105,199.93
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	2,716.42
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	4,011.78
Acceptances and Bills of Exchange	8,500.00
Other Resources: Collection	64.62
Total	\$256,377.17
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$20,000.00
Surplus Fund	12,500.00
Undivided Profits, net	3,130.10
Individual Deposits, subject to check	183,581.89
Time Certificates of Deposit	29,615.18
Bonds Deposited	7,550.00
Total	\$256,377.17

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Houston

We, C. W. Kennedy, as president, and U. M. Brock, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

C. W. Kennedy, President.
U. M. Brock, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of April, A. D. 1924.
(SEAL) Arwine Skidmore,
Notary Public, Houston County, Texas
CORRECT—ATTEST:
P. H. Stafford,
Geo. E. Darsey, Jr.
J. C. Kennedy,
Directors.

Not all that tempts your wandering eyes
And heedless hearts is lawful prize,
Nor all that glitters gold.
—Gray.

SURVEY OF HOUSTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

The State Educational School Survey Commission has had a representative working through the schools of Houston county the latter part of this past week. This representative, Miss Mary Phares of the Sam Houston State Teachers College faculty, visited rural schools and those of independent districts under 500 scholastics. It was impossible to get to all the schools in the limited time given to Miss Phares for her work, but an attempt was made to visit a few of each type—the one teacher school, the two-teacher, etc.

Below are listed some of the points used in judging the schools and their work:

1. Is the lesson so conducted as to be meaningful? Is it motivated, or mechanical?
2. Does the teacher discuss some vital questions with the pupils?
3. Do the pupils enjoy the lesson.
4. Is the lesson so conducted as to develop initiative and original thinking on the part of the pupil?

Does the teacher realize the object of the lesson effectively, somewhat, or not at all?

6. Is the source of the lesson entirely within the text, or are reference books and other printed sources used? Do current events, local questions, children's experiences enter in the lesson?
7. Are the children vitally concerned and interested in the substance of the lesson?
8. Does the teacher contribute to the book content or class knowledge from her own experience or reading?
9. Does the teacher suggest questions growing out of the lesson for the children to consider, investigate, or apply in their out-of-school life?
10. Is the assignment merely "Take the next lesson," or are questions given to be considered?
11. What proportion of the pupils at their seats seemed to be idle?
12. Was the order of the school due to the fact that the children are encouraged to intelligently appreciate right social conduct, or was due to the authority and control of the teacher?
13. Is the school equipped with educative materials for the primary grades, such as work-cards, letter-cards, flash-card drill materials, phonic cards and charts, number-cards and charts, peg-boards, number-game materials, ball, sand table; drawing paper, crayolas, construction paper?
14. Is there a supply of educative material for the intermediate and upper grades, such as history and geography maps, charts, globes, pictures? Is the teacher making use of the equipment at hand?
15. Is the floor clean and free from necessary litter and rubbish? Are the library books neatly and attractively arranged?
16. Are the walls and desks marked and defaced? Is the room cheerful and inviting?
17. Do the out-buildings show evidence of physical uncleanness and moral indecency?
18. Is the school yard and building attractive, pleasing and inviting?

A careful checking upon such questions as these will surely help us in our endeavors to lift Texas from among the very lowest in the educational ranking of the state.

Is Texas spending money for educational purposes in proportion to amounts spent by other states? If so, where is her school money going, and is she

getting educational value received for that money which is now being spent?

Should country and small-town children have equal educational opportunities as have the city children? If not, why not?

Citizens of Houston county are anxious to hear relative to the rating given their schools, and the findings of this survey will be given to the public at a later date.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Gertie Sallas,
County Superintendent.

AN EXHILARATING EFFECT

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

WADE L. SMITH

ABSTRACTS

You cannot sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the

Only complete up-to-date Abstract Land Titles of Houston County.

J. W. YOUNG
Crockett, Texas

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



Keeping Your Car "Up" Is the Safe Way

A regular inspection of your Car is the only safe plan to follow. Then at the first sign of wear or weakness the cause may be remedied at a small cost and your Car will always be safe to drive.

Drive in and let us inspect your Car today—the cost is not much.

GAS ACCESSORIES OIL

Norman's Garage

J. C. NORMAN, Proprietor



We're not surprised when our customers come back time after time to get their gas and oil. They not only get the best in gas and oils, but we give a service that the motoring public appreciates. We'll continue to give the service to keep them coming all the time.

Let us sell you your

SPARK PLUGS TIRE CHAINS
LIGHT BULBS VALVE CORES
FENDER BRACES HUB CAPS, FAN BELTS
GOODRICH TIRES AND INNER TUBES

CAR REPAIR DEPARTMENT

Next door to our filling station we operate a first-class garage with Mr. Carl Bridges in charge. He is an expert mechanic and will do you a first class job. Bring your car troubles to him.

Guice's Filling Station

LIBERTY HILL LOCALS

Liberty Hill, April 13.—Mr. Elton Kellum and Miss Effie Barnes stole a march on us last Tuesday when they went to Alto and were married. Their many friends will extend congratulations and best wishes.

Mrs. Mary Bengur of Rusk is visiting her niece, Mrs. Arthur Holcomb.

Sammie Avera left Friday for Kansas City.

Mr. Geo. Moore entertained the young people with a musical Saturday night. All reported a nice time.

Rev. Wallace will fill his regular appointment here next Sunday.

TO STOCK RAISERS

Wait until May 1st, to breed your mares, then breed to my horse, "Dan Patch" or my Jack, "Sam Black." Both making the season at my farm 3 miles east of Percilla, Fees, \$10 for either. 3t. pd. C. W. Butler, Sr.

Don't Miss This



SATURDAY ONLY

\$2.00 SILK HOSIERY 10c

With every pair of ladies pumps or oxfords at \$6.00 and over. Full Fashioned \$1.50 silk hose for 10c with \$3.50 to \$5 pumps and oxfords.

