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## PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION MET MON. AFTERNOON

The Parent-Teachers' Association of Mason met in regular monthly session last Monday evening at the school house. Considerable business was brought before the club for consideration. Funds were allowed to the high school girls with which to buy tennis equipment. It is also announced that the club has placed an order for equipment to be used by the smaller children on the play grounds.

The various committees of the carnival recently held by the Association, were present and made their reports, after which these committees were discharged. After all expenditures had been accounted for, the Association has left out of the money taken in at the carnival, a nice sum of \$278.

New officers elected at the meeting Monday, were Mrs. W. F. Lawson, Chairman; Mrs. Ben Pluenecke, vice-chairman; Mrs. D. C. McMillan, Secretary-Treasurer; Miss Alfreda Tipps, reporter.

After the business session had been completed, a splendid musical program was rendered.

The next meeting of the club will be held on Monday afternoon, March 21, at which time the following program will be carried out:

Roll Call—Quotations.  
Opening Call—L. W. Dumas.  
Music—Celeste and Melchior Beyer.  
Reading—Miss Louise Latham.  
Solo—Miss Hilda Lemburg.  
Piano Solo—Miss Edith Bellows.

## AMERICAN LEGION WILL STAGE HOME TALENT PLAY AT STAR

The local camp of the American Legion has announced their intentions of staging a home talent play within a short time at the Star Opera House. The proceeds of the play will be used by the organization, together with dues, to pay rent on a building in which to hold their meetings and to defray other expenses of the camp.

At the proper time, further information will be made in the News regarding the entertainment.

## AFTERNOON TEA

On Saturday afternoon, February 26, at 2 o'clock, the Camp Fire Girls of Mason will serve tea, sandwiches, cake and candy at the C. C. Smith Hall. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the local camp. The patronage of the public is solicited. Itc

## H. F. CAVITT DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Baker returned home Wednesday from Center Point, where they were called last week at the serious illness of Mrs. Baker's brother, H. F. Cavitt. Mr. and Mrs. Baker reached Mr. Cavitt's bedside shortly before he died on last Friday.

Mr. Cavitt and his family formerly resided in Mason and the family has a large circle of friends here who will join the News in extending the bereaved deepest sympathy.

According to Mr. Baker, the cause of Mr. Cavitt's death was pneumonia. He had the influenza a couple years ago and it is stated his constitution had never grown strong since.

Deceased is survived by a wife and three children; also two sisters and two brothers.

## DIES AT SAN ANTONIO

The News is informed of the death of Mr. Watt Key, which occurred at San Antonio on Monday of this week. Mr. Key was a resident of the Hext community and the corps was brought through here, being taken to his home for burial. Mr. Key was a prominent citizen of his community and was also a widely acquainted member of the Masonic Lodge. A number of Masons from here will likely attend the funeral, the time for which has not yet been set, according to our information.

John D. Eckert, one of the county's most progressive citizens, was here Wednesday from his ranch near Art.

## GOAT ROPING IN MASON, MARCH 5

It has been definitely decided by the Goat Ropers' Association of Mason to hold another goat roping contest in Mason on Saturday, March 5.

The local Goat Ropers' Association was organized last fall, but no contests had been held until some three weeks ago, when the first roping was held on the baseball grounds across the creek. There were a number of entries to the contest, and created quite a bit of enthusiasm among the lovers of such sport. There were several parties from adjoining counties here for the event, and it is believed that the coming year set for the next contest, will bring a large crowd of enthusiasts to our city.

Definite plans have not been decided upon as to what the prize and entrance fees will be for the occasion.

The Association has purchased the goats for roping purposes, and they are being kept in a small pasture near Mason.

## METHODIST LADIES WILL SERVE DINNER, SATURDAY, MARCH 5

The ladies of the M. E. Church, South, announce that they are preparing to serve dinner on Saturday, March 5. The place for serving the meal has not been secured, but will be announced in the next issue of the News. Proceeds from the dinner will be for the benefit of the church. Itc.

Miss Irene Breazeale, of Llano, was here Saturday for a short visit with friends and relatives.

## THE NEWS HAS JUST LEARNED OF A FAMILY RESIDING NEAR MASON THAT IS CLOSE TO STARVATION.

One of the children came to our office and informed us that they would have to ask us to discontinue their paper because they were unable to afford it. The News costs but \$1.50 per year and we are certain that a family that is really and truly unable to lay aside that small amount each year to spend for their local paper is bound to be in a financial strain and is very likely on the verge of starvation. Evidently there is something besides the excuse which was offered as the main reason for discontinuing the paper, for the child was far from looking like a poor urchin, but nevertheless, we have stopped the paper and trust that the family will soon be able to save enough thereby to replace their old Ford with a better and more expensive model.

In basket ball contests at Art, Tuesday between the Art and Union schools the Art girls defeated the Union girls and the Union boys were victors over the Art boys.

Leo Zesch is still having an attack of rheumatism. For several weeks he has been unable to do anything and at times is bedfast.

## HEAVY DEMAND FOR EXPERIMENT STATION BULLETINS

More than twelve thousand publications of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station were mailed out on special requests from the farmers of Texas during the month of January. This was in addition to more than thirty-six thousand Bulletins mailed out in January to the regular mailing list, and may be compared with around 400 requests per month last summer.

Requests from farmers for the publications of the station, already received in February up to the 10th, indicate that this month will break all records.

This demand for information which has been developed in the research work of the station, indicates that the farmers of Texas are realizing more acutely than ever, the necessity for exact information on the behavior of the different crops.

Mrs. Anna Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Martin and little daughter and Mr. Chas. Martin spent last Tuesday at the Los Moras ranch, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin.

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## Texas Banker-Farmer Conference at A. & M. March Third & Fourth

The Texas-Banker-Farmer Conference will be held at A. & M. College March third and fourth. This will be the second annual convention of this organization, which met first at A. & M. College last year and the mutual interest of the participants were so apparent, it was decided to make the organization permanent. A committee from the A. & M. College met with the agricultural committee of the Texas Bankers' Association in Dallas last week and arranged for the meeting this year to be held earlier, in view of pressing problems before the farmers.

Cotton acreage reduction will be discussed at the meeting. Aaron Sapiro the noted authority on farmers' co-operative organizations, has agreed to be present to address the meeting. A large number of prominent bankers and farmers have indicated their intention to be present. The meeting last year was attended by some eight hundred bankers and farmers from all parts of Texas.

Extensive arrangements are being made by the college officials, to entertain those who attend next week's meeting.

## Approving Agricultural Experiment Stations

The American National Live Stock Association in its twenty-fourth annual convention at El Paso, January 12-14 adopted the following significant resolution:

"Whereas, The Congress of the United States has twice committed itself to the permanent support of investigations of agricultural and livestock problems, in states providing similar appropriations; and

"Whereas, The problems of range live stock producers have never been broadly studied by the agricultural experiment stations; therefore be it

"Resolved, By the American National Live Stock Association, in convention assembled at El Paso, Texas, January 12-14, 1921, that we endorse the work of these institutions; that we urge the importance of further study of the factors affecting the range live stock industry; and that we recommend the appropriation of ample funds for their support."

The News is advised that Mr. A. W. Kooek, formerly of Mason, but now of Austin, is a share-holder in an oil well near Humble, Texas, which was recently brought in. Mr. Kooek owned an interest in some land there and a short time ago oil was struck on the property. The News joins the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Kooek in congratulating them upon their nice piece of good luck.

## FINDS VALUABLE MINERAL DEPOSITS IN MASON COUNTY

Mr. Chas. Schuessler has found a valuable mineral deposit on the land belonging to A. J. Lindsay, located near Grit. We are informed that a portion of the rock, in its crude form, was sent off to a geologist by Mr. Schuessler and an essay has proven the mineral deposit to be valued in the neighborhood of \$90 per ton.

The find has caused quite a sensation in some respects and it is to be hoped that the ore will prove to be still more valuable than this first essay would indicate. However, it seems that a mine of this character should be a good paying proposition in spite of the fact the county is minus railroad shipping facilities.

Peace and happiness, with contentment of mind, are three happy requisites that can challenge the brain of all kingdoms combined.—S. H. Rains.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wartenbach, Jr., returned Tuesday from Cisco, where they had been residing for the past few months. Chas. says they will likely remain here permanently.

## COMMISSIONERS' COURT COMPLETES BUSY SESSION---ADJOURNS LAST SATURDAY

The honorable Commissioners' Court of Mason County met in regular quarterly session on Monday, February 14th. Present and presiding were John T. Banks, County Judge; H. Doell, Wm. J. Griffith, G. W. Herring, H. Hoerster, commissioners of precincts Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively.

Bids for county depository were opened and rates of interest offered were found to be as follows:

The First State Bank 5.20 per cent; Mason National Bank 5.25 per cent; Commercial Bank, 6 per cent. The bid of the Commercial Bank was accepted.

The following quarterly reports were examined and approved:

John T. Banks, County Judge; Roscoe Runge, County Attorney; Chas. Leslie, Sheriff; R. E. Lee, County and District Clerk; F. C. Wartenbach, Constable Precinct No. 1; J. A. Splittgerber, Road Superintendent, (annual report).

H. Doell, W. J. Griffith, G. W. Herring and H. Hoerster, road supervisors; Calvin Thaxton, Justice of the Peace Prec't. No. 1; W. A. Zesch, butcher; Lee Smart, butcher.

