

# The Crockett Courier.

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## NEW YEAR'S FIGHT MAY PROVE FATAL

University Student Suffers  
Broken Back in Fight Over  
Girl; May Die.

Philadelphia, Jan. 10.—Charles Nicholas Kessler Jr. of Los Angeles, a University of Pennsylvania student, is in the Polytechnic hospital with a broken back, and believed to be dying as a result of a fight at a New Year's eve party, police have revealed.

The party, attended by university students, was said to have continued for two nights and a day, with considerable drinking. Police investigators have been unable to penetrate the veil of mystery which surrounds Kessler's injury, further than to learn that he was struck by a mahogany table thrown by another student during a fight, said to have been over a girl. They have not learned the name of the student who threw the table. The brawl is said to have occurred in a fraternity house of which the students were members.

### Ephesus News.

Editor Courier:

There were at least two articles in the last issue of the Courier that constitute a severe indictment of farm practices in Houston county. The first of these was that about nineteen carloads of feed were brought to Crockett last week; the second, the announcement by the census bureau that farm tenantry in Houston county shows a large increase over the figures for 1920, and that the acreage devoted to feed crops in the county is declining. These last two facts are a result of the first. The acreage and total production of cotton are both increasing. Houston county is becoming afflicted with the cotton evil and the inevitable result is an increase of farm tenantry. In communities where this takes the form of "absentee landlordism" the result will be a decay of the educational and social life of those places. Houston county needs something to force it to practice diversified farming.

Work has been started on a new church building, the old building having been destroyed by one of the windstorms that visited this place last fall. Many of the business men of Crockett have our thanks for their donations to the building fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Luce are the proud parents of an eight-pound baby boy, Harold Denman, who arrived last Saturday morning. The local boys' basketball team defeated the San Pedro boys by the score of 7 to 2 on the latter's court last Friday afternoon.

Sunday school was well attended last Sunday. The B. Y. P. U. has been discontinued until more favorable weather will permit better attendance on Sunday night.

### Chas. Madden Dead.

Chas. Madden died at the home of his parents, Judge and Mrs. J. W. Madden, in this city at noon Tuesday. He died of gunshot wounds inflicted by himself while overcome with despondency. Bad health and business reverses resulted in a spirit of despondency which he could not overcome.

Chas. Madden was well known in Crockett, Kennard and Augusta and had many friends. He was born in Houston county and was about 45 years old. The Madden family came to Crockett from Augusta, and the elder Madden was secretary of state while Chas. Culberson was governor. The family lived in Austin during the Culberson administration, but returned to Crockett to make their permanent

home. Chas. Madden graduated from the Crockett public schools and engaged in business at Kennard and Crockett. He made friends rapidly and gave promise of a fine business career. Disposing of his interests here, he located in southwest Texas where he engaged in different business ventures with seeming success. But during the last few years reverses came and his business enterprises were swept away. On top of this he was overtaken by ill health, resulting in despondency. Accompanied by one son and leaving the rest of his family in Austin, where he had recently been living, he came to Crockett last week to visit his parents. He and his young son attended church Sunday and were observed about town by friends Monday, none of whom dreamed that he contemplated any rash act. On Tuesday before noon, while upstairs alone in the home of his parents, he shaved himself, took a double-barrel shotgun and fired two shots, the last of which penetrated his breast, death resulting immediately. He left three letters, one each to his wife and son in Austin and the third to his parents in Crockett. Broken in health, broken in finances and broken in spirit were the reasons given for the act.

Besides his own family, he leaves the parents, a sister in west Texas and a brother in Oregon. These have the sympathy of a large community in their sad bereavement.

The remains were laid to rest at Crockett Wednesday. Religious services were conducted by Rev. C. A. Lehmburg, the Methodist pastor.

### Missionary Society Notes.

Methodist Missionary Society met Monday afternoon, January 11, in the church annex, and officers installed for the ensuing year are as follows:

President—Mrs. T. E. Walden  
Vice president—Mrs. Joe Adams.

Corresponding secretary—Mrs. J. L. Jordan.

Recording secretary—Mrs. P. D. Austin.

Treasurer—Mrs. Tom Hairston.

Local treasurer—Mrs. Henry Powers.

Superintendent study—Mrs. Jno. McConnell.

Superintendent publicity—Mrs. Chas. Sexton.

Superintendent service—Mrs. W. A. Norris.

Superintendent supplies—Mrs. R. E. Dillard.

Superintendent local work—Mrs. G. H. Henderson.

Agent Missionary Voice—Mrs. Frank Leaverton.

With the faithful work of the officers and hearty co-operation of the members, we expect a great work of this society this year, with God's help.

### Publicity.

Some kids get what they want and others get sensible presents.

## LIP SHERMAN FOR TAX COLLECTOR

The Courier is this week announcing the candidacy of J. L. Sherman of Kennard for the office of tax collector of Houston county. Mr. Sherman was born and reared in Houston county, being a son of the late Dr. T. M. Sherman, and is now making his home with his mother at Kennard.

He has always lived an honorable and upright life and has moral courage to stand by his convictions. He is even tempered and believes in fair treatment for every one. If elected, he will be courteous in the discharge of his duties, careful of the work in his office and prompt in making his reports.

Mr. Sherman will make the race strictly upon his merits and qualifications to fill the office, and will appreciate the support of every voter in the coming primary. He expects to make an extensive campaign and hopes to personally present his claims to all of the voters of the county before the election. He says he is in the race to win, and will appreciate the support of every democratic man and woman in Houston county.

## FARMER LOSES BARN, MULES AND FEED

The barn of Joe Farek, who lives seven miles east of Crockett, was destroyed by fire recently, together with the contents which consisted of 260 bushels of corn, six tons of hay, wagon, buggy, farm implements, harness, three bales of cotton and seven bales of cotton seed. Two mules were also burned to death, and another may die of burns. The good people of this community extend Mr. Farek sympathy in the loss of his property. He had about \$600 insurance, which will not replace his barn alone.

### Students Break Records.

College Station, Texas, January 11.—Students of A. & M. College this year have broken all records for returning to work after the Christmas holidays, according to figures given out by the commandant's office. Out of a total of 2100 students only seven failed to return for completion if the first term's work. This is by far the lowest number of failures to return following the Christmas holidays that the college has had in recent years. Last year 26 failed to return to classes, and it was expected that between 20 and 30 would withdraw during the holidays this year.

The fellow who has to bring up the rear all through life has the satisfaction of seeing the frivolities of those ahead.

## MATTER PRESENTED TO HIGHWAY BODY

Representatives from Every  
County Affected Urge Com-  
mission Action.

Austin, Jan. 11.—Plea for a direct highway linking Beaumont and Waco and numerous smaller cities, was revived before the new state highway commission Monday, and a delegation representing every county and city affected re-submitted the request for designation of the stretches which will link up the present roads into one 6-county highway. The application was submitted at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, and was promised earnest consideration of the highway board.

### Proposed Routing.

Routing of the highway, as submitted by the citizens Monday, is to be from Waco to Groesbeck, to Centerville, to Crockett, to Groveton, to Livingston, to Woodville, to Kountze, to Beaumont. It will not follow the Livingston, Liberty, Beaumont route as originally proposed.

B. E. Quinn was here as spokesman for Mayor J. Austin Barnes of Beaumont, and H. C. Eargle, spokesman for the Beaumont chamber of commerce. Senator Edgar E. Witt represented Waco and McLennan county. Others in the delegation included County Judge E. T. Murphy of Polk county, Messrs. Jackson and Sory of Livingston county, Judge J. Fred Berry, Trinity county, and C. B. Callahan, secretary chamber of commerce, Groveton, Judge Leroy L. Moore of Houston county and Dr. W. B. Collins, former state health officer, of Lovelady; Dr. W. B. Carrington of Marquez, representing Leon county; Turner E. Campe, secretary chamber of commerce, W. P. Alexander, Limestone county, Legislator C. C. Anglin and L. L. Brown, Groesbeck.

New designations will cover only slightly more than 60 miles, the delegation said, though much of the highway already designated is yet to be built or completed. Far-reaching benefits, not only to the terminal cities but to the towns and the country between them were outlined by the committee.

### Call on Governor.

The entire delegation called on Governor Miriam A. Ferguson shortly after noon and explained the project they submitted to the highway commission. Senator Witt was spokesman in this conference with the governor.

The strenuous gait people travel these days is said to be hard on the heart, and the pocketbook also suffers.

The young people are restless. A thirteen-year-old Arkansas boy couldn't wait until he was of age to kill three people.

## 'PEOPLE ARE IN REVOLT'—RITCHIE

SECOND BROADSIDE BY THE  
DEMOCRATS FIRED AT  
CHICAGO DINNER.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 11.—The second Democratic broadside was fired here preliminary to the next presidential campaign at the Iroquois Club's Jackson Day dinner Friday night, when Gov. Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland said that the preservation of liberty transcended such questions as the world court, tariff or disarmament. Gov. Al Smith of New York fired the opening shot in the preliminary skirmish here early last fall.

Decentralization of the Federal Government and restitution to the States of inherent rights was the theme of Gov. Ritchie's address.

"A Democratic anniversary such as this calls for a Democratic message in the language of Democrats. It concerns the conflict between the rights of the individual citizen, the powers of the Government and the place and functions of local government, as contrasted with national government," he said.

He deprecated overcentralization in the Federal Government as the "instrument of leagues, groups and militant minorities." He referred to adoption of the bill of rights as marking the "first political activity of that element in the Nation which to this day constitutes the Democratic party."

He listed five of the ten amendments "essential to personal liberty" as destroyed: The right of free speech and of peaceable assembly, the guarantee against unreasonable search and seizure, guarantee against double jeopardy and compulsion to be a witness against one's self in a criminal case, the right to a jury trial in the state or district where the crime was committed, and reservation to the states of all powers not delegated to the United States and not prohibited to the states.

"Thus five of the principal immunities guaranteed by the Bill of Rights have been stricken out, one by one, with the result that people everywhere are in revolt against the increasing extravagance of Federal regulation and subject to control by a bureau at Washington, and constant invasion by some Federal agent, investigator or inspector."

"There are other issues, but none affects the preservation of liberty so much as the proper distribution and exercise of power between the States and the Union," Gov. Ritchie said.

### The First Methodist Church.

Sunday at 11 a. m. the pastor will preach on "The New Birth," and at 7:15 p. m., the story of "Dives and Lazarus" will be the subject. There are no more important subjects in all the Bible and the pastor invites all his members, as well as the public in general to attend the services.

