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BOY IS SNAKE BITTEN WHILE CAMPING ON THE LLANO RIVER

The ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Schafer, was snake bitten last Saturday night while a party of campers were fishing on the Llano river. The boy was walking along the river bank when the snake bit him on the ankle, but darkness prevented the snake from being found and killed, consequently it was not known what kind of a snake it was. The boy's leg was corded tightly and the bite soaked in kerosene oil. Dr. Raze was summoned and met the party coming to town with the child. He dressed the wound and we are told the boy is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Schafer reside in Kent county and had come here for a visit with relatives and took advantage of the opportunity for an outing on the river, but this accident brought the fishing trip to an abrupt end.

Commissioner Doell Injured

The News has only recently learned of an accident which occurred to Commissioner, Henry Doell, on Thursday, May 26th. Mr. Doell had a team to run away with him while at work on the roads and he received a number of severe bruises about the body. It is said that he has been bedfast since the occurrence and it has been necessary to have the physicians with him a number of times. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

REVIVAL MEETING ATTRACTING LARGE CONGREGATIONS HERE

The revival at the M. E. Church, South, is attracting large congregations. The day services are especially showing a decided increase in attendance and interest. There have been a number of confessions already. The local church people feel that great good is being done. Dr. Baumgartel has preached some very strong sermons, and his subjects for Saturday night and Sunday are such as lead us to expect something of the highest type in the way of pulpit teaching.

Subjects announced, are: Saturday night, "Is It Well With Thee?"; Sunday morning, "Living Love"; Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, "Jesus Our Alpha and Omega"; Sunday night, "How Shall We Escape?"

You are cordially invited to attend these services. Your time will be well spent. Come.

Miss Margaret Bierschwale, who for the past school term taught in the Stephenville High School, arrived home last week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bierschwale. Miss Margaret will, after a short visit here, return to Stephenville to teach in a summer session of the school.

Ranck Loring in Marine Corps.

Martin D. Loring recently received a letter from his father, V. M. Loring, of Memphis, Tenn., stating that Ranck Loring had recently joined the U. S. Marine Corps and the letter stated that Ranck was now stationed at Paris Island.

Mrs. J. F. Schaege and little granddaughter returned to their home in Brady last Saturday, after a visit in the home of Mrs. Schaege's sister, Mrs. J. W. White.

Mike Jennings, of the Fredonia section, had a horse to fall with him on Tuesday of last week while chasing a calf, and he was bruised up considerably, but received no serious injuries.

Mrs. Wilson, of Bertram, is here, visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. L. McCollum.

Miss Julia Bierschwale returned home last week from Denton, where she had been attending C. I. A. the past term.

Misses Lula, Mildred and Elizabeth White, who have been students of Ward Belmont College, of Nashville, Tenn., arrived home last Saturday for the summer vacation months.

It is reported that property valuations of the Mason Independent School District have already been enhanced through the carrying of the school bond election last week. There's no doubt but that a good school here will bring about many changes in local conditions.

FALSE RUMOR ABOUT MASON COUNTY DEER

GAME COMMISSIONER REFUSES PERMITS TO KILL DEER IN MASON COUNTY—DEER SCARCE

District Game Commissioner, Bogle, of Kerrville, was in Mason last week looking over the deer situation in Mason county, relative to granting permits to a couple of Mason County farmers to kill deer which were reported to be damaging crops.

A short time ago two farmers of this county made application to the State Game Commissioner for a permit to kill the deer which were bothering their crops and the purpose of Mr. Bogle's visit to Mason was to look over the situation and determine if such permits should be issued.

We are informed that Mr. Bogle visited both farmers and after inspecting the situation issued a statement to the effect that the damage done by the deer to crops was but very little and stated that he would recommend that the State Game Commissioner refuse to issue permits as asked for. We are informed that Mr. Bogle said his visit revealed but one trace of where the deer had been in the field and that the damage done in this instance was very slight and would not warrant the issuing of a permit to kill the deer.

