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Antrimite Says it Will Be Folly to Plant Lots of Cotton

This may be a "dry" country, but it also a "wet" one; nobody fussing about it not raining. Well, it's going to be some wet before this scribe complains about it.

Lots of rain means lots of corn, and corn means meat and meat and corn means "living at home and boarding in the kitchen." Wish I could get every farmer to see the folly of trying to grow a big cotton crop this year. We farming people could be the most independent guys on earth, but as a rule we are the most dependent. We depend on poor seed (as a rule) to grow good crops and are usually disappointed. We depend on slipshod farming methods, depend on raising something to sell when we should be raising something to use, depend on book farmers to tell us when and how to plant and the best method of cultivation, depend on the merchant to credit us for supplies while we work the gizzard out of everything on the place to grow cotton and then depend on the good graces of a lot of gambling speculators for the price of it. Does this shoe fit you? If so, nine chances out of ten it could be remedied by using your brain as well as your muscle. Let us for the sake of those we love and who are looking to us for their bread see that they get it and let the cotton speculator speculate on when we are going to raise him another big crop.

When a man or set of men fly in the face of advice from every quarter of the globe, they are sure to run amuck.

Now, my dear, good, honest, hard working cotton raiser, listen to "your uncle" just a minute: the cotton factors, the bankers, the merchants, the doctors, the lawyers, the preachers and our legislators and governors are earnestly asking the southern farmer to reduce. To refuse to heed means to play the fool and get stung. Let us think some before we decide to plant that cotton crop.

Respectfully submitted,
Antrimite.

Pres. Wilson Spent \$2,000 in Tips While in Europe

President Wilson's first trip to Europe cost him about \$2,000 in tips, the money coming out of his own pocket. The President was unable to make such betowals as the \$20,000 President Poincaré, of France, gave the servants of the czar when he visited Petrograd, or the \$10,000 he distributed to the servants of the royal house in Sweden. The President's money was scattered in tips of \$25 and \$50 to porters in trains and the servants in the hotels and in the palaces he visited. He also spent a considerable sum buying presents for the attendants of Mrs. Wilson and himself and staff. A framed photograph of himself constituted a favorite gift with gold cuff links running a close second. At Rome the President was politely informed it was customary for visiting rulers to contribute \$10,000 to the poor fund. The President was somewhat taken aback for the moment, then said, he was sorry, but the State Department did not authorize him to make any present on behalf of the Government, and he did not feel able to pay the money out of his own funds.

If the prospective home orchardist prepares the soil where his fruits are to stand as thoroughly as he does his garden before planting vegetable seeds, the subsequent rapid growth of his fruit trees will amply repay him.

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**GEO. E. DARSEY'S LETTER
FROM LUXEMBURG**

Kayl, Luxemburg, Feb. 11.
Dear Papa:

This finds me well and feeling fine and still having a pretty good time. I am enclosing one of our dance programs and you will notice that it is arranged strictly according to the nature of our personnel—motor truck men. We have one dance each week for enlisted men only. I have also sent you one of our Fifth Division calendars. They are not as good as I thought they would be, but are a pretty good get up for the army. I am also sending a book of citations which includes most of our divisional citations. There are quite a few Texas boys in our division and from what I've seen in the State papers, they are not giving us due credit. They are featuring the 36th and 90th Divisions both of which did good work but in the Argonne-Meuse sector, the Fifth was the first to cross the river and was ahead of the 90th division quite a few kilometers when they captured Stenay and they were helped a great deal in this capture by us. Also, at one time, the Fifth held down a front of over fifty kilometers and since the entire American front was about fifty-five kilometers at the time, this looks pretty good for us. Other divisions claimed the capture of other towns which were taken by the Fifth and turned over to them and also aided the French, who were on our right. All of the divisions earned some real good citations but I think ours will stack up with the rest of them.

We are still in the dark as much as ever on knowing anything as to when we "head west." I think we have a move towards Germany coming in a few days and I guess that we will some day get sailing orders. I heard yesterday that the 36th would be sent home pretty soon but the regular army divisions will be sent home in the order in which they came over. That will throw only three ahead of us. But at that, I don't think we will be later than July in getting home and I guess that will suit pretty well as I will get there in time to have a good time this summer.

Passes are now in order for Paris and London and other places of interest in allied territory but I don't think I will take advantage of this as I have something better on foot if it comes out as it looks. You no doubt have read of the recent orders whereby members of the A. E. F. who have had two or more years in college in the States may be sent to the universities in England and France. The soldiers who are to be sent are to be placed on detached service, which means that they will draw their regular army pay and in addition, will draw three dollars per day for room and board. The soldiers must put up 250 francs for tuition, and all in all, I do not think it will be bad. I have filled my application and have been recommended and expect to leave in about a month as it is a three months term, ending June 30th. The first of July seems a long way off just at present, but so does the signing of peace and it looks now like the regular army will have to mark time in occupied territory until peace is signed. So I don't think I will

lose much time by agreeing to attend school until June 30th. If my division should be sent home before that time, I will also sail for home immediately upon the completion of my course. Then too, it will give me a good chance to see England at the expense of the government, and at the same time, put my time to a use that will be valuable to me, at least more so after I get home than truck duty in Luxemburg and Germany. It will also be a chance and put me, in a way, out of regular army life as the courses are offered in the regular British Universities and I don't want to miss it. Don't be surprised to get a letter from me written from some famous old University, but until you do write me at the same old address as I expect the application for entrances will be plentiful and I imagine the number of admittances will be limited and I may not get in. I haven't done this to prolong my visit to Europe because I don't want to get home as soon as possible, but this will be a very agreeable change and will benefit me wonderfully. The order states that all who are not admitted to British Universities will have a chance at some French school and you may get the news that I am trying to "parley vous" to some dry French lecture and that would be quite a joke as I applied for a post graduate course in Economics or Commercial Law so I guess if they send me to a French school, they will just about ask me one question and I will say "nights compre" and get kicked out.

You were right about my enjoying Christmas and other good times in Longwy first rate and I am almost home folks down there now and you can't imagine how much a fellow like me enjoys a home among strangers who speak everything from Luxemburg Dutch to low French. We hear languages of every description, so you can imagine the pleasure I get out of being able to talk "honest to goodness" American to some one out of the army.

Give my love to all and write soon.
George E.

LIVELYVILLE
By Regular Correspondent

Livelyville, March 17.—B. L. Keen entertained his friends and pupils Saturday night with musical selections, which were rendered with great skill by Miss Lena and himself. All had a fine time and enjoyed the hours very much.

Most farmers spent the past week planting corn, but Saturday's heavy rain will stop the planting for some days to come. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Haltom spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cook.

Frank Shipper, formerly of this community, but living the past six years in Chicago, was honorably discharged from the navy and he came home at once to visit his mother, Mrs. Jack Fulton.

Mrs. McKnight, living near here, who has been quite sick, is reported some better.

We are going to have a graveyard working. Let us hope we will also have our memorial service, as has been our time-honored custom, which was missed last year.

As Friday is the last day of the school term, we hope the parents of the pupils and friends and patrons of the school will all be there and spend a pleasant hour listening to the children's verses and songs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ellis spent Sunday in this community visiting their children.

Miss Marie Masters visited her cousins, Mrs. Howard Denman and John and Frank Masters.