Sunday school at 10:30 a. m., Intermediate Epworth League at 4 p. m. and the Senior Epworth League at 6:15 p. m.

Let's all go to church next Sunday. C. A. Lehmburg.

### Some Postscripts.

Physician says he can't see why girls wear silk hose. He must be blind.

Love may be blind, but it frequently has good business judgment when bank rolls are involved.

The experts say more weather data is needed for aviation. Certainly no more weather is needed.

John D. Rockefeller is still giving away dimes. Doesn't he know the cost of living has gone up?

## FIRE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN STARTED TO COVER ROBBERY

Fourth Man Arrested at Alto  
Is Accused of Robbing  
Jewelry Store.

Lufkin, Texas, Jan. 10.—Three members of the fire department of the city were arrested Friday and placed in jail charged with arson, as the outcome of the burning of the old Hoo Hoo theater early Wednesday morning.

The men arrested are Chester Martin and Bassell Orford, paid firemen, and Harry Jones, a member of the volunteer brigade. T. Crumpler was arrested at Alto and brought back and jailed upon the confession of one of the trio, officers state.

According to the confession, Crumpler was the person who broke the plate glass window of Edwards Jewelry store simultaneously with the fire and escaped with a valuable dressing case which it was said was designed as a belated Christmas gift for a young woman in Beaumont.

## RETIRES AFTER A 33 YEARS SERVICE

After 33 years and 9 months continuous service, during which time he has graduated from one position to the other until today he is one of the best known railroad men in the southwest, J. R. Jones, superintendent of the International-Great Northern at San Antonio, is retiring. His retirement on annuity, as a token of appreciation for his long and uninterrupted service, became effective Jan. 15.

Mr. Jones entered service with the International-Great Northern on April 1, 1892, as brakeman. He served in this capacity until August 1, 1899; when he was made conductor, continuing in this work until April 1, 1907, when he was named trainmaster. He remained trainmaster until Jan. 1, 1908, and was given a post as conductor, in which position he remained until Sept. 1, 1911, when he again became trainmaster and on July 1, 1915, became superintendent of the San Antonio division.

After serving a year as superintendent Mr. Jones was again made trainmaster and then again superintendent in 1914 in which position he has remained until his voluntary retirement from service. He is now 67 years of age.

President L. W. Baldwin of the Missouri Pacific, to which the International-Great Northern is now joined and forms a part, has written Mr. Jones a letter complimenting him for his long period of service during which time he has been a faithful worker and a consistent booster for his organization.

Mr. Ed Rutledge, engineer who was killed in the Sunshine Special wreck near Lovelady recently, was 70 years of age and had seen about 50 years of continuous service with the I-G-N railroad.

Conductor Sam Barefield, who died at Henderson last summer, was past 60 years of age and had been in continuous service for over 40 years with the same railroad.

### Wise and Otherwise.

Business outlook is good except for those wanting something for nothing, and even they may get the nothing.

Fifty chickens stolen from an Indiana farm came back. We thought it was the cat that always came back.

## "Let's Bake a Cake for Sunday"

WHITE CARAMEL CAKE AND FILLING  
One and one-half cups sugar, one-half cup Crisco or butter, one cup milk, three cups AMERICAN MAID FLOUR, one teaspoon salt, three teaspoons baking powder, whites of three eggs, vanilla extract to taste. Cream sugar and shortening till puffy, add milk, sift flour, salt and baking powder four times. Add to first mixture, little at a time until all flour is used. Last add the stiffly beaten whites. Bake in three layers.





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**MIND-FOOD AS IMPORTANT AS BODY-FOOD.**

Just as victuals are body-food, so papers are mind-food, and if there is anything in the world a family can't afford to be "cheap" about, it is their intellectual food.

Every sensible man knows now that the mind counts for more than the body, the brain for more than the belly; and yet 90 farmers in every 100 who would not think of starving themselves of body-food, stomach-food, muscle-food, are nevertheless starving themselves of brain-food, mind-food, intellectual food.

Many a man who would work his finger-nails off rather than see his wife and children feed their bodies on bones and crumbs and scraps, will nevertheless feed their minds on the mustiest, rankest bran-and-chaff sort of mind-food that he can find in the shape of a paper or magazine—just because it is cheap.

"But I got this paper so cheap!" such men will tell you. "Three or four whole years for a dollar—or three or four papers a whole year for a dollar—and a free premium besides!" How can a man so slander his own brain, his own mind! How can he be counted to intimate that the minds of his family deserve no better food than some cheap journal thrown in with a free fountain pen or buggy whip!

Suppose some agent should come to you and say: "I understand you have been eating good wheat flour costing \$8 or \$10 a barrel and feeding your children the same high-priced stuff. Why, sir, that's too expensive. You can't afford it. Why, here's a

mixture of bran and spoiled cornmeal, and I'll sell you three barrels for \$5 and throw in a fountain pen free!" You wouldn't take two minutes, we suspect, to show that man the door.

And yet, although food for the mind is just as important as food for the body, there are farmers in every neighborhood who refuse to use their own heads in selecting their reading matter, but let some slick-tongued agent palm off on them whatever cheap, unwholesome, unhelpful, bran-and-chaff mixture of intellectual food he chooses to throw together in some cheap, cut-rate, "most papers for your money" clubbing offer.—Editor Clarence Poe, in the Progressive Farmer.

**SOAKING THE PUBLIC.**

Slick salesmen with a gift of gab and glib promises sold to the public over \$80,000 worth of stock and the moment that it was sold their money shrunk fully 25 per cent, for it is understood that this amount and higher amounts were paid as commissions for the sale of this stock.

One man after buying a thousand dollars worth of stock thought it over, came to town and with the help of a friend had the deal called off.

Imagine the friend's surprise when a few hours afterwards he asked for a blank note and signed up for another \$500 worth of stock and the next day a high powered salesman sold this self-same man another \$500 worth of stock.

Yes, his eyes and ears were open but he did not seem able to pick the chaff from the grain.

Others invested, on the promises of big dividends, all of their savings and today stand with nothing.

We venture to say that if any man in town that they knew had approached him and offered to sell any gilt edged stock for par that he would have turned him down.

However, what is the use in talking about what has passed—what we should beware of is what the future may bring.

Your bankers are good shrewd business men and will give you advice and counsel and it will not cost you one cent.

When a salesman comes to you with a proposition that looks too rosy you had better steer clear of him—investigate.

Remember another thing—these salesmen always like to get some prominent man interested and then proceed to use his name to a fare you well.—Brenham Banner-Press.

Some children are credits to their parents. Others are debts.

**FARMERS WILL MAP OUT PLANS**

Commissioner Terrell Issues Call for Jan. 23; Marketing Problems.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 7.—A state-wide conference to plan larger feed crop acreage, reduction of cotton planting in 1926, and the solution of marketing problems, was called Thursday by Agricultural Commissioner Geo. B. Terrell for January 23, at Dallas.

Purposes of the conference enumerated by Terrell are:

Encourage reduction of cotton acreage.

Encourage growing of better staple cotton.

Planting of enough feed crops to supply the state.

Proper rotation of crops and soil building.

To formulate plans for county and school district organization to achieve these objectives.

To discuss marketing and other related problems.

To elect delegates to the South-wide agricultural conference to be held in Memphis, Tenn., February 3.

The appeal is addressed to all farmers, farm organizations, county agents, teachers, editors, bankers and business interests of the state.

Railroads are being asked for reduced rates to the meeting.

**Bryan C. of C. Adopts 1926 Farm Program.**

Bryan, Texas, Jan. 7.—One hundred hens and one cow on every farm, 25 per cent reduction in cotton acreage, more food and feed raised, soil improvement, soil building and fertilization, is the farm program for Brazos county for 1926 adopted by the Bryan chamber of commerce.

The city government will be asked to contribute \$100 per month and the building and loan association \$25 per month, making a total of \$1500 to be used for premiums and prizes to encourage and stimulate the farmers in carrying out the program as outlined. The budget for the chamber of commerce for the year was fixed at \$7500. It is proposed to spend \$1000 in an educational and publicity campaign in the general agricultural program.

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**WALKER COUNTY FARM STATISTICS**

The department of commerce at Washington has released the preliminary report of the 1925 farm census for Walker county, with comparative data for 1920. In 1920 Walker county had 2,447 farms, operated by 1,073 white and 1,374 colored farmers. In 1925 the farms numbered only 1,787, operated by 701 white and 1,086 colored farmers. During the five years the number of farm owners decreased from 1,085 to 698, while the number of tenants decreased from 1,348 to 1,086. Incidentally, the number of colored farmers in Walker showed the exact figures of the number of tenants. While the number of tenants in that county decreased, tenantry, as a whole, showed an increase as to the number of farms in operation during the two years.

The farm acreage of Walker county January 1, 1920 was 205,362, which dropped to 136,691 acres January 1, 1925. Crop land in 1924 totaled 58,945 acres, with 58,531 acres of pasture and 12,473 acres of woodland not pastured.

Farm values decreased approximately one-half from January 1, 1925. The 1920 values were \$5,054,671, as compared with \$2,637,974 in 1925, a decrease of \$2,416,697.

Livestock on farms in Walker county decreased during the five-year period as follows: horses from 3,681 to 2,136 head; mules from 2,883 to 2,497 head; cattle from 19,259 to 13,000 head; swine from 11,015 to 4,782 head. Hogs showed the largest decrease among farm animals.

Walker county in 1919 planted 19,017 acres of corn, as compared with 10,118 acres in 1924. The hay crop dropped from 2,096 acres to 1,670 acres. Sweet potatoes were grown on 693 acres in 1919, on 126 acres in 1924. Cotton acreage, however, increased from 23,055 acres in 1919 to 37,099 acres in 1924. This shows that Walker county, like many others, is producing little feed and food, but is turning to the all-cotton farming plan. But the Courier's prediction is that the all-cotton plan will result disastrously in the end. There is cause for alarm.

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**Knights Templar Install.**

At their last stated assembly, Crockett Commandery No. 91, Knights Templar, installed the following elective and appointive officers to serve for the ensuing year: D. C. Kennedy, eminent commander; C. O. Murray, generalissimo; Dan McConnell, captain general; J. W. Markham, senior warden; T. J. Waller, junior warden; Arch Baker, treasurer; E. C. Arledge, recorder; W. D. Julian, standard bearer; R. W. Stiles, prelate; W. H. Collins,

sword bearer; F. M. Posey, warden; T. R. DeuPree, sentinel; G. D. McClain, first guard; J. C. Haddox, second guard; V. L. Word, third guard. Past Commander W. P. Bishop acted as installing officer.

