

## KEELAND BROS.

### GET OUR PRICES

ON

**Chops, Bran, Oats  
Shorts, Flour  
and Meal**

**WE CAN SAVE YOU MONEY**

WE WANT CHICKENS AND EGGS

## Keeland Bros.

THE PRICE IS THE THING

**You are Cordially Invited to Inspect  
Our Spring Dress Goods Exhibit**



**T**HE newest, the latest, and the best on the market is here. With an eye to cost and to your taste, we have made a selection worthy of your closest consideration.

The fabrics, the color combinations, the weaves, (let us say right here "the price") will delight you and every good judge of dress goods.

Come today, tomorrow, or any time in the next week or two and see our new line of ready-to-wear and piece goods.

## W. H. Long & Co.

THE VALUE GIVING STORE

### Former Grapeland Boys Open Shoe Store at Lake Charles

The following item was taken from a Lake Charles, La., newspaper concerning two former Grapeland boys—Odell Faris and Bill Johnston, who are embarking in business for themselves, and their many friends here will join us in wishing them unbounded success in their venture:

"Odell Faris and W. S. Johnson, two well known and experienced shoemen, will soon open an exclusive shoe emporium in the room of the Arcade theatre building formerly occupied by the city ticket office of the Kansas City Southern railway. Mr. Faris will leave tonight for the east to purchase the stock which will be the most complete and up-to-date exclusive shoe stock ever seen in Lake Charles.

"The room which they will occupy is being remodeled and will be done in white enamel, making it very attractive.

"Both of these men who are launching into business for themselves have been with the shoe department of Martin's store for sometime past. They are both thorough shoe men and have resided here long enough to know and appreciate what the people here desire in the way of shoes and they promise to supply every demand."

### OUR HONOR ROLL

Look at the figures opposite your name on margin of paper. Do they read "Mar 15 19?" If so, it means that your subscription expires with this issue, and unless same is renewed in a reasonable length of time, it will be discontinued. The Messenger has adopted the cash in advance plan, and it is working fine. The following have renewed or subscribed since last issue, and we appreciate them very much:

Grapeland—Mrs. Owen Johnston, Mrs. L. C. Smith (Star Route), Bob Wherry.  
Route 1—R. L. Kennedy, W. D. Leamons.  
Route 3—George Horne, Sam Blackwell, Mrs. Lou Tyer.  
Route 4—J. G. Dickson.  
Percilla—H. L. Lively, R. J. Gee, J. W. Jones, H. D. Peterson, John H. Sewell, J. S. Ferrell.  
Elkhart—Miss Willie Taylor (By W. D. Taylor), J. E. Moore, Mrs. Peyton Gamage.  
Slocum—Mrs. J. R. Powell (By Prewitt DuBose).  
Salmon—E. W. Morehead.  
Augusta—J. L. Rush.  
Crockett—Houston Co. Oil Mill & Mfg. Co.  
Crockett, Route 1—L. W. Graham.  
Aldine—Mrs. Ory Heath.  
Angleton—A. S. Porter.  
Colored—Jim Robinson, Route 3, Lige Odum, Grapeland.

### DATE CHANGED

The Baptist church at Salmon has changed its preaching day from the second to the fourth Sunday. Bro. Dean, the pastor, will preach Friday night, Saturday night, Sunday at 11 o'clock, and Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, from now on.

### LIGHTS ENTIRE ROOM

You can read in any part of the room with the wonderful Aladdin mantle lamp. The beautiful design of the satin white shade conforms with the design on the bowl in such way as to produce a very artistic effect. It's a pleasure to do evening reading, writing or sewing under the white, soft, mellow light of this lamp. It burns kerosene oil, without odor, smoke or noise. Any one can operate it. Let us prove our claim by a free trial in your home.

E. L. Frisby, Agent.

## I am Trying to Reduce the High Cost of Living

Best High Patent Flour, per sack.....	\$2.95
Best Meal per sack.....	\$1.20
Best Granulated Sugar, 9 lb.....	\$1.00
Best Roasted Coffee, 4 lb.....	\$1.00
Extra good Syrup per gallon.....	.95c
Tomatoes, 2 cans for.....	.25c
Peanut Oil, per gallon.....	\$1.90
Best Kerosene Oil, 5 gallons.....	.85c
Oats, per bushel.....	.90c
Wheat Bran per sack.....	\$2.90
Shorts, per sack.....	\$3.10
Corn Chops per sack.....	\$3.40
Hay, per bale.....	\$1.25

SHOES, DRY GOODS and NOTIONS

Cheaper than Anybody

HIGHEST CASH PRICES PAID

for EGGS and BUTTER.

(Try me)

## W. R. WHERRY

# Consider and Act!

Have you considered the prices we are making on all lines we carry?

If you have, you are sure to pay our store a visit and act accordingly.

We are now showing complete spring lines of

**Dry Goods Shoes  
Clothing Hats  
and Caps**

You owe it to yourself to inspect our lines before you buy, because pricing and selling will surely make you a customer of ours.

We carry a full line of all kinds of plow goods and at a great saving to you in price.

Come to see us

## McLean & Riall

DEPENDABLE MERCHANTS

**ROSTER OF CO. E'  
143rd INFANTRY**

American Expeditionary Forces,  
February 6, 1919.

The homefolks and friends of the  
Houston county boys in the  
A. E. F.