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Legislature Breaks Record on Constitutional Amendments

Austin, Texas, March 16.—The legislature broke all records for the number of constitutional amendments it has proposed and submitted to the people of Texas on three different dates, namely, May 24, 1919, Nov. 4, 1919 and the general election in November of 1920. Those which have been agreed upon are as follows:

May 24, 1919—House joint resolution No. 1, proposing state-wide prohibition; house joint resolution No. 19, proposing state aid to purchasers of rural homestead, and for improvements thereon; senate joint resolution No. 7, proposing woman suffrage; senate joint resolution No. 13, to increase the governor's salary to \$10,000 per annum.

Nov. 4, 1919—House joint resolution No. 13, to permit the issuance of \$75,000,000 of state bonds for good roads purposes, guaranteed by license fees from autos; senate joint resolution No. 23, authorizing issuance of as much as \$5,000,000 bonds for grade-raising and other improvements on Galveston Island, \$4,000,000 by the city and \$1,000,000 by the county; house joint resolution No. 38, permitting the state prison commission to apportion earnings of convicts to their dependent families (it would be a division of the convict's income); house joint resolution No. 29, separation of the university and A. & M. College, authorizing issuance of not over \$5,500,000 in bonds, division of university permanent fund on

66 2-3 per cent to university and 33 1-3 per cent to A. & M. College.

Nov. 2, 1920—Senate joint resolution No. 12, authorizing cities of 5,000 population and less to increase their tax rate from one-half of 1 per cent to 1 1/2 per cent; house joint resolution No. 7, empowering the legislature to repeal all fee laws for state, district, county and other public officials and to substitute fixed salaries for such officers; house joint resolution No. 35, increasing from 5 to 7 cents on each \$100 of taxable values the amount of tax which may be levied by the state for confederate pensions.

Nov. 4, 1919—On the foregoing date will be submitted the question of holding a constitutional convention. If it is ordered the convention will meet

in Austin in June of 1920, and the delegates will be elected in March of 1920, one from each representative district.

Conviction of Debs is Upheld by the Supreme Court

The supreme court last week sustained the conviction of Eugene V. Debs, socialist leader, found guilty of violating the espionage act through statements made in a speech at Canton, Ohio, last June, and sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment.

The opinion of the court was unanimous.

Debs issued a statement after the decision was rendered, the sum and substance of which was that the supreme court was composed of a bunch of old fossils who didn't know split beans from coffee.

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Boll Worm Quarantine in Two Zones Raised by Governor

Austin, Texas, March 15.—A proclamation was issued Saturday by the governor under the recently amended pink boll worm law of the present legislature raising the quarantine against the growing of cotton in zones 2 and 3. Under the proclamation zones 2 and 3 in the southeastern portion of the State are declared regulated zones, in which the growing of cotton is permitted if carried on in conformity to regulations prescribed therefor by the commissioner of agriculture as provided in section 10 of the amended pink boll worm law.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the County of Houston, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for the period of ten days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To all persons interested in the estate of Paschal Shepherd, deceased, notice is hereby given

that W. G. Darsey has filed in the County Court of Houston County, an application for Letters of Administration on the Estate of said Paschal Shepherd, deceased, which will be heard by said County Court at the next regular term thereof to be begun and holden on the first Monday in May, A. D. 1919, the same being the 5th day of May, A. D. 1919, at the Court House of said Houston County in the City of Crockett at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, if they see proper.

Herein fail not, under penalty of the law, and of this Writ make due return.

Given under my hand and seal of office, in the City of Crockett the 10th day of March, A. D. 1919.

Attest:
A. E. Owens,
Clerk County Court,
Houston County, Texas.

(Seal)

Home From Overseas

Willis Hogan, son of A. J. Hogan of Percilla, and Raymond Neel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Neel, living east of town, arrived home Sunday morning. Both saw service overseas, and both were wounded in action. Hogan was wounded in the head and Neel in the arm. They were members of the 90th and 36th Divisions. They received their discharge at Camp Bowie.

Prominent Physician Dies at Home East of Crockett

Crockett, Texas, March 15.—Dr. W. C. Miller, aged 75 years, passed away at his home at Kennard, east of this city, Wednesday, having been ill for several months. He had practiced medicine in this county for nearly half a century, for the last few years attending to office practice solely. He was prominent in social and political circles, taking a part in everything that tended to develop his home community and the county at large. Interment was at Cedar Point, 14 miles east of here, Thursday, the ceremony being conducted by the Ratcliff Masonic lodge. Rev. J. W. McLeod of the Presbyterian church, his pastor for over a quarter of a century, conducted the religious exercises. He left surviving him a widow; one brother, E. L. Miller; four daughters, Mesdames Sloan Brown, Charles Brown, B. Brown, G. R. Taylor and James Wright; one sister, Mrs. Earl Adams, all residents of this county; one sister, Mrs. R. R. Harvin, residing at San Antonio.

Quash Indictment for Wife Desertion Against Ex-Kaiser

Galveston, March 15.—Shortly after the armistice was declared a Galveston County grand jury returned a bill against William Hohenzollern, alias Kaiser Bill, charging wife desertion. That was in the days when the kaiser's sudden flight to Holland was being widely commented upon.

Since returning the indictment it has come to the attention of the county authorities that the kaiser and his "frau" are again living in amicable relationship and in consequence the following item appears on the docket of Judge J. C. Canty in the County Court at Law:

William Hohenzollern, alias Kaiser Bill, wife desertion; dismissed.

Orders Given to Set Clocks March 30 by Director General

Washington, March 15.—Instructions for the setting forward of railroad clocks and timepieces on March 30 were issued by the railway administration tonight. The instructions are based on a report of the committee on transportation of the American Railway Association.

A 2 a. m. March 30, "and on the last Sunday in March each year thereafter all clocks and watches in train dispatcher's office and in all other offices open at that time, must be advanced one hour. Employees in all open offices must then compare time with the dispatchers."

Each railroad is instructed to make detailed instructions to cover the changing of time so as to conform to local conditions.

The order includes instructions for turning the clock back one hour on the last Sunday in October and is to remain in effect so long as the law is on the statute books.

Efforts during the closing hours of the last congress to kill the "daylight saving law" failed.

A Near Wreck

Late Sunday afternoon a near wreck occurred in the outskirts of town. A freight train was taking water at the tank, when a loose engine came around the curve just north of town and crashed into the caboose before the engineer could stop his engine. The caboose was almost completely demolished and an oil tank car next to the caboose was damaged. Fortunately no one was injured. The conductor and brakemen had just left the caboose and walked down the track a short distance when the accident occurred. This is all that saved their lives.

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Extraordinary Doings of the Sixty-Fifth U. S. Congress

The 65th Congress, which voted the American nation into the greatest war in the history of civilization, is the most unique in American history.

It is the only Congress in the life of the republic that has to its credit two declarations of war—one against Germany and one against Austria-Hungary.

It raised by the enactment of a Selective Service Act the largest army this country has ever known.

It passed appropriation bills—mostly for war purposes—totaling considerably more than \$570 for every man, woman and child in the United States.

It enacted the greatest tax law in parliamentary history, levying the enormous sum in 2 years, time of 10 billion dollars. It authorized bond issues to the amount of 22 billions, more than any nation ever attempted to issue.

It appropriated \$2,884,000,000 to create an American merchant marine, the largest in the world.

It authorized the taking over of railroads and telegraph and telephone systems of the nation as a war emergency.

It created an American military air service and launched an aerial postal service.

It passed the largest army appropriation bill—totaling 12 bil-

lion dollars—any country ever adopted.