If you are interested in the purchase of a monument, either marble or granite, please call on or write me at Crockett, Texas, and I can save you a good deal on your order.

I. B. Lansford.

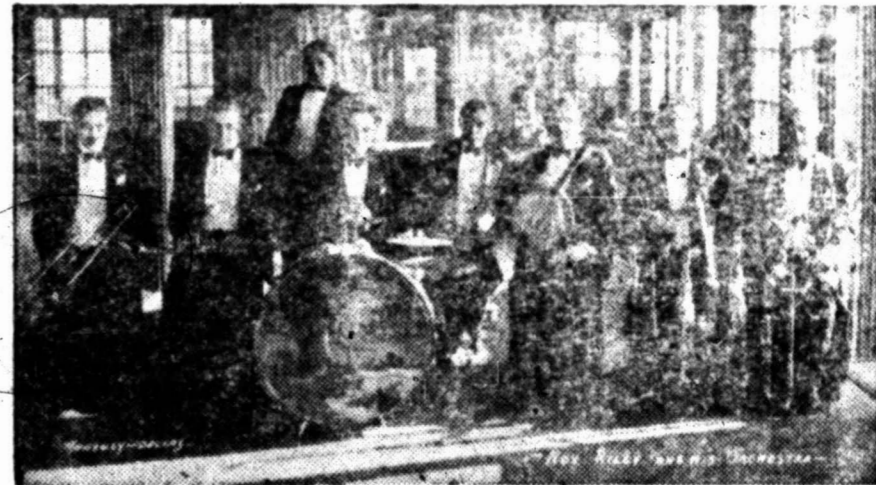
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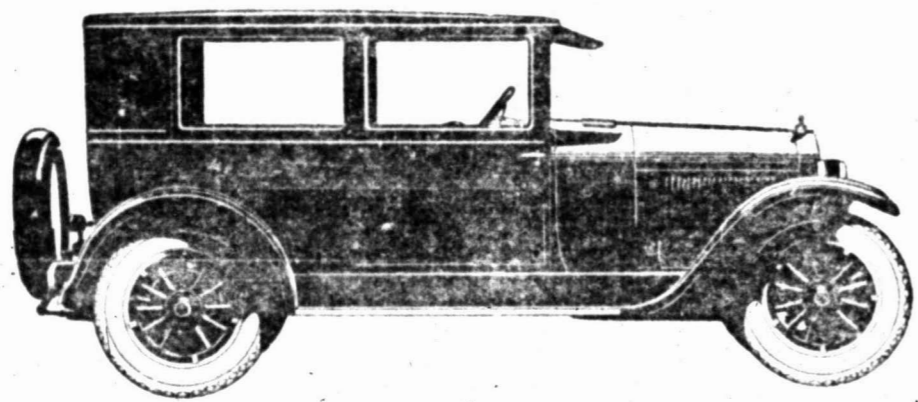
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## JUST A WORD WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS

The Courier has a very fine list of renewals and subscriptions this week. We even have an increase of three over last week's list of 31 names. The Courier appreciates each one of the 34 renewals and subscriptions.

The Courier hears people say that there is remarkably little plowing done around Crockett, but the farmers are hauling feed and will doubtless start early land breaking soon. Many report that the ground has been too wet to do successful plowing. This condition, however, is now largely disappearing.

Among those calling to renew or subscribe, or sending in their renewals and subscriptions since last issue are the following:

- C. H. Hanson, Italy.
- W. Patterson, Crockett.
- Geo. W. Hayslip, Wheeler.
- W. G. Creath, Crockett Rt. 8.
- Henry Powers, Crockett.
- Miss Frances Leaverton, Denton.
- Mrs. Earle Adams, Crockett.
- Jim Porter, Crockett.
- S. L. Murchison, Crockett.
- Mrs. D. W. Odell, Fort Worth.
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- H. M. Robinson, Bronte.
- J. W. Young, Crockett.
- Mrs. W. B. Wall, Crockett.
- G. W. Allbright, Lovelady Star Route.
- Allee & Murray, Crockett.
- Mrs. I. A. Daniel, Crockett.
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- J. F. Downes, Dallas.
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- G. C. Ageford, Uniontown, Pa.
- Jas. S. Shivers, Crockett.
- N. L. Asher, Crockett.
- Jno. F. Baker, Crockett.
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- O. H. Maxwell, Crockett.
- Albert Thompson, Crockett.
- Clifford Kennedy, Crockett.
- Judge A. A. Aldrich, Crockett.
- Earl David (col.), Crockett Star Route.

### Hard Coal.

A car of Zeigler Illinois coal expected within the next few days. All persons desiring coal may get it for \$12.50 delivered from railroad station.

B. R. Smith,  
Mary Allen Seminary.

Get your old furniture made new at I. B. Lansford's shop. Prices right.

## NACOGDOCHES HAS 12 OUT FIRST WEEK

The first week in January witnessed the announcement of a candidate for office in Houston county newspapers. In comparison with other counties in this section, Houston county seems to be getting away to a slow start in the election campaign. The Huntsville Item carried the announcements of seven candidates for Walker county offices. Anderson county newspapers contained the announcements of eleven, while Nacogdoches papers had twelve announcements of candidates in that county. This is, of course, too early to determine whether the race will be entered by many candidates in Houston county.

### MR. OUSLEY'S WARNING TO FARMERS.

Clarence Ousley is not in agreement with former Governor Colquitt upon the latter's proposal that the government should buy up 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 bales of cotton, retire it from the market, and thus force up the price of the remaining supply of cotton. The former governor thinks that if the government should pursue such a course, cotton would rise from 18 cents to 30 cents per pound. Mr. Ousley thinks no permanent benefit would come to the cotton farmer, even if the expectations of Mr. Colquitt should be realized.

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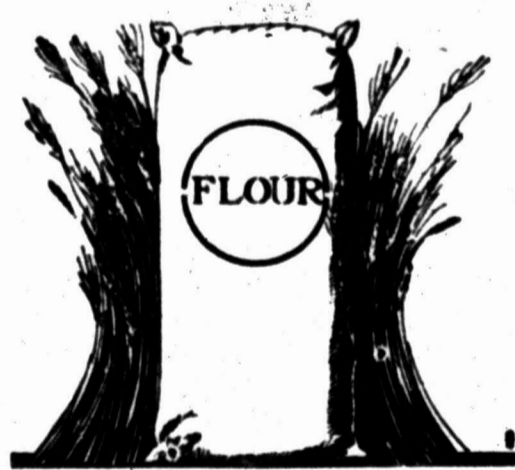
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Just as victuals are body-food, so papers are mind-food, and if there is anything in the world a family can't afford to be "cheap" about, it is their intellectual food.

Every sensible man knows nowadays that the mind counts for more than the body, the brain for more than the belly; and yet 90 farmers in every 100 who would not think of starving themselves of body-food, stomach-food, muscle-food, are nevertheless starving themselves of brain-food, mind-food, intellectual food.

Many a man who would work his finger-nails off rather than see his wife and children feed their bodies on bones and crumbs and scraps, will nevertheless feed their minds on the mustiest, rankest bran-and-chaff sort of mind-food that he can find in the shape of a paper or magazine—just because it is cheap.

"But I rot this paper so cheap!" such men will tell you. "Three or four whole years for a dollar—or three or four papers a whole year for a dollar—and a free premium besides!" How can a man so slander his own brain, his own mind! How can he be counted to intimate that the minds of his family deserve no better food than some cheap journal thrown in with a free fountain pen or buggy whip!

Suppose some agent should come to you and say: "I understand you have been eating good wheat flour costing \$8 or \$10 a barrel and feeding your children the same high-priced stuff. Why, sir, that's too expensive. You can't afford it. Why, here's a

mixture of bran and spoiled cornmeal, and I'll sell you three barrels for \$5 and throw in a fountain pen free!" You wouldn't take two minutes, we suspect, to show that man the door.

And yet, although food for the mind is just as important as food for the body, there are farmers in every neighborhood who refuse to use their own heads in selecting their reading matter, but let some slick-tongued agent palm off on them whatever cheap, unwholesome, unhelpful, bran-and-chaff mixture of intellectual food he chooses to throw together in some cheap, cut-rate, "most papers for your money" clubbing offer.—Editor Clarence Poe, in the Progressive Farmer.

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Slick salesmen with a gift of gab and glib promises sold to the public over \$80,000 worth of stock and the moment that it was sold their money shrunk fully 25 per cent, for it is understood that this amount and higher amounts were paid as commissions for the sale of this stock.

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Yes, his eyes and ears were open but he did not seem able to pick the chaff from the grain.

Others invested, on the promises of big dividends, all of their savings and today stand with nothing.

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However, what is the use in talking about what has passed—what we should beware of is what the future may bring.

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When a salesman comes to you with a proposition that looks too rosy you had better steer clear of him—investigate.

Remember another thing—these salesmen always like to get some prominent man interested and then proceed to use his name to a fare you well.—Brenham Banner-Press.

Some children are credits to their parents. Others are debts.

**FARMERS WILL MAP OUT PLANS**

Commissioner Terrell Issues Call for Jan. 23; Marketing Problems.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 7.—A state-wide conference to plan larger feed crop acreage, reduction of cotton planting in 1926, and the solution of marketing problems, was called Thursday by Agricultural Commissioner Geo. B. Terrell for January 23, at Dallas.

Purposes of the conference enumerated by Terrell are: Encourage reduction of cotton acreage.

Encourage growing of better staple cotton. Planting of enough feed crops to supply the state.

Proper rotation of crops and soil building.

To formulate plans for county and school district organization to achieve these objectives.

To discuss marketing and other related problems.

To elect delegates to the South-wide agricultural conference to be held in Memphis, Tenn., February 3.

The appeal is addressed to all farmers, farm organizations, county agents, teachers, editors, bankers and business interests of the state.

Railroads are being asked for reduced rates to the meeting.

**Bryan C. of C. Adopts 1926 Farm Program.**

Bryan, Texas, Jan. 7.—One hundred hens and one cow on every farm, 25 per cent reduction in cotton acreage, more food and feed raised, soil improvement, soil building and fertilization, is the farm program for Brazos county for 1926 adopted by the Bryan chamber of commerce.

The city government will be asked to contribute \$100 per month and the building and loan association \$25 per month, making a total of \$1500 to be used for premiums and prizes to encourage and stimulate the farmers in carrying out the program as outlined. The budget for the chamber of commerce for the year was fixed at \$7500. It is proposed to spend \$1000 in an educational and publicity campaign in the general agricultural program.

