

Grapeland, Houston County, Texas, Feb. 14, 1918

**L. Q. BROWNING DEAD**

L. Q. Browning died Sunday night, February 10, 1918, at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. C. Green, a few miles east of Grapeland. He had been sick with pneumonia for several weeks. He was born in Georgia February 3, 1854, and was 64 years of age. He came to Texas in 1876, and had lived in this community many years. He was married twice, but both of his wives are dead. He united with the Christian church in 1917. He is survived by four children: Miss Willie Browning of this city, Mesdames John B. King and Arthur Pryor of Palestine, and Mrs. J. H. Wall of Arkansas. All of his children were with him during his last hours.

Funeral services were held at the Christian church Monday afternoon by Rev. B. C. Ansley. Interment followed in the city cemetery. A large crowd of friends and relatives were in attendance at the funeral. The Grapeland public school was dismissed and the students attended in a body.

Mr. Browning had many close friends in this community, all of whom will join the Messenger in extending sincere sympathy to his bereaved children.

**Miss Darsey Won the \$10 Gold Piece**

The votes that were cast up to 5 o'clock p. m. Monday have been counted and the standing of the contestants at that time is given below.

It will be seen that Miss Esther Darsey won the ten dollar gold piece and that Miss Eula Mae Rihl was a close second.

There will be no more special prizes, but extra votes will be given us a bonus for clubs. We ask all contestants to read our free vote offer carefully and they will see that even a worker who is now behind can work hard and pile up votes enough to win the first prize.

**List of Contestants**

**Grapeland**

Miss Annie Rainey Hollingsworth.....	11,200
Miss Rena Ross Richards.....	10,500
Miss Thelma Lee Clewis.....	9,500
Miss Esther Darsey.....	38,700
Miss Eula Mae Rihl.....	31,200

**Percilla Route 1**

Miss Buna Covington.....	7,500
Mrs. Ruby Lively.....	11,000

**Percilla**

Miss Edwina Bush.....	8,000
Miss Rosa Branch.....	18,200

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