Road overseers were appointed in their respective districts as follows:

E. J. Fostell, Prec't. No. 1; Aug. Metzger, Prec't. No. 2; Geo. Leslie, Prec't. No. 3; Ellie Eastman, Prec't. No. 4; B. D. Willmann, Prec't. No. 5; Chas. Eckert, Prec't. No. 6; Clarence Thompson, Prec't. No. 7; Harry Behrens, Prec't. No. 8; August Simon, Prec't. No. 9; Emil Behrens, Prec't. No. 10; Chas. Thomas, Prec't. No. 11; Wells Murrar, Prec't. No. 12; Dean Poyner, Prec't. No. 13; Louis Willmann, Prec't. No. 14; Joe Thomas, Jr., Prec't. No. 15; J. H. Wilhelm, Prec't. No. 16; Roy Britton, Prec't. No. 17; Bob Webster, Prec't. No. 18; John Black, Prec't. No. 19; Emil Durst, Prec't. No. 20; Albert Kothmann, Prec't. No. 21; W. H. Holloway, Prec't. No. 22; Oscar Garrett, Prec't. No. 23; Robt. Sanders, Jr., Prec't. No. 24; Will Worley, Prec't. No. 25; L. R. Krueger, Prec't. No. 26; Tom Polk, Prec't. No. 27; Millage Doyal, Prec't. No. 28; Floyd Waller, Prec't. No. 29; Arch Reeves, Prec't. No. 30; Tom Martin, Prec't. No. 31; Hubert Jordan, Prec't. No. 32; W. E. Davenport, Prec't. No. 33; Fred Dobbs, Prec't. No. 34; Alvin Eckert, Prec't. No. 35; S. F. Flemming, Prec't. No. 36; Gus Klingelhoefter, Prec't. No. 37; W. R. Kirchoff, Prec't. No. 38; L. C. Pluenecke, Prec't. No. 39; Henry Grenwelge, Prec't. No. 40; Frank Loeffler, Prec't. No. 41; Wilkes Bode, Prec't. No. 42; Marvin Kothmann, Prec't. No. 43; Ned Kothmann, Prec't. No. 44; Frank Geistweidt, Prec't. No. 45; Ernest Bober, Prec't. No. 45 1-2; Frank Simon, Prec't. No. 46; Elvin Donop, Prec't. No. 47; A. H. Kiser, Prec't. No. 48; Dan Grote, Prec't. No. 49; Will Watkins, Prec't. No. 50.

## Minutes of Accounts Allowed

John T. Banks, salary as County Judge, 1 mo., \$75; C. E. Leslie, salary as sheriff 1 mo., \$41.66; R. E. Lee, salary as Co. Clerk, 1 mo., \$25; R. E. Lee, keeping finance ledger, \$33.33; R. E. Lee, salary as dist. clerk, December and January, \$58.66; Jim Windham allowed \$25 a month for Feb., March and April toward support of himself and children; F. C. Wartenbach, feeding prisoners \$12.50; C. E. Leslie, stamps, pencils, etc., \$15.84; Max

## CHILD DIES OF BLOOD POISON

Little Miss Fora Velma Billings, aged 6 years, 7 months and 14 days, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel Billings, residing near Kooekville, died last Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The child's death was attributed to blood poison which was caused from sticking a nail in her foot on Saturday preceding. Dr. Beach was called in on the case at a late hour and after the poison had spread so far it was impossible for medical aid to save her life. A limb was removed, but this was of no avail.

The Billings family has resided in Mason county for only a short time;

Martin, 8 months storage room rent, \$80; Tom Murray, rent on dipping vat, \$25; Dorsey Co., stationery and supplies, \$13.50; R. E. Lee, stamps, \$4.50; Hill Printing Co., deed records, \$75; C. S. Vedder, Geo. T. Kidd, B. R. Ellison and S. A. Hoerster, each allowed \$6 for 2 days' service as county school trustees; C. J. Martin, court house supplies, \$19.25; C. A. Kensing, gasoline and oil \$13; G. W. Herring, Henry Doell and W. J. Griffith, each allowed \$12 for 3 days as road supervisors; Henry Hoerster \$36 for 9 days as road supervisor; E. Lemburg & Bro., supplies to Mrs. Mick, \$6; J. H. Custer, work on highway, \$13; J. A. Splittgerber, gasoline, oil, etc., \$30.45; W. H. Kothmann, road work \$5; Chas. Durst, dragging road, \$7.50; Frank Bauer, highway work, \$30; Caleb Hoerster, highway work \$11.25; L. C. Pluenecke, highway work, \$14.88; F. H. Loeffler, bill for road work, \$101.60; W. E. Davenport, bill for road work, \$41.25; Otto Surber, bill for road work, \$23.75; Henry Ritter, bill for road work, \$20; Chas. Eckert, bill for overwork, \$130; Louis Willmann, bill for overwork, \$113.75; Floyd Holt, bill for overwork, \$107.50; Gus. H. Eckert, bill for wood, \$100; Star Garage, work on county truck, \$10; Mason Co. News, adv. and court house supplies, \$142.45; J. D. Adams, grader blades, \$15.70; S. W. Bell Telephone Co., phones, \$5.50; A. C. Dye, awarded contract to top trees in court house yard and on square at \$4 per day; J. M. Watkins, et al., petition requesting court to designate certain territory therein defined as road precinct No. 1, Mason County. Petition granted.

Conrad Hartmann elected county road superintendent by unanimous vote.

Willie O. Bode allowed \$50 per mo. to be paid monthly for clerical work taking assessment and making Tax Rolls.

Per diem, 6 days at \$3, \$18.

## Election Officers Appointed

Mason—John Lemburg, Lamar Thaxton, R. W. Hofmann, O. A. Hensch.

Wagram—J. H. Wilhelm, Cecil Sanders.

Katemey—Aug. Lange, J. W. Dobbs, Grit—Wm. Biefeldt, Sam Smart, Streeter—J. H. Gamel and Rex Lavelle.

Simonsville—Gus Klingelhoefter, Ed Keller.

Hilda—John H. Geistweidt and Walter Brandenberger.

Loyal Valley—Elgin O. Kothmann and B. P. Kidd.

Art—Christian Jordan, Edwin Donop.

Capps—W. R. Capps and J. W. Brooks.

Fredonia—B. R. Ellison, S. W. Leach.

Pontotoc—W. J. Webster and J. W. Capps.

Eaton—Wm. Schneider and Alex Durst.

Ranch Branch—Max Ficker and James McWilliams.

Bauer—Dan Hasse and Dan Schuessler.

Before adjournment the court passed an order prohibiting the use of the court house for holding entertainments of any kind.

having come here from Tarrant county. The funeral was held on Friday afternoon and the little remains were laid to rest in the Crosby cemetery.

Mrs. A. M. Manning will return to Brownwood this week, after having spent a few weeks in Mason during the illness of Mrs. G. C. Hubbard.

Dr. McCollum returned Friday from a short visit with his family at San Marcos.

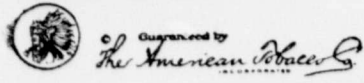
District Court will convene in Mason on next Monday, a week. The date being March 7th.



# Flavor!

No cigarette has the same delicious flavor as Lucky Strike. Because—

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### CLEAN TOWN CLUB WILL MEET ON MARCH SEVENTH

The News has been requested to announce that the Clean Town Club of Mason will hold its next regular meeting at the court house on Monday afternoon, March 7. The Clean Town Club has been doing some excellent work in the way of keeping our town clean and the club is anxious to obtain more members, and members that will take an interest in the civic improvement of the city.

Any and everybody is eligible to membership and since only a small amount of dues are collected each month it is hoped that the club's membership will soon be much larger than it now is. All old members come to the next meeting and make it a point to cause at least one new member to join.

**MOTOR MOTOR**—The highest quality automobile paint. Larimore & Grote.

Type writer ribbons at News Office.

Curtis McWilliams is here from Port Arthur recuperating from a recent illness. Curtis says that the Mason colony at Port Arthur are all doing well. He likes Port Arthur fine he says, and that he has a good position, but the climate is not good for his health.

### GIVE US YOUR ORDERS

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MASON COUNTY NEWS.

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### INCOME TAX FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Salaries paid to State employees, including also employees of a town, county, or hamlet, are exempt from taxation. Thousands of persons engaged in business for themselves or as employees in private business receive such additional compensation. A storekeeper may be elected mayor of his town. The amount paid for such service should be entered on his income tax return, but it is not taxable.

State employees, however, must consider carefully their income from all other sources. If, excluding the amounts paid them by the State, it equals or exceeds \$1,000 or \$2,000, according to their marital status, a return of income must be filed and the tax paid on net income in excess of those amounts.

The return must be sworn to before a notary or other person authorized to administer an oath. The tax may be paid in full at the time of filing the return or in four equal installments, due on or before March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15, 1921. At least one-fourth of the amount due must accompany the filing of the return.

Salary exemptions allowed State employees do not apply to employees of the Federal Government, such, for example, as postmasters.

### GIVES WIFE GLYCERINE MIXTURE.

A retired merchant whose wife suffered for years from catarrh of the stomach finally gave her simple glycerine, buckthorn bark, etc., as mixed in Adler-ika. ONE bottle produced great results. Because Adler-ika acts on BOTH upper and lower bowel it removes all foul matter which poisoned stomach. Relieves ANY CASE sour stomach or gas on stomach. Often CURES constipation. Prevents appendicitis. Mason Drug Company.

John Hubbard has taken a new lease on the News for himself and also for his father, J. F. Hubbard, who resides in New Mexico.

E. J. Lemburg returned last week from St. Louis, where he had been purchasing goods for his firm. Mr. Lemburg states the market is still unsettled and that buyers are not taking on new stock very heavily.

### For Your Medicine Cabinet

A necessary part of every medicine cabinet is Fidelity Quality Mentholated Ointment, for headache, inflammation, earache, neuralgia, sores, sprains, sunburn, bruises, etc. When it's Fidelity Quality, you're sure it's pure. Sold and recommended by all druggists and in Mason by Mason Drug Company and in Fretonia, by W. C. Ellison.

### German Taxicabs a Torment.

Present-day German taxicabs were not primarily designed to stimulate the liver; but after hitting a few rough spots one is left with a distinct impression that they exist solely to shake up the internal organs, writes Kenneth L. Roberts in the Saturday Evening Post.

As for their meters, they can be read properly only with the assistance of a slide rule and a table of logarithms. Each meter possesses seven clocks—one for the passenger, one for extra passengers, one for luggage, one for waiting, one for the luxury tax, one for the tax on capital and one for good luck. All the clocks work busily all the time—even the one for waiting.

This is probably because the passenger, due to the hard tires, is either waiting to bounce up or to fall back after a bump during the entire ride. After determining the amount registered by each clock at the end of a ride, these sums are added together and multiplied by four.