- Men's blue overalls\$1
- 8 yds 36 in. LL Domestic\$1
- 8 yd. 36 in. bleached domestic \$1
- 4 yds. Tissue gingham\$1
- 6 yds. Lady Jane gingham \$1
- 4 yds. Utility Gingham\$1
- 4 yds. wide organdy\$1
- 2 yds. 46 in. organdy\$1

SILK SOCKS FREE

We will give a pair of men's \$1 silk socks with every pair of \$9 and \$10 Florsheims.

- 2 yds. dotted voile\$1
- Silk hosiery new colors\$1
- 6 yds. Fairy Percale\$1
- 2 1-2 yds. 9-4 sheeting\$1
- 9 prs. men's colored sox\$1
- Girls' dresses\$1
- Boy's wash suits\$1
- Ladies muslin underwear\$1
- 6 Arrow collars\$1

SPECIALS IN MILLINERY

and better dresses, will be offered for Saturday only. You can't afford to miss it.

- Big lot dress shirts\$1
- 2 blue work shirts\$1
- 2 75c knit ties\$1
- 2 1-2 yards Best oil cloth\$1
- \$1.50 Toilet Articles\$1
- Special lot shoes\$1
- Ladies Wash frocks\$1
- Big lot girl's hats\$1

FREE! FOR THE KIDS!

Every boy and girl who visits our store Saturday accompanied by one or both parents will be given a swimming Red Goose.

THE DARSEY CO.



HART SCHAFFNER & MARX STYLE AND QUALITY FOR EASTER

YOU'LL want to be certain about your appearance next Sunday; every detail should be right. It will be if the Hart Schaffner & Marx name is in your clothes. See that it's there—good style, all-wool fabrics, fine needlework will be there, too

You can't go wrong on the high grade lines of apparel and furnishings at this store. We have the most complete men's department in Grapeland.

"Everything Men Wear that's Good"

THE DARSEY CO.
GRAPELAND'S CASH DRY GOODS STORE

STRAW HAT TIME

There is a difference in straws. You'll say so if you see the qualities at this store at only \$2.00 \$2.50 \$3.00 up to \$5.00. Also Florsheim Oxfords and silk sox.

NEW SILK TIES

The correct tie is just as essential as any other part of your dress. See the new silk and knit ties received here this week. All shades in popular shapes. Also shirts, collars and underwear.

FORD MAKES RECORD

Swinging into its big spring production program, the Ford Motor Company on Wednesday, March 12th, reached the highest mark in its history when its domestic assembly plants produced a total of 7,456 cars and trucks.

This record-breaking figure does not include the daily output of 500 cars and trucks for export, nor the production of the Manchester, England, and Ford of Canada plants which manufacture most of their own products.

The new production record is of especial significance as it indicates the enormous demand being made throughout the country for Ford cars and trucks and the company's endeavor to bring its output up to the point

where it will attempt to fill all requirements as to avoid repetition of the shortage which existed last Spring when thousands of persons were disappointed in not being able to secure delivery of cars.

Retail deliveries of Ford cars and trucks in the United States during the month of March reached the record breaking total of two hundred five thousand seven hundred thirty five it was announced by the Ford Motor Company here to-day.

Nothing in the history of the automobile industry compares with this remarkable record.

A significant feature was developed during the last ten days of the month when sales averaged ten thousand eight hundred four cars and trucks a day indicating that the Spring buying rush has begun and that under

this enormous demand production of the Company will be taxed to the limit in an endeavor to meet the heavy flood for orders.

Nervous flutterings or palpitation of the heart does not indicate heart disease, generally it means disorder in the stomach and digestion. Prickly Ash Bitters is a man's remedy for such ailments. It cleanses, strengthens and regulates the stomach, liver and bowels, removes the cause of the heart symptoms and builds up a strong and vigorous body. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith Special Agent.

Remember the Grapeland Motor Co. has reduced the price of labor on auto repairing. Have your car fixed up in good running shape while this big discount prevails.

WILL WEST GETS MARRIED

Soon or later they all succumb to the wiles of Cupid. Everybody thought that Will West was immune, but at last he fell. On Saturday, April 12, he was married in Dallas to Mrs. Ruth Ward, and the happy couple will make their home in Lufkin, where Mr. West is engaged in the printing business. His numerous newspaper friends all over Texas will join in congratulations and best wishes to the erstwhile beloved bachelor of the Texas Press Association. John R. Owens, who is now with the Messenger, is about the only bachelor left for the boys (and girls) of the Texas Press Association to "pick on" and ere long we'll bet John begins to look for a winsome Miss with a "devilish" eye.

NOTICE TO BREEDERS

For the next few weeks my registered Jersey male will be at my home here in town. Those desiring his services see me, as this will probably be the last time his services will be offered. Positively no unregistered cows bred except fee in advance. C. C. Hill.

A person habitually constipated is a shining mark for disease, because his system is full of the impurities on which disease germs thrive. Get rid of the habit quickly by taking Prickly Ash Bitters. It is stimulating and purgative remedy for men. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith Special Agent.

Get your flower pots at the Variety Store.

Locals

Jewelry, Jewelry—real jewelry at Ryan's Drug Store.

All kinds of Easter goods at the Variety Store.

Fresh milk and eggs. See or phone Pat Taylor.

Go to the Variety Store to get your Easter baskets and candy.

Ryan's Drug Store is headquarters for graduating gifts.

Mrs. O. T. Adams of Palestine is here this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Owen Johnston.

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

More for your money Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Riall's.

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

COTTON SEED WANTED
If you have any cotton seed for sale we will buy them.
Henry Dailey & Co.

L. Payne and family of the Weches community have moved to Salmon on Tucker Campbell's farm.

FOR SALE
Ford truck, practically new, in good order, highway license paid. W. T. Pridgen.