In view of the fact that there  
are daily inquires coming into  
this Organization from anxious  
mothers concerning the welfare  
of their boys over here, I find it  
a pleasure to submit below a list  
of the men who are at present  
members of this organization, all  
of whom are in a fair state of  
health, and are awaiting their  
turn at the transportation back  
home. Before each Houston  
county's boy's name appears a  
star (\*), and he is fully entitled  
to that much distinction; for he  
is a real survivor of the real  
world war. In this connection,  
let me add that dozens of the  
Houston county boys who came  
overseas in this organization  
have since that time been trans-  
ferred to other organizations, so  
that in case your boy's name is  
not been seen here, he is perhaps  
in another organization at this  
time. The list follows:

**Captain (U. S. A.)**

1-Nicholson, Alexander A.  
**First Lieutenants (U. S. A.)**  
1-Terry, Charles L.  
2-Walter, Martin E.  
3-Rollins, John W.

**Second Lieutenants (U. S. A.)**

1-Klein, Albert S.  
2-Rice, Okee L.

**First Sergeants**

Fallis, Loyd D.  
Dechtol, Elisha K. (Extra.)

**Supply Sergeant**

\*Foster, Lee H.

**Mess Sergeant**

Wright, Gerald A.

**Sergeants**

Lynch, Virgil C.  
Lively, Lonnie L.  
\*Wills, Willie F.  
Evans, Atlas K.  
\*Hern, John O.  
\*Murchison, Morgan D.  
\*Lawson, Hayne B.  
Page, Walter N.  
\*Vickers, Andrew J.  
\*Wakefield, John H.  
Lees, George W.  
Stone, James L.  
Crim, George R.  
Canard, Charles B.  
\*Griffin, Samuel L.  
Hicks, Edgar.  
\*Moore, Jr. John I.

**Corporals**

Hanks, Willie E.  
\*Brewton, Emmett T.  
\*Streetman, Charles R.  
Wade, Melvin J.  
Spence, Tom C.  
\*Baucom, Willie E.  
Bell, Mack.  
Becker, Willie R.  
Libhart, Albert.  
Killingsworth, Samuel C.  
Cavaness, Jesse A.  
Jackson, James H.  
Johnson, Herbert R.  
Johnson, Elbert L.  
Laney, Carl.  
Wright, Robert L.  
Kendrick, Alson G.  
Fenimore, Edward.  
Young, Robert A.  
\*Conley, Robert P.  
Sherrell, Fred O.  
Hughes, Manuel.  
Benzine, Louis J.  
Fleck, Julius C.  
Bleck, Robert.  
Hanes, Ole O.  
Trieg, Carl J.  
Andresen, Charles A.  
King, Bela D.  
Kirkland, Jay D.  
Lacy, Ivy D.  
Thomas, Lawrence J.

**Cooks**

Doughty, Jas. J.  
\*McCann, Sam.

\*Sanders, Willard H.

**Mechanics**

\*Brown, John O.  
Gauntt, Asbury M.  
Horst, Stephen.  
\*Lawrence, Roy M.  
Schwarz, John J.

**Bugler**

Rice, Asberry.

**Privates 1st Class.**

\*Alston, Henry.  
Askew, Will L.  
Boleman, Roy D.  
\*Brasher, Joe.  
\*Brock, Ross J.  
Bruggerman, Louis T.  
Brygidyr, Stif.  
Bryson, Grover C.

Cant, Joseph C.  
\*Carr, Marvin H.  
Cavaness, Archie B.  
\*Conley, Lonnie E.  
\*Cook, Charles W.  
\*English, Frank T.  
Fields, James A.  
\*Grounds, William S.  
Hall, Braxton C.  
Hallstrom, Ans A.  
Hanks, Jesse L.  
Hardin, William.  
\*Hobson, Hance.  
Jaster, Frank J.  
Johnson, Albert F.  
\*Johnson, Grover C.  
Joplin, George R.  
Lacey, Robert S.  
Lambright, James C.  
\*Laseter, Edgar W.  
\*Lively, Harry R.  
\*Lundy, Richard L.  
\*Mainer, Roy B.  
\*McComb, Lee.  
McHughes, Thomas E.  
\*McLean, Dan H.  
\*McManners, Venton.  
Mitchell, William H.  
\*Moore, John E.  
\*Murdock, Lewis N.  
Murrell, Ray.  
Nicholson, John.  
\*Patterson, Charles B.  
Peeler, Grady.  
Perry, Harry T.  
Prewitt, Robert C.  
Quante, Chris B.  
Schuchart, Raymond.  
Solis, Agrelie.  
Tucci, Dionisio.  
\*Turner, Jobie.  
\*Turner, Louis.  
\*Turner, John F.  
\*Turner, Tom.  
Webb, Jim H.  
\*Wells, Hersel A.  
Whatley, Travis S.  
Wilson, Guy W.  
Wood, Robert H.