S. J. Thorne and S. K. Shearer returned home Saturday from Ft. Worth where they attended the recent convention of the W. O. W. Lodge as delegates from the Ft. Mason Camp. Mr. Thorne also went on to Dallas for a short visit with his daughters Mmes. Arthur and Jim Lemburg.

### CHILE COPIES UNITED STATES.

At present, according to a consular report, Chile is passing through a transition period as regards both advertising and merchandising. Methods borrowed from the United States are being adopted.

### SEEMS APPROPRIATE.

Redd—I see they are talking of having a chair of football in one of our colleges.

Greene—Oh, well, I suppose it will be in order for it to have a broken back or a fractured leg.

### THE REASON.

"There are no more liquor jokes now."  
"Of course not. It would violate the prohibition law if jokes had any spirit in them."

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.  
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY.  
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1921.  
A. W. GLEASON,  
(Seal) Notary Public.  
Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.  
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Sold by all druggists, 75c.  
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

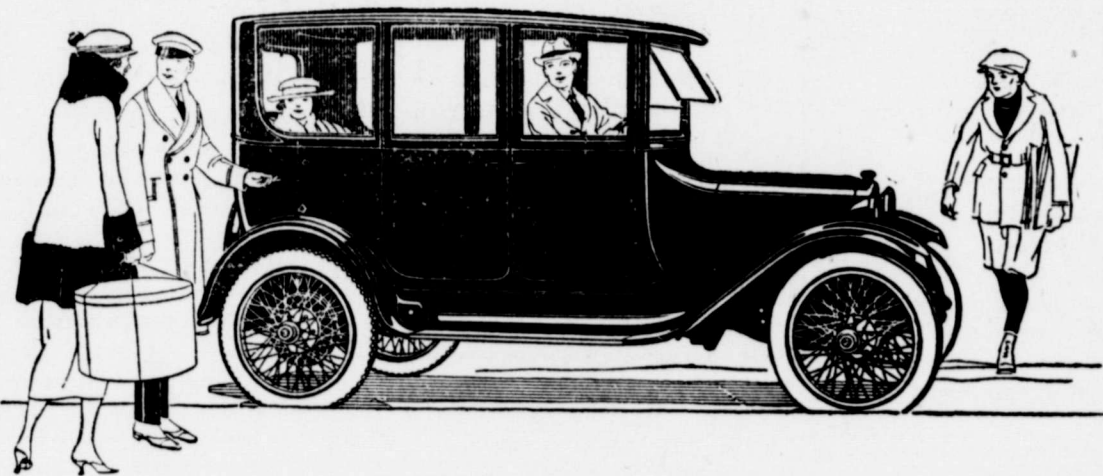
## DODGE BROTHERS 4 DOOR SEDAN

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### PARLOR OUT OF FASHION.

One of the large manufacturing companies of the United States is engaged in the construction of a great number of houses for its employees, and while there are many novel features in the way of making conveniences, the most striking thing about the homes is the total absence of the usual parlor. The space is thrown into other rooms. It looks as if the parlor was out of fashion.

Seth Baze Baze was here for a short time the past week for a visit with his father, Dr. P. A. Baze, and with friends. Seth is now assistant cashier of the bank at Melvin and is making good.

George Moneyhon, wife and son left last Thursday for Llano, where they were joined by the family of John Moneyhon and the party went to Houston for a visit with the gentlemen's father, Mr. J. P. Moneyhon. Alva Tinsley is holding down George's place in the store during his absence.

\$3.50  
That is not a large weekly wage. But then you are young. You will soon grow older and as you grow older you should be worth more and get more. But just now say you put in an account here each week 35c. In a year that will amount to \$18.20.  
"Many of our greatest men have sprung from the humblest origin, as the lark, whose nest is on the ground, soars the nearest to heaven."

### THE COMMERCIAL BANK (Unincorporated)

Wm. Hofmann and Mrs. Loula Loring are at home from St. Louis, where they bought new spring and summer goods and millinery for their store.

J. L. Bruce, who carries the Mason-Fredericksburg mail, says that he makes connection with the train out of Fredericksburg to San Antonio on three days of the week. This is on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

The News is informed that Cas Brown and family have recently removed from Georgetown to Ft. Worth to reside.

Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.

J. D. Eckert, Pres. W. E. Jordan, Cashier  
E. O. Kothmann, V. P. Kinney Eckert, Ass't C'r.

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## MICKIE SAYS

YESS! A FELLER RUNNING A NEWSPAPER GETS KINDA HARDENED SO KNOCKERS DONT BOTHER HIM MUCH. FRINGSTANGE, EVRY EDITOR KNOWS TH' UNGRATEFUL GUMP WHO BRINGS IN COPY FULLER OF MISTAKES THAN TH' ATLANTIC OCEAN IS OF WAVES 'N UDE KIN CORRECT THEM ALL 'N GHT NO THANKS—BUT IF WE MAKE ONE, GOOD NIGHT AN' FAREWELL OUR NAME IS MUD!



It has been estimated that the work done daily by a normal heart is equivalent to the raising of a four-pound weight from the bottom of the deepest mine in the world to the top of the highest mountain.

The average rate of heart-beat for a man (in sitting position) is seventy two and for a woman eighty. A small number of perfectly healthy persons have, however, an habitually slow beat of not above fifty to the minute.

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Yes, there are times when the News does not contain as much news as at others. The editors always know more news than we publish. The fellow that howls occasionally because there's no news in the paper should be thankful that we don't always publish everything that we know; and sometimes if we did we would create quite a bit of gossip to going and we can imagine the fun some news reports might bring about.

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Our County Commissioners' Court has recently adjourned, after quite a busy session. So far as we are able to learn the Court adjourned without giving any thought to the matter of disposing of the old fence which surrounds the court house yard.

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Even if gold were not so rare as to make it the best medium for sustaining the value of the paper currency that is based upon the intrinsic value of metal, it still would be the most ideal metal for coinage purposes.

Gold coin loses only one-hundredth part of its weight in fifty years, while silver loses as much in ten years. Again, gold is discolored by scarcely anything with which it comes in contact. It is hardly affected by exposure to the air and it is unaltered by the strongest acids.

A third popularity of gold is that it can be beaten or rolled into thin sheets. By a rolling mill it can be made thinner than any other metal, so thin in fact that 300,000 leaves of gold laid one upon another, may attain a height of but one inch.

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Subscribe for the News today.

## CLEAN TOWN CLUB NEEDS AND SHOULD HAVE YOUR CO-OPERATION

It does not take a close observer to notice the great improvement in the appearance of our town since our Clean Town Club's recent clean-up campaign, but we are compelled to say that there are some places about the town still badly in need of being cleaned up. The Clean Town Club did not receive the co-operation of the entire business district in their recent effort to get all the streets and alleys about the town cleaned and the unsightly trash and rubbish removed. However, the recent campaign did more to clean up the town than quite a number of previous efforts on the part of the club.

The business firms should not allow rubbish and trash to accumulate around their premises as is done by some of our local business institutions. The more dirt and filth that accumulates, makes that much more for the club to have moved, and at the club's expense. While it is true a firm may perhaps pay a small amount of dues to the club or may donate a little cash occasionally, they should not take it to mean they have, through that, the right to litter their premises or the streets with rubbish, trash or sweepings from the store, office, garage or whatever the case may be. It is just as easy, in fact much easier, for a person to clean and burn his rubbish as he goes than to allow it to accumulate, thinking when the pile gets very large, it can be burned to a better advantage or that he will have more time then. In most cases of this kind the rubbish gets scattered and all papers blow away and some other fellow who is trying to keep his portion of the street clean all the time will have to be gathering up some of his neighbor's trash.

One of the greatest nuisances which the Clean Town Club has to contend with is the papers and pieces of mail matter that is being daily thrown down at the post office. Have you ever stopped to think where a piece of paper just carelessly thrown down, will blow to before it is checked by a fence or some other obstacle? It is not a hard matter to trace the party who persistently throws his old letters and scrap paper down, after he glances over them at the post office. The papers usually bear the man's or the firm's name and the fact that the paper is picked up in the east end of the town does not necessarily indicate it was dropped in that part of the town. If you doubt this statement just try gathering up a few scraps occasionally and see who the mail matter was addressed to. This rubbish could be dispensed with to a great extent by parties receiving mail to wait until they reach their home or place of business before opening the mail. Then if you don't care to preserve any part of your daily mail you can easily place it in a waste basket and burn it at your next morning's cleaning period. It is a known fact that many people open their mail at the post office in order to convince others who stand near that they receive mail matter that is very important. Where mail is so important that a party cannot wait to get to his home or store to open it, a waste basket has been provided in the post office lobby to catch scrap paper in case a person should decide after looking over his mail "it's not so important after all." Laying all jokes aside, the proposition of throwing papers and pieces of mail down at the post office is simply a habit and it is a habit that is causing the Clean Town Club extra work. The habit should be done away with. Use your mind long enough to think the thing over.

Just because Mason has a Clean Town Club is no reason why every person should not be interested in seeing the town clean and sanitary at all times and should be no reason for any one to think that it is the club's business alone to keep the streets and alleys clean. Everybody's co-operation is solicited to assist and lighten the burden of keeping things clean and slightly. Don't think this is intended as a hint to the other fellow. It is to the fellow who has been trying just as well as to the fellow who has not given the matter a thought or who has not cared. The person or persons who have been trying to help the club can improve and assist still more and the others who have been negligent, can find lots of room for improvements.

Attention is also called to those who feed their teams on the streets and square, that such a custom causes the club a great deal of extra work, and parties doing such, should be thoughtful and considerate enough to aid the club by selecting some other place to feed.

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## AN APT COMPARISON

Advertising is pretty much like running a furnace. You've got to keep on shoveling coal. Once you stop stoking, the fire goes out. It's strange that some people's imagination can't compass this fact.—Wm. Wrigley, Jr.

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Perhaps the man in the next business building doesn't have as many worries as the editor but neither does he have as much fun.

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"Today is a good day to stop gambling."

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## COPIES METHODS OF AMERICA

New Zealand Will Use Gold Dredge Long in Successful Operation Throughout Alaska.