It is regretted the report has gotten so widely spread that deer are so numerous in Mason county, and that they should be killed to save crops, for the report is far from being true. Practically all Mason county ranchmen and large land owners say that the deer in this county have been more scarce the past few years than they have ever known. Since this report was gotten out and appeared in all of the papers of the State under large headlines, local citizens have had numerous letters from outside parties inquiring into the matter and asking for permission to come and help clean the deer out. It is to be hoped that the State Game Commissioner will be as alert to give out Mr. Bogle's decision regarding the deer situation in this county to the State papers as seemed to be the case relative to the two farmers asking for a permit to kill deer, and thus help correct the false report which has become so widespread.

Mrs. L. J. Schuessler and son, L. J., Jr., of Pedras Negras, are guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Schuessler. Mrs. Schuessler is also accompanied by her sister, Miss Lottie Bass.

Mrs. C. H. Garrett and children are visiting with relatives and friends at Richland Springs.

Will Schuessler reports having a set of twin calves at his place, and that both are doing well.

BRADY CITIZEN MEETS UNTIMELY FATE SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Chas. K. Reed, well-known and prominent Brady and McCulloch county citizen, met a terrible fate last Saturday afternoon from strychnine poisoning, self-inflicted. The shocking tragedy occurred at the family residence at 1:50 o'clock, when Mr. Reed suddenly swallowed a quantity of strychnine, estimated at from ten to twelve grains, and sufficient to kill several men. Following this act, he walked from the kitchen into a hallway, where he shattered the glass and the empty bottle upon the floor, then went into an adjoining bedroom where he lay down.

He was shortly seized with a violent convulsion, which continued until his death at 2:30 o'clock, 40 minutes after having taken the deadly poison.

Miss Sadie Lindsay arrived home a few days ago from Denton, where she has been a student in the College of Industrial Arts.

Dr. R. D. Byler, of San Antonio, is in Mason this week, doing dental work. He expects to return to San Antonio Sunday.

Frank Clark spent a short time in San Antonio last week and was accompanied home by Mrs. Clark, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Scanlon, for a few weeks. They returned home Sunday afternoon.

TWENTY-NINE PUPILS ENROLLED FOR MASON SUMMER SCHOOL

Superintendent, P. A. Bennett has announced that up to Tuesday of this week a total of twenty-nine pupils had enrolled for the six weeks' summer school, which is being conducted at the school building by Miss Louise Latham. The school opened last Monday with an enrollment of 26 pupils, and it is believed the number will increase.

We are informed the tuition is \$3.50 per student and children who failed to make their grades during the past regular session of school will receive credit for their work if they attend the six weeks' school and do satisfactory work.

Miss Zella Wood, who had intended to assist Miss Latham as teacher, has given up the idea, due to there only being a few pupils attending.

DISPLAY OF FIRE WORKS ON JULY FOURTH BY LOCAL CAMP OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

It is stated that the Fort Mason Camp of American Legion is preparing to have some sort of an entertainment on the Fourth of July. We are informed a leading feature of the occasion will be a great display of fire works, the material for which has been ordered, according to Post Commander, Tom Strong.

MASON SCHOOL WILL REMAIN IN RANK OF FIRST CLASS

In view of the fact that bonds have been voted for building purposes, the Mason Public High School will not be dropped to a school of the second class. I telephoned the high school division on June 1st, and received their assurance that our action would be sufficient to meet the recommendations which are copied below, (taken from the report of Mrs. R. L. Ragsdale, State high school supervisor, dated Sept. 21, 1920):

1. That Mason lose no time in providing her children with comfortable, convenient and attractive buildings that are standard in heating, lighting, ventilation and sanitation.
2. That \$75 worth of suitable books be added to the elementary grades.
3. That a new encyclopedia and a sufficient number of source books and English classics be added to the high school library.
4. That the Department of Education be notified as soon as steps shall have been taken to meet the foregoing recommendations.
5. That providing these recommendations shall not have been met by June, 1921, and the Department so notified, Mason be dropped to a school of the second class.

While this report does not mention the taking away of affiliation, it is a well known fact that today there is not a single second class school in the State that has even enough units of affiliation to give conditional entrance to the universities of the State. In fact, there are only seven second class schools in the State that have any affiliation at all. The highest of these has only 9 units. Most of the others have four or five.