**Privates**

Bailey, Reno E.  
\*Barnes, Lane B.  
Becton, Carl E.  
Boehme, Rudolph C.  
Bray, Fred O.  
Brown, Lonnie L.  
Buccinno, Pietro.  
Buszta, Ingacy.  
Butterfield, Raymond.  
Campbell, Thomas A.  
Carey, Lee.  
Carson, Julius K.  
Casasanta, Jim.  
Chelnick, Herman.  
Chewning, John.  
Clark, Phlegm.  
Combest, Frank.  
Donnell, Rex W.  
Dye, Amos.  
Eneco, Charles.  
Farris, Roy S.  
Faubion, James W.  
Fountain, Alger J.  
Fusco, Guiseppe.  
Gaertner, Frank.  
Gant, Abner A.  
Garvin, Lawrence J.  
Garza, Mathis.  
Goffin, Charles E.  
Granado, Porfirie.  
Griego, Jese M.  
Groundnose, Peairs.  
Czybowski, Stanley.  
Guess, Joseph W.  
Hames, Kearby S.  
Hans, John H.  
Harper, Orris.  
Haynes, Nathaniel W.  
Heath, Alfred R.  
Heras, Eugenie.  
Higginbotham, William T.  
Hines, Urban B.  
Hodges, August L.  
Hogan, George M.  
Holcomb, Hugh C.  
Huffer, John W.  
James, Elonze.  
Johnson, James B.  
Johnson, M. T.  
Jones, Robert C.  
Juan, Charles.  
Kaminki, John L.  
Karbowski, Peter.  
Kelly, Clarence W.  
Killian, Birl J.  
King, Jim.  
King, Sam W.  
Kluge, Theodore.  
Kohleffel, Charles E.  
Krause, Ben.  
Lopez, Thomas.  
Martin, Jerome.  
McLamore, Richard C.  
Mitrovich, Tullius.  
Montgomery, George.  
Nogier, Joe J.  
O'Brien, Jerry.  
Ovsanooski, John.  
Pace, Herbert.  
Paddleford, Floyd M.  
Peters, Gustav E.  
Pike, Willis.  
Plummer, George N.  
Riddles, Bernard A.

## The Thrift Car

# Overland

There are five things to consider when  
you buy a motor car—

Appearance

Performance

Comfort

Service

Price

Owners who have bought the Overland  
Model 90 have not been worried about any  
of these things.

Remember this when you decide to buy  
your car.



## J. E. TOWERY

CROCKETT, TEXAS

Riojas, Antonio.  
Roberson, Walter.  
Rodeck, Irvin A.  
Rogers, Jackson M.  
Rogers, Joseph.  
\*Rush, Charles H.  
Russell, David A.  
Saddler, August B.  
Salazar, John.  
Santosoosso, Louis.  
\*Smith, Walter N.  
Sparks, Leonard M.  
Spears, Haughton W.  
Steen, Hugh L.  
Stringer, Ewel E.  
Sutton, Lee T.  
Tellez, Juan A.  
Thomas, Bill.  
Thompson, Henry.  
Thompson, Jefferson.  
Thomas, Alfred R.  
Tuttle, Alvin E.  
Vela, Edurado.  
Wall, Eldridge M.  
Webber, Reinhold E.  
Weese, Charley O.  
Wells, Jake.  
Welsh, Robert E.  
Westbrook, Virgil J.  
Williams, George J.  
Wills, John J.  
Wilson, Oscar.  
Wood, Charles B.  
Wukits, William.  
Yarbrough, William A.

This list is submitted with the  
hope that some mother who her-  
etofore could not get in touch with  
her boy may learn his correct  
address. In the near future, I  
shall very likely submit an out-  
lined history of the proceedings  
of the Organization since it's ar-  
rival overseas.

Cpl. Chas. R. Streetman,  
Clerk, Co. E, 143rd Infantry,  
American Ex. Forces.

**ONE MAN'S TROUBLES**

A recent attempt to raise a  
sum of money for a charitable  
purpose brought forth the fol-  
lowing heartbreaking reply:  
"I have your letter requesting  
a donation for what you consider  
a very worthy cause. I flatter  
myself that I have a spirit of  
loyalty and generosity. I have  
contributed to each and every ob-  
ject that has been presented to  
me, but I have to decline helping  
your cause along for the follow-  
ing reasons:  
"I have been held up, held  
down, sandbagged, walked on,  
sat on, rolled over, flattened and  
squeezed; first by the United  
States Government for the federal  
war tax, the excess profits,  
the Liberty Loan Bonds and the  
Bonds of matrimony; in New  
Jersey for the state tax, the  
highway tax, the income tax, the  
auto tax, school tax, cat tax, and  
syntax; and every society and  
organization the inventive mind  
of man can devise to extract  
what you may or may not pos-  
sess; from the society of John  
the Baptist, the G. A. R., the  
woman's relief corps, the men's  
relief, the stomach relief, the  
wifeless, the husbandless, the  
childless, the conscienceless, the  
navy league, the Red Cross, the  
green cross, the double cross,  
and every other cross of all col-  
ors, and by the children's home,  
the Dorcas society, and the hos-  
pital.

"One of my mills burned down,  
the henhouse and board walk  
blew away and, because I will  
not sell all that I have to go beg,  
Yarbrough.

borrow and steal, I have been  
cussed and discussed, boycotted,  
talked to and talked about, lied  
to and lied about, held up, hung  
up, robbed, and nearly ruined,  
the only reason I am clinging to  
life is to see what in h—is  
coming next."—Munsey's.

**EGGS AND PROSPERITY**

The egg and chicken business  
continues to be a leading factor  
in the prosperity of this section.  
Grapeland has become noted far  
and wide for the large amount of  
this class of produce shipped  
out. One buyer alone reported  
that at the close of the week's  
business Saturday night he had  
bought 136 cases of eggs, equal-  
ing \$1224.00 paid out for eggs  
in the seven days period. He  
said that quite a number of  
farmers during a month's time  
would market from \$20 to \$35  
worth of eggs per month.