An example of the far-reaching activities of American industry is to be found in a gold dredge that has been designed and constructed in this country for the purpose of operating in New Zealand gold fields. This dredge, says the Electrical Review, is built by a New York company and is along the type of dredge constructed for operations in Alaskan fields. Power for dredging, pumping and shifting position is furnished by electric motors, while twelve men working four to a shift constitute the crew.

The general method of dredging is as follows: The digging ladder carrying the buckets is lowered and dirt is scooped up. This dirt is dropped on the conveyor belt and is carried to the screen. Here it is screened and washed and the refuse is dropped to the stacker and deposited. The pay dirt that remains is further washed on gold tables or laundries, and then passed to a gold box, where the gold is recovered. Remaining deposits in this gold box are treated about once a week with mercury, so that all the gold is obtained either in nugget or in the form of an amalgam.

## PROPER TIME TO ADVERTISE

Fact Should Be Recognized That Period of Slackness Demands Increase of Publicity.

The best time to advertise and to use every other means of bringing in orders is when orders are most needed. Yet quite a few people, including some very large concerns, are canceling their advertising and cutting down other selling expenses at the very time they want orders more than they have needed them in several years. Any old concern could sell its product while the boom was roaring along like a prairie fire and people were spending money with thoughtless abandon. A change has come. It is beginning to take salesmanship to sell many lines of goods. Yet many concerns are dismissing their best salesmen, the super-salesman, advertising. Not all are, however. Those longest and best acquainted with advertising and its power are not dropping it now that they have increased need for it. Recent converts to advertising should take a leaf out of their older and wiser competitors' notebook.—Forbes Magazine (N. Y.).

## FROM NEWS FILES OF 25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Feb. 28, 1896:

Rev. Father Gillam left last week for San Antonio on business, and it is probable he will not return.

Frank Husband had his foot badly mashed last Saturday by a rock falling on it.

John Schwartz and family left last week for Austin to reside.

F. E. Daniel, who has been teaching school at Quanah, is at home for a few days.

Mike Foley has been quite sick the past week.

On the 25th, at Wichita Falls, the City National Bank was robbed of a few hundred dollars and cashier Frank Dorsey shot and killed. The robbers were surrounded in a thicket and surrendered.

The marriage of Miss Willie Duran to Mr. E. H. Todd took place last Wednesday at the Methodist church in Menard.

Fritz Martin has been sick at Henry Ruedger's for several days. Sheriff Baird took witnesses to Fredericksburg last week.

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss Constance Schmidt and Mr. F. E. Husband, which is to take place March 10th.

Jess Baze has been over from Camp San Saba this week.

## 15 Years Ago In Mason

From Mason News, Feb. 23, 1906:

Hon. W. A. Williamson, of Junction, died last week at San Antonio, after an illness of several days. He was former representative in the legislature from this district.

Mrs. Henry Thode returned Tuesday from a trip to San Antonio, New Orleans and Dallas.

Dr. Joseph Greer has recently purchased the 40 acre farm of Wm. Wilkinson a mile north of town; the purchase price being \$2000.

A children's masquerade party was given last Friday night at the home of O. H. Mobus.

Sunday night the residence belonging to Jim Johnson and all its contents, were burned near Grit.

Mrs. F. A. Miller, aged 73, died at her home near Fredonia, last week.

Marriage License—Mr. A. B. D. Grote and Miss Amanda Brockman; Mr. Jesse Parker and Miss May N. Chisamore.

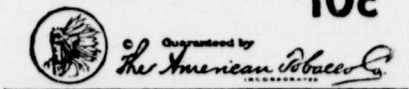
Alvin Bernhard and family have moved to the Brandenberger ranch near Capitola.

Little Chas. Hightower celebrated his seventh birthday anniversary last Saturday with a party.



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tobacco makes 50  
good cigarettes for  
10c



## WITTY AND WISE

Why not a spelling school for cartoonists?—Denver Times.

The two principal kinds of times are standard and wrist watch.—Sycamore (O.) Leader.

Were it not for the weather, some people would never be able to break into a conversation.—Kirksville (Mo.) Express.

Don't misjudge the whole human race because a few thousand inhabitants prefer grand opera to the movie.—Cheyenne (Wyo.) State Leader.

Once in a while a Chula boy gets punished for impudence, but most of the time it is because his mother has a headache.—Chula (Mo.) News.

One of the scientists has found out that eating sauerkraut prolongs life. But why prolong life if one must eat sauerkraut?—Florence (Colo.) Paradox.

An old Flemish pitcher sold in New York the other day for \$180, but a first-class young American pitcher will bring a good deal more.—Providence Journal.

While they are putting in all these gasoline stations for the motorists, they should also erect more hospitals and cemeteries along the road.—St. Joseph News-Press.

Anyhow, the mild weather has considerably reduced our wood chopping or emphasizes the necessity of having to buy a lighter axe for family use.—Gilmer (Tex.) Mirror.

Now is the proper time to swat the fly. One fly killed now will prevent thousands by summer.

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Our stock is full and complete and is always fresh.

Your dollar goes a little farther at this store.

'Phone Orders Solicited

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A Dollar's Worth for Every Dollar

Phone 143

*For Milady*

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Gifts for the ladies, nothing can surpass jewelry. There are rings, pendants, brooches, and bar pins of innumerable styles, and all at a price well within reach of your pocketbook. All these attractive pieces are made by the largest jewelry manufacturers in the world and every article is stamped with their trade mark O.B. which is your guarantee of quality. Visit our store frequently—you will be surprised how readily you can always make your gift selections.

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Jeweler.



# BANKS TO BE CLOSED

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

### TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY

The undersigned banking institutions of Mason will be closed all day next Wednesday, in observance of Texas Independence Day.

We ask our respective patrons to arrange to do any banking, which will not wait until Thursday, on Tuesday.

THE MASON NATIONAL BANK  
THE FIRST STATE BANK  
THE COMMERCIAL BANK  
(Unincorporated)

### SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID

The following have made subscription payments to this great weekly since our last report.

M. A. Long	1.50
J. W. Cranford	1.50
Aug. Metzger	1.50
A. F. Moss	2.00
W. O. Bode	1.50
Tom Strong	1.50
Mrs. John Hoerster	1.50
J. D. Hubbard	1.50
J. F. Hubbard	1.50
Ed Reichenau	1.50
John Ritter	1.50
A. M. Manning	.75
Otto A. Brockman	1.50
Elgin Leifeste	1.50

We thank you Who's next?

#### BOX SUPPER

A box supper will be given at the Karemey school house Saturday night, February 23, for the benefit of the school library. All invited. Girls, bring boxes. 11

CAMPBELL QUALITY HOUSE PAINT—No better made. Larimore & Grote. 49ct.

We repair and recharge Storage Batteries of any make. L. F. Eckert Garage.

### NEW LIGHT ON POCAHONTAS

Was Actuated Only by Childish Affection When She Saved Life of Captain Smith.

Popular belief is that the beautiful Indian princess, Pocahontas, was more than a bit in love with Capt. John Smith, and that it was this love that saved his life when her father, Powhatan, ordered his brains dashed out, says the Detroit News. The story is that Pocahontas threw herself on the captain's prostrate body and gathered his head in her arms so that the clubs could not fall without killing her. This story has some foundation, only Pocahontas at the time of the rescue, 1608, was but ten years old, and whatever love she may have had for Smith was strictly an affection of a child for a grown-up relative.

Pocahontas married an Indian chief when she became fourteen years old, but was captured when she was sixteen by the English and taken to Jamestown, where she married John Rolfe without taking the trouble to divorce her Indian mate. She was much in love with him, and bore him a son. Descendants of that son are still living in Virginia, and are very proud of their beautiful Indian ancestor. Pocahontas died following a visit to England as her returning ship cleared Gravesend.

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### END HOUSEHOLD DRUDGERY

Expert Convinced That Business Principles Would Do Away With Much Unnecessary Labor.

With the increased difficulty in obtaining servants, the best way to conduct the servantless household is a matter of continual discussion. One expert in household economics thinks women could do the work of their homes with less strain if they would adopt a more businesslike attitude toward it.

"Plan what to do" she suggested, "do it, forget it, and recreate."

Also she urges that the woman in planning her daily routine alternate work which requires sitting, standing and walking so far as possible, and that she adopt the plan of frequent short periods of rest, such as are found effective in factory work of many kinds.

For the family with children, she urges the elimination of all unnecessary labor, co-operation by all members of the family old enough to co-operate in the labor of the house, and simple and informal living.

"Study," she concludes, "to shorten every occupation connected with the upkeep of the home."—Brockton (Mass.) Times.

### WORTHY, BUT FORGETFUL.

A dear old great-aunt of mine was married when well along in life to an absent-minded man. They were married in a country church. Her most embarrassing moment occurred soon after the ceremony, when her worthy but forgetful spouse calmly untied his horse from the fence where he had hitched it and absent-mindedly drove away without my aunt, who waited on the church steps. A number of small boys, related to the bride, saw what had happened and promptly took after the bridegroom, yelling at him: "Hey, come back. Ain't yuh fergittin' somethin'?"—Chicago Tribune.

### NOT APPREHENSIVE.

"Don't you think we ought to develop the military spirit in view of possible emergencies which may concern the next generation?" inquired the man who worries about everything.

"I'm not troublin' my mind much," answered Farmer Corntosel. "S'long as the interest in football keeps up I guess the boys will be able to take care of themselves."

### A GREAT-HELP.

"Has your boy Josh been a great help to you around the place?"

## YOUR TEETH MAY BE THE CAUSE OF THAT AILMENT YOU HAVE

IT HAS BEEN PROVEN THAT BAD TEETH AND GUMS HAVE CAUSED RHEUMATISM, KIDNEY AND HEART TROUBLE, AND MANY OTHER AILMENTS, ALSO DEATH.

I have just finished a post graduates course at the Columbia University in New York City on Diagnosis, Radiograph, Oral Surgery, Pyorrhea, etc. This is one of the highest courses in dentistry, and I am thereby enabled to make scientific diagnosis and treatment of your teeth and gums. Consultation free.

### Dr. H. W. Lindley, Dentist

LADY IN ATTENDANCE

Phone 81

Brady, Texas.