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**WALKER COUNTY FARM STATISTICS**

The department of commerce at Washington has released the preliminary report of the 1925 farm census for Walker county, with comparative data for 1920. In 1920 Walker county had 2,447 farms, operated by 1,073 white and 1,374 colored farmers. In 1925 the farms numbered only 1,787, operated by 701 white and 1,086 colored farmers. During the five years the number of farm owners decreased from 1,085 to 698, while the number of tenants decreased from 1,348 to 1,086. Incidentally, the number of colored farmers in Walker showed the exact figures of the number of tenants. While the number of tenants in that county decreased, tenantry, as a whole, showed an increase as to the number of farms in operation during the two years.

The farm acreage of Walker county January 1, 1920 was 205,362, which dropped to 136,691 acres January 1, 1925. Crop land in 1924 totaled 58,945 acres, with 58,531 acres of pasture and 12,473 acres of woodland not pastured.

Farm values decreased approximately one-half from January 1, 1925. The 1920 values were \$5,054,671, as compared with \$2,637,974 in 1925, a decrease of \$2,416,697.

Livestock on farms in Walker county decreased during the five-year period as follows: horses from 3,681 to 2,136 head; mules from 2,883 to 2,497 head; cattle from 19,259 to 13,006 head; swine from 11,015 to 4,782 head. Hogs showed the largest decrease among farm animals.

Walker county in 1919 planted 19,017 acres of corn, as compared with 10,118 acres in 1924. The hay crop dropped from 2,096 acres to 1,670 acres. Sweet potatoes were grown on 693 acres in 1920, on 26 acres in 1924. Cotton acreage, however, increased from 23,055 acres in 1919 to 37,039 acres in 1924. This shows that Walker county, like many others, is producing little feed and food, but is turning to the all-cotton farming plan. But the Courier's prediction is that the all-cotton plan will result disastrously in the end. There is cause for alarm.

**Knights Templar Install.**

At their last stated assembly, Crockett Commandery No. 91, Knights Templar, installed the following elective and appointive officers to serve for the ensuing year: D. C. Kennedy, eminent commander; C. O. Murray, generalissimo; Dan McConnell, captain general; J. W. Markham, senior warden; T. J. Waller, junior warden; Arch Baker, treasurer; E. C. Arledge, recorder; W. D. Julian, standard bearer; R. W. Stiles, prelate; W. H. Collins, sword bearer; F. M. Posey, warden; T. R. DeuPree, sentinel; G. D. McClain, first guard; J. C. Haddox, second guard; V. L. Word, third guard. Past Commander W. P. Bishop acted as installing officer.

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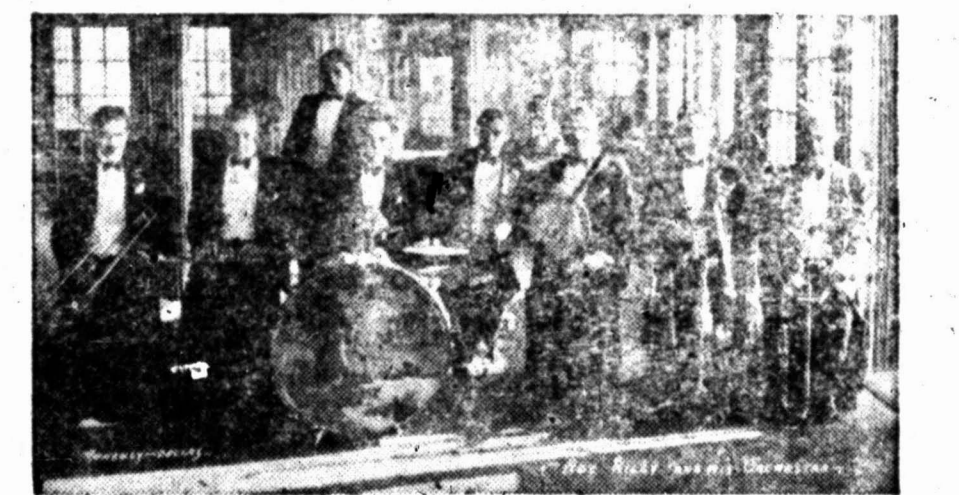
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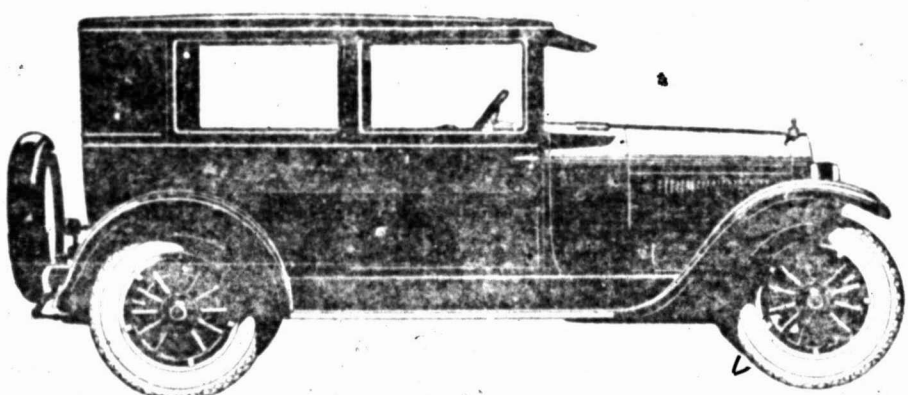
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The Courier hears people say that there is remarkably little plowing done around Crockett, but the farmers are hauling feed and will doubtless start early land breaking soon. Many report that the ground has been too wet to do successful plowing. This condition, however, is now largely disappearing.

Among those calling to renew or subscribe, or sending in their renewals and subscriptions since last issue are the following.

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A survey of automobile accidents in the city of Cleveland shows that in only 39 per cent of cases investigated were automobile drivers held to blame for accidents.

Using this example as a basis for figuring, Edward C. Stone of the Employers Liability Assurance Corporation, applies it to a state like Massachusetts which has about four million population. He makes his comparison from official figures as to accidents, insured cars, and financially responsible drivers.

The startling conclusion which he shows is that this supposedly remedial legislation would be saddled upon all automobile owners to compel them to do certain things because of the irresponsible action of some 3,000 persons in a state like Massachusetts, where there are some 700,000 automobile operators.

Would a compulsory insurance law tend to create carelessness on the part of a careless or irresponsible person? It would probably have just the opposite effect, by relieving such drivers of all possible responsibility. Such a compulsory law would undoubtedly build up an enormous political machine to administer it under a state fund.

The thing most essential today is to reduce the number of accidents, and not to make it easier to have an accident at the expense of somebody else.

**LAND WEARS OUT.**

It is remarkable how rapidly land wears out when it is cropped year after year to wheat or cotton or to any other soil-robbing crop. Farmers migrate to a new agricultural section. The soil is black and gives every indication of being able to hold its productivity in spite of the worst sort of cropping abuse. "This land will never wear out," say the newcomers, and then they set to work to put it to the test.

Some fifty years ago, the farmers of the Southeast began to settle up the black lands of Texas. There they found a soil enriched and made black by the accumulation of years on years of decayed organic matter. But it has taken only a comparatively short span of years of cropping abuse to bring this land of exceptional virgin fertility to its knees in an abject plea for organic matter and plant food. Now the grass lands of West Texas are being brought under the plow. Its farmers have not learned the lesson taught by the experience of Central Texas, because already they are talking about the dire necessity for cheap labor in order that they

will have more and more cotton. It will be before West Texas has an acute soil fertility problem of its own? Not long if the best, unless there is a change in farming methods.—Eugene Butler, in the Progressive Farmer.

**AN AGRICULTURAL CLUB: "IT'S IN DALLAS."**

A common meeting ground for the business man who has agricultural interests and for those engaged in agricultural educational work or practical farming, also for all those varied interests which come into direct relationship with farming, is to result from the organization of the Texas Agricultural Club of Dallas, which came into existence Thursday. That there is need for such a clearing house for agricultural thought and activities along constructive lines seems certain, since Texas as the greatest agricultural state might profit from constructive group thought.

The Texas Agricultural Club of Dallas is likely to fill an important place in the state with one of life's fundamentals. A better agriculture and higher standard of living on the farms of the Lone Star State will have the support of every progressive citizen. Nor is agriculture a subject which many may think fit to be. In fact, it is one of the most vital factors in all human activity. With our present knowledge and methods of farming, the nation would perish. With the aid of science applied to farming, this industry is making rapid progress. Haphazard and slipshod methods on the farm are being discarded as they have been in other lines of industry. The farmer is not content to eke out a bare existence when through the application of improved methods and science he can be a business man. And farming has become a business one of the greatest business activities in Texas. Take the total of farm products out of the wealth produced annually in Texas, and the state's showing would, indeed, be tame.

Modern farming is deserving of the attention of every intelligent human being. Many big business men have farm hobbies. The appeal of the soil, of the fat land and the sleek live stock, of the broad expanse of cotton fields ready for harvest, is irresistible. Even men of affairs loaded down with weighty duties incidental to the routine of industrial life find solace and inspiration and delight in frequent visits to their country acres where troubles are forgotten and something of primal life still remains.

The Texas Agricultural Club of Dallas fills a peculiar need and comes at a time when agriculture is on almost everyone's lips. There is no doubt that farming in Texas is on the eve perhaps of its greatest development, with encouragement toward intensive tillage making consistent progress.—Dallas News.

**THE HOME PAPER BEST.**

"Irreverent shears are never laid upon the President's home town paper. That is the greatest newspaper, the most important newspaper that comes to the White House, and the President wants it all."—Tomahawk, Wisconsin, Leader.

The population of every great city is largely made up of men and women from small towns. Many of them are never weaned away from the old home surroundings and they read the home town paper from the first paragraph to the last. That is the reason the rural papers of America have such a far-reaching influence, in safeguarding the ideals and traditions of our constitutional form of government and what it stands for.

**Crockett High Wins.**

The Crockett High school basketball team defeated the Grounds community independent team Wednesday afternoon on the C. H. S. court, 20 to 2. The high school second team held the visiting team during half the game. Brannen was high point man with 12 points.

Crockett plays Lone Pine High at Lone Pine Friday. Lone Pine is reported to be strong this year.