Special Price on Tires
30x3 1-2\$8.45
30x3 at\$7.80
Standard make—every one good. Why pay more?
Norman's Garage.

STOP THAT ITCHING
Use Blue Star Remedy for Eczema, Itch, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Ring Worms, Chapped Face, Poison Oak, Sunburns, Old Sores or Sores on Children. It relieves all forms of Sore Feet.
For sale by
Wade L. Smith

Buy it at Ryan's.
Get your Easter caps and hose at the Variety Store.

Another fresh shipment of Easter candies at Ryan's.

The sweetest and the best variety of candy at the Variety Store.

Miss Adabel Leaverton spent last week end in Goose Creek with friends.

Our prices on shoes have been cheaper all season than the other. W. A. Riall.

Genuine double disc Columbia records only 30c each at the Variety Store.

Compare Riall's prices and buy your bill there. You'll save money.

Mrs. Geo. M. Pridgen left last week for her home in Houston, after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Pridgen.

Dr. A. M. Fisher is building a nice bungalow on his lots in the Selkirk Addition. W. H. Whitescarver has the contract.

Miss Kathryn Powell of Crockett was the week end guest of her friend, Miss Ardis Murray.

Mrs. Byron Maxwell and son of Palestine were here the week end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Spence.

NOTICE
My Jack, known as the "Josh Young" Jack is making the season at my farm. Fee \$10.
2t pd. Wilburn Johnson.

DRESSMAKING
I do plain and fancy dressmaking; also men's fine shirts. See me at the Anthony residence.
Mrs. W. J. Gatewood.

You can keep your stomach strong, bowels regular and kidneys active by using Prickly Ash Bitters. It is a necessary condition to maintain the health of the body. Price \$1.25 per bottle.
Wade L. Smith Special Agent.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rose of Dallas are here for a few days' visit with relatives and friends.

Special attention is given to the Soda Fountain at Ryan's drug store.

Read the Dallas Morning News, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and The Houston Post on sale daily and Sunday at Ryan's Drug Store.

George Calhoun shipped twelve cars of cattle last Saturday to his ranch in southwest Texas. The cattle were loaded at Crockett on account of having to be dipped before shipping.

THE CRADLE ROLL

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Darsey Jr. announce the birth of a son Tuesday, April 15, 1924.

Mrs. R. L. Combs of Cooper is here on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. George E. Darsey Jr., and her new grandson, George E. Darsey, the third.

A Drawback

"Let us be patient," said the hopeful friend. "All this trouble will blow over."

"It'll blow over all right," agreed Senator Sorghum. "But maybe it'll be like a tornado I saw out West. It blew over, but it took everything in sight with it."—Washington Star.

The Old Man was Wrong

Mother: "No, Bobby; for the third time I tell you you can't have another chocolate."

Bobby (in despair) "I don't see where Father gets the idea that you're always changing your mind!"—London Opinion.

Eye Specialist in Grapeland

Dr. D. E. Hughes of Nacogdoches, will be in Grapeland again at the Goodson Hotel Tuesday and Wednesday, April 22nd and 23rd. Eyes examined free, glasses correctly fitted. Dr. Hughes can furnish satisfactory references. Satisfaction guaranteed.

A COMIC VALENTINE

Stephenville Empire: Next thing anybody knows many of the wives of the Nation will be chasing their husbands away from home with instructions to stay for a period of twenty years. A New York man who left his wife and little son two decades ago returned home on Valentine's Day and presented his wife with \$5,000 and that is considerably more than many a hard-working hubby who remained at home accumulated during the same score of years. It was also a better valentine than most of the wives throughout the land received.

Our position is that no man should stay away from home twenty years, even if he can save money by it. Also we hold that no lady should accept a comic valentine in the form of a husband who had allowed her to celebrate nineteen Valentine Days alone, nineteen wedding anniversaries, nineteen birthdays and no pay days at all, in so far as he was concerned. The fact that in the case cited the truant husband was a New York man suggests the suspicion that he didn't run away and go out West to seek his fortune. Few New Yorkers do that. They prefer Manhattan Island to any other spot on this terrestrial ball, even choosing it above Texas. Therefore the vagrant husband who came back as a valentine probably spent the entire twenty years in the next block back of his wife's house, without her knowing the least thing about it. You can do that in New York, reader. You can run away from your wife and live within two hundred yards of her domicile, moving when she moves, and settling around the corner whenever she settles, without the neighbors taking any interest in the situation or the forsaken lady having any suspicion that you are within the sound of her voice in case she should holler. This is one reason why all people, especially married ladies, should avoid moving to New York as long as they can move to places where everybody keeps track of everybody else.—State Press, Dallas News.

Political Announcements

These announcements subject to action of democratic primary in July.

For Commissioner Prect. 1:
S. W. Duitch.
C. B. Lively
W. H. Holcomb Jr.
C. W. Jones

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

For County Treasurer:
Frank H. Butler
Willie Robison (Re-election)

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

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)

For County Clerk
W. D. Collins (Re-election)

Hall's Catarrh Medicine

Those who are in a "run down" condition will notice that Catarrh bothers them much more than when they are in good health. This fact proves that while Catarrh is a local disease, it is greatly influenced by constitutional conditions. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE consists of an Ointment which quickly Relieves by local application, and the Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which assists in improving the General Health. Sold by druggists for over 40 Years. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

Our Specials This Week

We have about 15 dozen combs which we would like to sell at once.