### \* CHURCH NOTICES \*

#### METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30.

#### GERMAN M. E. CHURCH

First Sunday—English Sun. School 10 a. m. to 11 a. m.  
Preaching by Rev. G. W. Schreiber from 11 a. m. to 12 m. and from 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Second Sunday—English Sunday School 10 to 11 a. m. Preaching by Rev. Robt. Moerner 11 a. m. to 12 m. Preaching by Rev. G. W. Schreiber, 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Third Sunday—English Sun. School from 10 to 11 a. m. Preaching by Rev. G. W. Schreiber from 11 a. m. to 12 m., and from 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Fourth Sunday—English Sunday School from 10 to 11 a. m. Preaching by Rev. G. W. Schreiber 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Fifth Sunday—English Sun. School from 10 to 11 a. m. Preaching by Rev. G. W. Schreiber 11 a. m. to 12 m., and from 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Prayer meeting every Tuesday night at 7:30.

Everybody cordially invited.

Committee.

Clarence Winkel is at home from Virginia, where he has been for some time. Clarence left here about a year ago and went to a linotype school at Atlanta, Georgia, but later joined the Navy. He is now at home, having been given his discharge, but is still subject to a reserve call.

Miss Ruth Reeder arrived home last Saturday from Prescott, Arizona, where she has been for the past several months employed in educational work in connection with the Y. W. C. A.; she having resigned her position.

W. H. Neill and family and Walter Strums and family are shipping their household effects to San Antonio this week preparatory to moving to that place to reside. These people have made many warm friends in Mason who will regret very much their removal from our town, but who will join the News in wishing them every success in any undertaking.

The News is informed Ernest F. Willmann has resigned his position as assistant cashier in the Mason National Bank. Just what Mr. Willmann's intentions are, we have not learned.

Type writer ribbons at News Office.

This week is finding many of the residents of Mason county busy making their income tax returns and at the same time there are a few who are worrying because they are not subject to an income tax this year. It is said a few are studying over where to get enough money to pay their income tax.

We loan you a battery while recharging your own. L. F. Eckert Garage.

## REGISTERED HEREFORD BULLS AT BARGAIN PRICES

Owing to the financial stringency existing at present and realizing the great need of better sires in most of the beef producing herds of the country, am offering some inducements to that end. Prices have been cut very deeply on a great many of the bulls on hand, making them the best investment to be found.

Have on hand some coming two year olds, good specimens of the breed, tracing to some of the best ancestry known to Hereford History. Priced at from \$200 to \$500 per head owing to individuality and breeding.

As a SPECIAL INDUCEMENT to introduce some of the calves of the internationally known Wyoming 7th., 677353, we offer you your choice of a number of his get at the low price of \$300 per head while they last.

Breeding stock such as this has never been offered like this before and this is as an introductory offer only. Now is the time to buy some of the best breeding stock at real bargain prices. Do not miss your opportunity.

A good bull is half of the herd. He reproduces himself many times every year. A cow at best, can reproduce herself once a year. What are your cows worth? Can you afford to mate them to a good bull? Can you afford to mate them to a common bull?

An absolute guarantee goes with all breeding stock bought here covering Tuberculosis at time of purchase and death from Black-Leg at any time.

Will accept notes as part payment, if not convenient to pay all cash, for purchases from responsible breeders.

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"Men are judged not by their intentions, but by the results of their actions.—Chesterfield.

## DIRECTORS

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L. F. Clark

# CHAS. BIERSCHWALE

REAL ESTATE  
ABSTRACTOR AND NOTARY

IN BUSINESS SINCE 1885

MASON : : : TEXAS

## FREDONIA ITEMS

(By Green Leaf)

We are having some very cold weather.

Some of the fruit trees of this section are blooming.

R. M. Harmon visited in Brownwood last week.

The farmers of this section are suffering for rain.

Ellis Lay who is working on the Mason-Fredericksburg highway, is here visiting his family.

The young people of this community were entertained at Chas. Longley's with a party Saturday night.

Pastor Fred Banks preached at Fredonia Sunday night.

Dr. R. George and family visited in Brady Monday.

Mrs. Chas. Longley and Mrs. Marvin Burns visited in Brady Monday.

Mr. Sam Capps visited in Brady this week.

## PLANT YOUR CORN FOR A DRY YEAR

We have several dry years to one wet, and it is better to plant your corn below the level. Not below the level of the outside of the row, but some 3 inches below the general level and do not plow too young. If you harrow, be careful not to drag the dirt in around the corn when it is too young, as it will be the same as planting on a level or above, as it will come out and roots will be on top of the ground. Let the

corn get well set, then plow deep first plowing and it will be deep in the ground and in better shape for drought.

Yours Truly,

DOR W. BROWN,  
County Demonstration Agent.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS

### Births

The following births have been recorded by County Clerk, R. D. Lee, since our last report:

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Dodson, a girl, February 13.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Schuesler, a girl, February 16.

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TOM MILLSAP.

### GET MORE EGGS

By feeding "Martin's Egg Producer" **DOUBLE your money back in eggs or your money back in cash. Absolutely Guaranteed by MASON DRUG COMPANY.** Both Stores 28-26t

Take in the picture show at the Star Opera House each Tuesday, Friday and Saturday night. Show starts at 7:45 sharp.

Type writer ribbons at News Office.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### SENIOR PARTY

The first of the series of parties planned by the high school seniors was given at the home of Miss Mary J. Wood on last Saturday night. The event being a "Tacky Party". Much merriment was enjoyed by all present. A series of games of 'Ye Olden Times' was the feature of the evening. And as for displays of the tacky dress, they were well brought out in garbs of all kinds. Such a display of colors, in stripes, bright colors, with combinations of satins and calicos would easily have convinced one the style of party.

The ladies' prize was awarded to Miss Lillie Eckert who represented "Miss New Style" just from the back woods. The gentleman's prize went to C. C. Smith who appeared as Squire Greenback just coming out into society.

After several hours of much fun and laughter the guests were ushered into the dining room where they found refreshments according to the style of party, brown beans and corn bread. Later the hostess served delicious home made candy.

Those present, enjoying the hospitality of Miss Wood were Misses Mary Jane Puckey, Averil Bellows, Thelma Awall, Pauline Mogford, Lillie Eckert, Helen Jordan, Augusta Jenkins, Willie Mae Grosse, Sarah Thaxton, Lillie Mae Kidd, Louise Latham and the hostess; Messrs. Walter Jordan, Leonard Wood, Harold Zesch, Melchior Beyer, C. C. Smith, Ben Evans, Allen Doell, Ervin Jordan, Jack Nix and Clifton Sorrells.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY WILL MEET FEB. 27

The Young People's Missionary Society will meet February 27, at 4 p. m. at the M. E. Church, South.

The following program will be rendered:

Hymn 97—"Wonderful Words of Life."

Bible Lesson—"Among the Multitudes" Matt. IX 35-38.

New Orleans from a Touring Car—Ida Mae Lemburg.

Piano Solo—Helen Jordan.

A Visit to St. Mark's Hall—Mary Wood.

Vocal Solo—Genevieve King.

Closing Hymn.

Prayer.

## FARM BUREAU WANTS PLANTING SEEDS LISTED

All parties having good planting seed to sell, please list those, together with price. Also those wanting seed, please list your wants.

Several persons have cane seed, milo kafir, potatoes, stock peas, long staple cotton, etc., while others want one or more of these.

Please list your wants with the secretary of the Farm Bureau.

W. E. JORDAN.

How about your subscription to the News, have you advanced it for another year?

# REMOVAL NOTICE

I wish to announce to my patrons that I have rented the STAR GARAGE building and have moved my business to that location.

I have purchased additional apparatus and am in every way better prepared to serve the automobile owner.

When your car needs adjusting or you need anything in the way of accessories, give me a call.

LEON F. MAYO

## EDISON, OPTIMIST

Though Edison is 74, his reactions to the world of matter and the world of mystery are as scintillant as ever. He tells an interviewer he can't give advice to young men on how to achieve success in business.

"Who can?" he adds, naively. But in a letter to the Public Ledger, written on August 9, 1917, he gave this recipe as the first rule of success for a young man:

"Get a job and do more than he is expected to do."

He has taken his own medicine, and in large doses. Mr. Edison has always worked without paying the slightest attention to the clock hands. And he has done the unexpected. He has had, as Wordsworth said of Isaac Newton, "a mind forever voyaging through strange seas of thought alone." He went beyond the confines to lonely regions of pioneer research where none could help him. There is much for aspiring youth to ponder in Edison's words:

"All I know is that if a man has reached the age of 21 and is dead mentally, no amount of advice, example or experience will ever change him in the slightest. If at some period between 12 and 16 he can be interested in some subject and become enthusiastic, he will advance and become a high type of man. If not, he will be a mental dead one."

Edison himself began as a newsboy on the Grand Trunk Railway, at 15 printing a little newspaper of his own in an old freight car that he also used as a laboratory for his incessant tinkering with electrical and mechanical apparatus. He got his chance to study telegraphy for saving the child of a station master from being crushed beneath the wheels of a train. The "luck" he has had has been three parts pluck and persistence, building on the endowment of a phenomenal mentality. Nature was reluctant to tell him many

of the secrets whereon the invention and the perfection of processes were based; but he was dauntless, indefatigable and pitiless to self while in pursuit of truth. All that Edison is in the general acknowledgment of mankind he has earned.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

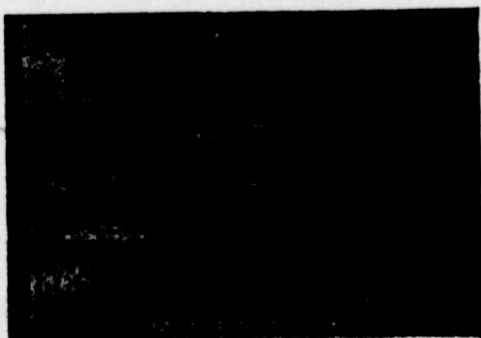
## WON BY APPEAL TO VANITY

How Willy Diplomat Saved Lord Beaconsfield From Bad "Break" He Had Contemplated.

