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State and General News

According to Gov. Charles H. Brough of Arkansas, the judgment of official Washington is that there will be three more years of war. Gov. Brough gave out this statement after a visit to the national capitol.

Fire in the business section of Gladewater (near Longview) a few nights ago did \$10,000 worth of damage. Several buildings were either destroyed or damaged and only one man among those who sustained losses had insurance on his property.

Preparations are being made by the department of justice for internment of several hundred Germans who failed to register at the census of German enemy aliens three weeks ago. A few arrests have already been made, and these will continue during the next ten days or two weeks.

A price of \$2.20 a bushel—the same as for last year's crop—was fixed by President Wilson Saturday for the coming season's wheat yield. In fixing a price now for the new crop, which will not be harvested until June, the president was believed to have had two objects in view. The first was to halt legislation pending in congress to fix prices at from \$2.25 to \$3, and the other was to stimulate spring planting.

Plans for the new Northwestern Texas Insane Asylum at Wichita Falls are to be drawn and supervision of the work of construction is to be done by C. H. Page & Bro. of Austin. The locating board of the new institution (consisting of the governor, lieutenant governor and the attorney general) selected the architects out of a long list of

applicants. It is planned to have the building ready for occupancy within one year.

The people out at Abilene are putting themselves in a bad light by attempting to charge Governor Hobby with the loss of the A. & M. College to their city. Ferguson's crookedness is alone to blame and the people of Texas felt that Abilene or any other Texas city should have a clear title to the school when they won it. If Abilene is the best place for the school she may still get it by fair means and she ought not to want it except on that basis. The News would be opposed to Clarendon taking the school unless the ballot was without question and above reproach.—Clarendon News.

Governor Hobby has issued an address to the skilled mechanics of Texas urging them to register for ship-building and other governmental enterprises. He did this at the instance of H. W. Lewis of Smithville, state director of the United States Public Service Reserve, who urges that Texas mechanics patriotically respond to the call of the country. Mr. Lewis says Texas' quota is 7,000 and that every effort should be made to get that number and more. The governor has joined in the campaign to impress the urgency of the situation and asks that the workmen make prompt response.

G. Carroll Todd, assistant to Attorney General Gregory, has been assigned the task of conducting an investigation into charges that governmental funds have been spent extravagantly in the fabrication steel ship yard at Hog Island, Pa. Mr. Todd, who has had charge of anti-trust suits for the department of justice since 1913, will be assisted by Mark Hyman of

New York, who for several years has been a special assistant for anti-trust investigations. The investigation at Hog Island is an outgrowth of congressional inquiry into the shipping boards' program and a request of President Wilson that Attorney General Gregory undertake a separate investigation.

Despite strong protests coming from Houston and other South Texas territory, Governor Hobby will sign the proclamation declaring a zone within which cotton shall not be planted because of an infestation of pink boll worm within certain area. The effort of Charles Guynes, an attorney of Houston, to obtain some kind of an injunction to restrain the proclamation from becoming operative, has so far failed.

Clarence Ousley's Warning.

In a statement issued Saturday Clarence Ousley, assistant secretary of agriculture, warns that if the south neglects this year to provide her own food and feed she is likely to suffer serious privation and will put a burden upon the nation which may prolong the war and even imperil victory in the war.

"For the south to plunge on cotton or tobacco and to depend upon the corn belt for bread and meat will be for the south to engage in a gamble which may cause privation to its people and disaster to the nation," says Mr. Ousley.

List of Contestants Grapeland

Miss Annie Rainey Hollingsworth 72,100
Miss Rena Ross Richards 11,000
Miss Thelma Lee Clewis 10,000
Miss Esther Darsey 77,600
Miss Eula Mae Riall 73,400

Percilla Route 1

Miss Buna Covington 7500
Mrs. Ruby Lively 63,000

Percilla

Miss Edwina Bush 8500
Miss Rosa Branch 72,700

Elkhart

Miss Gracy May Baber 7500

Elkhart Route 2

Miss Ellen Bridges 42,800

Grapeland Route 3

Miss Ola Willis 38,700
Miss May Martin 12,500

Salmon

Miss May Belle Murdock 9,000

Augusta

Miss Cloie Scarbrough 67,200

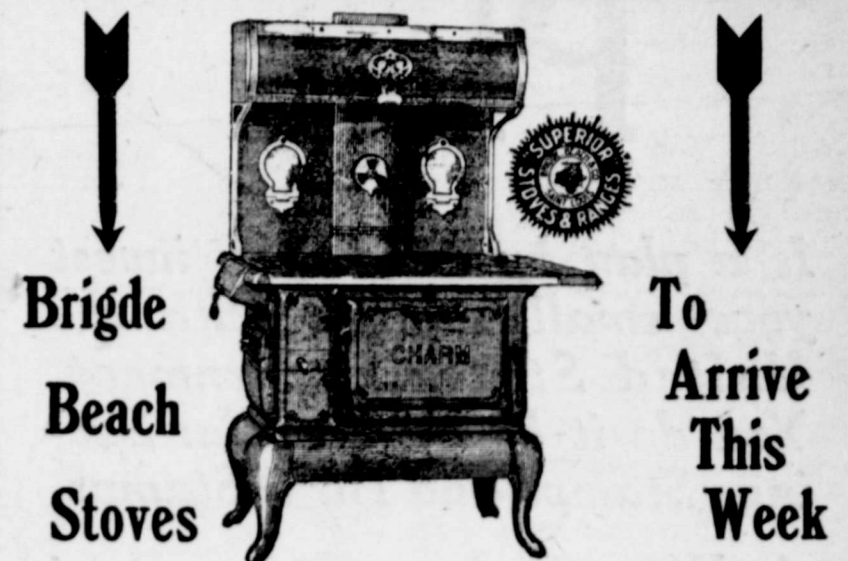
The Show Will Be Here Saturday and the town will be full of people. It will be a good day for getting subscriptions. Subscriptions on the last club offer must be in by noon next Wednesday.

Mrs. Baxley Dead.

Mrs. Ann Baxley died Friday, February 22, 1918, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dave Walling, with whom she lived, after an illness of several days' duration. The cause of death was heart disease.

Mrs. Baxley was a little past 74 years of age; was well known throughout this community and was loved by all. Her remains were interred in the Parker cemetery Saturday morning. She is survived by two children, Mesdames Dave and M. C. Walling and many grandchildren. The Messenger joins friends in deep sympathy in their bereavement.

BIG SHIPMENT



Special prices on Dressers, Iron Beds, Springs, Rocking Chairs, Kitchen Cabinets---Don't buy until you get our prices on groceries. We will save you money.

WE WANT YOUR EGGS

Keeland Brothers

THE PRICE IS THE THING

Buy Your Needs From Us

FARMING is well under way and you are going to need many extras for the bumper crop for our section of the country. What you need you can find at our store. All kinds of trim stuffs for plows, harrows, etc. Just unloaded a car of the very best fertilizers. Get our prices before you buy.

In Wearing Apparel you are sure to find what you want. Our showing of Men's Suits and Pants is stronger than ever before and prices are right. Especially do we ask for a critical examination of our Spring Dress Goods. A comparison is sure to convince you that we have the best values and prices.

We have a few Coat Suits left and they are certainly bargains.