Ivory combs as follows:

- \$1.00 combs at 75c
- 65c and 60c combs at 45c
- 50c combs at 35c
- 35c combs at 25c
- \$1.00 Black combs 75c
- 75c Black Combs 50c
- 50c Black Combs 35c
- 35c Black Combs 25c
- 25c Black Combs 20c

A Graduate in Pharmacy Here

SMITH'S DRUG STORE

Everything a Good Drug Store Should Have

Forty-two per cent of the farmers covered in a recent survey feel that their financial difficulties are due to low prices of farm products. Seventeen per cent attribute their condition to high taxes; eleven per cent to high costs for farm labor; ten per cent to high freight rates; ten per cent to high interest rates; six per cent to reckless expenditures during the boom

period; and four per cent to too much credit.—Dearborn Independent.

Sticking to his Guns

Doctor—"Undoubtedly you need more exercise—what is your occupation?"

Patient—"I'm a piano shifter."
Doctor—(recovering quickly) —"Well—er—hereafter shift two at a time."—London Opinion

SPECIAL PRICES at SEWELL'S Stock Reducing Sale PRICES SLASHED!

On account of being overstocked we make following special prices for Friday and Saturday

- 38 in. brown domestic 12 1-2c
- 9-4 Pepperell Sheeting 50c
- 36 in. bleached Muslin and domestic 15c to 20c
- Blue Denim and Khaki cloth 30c
- 38 in. Glenmore Voile, 65c grade 52c
- 38 in. voiles, 35c grades 25c
- 30 in. Shangtai Silk 95c
- 26 in. Tissue ginghams 25c
- 32 in. Verlan Tissue ginghams 45c
- 32 in and 34 in. Ratine tan and orchid 45c
- Extra Special Prices on Dresses**
Ladies \$2.50 and \$2.75 aprons for \$1.95
Ladies \$2.50 and \$3.50 dresses for \$1.95 and \$2.75
Ladies \$3.75 and \$4.25 dresses at \$2.95 and \$3.45
Misses \$2.50 dresses sizes 12 1-2 to 16 1-2 at \$1.95
Girls Percale and Gingham dresses.
- Children's Play Suits And Rompers**
Buy them Friday and Saturday
Ladies \$1.00, \$1.10 and \$1.20 high grade silk hose 89c
Ladies \$1.00 Rollins brand silk hose 89c
Ladies \$1.75 silk hose, Rollins brand \$1.49
Ladies \$2.25 and \$2.75 Silk and Chiffon Rollins brand at \$1.95 and \$2.45
Other hosiery for ladies, men and children at low prices.
- Extra Special**
30c Calumet Baking Powder 25c
2 cans Standard Tomatoes 25c
3 pkgs. Macaroni or Spaghetti for 25c
6 bars white laundry soap 25c
3 bottles 6 oz. Garrett Snuff and 1 10c sack Durham tobacco \$1.00
3 tumblers Rooster snuff and 1 10c Good Luck Baking powder \$1.00
3 tumblers Devoe's Snuff and 1 10c Sunbrite Cleanser \$1.00
2 large size Pet or Carnation milk 25c
2 small size Pet or Carnation milk 15c
2 sacks Durham tobacco 15c
Brown Mule and Fish Hook tobacco 65c
Apple Sun cured Tobacco 70c
Days Work Tobacco 75c
Star Tobacco 85c
Tinsley's Natural Leaf Tobacco 95c
Reduced prices on hardware and many other articles we have not time and space to list them all.

COME TO SEE US FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Bring your Eggs Along and Trade with us.

SATISFIED CUSTOMERS OUR AIM

C. H. SEWELL & CO.

GRAPELAND'S CHEAP CASH STORE
GRAPELAND, TEXAS

146 Shirts

This was the exact number of shirts in our show window last Saturday, and there were more than 200 guesses. Eugent Huff, whose guess was the exact number—146, won his choice of any shirt in the window.

Guess again Next Saturday

We will have a different number of shirts in the window next Saturday and you are invited to take a free guess at them. The person guessing nearest the number in the window, gets his choice of any shirt displayed FREE. Guess at 'em. Win one.

NEW PARASOLS

We are showing all kinds of new parasols in all the latest colors, including silks for graduation gifts, in Ivory and Amber handles. See them. Price them.

NEW SHOES ARE HERE

We have received a big shipment of seasonable shoes—Good Lookers—Extra values.

SUMMER SUITS

We have received a big line of genuine Lorraine Seer-sucker and Spanish Linen Suits, priced to fit every purse. Watch for display. Call and we will show you now.

Henry Dailey & Co.

Where the Price is absolutely right

Growth of Hostility Toward Railroads in Texas

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

Texas, being about as much western as southern, filling up with immigrants from states in which opposition to railroads was strong, suffering from the same low prices and industrial depression that affected the rest of the country, was of course affected by the agitation against railroads in other states.

In addition to the sources of discontent which were widespread there were sufficient cases of annoyance and local causes for dissatisfaction in Texas.

At first the people of Texas willingly gave assistance to the railroads. They were generous in making land grants and quite enthusiastically they made magnificent offers, but within a few years this willingness to grant public aid changed to indifference and then to opposition. By 1883 statutes were passed forbidding any kind of state aid to railroads. Why this complete change in attitude of the people? In the first place, the discussion of the Pacific railways throughout the United States and the general disgust with the results of federal assistance to those enterprises greatly affected the people of Texas. They found themselves questioning the wisdom of their own policy amidst the universal condemnation of the federal policy. From 1869 to 1873 the State government was in the hands of a group who held power only because the majority of the citizens were disfranchised by the arbitrary and unwise action of a misguided national Congress. The people naturally looked with suspicion upon anything done by that state administration. When one of those legislatures which had made for itself the reputation of being corrupt and venial began to vote bonds to railroad companies, the people took fright and became determined in their protests. They doubted that the bonds would be used to build new railroad mileage. They expected an enormous debt to be fastened upon them and the money to be squandered. It was easy to believe that the railroads were taking advantage of an unfortunate situation to fleece the public. The laws came to share the unpopularity of the Carpet Bag legislature.