Curiosity, says a London correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, is frequently expressed as to how the prime minister gets along in his conferences with foreign ministers. It is understood that, though he can make out the purport of a printed passage in the French language, he never had the opportunity of acquiring facility in the spoken tongue. In this respect he finds a precedent in the case of Lord Beaconsfield. When he went to the Berlin congress in 1878 he made known to his faithful secretary his intention of addressing the conference in French. Monty Cory, having suffered scraps of his chief's colloquial French, was aghast. In despair he applied to the British minister at Berlin for assistance. Odo Russell lived up to the occasion. In casual conversation with Lord Beaconsfield he mentioned that he had heard a rumor that he intended to address the plenipotentiaries on the following day in French. "That would," the wily minister said, "be a grave disappointment. They know that they have here in you the greatest living master of English oratory, and are looking forward to your speech as the intellectual treat of their lives." "Dizzy" immediately saw the reasonableness of this objection and all his speeches during the sittings of the congress were in English.

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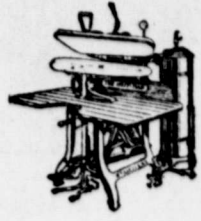
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### CENTENARY OF THE AMPERE

Effect of Wire Carrying a Current on a Magnet Was Discovered 100 Years Ago.

From the observance of this year, the centenary of the discovery and issuance of the fundamental electromagnetic laws, the derivation of the often-heard volt and ampere wherever people speak in terms of electricity, are brought to mind.

To Ampere, after whom we have named a unit of measurement of electrical energy, "the ampere," is credited the announcement on Sept. 18, 1820, of the laws governing the effect of a wire carrying a current upon a magnet, and also on Sept. 25 of the same year, the force action of one wire carrying a current upon another was announced. The paper by Ampere was frankly based upon the earlier work of Oersted, who discovered the effect of an electric current upon a compass needle and who explained the concentric nature of the magnetic field set up about a conductor carrying an electric current, but Ampere, nevertheless, is credited with the discovery. Volta, in Italy, had already produced the voltaic pile, made of layers of copper and zinc separated by a wet cloth, in 1799. To him is also credited valuable research in electrical science, and from his name the unit "volt" is derived.

### CHEWING GUM 50 YEARS OLD

John Adams, Photographer of Staten Island in 1870 Discovered the Possibilities of Chiclé.

Chewing gum began its history in 1870. Up to this time the chiclé or sap from the chiclezapote trees of Mexico was known only to the Indians. A photographer on Staten Island secured a lump of it and sought to turn it to some account. For two years he attempted to make it a substitute for gutta serena or soft rubber. This having failed, he was about to throw it away when he happened to break off a bit and chewed it, according to the Detroit News.

In his photograph gallery back room the photographer, John Adams by name, continued to experiment with it, and in time evolved something resembling the gum of today. He began to peddle it about in small lots to nearby candy and drug stores, and by 1890 he was employing 250 hands in a six-story building. He died, leaving a fortune to his four sons of many millions. The "white gum," or "chewing wax," as it was known, was almost driven from the market by the new offering, and today is seldom seen. It is made from the gum of the New England spruce and from a paraffin that is the residue of crude petroleum in process of refining.

### Mental Culture.

Mayor Lunn of Schenectady pointed to a two-page advertisement extolling the marvelous efficiency of a mental gymnastics correspondence school.

"Did you ever try a correspondence course in mental gymnastics?" he asked the reporter.

"No; I don't take much stock in such things," the reporter answered.

"Well, I know a man," answered Mayor Lunn, "who took a three months' mental gymnastics correspondence course, and he's a millionaire today."

Impressive pause.

"To be sure," Mr. Lunn added, "the man was a millionaire before taking the course, but the extraordinary fact I want to bring out is that since taking it he hasn't lost his money."

### Pharmacy for Females.

Pharmacy as an occupation for women is gaining favor rapidly. A very large number of women took the course at Columbia last year and a still greater number have applied for the course about to begin. "Until recently," said Dean Rusby, "we had a few women in this field. Pharmacists did not wish to employ them. In the first place it was a novelty, and there was the usual hesitation to accept a novelty."

Now, according to Dean Rusby, many women are making good in pharmacy, and some of those who have taken advanced courses and become analysts are doing very good work in chemical laboratories and for manufacturing houses.

### Use of Electricity Increases.

Sweden proposes to electrify the Gothenburg and Stockholm railway. Chile, following the example of other European countries and Japan, is preparing to operate a section of the state railways with electricity. The government proposes to float a loan of 32 million dollars, partly abroad and partly in the country, for this purpose. It is expected that this movement will reduce railway operating expenses by three million or four million dollars annually.

### German Women Students.

There are 7,724 women students at the various German universities. Of these 2,080 are studying medicine, bringing the total of medical students up to 22,000. Before the war Germany had one physician for every 2,000 inhabitants. She now has one for every 1,500 inhabitants, and fears that in a short while there will be one for every 1,000.

### Alcohol Supply.

Around sawmills alone, it is said, 27,000,000 tons of sawdust is available, from which 500,000,000 gallons of alcohol can be made.

Give me your next job of vulcanizing I guarantee my work. Otto Schmidt.

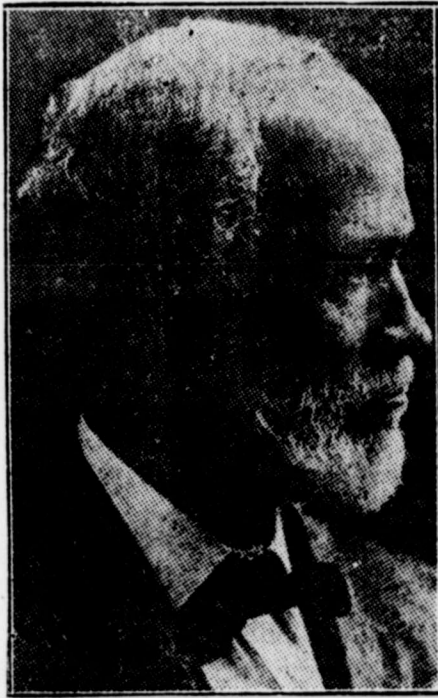
Otis Shearer of Brownwood, was here a few days the past week, visiting home folks and friends. Otis, who is keeping books for a gin of Brown County, says as soon as ginning season is over he will come to Mason to enjoy a month's vacation.

## OVER 16 MILLION RAISED TO DATE

BAPTIST 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN MAKING GOOD PROGRESS, COMMISSION REPORTS.

### CASH ROUND-UP IN SPRING

Effort Will Be Made During March and April to Secure Cash on All Pledges Due to May 1, 1921.



DR. J. B. GAMBRELL  
President Southern Baptist Convention, who will tour the South.

Up to December 1, 1920, Southern Baptists had paid \$16,851,100.68 in cash on their subscriptions to the 75 Million Campaign, according to an announcement issued by the Conservation Commission, which is looking after all the general interests of the campaign. This sum has been apportioned among foreign missions, home missions, state missions, Christian education, hospitals, orphanages and ministerial relief, in accordance with the original campaign program.

While the receipts from the campaign have enabled all the agencies of the denomination to greatly enlarge their work the returns have not been as large as the best interest of the work demand, it is said, and the local churches throughout the South are asked to join in a movement to bring up the payments on all subscriptions due by May 1, in order that the delegates can go to the Southern Baptist Convention at Chattanooga, May 12, with a clean slate, and all the general work adequately provided for.

### Will Hold Day of Prayer.

Inaugurating this spring cash round-up campaign, February 27-March 6 has been designated as intercession week by the Baptist women of the South, while the entire membership of the Baptist churches is asked to join in spending Wednesday, March 2, as a day of prayer for God's blessings and guidance in the further campaign work.

After this special period of prayer the remainder of March will be given over to enlisting all the members of all the Baptist churches in the South in the matter of completing the campaign program by paying that portion of the subscriptions due by that time, and in bringing the members to see their obligation to support God's work through the dissemination of the doctrine of stewardship. April has been designated as loyalty month and during that time effort will be made throughout the South to bring Baptists to realize that their loyalty to God and his work demands the payment, where at all possible, of their pledges to the campaign.

### Southwide Tour Is Planned.

In order that the subscribers to the campaign may be fully informed on what has been accomplished with the money they have contributed so far, and as to the needs of the completion of the campaign program, a series of informational and inspirational meetings that will reach into every state in the South has been planned for March and April. These meetings will be featured by addresses by Dr. J. B. Gambrell, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, who have just returned from a six months' tour of the mission fields of Europe, and who will tell of conditions they found there; Dr. L. R. Scarborough, general director of the campaign, and other persons of prominence. These meetings will be held at central points in the various states, and from these central meetings associational and dis-

## Gay and Picturesque Headwear



THE trend of the styles in children's headwear for several seasons past has been toward the plainest of hats and bonnets, and is not changing. But these plainer styles have not entirely crowded out gay and picturesque little affairs in millinery that crown the heads of lucky children who are allowed several hats each season. Cozy bonnets frame rosy faces with the softest and fluffiest of facings, made of fabrics or feathers or anything which takes the fancy of designers as suited to small ladies. They are meant to be worn on state occasions when one must be quite dressed up.

A group of these fascinating models for the younger generation is shown above, all designed for midwinter wear, with the quaint, always beautiful poke-bonnet shape featured among them. At the bottom a small poke of latter's plush would be very prim with its band of ribbon if it were not for a soft curly ostrich plume that curls at the side. Usually bonnets of this kind have a colored facing of silk and the plume is in the same color. A much

larger poke bonnet made of velvet is shown at the left of the group. It has a dignified sash of moire ribbon and glories in a large red velvet poppy.

A rival of these bonnets appears above them in an amusing miniature hat with gay crown of brocaded ribbon—just like grown-up millinery—and side crown of velvet. The slashed, up-turned brim is bound with faille ribbon and there is a sash with long ends of the same. The most pretentious of dressy bonnets finishes the group, a regular poke shape with brim entirely covered with curled ostrich plumes, making the softest of settings for pretty faces and ringlets. It has ties of velvet ribbon with satin edge.

*Julia Bottomley*

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Fur Trimming.  
Fur-trimmed dresses and fur-trimmed blouses are being worn.

strict rallies will be formed in the hope of taking the campaign message to all the people.