It placed on the statute books 300 public laws and 48 public resolutions.

It passed the resolution for a National Prohibition Amendment to the Constitution and defeated the Woman Suffrage Amendment.

It was addressed by the President of the United States nine times, or more often than any other Congress has been so addressed.

It conducted 26 congressional investigations.

Must Send Discharge

Soldiers honorably discharged who apply to the War Department for the \$60 bonus in pay authorized by the last Congress, must send their original discharge from the service instead of a certified copy, with their application for the bonus. If the discharge has been lost the original order for it must be submitted. All application should be sent to the Zone Finance Officer, Lemon Building, Washington, D. C.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1919

Who Won The War?

Next time you meet a returned soldier ask him who won the war. The boys who didn't serve in the infantry will tell you the infantry won it; the boys who served in the infantry will tell you the artillery won it—or they'll both declare the aviators won it. Modest, all of them, and everyone of them anxious to give the other fellow the best end of it.

But the fact is, the "dough-boys," the men in the trenches, won the war. And the artillery boys, aviators, tank men and truck drivers will tell you so. The infantry appreciated the support of the artillery; it yelled wildly to be supported by the big guns and the airplanes. But it was the infantry who met the enemy face to face, who looked into the eyes of the Hun, who got down in the mud and mire and blood and fought—and who won the war. It was the infantry that suffered the greatest losses, and endured the greatest hardships.

But they had to have the support of all other branches of our fighting machine. The truck drivers, too, made it possible, for they brought up food and ammunition. Without that the infantry would not have won out. Every man enlisted had a hand in it, with the man in the trenches leading the fray. And we thank our Maker that the victory is big enough for all of them to share in the laurels.

It looks like now the next few months will be open season for public improvements in Grape-land. And it won't be a minute too early.

With the soldiers coming home, the fatted calf that doesn't hist his tail right now and take for the tall timber is losing the best opportunity he may ever have.

The light and ice plant ought to be pushed to a successful conclusion. We suggest that a mass meeting of the citizens be called at an early date to discuss this proposition, also the question of incorporation.

Last year—1918—Texas produced \$750,000,000 worth of farm products. This is more than the lumber and oil industry combined produced. Agriculture is easily the greatest industry in the state and upon its success rests the success and prosperity of every other industry in the state.

There never was a time in the history of this country when the "oil fever" was at such high tide as now. It seems that the whole surface of the earth is going to be punctured in search of the coveted fluid. Fortunes are being made and lost overnight. People who heretofore could not pay their monthly grocery bills now find themselves millionaires.

A "gusher" may be brought in adjacent to Grapeland, who can tell? We understand that a Houston party has leased thousands of acres south-east of town and will put down a test well. For several years this section has been under the eye of the oil men and it is believed by many that oil exists in paying quantities right near us. Let us hope so, for all over the state they are having "oil booms" so why can't we have one and be in the swim? "Hush, little oil well; don't you cry; you'll be a gusher by and by."

Do you not think that now is an opportune time to incorporate Grapeland? Our little city will never be what it should be until we put some organized effort behind it. This is our home. Let us make it a live, up-to-date place to live in. Can we count on you?

When people with ambition for better things become dissatisfied with their surroundings it seems natural for them to move. Thus we find people going here and there to find conditions better than the ones they have left. Fortune hunters! Some want better farms, some better schools, some better social surroundings, some greater opportunities in business, in public life, or in one manner or another to rise in the world and to be of more account. All these are laudable ambitions. Would that there were more people who want better conditions to the extent of seeking for them. But don't we lose much through the propensity of such ambitious people to change base? Were half of the people who move to better their condition to remain in the old location and exert the same energy in helping to better conditions there that they exert in moving away and getting started elsewhere, thousands of "slow towns" and "backward neighborhoods" would put on new life and undertake activities that would make good people want to move into them instead of moving away.

COTTON SPECULATORS

It is a serious reflection upon the business acumen of people to produce a crop that the world needs and could scarcely live without and beg other countries or speculators in their own country to buy at any price. Yet this is exactly what we of the Southwest and South have been doing for years. Apparently we have placed more emphasis upon production than marketing and have thus aided and abetted speculators and waste in marketing until one of the most important crops of the world is a "foot ball" to be kicked about by politicians and speculators.

As a result of such methods, while about two-thirds of the world is in rags, cotton is not bringing enough to pay grower a reasonable profit for his labor. And to save the market growers are asked to reduce the acreage for the next crop.

It would seem that this is a suitable time to take charge of our own affairs. If we cannot grow cotton and sell it for enough to afford a fair profit then can we afford to grow cotton? If the world is in need of all the cotton we produced last year, as seems evident, then is it not possible to see that it pays for it, and the people who raise it and the legitimate dealers that handle it get what it is worth?—*Farm & Ranch.*

DENTAL NOTICE

Dr. Moore, the dentist, is at the Grapeland Hotel ready to execute all manner of dental work. Teeth extracted without pain.
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Origin of Bone Dry Phrase As Applied to Prohibition

Few phrases have been more prominently in the minds and on the tongues of the people of the United States in the past few years than "bone-dry," in connection with the prohibition of liquor. It is now more significant than ever on account of the enforcement of drastic federal and state anti-liquor laws and the adoption of the nation-wide prohibition amendment to the national constitution which another year will completely end the sale and use of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes.

Ask 100 persons to define the phrase, "bone-dry," and the chances are that about 99 will say something to the effect that bone-dry territory is territory in which selling and drinking alcoholic beverages are absolutely prohibited and which, therefore, so far as liquor is concerned, is "dry" as a bone. This is quite a natural supposition but the use of "bone" in this connection was originally introduced in honor of a man named Bone, we are told, and not because of the proverbial dryness of bones.

It is related that one John Bone several years ago was sheriff of Chippewa Co., Mich. This man enforced the law so thoroughly and performed his official duties so efficiently that the territory over which he had jurisdiction became a model for sobriety and good order. At this time Merlin Wylie, a member of the Michigan legislature, drafted a bill designed to strike old John Barleycorn a mortal blow in the state.

One day, while the bill was pending before the legislative

body, Representative Wylie and his friend sheriff Bone met and in the course of their conversation Bone asked Wylie what he proposed to call the law. "I am going to name it after you, John," said the legislator, "and if it makes the state as dry as you are, I shall be well pleased."

Accordingly the law became the "Bone dry law." It changed Michigan from one of the wettest to one of the driest states and was subsequently used as a model for dry legislation in several other states. The name traveled far and wide but its history was lost sight of and people generally jumped to the natural conclusion that it was a figurative expression for absolute aridity.—*The Pathfinder.*

TOO TENDER-HEARTED

A returned chaplain who was with negro troops tells the story that one day twenty negro soldiers were sent to escort as many German prisoners back from the front. Nineteen arrived each with a captive Hun. "Where's your prisoner?" his commanding officer asked the twentieth.

"It's this yer way, boss," the negro answered. "He commenced telling me of his poor old mother and how she would miss him if he were kept in a prison camp, and of his wife and three little children back in Germany, and how they all would cry when they learned his fate, and, boss, before gawd, I just had to kill that man to keep him from breaking mah heart."

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Two piece Wool Suits at Darsey's as low as \$12.50.

Plenty of soda water at Murchison Bros.

Carry your car to Brooks Bros. to have it repaired.

Alton Lively is having his residence remodeled, work having commenced last week.

Bring your chickens and eggs to Keeland Bros. and get the highest prices.