McLean & Riall

Dependable Merchants

Quality Counts Now More than Ever

Try us with your next bill and we will prove to you that we can save you money by trading with us. We have a complete line of staple and fancy :

Dress Goods, plenty of Gingham, Percales and Shirtings
Just received some beautiful ladies' Suits; also big line of Skirts---silk and taffeta. Come in and let us show you. It is a pleasure to have you visit our store.

Our Grocery and Hardware departments are complete. We have plenty of Plow Tools, Plow Shapes, Points, etc. If you need a cultivator, it will pay you to see us.

SATURDAY IS SHOW DAY

We especially invite the ladies of the country to make our store their headquarters. We will furnish you with plenty of chairs.

BRING US YOUR PRODUCE. We will pay the HIGHEST MARKET PRICE.

W. H. Long & Co.

The War Savings Plan

Is a plan by which you invest your small savings with the United States Government. You do it by buying War Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps.

A War Savings Stamp cost \$4.12 in January, and to this price is added one cent for each month since January. The one cent advance each month is to allow for interest the stamp earns.

These stamps as bought are pasted in a War Savings Certificate, which is a folder with 16 spaces for the Stamps. When these 16 spaces are filled put the Certificate away; it is worth \$100, payable Jan. 1, 1923. Then start another.

A United States Thrift Stamp is for investors who want to save but find the War Savings Stamp more than they can spare at one time. The U. S. Thrift Stamp costs 25 cents; you get a Thrift Card from the postoffice or bank, or other authorized agency; no charge for the card. There are 16 spaces on this Card; a place for each 25-cent Thrift Stamp you buy. Sixteen of them make \$4. When the card is full, take it to the postoffice, or bank, or other agency and get a War Savings Stamp; you'll pay the difference, 12 cents for January and one cent more each month during 1918. Paste the War Savings Stamp on the Certificate Card you get with it, and start a new 25-cent Thrift Card. The U. S. Thrift Stamps do not bear interest; the War Savings Stamps do—4 per cent, compounded every three months. The interest is in the convenient form of a monthly increase in the face value of the Stamps. The Stamps are redeemable at their full value, \$5, on January 1st, 1923.

If you need to draw out the money you have saved (don't do it if you don't have to) go to the postoffice and they will tell you what to do, and what the exact value of your investment is on that date, and give you the money.

A Country Worth FIGHTING For
 IS
A Country Worth SAVING For

THIS SPACE PATRIOTICALLY CONTRIBUTED BY
McLEAN & RIAL

The Independence of Women

The war has made it possible and at the same time necessary for an increasing number of women to become independent commercially. A large number of excellent positions have been made vacant by young men drafted, or volunteering for military service. In most cases, there are not available unemployed men to fill these vacancies. In addition to these openings, new departments have been created in government work, requiring thousands of additional employes, a large per cent of whom must necessarily be women. Under such conditions, any ambitious young woman will win her independence as surely as she will put forth the effort.

The call of the government is an additional incentive for patriotic women to come forward to do their part. Women are just as necessary in large numbers to carry on the work of the war at home as are the men on the fields of battle. Many a woman whose husband or brother is in active service has taken up work for the government at home for his sake, as well as for her country's sake. The women of America have responded nobly to the urgent call to help lighten the burden on the men in the field.

The commercial schools of America have never before received such enormous patronage from the young ladies as they are receiving now. Commercial education for women makes it possible for them to render the assistance expected of them. Get this commercial training and let Uncle Sam decide where he needs you most. He must have stenographers, bookkeepers, telegraph operators, typists and accountants in great numbers, and it is left to the action of the great multitude of young women to supply this need. Numbers of Tyler Commercial College graduates have gone directly into government positions at Washington or elsewhere, while others are working with the boards in their home towns.

This has proven to be a period of great awakening. Women have pressed forward in the field of business so that their services, offered to the government at this time, are indeed valuable. The only respect in which they lack complete response is in numbers. You are one who should join their ranks and help them support the standard of American womanhood. The situation calls for action. Make the start at once by securing the training which will qualify you for service. Mail us your name and address on the blank form below for our free catalogue.

Name

Address

Tyler Commercial College,
 Tyler, Texas.

Women with a fluent knowledge of French, are being trained in several cities for work in France as telephone operators with the expeditionary forces. They will not be sent over in one unit, but ordered to go in groups from time to time. No information can be given as to the locality in which the telephone operators will be stationed.

R. G. Montgomery of the Augusta section, was a business caller at The Messenger office one day last week and his name has been added to our list of readers.



Advantages of Buying Advertised Goods

Merchandise that is advertised moves much faster than that which is not, and therefore the stock is kept new and up-to-date. There are no shopworn, slow sellers to be disposed of in the store that keeps the advertising columns at work selling goods.

And you can always depend upon the quality of advertised articles. The merchant's reputation is back of his merchandise and he cannot jeopardize it by misrepresenting his goods even the least bit.

Furthermore, the dealer's newspaper announcement usually offers money-saving bargains, and every thrifty person should take full advantage of such opportunities. Read the advertisements today.

Rheumatism

makes the joints ache and causes the afflicted person much misery. For quick relief use

BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT

It is a Powerful, Penetrating Remedy

The relief is prompt and very gratifying to the sufferer. It eases the joints and conveys a strengthening influence that soon restores normal conditions. Use it also for healing Cuts, Sores, Wounds, Burns, Scalds, relieving Stiff Neck, Lame Back or Sore Muscles. It rarely fails to give good results. Price 25c, 50c and \$1 per bottle.

JAS. F. BALLARD, Proprietor, ST. LOUIS, MO.

FOR SALE BY D. N. LEAVERTON

For 65 Years

MASURY PURE PAINTS have been used by the discriminating buyer. Your great grand parents knew this paint was good, and used it. . . WHY NOT YOU?

T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER CO.

The Difference

Between the Cost of Good and Cheap Printing

is so slight that he who goes shopping from printer to printer to secure his printing at a few cents less than what it is really worth hardly ever makes day laborer wages at this unpleasant task.

If you want good work at prices that are right, get your job printing

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 Drug Stores

ABSTRACTS

You can not 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
ADAMS & YOUNG
 CROCKETT, TEXAS

City Barber Shop

Denson & Walton, Proprietors

Your Business will be Appreciated

Shop on main street, the new brick building, next door to the Guaranty State Bank.

LAUNDRY AGENCY

Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

Will Texas Make Good?

By WALTER B. WHITMAN

Editor East Texas Register, Carthage. Written for the Texas Food and Feed Production Campaign

Land was only a few miles away when the Tuscania went down, but American soldiers died because they could not reach it.

A breakdown in transportation or in food supply, no matter the cause, means loss of men—perhaps the loss of the war. Food is as essential as bullets.

The allies entered 1918 with a food supply smaller than at any other time since the war began. The crops of Europe are going to be shorter than heretofore. The wives and children of allied troops who are holding the trenches while waiting for American reinforcements, are hungry—crying for bread that must come from America or from nowhere.

We have proudly boasted that imperial Texas might be cut off from all the rest of the world, and she could still supply her own needs. But we have not been feeding ourselves by half. Now the United States government calls on us to make good, to raise food enough for our-

selves that the food supplies we have been importing into Texas may go to the Americans in the trenches and to the allies.