Both the report of the high school supervisor and the data concerning the affiliation of schools is available to anyone who cares to read them.

Yours truly,
P. A. BENNETT.

FORTY-TWO BUZZARDS TRAPPED

Kurt Martin recently informed us of having had quite a bit of success at trapping for buzzards on the Block House ranch. He stated that he set his trap for two days in succession and on one occasion caught 19 and the next day caught 23; making a total of 42 buzzards, which he killed after catching them.

It is said that the buzzards are very thick all over the country and they are becoming a great nuisance to stockmen. A united effort to trap and kill the buzzards should be made.

W. O. W. MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

A call meeting of the W. O. W. Lodge will be held Monday night, June 13th. Important business. All members urged to be present.

OTTO SCHMIDT, Clerk.

MASON COM'IAL CLUB ELECT NEW OFFICERS

S. A. HOERSTER HEADS ORGANIZATION; GEORGE MONEYHON IS ELECTED SECRETARY

The Mason Commercial Club met in regular monthly session last Monday night at the court house in the County Judge's office. Minutes of the May 2nd regular meeting and of a called meeting of May 28th were read and approved.

The committee to investigate for a tourists' camping ground near Mason, rendered a report. Following a bit of discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried setting aside the proposition of securing a tourists' camping ground. It being set out that the tourist season was about over and it being almost impossible to complete arrangements in time to benefit tourists for this season.

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce, with headquarters at Stamford, recently recommended that all towns elect them a board of Censorship, and the discussion of this subject by the local business men brought out some interesting points. It was decided that our town should co-operate with the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and appoint such a board, whose duty it shall be to investigate and inquire into the worthiness of any and all projects, which might hereafter be brought before the citizens of our town and community, seeking moral or financial support. The Censor Board as appointed is composed of Messrs. Chas. Bierschwale, Carl Runge, C. S. Vedder, F. B. McCollum and Martin D. Loring.

A committee composed of the firm of Runge & Runge and F. B. McCollum was appointed to draw up a petition to be circulated in this county for signers, said petition to be directed to our State Legislature body, asking for a repeal of the recently enacted Commercial Truck Law and which is known as Senate Bill No. 101. This petition, after having been circulated, will be forwarded to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to be presented with similar petitions from various other counties of the State, asking for repeal of the law.

George Moneyhon and Tom Strong were appointed to have a sign erected on the southeast side of the public square which would indicate the proper road to San Antonio and also give the mileage.

Officers elected to serve for the ensuing year were S. A. Hoerster, president; A. E. Grosse, vice-president; George Moneyhon, secretary; Walter M. Martin, treasurer.

Before adjournment the members voted in favor of holding the July meeting of the Club on Wednesday night, July 6th, due to the first Monday night being the fourth of July.

LT. JORDAN'S BODY SHIPPED FROM NEW YORK SUNDAY

Elgin O. Kothmann, accompanied by his cousin, Dr. W. H. Knolle, who with his wife are guests at the Premier Ranch, were visitors in Mason last Tuesday. Mr. Kothmann informed us that word had just been received by relatives that the body of Lieutenant Louis Jordan, which is being shipped home for final interment from overseas, was shipped from New York last Sunday morning. The body will go to Fredericksburg, the former home of Mr. Jordan, and interment will be made Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Louis Wartenbach and children returned home last Sunday from San Antonio, where they attended the graduation of Bessie Wartenbach, who has completed her training as nurse at the P. & S. Hospital. Miss Bessie will return to Mason within a few days to make her home.

Rev. J. H. Maxwell and wife, of Center Point, spent last Sunday and Monday night in Mason. During their visit they were in attendance at the Revival Meeting which is being held at the Methodist Church.

The dance given at the Smith Hall Saturday night was well attended by Mason people and also a number of out-of-town visitors.

SITES FOR NEW SCHOOL BUILDING OFFERED SCHOOL BOARD

It is announced that two sites have been offered to the Mason School Board upon which to construct the new school building. Elmer Barber who has several acres of land in West End has offered the board any amount of land that might be needed for the building. Dr. P. A. Baze has also offered to contribute a sufficient acreage for the building.