D. E. Holcomb of Augusta is visiting Mrs. Tom Holcomb and family.—Alto Herald.

Murchison Bros. will pay 25c per case for empty soda water cases returned.

John R. Owens of Houston spent Saturday and Sunday here visiting his mother, and friends.

Come to Darsey's Millinery opening Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week.

Mrs. J. R. Phillips has gone to New Waverly to visit her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. LeMay and baby visited relatives in Crockett Saturday.

We want your chickens and eggs. Will pay the highest prices. Keeland Bros.

George Horne has gone to Conroe, where he has a position as telegraph operator.

Young men will find plenty of snap in Styleplus Clothes at Darsey's. Styles right; fit right; wear right; guaranteed.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Daniel and Mr. and Mrs. John Daniel of Percilla were in town Monday shopping.

LOST

A red Duroc Jersey male pig, no marks. If found notify—tf J. W. Howard.

Don't forget that A. B. Guice is the only one in Grapeland that handles the old fashioned Guice Harrow—the best of all.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.
 Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE.
 Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.
 A. W. GLEASON,
 Notary Public.
 Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.
 F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
 Sold by all druggists, 75c.
 Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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See A. B. Guice for plows that are tempered to stand.

The Victory Liberty Loan will soon be upon us. Are we going to finish the job?

Miss Cammie Thompson of Ioni visited relatives and friends here a few days this week.

Let's incorporate the town and take our proper place among the growing towns of the state.

Rev. J. E. Buttrill and family moved into the new parsonage last Tuesday.

Miss Alma Lois Lane of Houston spent from Friday until Tuesday here visiting her friend and former college chum, Miss Georgie Cooper.

Do not eat supper at home Friday night, but come to the Grapeland Hotel and eat oysters with the Ladies of the Christian Church.

Cow Peas

WANTED — Whippoorwills, Clays, Blackeyes, Crowders, New Eras, Irons, Unknowns, Etc.

S. Harrison, Distributor, Houston, Texas.

L. N. Lasiter will conduct a song service at New Prospect the second Sunday in April at 10 o'clock a. m. Everyone is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

FARM FOR RENT

Good farm land, and pasture; 55 acres in cultivation. Want good family.

J. W. Shaver, Route 2.

The best looking silk shirts worn by the young men of Grapeland are selected from our showing of Perfecto Silk Shirts priced at \$6.50; \$7.50 and \$8.50. And speaking of shirts, Geo. E. Darsey & Co. have the most complete line in the city.

For Sale or Trade

I No. 6 Royal pea thresher; been used but very little, good as new. For particulars see or write—

W. J. Willis, Route 1.

We suspect by the time the live stock men and the packers get their merger functioning well, meat will be so high that every time a Texas railroad kills a range steer it will have to go into the hands of a receiver.—Houston Post.

Junk Wanted

For the next two or three weeks I will buy your junk. After the next shipment I make I will be out of the market, so bring in your junk at once.

J. W. Howard.

Gus Warner of Runge has been spending several days here visiting relatives and old friends. Mr. Warner formerly lived here, but left this country several years ago. He expressed amazement at the growth of Grapeland since his last visit here.

One of the largest Millinery houses in the United States has advised Geo. E. Darsey & Co., that their Easter and spring pattern hats will be shipped this week. They will be shown at Darsey's Millinery Opening on Thursday, Friday and Saturday March 27, 28, and 29, next week.

A plow that is well tempered will outlast two that are not tempered. Remember this, and buy your plows from A. B. Guice.

T. J. Dotson of Percilla was here Monday on business. He paid us a pleasant call to renew his subscription, and subscribed for his son, Luther, who is working in Houston.

It pays to read the advertisement as well as to advertise. E. W. Clark of Route 1 told us Saturday that he saved \$7.50 by reading an ad in the Messenger recently.

Rapid heart throbbing does not necessarily mean heart disease; generally it is caused by disordered stomach. Prove it for yourself by taking Prickly Ash Bitters; if the stomach is at fault the heart symptoms will quickly disappear. 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.

Miss Mabel Boykin was stricken Sunday night with an attack of appendicitis, and Tuesday was carried to a sanitarium in Palestine. She was operated on Tuesday afternoon, standing the operation well and is getting along nicely. She was accompanied to the sanitarium by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Boykin, and Mrs. Geo. E. Darsey.

FOR SALE

My farm just west of Grapeland, consisting of 130 acres; good 8-room house with all modern improvements. Will sell all or a part. For particulars, price, terms, etc., see or write—

A. B. Spence, Grapeland, Texas.

Death at Crockett

Mr. Bill McConnell, a prominent citizen of Crockett, died at his home Monday afternoon, after an illness of several weeks.

Relatives from Grapeland attending the funeral Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Riall, Mrs. A. O. Riall, Misses Eula Mae and Lucretia Riall, C. W. Kennedy, Mrs. John Kennedy, and Jim McLean and family of Augusta.

Oyster Supper Friday Night

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church announce that they will give an oyster supper this Friday night, March 21, at the Grapeland Hotel. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend and all patronage will be greatly appreciated. The Lively String Band will furnish music for the occasion.

Plants For Sale

To get best results from your "peace garden" plant only strong, healthy plants. My frost proof cabbage and early tomato plants will give you satisfaction. Will be in Grapeland again next Saturday, March 22, to deliver plants and take orders. I also have tobacco plants—try some of them.

J. E. Moore, Elkhart, Texas.

Notice of Election

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held Saturday, April 5, 1919, at the courthouse in Grapeland for the purpose of electing three school trustees for the Grapeland Independent School District to succeed W. P. Traylor, J. W. Howard and Geo. E. Darsey, whose terms expire.

E. W. Davis is hereby appointed manager of said election. W. D. Granberry, President School Board.

W. P. Traylor, Sec'y.

Reading a Pleasure

Do you enjoy reading?

Do you need to see better?

Do you suffer from a headache because of the condition of your eyes or poorly fitted glasses?

If so, come to Smith's Drug Store at any time and get a guaranteed fit by a qualified optician, who is here all the time and whose charges is less than is usually asked.

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Boys Can Profitably Engage in Pig Club Work

Ample proof that pig clubs pay is contained in reports being received continually by the United States Department of Agriculture from club leaders. One report recently received tells of the success of a Tennessee boy who, in May, 1918, invested \$50 in a pure-bred gilt, and now figures his profits at \$587.35. She farrowed seven pigs, part of which the boy sold for \$133. With this money he purchased a boar of excellent breeding, which he exhibited at the East Tennessee Division Fair, winning the grand championship of the breed over all exhibits. He won \$87 in prizes, \$45 of it in competition with experienced farmers. His animals are now valued at \$525. This, with the money from sales and prize winnings, amounts to \$745, from which he deducts \$157.65 for feed and care, leaving a profit of \$587.35.—U. S. Weekly News Letter.

The new kerosene light beats electric or gasoline. It is five times as efficient as the best round wick, open flame lamps, costs only one cent to operate for six hours. The new Aladdin mantle lamp produces a strong, white light from common kerosene oil without introducing any new or complicated features. No noise, no odor, no smoke. A trial will cost you nothing. Just let me know when you would like a demonstration. E. L. Frisby, Agent.

Give Sweet Potatoes More Attention—Get Better Results

The sweet potato crop of the South has increased wonderfully in importance during the past two years; in fact, it has always been one of the essential foods for local use. Too often it has been the habit to grow the crop in a careless manner, but careful methods of seed selection and planting the crop on good soil give returns that make the extra trouble well worth while.