Will Texas fail to do that? If she does, some of us in this state may go hungry, though our pockets jingle with gold. The government will ship food to soldiers first.

But Texans are fighters; they always have been. The war is not 5,000 miles away—the German line is at our own dooryards.

Food and feed are our weapons. Are we going to fight? Are we going to let American soldiers suffer and the families of our allies starve because we will not send them food?

That American soldiers perished on the Tuscania with safety but a few miles away, was no fault of theirs; they died honorably, gloriously for us.

We can produce for ourselves and more. If we fail the fault is ours. If we ship food to Texas instead of to France, ours is the shame.

Must Not Swear at Mules

It is said that Gen. Pershing has issued an order to the expeditionary forces in France that mule drivers must not swear at the mules. It is said the drivers are trying to say "tut, tut, mule," with sufficient emphasis to get the required result, but find it a hard job.

Hard-working men and women who are burdened with a torpid liver, feel tired, lazy and discouraged. They know they are lazy and they are ashamed, yet it is nothing to be ashamed of. The thing to do is to get the liver started again and to purify the stomach and bowels. There is no better remedy for this purpose than Prickly Ash Bitters. A few doses corrects the trouble and makes work a pleasure. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

GAS IN THE STOMACH

Is a symptom of impaired digestion. To neglect digestive trouble is to bid high for disease in the kidneys as these diseases all start in bad digestion. Take

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It is a corrective medicine for all disorders in the digestive organs. It quickly checks sour stomach. Gas or wind in the stomach or bowels, heartburn, bloated feeling, belching, bad breath, dizziness, headaches and a constipated habit. If you have any weakness in your digestion, take Prickly Ash Bitters. It relieves all distress immediately and if used for a reasonable period it cures permanently.

Sold by all Dealers in Medicine.

Prickly Ash Bitters Co.
Proprietors
St. Louis, Mo.

WADE L SMITH

Advertising Aids Farmer

Few farmers have taken advantage of the opportunities afforded by advertising. From the very nature of their business, advertising is probably not so important as it is to merchants or other business men. However, under certain circumstances advertising is just as profitable to farmers as to merchants. Of course, it would not be profitable to advertise corn, hay, wheat and various other products of that nature immediately after harvest or when other farmers had vast supplies on hand. But it would pay to advertise seed corn, seed wheat, pure bred live-stock, garden crops and various other farm products in which a farmer might care to specialize.

An instance where advertising would have saved money was brought out during a farmers' meeting conducted by the University of Missouri college of agriculture recently. It was learned that one farmer had been hauling corn twenty miles to market and that another farmer three or four miles away had been buying corn at the same market and hauling it home. In this case an advertisement by either one of the farmers would have saved both of them the expense of a 40-mile trip with each load of corn. In another instance a farmer who had calves to pasture, spent four days in riding over his county hunting for pasture. At the end of his search he found pasture on the farm of one of his near neighbors. In this case an advertisement would have saved considerable time for him.—Publishers' Auxiliary.

If you don't sleep well at night from nervousness, indigestion or urinary troubles, you need Prickly Ash Bitters. It purifies the system and relieves the kidneys and bladder. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

Clewis' Tailor Shop. Phone Number is 73. Phone when you want work.

LAST EXTRA VOTE OFFER

The Contest Will Close on March 9, and Next Week's Paper Will Tell How the Business Will Be Handled on the Closing Days.

The contest will soon close. The prizes are valuable and worth going after, and contestants should remember that now is the time to use their best efforts.

Several are running "neck an' neck" and no one of the workers now has a cinch on the first prize. Any contestant who will work hard from now on till the contest closes has a chance to win the \$125.00 ring. It is an open fight and the contestant putting the most energy into the campaign and doing the most effective work will be the one to carry off first honors. Of course it is important that each contestant see her friends and get them to work for her. It is often the case, also, that another subscription or two can be had from a person who has already helped a contestant. There is hardly a person living in or around Grapeland who hasn't relatives or friends away from here who would enjoy reading The Messenger each week. See if you cannot get a few of your friends to give you subscriptions for others.

Don't forget that every worker who turns in a \$9.00 club of subscriptions by 12 o'clock, noon, next Wednesday, March 5, will get 5000 extra votes. And don't forget that this is the last extra vote offer that will be made.

The contest will close on Saturday, March 9, at 5 p. m., and next week's Messenger will give complete information as to the method of handling business on the last three days.

Don't forget that this extra vote offer closes at 12 o'clock on Wednesday of next week. And this is the last extra vote offer that will be made.

Draft Date Not Set

Washington, Feb. 20.—Secretary Baker authorized the statement today that no date had been selected for the beginning of the second draft. Various estimates have placed the time between March 1 and June 1.

The government's disposition not to disturb the labor situation, particularly on farms at the planting season, is one of the factors entering into the situation.

The provost marshal general's office, it is understood, is disinclined to go ahead with the second draft until congress has perfected the law by pending amendments to change the basis of apportionment and to authorize the President to call into the military service men skilled in industry and agriculture regardless of previous classification.

It is probable the next month local boards may be asked to forward small increments necessary to replace men going overseas, but the expected summons of half a million will be later.

Plans for the second draft as now under consideration include calling 100,000 a month until the second quota is complete. In that way officials expect to avoid much of the confusion which accompanied the first call. The men will report in a steady stream and be assimilated into the military machine before the next lot is received.

It has been definitely settled that the first contingent will be used to fill vacancies in national guard divisions, caused by the withdrawal of men for the organization of special and technical units.

Similar vacancies in the national army divisions will have been filled by that time from the final increment of the first draft.

Tireology

Tires for automobiles, motorcycles and bicycles afford a most convincing argument in favor of Standard or Trade Marked advertised merchandise as compared with the non-standard sort.

Tires present a big problem in the way of expense and trouble to car owners; one on which they should inform themselves thoroughly.

Primarily the manufacture of high quality rubber tires is necessarily a most skillful and painstaking operation. Only the very best rubber, fabrics, chemicals, etc., can be used, and labor and machine efficiency employed must also be of the very highest quality.

Even under these conditions, tires imperfect in one way or another will slip through—until they come under the eagle eye of the factory inspector—whose sole duty is to see that every tire leaving the factory under the manufacturer's name or trade name is perfect in every detail. He is the watchful guardian and protector of his employer's good reputation, and of the pocket-book of every buyer of a tire bearing his name or trade-mark.

Faulty tires of every description are culled, factory identification marks are removed and they are sold—under no guarantee whatever—as seconds. They are admittedly imperfect, faulty, unworthy of the name and guarantee of their maker.

Are such tires, even at the reduced prices asked for them, as cheap in the long run as those found perfect under most rigid inspection and backed by the reputation and guarantee of the manufacturer?—Farm & Ranch.

PURE DRUGS

ACCURATELY COMPOUNDED

That's the service we give when we compound your prescriptions.

OUR MOTTO IS QUALITY FIRST

When you are sick you need the best. When we compound your prescriptions the best to be had is yours. Every prescription filled by us is filled by a registered pharmacist. Every prescription we fill is compounded with drugs of the highest purity.

LEAVERTON'S THE LEADING DRUG STORE

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice at GrapeLand, Texas, every Thursday as Second Class Mail Matter.