It is stated the Board considers these offers with favor, however it has not yet decided where the building will be located, but it is believed that West End will receive a great deal of consideration, however, it is stated the Board will be glad to receive offers from any other parties interested in the location of the new school building.

NED POLK GETS FIRST MONEY IN SATURDAY'S GOAT ROPING

The goat roping contest held in Mason last Saturday afternoon was participated in by 16 contestants, but there were only three of them successful in their attempts to rope their goats. They were Ned Polk, Ed Spiller and Rube Williams. The time made by these gentlemen was 28 1-2, 36 and 47 1-2 seconds respectively. The money was divided into three purses, \$10, \$6 and \$3.50.

CLEAN TOWN CLUB ANNOUNCES CLEANING AND HAULING DAYS

The News has been requested by the Clean Town Club to announce that next Thursday, June 16th, has been set aside as general "clean-up" day for the town of Mason and that the trash wagon will make its rounds on Friday, June 17th. It is urged that a little extra effort be exerted by the citizens of the town to clean up and have their trash in a convenient place for the wagon. This urgent request is made for the reason that no more cleaning and hauling days will be had until September and in order that we may have a clear town and community through the summer months.

The Clean Town Club is a very commendable organization and it should have the co-operation of everyone in its efforts to keep our city clean and a respectable place in which to reside. Remember the above dates and lend this worthy movement the support and co-operation which it deserves.

It is said a number of local farmers are now having their first roasting ears of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Pluenneke left Wednesday for San Marcos, where they will attend the summer normal of the Southwest Texas Normal College. Harry Pluenneke took them thru in his car.

BASEBALL GAME TODAY ON LOCAL DIAMOND AT SIX O'CLOCK

It is announced that a baseball game will be played on the local baseball grounds this afternoon. The game will be between two local teams, and it is said the game will be called at six o'clock and will probably go for seven innings.

Everybody is invited to come out and witness the game.

The object of the game is to give the Mason first team a good practice game and at the same time give some of the old timers an opportunity to show their ability to come back.

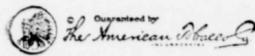
The personnel of the first team is as follows: Alvin Danheim, Hugh Shearer, Kemsy Shearer, Tom Strong, Francis Kidd, Walter Willmann, Celeste Beyer, Will Lawson, Alf Polk and Irl Larrimore.

Those from which the opposing team will probably be picked, are as follows: Alex Grosse, Kenzie Eckert, Frank Willmann, Martin Loring, Herbert Pluenneke, Herbert Hofmann, Jim Brown, Pete Schmidt, Wm. Spittler, O. A. Hench, Harold Zesch, Granville McCollum. Any others who might desire to get in the game are requested to report at the grounds and ask to see the manager.

Mrs. S. C. Wroe and children are here from Ft. Worth, visiting in the home of her father, A. J. Lindsay.



A new size package!
Ten for 10c.
Very convenient.
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10 for 10c; 20 for 20c.
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WITTY AND WISE

Life for some is a fat grunt; for others a lean squeal.—Burlington (Ia.) Labor News.

It seems almost impossible for editors and owners of umbrellas to save anything for a rainy day.—Ambridge (Pa.) News-Herald.

Personally we have considerable egotism, but something tells us that if we were a fish we would nab the hook.—Dallas News.

Worry over her income tax drove a Buffalo woman insane. The newspaper business is not without compensation after all.—Fairmont (W. Va.) West Virginian.

There never will be an end to the paper shortage if every one who attended the peace conference insists upon writing a book about it.—Webster Springs (W. Va.) Echo.

The same fellow who complains that the home paper has nothing in it is the one who hollers loudest when it's a day late in getting to him.—Ambridge (Pa.) News-Herald.

When a man starts out by saying "If I do say it myself," you may depend upon it that he is going to praise himself.

Mason County with a proposed expenditure of \$20,000 for paving is one of 237 states, counties, townships and municipalities announced within the past week as contemplating highway improvement to a grand total of \$134,371,355.