If a special lot of seed was not picked out last year and carefully stored, now is the time to locate and save the best available. This seed should be bedded until the ground is warm or, if it is desirable to start early plants, the seed should be placed in a hotbed and given careful attention until the plants are ready to set out.

Sweet potatoes respond to the use of fertilizers, especially well balanced commercial fertilizers mixed with the soil underneath the rows. Four hundred to 500 pounds to the acre has been found in some cases to almost double the crop. A great deal depends upon the way the plants

start and if they are set when the soil is in the right condition and a little water poured in around each plant, they will start off promptly. The important point is to begin now and select the best seed available.

The demand for sweet potatoes is increasing and new uses are being found for them every year. They are good human food and are worth growing for stock feed. Recently it has been found that a very fair grade of sirup can be made from surplus sweet potatoes. Give your sweet potato crop more attention.—U. S. Weekly News Letter.

From Senator Strickland

Grapeland Messenger, Grapeland, Texas. Gentlemen:

I am moving temporarily to Eastland, Texas, in order that I may look after some personal interests I have in that section, but will return to Palestine within five or six months. Those who desire to communicate with me on official business or other matters during my absence from home, can address me at that place.

I will be associated there in a law firm with Mr. Luther Nickles, formerly Assistant Attorney General, and Judge O. C. Funderburk, and the style of the firm will be Nickles, Funderburk & Strickland, Eastland, Texas.

Yours truly, J. J. Strickland.

Truth in Small Parcels

Courtesy costs nothing but rewards liberally.

Self-denial is the highway to independence.

The biggest failure is the man who is afraid to try.

Words are a poor substitute for work.

Say "Thank you" as if you mean it.

A gift frequently costs more than to buy outright.

The active man hasn't time to worry over troubles.

There is no half-way honesty.

Rare is the man who doesn't like a compliment occasionally.—New Success.

Irregular bowel movements should be corrected, as they lead to chronic constipation. Take a dose of Prickly Ash Bitters at bedtime. You will get its beneficial effect after breakfast next morning. It empties the stomach and bowels and makes you feel fit for the day's work. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

RENEW TODAY! Tomorrow you may forget it.

**Program 5th Sunday Meeting
Anderson County Association**

Following is the program for the Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Anderson County Association, to be held with Slocum Church, Anderson County, beginning Friday night.

7:30 p. m.—Song Service led by A. P. Tims.

8:00 p. m.—Sermon—J. T. Nation.

Alternate—G. W. Brimberry.

Saturday
9:00 a. m.—Devotional—A. F. Pierce.

9:30 a. m.—Query: Was Cornelius Saved Before Peter Preached to Him?—B. F. Wright and J. S. McDaniel.

10:30 a. m.—Intermission.

11:00 a. m.—Sermon—W. A. Foster. Text: Jno. 3:5. Alternate O. A. Harris.

2:00 p. m.—Devotional—J. H. Wood.

2:30 p. m.—Board Meeting.

3:00 p. m.—Query: Does the Bible Teach That We Should Pay Tithes?—J. A. Rich; W. R. Durnell.

7:30 p. m.—Prayer Service by W. W. Finch.

8:00 p. m.—Sermon by J. W. Freeman; alternate W. D. Andrews.

Sunday
10:00 a. m.—Sunday School.

11:00 a. m.—Sermon, preacher to be selected.

Board members are especially requested to be present Saturday at 2 p. m.

Committee.

**Soldier Turns Down Jobs;
Has \$1000 a Week Income**

Fort, Worth, Texas March 15.—E. A. Turner of the United States employment bureau at Camp Bowie is one of the few men in Fort Worth who have offered jobs to millionaires. Turner said that he asked a big Indian who was being discharged what kind of a job he wanted. When the Indian said he didn't want to work, Turner pressed him, telling him that he ought to work to make a living and that the federal employment service would help him in finding a job.

The Indian gazed on him with a queer look, and pulled out a check of over \$1000 and said that was a part of his weekly income from the oil lands that he owned in Oklahoma. Turner stuck his head out the window to revive, while the big oil land owner walked out to spend his income.

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**Fifth Sunday Meeting to be
Held With Lovelady Church**

Program of the Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Neches River Association, to be held with Lovelady Baptist Church March 27th to 30th.

Thursday
7:30 p. m.—Devotional, P. B. Pyle.

8:00—Sermon, L. L. Sams.

Friday, March 28th.
9:30 a. m.—Devotional, G. W. North.

10:00 a. m. How to Grow a Great Association—M. F. Wheeler, J. L. Kee and G. H. Black.

11:15 a. m. Evangelizing Our Association, Led by H. A. Reagan.

2:00 p. m.—The Woman's Auxiliary will have charge of the program during the afternoon.

7:30—Devotional, D. W. Campbell.

8:00 Sermon—L. J. Hands.

Saturday, March 29th
9:30 a. m.—Devotional, F. J. Berry.

10:00—How to Grow a Great Church.

1 The preaching as a factor—L. L. Sams.

2 Officers and Organization as a factor, Prof. M. W. Robinson.

3 Prayer and Bible Study, as a factor, T. L. Fulbright.

4 The right Kind of Literature as a factor—Coleman Craig, T. N. Mainer.

2:00 p. m.—Devotional, J. W. Hollis.

2:15 p. m.—Our Obligation In the Present Home Mission Drive, M. F. Wheeler, J. A. Bricker, J. W. Caldwell.

3:00 p. m.—Enlarging Our Foreign Mission program, J. L. Kee, J. Y. Renfro.

3:45—A shortage in the supply of preachers, and the reason, C. A. Ray and Prof. M. W. Robinson.

7:30—Devotional, Rev. Wm. Satterwhite.

8:00 p. m.—Sermon W. A. Reagan.

Sunday, March 30th
9:30 a. m.—A Review of the Sunday School Situation in our Association, Hon. Hayne Nelms, W. D. Granberry.

10:00 a. m.—The Needs of Our Sunday Schools and how to meet them, Secretary W. P. Phillips.

10:30 a. m.—Planning the Sunday School campaign in our Association, W. P. Phillips.

11:00 a. m. Sermon—M. F. Wheeler.

3:00 p. m.—B. Y. P. U. program rendered by the B. Y. P. U. of Crockett.

7:30 Sermon—L. L. Sams.

Let every Church in the Association send messengers to this meeting. The church and people of Lovelady extend to you a cordial invitation to be in this meeting and in their homes.

T. N. Mainer,
W. E. Ray,
For the Committee.

CONDENSED OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF
Farmers & Merchants State Bank

Grapeland, Texas

Rendered to the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking at
the Close of Business March 4, 1919

RESOURCES:	LIABILITIES:
Loans and Discounts.....\$ 99,058.72	Capital Stock.....\$ 15,000.00
Overdrafts.....1,086.13	Surplus.....15,000.00
Bonds and U. S. Cert.....12,000.00	Undivided Profits.....1,850.89
Real Estate.....2,983.03	DEPOSITS.....141,686.58
Furniture and Fixtures.....2,365.00	
War Savings Stamps.....63.50	
Interest in Guaranty Fund.....1,979.89	
Cash and due from Banks.....52,563.56	
Bond Account.....1,437.64	
Total.....\$173,537.47	Total.....\$173,537.47

The Above Statement is Correct

W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier.