SUBSCRIPTION — IN ADVANCE

1 YEAR-----\$1.50
6 MONTHS--- .75
3 MONTHS--- .40

THURSDAY, FEB. 28, 1918



--- This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war-----

FOR SHERIFF

E. B. (Bud) Hale of Crockett, authorizes his announcement in this issue of The Messenger as a candidate for sheriff of Houston county, subject to the action of the democratic primary in July.

Mr. Hale needs no introduction to the people of the county at our hands. He is well known almost by every man, woman and child in the county.

He is an ex-sheriff of the county, serving six years, retiring on his own account twelve years ago. His record as sheriff then is before you and the people are the best judges as to his qualifications and the efficient way in which he discharged his duties. We commend his candidacy to your careful consideration.

FOR SHERIFF

R. J. (Bob) Spence announces in this issue as a candidate for re-election to the office of sheriff of Houston county. Mr. Spence has filled this office very creditably for two terms and his record as chief peace officer is before you and he invites your closest scrutiny of his official acts. He has endeavored to discharge his duties faithfully and fearlessly and is not afraid to go before the people and ask for a third term. Houston county voters have never established the precedent to make it a rule to refuse a third term to any efficient officer. Mr. Spence thanks his numerous friends for past favors and solicits their support in this race.

FOR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

J. N. Snell authorizes his announcement this week for re-election to the office of Superintendent of Schools of Houston county. Mr. Snell has held this office two terms, and the progress the schools of the county have made under his supervision is a credit to his administration. He has been instrumental in getting state aid for the schools and has ever kept a watchful eye over them, suggesting many improvements for betterment. He feels that his past experience in dealing with the schools, better enables him to look after them in the future. He is familiar with their needs, and in the event of his re-election, he will devote his best energy to their further development. He will appreciate your support.

Miss Ellen Bridges was a pleasant caller at this office Saturday. She is our contestant in the New Prospect community, and is doing some very effective work.

ROCKHILL

BY NORMAN

February 23.—The weather is settled some now and we hope it will continue to be for quite a while.

School was called in last Wednesday on account of the food conservation meeting at Crockett. Eight delegates were appointed: Messrs. Artis and C. M. Streetman, Lester Nichols, John Willis and H. H. Mitchell and Misses Ludie and Ola Willis and Mrs. Z. W. Weisinger.

To our sad regret the first draft got two boys of this community, Luther W. Campbell and George Hudnell. We are glad they went so cheerfully and believe they will make good and true soldiers.

There was a singing at C. M. Streetman's Thursday night and one at R. M. Brooks' Friday night, respectfully for Luther Campbell, before he left Saturday for Camp Travis. A nice time is reported from each place.

Alonzo Brooks and family of Palestine, visited relatives in this community Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Ruby Helm, who has been attending school at Tyler, returned home about four weeks ago on account of her health. She is yet in poor health.

Henry Weisinger visited his parents in this community last week.

Rev. H. E. Harris of Lovelady, preached here Sunday at 11 a.m. and delivered a sweet message of truth, which all enjoyed.

Rev. Jesse Willis will preach here Saturday night before the first Sunday. All are invited to come and hear him.

Our society is still "going." Next meeting will be on Friday night, March 1.

Mrs. Huff Dead

Mrs. Callie Huff, wife of H. W. Huff of Daly's, died Sunday night, February 24, 1918, aged 62 years. She had been sick several days with measles and pneumonia.

Her death has cast a shadow of gloom over the community in which she lived and brought sorrow to the many who knew and loved her. She was a good woman, a member of the Baptist church and will be greatly missed. She is survived by her husband and six children,—Hill, Brud and Dock Huff, Mesdames R. T. Murchison and Richard Spence and Harvey Mobley of Claude, Texas. Mr. Mobley arrived Monday afternoon, several hours after his mother had died.

The remains were interred in the Daly's cemetery Monday afternoon, Rev. B. C. Ansley conducting the funeral services. Many people from GrapeLand attended the funeral.

The Messenger joins friends in sympathy to the bereaved ones in their hour of sadness.

To the Delinquent Tax Payers of Houston County

After April 1st, there will be a heavy penalty on all delinquent taxes, and as the comptroller of the state of Texas insists that every effort be made to collect all taxes, I, as collector of your county, insist that if you have not paid your taxes, attend to same at once. I am, yours very truly,

C. W. Butler, Jr.,
5242 Tax Collector.

Big line of Men and Boys suits and at prices that are very attractive. Murray & Mangum. 16

At Darsey's---"THE SERVICE FIRST STORE"---At Darsey's

SIGNS OF SPRING

New arrivals of Dresses and Coats at this store mark the Early Approach of spring.



INDIVIDUALITY is expressed in every garment shown in our cases. Each dress, coat, suit or skirt has an "air" that is distinctively different from all the others. The DRESSES are very attractive models in the most pleasing color combinations. The materials are silks, foulards, gingham, crepes, etc. The entire line is composed of the most popular sellers right out of the American style centers. The Coats come in light weight popular fabrics. The colorings and trimmings are entirely different to any previous season. The suits will arrive shortly embodying the clothes-makers art combined with the new colors and



tone effects. The SKIRTS are attractively made in stripes plaids and plain colors, from silk and woolen materials. This is the highest grade line of ladies' popular priced ready-to-wear in East Texas.

Plant a war Garden and help win the war. Save wheat for the soldiers. Put your nickels and dimes in War Saving and Thrift Stamps.

YOUNG MEN WANT PEP

Here they have it in our lines of Gents' Furnishings:
NEW CAPS Express shipment this week for men and boys
25c to \$2.00
NEW SHIRTS, Most any color you want at
75c to \$7.50
NEW HATS in staple and novelty shapes,
\$2.00 to \$5.00

The new Florsheims are here. We feature the new straight and English last so popular everywhere. Styleplus expected this week by express.

MILLINERY

This department under the supervision of Miss Robinson, is showing some of the latest hats right now. The patterns and shapes are from leading milliners. Weekly express shipments of millinery expected until after Easter. Watch for our opening announcement.

A complete line of men's and boys' pants as well as all sizes in blue and express stripe overalls.

"SAMMY," the new "aviator" cap for the little tots - - 50c

GEORGE E. DARSEY
"THE SERVICE FIRST STORE"

LOCAL NEWS

FORD PARTS at Darsey's. 1
For wood, phone J.H. Kolb. 50t3
You will find Foot Rest hosiery at Murray & Mangum's. 1t
Buy your next bill from W. R. Wherry. 50tf

Hand-grips and suit cases, at Darsey's. 1t

RUB-MY-TISM—Antiseptic, Relieves Rheumatism, Sprains, Neuralgia, etc.

Fix your Ford up like new. Get your parts at Darsey's. 1t

Dailey Murchison of Camp Bowie, spent Sunday here with his father.

Just received a fresh lot of Garden Seed at Murray & Mangum's. 1t

I. A. Daniel and family of Crockett, spent a few hours in the city Sunday afternoon.

A complete line of Auto Accessories—new Lens, Tires and Tubes, at Darsey's. 1t

Wyatt Driskell of Troup, spent a few days here this week visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Mary Robinson has arrived and will have charge of the millinery department at Geo. E. Darsey's this season.