**GRAVEYARD WORKING**

There will be a graveyard  
working at Livelyville cemetery  
Thursday, March 27. Bring din-  
ner, rakes, pitchforks, hoes, posts  
and staples, so we can stay all  
day and put the yard in nice  
shape.

G. M. Cunningham,  
D. M. Jones,  
O. P. Brown,  
Committee.

John Welch Yarbrough, in the  
Signal Service Corps, spent sev-  
eral days here last week visiting  
his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S.  
Yarbrough.

# It's a Hobby of Ours

Our hobby is to attract business by deserving it. We believe in giving the best possible values—not on occasion only—but all the year round.

## Ours is a Dependable Drug Store

This is our hobby and we are going to ride it right through because we believe it is a good policy to pursue.

LET US FILL ALL YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS.

# D. N. LEAVERTON

YOUR DRUGGIST

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County—Greeting:  
You are hereby commanded to summon J. P. Lamar by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 3rd Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 3rd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Crockett, Texas, on the 4th Monday in March A. D. 1919, the same being the 24th day of March A. D. 1919, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 18th day of February A. D. 1919, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court as No. 5779, wherein W. T. Pridgen is Plaintiff, and J. P. Lamar is Defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff sold and conveyed by deed to defendant the J. M. Cunningham Subdivisions of Surveys No. 37 and 38, Austin and Williams League No. 340, Jones County, Texas, being the land conveyed by J. M. Cunningham to plaintiff out of said League. That as part consideration for said conveyance defendant made, executed and delivered to plaintiff his six promissory vendor's lien notes, dated December 1, 1916, numbered from one to six inclusive, due in one, two, three, four, five and six years, after date respectively, each for principal a sum of \$100.00, bearing 8 per cent interest from date till paid, and past due interest 6 per cent till paid, payable to W. T. Pridgen or order, providing usual attorney fee clause, and in case of default, right to mature entire indebtedness and foreclosure at holder's election, and each payable at Grape-land, Texas, Houston County.

That default had been made in note one and two and interest thereon, that plaintiff being the holder of all notes, elects to mature entire debt and is forced to place notes in hands of attorney for collection, maturing attorney fees, that said notes or no part has been paid the payment has been requested and refused and is now refused and each is long past due. That a vendor's lien was retained in deed of conveyance as well as said notes; all to plaintiff's damage of \$825.00.

Plaintiff prays for citation, judgment, foreclosure, levy sale and application as provided by law, for general and special relief.

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

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, Texas, this the 18th day of February A. D. 1919.

V. B. Tunstall, Clerk,  
District Court, Houston County.  
By J. B. Stanton, Deputy.  
Issued this 18 day of Feb. A. D. 1919.  
V. B. Tunstall, Clerk.  
By J. B. Stanton, Deputy.

### WAR BILL 193 BILLION

In a recent address, Secretary Baker reported the combined cost of the war for all the nations will be about 193,000 billions. This is more than \$100 for every man, woman and child on the earth.

Commissioner J. S. Long of Augusta went to Crockett Monday morning to attend a meeting of the commissioners' court.

### SAYS SUNNY FRANCE IS A HUGE JOKE

Serrigny, France, Jan. 9.  
Mr. Tom Laseter,  
Dear brother: It is with the greatest pleasure that I again write you a few lines. This leaves me getting along fine and enjoying the best of health. And France, well you know I am enjoying my stay here, as this is such a "fine country." Tom, I know you have read and heard people talk of "Sunny France" and the "fair maidens." Well, there is a "sunny France," "sunny Italy," and a "sunny South," but if this is what they call "sunny land" deliver me from the "sunny countries," for this is "sunny France." The day we landed at Brest it was raining, we got off the boat and marched out to what they called a "rest camp." Well, it might have been a rest camp, but we failed to get to rest, as we were sent back to the dock on detail and worked in rain and mud shoe-mouth deep, and slept on the hard ground until we left, leaving in the rain. We got to the training area, worked and drilled in rain, went to the front to fight in the rain, and it is raining tonight. Does that sound like a "sunny country?" As for "fair maidens," I have not seen one I could compare with any good looking American girl, for I have seen them together.

December 16 I got a furlough and went to southern France. The place where I went had a Y. M. C. A. with twenty-three American girls in it, but guess I have said enough about France. Tom do you think the balloon service is harder than the infantry? I don't see how it could be.

You say you get Irish potatoes three times a day. Well, you are not the only one that gets them three times a day. Did you ever get any of the "bully beef?" One thing we have got on you all: we can go into any saloon and drink anything we want.

Well, I guess you will get to go home and make a crop again this year. May be I will get there in time to help gather it, so make a good one. Well, I guess I had better skiddoo. Write often and tell all the news. As ever your brother,

Pvt. Edgar W. Laseter,  
Co. E, 143rd Infantry.  
Am. Ex. Force, A. P. O. 706.

### BONUS FOR SOLDIERS

A bonus of \$60 will be paid every man who served in the army and received an honorable discharge.

Every man who has been discharged from the service since April 6, 1917, may receive this \$60 by making application to the Zone Finance Officer, Lemon building, Washington, D. C. Such application must contain discharge papers or order for discharge, a statement of place of enlistment and discharge with dates, and the address of the applicant.