### Large Relief Work Done.

Secretary Love of the Foreign Mission Board reports that Southern Baptists, within the last few weeks, have contributed \$147,284.20 in cash for the relief of suffering peoples in Europe and China, above their campaign contributions, and that the Baptist women of the South have contributed \$100,000 worth of first-class clothing for the needy families of Hungary.

### REMARKABLE CLOCK.

An Illinois artisan, formerly a master clock builder and instructor, has, after five years' effort, produced an unusual astronomical clock in which the earth is illuminated by phosphorescent rays from the sun and moon, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. By means of correctly designed pinions the miniature earth is made to revolve 365 1/4 times while making one circuit of the sun and, as it is tilted at a 23 1/2 degree angle, the seasonal changes are plainly shown. The moon makes the circuit of the earth in exactly the right time, keeping one side earthward continuously and going through all the phases and eclipses. A large dial above the regulation clock dial keeps accurate track of the seasons, months, days and hours.

### Drink Water With Meals.

Contrary to a long standing theory, water taken with meals is now recommended. For years it has been taught such a procedure weakens the secretions of gastric juice, also that digestion would be delayed or inhibited. But now it has been proved that drinking water with meals stimulates the secretion of gastric juice, that it produces an improved liver function and that it enables the food to be utilized more economically; further, the saliva acts more efficiently when diluted with water. Thus we are encouraged to drink plenty of pure water while eating.—Thrill Magazine.

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### THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any constable of Mason County, Greeting:—

You are hereby commanded to summon Will Sander by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Mason County, Texas, to be holden at the court house thereof in Mason on the 4th Monday after the first Monday in February, A. D., 1921, the same being the 7th day of March, A. D., 1921, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 4th day of February, A. D., 1921, Number 1014 on the Civil Docket of said Court, wherein Mrs. Ida Sander is plaintiff and Will Sander is defendant, said petition being a suit for divorce on the grounds that plaintiff and defendant who are husband and wife were separated on or about the 2nd day of November, A. D., 1918, and have not lived together as husband and wife since said date; that the cruel treatment to which she was subjected while she did live with

defendant as his wife and the manner in which defendant abandoned her constitute cruel treatment and is conduct of such a nature as to render their further living together as husband and wife insupportable.

Herein fail not, but have before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of the District Court at office in Mason, Texas, this 8th day of February, A. D., 1921.

(L. S.) R. E. LEE, Clerk District Court, Mason County, Texas.

### THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the sheriff or any constable of Mason County, Greeting:—

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published for at least ten days exclusive of the day of publication and before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in Mason County, Texas, a copy of the following notice:—

The State of Texas: To all persons interested in the welfare of Edward, Hugh, Hattie and Rosey Scules, minors; Mrs. M. E. (Eunice) Soules was appointed temporary guardian of said minors on the first day of December, 1920, and was so appointed guardian of both the person and estate of said minors. Said appointment will be made permanent at the next regular term of the County Court of Mason County to be held at Mason, commencing the 28th day of February, 1921, if such appointment is not contested, and all persons interested in the welfare of said minors are hereby cited to appear at said term of court and contest such appointment if they so desire.

Herein, fail not, but have you before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 16th day of February, A. D., 1921.

(Seal) R. E. LEE, Clerk County Court, Mason County, Texas.

### THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the sheriff or any constable of Mason County, Greeting:—

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published, for at least ten days exclusive of the day of publication and before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in Mason County, Texas, a copy of the following notice:—

The State of Texas: To all persons interested in the welfare of Cora Lee Tinsley, a minor, Alva Tinsley was appointed temporary guardian of said minor on November 22, 1920, and was so appointed guardian of both the person and estate of said minor. Said appointment will be made permanent at the next regular term of the County Court of Mason County, Texas, to be held at Mason, commencing the 28th day of February, 1921, if such appointment is not contested, and all persons interested in the welfare of said minor are hereby cited to appear at said term of court and contest such appointment if they so desire.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 16th day of February, A. D., 1921.

(Seal) R. E. LEE, Clerk County Court, Mason County, Texas.

You'll enjoy the pictures at the Star Opera House. Shows every Tuesday, Saturday and Friday night. Don't forget it starts at 7:45 o'clock.

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

### DEVELOPMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS IN FORMER SOLDIERS

Development of tuberculosis in former soldiers who were gassed in action during the world war has increased at a startling rate in the last few months, according to reports of the director of civilian relief of the Southwestern Division, American Red Cross at St. Louis. Prosperity and high wages that prevailed from the close of the war until the recent past caused hundreds of former soldiers throughout the Southwest to neglect proper treatment afforded them by the government in order to fill positions that paid the unusual compensations of the post war period. This resulted in the development of chronic bronchitis which is now running to tuberculosis in a mounting proportion of cases.

Needs of ex-soldiers for assistance in obtaining vocational training, compensation for wounds and disability, and hospitalization have mounted with unprecedented rapidity since last June, the report of the Director of Civilian Relief Shows. The total number of cases handled at St. Louis headquarters, which embraces Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas, for the month of December, 1920 stood at 10,500, as against 7,700 in June, an increase of more than 40 per cent in the half year; and of 66 per cent over December 1919 when a monthly total of 6,600 cases were handled by the home service department of the division.

This is largely due, according to the report, to the break in the demand for labor and the high wages that were paid. Former soldiers of the Southwest who neglected to take advantage of the benefits due them by the government for disability are now turning to these agencies by the thousands with the advent of low wages and small demand for labor.

### To Cure A Sore Throat

Take equal parts of water and of Fidelity Sore Throat Medicine and gargle the throat. The soreness disappears almost like magic. When it's Fidelity Quality you're sure it's pure. Sold and recommended by all druggists and in Mason by Mason Drug Company, and in Fredonia, by W. C. Ellison.

### POULTRY WANTED

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### TO AUTOMOBILE OWNERS

There are some car owners who have not yet purchased their new automobile license and there are some who have purchased them and have not yet attached their seal to their car. I ask that everyone who has their seal, to put it on, as it is the only way I have of telling the cars that are delinquent in the matter. It will aid me in forcing the other fellow to pay the tax on his auto and it will likely save you some trouble and expense for it is a violation of the law to run a car without a seal, and I expect to enforce the law. I ask for your assistance.

Respectfully,  
CHAS. LESLIE,  
Sheriff and Tax Collector.

## THE "OLD RELIABLE" THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

White Haired Alabama Lady Says She Has Seen Medicines Come and Go But The "Old Reliable" Thedford's Black-Draught Came and Stayed.

Dutton, Ala.—In recommending Thedford's Black-Draught to her friends and neighbors here, Mrs. T. F. Parks, a well-known Jackson County lady, said: "I am getting up in years; my head is pretty white. I have seen medicines and remedies come and go but the old reliable came and stayed. I am talking of Black-Draught, a liver medicine we have used for years—one that can be depended upon and one that will do the work."

"Black-Draught will relieve indigestion and constipation if taken right, and I know for I tried it. It is the best thing I have ever found for the full, uncomfortable

feeling after meals. Sour stomach and sick headache can be relieved by taking Black-Draught. It aids digestion, also assists the liver in throwing off impurities. I am glad to recommend Black-Draught, and do, to my friends and neighbors."

Thedford's Black-Draught is a standard household remedy with a record of over seventy years of successful use. Every one occasionally needs something to help cleanse the system of impurities. Try Black-Draught. Insist upon Thedford's, the genuine.  
At all druggists. U. 73

### AFFIDAVIT TO TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

Commissioners' Court, Mason County, Texas, in regular quarterly session, February term, 1921.

In the matter of county finances in the hands of Thomas H. Strong, treasurer of Mason County, Texas.

We, the undersigned, as County Commissioners within and for said Mason County, and the Hon. John T. Banks, County Judge of said Mason County, constituting the entire Commissioners' Court of said County, and each one of us, do hereby certify that on this, the 15th day of February, A. D., 1921, at a regular quarterly term of our said Court, we have compared and examined the quarterly report of Thomas H. Strong, treasurer of Mason County, Texas, for the two months beginning on the 1st day of December, A. D., 1920, and ending on the 31st day of January, A. D., 1921, and finding the same correct have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Mason County, stating the approval of said Treasurer's Report by our said Court, which said order recites separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said County Treasurer since his last report to this Court, and for and during the time covered by his present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurer's hands on the said 31st day of January, A. D., 1921, and have ordered the proper credits to be made in the accounts of the said County Treasurer, in accordance with said order as required by Article 897, Chapter 1, Title XXV of the revised statutes of Texas, as amended by an act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Texas, at its regular session, approved March 20, 1897.

And we, each of us, further certify that we have actually and fully inspected and counted all the actual cash and assets in hands of the said treasurer belonging to Mason County at the close of the examination of said Treasurer's Report on the 31st day of January, A. D., 1921, and find the same to be as follows, to wit: Balance to credit of Jury Fund \$ 721.17 Balance to credit of Road and Bridge Fund 3,774.62

"Do Rats Talk to Each Other?" Asks Mr. M. Batty, R. I.  
"I got five cakes of Rat-Snap and threw pieces around feed store. Got about half a dozen dead rats a day for two solid weeks. Suddenly, they got fewer. Now we haven't any. Who told them about Rat-Snap? Rats dry up and leave no smell. Three sizes: 35c, 65c, \$1.25.  
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Balance to credit of General Fund	698.17
Balance to credit of Fifth Class Fund	1,218.62
Balance to credit of Sixth Class Fund	3,287.06
Balance to credit of Seventh Class Fund	2,461.50
Balance to credit of Highway No. 9 Fund	1,048.45
Balance to credit of State and Federal Aid Fund	191.32
Total Cash on hand belonging to Mason County in the hands of said treasurer as actually counted by us	\$13,372.29

**Assets**  
In addition to the actual cash as above, we find the following assets belonging to the said County, and to the credit of the following funds, which is also in the possession and custody of the said Treasurer, to wit: Six No. 26 School Dist. School House Bonds @ \$100 \$6,000 Four No. 27 School Dist. School House Bonds @ \$500 \$2,000 Two Hundred W. S. S. @ \$5 \$1,000

**Bonded Indebtedness**  
The bonded indebtedness of the said County we find to be as follows, to wit: Sixty-four Court House bonds @ \$500 \$32,000 One Special Road Warrant \$1,000 Eighteen Special Road Warrants @ \$500 \$9,000 Sixty-Two Special Road Warrants @ \$500 \$31,500 One Special Road Warrant @ \$400 \$160.00 One Special Road Warrant \$3,655.32

Witness our hands, officially, this 15th day of February, A. D., 1921.  
JOHN T. BANKS, Co. Judge.  
HENRY DOELL, Com. Prec't. 1.  
W. J. GRIFFITH, Com. Prec't. 2.  
G. W. HERRING, Com. Prec't. 3.  
H. HOERSTER, Com. Prec't. 4.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me, by John T. Banks, County Judge, and Henry Doell and W. J. Griffith, and G. W. Herring and H. Hoerster, County Commissioners of said Mason County, each respectively, on this, the 15th day of February, A. D., 1921.  
R. E. LEE, County Clerk, Mason County, Texas.