To Autoists

You will find the best lubricating oil and grease at Hughes & Son's garage. 52tf

R. L. Prigden and family and James Owens and wife attended the funeral of I. M. Baber at Elkhart Tuesday afternoon.

Mebane Cotton Seed For Sale

Pure Mebane cotton seed for sale at \$1.75 per bushel.—Eugene Holcomb, Augusta, Tex. 1-t4

LOST

Auto horn, on Grapeland and Daly's road. Finder please return to John Murchison. 1t

Mrs. J. E. Elliott and daughter and Miss Rosa Branch of Percilla, were pleasant callers at this office Saturday.

PEANUT HAY WANTED

Will pay \$25.00 per ton for good, clean Peanut Hay. J. W. HOWARD.

You can select records for your talking machine right in your own home. New Columbia records this week at Darsey's. 1

Smith Dailey, now in the service of Uncle Sam in the navy, is home this week on furlough to visit his mother and other relatives and friends.

FOR SALE

Two full-blooded Poland-China sow pigs; also two full-blooded Tamworth male pigs. 1-tf J. E. Hollingsworth.

Tom Brooks left Sunday for Little Rock, Ark., answering the call of Uncle Sam to go into training at Camp Pike for the fight against the Huns.

Miss Glennie Bush of Palestine, who has been visiting friends and relatives here and at Percilla, will leave soon for Chester, Texas, to visit her parents.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy. It is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Cure fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Trunks, all sizes, at Darsey's. 1

Breaks your Cold or LaGrippe with a few doses of 666. tf

Murray & Mangum will pay you the highest market price for your eggs. 1t

Mrs. Willis Goodson has gone to Troup to be with her father, who is very sick.

J. W. Howard will buy your peanuts and goober hay and pay the highest market price. tf

We pay more for produce. Bring us all you have. 1t McLean & Riall.

Frank Collins made a business trip to Shreveport the first of the week.

E. W. Clark of route 1, paid us a pleasant business visit Saturday.

Mrs. Dave Driskell of Crockett, spent Sunday in Grapeland with relatives.

Mrs. C. P. Daniels returned Sunday from Houston, where she spent a week with relatives.

D.B. McGee of Cameron, spent a few days in Grapeland this week with relatives.

FOR SALE

A good young work mule, 5 years old this spring.—John Pelham, route 1. 1-tf

Ney Sheridan and family of Crockett, visited here Sunday afternoon.

Ladies' skirts in silk and spring woolens, at McLean & Riall's. 1t

Alvin Stowe of Grapeland, is visiting at the home of his father in the Linwood community, this week.—Alto Herald.

Clewis' Tailor Shop Phone Number is 73. Phone when you want work. tf

Mrs. Carl Gainey visited relatives at Alto last week. She was accompanied home by her mother, Mrs. W. M. Stowe, who had been visiting her daughters, Mesdames Garrett Holcomb and Earl Singletary.

Kerr Scarbrough, who spent several days with relatives in the Waneta community, has gone to Grand Saline, and after spending a time there on business, will return to his home at Big Spring. His wife will remain at Waneta for some time yet.

The news of the death of Irvin Sims was confirmed by the war department on Saturday, February 16, the father of the unfortunate young man being notified that his son had been one of the victims of the Tuscania, which was sunk by a German submarine.—Ratcliff Herald.

W. P. Whittington, the new proprietor of the bottling works, has the heartiest thanks of The Messenger force for a case of his splendid soda water, sent to them Wednesday morning.

We call attention in this issue to the several advertisements pertaining to war saving stamps and certificates. These notices are paid for by local people, and we will publish others from time to time. You should read every one of them; they are full of information. Then you should do what they say: invest your savings in war saving certificates. The government is floating a loan of about \$2,000,000,000 in this manner, and the payments are so small that every man, woman and child can invest their savings with the government and help win the war. It is said one 25-cent thrift stamp will buy five bullets, and those five bullets in the hands of an efficient American soldier will make five good (dead) Germans.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

I will make the season with my mammoth Kentucky Jack at my place 4 1-2 miles east of Grapeland on the Grapeland and Augusta road. Fees: \$10.00; \$2.00 when served and remaining \$8.00 at foal. 49-t5p L. D. Anderson.

WANTED TO BUY

I am now in the market for several car loads of old scrap iron and other kinds of junk. See me for prices and sell me what you have. tf J. W. Howard.

\$300 REWARD

Three hundred dollars (\$300) reward will be paid for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties guilty of the murder of Daniel Crenshaw, which occurred on December 14, 1917. The above amount is now in the Guaranty State Bank of Grapeland, Texas, and will remain there as long as twelve months. 52-t4

In the opinion of Henry Halton of route 1, if there ever was a time in the history of the world when the farmers should raise food and feed, that time is now. And he says he is going to put forth his greatest efforts to do his part.

REWARD

For one Poland-China boar, marked right ear cut off, about 2 years old, weight about 300 lbs. Left my farm about Jan. 15, last. 1-tf W. T. Prigden, R.F.D. No. 3. F. U. phone.

KILL 'EM NOW

DON'T take any chances on ants Kill them now. We can supply your wants in carbon in any quantity.

Keep your livestock healthy by feeding **Dr. Hess' Stock Tonics** and the application of **Kreso Dip**.

BUY War Saving Stamps. Do these things and you will be happy See our advertisement elsewhere.

HONESTY AND QUALITY

The Peoples Drug Store

WADE L. SMITH

HUGHES & SON AUTO SHOP

We are prepared to do your auto work and will appreciate your patronage. Right treatment to all. Located in old livery stable building. Calls answered anywhere. Phone us at any time. 48-tf

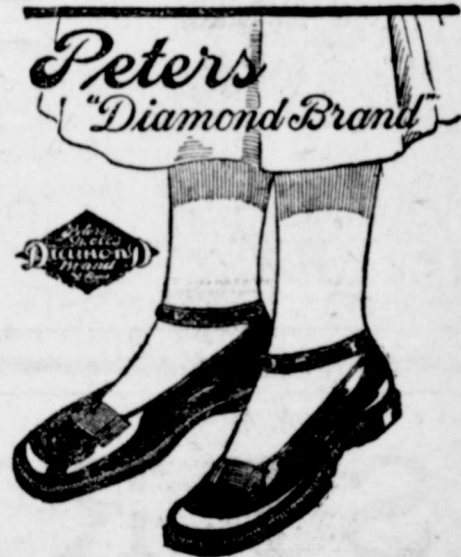
Just Arrived

French glaze zephyrs, crepe de chine, silk tussah, Utopia silks, Belfont tissue, French plaid serge, military cloth, silk stripe voil and taffeta. A real nice line of ladies' shoes and dress goods. 51tf W. R. Wherry.

Your Money Back And a New Pair of Shoes Free



To the Wearer who finds PAPER in the Heels, Counters or Soles of a pair of



PETERS "DIAMOND BRAND" SHOES

Shoes With the "Diamond" Trade Mark on their Soles



You will find our line Complete Come to us for footwear when you want all-Leather Shoes

MURRAY & MANGUM

CALLED HER FAMILY TO HER BEDSIDE

Six Years Ago, Thinking She Might Die, Says Texas Lady, But Now She Is a Well, Strong Woman and Praises Cardui For Her Recovery.