### PLANT GOOD COTTON SEED

While a substantial reduction of cotton acreage is very important, it is equally important that Texas farmers should at this time give serious thought to the kind of cotton they will raise this year. It is becoming increasingly difficult to sell short cotton of which there is a very large production in this State. While the surplus of low grades and short staples has made it rather difficult to sell cotton during recent months, there has at all times been a firm demand for the better grades with staple above 1 inch, and substantial premiums have been paid for this kind of cotton.

The wise thing for farmers to do this year is to plant good seed of some one of the approved good staple varieties of cotton such as, Lone Star, Rowden, Acala, Bennett and Truitt. These varieties are all of the big boll upland type, and they will yield as many pounds of cotton per acre and turn out as well at the gin as the shorter stapled varieties.

Cotton spinners, both in this

country and in Europe, are coming to demand better staple cotton and the preferred lengths are 1 1-16 to 1 1-8 inches. Farmers who persist in growing half and half and similar varieties are certain to experience difficulty in selling their crop next fall. Under the very loose and wasteful system of marketing cotton in Texas, growers of inferior varieties have in many instances received the same price as their neighbors who raise better cotton. But marketing conditions are undergoing a change and before another crop comes upon the market there is certain to be a just discrimination in local markets against the short staple product.

Great care should be exercised by farmers in buying seed, because large quantities of oil mill and gin run seed are being sold as first class planting seed of select varieties. I cannot too strongly advise farmers to purchase seed only from reliable and responsible parties, and in cases to either satisfy themselves as to their quality or require a guarantee of purity and trueness to type.

Farmers in doubt as to the staple of the cotton they have been growing may send samples to me at 1308 Southwestern Life Building, Dallas, Texas, and I will report to them both in grade and staple.—Walton Peteet, Specialist in Cotton Marketing, Extension Service, A. & M. College of Texas.

### NEW SPEAKER OF HOUSE

Congressman Gillette of Massachusetts, chosen by the Republican caucus for the speakership, belongs to the conservative wing of the party, yet has not been offensively factional. He is one of the able men in the House and possesses the respect of even those who differ with him Massachusetts has sent him to Congress for many successive terms, and he has a record of high-minded service.

### PRICES DROPPING

Prices are coming down. That is proved by the "index number." This number is obtained by averaging the prices of a large number of staple articles. For February the number is lower than it was in any month of 1918. It is 17 5-8. On January 1 it was 18 1/2; in December, 19; last summer, 19 1/4. In April, 1917, when the United States declared war, it was 14 1/2. Before German "Kultur" broke loose in 1914 it was only 8 3/4. Average prices, therefore, are still twice what they were before the Great War, but have begun to shrink decidedly though slowly.

George Horne returned last week, having received his honorable discharge from the navy.

### ONLY FLAG OVER STARS AND STRIPES

One flag alone flies above the Stars and Stripes. It is the flag bearing the emblem which symbolizes the religion upon which the principles of America have been founded—and that emblem is the Cross. It is a solemn sight on Sunday morning to see the deck of a great battleship with its line after line of blue and white clad sailors, all at attention. As they stand thus, Old Glory is slowly hauled down from that high place of hers which she has been so proudly and rightfully holding during the week. Then suddenly, a thrill goes through the heart of every Christian man aboard as the Flag of the Cross rises gallantly to the place Old Glory had formerly held. For a moment there is silence, then as its folds swing out to meet the sky and the sunshine, the song, "Onward Christian Soldiers," rings out across the air.

To the man who feels the significance of it all, particularly in these days when it looks as though a great new brotherhood was about to be born, the hoisting of the Flag of the Cross is one of the most thrilling moments of the week. They know that red cross on its blue field is an outward symbol of tremendous things about to be—of great movements under way everywhere for the uplift and happiness of a long time blinded world.

One of these momentous movements that has as its object the hoisting of the Flag of the Cross above every national flag that flies is that of the Centenary movement of the Methodist churches. The M. E. Church, South, is today putting on a great campaign to revivify the church—lining up 2,000,000 members of the denomination in a league to pray for the spread of a vital Christianity throughout the world.

### WOULD DO HIS BEST

Uncle Sam Hodge came down from the Kentucky mountains with his yearly produce to market. His team of oxen was somewhat weary with a two days' pull. But when Sam reached the city limits he was confronted with the sign:

"Speed limit 15 miles an hour." He pulled his whiskers a moment in silent meditation, and then drawled out to his oxen: "Well, I know darn well we'll never make it, but we'll do our doggone best." So he made it in and went direct to Clewis' and ordered a new spring suit.

Horace Herod and Marvin Baker are now at home to stay, having received their honorable discharge from the navy. They have been stationed in California.

# Towery Motor Co

Authorized  
Ford Sales and Service

We have up-to-date special equipment to do guaranteed Ford work.

None but genuine Ford Repair Parts used.

# Towery Motor Co

CROCKETT, TEXAS

# Car Troubles

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### SERVICE DAY AND NIGHT

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### DAY AND NIGHT GARAGE

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**PLANTS FOR SALE**

I will visit GrapeLand again next Saturday, March 15, to deliver frost proof cabbage plants, and to take orders for these plants and also for early tomato plants. See me and place your orders. Only the best and most vigorous plants are grown by me.  
J. E. Moore,  
It Elkhart, Texas.

**PERSONAL:** The party who has made up his mind to go bare-footed this summer because he can't find shoes big enough, will call at Darsey's and be fitted. Men's shoes up to size 13 and women's shoes up to size 10 carried in stock regularly.