The columns of this paper is the most attractive and the most economical means you can use to place your message before the people of this community. A story, over your own name, in each issue telling about the new merchandise you have in stock, how well equipped you are to give needed service, and last, but not least, how favorably your prices compare with others, will bring business to your store.

**WE HAVE THE CUTS AND COPY TO AID YOU TO WRITE ATTRACTIVE ADVERTISEMENTS**

**Telephone Number 22**



## Expert Knowledge

IS REQUIRED TO REPAIR  
A CAR PROPERLY

Bring your automobile to us if you want to be sure that it will have that old-time pep and pulling power that it had when it was new.

We want you to know the merits of this garage, and the only way for you to know them first hand is to test our work.

The next time your car is in need of attention, bring it to us. You will know more after you have taken it away.

We come after your car anywhere, any time you are stalled.

## Magnolia Garage

Day Phone, 312—Night Phone, 344  
Or 113

### LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

H. D. Carter of Huntsville is the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. C. Wells.

Rev. B. W. Baker of Tiger, Ala., is visiting the family of John W. Baker.

Mrs. B. T. Jordan of Houston visited in Crockett last week.

Lois Bricker of Houston was a Crockett visitor last week.

Christ'an Church.

Mrs. Earle Adams Jr. of Houston visited in Crockett last week.

Rev. I. N. Jett will be with the Christian church again Sunday and desires full attendance at both services.

I. N. Jett of Sour Lake was in Crockett this week to organize a brass band for the town.

Mr. and Mrs. James Crawford of Fullerton, La., are visiting in the home of Mrs. Willie Elliott.

Closing out all Ladies' Hats—values up to \$9.50. Choice, \$1.50.  
It. Crockett Dry Goods Co.

All want free publicity, from the Kukulux organizer down to the society to prevent cruelty to children.

Mrs. Smith B. Wootters has returned to her home in Mart, following a visit to her parents in this city.

Just a few army coats left—January Clearance Sale price \$1.98.  
It. D. C. Kennedy & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Adams have returned from Madisonville to Crockett and will again make their home here.

Automobile accidents are of such frequency that people pay little attention to them unless some one is killed.

Better work for less money at E. B. Lansford's shop, and you get it quicker. In the old Cotton Chopper building, Crockett, Texas.  
2t.

Don't overlook our January Clearance Sale. All heavy winter goods sacrificed at and below cost.  
It. D. C. Kennedy & Co.

Don't forget to see "Uncle Q." Martin at I. B. Lansford's shop for all your blacksmith work. If you have not tried him you better get in line now.  
2t.

Come to Dayton's Cash Store, next to Auditorium Theatre, for your fancy groceries, candy and fruits. Chicken salad sandwiches Saturday.  
It.\*

#### For Rent.

75 to 100 acres, with 4-room house, pasture with ever-living water; well located, close to school, five miles from Crockett.  
2t. J. W. Hail.

#### For Sale.

Resident lots from one hundred and fifty dollars up, small cash payment, balance monthly or annually. C. W. Jones, the Real Estate Man.  
1t.

B. J. McGill of Grapeland died December 21, 1925. He was the first member in the colored unit we have lost. This unit is growing rapidly.  
To join see  
It. A. Houston.

I will operate a first-class grist mill at my new location and will be glad to grind your corn for you any day you bring it. I have purchased the old Cotton Chopper iron building and will be located there in the future. I. B. Lansford, Crockett, Texas.  
2t.

#### New Building.

Mrs. R. A. High is erecting two new business houses of brick on West Main street, west of and adjoining the West Main Dry Goods Company. The brick building formerly occupying this location, which was occupied by I. B. Lansford, has been torn down to make room for the two new buildings.

#### Coffey Downs Harper.

Jim Coffey, local wrestler, gained a one-fall victory over Paul Harper of Madisonville at the Shrine club Friday night in 19 minutes of wrestling. Harper was a good man, and was heavier than Coffey, but the local wrestler knew the game too well for Harper to gain the fall.

#### Notice to the Public.

I have moved my shop to the old Planter's Cotton Chopper iron building near the light plant, and would be glad to have all my friends to call on me when they want the best in blacksmith and woodwork. I have with me the best blacksmith in Houston county, Mr. Q. Martin, better known as "Uncle Q." Come and see us.  
2t. I. B. Lansford.

### BIG BANKRUPT SALE OPENS.

Great Crowds of Eager Buyers Through the Store.

As scheduled, the extensively, widely heralded, big \$10,000 bankrupt sale opened Thursday morning—because of some unavoidable delay the doors were not opened until 10 o'clock and a great crowd had gathered in front of the store and were waiting to be admitted. When the doors were finally thrown open, the crowd rushed in and the buying was fast and furious and the store continued crowded all the time.

This is not an ordinary sale, but bankrupt prices are tacked on every single item in the big ten thousand dollar stock of dry goods, ladies' dresses, coats and all ready-to-wear garments for women—hundreds of pairs of shoes, pumps and oxfords for women and children, and all shoes, suits, pants, hats and goods for men and boys.

The big sale will continue until the stock is sold out. Jno. W. Searls has charge of the sale and known as the country's greatest "bargain giver," has certainly sustained his reputation.  
1t.

#### For Sale.

And am going to sell them, 4 slightly used automobiles—I mean slight used—in perfect condition, guaranteed. One Dodge touring, driven 3170 miles, new battery and casings, a real bargain.

One Studebaker light six, first-class condition, good rubber, a real bargain, looks good, driven 5000 miles.

A Ford touring, 1925 model used about 6 months, you know the rest. See me at Miller & Berry's.  
J. C. Millar,  
It. Hudson & Essex Dealer.

About the only shrinkage in the money situation in this country is in the number of people who are able to hold on to it.

### MAIL US YOUR PATTERN ORDERS

The Two-Piece Effect Is Popular



6633—In size 38 you need 1 1/4 yd. of 50-inch bordered material and 1 1/2 yd. of 39-inch contrasting material.

You can buy suitable materials at our piece-goods counter.



6597—In size 16 years you need only 2 3/8 yds. of 40-inch material.

For Afternoon and Sports Wear

YOU don't need much material for these dresses, so you can afford to buy the best. Before you visit our piece-goods department, get your pattern at our Butterick counter and see how much material you need and what materials are most effective for each dress. All this information is given on your pattern envelope.

Always Buy BUTTERICK PATTERNS including DELTOR

Jas. S. Shivers  
CROCKETT, TEXAS

The fellow who kicks the hardest over high prices never fails to get his share of the profits. Progress: A slow process of getting out of debt and then getting in again.

## Where You Buy for Less

This store expects to continue the same policy during the New Year that it has followed in the past—selling good, substantial merchandise at a low margin of profit, so that this will still be the place

### Where You Buy for Less

Our stock of staple and fancy groceries makes it possible to satisfy all your grocery wants here.

Compare Our Prices, That's All We Ask

## ARNOLD BROTHERS

The Store With a Conscience

THE WORLD-FAMOUS

## Williams' Colored Singers

WILL APPEAR AT

MARY ALLEN SEMINARY

## Thursday, January 14

8:00 O'CLOCK P. M.

General Admission ..... 50 Cents  
Reserved Seats ..... 75 Cents

Arrangements will be made for all white people who care to attend.

## The Highest Endorsement Ever Received

Here's an endorsement backed by the life of the man who gives it. For over four years Mr. I. R. Gates has staked his life and the lives of his flyers on the quality and uniformity of Texaco. Every plane in the Gates Flying Circus for the past four years has been powered and lubricated exclusively by gasoline and oil obtained at regular Texaco pumps. Here is the proof:

"Washington, August 7, 1925.

"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

"Contradicting the general belief and several persistent rumors, we do not use any special or high test gasoline in our equipment; neither do we use castor oil for lubrication.

"We do, however, use straight TEXACO gasoline, the same grade as sold in the TEXACO SERVICE STATIONS, and regular TEXACO Super Heavy Motor Oil in all our flying ships.

"We have found it the best fuel and oil available, far superior to any other product on the market and have found straight TEXACO gasoline superior to high test gas of some of the manufacturers. We have been using TEXACO exclusively for four years. Sincerely,

"GATES FLYING CIRCUS,

"Ivan R. Gates, Manager."

No need for a special gasoline for the cold of 15,000 feet, or a special oil. Texaco Gasoline, the volatile gas—at the sign of the Texaco Red Star and Green T—and Texaco Motor Oil, clean, clear, golden, in winter or summer, are ready to serve the country's motorists.

## THE TEXAS COMPANY

S. T. ALLEE, AGENT

Texas Service Station—Crockett—Gunter's Service Station



**A BETTER SYSTEM OF FARMING.**

By Geo. B. Terrell, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Farming is the biggest business in all the world with more land, more capital and more people employed than any other business in the world. Should it not be considered the most important and command greater respect and attention than any other business? It is not generally considered so important and does not command the respect and attention that is given to other callings of far less importance to the State and Nation. This fact is well known to the managers of the best organized industries and to all real students of agricultural problems.

Some thoughtful, sympathetic students of agricultural problems have diagnosed the case and tried to prescribe remedies, but conditions vary so much because of individuality, climatic and soil conditions, insect pests, and commercial leeches, that no remedy will fit all the cases.

The terms generally applied for the correction of present agricultural conditions are "organization and co-operation." These words are on the lips of all farm "uplifters" and in the columns of all the agricultural papers and certainly have been worked to the limit in an effort to solve the farmers' problems, but these problems cannot be solved by words, no matter how big the words are and how euphonious they may sound.

The fundamental solution of the farm problems is very largely an individual matter and requires works and not words. When these individual problems are worked out by each farmer successfully, the final step of organization and cooperation in the marketing of the surplus products will be easy, whereas it now seems impossible.

Some people are so imbued with the idea of collective or corporation farming that they are now advocating the ownership of large bodies of farm lands by corporations and farming on a large scale with hired labor just as factories are operated because this might increase efficiency on the farm. It will be a sad day for Texas and the nation when individual ownership and individual farming are supplanted by corporate ownership and corporate farming. The safety of this government depends upon the individual ownership and individual direction of the farms of this country. Individual and independent home owning farmers are the pillars of this nation, and they must not be destroyed by any system of corporate farming or communistic ideas of government.

The problems to be worked out individually are:

(1) Produce all food and feed supplies needed that can be produced on the farm and this will

lessen the surplus crop which is usually cotton and enhance the price.

(2) Build up the soil by stopping erosion and with the proper rotation of crops and the growing of legumes instead of purchasing so much high price commercial fertilizer. The soil is your capital and must not be impoverished or depleted by improper methods of farming, for when your capital is destroyed, you can have no income.