Then came the controversy over the grants to the I-G. N. and to the T & P. Many believe that these roads had secured grants of bonds from the legislature through corrupt methods. When a succeeding legislature sought to adjust the claims of these roads and give them lands instead of bonds, there were many who thought that the roads deserved nothing and should receive no kind of favor. It was argued that these roads had been holding our promises to build lines for years that in spite of numerous extensions of time limits they had merely

imposed upon the patience of the public. Bitter debates continued for days in the legislature when finally the matter was settled by giving the roads twenty sections per mile instead of sixteen sections. Throughout the state there was open disapproval of this compromise.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTIONS CALLED BY CHAIRMAN

To the Democrats of Houston County:

This is to advise that by virtue of authority vested in me by law, I hereby call the County and Precinct Conventions of the Democratic party of said County for the purpose of electing delegates to the County and State Conventions whereby to choose delegates to the National Convention to nominate candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States, as follows:

1st—That the Precinct conventions be held in each voting precinct of the County at 2 o'clock, P. M. on Saturday, May 3, A. D. 1924, to send delegates to the County Convention to be held on the following Tuesday, May 6th, A. D. 1924, at Crockett at 10 o'clock A. M.

2nd—That the County Convention be held as above stated to elect delegates to the State Convention to be held at Waco, Texas, on May 27, A. D. 1924, when and where delegates to the said National Convention will be selected.

Names of Precinct Chairmen

The chairman whose duty it will be to hold said Precinct Conventions throughout the County are as follows: Augusta, J. H. Scarborough; Antioch, A. G. Bray; Ash, Julius Wedemeyer; Arbor, V. B. Smith; Belott, W. F. Ashley; Crockett No. 1, C. L. Edmiston; Crockett No. 2, Steve Allee; Crockett No. 3, C. M. Ellis; Crockett No. 4, I. A. Daniel; Creek, W. E. Gainey; Dodson, W. H. Threadgill; Daily, T. F. Dailey; Freeman, Hose Holley; Weldon, J. R. Morrow; Latexo, J. W. Spence; Grape-land No. 1, C. L. Haltom; Grape-land No. 2, A. H. Luker; Holly, J. T. Hammon; Kennard, John Creasy; Lovelady, J. A. Hutchings; Percilla, J. W. Furr; Porter Springs, W. M. Patrick; Ratcliff, P. O. Graves; Shiloh, M. N. Brown; Tyer's Store, Floyd Tunstall; Volga, Sam Knox; Weches, J. W. Clanton; Creath, George Merriwether; Daniel, T. L. Glover; Tadmire, W. K. Connor.

I would adjure the Democrats of the whole county not to neglect attendance upon the precinct conventions nor to overlook their vast importance. It is in these conventions that "the people" are supposed to act in their primary capacity in paving the way for a choice in the selection of the next President and Vice-President of the United States. After these "precinct"

conventions are over, the people can act only through their regular accredited delegates and not directly; first, through their delegates to the county convention; second, through their delegates to the State convention; and, third, and lastly, through their delegates to the National convention. So that a mistake made at the precinct convention either intentionally or unintentionally, or by negligence or failure to attend, may remain a mistake all the way through.

In this good year of 1924, being what is called "Presidential Year", all Democrats should be on the alert and none fail to do their whole duty. Vast interests are at stake. The destiny of the nation for the next four years depends upon what is done now. With the exercise of due care and precaution in the selection of the party "standard bearers" for the pending contest, the Democrats have a splendid chance to win the election and once more place the control of the Government in the hands of the democracy. Recent developments in the investigations made by the United States Senate, whereby exposures of the grossest corruption on the part of Republicans, have been such as to utterly astound the people of the nation, and they cannot do otherwise than redound to the great injury of the Republican party. And these facts only emphasize the importance of the Democrats to make no mistake in the selection of their candidates. Put none but safe and sound men on guard. Good men, clean men.

J. W. Madden,
County Chairman.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

A plain duty, like a plain girl, has few wooers.

Talk is cheap. The fellow who has too much to say always succeeds in saying it.

The wrist watch has lost its novelty. In fact a clock is more striking.

Blood will tell, but it very often neglects to speak when it passes a poor relation.

A lot of first class women have to go through life with just mediocre husbands.

There's nobody so busy as the man who doesn't want to do something else.

The average woman says it would be easy to save money if the stores weren't continually advertising things she absolutely has to have.

Beauty is only skin deep, but ugliness generally sinks in.

A wise man is merely one who knows when he has said enough.

Our guess is that if the women had to wear shoes selected by their husbands they would try to keep their feet above their knees.

Another good way for the bride to tell when the honeymoon is over is to notice when he begins kissing her like she was hot soup.

Some men who make history are not anxious to have it published—Arkansas Plaindealer.

INEQUALITIES IN TAXATION

Most prominent among outstanding public problems in Texas is the one of existing inequalities in the distribution of the tax burden. As a matter of common knowledge a not inconsiderable part of our taxable wealth is, and has been escaping taxation entirely. Another very considerable part is being assessed upon but negligible percentage of true value. These compose a very valid cause for complaint upon the part of less favored payers. In truth our taxing system has been running on a flat tire with several cylinders missing and is in sore need of thorough overhauling.

Of the two hundred fifty-two counties of the State, in no two of them are taxable holdings being assessed upon uniform percentage of true worth. There are as many different methods of arriving at value as there are county assessing authorities. There is scarcely a community in which the principle of equality of taxation is not regularly ignored. What is said of counties is equally true of cities. The problem is a big one; big enough and serious enough that every tax payer should rise above considerations of personal advantage and unite in the interest of a square deal for all. That inequalities exist as between coun-

ties no one can successfully deny; not that, to the extent property in any county is assessed below the average of the State, such practice works an injustice upon other counties. Yet it is equally true that present unequal distribution of the tax burden upon property in the several counties is no less pronounced nor more unjust than is that throughout the State as a whole as between property and privilege.