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 TUESDAY NIGHT  
**"BEGGAR IN PURPLE"**  
 Based on novel by Andrew Soutar

Admission: 15 & 25 Cents

## FORT MASON CAMP AMERICAN LEGION MET SATURDAY NIGHT

Last Saturday night the Fort Mason Camp of the American Legion held its regular monthly meeting at the court house in Mason. The meeting was called to order by Post Commander, Thomas H. Strong. The members spent a short time in discussing the Bonus Bill, but this was only a pro and con discussion which was brought in out of the regular order of business.

A motion was made and seconded and carried after being placed before the house for the Legion to present a home talent play to raise funds to carry on their organization. A committee composed of Dr. R. D. Byler, Dan Hoerster, Edwin Lowgren, Alf Polk, Max Simon and Lee Loeffler was appointed to have the matter of arrangements in charge.

Six new members were accepted to the Camp. They were Robert Polk, Ralph Doyal, Dr. R. D. Byler, Max Simon, O. M. Reichenau and Emil Ischar.

The next meeting of the Fort Mason Camp will be held on the first Saturday night in March at the court house and the following program committee was appointed: A. E. Grosse, A. G. Lee, Sterling Schmidt, Kinney M. Eckert, Chas. Doell. A quartet composed of Dr. P. A. Baze, O. A. Hensch, Alex Grosse and Ernest Jordan were requested to be prepared to furnish a song for the next meeting.

It is said there are quite a few ex-convict men of the county who have not yet joined and it is requested that all who would like to become members be present at the next meeting.

### WILL SERVE LUNCH

The Ladies Aid and the Queen Esther societies of the German Methodist Church will serve lunch in the Hoerster building Saturday, April 2, at 11 o'clock. The ladies extend you an invitation to patronize them on this occasion. 49-7t

Mrs. Will Ellebracht is here from San Antonio for a visit with relatives and friends for about ten days.

### Money to Lend—Range & Runge

John Schuessler was here Wednesday from his home near Castell.

### STOP THAT ITCHING

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## HARDING CABINET COMPLETED

Hoover Slated for Commerce Post, But Has Not Accepted

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 22.—That President-elect Harding has completed his Cabinet was the belief of those in his close confidence tonight. The complete cabinet as it stands is as follows:

Secretary of State, Charles E. Hughes, lawyer, New York.

Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, financier, Pennsylvania.

Secretary of War, John W. Weeks, financier, Massachusetts.

Secretary of the Navy, Edwin Denby former Congressman, Michigan.

Attorney General, Harry M. Daugherty, lawyer, Ohio.

Postmaster General Will H. Hays, lawyer, Indiana.

Secretary of the Interior, Senator Albert B. Fall, lawyer, New Mexico.

Secretary of Agriculture, Henry C. Wallace, publisher, Iowa.

Secretary of Commerce, Herbert Hoover, mining engineer, California.

Secretary of Labor, James J. Davis, ex-steel worker, Pennsylvania.

### Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

A New Use for An Egg Shell.—When you haven't a small enough funnel, use half an egg shell with a hole in the bottom.

### HENRY STARR DIES IN ARKANSAS JAIL

HARRISON, Ark., Feb. 22.—Henry Starr, Oklahoma bandit, wounded here while attempting to rob the People's Bank last Friday, died at 1:25 o'clock this afternoon.

Starr's career as a bandit and bank robber, covered many years, during which time he has served several terms in Federal and State prisons. He at one time, was sentenced to death on a charge of murder, but received a reprieve from President McKinley and later a pardon from President Roosevelt. He last was released through pardon, two years ago, and according to general belief, had "gone straight" since that time. However, Starr was positively identified as one of the three men who late in December held up and robbed the Bank of Seligman at Seligman, Mo.

### Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

To Clean White Paint.—An effective cleaner for white paint is the water in which two or three onions have been boiled. No soap is needed.

If your cream sours, add a pinch of bi-carbonate of soda which will make it sweet again (do not put in fresh milk, for it will give it an unpleasant flavor). Soak a chicken in which the gall has been broken in cold water, to which a handful of soda has been added, for a half hour.

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CORINNE GRIFFITH

## Deserving Honorable Mention



"WHEN in doubt choose a box coat" might be taken as a safe guide to the purchase of a suit in the late winter. For there is hardly a season within the memory of fashion reporters which has not offered the box coat among its showings of coat suits, therefore the story of the season's suits may very well begin and end with this particular and always chic style. But the box coat is for the woman whose carriage is correct, for the upstanding figure and especially for slenderness.

In the suit pictured, which might be of duvetyn, velours or other suitings in a solid color, the flaring box coat model buttons straight up the front in the most approved of fashions. It has pockets and collar of Australian opossum fur, very becoming and cozy looking, and plain coat sleeves finished at the wrist with two cloth-covered buttons and button holes. Except for narrow braid in rows, by

which the skirt acknowledges an acquaintance with coming spring styles, there is nothing to say of it that is not told by the picture.

In company with this dependably stylish suit, there is an equally efficient coat, as practical and as smart. It is long and double-breasted, has full sleeves and deep, turned-back cuffs with fur border. The belt with sash ends of cloth is given character by handsome silk tassels which match up in smart style the deep cape with three bands of fur for ornament. This cape is the pride and glory of a coat which it elevates into the class of the best models and worn with it is a smart satin hat with ornaments at the front made of ostrich feathers.

*Julia Bottomley*  
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### COULDN'T LEAVE EMILY OUT

Peculiar Reason Why Elderly Spinster Just Had to Attend the Funeral.

Word has come to the mid-Victorian lady that an old friend of her mother's had died suddenly in her home in Maine. It was her duty to break the sad news to two elderly spinsters, cousins of the dear departed "auntie."

She found Miss Susan at home, tending to her pet canary. Miss Susan is 78, but spry and alert, ready for any emergency. Miss Emily, five years older, was out motoring with a kindly benefactress. The slow tears of old age trickled down Miss Susan's cheeks at the word that another of her generation had passed away. And then, with a quick transition, she began excited plans for attending the funeral, which involved a trip by boat to Portland and a long and arduous ride in a day coach. But the thought of all this, coupled with midsummer heat, did not daunt the little lady. She would go.

"But, at least, Miss Susan," urged the messenger, "you'll not take Miss

Emily with you."

"And, my dear," said the lady to the woman, when she told her story over a cold lunch, "what do you suppose Miss Susan said? Seriously, in her slow drawl, she replied: 'Oh, I couldn't leave Emily behind. You see she has so little fun in her life.'"

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FOR SALE OR TRADE—Ford cars, horses, saddles and buggies. See J. W. Leifeste. Phone 108-M, Mason, Texas.

A BLACK MARE COLT about 1 year old has been at my place for several weeks. Owner will call for it and pay for this notice or I intend to stray it by process of law. Chas. Guentert. 501tp

FOUND—On Fredericksburg road, a pair of gold rimmed glasses with one glass missing. Owner may have them by paying for this notice. J. L. Bruce. 50-tf.

### HEMSTITCHING

Hemstitching done neatly and completely, with quickness and dispatch. We solicit the work of Mason and Mason County ladies. Mail orders promptly executed.

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FOR SALE—Hereford Bulls, good size, good flesh; one year old; 98 per cent pure bred. \$75 per head. F. M. RICHARDS, Brady, Texas. 49-10tp

FOR SALE—Hand sheep shearing machine; about twenty knives and combs newly sharpened. Price \$15. Can be seen at Larimore & Grote's. 49tf.

FOR SALE—Surrey. Can be seen at Ed Henrich's Saddle Shop. 49-2tp

KEYS FOUND—The News has a bunch of keys which were found last week. The owner may have them by describing and paying for this advertisement. 48tf

### MATRESSES

I am prepared to make new mattresses and also make over old ones. Price \$3 where cotton and ticking is furnished. Mrs. John Shafer, phone 916-F-11. 47-4tp

WHITE SEED CORN—Extra high grade corn at \$2.25 per bushel. See or phone John Ruegner, Katemey, Texas. 46tf.

HOTEL FOR RENT—The Southern Hotel in Mason is for rent. It is furnished and we prefer to sell furniture to parties leasing the building. Inquire of Ovy Garner. 45tf.

WANTED—The News would like to have a reporter or correspondent in every community of the county. Write us for our proposition.

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### SUDAN SEED

Several persons have asked me whether I would order Sudan seed this year. I have written for prices on Sudan seed, and those wanting seed, please notify me before March 1, as I will only make one order.

DOR W. BROWN,  
 County Demonstration Agent.

Alf Reeves was here Wednesday from his ranch near Capitola. He stated that the corps of Mr. Matt Key, who died in San Antonio on Monday, is expected to arrive at Hext not later than Thursday morning.

Mrs. Anna Martin is now sporting a new Franklin sedan, which she purchased while on a recent trip to Austin. The car is a beauty and we congratulate Mrs. Martin upon her new possession.

We carry a full line of Storage Batteries for all makes of cars. L. F. Eckert Garage.

The News is pleased to learn that Mrs. Belle Bridges is improving from a recent illness. Mrs. A. L. Strickland has been nursing her for the past week.