These are the two most important individual farm problems, and must be solved by individuals. If this is done, I will guarantee that we will not produce a surplus cotton crop and that we will get a better price for what is produced and will have more money with which to buy the comforts of life, as we will not have to buy the necessities, if we produce them on the farm. Reports to this department show that less than one-half the farms of Texas have produced feed to run them the coming year. It will require the greater part of the cotton money to buy these necessities that could be produced on the farm.

**A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS.**

The record made again this year by Texas' Cotton King, John W. McFarlane, is a tremendous contribution to the fame of old East Texas as an agricultural section, and the results of his efforts will be an inspiration to thousands of farmers throughout this section. In the Dallas News contest in 1924 Mr. McFarlane won first honors, by raising ten bales of cotton on five acres, which was in itself a fine accomplishment. But this year the same man comes back, and with the same methods produces three bales to the acre, or fifteen bales on a little less than five acres. This cotton was produced on small creek land, and without irrigation, and it was grown and produced in the driest year ever known, perhaps, in this section. Good land and good seed may be given some credit for the wonderful record, but most of the credit must go to the man who uses intelligent methods of cultivation, and who is not afraid to work. Mr. McFarlane has given his section a great amount of fine publicity, and out of the result he has obtained, along with others, will come large development in all of East Texas. Many of us have been contending for many years that East Texas is one of the greatest countries on earth, and we are now having this faith justified. The Dallas News, for promoting these cotton contests, and Mr. McFarlane for his fine cooperation and fine success, are to be thanked for rendering a very great service. Out of these results is to come a greater East Texas.—Palestine Herald.

"Stop, look and listen" whenever you are crossing a railroad, street or anything else.

**COORDINATION NEEDED.**

Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution Nov. 15, 1925.

A Washington dispatch in the New York Herald-Tribune says: A bill giving President Coolidge autocratic power for two years to reorganize the executive departments of the government in a business-like manner will be introduced in the next session of congress by Representative Martin L. Davey of Ohio, he announced today. The enactment of the measure and its execution by the president, Mr. Davey believes, will result in the saving of at least \$500,000,000 a year. Such a saving as Mr. Davey professes to see in a one-man-power-government would, if an actuality, be sufficient to retire the national debt in about forty years. It would make it almost unnecessary to impose any of the old schedule of war taxes. But, of course, the plan of the Ohio solon is wildly autocratic, and thereby contrary to every fundamental of popular government. And besides his figures as to contemplated savings are mere guesswork, and must not be accepted with any degree of seriousness. Fact is, we are drifting very rapidly away from a true democracy by the vesting of executive authorities. We are less democratic in the conduct of the American government than is Great Britain, which is looked upon as a liberal monarchy. We are less democratic than any of the republics of the world and especially of the western hemisphere. The writing of the flexible clause in the present tariff bill was a far step toward autocracy.

On the other hand, there is too much red tape, and too much bureaucracy in our administration of federal government. There are too many departments overlapping in work, which condition makes far too many employees to be paid out of the treasury funds. Coordination, and the elimination of overlapping bureaus would save millions of dollars. There should be reorganizations brought about through a reorganization measure, providing first for a survey. We have made progress in this respect. The Dawes budget commission made progress. But it is more needed today than ever before. It is not necessary, however, to undermine our system of popular government to do it.

**Conner Creek News.**

Dear Editor: The incoming new year found us all back in school. We are all trying to live to our new year resolutions.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Anderson of Dallas visited Mr. Anderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Anderson, last week-end. His mother accompanied him back to his home for a several days' visit.

Mr. Geo. M. Dowdy and family have moved from our community. We regret very much to lose them and wish for them health and prosperity in their new location.

Mr. D. J. Minter and family have moved to the place vacated by Mr. Dowdy.

Mr. J. T. Collier has been quite ill for some time, but is greatly improved.

Mr. R. S. Tatom is still attending to the improvement of his property on his farm in the Arbor community.

Miss Ydett Anderson, who attended the Orange High school until she came home for the holidays, is still at home. Sol.

**Latexo Wins Game.**

The Latexo basketball team defeated the Crockett quintet Friday afternoon on the Crockett court 21 to 11. High scoring honors went to Roberts of Latexo. Spence and others of the visitors displayed real form. Brannen played a good game for Crockett, but none of the Crockett team displayed real form. If Cecil gets into harness the Crockett team should get better guarding in the future. Odum should do some scoring also, if he gets his eye on the basket.

Some places are banning the Charleston. Keep it up and that dance will be popular yet.

# Have You Been to the Big Bankrupt Sale?

You Just Ought to Go—You Don't Know What You Are Missing—It's a Real Honest-to-Goodness Bankrupt Sale

These few prices will give you an idea of how everything is selling—

Genuine John B. Stetson Hats, sold for \$8.50, Bankrupt price .....\$5.95  
 Heavy Rope-Stitch Sweaters, sold for \$8.50, Bankrupt price .....\$5.00  
 Haynes and Textland Union Suits, sold for \$1.75, Bankrupt price.....\$1.25  
 Famous Gladstone Overcoats, sold for \$34.50, Bankrupt price .....\$16.75  
 Young Men's Society Brand Fine Suits, sold for \$34.50, Bankrupt price .....\$16.75  
 Standard "Tuf-nut" Work Gloves, sold for \$2.50, Bankrupt price .....\$1.45  
 Lavis' Famous "Beaver" Brand Hats, sold for \$5.00, Bankrupt price .....\$3.45  
 Men's Uncle Sam's Blue Shirts, double stitch and reinforced, Bankrupt price.....50c  
 Heavy Horse Hide Work Gloves, sold for \$1.25, Bankrupt price .....84c  
 Boys' Substantial School Suits, sold for \$4.95, Bankrupt price .....\$4.45  
 Men's Fine Dress Shoes and Oxfords, sold for \$6.00, Bankrupt price.....\$3.45

Fine, Wide Bleached Sheeting, sold for 59c, Bankrupt price .....39c  
 Fine, Pretty Zephyr Dress Gingham, sold for 25c, Bankrupt price .....15c  
 Ever-Fast and Indian Head Colored Dress Goods, Bankrupt price .....29c  
 Heavy Cotton Blankets, size 66x78, sold for \$1.25, Bankrupt price .....69c  
 Fine, Wide Domestic, sold for 15c, Bankrupt price, 9 yards for .....\$1.00  
 36-Inch-width Fine Dress Gingham, sold for 25c, Bankrupt price .....20c  
 Ladies' Beautiful Rayon Silk Dresses, sold for \$10.00, Bankrupt price .....\$4.95  
 Ladies' Dainty and Stylish Satin Faced Rayon Dresses .....\$6.95  
 Ladies' Elegantly Tailored Coats, sold for \$27.50, Bankrupt price .....\$16.75  
 Ladies' Very Pretty Coats, sold for \$21.50, Bankrupt price .....\$14.50  
 Dainty Silk and Pineapple Weave Hose, sold for 75c, Bankrupt price .....49c

**LITTLE THINGS AT LESS PRICES**

Best 5c spool thread .....4c  
 Fine 10c toilet soap .....4c  
 Nice 20c Huck Towels .....9c  
 Best table oil cloth, yard .....25c  
 Men's 15c heavy work socks .....8c  
 30c Gillette razor blades .....31c  
 \$5.00 Gillette razors .....25c  
 Men's 50c Paris garters .....25c  
 10c Dainty lace edgings, yard .....5c  
 \$1.00 Children's gingham dresses .....49c  
 5c Writing tablets .....3c  
 \$1.00 Ladies' house slippers, per pair .....50c

## BIG \$10,000 BANKRUPT STOCK

CROCKETT, TEXAS

Jno. W. Searls, "The Great Bargain Giver," Legal Seller

**ROADS AND RAILROAD TIES.**

Many railroad companies in Great Britain which have tested at different times on main lines and sidings, reinforced concrete ties of various designs, report in unqualified language that they have proved unsatisfactory. Results of the trials have shown that under conditions of heavy and fast traffic, the ties quickly showed signs of failure. Those weighing 376 pounds, matured four months before use, were crushed under the rail chairs and badly cracked at the center, after 26 days trial with 58 trains a day traveling 60 miles an hour. The first cracks appeared after two days. The same ties placed on a branch line with 14 trains a day at 30 miles an hour, showed cracks in one and three days respectively but were left down for three years, being somewhat crushed at centers. It is reported that 5,000,000 ties are used annually on the British railroads, the bulk of which are Baltic-pine, creosoted in Great Britain. The life of such a tie on British railroads is said to be 15 years.

The foregoing report has a direct bearing on road pavement in our own country where it has been pretty conclusively proved that the impact of rapidly moving motor trucks and automobiles will crystallize a non-resilient type of road surfacing. In order to build rigid types of pavement sufficiently thick to withstand traffic vibration, the cost must be run up to prohibitive figures.

On the other hand, it has been found that asphaltic types of pavement or a shock absorbing course of asphalt or asphaltic concrete over a reasonably thick cement base, due to the resilient nature of the asphalt, will permit the construction of a reason-

ably priced hard-surface highway which will withstand traffic impact without disintegration, due to its shock absorbing qualities.

The superiority of the resilient wooden tie as compared with the rigid concrete tie is an illustration of the same principle.

**A CURE THAT COSTS NOTHING.**

Grade crossing accidents can be prevented, not by taxing public for grade changes, but by automobile drivers' stopping and looking before crossing railroad tracks.

This is proven by experiments of the Standard Oil Company, of Indiana, which requires all its truck drivers to stop, look, and listen before crossing railroad tracks.

In the year 1924, the vehicles operated by that company crossed railroad tracks 31,000-

000 times without an accident. Public officials and others having to do with the regulations of traffic and avoidance of accidents may well consider the significance of this performance.

It is a remedy for accidents which insures easy and quick cure at no expense to taxpayers, whereas to remedy by grade changes would take half a century for the 256,000 crossings in the United States and cost the taxpayers no less than \$15,000,000,000.

**Compliments Crockett.**

Mrs. C. N. Corry has recently received a letter from Dr. J. C. Hardy, president of Baylor college, Belton, asking for a list of the girls of the present senior class of Crockett High school. He also complimented the Crockett girls by saying "We are very proud of the girls we are getting from Crockett. Some of the very finest girls we are getting are from there."



### There When Needed

When you want to use any item in your medicine cabinet, you usually want it quickly. So why not drop in and leave a list of the items you need to complete your needs. We have it in guaranteed quality.