Right here let us correct an erroneous impression seemingly fixed in the minds of many tax students that, because of the fact a county may receive from the State a greater sum for educational training than it pays in taxes to the State, this, in itself is proof positive of local undervaluation. No county suffers injury because another county, having a greater number of scholastics yet less taxable wealth, receives from the sovereignty a greater sum for support of its public free schools; provided such county assesses upon valuations no less than the average of all counties. Wealth is unevenly distributed. In whatever locality it assembles it should be required to aid in the education of children in less favored communities. And the same is true of profit. Drawn from the industry of the entire just share towards educational

and other needs co-extensive with the boundary of the State.

It is a narrow vision that can be focalized only on the doctrine that every community should, out of its own resources, provide for its own schools. Our educational problem is Statewide. It extends to every individual and to every square foot of soil situated within the boundaries of our commonwealth. As an organized people we have a direct interest, "Even to the least of these" in each and every one of the people. Who then may truthfully claim literacy for the whole people when but part are educated any more than can it be said that an entire community is wealthy when but few of the inhabitants hereof are rich? To invoke a public policy in dealing with education whereby counties, or any other political subdivision, shall be limited to their resources would be tantamount to condemning many of them to inevitable illiteracy. Hence it is that in providing for needs essentially the concern of the State, we must look to the total taxable wealth within and protected by the State—From Facts and Fiction.

Fable: Once there was a city man who doubted his ability to get rich raising chickens.—Chicago Blade.

Creating New Markets With Advertising

One of the most striking changes of the past ten years is that which has come about in the important business of housekeeping. In this short time the broom and the washboard have vanished from the housewife's coat of arms, and the comic pictures in which Mary hurls the flatiron at John don't ring true, as they once did.

Broom, washboard and flatiron have given away to suction sweepers, electric washing machine and electric iron. And Mary doesn't hurl the iron at John any longer, not simply because it's fastened to a cord, but because she's taking no chances with it.

What has brought about this new and agreeable state of affairs? Well, how did Mary happen to buy that new iron which has proved such a boon to herself—and John? She saw it advertised, of course. And the multiplied Marys of today represent a great market created largely through national advertising.

No wonder the alert retailer and the wholesaler have come to hold national advertising in high esteem—for besides making easier for them the sale of goods with long-established markets, quickening their turnover, pro-

tecting them against inferior merchandise and benefiting them in many other ways, national advertising is constantly creating markets for new merchandise and opening up new channels of trade.

It is because America reads advertising that the new idea today so swiftly supplants the old. Advertising changes deep-rooted habits. Advertising creates new desires. Advertising sets new and better standards. And all this it does with amazing swiftness—for advertising speaks to millions simultaneously.

The safety razor, the player piano, massage cream, the glass baking dish, wallboard, fire-proof roofing, the talking machine, soap flakes, canned soup—one could go on indefinitely extending the list of products which today testify to the ability of national advertising to create new merchandise demands.

There is probably no industry today for which advertising has not blazed new trails. There is no merchant, wholesale or retail, the scope of whose business it has not greatly widened.

But the main thing which advertising does for the retailer is to speed up his turnover; that's what makes him a profit.

AW, WHAT'S THE USE



By L. F. Van Zelm
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He Loves Her



POULTRY DEP'T.

J. R. Owens Poultry Editor



Co-operative Marketing of Eggs (By S. R. Winters)

The advantage of co-operative marketing of eggs, by means of egg circles as they are popularly known, finds substantial proof in the achievement of the Freemont Circle of Texas. From September 1 to February 7th, this association of thirty-eight members marketed 4,530 dozen eggs at an average price of 52 1-6 cents, yielding a total income of \$2,306.41. From February 27 to March 31, this same egg circle sold 1,950 dozen eggs at an average price of 31 1-2 cents, and from April 2 to April 28 marketed 1,290 dozen eggs at an average price of 30 1-2 cents a dozen.

The egg circle or co-operative marketing organization of Freemont has succeeded in increasing the production of infertile eggs and at the same time advantageously disposed of the surplus male birds. The production of eggs of a uniform quality has been the aim of this organization, which realization has created a market offering a premium for superior wholesale products.

The Freemont Egg Circle, however, is an illustration demonstrating the necessity of not only building a reputation for selling eggs of quality, but this reputation must be sustained. For instance, this organization was fortunate enough to place the product with a hotel in San Antonio, but owing to the ship-

ment of some bad eggs temporarily lost in this contract.

It was regained, however, when this egg circle began the candling of the eggs. The crates of eggs are shipped from Freemont to San Antonio three times a week in the summer and twice a week in the winter, the hotel making payment therefore twice a month.

Of course, the testing of the eggs added to the expense of marketing, but in the long run candling is a paying investment. Myrtle Murray, poultry specialist of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, gives the expense involved in preparing select eggs: culls, 240 dozen, at an average price of 12 1-2 cents a dozen; candling, packing, shipping and express, 6 1-4 cents a dozen on select eggs; average price per dozen of culls 4 2-3 cents.

Four egg circles in Bosque county, Texas, composed of seventy-five members, marketed 9,971 dozen eggs at a profit of \$690, or an average profit of 69 cents per dozen. The Clifton Egg Circle, in that county, made arrangements with a local produce merchant whereby he handles the eggs for a commission of 2 cents on the dozen. He paid to members of the egg circle the cash, which plan proved entirely satisfactory. The members of this organization originally agreed to sell infertile eggs, clean and uniform in size, selecting the eggs twice a day, and marketing them twice a week. The few charter members of this egg circle had little difficulty in expanding the organization when eggs thus marketed brought a premium of 5 cents a dozen.