**Supt. Rosser Issues Statement
Concerning Trustee Election**

Each school principal is required by the Free Text Book Law to make a report showing the number of the several texts for all the grades that will be taught in their respective schools next year. The report will be based on the maximum attendance at the present session of school. I am mailing copies of the new law to all the principals, and later on will supply them with the blanks necessary for the reports. It is the duty of the trustees to see that these reports are passed in by the first of April, as this is the method to be pursued to secure the books for the next school term.

Saturday, April 5th, is trustee election day. I do not know how many trustees are to be elected in the districts, but I presume the managers of the elections know and that they will conduct the election in such manner as will secure three legally chosen members of each board. Election supplies are ready to be sent out and will reach the places in due time through the mail. I should be glad to hand the supplies to those who will call at the office for them, thus insuring their safe delivery.

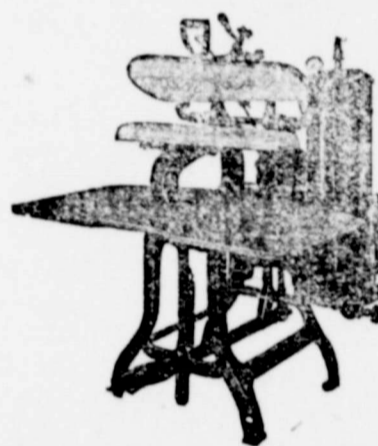
At the same election you will elect three County Board members. All voters in the county will vote for member for the county at large. Voters in commissioners' precinct No. 2 and No. 4, will elect County Board members for their respective precincts, one for each precinct. Voters in commissioners' precinct No. 1 and precinct No. 3, will not vote for County Board members for their respective precincts but will vote for a man for the county at large the same as will the voters in the other precincts.

J. H. Rosser,
County Supt.

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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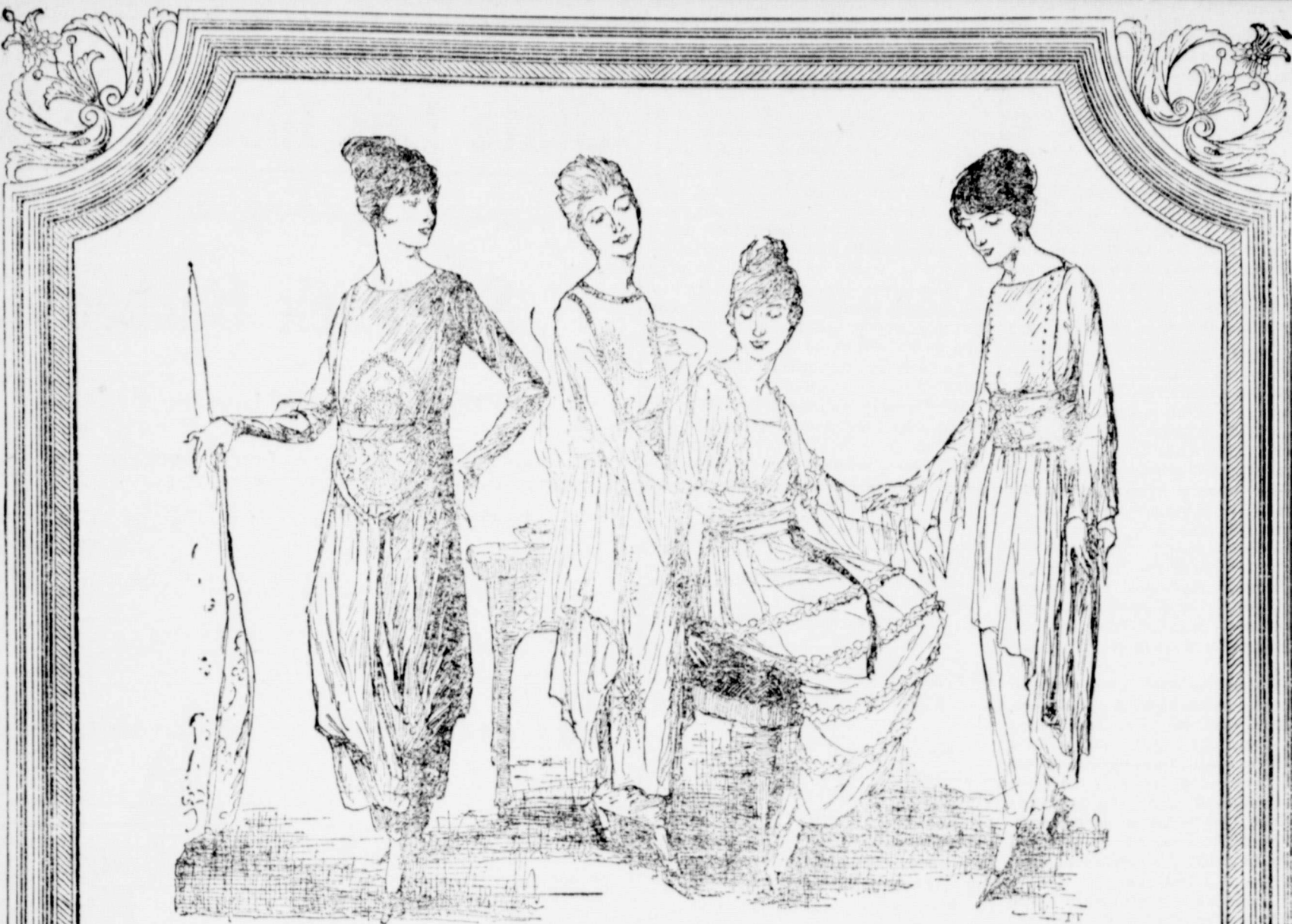
Albert Hajtom of Slocum was transacting business in Grapeland last Monday.

ECZEMA!

Hunt's Salve, formerly called Hunt's Cure is guaranteed to stop and permanently cure that terrible itching. It is compounded for that purpose and your money will be promptly refunded without question if Hunt's Salve fails to cure Itch, Eczema, Tetter, Ring Worm or any other skin disease. See the box.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
SIMON QUALITY WEEK

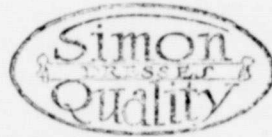
HERE are the styles you've been waiting for! Here are the dresses that America's best dressed women are wearing! This shop has the exclusive selling rights for these charming creations in this city.

You have seen these new spring styles announced in page advertisements in this month's *Ladies' Home Journal* and *Vogue*. Come in and see the dresses themselves.

If you want to take up the season's social activities looking your very best (and this city is going to be very gay this spring)—come in and try one of these frocks on. You will find just that becomingness, just that personal touch, that only the highest class modiste could give you.

And if it's a case of shoes, hat, or coat to harmonize with a new dress, or any one of a myriad necessities, we are fully prepared to supply it. But don't forget to see these dresses!

This Label is fashion's own stamp of approval. It may be found in every Simon Quality frock. It is your assurance of correct style.



Satin, serge, taffeta and charmeuse are the four most popular fabrics for springs, so of course they were chosen for Simon Quality frocks. Never before were they so charmingly treated. There is a wide range of colors, too. The color that makes you look your very loveliest is here—blue, brown, green, burgundy or black. But you really must see these frocks to appreciate them.

Geo. E. Darsey & Co

ROCK HILL

By Norman

Rock Hill, March 17.—Mrs. B. W. Harrelson received a telegram from her husband last week stating that he had landed safely in the states. He is now at Camp Bowie waiting for his discharge. He was wounded in September but is alright now. Mrs. Harrelson will give up her school and return home. We regret very much to see her do so. She has taught us a splendid school.