**B. F. Chamberlain**  
*The Rexall Store*

### Mebane Cotton Seed

We purchase the best Mebane Cotton Seed we can secure for our own plantings and use our best efforts to keep up the purity of our seed.

For immediate delivery—we offer selected planting seed from our crop—ask us about them.

**BLUE LAKE FARM**  
 CROCKETT, TEXAS



Charter No. 8742. Reserve District No. 11  
**REPORT OF CONDITION OF  
 THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
 At Lovelady, in the State of Texas, at the Close of Business on  
 December 31, 1925.

**RESOURCES.**

1. Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances of other banks, and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank (except those shown in b and c)	\$124,902.17
2. Overdrafts, secured, None; unsecured, \$1,547.35	1,547.35
3. U. S. Government securities owned:	
a. Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value)	6,250.00
Total	6,250.00
4. Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	1,250.00
5. Banking House, None; Furniture and fixtures	1,858.00
6. Real estate owned other than banking house	18,882.48
7. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	10,637.82
8. Other banks	61,600.83
9. Amount due from State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, and 10)	1,210.00
10. Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 12)	267.39
11. Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13	\$63,078.22
12. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	312.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$228,518.54</b>

**LIABILITIES.**

17. Capital stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
18. Surplus fund	16,000.00
19. Undivided profits	\$526.60
20. Circulating notes outstanding	6,250.00
21. Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to reserve (deposits payable within 30 days)	124,640.87
22. Individual deposits subject to check	11,659.13
23. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)	1,250.00
24. Dividends unpaid	
25. Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26	\$137,550.00
26. Time deposits subject to reserve (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings)	
27. Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	43,191.94
28. Total of time deposits subject to reserve, Items 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36	\$43,191.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$228,518.54</b>

State of Texas, County of Houston, ss.  
 I, I. J. Young, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
 I. J. YOUNG, Cashier.  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, 1926.  
 LEE F. PERRY, Notary Public.  
 Correct—Attest:  
 W. H. COLLINS,  
 J. A. HARRELSON,  
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**FAVORS U. S. FARM AGENCY**

**COLQUITT APPROVES PROPOSAL TO AID SELLING PRODUCTS.**

Secretary of Agriculture Jardine's proposal for a governmental agency to aid the farming interests in disposing of their surplus farm products is a sound one, but should include cotton, former Gov. O. B. Colquitt said in Dallas Wednesday.

Ranging himself in opposition to the regular Republican administration forces, including Secretary of Commerce Hoover, who are opposed to the Jardine scheme, Mr. Colquitt praised any effort that would stabilize the price of cotton. He said that in his opinion only a governmental agency operating on a national scale could accomplish such a stabilization, however.

"I think every person in the South," he said, "should support such a move as would result in the creation of a national export commission to take the surplus farm crops off the market and thereby prevent disastrous prices for farm products. What Secretary Jardine has proposed for wheat should by all means include cotton, though."

"If such an agency were operative this year, when a crop of almost 16,000,000 bales has been placed on the market, the commission could buy from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 bales and by taking them off the market lift the price from 18c to 30c a pound. Only the Government, with its powerful credit resources, could accomplish this type of price stabilization, however."

**Maccabees to Consolidate.**

Local members of the Maccabees are interested in a proposed merger between that society and the Ladies of the Maccabees which will be voted on at the Maccabees international convention in Detroit, Mich., January 7. The Ladies of the Maccabees approved the merger by a two thirds majority at a convention on December 11, and if it carries in the other society, the combination will result in one of the strongest fraternal benefit associations in the world with a membership of over 250,000, nearly 5000 local lodges, assets in excess of \$29,000,000, and fully organized departments of men, women and children. An affirmative vote in the Maccabees' convention is practically certain, according to A. W. Frye, supreme commander, and the merger will go into effect ninety days after its approval by the Michigan commissioner of insurance.

**—No. 774—  
BANKS**

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the

**First Guaranty State Bank  
AT WELDON.**

State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1925, published in the Crockett Courier, Crockett, State of Texas, on the 14th day of January, 1926.

**RESOURCES:**

Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security	\$53,772.98
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	400.89
Real Estate banking	2,295.00
Other Real Estate	2,515.76
Furniture and fixtures	1,900.00
Cash on hand	2,942.37
Due from approved reserve agents	1,393.49
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	4,372.15
Interest on Depositors' Guaranty Fund	1,665.36
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	3,445.87
Other Resources	3,849.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$78,953.14</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock	\$ 16,000.00
Certified Surplus Fund	4,000.00
Undivided profits, net	634.83
Individual Deposits, subject to check on which no interest is paid	48,854.90
Time Certificates of Deposit	1,283.24
Public Funds on Deposit, County, \$7,500.00	7,500.00
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	680.17
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$78,953.14</b>

State of Texas, County of Houston.  
 We, H. H. Thompson, as president and T. S. IVINS, as assistant cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.  
 H. H. THOMPSON, President.  
 T. S. IVINS, Assistant Cashier.  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of January, A. D. 1926.  
 (Seal) J. W. ATMAR,  
 Notary Public, Trinity County, Texas.  
 Correct—Attest:  
 W. H. MANGUM,  
 MRS. W. H. MANGUM,  
 J. G. HARALSON, Directors.

**Ford**  
**NATIONAL SHOW WEEK**  
**JANUARY 9-16**  
**Exhibiting the Improved Ford Cars and Featuring the latest Ford Equipment**

From January 9 to 16, all Ford Dealers will hold a National Show—exhibiting the improved Ford cars and featuring the latest Ford equipment.

This will be the finest display of Ford passenger cars the public has ever seen. It will give you an entirely new conception of the beauty and utility of the various Ford body types. Even if you have already made a careful inspection of the improved Ford cars, you should see this Display—for it is something entirely new.

The Show will begin Saturday morning January 9, and will last until Saturday night, January 16. Be sure to see it!

Sponsored by  
**Ford Motor Company**



**WILL DISCUSS FARMING PLANS**

**FARMERS, MERCHANTS AND BANKERS TO MEET IN CLARKSVILLE.**

Clarksville, Texas, Jan. 4.—Farmers, bankers and merchants of Lamar, Red River, Fannin, Delta and Bowie counties have been invited to gather at Clarksville on Jan. 14 for a district meeting, at which farm problems are to be discussed, also methods of improving soils and seed. The meeting will further the idea of soil and seed improvement, which has been stressed to such a large extent in this section of the state during the last year.

This is known as the long staple cotton district and one of the most important subjects to be discussed at the meeting will be that of improving the quality and the staple of cotton grown in the five counties to be represented at the meeting. Recently Red River county farmers pledged themselves to grow only staple varieties of cotton. The soils of this section are especially adapted to the growing of a superior staple of cotton, for which a premium is to be had in the open market. A cooperative effort in behalf of improved staple should result in considerable benefit to the cotton industry in this district. County Agents Arnold and Thompson of Red River county assert.

Chambers of Commerce at Paris, Clarksville and other places

**How Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu**

To break up a cold overnight or to cut short an attack of grippe, influenza, sore throat or tonsillitis, physicians and druggists are now recommending Calotabs, the purified and refined calomel compound tablet that gives you the effects of calomel and salts combined, without the unpleasant effects of either.

One or two Calotabs at bed-time with a swallow of water,—that's all. No salts, no nausea nor the slightest interference with your eating, work or pleasure. Next morning your cold has vanished, your system is thoroughly purified, and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you please,—no danger.

Get a family package, containing full directions, only 35 cents. At any drug store. (adv)

are assisting in arousing interest in this meeting. Several experts and others prominent in this line of work will be here to address the meeting.

**WINS FIRST PRIZE IN COTTON CONTEST**

Last year when Grapeland business men subscribed a local prize fund of \$350, to be awarded to three farmers making the best yields in a local contest of "More Cotton on Fewer Acres," there were thirty-two who entered the contest. The long drought which prevented many getting a fair stand, reduced the entries until only five finished.

First prize of \$200 was won by E. C. Matthews, living about nine miles northwest of Grapeland, who produced five bales with a total 2655 pounds of lint cotton. Second prize of \$100 was won by Walton & Steely on Mr. Walton's farm four miles northeast of Grapeland, who produced five bales for a total of 2623 pounds of lint cotton. Third prize of \$50 was won by I. T. Murdock, living about eight miles southeast of Grapeland, who produced 1405 pounds of lint cotton. A. W. Walker, colored, would have won third place by producing 1819 pounds of lint cotton, but the length of staple fell below an inch, which was the minimum length required. Mr. Murdock's cotton measured the required length. The cotton of both Mr. Matthews and Walton & Steely measured 1 1/16 inch and was of good grade, being pure pedigreed Mebane seed. H. P. Cutler produced 818 pounds of lint cotton from five acres.—Grapeland Messenger.

**Hen Lays 316 Eggs in 365 Days.**  
 Brownwood, Texas, Jan. 4.—Mrs. C. L. Steffins of this place has a White Leghorn hen that laid 316 eggs in 365 days the last year. Mrs. Steffins believes this breaks all laying records in Texas.

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce is starting a movement to place at least one registered hog on every farm in its territory. It will assist farmers in financing the purchase of the registered stock and in purchasing it to best advantage.

The greatest thinkers are those who think of it first.

levy on certain real estate situated in Houston county, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: 100 acres of land lying in Houston county, Texas, being a part of the E. M. Thomasson survey and a part of the J. A. Goolsby survey, 53 acres of same being on the said Thomasson survey and 47 acres being on the J. A. Goolsby survey, said land lying about 7 or 8 miles north of the town of Crockett, and lying immediately west of the John M. Box league survey, and about two miles east of the town of Latexo, and known as the G. M. Lackey place, and levied upon as the property of Mrs. J. H. Fulgham, Joseph Murphey and Margaret Murphey, and that on the first Tuesday in February, 1926, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the court house door of Houston county, in the city of Crockett, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale and said judgment of foreclosure, I will sell above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Mrs. J. H. Fulgham, Joseph Murphey and Margaret Murphey.

Don't be with anything short of the best in work as well as everything else. We are putting it out and it is your fault if you don't get your share and you'll be the loser.