In an appreciated letter from Mrs. W. W. McConnell, Home Demonstration Agent, she states that she has secured Mr. W. B. Lanham, a marketing specialist of the Extension Department of the A. & M. College, to address those interested in marketing poultry and poultry products to best advantage. Every member of the Grapeland Poultry Association is urged to attend this meeting, which will be held at the high School Auditorium, Thursday, April 24th, at 2:00

p. m. This is one of the main points of the poultry industry—getting a profitable price, and everyone interested should not fail to be present.

FEED AND CARE

Various feed mills issue booklets carrying useful information and may be had from local dealers. The matter of proper feeding for maximum production is, if we go into the chemistry of it, quite complicated. Usually the safe and economical thing for the beginner to do is to use at least a commercial mash feed until such time as he feels able to mix a better feed as cheaply or as good at less cost at home. We think the feed manufacturers generally of today put out honest products intelligently made. By common consent it is now agreed by practical poultrymen and experimental workers that to make successful business of laying eggs, the hen must have access at all times to properly mixed ground feeds, or egg mash, clean water, oyster shell, grit and charcoal in addition to daily grain feed for body maintenance. Green or succulent feed should be supplied daily in some form, and milk is a very valuable addition to the ration.

PERCILLA NEWS

Percilla, April 14.—This is the last week for the present school term here. The closing exercises are set for Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Quite a number of our school pupils attended the closing exercises of Waneta school Friday night and they say Waneta was up to date.

Clay Henderson took a carload of singers to the New Prospect singing Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Brimberry and Mrs. Georgie Coleman of the Enon community visited Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Coleman here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Dickey of Palestine visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Den Olliver and her mother, Mrs. Frankie Gaines, attended church at Center Sunday, Mrs. Gaines remaining in the community for a visit.

Mrs. Harvey Denson and her two children of Houston are visiting Mrs. Denson's father-in-law here, Mr. W. E. Denson.

Mrs. Charlie Daniels has spent several days here with her daughter, Mrs. Jack Bayce. Mrs. Bayce has a brand new boy baby. Several of the young folks around here attended an entertainment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Den Oliver Saturday night and report a nice time.

EDITOR LUKER FALLS

Local friends of A. H. Luker, editor of the Messenger, as well as his many friends of the newspaper fraternity of Texas will be shocked to learn of a fall he received Monday evening of this week.

Assistance in the form of first aid was rendered immediately and Monday night he rested fairly well, considering his condition.

Close examination of his mental and physical condition Tuesday by specialists, reveal that it will require probably three years to completely recover, but at the end of this time he will be his normal self again.

He fell for a new linotype machine—a model 14—for the Messenger, published in the best town in Texas.

A Cincinnati man won first prize at a Halloween costume party by appearing as a dumb-bell. Just what kind of a dumb-bell we don't know—taxpayer, voter or United States Senator.—J. W. Raper in Cleveland Press.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Darsey had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hollingsworth and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ryan, the occasion being in honor of Mr. Hollingsworth's 71st anniversary. Shortly after the noon hour, other guests arrived, including Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lively, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Edens, Mrs. Josie Taylor and Mrs. Bob Wherry. During the afternoon, which was spent mostly in conversation, Misses Edwina and Frances Darsey rolled into the living room, a serving tray laden with a cake adorned with 71 candles, after which a refreshment course of vanilla ice cream and angel food cake was served.

Mr. Hollingsworth has spent most of his life in this section and many places that are today homesites, business locations and farms, were used by him as a boy as a hunting ground. He has seen Grapeland grow from a small country village to the town it is today and has largely contributed to its growth by supporting and encouraging the things that make for a better town. He has been engaged in several business enterprises and is today more active than many men several years his junior. It is to such men as he that much credit of our present prosperity is due, and it is upon plans laid by him and his co-workers years ago that our present school and churches have been builded upon. We join with his many other friends in extending him congratulations and wishing for him many more birthdays.

Legumes Becoming More Important

Over cropping and one crop farming has brought the attention of many farmers in the Southwest to the fact that acre production is growing smaller. For a time these farmers advanced the idea that adverse seasons and insects were responsible for short crops. This notion, however, is being rapidly dissipated. Crops are growing smaller because soils are being depleted and the only way to bring them back is to return the fertility which has been taken away.

Commercial fertilizers do not rebuild soils to an appreciable degree. They are for quick action and immediate returns. Properly applied under right conditions, results are seen in increased yields, but another application will have to be given the following season if profitable yields are obtained.

Most soils are in need of organic matter, also nitrogen. Both can be supplied by the planting of velvet beans, cowpeas, clovers and other legumes of which there are numbers adapted to various sections and conditions. Not only do legumes provide these soil elements, but they make fine feedstuffs and as a crop, fit into any crop rotation plan.

In older sections of the country, clover has been used for many years as a source for hay and as a soil builder. Thus far, clover has not been found generally adapted to all sections of the Southwest, but velvet beans, soy beans, cowpeas and legumes of a similar nature which can be grown are equal to clover in every respect. Used in crop rotation, soils will show improvement from year to year and acre yield will gradually improve.

Recently, an East Texas farmer made a statement that his velvet beans were worth \$10 per acre for feed and that cotton, on the same field the following season, showed an increased yield of 40 per cent. Legumes should become standard crops on every farm.

Cultivate the Saving Habit

WHAT'S AHEAD OF YOU?

Are you getting anywhere in this game of life, or just drifting with the tide?

Haven't you dreamed many times of glorious success—of achieved ambitions—of the comforts and conveniences that success makes possible; but why couldn't it be real—other men have made it so.

You are starting toward success when you join our large army of regular depositors and save a part of your income.

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GROCERIES—MEATS—THE BEST

SHAVER'S MARKET

Willis Shaver, Proprietor

One trouble with the world is that several women whose mothers used to sweep their houses with heavy brooms now have daughters who must hire maids to run the electric cleaners.—Indianapolis News.