Geo. E. Darsey & Co. are having a modern built in show case added to their millinery department this week, which will make this one of the most attractive millinery parlors in East Texas. They hope to have the work completed in time for their Spring opening.

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

**Abstract Your Land Titles**

And let us do the work for you. We have a complete abstract of the land titles of this county down to NOW.

Madden & Denny,  
Crockett, Texas.

**DENTAL NOTICE**

Dr. Moore, the dentist, is at the GrapeLand Hotel ready to execute all manner of dental work. Teeth extracted without pain.  
C. L. Moore, D. D. S.

J. L. Rush of Weches was transacting business in GrapeLand Monday. He reports things moving smoothly in that section, although farming operations are a little backward on account of the prolonged wet weather. The road from here to Weches is in a very bad condition, Mr. Rush says.

**FOR SALE**

A scholarship in Tyler Commercial College. If you are thinking of taking a business course, it will pay to communicate with us.  
The Messenger,  
GrapeLand, Texas.

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

**NOTICE HOG RAISERS**

All those who have hogs to sell please bring them in Monday, March 24, and we will guarantee you a good price for them that day.

Dailey Bros.

Olan Davis returned Sunday from Galveston, where he went with his brother, Edwin, to the Sealy Hospital for an operation on his eye. The operation was performed Saturday afternoon, and it is thought he will be able to return home the latter part of this week.

Starling Boykin Jr. was the victim of a very painful accident last Friday afternoon. While playing in the school building, running across the floor, a splinter about four inches in length pierced his foot, and caused an ugly wound.



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**Returning Soldiers and Sailors:**

You will find in our men's furnishing department, just the right sort of clothes in just the style and pattern best suited to your individual personality. We prepared for your home coming—began to prepare last fall—and have here a selection of the nation's most popular styles in—

**Styleplus Clothes**

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you will want to wear  
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**Emerald Green Ties**

**IF YOU CAN'T BE FIT**  
in a ready-made suit or if you really prefer to have your clothes made to measure when you are mustered out, we want you to come to our made to measure department and let us **ROYAL TAILOR YOU** in.

**This season's showing of beautiful patterns starts in as low as \$15.00**



**"Pepe" Caps**

ONE of the joys of getting out of uniforms is the getting into "regular" clothes again.

And not the least of it is the putting aside of the helmet or cap and putting on a hat—a real hat; not the old one you left on the hall-tree when you went away, but a new, stylish, this season's hat.

We suggest that you wear one of our new—

**Mallory Hats**

because you can't get more style or better quality or greater satisfaction in any other makes. Everybody knows the name—"MALLORY" means hats, and good hats, too. They're known over here and known over there.



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THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1919

**39 Senators Against League**

The most significant action that developed during the last hours of congress was the introduction in the senate by Senator Lodge of a resolution disapproving the plan for the league of nations as now drawn and demanding that the conference should proceed with the real work of making peace with Germany and leave the league of nations and other general matters to be disposed of "after careful consideration" later.

Senator Lodge had got the signatures of 39 members of the new senate—all Republicans—who had pledged themselves against the league as now laid down. As it would take only 33 adverse to defeat the treaty, this might indicate that its rejection by the senate is a foregone conclusion, especially as it is known that several Democratic senators also would vote against it.

However, some of the senators of course may decide to change their mind when the treaty in its final form is submitted to the senate for ratification. It is the president's plan to arouse such a commanding sentiment for the league among the people "back home" that the opposing senators will be forced to approve the treaty. Nevertheless the matter may have a serious effect on the peace conference, as it gives notice to the president and the world that the senate, which must finally dispose of the peace treaty, sees fatal flaws in the work so far done.

Sensational newspapers are telling lurid stories about "horrible conditions" at Brest, the American army port in France. Two reports from Gen. Pershing say it isn't true.

The rainy day for which most of us save up now comes around about the first of each month.

Another pretty good way to get people to believe in you is to show them that you believe in them..

The only daw-back about letting the German delegates sit at the peace table is they're apt to sneak away over night with the furniture.

Germany spent forty years and a lot of money on "preparedness," and now she must spend many more years and many more dollars on "repairedness."

If there is any grub left, we don't care if the Germans have some of it, but by hokey, we do not want to eat corn bread so they can have cake.

T. B. O'Bryan has sold the Elkhart Record to J. W. Wilson, and we presume will hie himself away to a greener fields, but T. B. ought to remember that the garden of Eden was formerly located in East Texas, and better places are hard to find. But we wish him success wherever he goes, and extend the new editor a hearty welcome into the fold.

Failure of Congress before final adjournment to provide for repeal of the Daylight Saving Act makes certain the nation's clock again will be advanced an hour during the period between the last Sunday in March and the last Sunday in October. The daylight saving law last summer was very popular. Most people desire it continued. But now that the fighting is ended this law seems to be regarded by some as a war measure only, to be repealed. When it became known that a bill had been introduced to repeal this law, senators were bombarded with requests from their constituents asking them not to let the repeal get through the Senate.

**GOOD ROADS PAY BIG DIVIDENDS**

If a farmer saves an hour a week by being enabled to use good roads as opposed to bad roads, it would mean fifty-two hours a year; estimating the use of man and team as being worth \$6.00 a day, this means a saving of \$31.20 a year.