More than \$1,900,000,000 is available for good roads and streets in the United States. This sum, large as it is, represents an increase over the highway revenues of 1914 of only about 150 per cent, while highway traffic has increased 450 per cent. There are now 2,500,000 miles of highways in the United States, of which only an approximate 100,000 miles are improved with modern pavements. When compared to sums expended for luxuries by the pleasure-loving public the American highway budget does not look so impressive.

The people of this country spend \$1,000,000,000 a year for candy, \$3,500,000,000 for automobiles, \$1,000,000,000 for automobile tires, \$1,275,000,000 for gasoline, \$1,500,000,000 for carpets and rugs, \$1,950,000,000 for cigars, cigarettes, tobacco and snuff, and \$1,650,000,000 for jewelry, perfumery and cosmetics. On the other hand the sums spent for roads and streets are seven times greater than those expended for water supply improvements, three times those for sewerage work and fifteen times those for bridges.

In connection with the road-building program, public officials are casting about to find the types of pavement best suited to their purpose and best calculated to save money to the taxpayers and those who use the highways. It now costs from \$20,000 to \$60,000 a mile to construct modern paved highways, depending on the dimensions of the pavement, the kind of material used and the local conditions encountered such as labor costs and sub-soil conditions. Naturally the purpose of the highway officials is to get the best for the least expenditure, consistent with durability and service.

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IDEAS OF A PLAIN MAN

(By Dr. Frank Crane.)

The hardest of all truths to believe is that the truth is always best.

We are continually trying to be something we are not. We wish we were different from what we are—handsomer, more gifted, richer.

We secretly feel that this is humility; it convinces us that we are not egotistical.

The fact is, however, that it is the cheapest, tawdriest vulgarity in which we can indulge.

A simple nature, with its back against the rock of reality, is the strongest possible nature.

Leave off wishing you know more, that you were better, richer, taller, slimmer, prettier, somewhere else and with a different makeup; accept yourself precisely as you are; enjoy what you can, and suffer what you must; and do it all simply; and you will find that the force of your personality in the world is increased ten fold.

I do not advocate supine contentment, but intelligent adjustment.

Whatever is, may not be right; but whatever is, is the solidest, strongest thing you can find.

I will take my body as it is, weak or strong, healthy or crippled, and take my mind and soul as they are, and will perform what work I can with them.

All primping and simpering, all affectations and boastsings, all maskish self-depreciation, all regrets for what have been, and all fears for what may be, I will put aside.

God said His name is "I Am What I Am." Very well, that shall be my name, too. Surely, if I am His son, I have a right to it.

MASON PEOPLE PREVENT APPENDICITIS

Many Mason people are using simple glycerine, buckthorn bark, etc., as mixed in Adler-i-ka. This flushes BOTH upper and lower bowel so completely it removes all foul, accumulated poisons from alimentary canal and prevents appendicitis. Adler-i-ka relieves ANY CASE gas on stomach or sour stomach. Often CURES constipation. In one case of chronic stomach trouble ONE bottle produced wonderful results. Mason Drug Company.

FAKE ORANGE BEVERAGES

AUSTIN, Tex., June 8.—A warning against fake orange beverages has been issued by the U. S. Public Health Service, according to notice received by Dr. M. M. Carrick, State Health Officer. "I wish to heartily second the warning," stated Dr. Carrick. "The orange has great dietary importance, particularly for children. The government chemists state that most of the 'fake' orange beverages on the market consist of sweetened carbonated water, flavored with a little oil from the peel of the orange and artificially colored to imitate orange juice. They do not run counter to the Food and Drug Act to the extent of bearing the name 'orange juice' which would be a direct violation, but depend upon a suggestive colored name, supplemented by misleading pictorial labels. A word of warning by physicians when recommending orange juice will go a long way toward preventing mothers from being misled by these deceptive labels and advertisements. The best way to get orange juice for children is to buy the fruit and squeeze out the juice."

Second hand car bargains. Come and look them over. L. F. Eckert, Garage.

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Grosse and children returned home Monday from a visit with relatives and friends in Austin and Bartlett.

D. H. Bird was in Mason last weekend, having come after his wife to go to Hamilton to make their home. They left Tuesday.