Royse City, Tex.—Mrs. Mary Kilman, of this place, says; "After the birth of my little girl...my side commenced to hurt me. I had to go back to bed. We called the doctor. He treated me...but I got no better. I got worse and worse until the misery was unbearable...I was in bed for three months and suffered such agony that I was just drawn up in a knot..."

I told my husband if he would get me a bottle of Cardui I would try it... I commenced taking it, however, that evening I called my family about me... for I knew I could not last many days unless I had a change for

the better. That was six years ago and I am still here and am a well, strong woman, and I owe my life to Cardui. I had only taken half the bottle when I began to feel better. The misery in my side got less... I continued right on taking the Cardui until I had taken three bottles and I did not need any more for I was well and never felt better in my life... I have never had any trouble from that day to this."

Do you suffer from headache, backache, pains in sides, or other discomforts, each month? Or do you feel weak, nervous and fagged-out? If so, give Cardui, the woman's tonic, a trial.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rates—Cash in Advance.

County Offices\$6 00
Precinct Offices.....\$3 00
District Offices.....\$12 00
Congress.....\$20 00

The Messenger is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July:

For County Judge:
Nat Patton.
For Sheriff:
Preston Lively.
E. B. (Bud) Hale.
R. J. (Bob) Spence.
For Tax Assessor:
Will McLean.
For County Road Superintendent:
G. R. Murchison.
For County Treasurer:
Willie Robison.
Ney Sheridan. (Re-election)
For Tax Collector:
C W Butler Jr. (Re-election)
For County Supt. Public Schools:
J. N. Snell.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

SOIL FOOD

Spend \$2 to \$4 per acre—**EARN \$20 to \$40 MORE!**



MERIDIAN FERTILIZERS

THE expenditure of only \$2 to \$4 per acre for Meridian Fertilizers often gives \$20 to \$40 more per acre at harvest time.

These fertilizers contain the elements that corn, cotton and truck must have in order to yield their utmost. We recommend that you give us your order early.

Kennedy Bros.

John Spence
Lawyer

Crockett, : : : : Texas
Office Upstairs over Monzingo Millinery Store

To Camp Travis

The following Houston county men left Saturday night for Camp Travis, San Antonio, where they will go into training in the national army:

- Read, Otis
- Oates, Ernest C.
- Conner, Robert Alex.
- Bynum, Jasper
- Rich, Robert.—Percilla.
- Steed, C. Gordon
- Whitten, Finis
- Warren, Rufus
- Smitherman, Roy
- Willis, Frank R.—Grapeland.
- Smith, Frank
- Dowdy, Jas. A.
- Hall, Chas. Thos.
- Thames, Wm. D.
- Merriwether, Gus
- Barclay, Cass B.
- Campbell, L. W.—Grapeland.
- Montgomery, Dayton
- Robinson, Ernest W.
- Fulton, Carl S.—Grapeland.
- Knox, Geo. A.
- McCall, Leslie
- Baker, R. B.
- Burson, Morgan C.
- Chiles, Leland.—Grapeland.
- Greybill, Joe
- Brent, Homer W.
- Griffin, Napoleon
- Nelson, Chester
- Hallmark, Steve H.
- Williams, Joe Lee
- Granton, Will L.
- Keen, Robert.—Grapeland.
- Hogan, Jesse J.—Percilla.
- Watson, Luther D. B.
- High, Earl

SNAP SHOTS

Of course we are inclined to sympathize with our soldier boys, but we will say this for them—they have all got better overcoats than we have.

Another thing we like about girls, is that engagement rings mean so much more to them than to the jewelers.

Our idea of a cad is a man who thinks that having been crossed in love, excuses him for being cross after marriage.

As a general thing, a plumber's sign stands cold weather a good deal better than the plumber's plumbing.

Our position simply is that six cents is too much to pay for that kind of a cigar.—Dallas News.

CLOSING NOTICE

We, the undersigned business men and merchants of Grapeland, Texas, agree to close our places of business each evening, except Saturday, at 6 o'clock, beginning March 1, and continuing until September 1, in order to allow our employees more time to devote to their "war gardens":

- McLean & Riall, F. Allen, I. H.
- Shaver, W. H. Long & Co., J. M.
- Owens, Geo. E. Darsey & Co., W. R. Wherry, Denson & Walton, Keeland Bros., T. H. Leaverton, T. S. Kent, Murray & Mangum, J. W. Howard, M. L. Clewis, A. E. Dickey, J. H. Bowman, S. E. Howard.

Liberty Measles Busy

So many boys and girls have had the so-called German measles this winter, that the Kansas board of health has decreed the name shall be changed to Liberty measles. If liberty ever spreads as fast as its new name sake, or proves half as catching, the end of the war is nigh.—Ex.

Norman and Willis Whitaker have returned to Great Lakes, Illinois, where they are serving Uncle Sam as members of the navy. They are sons of I. N. Whitaker, and were at home on a visit for twenty-one days.



Every Patriotic Man, Woman and Child

can now invest in the

United States Government

as small a sum as 25 cents

Help the Government and help yourself at the same time. Here is a patriotic service that all can share in.

THIS SPACE CONTRIBUTED BY

THE PEOPLES DRUG STORE
WADE L. SMITH

The fellow that can't eat corn bread twice a day for the benefit of his country, has a very unpatriotic stomach. Furthermore, if he can't relish a thing that's as good as corn bread, he ought to have his taster worked on with a rasp file.—Honey Grove Signal.

The few who began the restricted diet grumblingly are being shamed into acquiescence. It is very true that many who consider themselves good Americans are not strictly observing the patriotic menus. There are even a few shameless ones who scheme to beat the regulations. These individuals and families probably would fly into a rage if charged with working against their country; but what is the moral difference between working against our army and our

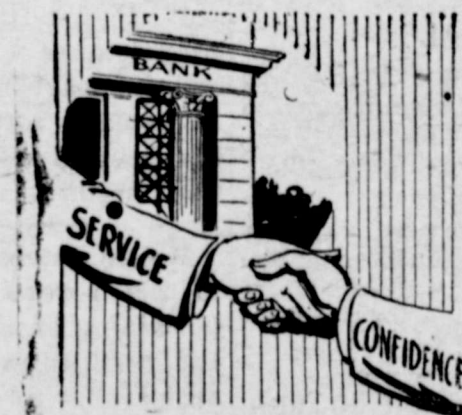
allies and eating against them? If you, reader, do not observe the food restrictions which the majority are observing, or if you permit your family to ignore, evade or defy them, you are digging your soldiers' graves with your teeth. You are eating against your country. Benedict Arnold sold out for cash, and his is a universally despised name. You are not selling out for money—you would be horrified at the thought—but are you selling out for anything else—for meat or wheat, for example?—State Press.

Will Ward left a few days ago for Stanton. After a few days spent with relatives there, he expects to commence serving Uncle Sam, and says he don't care how soon he is sent to France.

SPRING STYLES

YOUR Home Tailor knows the styles and he takes a delight in making his customers look like they have just stepped off of Broadway. And the customers who have patronized the shop in the past are the strongest friends we have right now. Tell us what you want in the way of clothing, and we will give you quick service, correct information and a square deal. Your old clothing will be made to look new if you will bring it to this shop. Let us serve you.