Suppose his farm is assessed at \$10,000 and the additional tax levy due to the issue of road bonds by the county runs to \$1.00 per thousand, which would mean \$10.00 a year additional taxes against a saving of \$31.20 on time alone. This means that he is investing \$10.00 and drawing dividends of \$31.20, an interest rate of 312 per cent.

**REYNARD**

By Zack

Reynard, March 10.—Some progress was made last week along agricultural lines, but we had to "shift gear" quite often to fit the weather.

Corn planted in February is right at the top of the ground and ready to come out, but gardens cannot do much with cold waves so often. But they are up and ready to push on to maturity every warm day.

Corn planting time is here and will be pushed to a finish.

T. S. and C. E. Kent have planted three acres to potatoes, and as they have fine land, predict for them a fine yield, and if they get no money out of them they will get a lot of good eating.

J. L. Chiles has two acres of fine wheat and thinks he will be able to have his own flour and sure enough biscuits this fall.

The norther last Wednesday blew in a fine lot of ducks, but of course no one hunted them, as the grand jury will soon be in session.

Rev. Buttrill preached for us Sunday evening. He said he felt very much at home out in the sticks. Every house in Reynard was represented except three, and they were kept away by sickness. He will preach for us regularly each third Sunday at 3 p. m. We are unable to say what kind of an impression he made, but feel sure he is a live wire from the way he has turned things in Grapeland. He has the characteristics of a regular Methodist preacher.

There is still some sickness in this community, and it looks like it is hard to get straightened out from the winter, and nearly every change gets some of us.

**HOME ON FURLOUGH**

Radio Sergeant Lewis Meriwether arrived home last Friday night on a several weeks furlough. Lewis has just recently returned to America from France and has been stationed at Camp Schuyler, New York.

Sergeant Meriwether was a member of the Headquarters Company, 56th Artillery, Coast Artillery Corps, and saw over nine months foreign service. He participated in some of the largest battles and tells many interesting stories of the world's big war. He says that while he realizes that the people are anxious to hear the news of the big war that he would rather not talk about it as he wants to forget the many horrible things that he saw while fighting the Hun.

After spending his furlough here he will go to Ft. Crockett, Galveston, where he has been transferred. He does not know whether he will get a discharge at present as he is a member of the regular army and his time will not be up until next January. He has now been in the army a little more than two years and during that time has been stationed at some of the best camps in the United States. —Houston County Times.

**MEDICINE VS. FOOD**

Do not buy something which you already have. You have food which you feed your horses, cattle and sheep, but when you want medicine, buy only medicine. That is what you get in B. A. Thomas' Stock Remedy. We sell it and guarantee it to be medicine. We tell you that it will tone up the entire system of your stock and aids digestion, thereby causing them to get all the food value out of the grain that you feed them.

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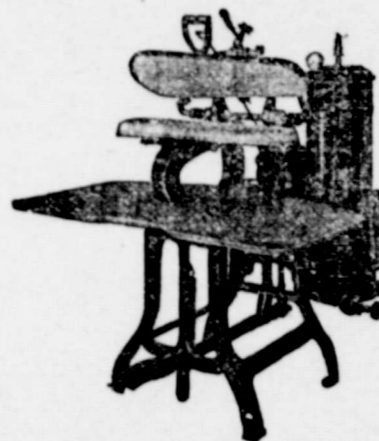
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NO. 768  
Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the  
**THE GUARANTY STATE BANK**

at Grapeland, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 4th day of March, 1919, published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 13th day of March, 1919.

**RESOURCES**

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$ 54,329.26
Loans, real estate	5,115.89
Liberty Bonds owned	5,250.00
Liberty Bonds on hand	27,500.00
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	35,000.00
Real estate (banking house)	3,428.90
County Warrants	1,029.85
Bills of Exchange	11,584.78
Furniture & Fixtures	2,651.70
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	34,161.22
Cash Items	296.17
Currency	17,828.00
Specie	2,505.35
Interest and Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	1,503.43
Other Resources: War Saving Stamps	411.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$202,596.28</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock paid in	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus Fund	5,500.00
Undivided Profits, net	1,634.25
Individual Deposits, subject to check	129,169.34
Time Certificates of Deposit	22,906.28
U. S. Bond Certificates of Deposit	27,500.00
Cashier's Check	686.41
Other liabilities: Dividends unpaid	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$202,596.28</b>

**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 11th day of March, A. D. 1919.  
(Seal) E. E. Hollingsworth,  
Notary Public Houston County, Texas.  
Correct—Attest:  
M. P. Herod,  
J. C. Kennedy,  
E. G. Walling,  
Directors.

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 4th day of March 1919, published in the Grapeland Messenger a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 13 day of March, 1919.

**RESOURCES**

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral	\$ 91,133.72
Loans, real estate	7,925.00
Overdrafts	1,086.13
Liberty Bonds & U. S. Certificates	12,000.00
Real estate (banking house)	2,983.03
Bond Account	1,437.64
Furniture & Fixtures	2,365.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents, net	29,557.36
War Saving Stamps	63.50
Cash Items	5,382.78
Currency	10,937.00
Specie	2,609.69
Interest and Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	1,979.89
Other Resources Collections in transit	4,076.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$173,537.47</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock paid in	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	1,870.89
Individual Deposits, subject to check	130,411.42
Time Certificates of Deposit	10,750.14
Cashier's Checks	395.02
Other Liabilities	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$173,537.47</b>

**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 12th day of March, A. D. 1919.  
(Seal) J. E. Richards,  
Notary Public Houston County, Texas.  
Correct—Attest:  
W. G. Darsey,  
M. E. Darsey,  
T. S. Kent,  
Directors.