I. B. Lansford and Uncle Q. Martin.

**Ma's Help Wanted.**  
 \$10,000,000 Company wants man to sell food products, soaps, extracts, etc. Exclusive territory, established trade. Pay every day. Experience unnecessary. Write the J. R. Watkins Company, Dept. J-9, 62-70 W. Iowa St., Memphis, Tenn. 2t.\*

**SHERIFF'S SALE.**

The State of Texas, County of Houston.  
 Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale, issued out of the honorable district court of Houston county, on the 31st day of December, 1925, by A. B. Smith, clerk of said court, for the sum of seven hundred seventy-two and 20-100 dollars, with interest thereon at six per cent per annum from November 6th, 1925, and costs of suit, under a judgment of foreclosure, in favor of Rebecca Bishop, in a certain cause in said court, No. 6241, and styled Rebecca Bishop vs. J. H. Fulgham et al., placed in my hands for service, I, O. B. Hale, as sheriff of Houston county, Texas, did, on the 2nd day of January, 1926,

scribed real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Mrs. J. H. Fulgham, Joseph Murphey and Margaret Murphey.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper published in Houston county.

Witness my hand, this 2nd day of January, 1926.  
 O. B. Hale,  
 Sheriff, Houston County, Texas.

**666**  
 is a prescription for  
 Colds, Grippe, Flu, Dengue  
 Bilious Fever and Malaria.

**IT KILLS THE GERMS.**  
 17t.

**STOP THAT ITCHING**  
 Sufferers from skin diseases such as Itch, Eczema, Tetter, Poison Oak, Ringworm, Old Sores or Sores on Children may find relief from the use of a jar of BLUE STAR REMEDY or their money will be refunded. The first application relieves that terrible itching. Will not stain clothing and has a pleasant odor.  
 JOHN F. BAKER

**So Weak Couldn't Stand**  
 "My wife's health broke down and for years she was just a physical wreck," says Mr. Thomas Glynn, of Gibson, La. "We did everything we knew, yet she seemed to get worse and worse. She was so weak till she couldn't stand, and had to be carried like a baby. It looked like nothing would save her that had been done."

**CARDUI**  
**For Female Troubles**  
 "I began looking around. I knew that Cardui was for women. I decided to try it for her as all else had failed. She couldn't eat, she couldn't sleep, and I was desperate. After taking a few doses of Cardui, we were so glad to note that she wanted something to eat, and with each bit of nourishment, and each day's doses of Cardui, she grew stronger and got up out of bed. She is now able to cook, and stronger than in a long time."  
 Cardui has been in successful use for nearly 50 years in the treatment of many common female troubles.  
 All Druggists' E. 105

**Piles Can Be Cured**  
 (Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding)  
 Many sufferers have been made very happy over the results obtained from the use of PAZO OINTMENT—60c at any Drug Store.  
 (Follow the Directions Carefully.)





**ROLLINS HOSIERY**  
For Men, Women and Children

ROLLINS stockings always cling closely to the ankle—stretch plentifully at garter welt—and give long wear that means economy. Extra wear is the result of the Rollins "Harms-Not" dye process which gives to stockings a lustrous color without weakening the fabric. We feature Rollins Hosiery because we believe it will give you more good looks, style and wear for your money. See our complete assortment of new styles and colors.

Number 2121 Rollins Runstop Chiffon, \$2.00 value, special for this week, all colors ..... \$1.59

Fictorial Review Patterns in Stock.

**McConnell Dry Goods Co.**  
Quality Without Extravagance

**LOCAL NEWS ITEMS**

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Moore Jr. visited in Palestine Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berry have returned from a visit to Houston.

Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Lake announce the arrival of a son on January 4.

Miss Annabelle Smith has returned from a visit to relatives in La Grange.

Mrs. W. A. Daniel and little daughter have returned to their home in Houston.

Miss Alta Stokes has gone to Georgetown to attend southwestern university.

Regular \$10.00 leather and sheep skin lined coats now \$6.95.

2t. D. C. Kennedy & Co.

E. W. Null is on a business trip to Fort Worth.

C. W. and "Buster" Odom were at Jacksonville Sunday.

S. M. Monzingo is at Marlin in the interest of his health.

We weld anything that can be welded at I. B. Lansford's shop.

2t.

Mrs. Henry Klein returned last week to her home in New York City.

For best blacksmith work see "Uncle Q." Martin at I. B. Lansford's shop in the old Cotton Chopper building, Crockett, Texas.

2t.

Mrs. Randolph Parker of Trinity visited relatives near Crockett Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. A. F. Daniel of Houston is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Page Hale, near Crockett.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Shapira attended the wedding of a relative in Madisonville this week.

That plow work "Uncle Q." is doing at I. B. Lansford's shop can't be beat. A trial will convince you.

2t.

Mrs. Chas. Madden and children of Austin were called to Crockett by the death of Mr. Chas. Madden.

Cast welding a specialty at I. B. Lansford's shop. We make them as good as new by the oxy-acetylene gas process.

2t.

All Sweaters at and below cost. We have only a few and we are not going to carry them over.

1t. D. C. Kennedy & Co.

Have your truck bodies and cabs built at I. B. Lansford's shop and you will get a factory job at a small-town price.

2t.

All men's and boys' booties greatly reduced during our January Clearance Sale.

1t. D. C. Kennedy & Co.

Take your bad-broken castings to I. B. Lansford's shop and have them welded. Every job guaranteed to be as good as new.

2t.

All winter goods sacrificed at and below cost. Seeing is believing. Come and see.

1t. D. C. Kennedy & Co.

If your car frame is broken, take it to I. B. Lansford and let him weld it by the oxy-acetylene gas process and it will be as good as new.

2t.

It is a little late—but do you need an overcoat? If so, what we have left are going at cost and below.

1t. D. C. Kennedy & Co.

**House for Rent.**

New 5-room residence, electric lights and city water, good garage and barn. Phone 260.

1t. C. A. Sward.

The old Crockett theatre is being reopened under the name of the Strand theatre and under the management of R. A. Markham. This will give Crockett two picture shows—the Auditorium and the Strand.

**Card of Thanks.**

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors who gave us valuable assistance at the time of the burning of our barn.

1t. Joe Farek and Family.

**Automobiles Collide.**

Two automobiles collided at the Auditorium corner Monday morning. No one was injured but the cars were both badly damaged in the smash-up.

Mrs. L. W. Lawrence and baby of Teague and Miss Selma Griffin, teaching in Lavaca county, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Griffin, last week.

I represent two of the largest marble and granite houses in the United States, and can supply you with anything you may need in this line. Let me hear from you if interested.

2t. I. B. Lansford, Crockett, Texas.

**Ratcliff Bank Closes.**

The Ratcliff State Bank closed its doors Saturday morning, and was immediately placed in the hands of a state bank examiner. This bank being a guaranty state bank, the depositors do not lose their deposits. The stockholders are the principal losers.

**Preaching Service.**

Preaching service on Sunday, January 17, 1926, at Concord Presbyterian church at 11 a. m. and Oakland Presbyterian church at 3 p. m. Subject, "A New Man."

Edgar C. Oakley, Minister.

**Automobile Accident.**

G. D. McClain was the victim of an automobile accident Sunday. He was driving on the Kennard road when the front axle of his car encountered a stump which other automobiles had been passing over. The impact was sufficient to throw Mr. McClain against the steering wheel and windshield, lacerating his face and breaking three ribs. His injuries are sufficient to confine him to his home, but are not considered serious beyond that.

**Attention Mr. Farmer.**

If you will be needing assistance in paying your land notes or expecting to purchase more land this fall, make your application now so as to avoid delays, as the rush will soon be on. Money loaned at 5 1/2 per cent—\$65.00 pays the interest and principle on every \$1,000.00 borrowed. More than one million dollars loaned to Houston county farmers in the past 8 years without any foreclosures to date.

If interested, call on or write Jno. H. Ellis, secretary, Crockett, Texas. e.o.w.

It is a question which has added the largest collection of new words to the profane man's vocabulary—static or reckless drivers.

**The Goolsby-Julian Drug Company**

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR OUR WEEKLY MESSAGES DURING NINETEEN TWENTY-SIX

**Goolsby-Julian Drug Co.**  
Quality—Dependability—Service  
Two Phones: 47 and 140

**Engagement Announced.**

Friends of Mr. Robert Walter Stiles will be interested in learning of his engagement to Miss Lucile Josephine Enright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Enright of Brooklyn, New York. Miss Enright was a canteen worker with the Y. M. C. A. in France, where she met Mr. Stiles, who served overseas with the 90th Division. The wedding will take place in the early autumn, and the couple will make their home in Texas, where Mr. Stiles has been employed as civil engineer.

**Dairy Cattle to Be Distributed.**

Cuero, Texas, Jan. 10.—The first car load of dairy cattle to be placed in the hands of DeWitt county farmers under the plan outlined by the Farmers' Luncheon club to promote dairying in this section in connection with the new creamery now under construction in Cuero, has arrived and is ready for distribution, according to A. S. Reed, approved dealer for the committee in charge of promoting better dairy herds.

The first car load, consisting of 21 head, are all registered Jersey cows. These animals will be sold as soon as possible and the committee, under the co-operative plan, will purchase other cows and bring them here to be purchased by local farmers.

**Phillips-Arrington Marriage.**

Mr. B. B. Arrington and Miss Cora Phillips were married at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the residence of Rev. S. F. Tenney, who officiated in the ceremony. Mr. Arrington is a well-known and prosperous farm owner of Crockett. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Phillips of this city. She is a graduate of Crockett High school and also attended Denton State Teachers' College. Both have numerous friends in Crockett and elsewhere who will join the Courier

in extending best wishes for a long and happy married life. Mr. and Mrs. Arrington will make their home in Crockett.

People who follow all the wise old saws never cut much of a figure in life.

Imagination: Something that takes you to places where you will never be.

**1926**

The new year has just started, and we were off with it, hitting on all four.

We had not gone far before something went wrong. We thought it was the carburetor, but on investigation found our gas was out.

A few friends have come along and let us have fuel to start again. Fact is, our engine is all O. K., but it takes gas to make it go.

Now, friends, we filled your tanks when they were empty—reciprocate. Do You get us?

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**A Good Place to Buy**

All of Your Drug Store Needs

Clean, fresh stock to choose from in our several departments makes this the logical place to buy your drugs and drug sundries.

Our line of toilet goods is unexcelled for variety and quality.

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**JANUARY CLEARANCE!**

MEN'S AND BOYS' FALL AND WINTER SUITS, AND OVERCOATS AT

**One-Fourth Off**

HERE'S A CHANCE TO SAVE ON CLOTHING

Many of our newest styles and highest quality fabric overcoats and suits are included in this sale. Garments from the best makers of men's and boys' clothes may be purchased at great savings.

It is an opportunity that many men have been waiting for and will be quick to take advantage of. You will find that it affords most exceptional opportunities

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