CLEWIS
THE TAILOR



WE OFFER OUR SERVICE

as financial experts to all our depositors. They can accept our advice with confidence that we have their best interests in view. Such service is of practical and financial value. We invite its constant use in any financial or business matter. Call and learn how varied this service is.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank

Protect Your Health



Fly time is just about here and we have had your welfare in mind and have just unloaded the largest stock of SCREEN DOORS AND SCREEN WIRE that has ever been in Grape-land. We ask that you call and let us figure just how much it will cost you to screen your home. Protect yourself against flies, gnats and mosquitoes—the foes of health.

PLENTY OF CYPRESS SHINGLES



T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER COMPANY

You Can't Eat Your Cake and Have It, But You Can Poach Your Egg and Eat the Hen Later

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—Appreciation of this fact, the poultry specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture say, will add 150,000,000 eggs to our food supply this year without reducing our supply of chicken meat. Investigators have found that because poultry brings 2 cents a pound more in winter than in late spring, many farmers in the South have been throwing away

valuable egg profits just to get 8 cents more per hen. They believe that if farmers will keep their laying hens and sell their eggs and then market the birds in the late spring, they will not only add to the food supply, but actually increase their profits 50 cents per hen.

Avoid a constipated habit, it breeds disease in the body. An occasional dose of Prickly Ash Bitters will keep the bowels healthy and regular. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

Here Is the Plan



THE Government is issuing during all of 1918 what is known as *U. S. Thrift Stamps*. These stamps are on sale at postoffices, banks, stores, factories and many other convenient places. A single stamp is sold for **25 cents**.

When you buy your first stamp you will be given a Thrift Card with spaces for affixing sixteen stamps. This card will show at all times just how much money you have loaned the Government.

As soon as you have sixteen stamps on your card—**\$4.00 worth**—you can take them to any place where U. S. Thrift Stamps are sold and there exchange them with a small cash payment for a "*War Savings Stamp*" that will pay you 4 per cent interest.

What is a War-Savings Stamp? When affixed to a War-Savings Certificate, it is an obligation of the United States Government to pay the holder **\$5.00 on January 1, 1923**. All the wealth and security of the United States are behind it. It is as good as a Government bond, which is the safest investment in the world.

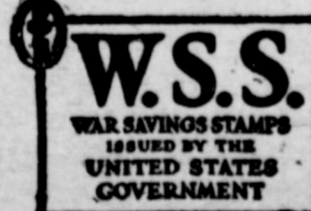
Now let's see how Thrift Stamps are changed into War-Savings Stamps.

Suppose you have a card full of Thrift Stamps—**\$4.00 worth**—and want to turn them into a War-Savings Stamp in March. All you have to do is to put **fourteen cents** with your card and take it to any place where U. S. Thrift and War-Savings Stamps are sold. There it will be exchanged for a **Five Dollar War Savings Stamp**, which will put you in the investor class.

If you exchange U. S. Thrift Stamps for War-Savings Stamps in April, it will be **fifteen cents**; and so on a cent a month up to December, 1918, when the added amount will be **twenty-three cents**. The sooner you buy the less the cost.

SAVE The Nickels
The Dimes
The Quarters

Buy U. S. Thrift Stamps. Exchange Them for War Savings Stamps



This Space Donated to the Cause of Liberty by
DENSON & WALTON, Barbers

NEW PROSPECT

BY BILLYE

February 25.—Measles made a clean sweep of this community and ye scribe had a case that seemed inclined to "hang on," and did for about four weeks, but we are on the mend now. There has been nearly 100 cases of pneumonia, but so far no deaths. L. A. Finch is still very ill.

Miss Estelle Campbell, who was called home on account of the serious illness of her brother, has returned to her school near Palestine.

Rev. James Lively filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Peter Bridges and family visited at the home of Ed Musick Sunday.

Peyton Gamage and wife and E. C. Parker and family visited W. W. Finch and family Sunday.

W. H. Whitescarver and family from near Union, visited relatives in our midst Saturday.

A gloom was cast over the many friends and relatives of Mrs. Ann Baxley, when the news of her death reached them last Friday. "Aunt Ann," as she was called by nearly everyone, was loved by both old and young. We will miss her familiar face at all times, but especially will she be missed when protracted meeting begins, as nothing except sickness ever

COMING

Mollie Bailey Show

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

2 PERFORMANCES DAILY 2
Afternoon at 2:30 Night at 7:30

Introducing new performers

Mr. and Mrs. Lester---Trapeze
Miss Marie Mallette---Flying Ring

TWO BAILEYS ON TIGHT WIRE

Trained Dogs Trained Goats

Admission 25c and 35c

prevented her attendance. While her children and relatives are heart-broken, they have the sweet assurance that she has gone to her reward in heaven.

Very little farming has been done, but if the weather continues favorable, there will be something doing.

J. W. Young and C. W. Butler, Jr., of Crockett, were business visitors to Grape-land Thursday.

Joe Huddleston left Friday night for his home at Big Spring. He came here a short time ago with the body of his brother-in-law, the late Alton Carter, who died at Big Spring and was buried at Waneta.

FEED STUFF

I have a car load of maize feed stuff. If you need any, better get it at once, as it is scarce. 45-tf J. W. Howard.

Thrift



WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

Thrift Stamps cost 25 cents each and draw no interest. You can buy them from your letter carrier, either city or rural route at the post office or your bank. You will be given a card to paste them on. This costs nothing. There are spaces for 16 Thrift Stamps on this card. When your card is full, take it to your post office or bank any time, with a few cents additional and your card will be exchanged for an interest-bearing War Savings Certificate worth \$5 on Jan. 1, 1923. This gives you 4 per cent interest compounded quarterly. You can buy 20 War Savings Certificates at one time. They will cost you \$2.40, and their face value at the time of redemption, January 1, 1923, will be \$10.

War Savings Certificates may be registered at any post office of the First, Second or Third Class.

War Savings Certificates may be converted into cash at the post office where issued if you need the money. You will get interest, too, at about 3 per cent.

STAY the Hand That Would Hoard the Pennies—



Guide It to Patriotic and Profitable Investment

The childish instinct tends usually toward saving. But to this instinct must be added a purpose in the saving. The mere hoarding of coin pleases a child's fancy, but it does not teach the lesson of thrift. Teach your child his first lesson of patriotism by making him a factor in aiding the government, and his first lesson of investment by placing his money where it earns interest. Thrift Stamps furnish the government with money for carrying on the war. They earn 4 per cent interest. Replace the penny bank with a Thrift Stamp Book.

This Advertisement Paid for and Donated by

The Guaranty State Bank

EPHESUS
REGULAR CORRESPONDENT

Feb. 25.—The little daughter of Mrs. Lizzie Holster has had a severe case of pneumonia but at present she is doing nicely.

Joe Hamb and family of Daly were visiting in this community Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Graham left Sunday for Teague where she will visit her brother, Oscar McQueen.

The stork visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Graham last week and left a fine baby boy.

D. Anderson and family visited at Jim Kelley's Sunday.

Our school is doing nicely, but on account of measles and mumps we have had small attendance.

Misses Minnie and Bertha Anderson were visiting at Hayden Murdock's Sunday.

Miss Willie Turner was visiting Mrs. Myrtle Parker Sunday.