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LONDON WINS FROM MASON

In a baseball game played on the local grounds last Saturday, between London and Mason the former team won by a score of 10 to 4. This was the first contest of the season for the Mason boys and this game was accepted before the local team had organized, and consequently was played without having had a bit of practice. The London boys have been playing quite a bit and their playing showed it.

J. D. Eckert shipped a bunch of calves to Fort Worth last week and while away paid his daughter, Mrs. Walter L. Leifeste, of Dallas, a visit.

CORROGATED IRON ROOFING

I have plenty of corrugated iron roofing in stock and owing to a recent decline in the prices, can make you some interesting quotations. See me for your needs.

F. LANGE.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jordan and sons, Pete and Walter, left a few days ago for Temple, where Walter will undergo an operation for appendicitis and also have his adenoids removed. Mrs. George Stengel, of Merard, is now at Temple recovering from a recent operation and Mr. and Mrs. Jordan will spend a portion of their time with her.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. Hoerster left a few days ago for Waco, where they expect to make their home with their son, Chas. Hoerster. Their granddaughter, Miss Ida Winkel, accompanied them that far and from there will go to Denton, where she will attend the summer session of the North Texas Normal College.

Miss Clara Fritz returned Monday to Junction, after a couple weeks' visit with friends in Mason.

Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.

Country-town people have a way of saying of acquaintances who have disappeared: "He is either dead, or buried in some big town."



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It appears that Mason holds the record for carrying its recent school bond election with the largest majority. Our people put the bond issue through by better than a four to one majority, while the Fredericksburg citizens, who voted on a proposition similar to Mason's on Wednesday of last week, carried their bond issue by a vote of 387 to 245; casting a total of 632 votes. The Brady citizens held an election a few days previous to Mason's and endeavored to vote an increase in their taxes for school maintenance purposes, but we are told the proposition lost by a vote of 116 to 78. A peculiar instance is said to have occurred in connection with Brady's election in that more than 200 citizens signed a petition asking for the holding of such an election and then less than a total of 200 voters cast ballots in the election.

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J. W. Butler, of Galveston sends a renewal to his lease on the News. He states, "I enjoy the weekly visits of the News which has been a factor in my life. I remember it from the early days of my youth." Mr. Butler further expressed his feelings for his Mason friends, "My residence is at 701 East Broadway, overlooking the Gulf, and fanned by the merry breezes. There is a spare room and a cordial welcome for my Mason friends."

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What some people live on isn't half as distressing as why they live on.—Kearney (Neb.) Democrat.

SEVENTY SECONDS OF SUNSHINE
(By Patton Faris)

IT'S DEAD CERTAIN—
—That on days when the sun is not shining on us, it's shining somewhere else. Give the other fellow a chance!

The Messenger of Cheer

Our language is crammed with good cheer. Happiness, gladness, rejoicing; brightness, a smile, laughter; mirth, joy, sunshine; pleasure, enjoyment, delight; aid, assistance, sympathy; liking, understanding, love—the list could be endless. Surely any person even passably well educated in English ought to be a messenger of good cheer. And if one may merely speak the added power of "looking good so much good cheer as this, what of cheer," of acting good cheer, and of thinking good cheer—that method of breathing cheer inwardly in order to breathe it outwardly? Happy is the messenger of good cheer, for the need of him is never-failing.

If a man will profit enough by the first of his mistakes, he soon will be seeing the last of them.

"The Man"

Once on a time a man there was—and people called him odd—
Who said he owed a duty to himself and to his God.
He bowed his head each morning new, and thus his tasks began:
"This day, O Lord, in all I do help me to play the man!"

Just for the Week

Three weapons are so powerful and at last so dangerous to the wielder as well as to the person attacked, that they need to be used sparingly and with exceeding care—the hiss, the sneer and the sarcastic speech.

To give a person cheer rather than a jeer is more worth while, but it's harder work.

Maybe that's the reason why.

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FLOWERS FOR THE LIVING

"That the Mason High School has only recently closed one of the most successful terms in the history of the town is evidenced by the fact that so many words of praise and appreciation for the teachers and the school in general have come from the parents and patrons of the school. I have not heard of a single instance where reflections or criticisms have been offered by anyone regarding any of the teachers or the management. I tell you that speaks well for our school." These are expressions made by Mrs. Anna Martin a few days ago.