Miss Euna Mae Nichols entertained a few of her friends at her home Saturday night. Everyone present greatly enjoyed themselves.

We are going to have a meeting of the literary society this coming Friday night. A nice program is being prepared. Everybody invited.

News has just been received in this community that Private Andrew Harrison was killed in action September 1. He was a member of the 36th Division.

Rev. C. A. Campbell fills his appointment here next Sunday.

Messrs. Tom Wood and Lester Tucker visited in Palestine Saturday and Sunday.

REYNARD

By Zack

Reynard, March 17.—Farmers have their work well in hand. Lots of corn was planted last week, and feel safe in saying that the bulk of the crop has been planted. Weather conditions are all that one could expect, except it a little wet. Gardens are beginning to show up, and some are eating salad.

With Easter so late in April it is reasonable to expect that nothing serious in the way of a freeze by that time. Of course, it is possible, but not probable.

W. F. West did a thing Saturday night he never did before—spent the night with Herman Beazley, which may account for the nice weather. Mrs. West and son being in town. They have all had a tussle with the bed again, but glad to report now that everybody in the community is able to eat three meals a day.

Miss Gertrude Fulgham ate birthday dinner at home yesterday. Among the presents was a beautiful messaline dress.

Our social circle has some new recruits in the persons of Misses Maud Fulgham, Leola Grayson and Eula Bell, and Messrs. Fulgham and Smith.

We have some bright boys and girls in our midst and our teacher is doing some good work, laying a good foundation for a high school education, which is about all that could be expected of a one teacher school.

W. L. Fox has built a thoroughbred hog pasture.

We call special attention to the printer of the Messenger and mail carrier to the names of two of our neighbors that look very much alike, either in print or written, Herman and Homer Beazley, and often get mixed.

Let's hear some more about the ice plant—we are a fool about ice in the summer time.

(Zack, as well as our other correspondents, could help us wonderfully in eliminating errors by writing proper names with capital letters and with more care, especially in spelling them correctly.—The Printer.)

Death at Augusta

Mrs. Frank Pate (nee Miss Dollie Moore) died at the home of her mother near Augusta, Wednesday, March 12, 1919. Death was caused by a complication of diseases, influenza being the first illness.

Mrs. Pate was teaching school at New Hope when taken ill. She was married a few months ago in Houston to Mr. Frank Pate of Huntsville, who is in the service, stationed at Galveston in the Coast Artillery. Interment took place last Thursday at Augusta.

The Messenger joins friends in sympathy to the bereaved family.

German Warships will be Divided Among the Victors

The proposal to destroy the ships of the German navy seems to have been abandoned, the vessels will be divided among the Allied nations upon a basis of the number of ships each power lost. The United States and Japan will each receive one large German warship. A few destroyers, gun-

boats and light cruisers will be returned to Germany and the rest of the lighter naval vessels will be given to Belgium, Rumania, Poland and other small nations.

Mrs. Ed Smith has gone to Marlin to spend some time for her health. She was accompanied by her physician, Dr. W. D. McCarty.

A Great Opportunity For Young Ladies and Young Men

The demand for Telegraph operators was never so great as at this time. Railroads are sending men out to get more operators, and are offering special inducements to commercial school students. Several different Railway Companies have offered to place every graduate Tyler Commercial College can furnish, in fact they tried to get our promise to let them place every graduate on their lines. The largest Telegraph school in America—equipped with wire of a main line railroad, all telegraph and freight blanks and books of record, tickets, and in fact everything just as complete as found in the best equipped railroad offices, the best practical teachers to be obtained, thoroughly experienced in commercial and railway telegraphy, station and freight work—the Tyler Commercial College, of Tyler, Texas, is unable to supply the demands of the railroads, Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies for operators. We received a message from a leading railway

company reading: "Can you furnish us with all the operators we need, we furnishing them with free transportation over our line from nearest points?" Just as surely as you complete our course of Telegraphy and Station work, just as surely will we place you in a good position. The same is true where our course of Bookkeeping, Short-hand, Cotton Classing or Business Administration and Finance is completed.

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War Council on Retirement Announces Cash and Supplies Contributed.

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Five Big Societies in World Wide Plan.
H. P. Davison Heads International American Red Cross Commission.
Dr. Livingston Farrand Permanent Leader of Peace Organization.

Washington.—(Special.)—Henry P. Davison as chairman issues the following statement on behalf of the War Council of the American Red Cross:

"To the American People:

"The War Council of the American Red Cross appointed by President Wilson on May 10, 1917, to carry on the work of the American Red Cross during the war, at their request and by vote of the Central Committee, ceased at midnight, February 28.

"Immediately the armistice was signed the War Council instituted studies to determine when the strictly war work of the organization would have been sufficiently matured to enable the direction of affairs to be resumed by the permanent staff. Henry P. Davison, being in Paris when the armistice was signed, summoned a conference there of the heads of all the Red Cross Commissions in Europe to canvass the situation. After considering all the factors it was concluded to make the transition on March 1. The very fortunate choice of Dr. Livingston Farrand as the new chairman of the Central Committee, and thereby the permanent chief executive of the Red Cross, makes possible the consummation of this plan under the most favorable conditions.

Accounts Audited by War Department.

"Detailed reports to Congress and a complete audit of its accounts by the War Department will constitute the final record of Red Cross activity during the war. Although it has been the rule to make public all expenditures when authorized and to give detailed information relative to all work undertaken, the War Council in turning over its responsibilities to Dr. Farrand and his associates desire to give a brief resume of Red Cross war time activities to the American people, to whom the Red Cross belong, and whose generous contributions have made possible all that has been accomplished.

"During the past nearly twenty-one months the American people have given in cash and supplies to the American Red Cross more than \$400,000,000. No value can be placed upon the contributions of service which have been given without stint and oftentimes at great sacrifice by millions of our people.

"The effort of the American Red Cross in this war has constituted by far the largest voluntary gifts of money, of hand and heart, ever contributed purely for the relief of human suffering. Through the Red Cross the heart and spirit of the whole American people have been mobilized to take care of our own, to relieve the misery incident to the war, and also to reveal to the world the supreme ideals of our national life.

"Everyone who has had any part in this war effort of the Red Cross is entitled to congratulate himself. No thanks from anyone could be equal in value to the self satisfaction everyone should feel for the part taken. Fully 8,000,000 American women have exerted themselves in Red Cross service.

Has Over 17,000,000 Adult Members.
"When we entered the war the American Red Cross had about 500,000 members. Today, as the result of the recent Christmas membership Roll Call, there are upwards of 17,000,000 full paid members outside of the members of the Junior Red Cross, numbering perhaps 9,000,000 school children additional.

"The chief effort of the Red Cross during the war has been to care for our men in service and to aid our army and navy wherever the Red Cross may be called on to assist. As to this phase of the work Surgeon General Ireland of the U. S. Army recently said: "The Red Cross has been an enterprise as vast as the war itself. From the beginning it has done those things which the Army Medical Corps wanted done, but could not do itself."