Jim Turner of this community but who is now at Hot Springs, Ark., taking treatment for pelagra, sends the good news back that he is improving and will soon be able to return home.

Mrs. Andy Kelley visited Mrs. Jas. Anderson Sunday.

Mrs. Tracy Skidmore visited Mrs. Ira Murdock Sunday.

REYNARD
BY ZACK

February 25.—Seed sowing time has rolled around again. Think it would be good business to plant all the corn this and next week, and plant it deep. We have a nice top season in the ground, but it will not last long unless we get more, or weather conditions are very favorable. Am sure there will be lots of corn planted this week, although a great many are behind with their plowing. Some few potatoes are being planted for the market.

Miss Gertrude Fulgham spent last week at home. She is attending school in Palestine.

The Baptists had conference yesterday and unanimously called Rev. M. L. Williams as their pastor. We hope he will accept.

Leland Chiles left Saturday for the training camp. We trust he will be spared to get back home a wiser boy. Of course, we cannot hope much for a better boy, for war is not calculated to make better men out of boys. We regretted to give him up, he being the only one from this neighborhood.

Mass Meeting

Superintendent C. T. Sims of the public school, requests us to announce that a mass meeting of the citizens of the town will be held at the school auditorium tonight (Thursday). The purpose of the meeting has two objects: Discuss matters pertaining to the welfare of the school, and to take up the campaign for more food and feed. All are urged to be present.

Miss Rosa Branch of Percilla, spent Saturday in the city. She is a daughter of Walter Branch, a popular clerk for McLean & Riall, and is a contestant for a prize in The Messenger's subscription boosting campaign. She is doing good work, although in school five days in the week, and her vote in this week's paper shows that the other contestants are going to have something to do to beat her.

Look them Over

The SPRING GOODS are being displayed at OUR STORE and we ask that you see what we have to offer you in the NEW DRESS GOODS

Voiles

You will find a beautiful line of voiles in sands and stripes on display and they are priced to suit everyone. See these values

Tissue Gingham

Tissue Gingham are very pretty patterns and you will find just what you want in stripes and plaids that will be the correct patterns for your one-piece dresses. See them—they will please you.

Lawn and Longcloth

We will be glad to show you the pretty shear weights in lawn and longcloth that we are offering at a very close price of **12 1-2c** a yard and up

Ladies Waists

Ladies waists of voile, organ-dies, crepe de chine and georgette, priced from

\$1.00 to \$5.00

They are now being shown on our display counters and we ask that you call and see them. They are values.

AN INVITATION TO MEN WHO FARM

There isn't any class of people who are considered more hospitable than you men on the farm.

* When we invite you to come here to see our Hart Schaffner & Marx spring clothes, we have that in mind. We want to make you feel as welcome as you do the people who come to see you.

It isn't an idea to get you here just to sell you something. There's a bigger idea. We want to serve you. We earnestly believe we can save money for you on clothes and we want to show you how.

The clothes we have here are made in your interest by the greatest of all clothes makers. They're all wool; right in style, fit and price. There are sizes, styles and patterns here for every taste and every figure.

Next time you're town come in and see them. We are as glad to "show" the goods as we are to "sell" them.

Handkerchiefs

We have just received a big shipment of ladies crepe de chine handkerchiefs and they are now on display. See them, for they will suit you.

Ladies Skirts

Our skirt values are the best to be had for the money and consists of the following:

- Wool Serges
- Wool Poplin in plain colors
- Plaids in wool materials

The prettiest line of ladies silk skirts ever shown in the little town of Grapeland and we ask that you see them.

Curlee Pants

Just the thing for that extra pair of pants of yours.

A pair of good looking finely tailored CURLEE PANTS that will make a pleasing combination.

This guarantee: A new pair if they don't wear, assure you complete satisfaction.

Kennedy Brothers

The Store for Everybody

Night Watchman Employed

A. M. Dickey has been employed as night watchman for the town of Grapeland, and commenced work last week. He stays up all night and makes frequent trips over the town to prevent burglaries and turn in an alarm in case of fire. He is employed by the business men and citizens of the town.

Died

I. M. Baber died at the home of his son in Elkhart Monday night, February 25, 1918, of pneumonia. He formerly lived in the Antrim community, and has many friends in Grapeland who will regret to learn of his death.

STRAYED

Black sow pig, big flop ears, weight about 150 lbs, not marked. Finder will please pen same and notify George J. Mack, Grapeland, Texas. I have a strayed yearling heifer calf at my place. Owner please come and take same away. No charges.
It-p Geo. J. Mack.

The dual-purpose cattle are popular with the small farmer who keeps but a few cattle and must depend on them to produce all the milk and butter needed for the family and, at the same time, raise calves or steers which will sell readily for slaughtering purposes. They have not been popular with the ranchman or farmer who raises numbers of cattle.

CAD and BELLS



WAS NOT A VIVISECTIONIST

Humane Father Tells Suitor He is Not Willing to Dispose of Daughter in Sections.

"Mr. Stonerfellow," said the young man with the high collar and noisy tie, "I—er—called to ask for the hand of your daughter in marriage, and—" "What!" interrupted the stern parent, "did I understand you to say you wanted the hand of my daughter for matrimonial purposes?" "That is what I said, sir," replied the love-lorn youngster. "Well," continued the humane father, "I don't care to dispose of her in sections—besides I fail to see what particular use her hand would be to you anyway; but if you are willing to take the entire girl, why, I haven't any objections."

JUSTIFIED.

Jim—Doctor, I suspect my wife of putting arsenic in my soup.
Doc—Quite likely, Jim. I've seen you eat soup.

GRINDING

We will grind Corn at our Mill
Wednesdays and Saturdays

HEROD & STRINGER

Good Piano for Sale

We have for sale in the vicinity of Grapeland a splendid upright piano with nice scarf and stool to match, that we will sell at a sacrifice and on easy terms if desired. This is an opportunity to get a bargain. Address at once:—Brooks-Mays Piano Co., 1707 Main street Dallas, Texas. The Reliable Piano House. It

Mollie Bailey's show will exhibit in Grapeland on March 2. Mrs. Bailey is still living, and is about 80 years of age. She wishes to extend kindest regards to all of her old friends. As has been her custom ever since she has been in the show business, all ex-Confederate soldiers and their wives will be admitted to the show free.

Jesse Page left Sunday for San Antonio in response to a telegram from his wife, who has been in that city a week at the bedside of a nephew, who is very sick.

If the shoes you have been buying failed to give satisfaction, try W. R. Wherry. 50tf

Card of Thanks

We desire to take this method of thanking our friends and neighbors for their kindness to us during the sickness and death of our beloved mother, Mrs. Ann Baxley. Our hearts are full of appreciation for the many kind words spoken and acts of kindness performed. Through the years to come we will cherish these tokens from our friends.
Mrs. M. C. Walling,
Mrs. Dave Walling,
It and her grandchildren.

Moving Saw Mill

Messrs. Walling & Smith, who have been operating a saw mill southeast of town, are moving their plant to a point a few miles north of town. They exhausted their timber supply at the old location and acquired a considerable tract of timber at the new location, which will keep their mill busy for some time.

F. J. Lucas, who recently moved here from Augusta, has purchased the Globe cafe, and has assumed active management. —Alto Herald.