The News feels that Mason has had an exceptionally efficient faculty the past year and it is nothing but right to give a word of praise and for that reason we are taking the liberty of quoting Mrs. Martin. The manner in which our school has been carried on and the success which our corps of teachers has attained reflects much credit upon Prof. Bennett. Prof. Bennett has worked diligently and he has had the help and support of a very willing and co-operative set of teachers to assist him in the splendid work which both pupils and faculty have accomplished, and all of them are worthy of no small degree of praise.

It is to be regretted that our school is not to have the entire corps of this year's teachers back for the coming term of school, but we can praise them for the work they have accomplished and should feel proud that Superintendent Bennett, with a few of the other teachers, will remain here and we feel sure their efforts will be to conduct a term of school just as successful and probably more so than has been the one just closed.

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People always say they are not themselves when tempted by anger into betraying what they really are.



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FROM NEWS FILES OF 25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, June 12, 1896:
Marriage license were issued Wednesday to W. M. Wilson and Miss Mattie T. Troxell and to Hugh Wilson and Miss Susan Troxell.

Last week, a little son of J. D. Bridges, of Camp San Saba, was sent for the cows and warned not to get off his horse but did so in order to get a drink and was bitten back of the ear by a rattlesnake and died in a short time.

Miss Ruth McGinnis has returned to her home at Llano, after a visit in Mason.

The Zesch brothers are building a platform near the old Foley crossing, where they will give dances, picnics, etc.

Wm. Geistweidt, Adolp. Keller and others sold their wool clip last week to L. Hagen at 7 1-2 cents.

The prohibition election at Katemey last Saturday resulted in 63 votes for and 9 against.

Mrs. Fritz Brandenberger died suddenly last Saturday at 1 o'clock at her home near Beaver Creek.

County Attorney R. E. Crawford left Wednesday for Austin to visit his parents.

Rev. C. A. Mangham and wife returned Friday from a visit in Brownwood and other points.

15 Years Ago in Mason

From Mason News, June 8, 1906:
The Mason Dramatic Club met Tuesday evening with Walter Crosby and enjoyed a delightful time.

Alfred Grosse, Seth and Albert Martin and Max Schuessler returned Monday from school at Brenham.

Rev. C. C. Mayo was here from Field Creek Sunday to attend the funeral of his brother, B. M. Mayo, whose death occurred Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at the age of 71 years, 2 months and 17 days.

J. D. Weir recently purchased the Paul Loeffler residence for \$950 and will move here from Field Creek in a short time.

John Schuessler celebrated his 70th

birthday last Friday at his home near Fly Gap.
Annie Rode, Hilda Wiesemann, Cora Eckert, Lillie Wiedemann.
Last Sunday confirmation services were held at the Hilda Methodist Church by Rev. Wm. Makowski. The following young people were confirmed: Max and Willard Pluenneke, Wesley Brandenberger, Lee Loeffler, Misses Marriage License—Dr. R. George and Miss Docia Perry; Mr. Chas. Boston and Miss Bertha Dewitt; Mr. James Harper and Miss Kate Bevil.
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Green, a boy, on the 28th of May.

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COURT HOUSE NEWS

Births
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kidd, a girl, June 1st.

Marriage License
Mr. Charles Miller and Miss Bertha Schoolcraft, June 1st.

LEGISLATURE WILL BE CALLED JULY 11

Governor Neff Says He Has in Mind to Call Session on That Date.

Austin, Tex.—Governor Neff Wednesday announced that it his "present thought to reconvene the legislature on Monday, July 11," in special session. He said:

"I have reached the conclusion that about July 11 will perhaps suit the convenience of a greater number of the legislators than any other date," said the governor. The statement is addressed to the members of the legislature, and is as follows:

"This is not an authentic proclamation of the convening of the legislature, but feeling that the members should be advised of the probable date of the special session, in order that they may arrange their business affairs in accordance therewith, I desire to say that my present thought is to reconvene the legislature on Monday, the eleventh of July.