"The Red Cross endeavor in France has naturally been upon an exceptionally large scale where service has been rendered to the American Army and to the French Army and the French people as well, the latter particularly during the trying period when the Allied World was waiting for the American Army to arise in force and power. Hospital emergency service for our army in France has

greatly diminished, but the Red Cross is still being called upon for service upon a large scale in the great base hospitals, where thousands of American sick and wounded are still receiving attention. At these hospitals the Red Cross supplies huts and facilities for the amusement and recreation of the men as they become convalescent. Our Army of Occupation in Germany was followed with Medical units prepared to render the same emergency aid and supply service which was the primary business of the Red Cross during hostilities. The Army Canteen service along the lines of travel has actually increased since the armistice.

"As for work among the French people, now that hostilities have ceased, the French themselves naturally prefer as far as possible to provide for their own. It has accordingly been determined that the guiding principle of Red Cross policy in France henceforth shall be to have punctilious regard to its every responsibility, but to direct its efforts primarily to assisting French relief societies. The liberated and devastated regions of France have been divided by the government into small districts, each officially assigned to a designated French relief organization.

"The American Red Cross work in France was initiated by a commission of eighteen men who landed on French shores June 13, 1917. Since then some 9,000 persons have been upon the rolls in France, of whom 7,000 were actively engaged when the armistice was signed. An indication of the present scale of the work will be obtained from the fact that the services of 6,000 persons are still required.

"Our American Expeditionary Force having largely evacuated England, the activities of the Red Cross Commission there are naturally upon a diminishing scale period. Active operations are still in progress in Archangel and Siberia.

"The work in Italy has been almost entirely on behalf of the civilian population of that country. In the critical hours of Italy's struggle the American people, through their Red Cross, sent a practical message of sympathy and relief, for which the government and people of Italy have never ceased to express their gratitude.

Supplies and Personnel to Near East.

"The occasion for such concentration of effort in Italy, England, Belgium and even in France having naturally and normally diminished, it has been possible to divert supplies and personnel in large measure to the aid of those people in the Near East who have hitherto been inaccessible to outside assistance, but whose sufferings have been upon an appalling scale. The needs of these peoples are so vast that government alone can meet them, but the American Red Cross is making an effort to relieve immediately the more acute distress.

"An extensive group of American workers has been dispatched to carry vitally needed supplies, and to work this winter in the various Balkan countries. In order to co-ordinate their activities, a Balkan commission has been established, with headquarters at Rome, Italy, from which point alone all the Balkan centers can be reached promptly.

"A commission has just reached Poland with doctors and nurses, medical supplies, and food for sick children and invalids. An American Red Cross Commission has also been appointed to aid in relieving the suffering of Russian prisoners still confined in German prison camps.

"An important commission is still working in Palestine. Through the war special co-operation has been given to the Armenian and Syrian Relief Commission, which was the only agency able to carry relief in the interior of Turkish dominions.

Red Cross Will Continue.

"Red Cross effort is thus far flung. It will continue to be so. But the movement represented by this work has likewise assumed an intimate place in the daily life of our people at home. The army of workers which has been recruited and trained during the war must not be demobilized. All our experience in the war shows clearly that there is an unlimited field for service of the kind which can be performed with peculiar effectiveness by the Red Cross. What its future tasks may be it is yet impossible to forecast. We know that so long as there is an American army in the field the Red Cross will have a special function to perform.

"Nothing could be of greater importance to the American Red Cross than the plans just set in motion by the five great Red Cross societies of the world to develop a program of extended activities in the interest of humanity. The conception involves not alone of efforts to relieve human suffering, but to prevent it; not alone a movement by the people of an individual nation but an attempt to arouse all people to a sense of their responsibility for the welfare of their fellow beings throughout the world. It is a program both ideal and practical. Ideal in that its supreme aim is nothing less than veritable "Peace on earth good will to men," and practical in that it seeks to take means and measures which are actually available and make them effective in meeting without delay the crisis which is daily recurrent in the

lives of all peoples.

"For accomplishing its mission in the years of peace which must lie ahead of us the Red Cross will require the ablest possible leadership, and must enjoy the continued support, sympathy, and participation in its work of the whole American people. It is particularly fortunate that such a man as Dr. Livingston Farrand should have been selected as the permanent head of the organization. The unstinted fashion in which all our people gave of themselves throughout the war is the best assurance that our Red Cross will continue to receive that co-operation which will make its work a source of pride and inspiration to every American."

Mr. Davison, as chairman of the International Commission of the American Red Cross, has undertaken to represent the American Red Cross in the preparation of the program for extended Red Cross activities, and will spend the next several months in Europe in consultation with other Red Cross societies for that purpose.

THE WAR COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS.

Henry P. Davison, Chairman.

Brilliant Work of Fifth Division in Routing Huns

The pamphlet containing the citations of the Fifth Division (regular) United States Army, American Expeditionary Force, Major General H. E. Ely commanding, contains very interesting information and statistics as to the work of the division in active operations against the enemy.

This division arrived in France May 1, 1918, was in the Arnould sector from June 15 to July 16, in the St. Die sector July 16 to August 23; took part in the St. Mihiel operation Sept. 11 to 17; in the Argonne-Meuse offensive October 12 to 22, and a second time in the offensive in the same sector October 27 to November 14.

Prisoners captured 48 officers, 2,357 men; guns captured, 98 pieces of artillery and 802 machine guns. Total advance on front line, 29 kilometers (little over 18 miles.)

Among the many citations for this division, contained in the pamphlet is general orders No. 73, issued by the commander on the day of the armistice, which is reproduced in part as follows:

1. It is with pride and pleasure that the division commander calls the attention of the division to general orders No. 41. Third Corps, of Nov. 9, 1918, wherein the Corps commander cites the Fifth Division for "forcing against enemy in position, a crossing of the River Meuse near Dun and near Brieuilles, building bridges and swimming the river in the face of machine gun and artillery fire, and in advancing some nine kilometers into the enemy's territory in the vicinity of Brandeville. This action not only uncovered the left flank of the Seventeenth French Corps and enabled that corps to advance, but broke the line of resistance of the German army and by turning its position on the east bank of the Meuse, compelled its withdrawal," and a letter of Nov. 11, 1918, from the chief of Staff, First Army, A. E. F., to the commanding general, Third Corps, A. E. F., wherein he states: "The army commander has noticed with pleasure and appreciation the excellent work of your corps—"

2. The Fifth Division alone forced the crossing and established the bridgehead—for two days and nights the division held a front of twenty kilometers against the enemy on its front and both flanks. Not content with this, it went out of its sector on the north and took the town of Mouzai and turned it over to the Ninth Division. On the south it went out of its sector and took Vilosnes, enabling the French Division on its right to cross the river.

3. "In the thirty days preceding the armistice this division was seriously engaged under shell, rifle and machine gun fire twenty-seven days. In the past two weeks no day has passed that some town, wood or hill has not been wrested from the enemy.

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Our Honor Roll

Below is a good list of those who have renewed or subscribed since last issue. We thank them all:

Grapeland—Mrs. M. B. Allen, George Mobley, J. S. Morris (Star Route), Mrs. K. C. Alsop, Hadie Gilbert.
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J. J. Knight of San Antonio is spending a few days here visiting his daughter, Mrs. George Moore.

B. Y. P. U. Program March 23

1. Song: No. 39.
2. Prayer.
3. Scripture Reading, John 11, 41-42—Miss Eura Woodard.
4. Piano Solo—Miss Thelma Lee Clewis.
5. Subject: Prayer — Dr. Black, Leader.
6. What is Prayer—Miss Leta Lively.
7. What Prayer has done for me—Mr. Haltom.
8. Who Should Pray—Miss Oda Lee Haltom.
9. Scripture by members.
10. Benediction.

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