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

SPECIALS

In Our Grocery Department For Saturday

45 lb. cans Compound Lard per can	\$6.65
Texas Queen Flour (none better) sack	\$1.85
Mrs. Tucker's Shortening 8 lb. buckets	\$1.45
4 lbs. good ground coffee	\$1.00
3 lb. cans Early Breakfast Coffee, best grade	\$1.25
3 lb. cans Maxwell House Coffee	\$1.35
Gold Plume Coffee each can contains nice cup and saucer or cut glass ice tea glass, per can	\$1.35
No. 3 cans Pratt Low peaches, per can	35c
No. 3 cans Pratt Low Pears, per can	30c
No. 3 cans Pratt Low Apricots, per can	30c
17 oz. cans Roman Gold Peaches, per can	20c
2 cans tomatoes for	25c
Empson's cut stringless beans per can	15c
Empson's Primrose Colorado Peas (small) per can	30c
11 cans Hooker Lye, highest test for	\$1.00
8 cans Giant Lye, for	\$1.00
3 bottles 6 oz. Garrett Snuff for	95c
2 pkgs. Bull Durham Smoking Tobacco for	15c
3 lb. pkg. Argo Starch	30c
10 lb. Granulated Cane Sugar	\$1.00

You will find many other bargains not mentioned here—Come to see us.

IT WILL BE WORTH YOUR WHILE

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Long's Cash Store

WANETA NEWS

Waneta, April 14.—Bro. Anderson filled his regular appointment at New Hope Saturday night and Sunday with a large attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Day of Slocum are here visiting their son and family, C. L. Day.

Miss Josephine Teems of Grapeland spent last week with relatives and friends at this place.

Mrs. Harry Lively and children of Liberty Hill spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lively.

The school came to a close Friday, Mr. Gentry returning to his home. We regret very much to lose him out of our

community.

Mr. Day and family will remain here.

Miss Mary Killgo of Slocum is spending a while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnes of San Antonio are visiting here. Singing was fine Sunday night. Everybody come Sunday night and bring someone with you.

Messrs. David Leatherwood and Rollen Dickey of Elkhart attended church here Sunday.

J. W. Caskey of Palestine was in Grapeland Tuesday, shaking hands with his many old friends. Wylie is now engaged in the mercantile business several miles out from Palestine and reports conditions and business good in his section.

THE PASSING DAY

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

I am fortunate in having a sleeping porch that is almost out of doors among the tree-tops. Dozens of birds—mocking birds, red birds, all kinds of birds—room in the trees close by, almost within touch. Evidently these residents of the trees think that Spring has come, for while they sing their early morning songs all the winter through there is a distinct note of jubilation apparent in their notes these days. They sing as if they were fairly running over with joy and gladness at the return of spring, and they begin each morning before the peep of day. Each bird apparently is trying to sing more lustily and in sweeter notes than his neighbors, and each has its own song. Despite these variant notes and keys there is no discord or inharmony in these bird songs, and the music is as sweet as if it came from some celestial choir. I have come to listen for the song of a favorite bird and to separate it from all the rest, just as one distinguishes a voice in a choir from the other voices even though it blends in perfectly with all the others.

Joseph Pulitzer kept a pipe organ in his music room near his bedroom, and employed an expert organist to play the organ every morning in order that he might be awakened by the sound of the music. I have always thought that Pulitzer was a better man for starting the day under the influence of the beautiful strains of the organ, and I know he was if he tried to attune his spirit to his melodies. Pulitzer's music was a luxury that none but a man of great wealth could afford. It is my good fortune to have this bird orchestra without cost, the birds seem to get even more pleasure out of the entertainment than they furnish me, and I am sure they awaken me each day just as cheerfully as they would a Morgan or a Rockefeller. I do not even have to use a radio set to get this regular service and do not have to consider the static conditions. Truly we have pleasure all about us, if we but open our hearts to receive them.

Many counties in Texas are erecting hospitals at public expense. The churches everywhere are turning their attention more to the care of the sick. Soon Texas will be or should be pretty well supplied with hospital facilities easily accessible to people of both the cities and the country. There is a feeling, though, that hospital fees and charges are too high for people of moderate means. The rich need give but little attention to the cost of hospital service, for whatever the charges, they can afford to pay them. The extremely poor, if not too proud to accept a gratuity, are exempt from any charges. Many, though, prefer to suffer rather than accept a charity. The family of moderate income is often too poor to pay large medical and hospital fees and consequently is not privileged to have hospital attention and service. If the public is to be taxed to build and sustain hospitals, and if the churches are doing the same thing as a proper work of religion, the fees should be such that the largest number of people may be able to avail themselves of hospital service. Of course private hospitals may charge whatever fees the business will stand, but public and institutional hospitals should not be operated for profit.

A San Angelo news report

tells of an actress who came to see her sick four-year old boy, arranged for his funeral, kissed him goodbye, and went to join her company and fill her engagement. There was something in the news report of commendation for the actress' action in tearing herself away from her dying boy in response to her business obligation. I am old fashioned enough to feel that her highest duty was to the suffering child. Perhaps she could have done nothing to alleviate his pain or to stay death, but it is a strange conception of motherhood that would separate any mother from her own child at such a time, even though to stay with him might mean the sacrifice of a life work.

The Grapeland Messenger carries these words under the masthead: "An ad in the Messenger is worth two on the fence." That may have been all right in years gone by, but in this day of rapid transit by train and auto, an ad in a newspaper is worth twenty on the fence or on a bill board. People passing swiftly along a road get but a fleeting glimpse of the road signs, and as half of them are of firms long out of business, a sign has to be fresh, attractive and expensive to get as much notice as the mile-posts along the way.

A cat chasing its tail is held up as an example of foolishness. But never having been a cat, does anybody know how much fun a cat may have doing it?—National Republican.

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AND

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