A. N. Edens of Antrim dropped around Saturday to pay a small advertising account, and made the remark that the advertising he did always brought results—never failed. That's a fine compliment and bears out our repeated statements that advertising pays.

# Dress up and Smile

The soldiers at home and the fighters who are coming back want clothes that reflect the smiles in their faces and the gladness in their hearts. Good, happy styles of all-wool quality that typify the spirit that has won.

The clothes we have are of that kind; Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes; stylish and made in the war-time spirit, the best quality because it lasts longer and saves

## LADIES' DRESSES

We don't want our competitors to see these pretty garments, but we will be glad to show you these good values. Call and see them. Why did we sell so many of these dresses last year? Because values such as you will find here are sold only at our place. We have a good assortment in and are expecting the others to arrive any day. Pay us a visit and see these pretty dresses.

## MADAM GRACE CORSETS

Women who have tried our line of corsets say they are the very best to be had for the money. There is every reason why Madam Grace front lace models are given preference. They are made by experienced makers, they are worn by women whose discriminating choice is beyond question.

## PIECE GOODS DEPARTMENT

We will be glad to show you the many good patterns in dress goods that are here and to arrive soon, for these beautiful selections will be the newest and best values to be had for the money. Call and look them over.

REMEMBER YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT OUR STORE

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### HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

On last Friday, the citizens of our little neighboring city of Elkhart came down enmasse, accompanying their basket ball teams for a series of games with our local organizations, three contests being staged.

The high school boys had our boys outclassed in speed and goal shooting, the usual stellar game being played by Quarles and Parker for the visitors, winning by a score of 24 to 7.

The girls were more evenly matched, but the sportsmanship of the visitors was marred by rough play, many personal fouls being made. Through a mistake of an official there was an error in scoring, the final announced result being 17 to 16 in favor of Elkhart.

The Junior boys easily defeated the Elkhart second team, the work of both teams being snappy for amateurs.

The gate receipts of over sixteen dollars was expended for track and other athletic equipment. The new apparatus is already in use by the high school boys, some amateur records being expected in pole vaulting, discus throwing, etc.

On Friday week the Houston county Interscholastic Meet will begin at Crockett, continuing through Saturday. Grapeland expects to win many events in this, the School Board generously offering a half holiday to all contestants. Final eliminations

are being held this week in all major events, the school planning a full track program as preparation.

This week closes the sixth month of school, the students work and school spirit being unusually good. The visit by the inspector of schools, which shall place our system of education in first class rank, is expected every day. Every effort is being made to do our best. It is urged that parents encourage their pupils to their best of efforts, as upon the pupils after all depends the report the inspector will make, and upon the report the inspector will make depends the fate of our school.

High School Reporter.

### Program—Royal Ambassadors

Scripture reading by chief counselor.

Subject—Prayer.  
Discussion—Lorene Edington, Lonnie May Guice, Callie May Laseter, Luna Frank Lively and Frances Leaverton.

Hymn.  
Vocal selection—Lucile and Rosa Lee Howard.  
Reading—Home Missions, by Mildred Haltom.

Piano Solo—Lonnie Mae Guice.  
Remarks by leader.  
Hymn.  
The Lord's Prayer in unison.

RENEW TODAY! Tomorrow you may forget it.

### LEAGUE PROGRAM

March 16. Children at work and play in the Orient. Prov. 8, 32-33.

Song—More Like the Master—by three juniors.

Scripture reference—C. W. Kennedy Jr.

Prayer.

Song.

Recitation—By Junior Harry Jones.

Leader—C. W. Kennedy Jr.  
Interesting talks on Japan, China and the customs of these countries by the following: Mary Sam Howard, Mildred Traylor, Louise McCarty, Hazel McCarty, Francis Stafford, Karl Lively.

### LIBERTY BONDS

We will buy them if you want to sell.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank  
Grapeland, Texas.

J. E. Moore of Elkhart was here Saturday taking orders for frost proof cabbage plants and early tomato plants. He will return next Saturday to deliver them. Mr. Moore has been in the plant growing business several years, and has been quite successful in raising strong, vigorous plants. He plans to visit Grapeland quite often.

### W. H. M. NOTES

The W. H. M. Society met in regular session at the home of Mrs. C. W. Kennedy last Tuesday. Twenty-eight members answered roll call. Four new members were enrolled: Mesdames, Connor Denson, W. E. Kerr, Chas. Royall and W. L. Mangum. Mrs. Myrtie Phillips of New Waverly was our visitor. Devotional service was conducted by Mrs. W. P. Traylor. A lesson in Luke was studied.

Mrs. S. E. Traylor gave us a very impressive three-minute talk on the Centenary movement, and we ask all who will to join in praying for this worthy movement.

During the business session it was decided to have a play just as soon as arrangements could be made, so watch for title and date of play. Mrs. Roy Brewton will be hostess to the society March 25. Mrs. W. E. Keeland will be the leader.

Reporter.

### CARD OF THANKS

Words are inadequate to express our gratitude to the W. O. W. Circle for their liberal donation of nice home-canned fruit. We can't think of anything more appropriate, after having lost all of ours in the fire.  
Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Cromwell.

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