"There are reasons why the session should be earlier and there are reasons why it should be later than the date suggested. Considering the matter, however, from all angles, I have reached the conclusion that about July 11 will perhaps suit the convenience of a greater number of the legislators than any other date.

"I make this announcement to you through the press in order that all interested parties may make their plans accordingly."

Huntsville Prison Shop Burns.
Huntsville, Tex.—Saturday fire destroyed the shoe shop and wagon paint shop at the Huntsville prison, causing a loss of \$40,000.

Insurance Key Rate Reductions.
Austin, Tex.—The state fire insurance commission has granted reductions in insurance key rates in the following towns: Gregory, from 59c to 57c; Lometa, from \$1 to 97c; Denton, from 28c to 27c; Nordhelm, from 99c to 98c; Tloga, from 83c to 85c; Van Alstyne, from 68c to 66c; Haskell, from 60c to 57c. The reductions were due to improvements in fire department and water works and the teaching of fire prevention in public schools.

Many Men Idle.
Chicago, Ill.—According to figures from 29 industries, from pins to automobiles, involving 900 firms, there were 245,000 persons employed in the seventh federal district on April 1, as against 370,000 on the same date last year.

Noted Swimmer Weds.
Paolito, Cal.—Norman Ross, world's champion swimmer, and Miss Beatrice Puakalani Dowsett, formerly of Honolulu, were married Monday.

Seventeen Player Limit Adopted.
Dallas, Tex.—The Texas League by a mail vote has adopted a new player limit of 17 men, effective 20 days after the opening of the season. As a class A league, each member is permitted under the new national agreement to carry 23 men, five of whom may be out under option.

Will Pay Warrants Promptly.
Austin, Tex.—State Treasurer John W. Baker announced Saturday that hereafter all state warrants sent direct to the state treasury will be paid promptly. Mr. Baker said this action was taken after a number of banks of the state, especially Austin banks, had decided to refuse to accept state warrants except for collection.

New Oil Well at Humble.
Houston, Tex.—The Texas Company's oil well No. 250 Landslide at Humble came in Friday flowing 6000 barrels. This is the first big producer completed in this field in several months.

Anahuac Votes \$60,000 Bonds.
Anahuac, Tex.—The election to vote on issuing bonds for road improvement in the sum of \$60,000 in this precinct resulted in a two-thirds majority for the bonds.

While you are reading someone else's ad, let someone be reading yours.

FAR EAST IS TAKING COTTON FROM TEXAS

Heavy Movement of the Staple Is Being Booked Via Panama Canal.

Houston, Tex.—Movement of cotton, which has during the present calendar year been switching from one country to another as shipping and business conditions in the various consuming nations warranted, has shifted again during the last few days, this time to the Far East. United Kingdom ports continue to take a fair amount of the staple, they having become the heaviest takers when the German market was demoralized by uncertainty over the reparations question.

Japan and China both are making demands for the staple now, cotton men and ocean brokers asserted this week, despite the fact that rates to the Far East from gulf ports recently were advanced from 50c to 65c. This 65c rate still enables the consumers of the Far East to obtain their bales at lower transportation cost than they have been accustomed to pay, it is said. In past seasons most of the cotton for the Orient has moved by rail to North Pacific ports and by ocean steamship thence; but the present season's low rate from Galveston by way of the Panama Canal to Japanese and Chinese ports, which is but a few cents more than the cost of the overland rail haul to the Pacific ports, has swung the movement of cotton for the Orient through the gulf ports.

Bookings of Far Eastern cotton shipments have been made for a number of ships due to sail from Galveston during May and June, and it is regarded as probable that these will be increased and that some of the business will be carried over into July unless there should be sudden stiffening of ocean rates.

CHINESE REFUGEES FROM MEXICO TO REMAIN

San Antonio, Tex.—The 397 Chinese refugees who accompanied General Pershing out of Mexico in 1917, and who are now employed at army camps about San Antonio may be permitted to remain in the United States, although they will not be admitted to citizenship. Information has been received that a joint resolution to permit them to remain here has been approved by the senate committee.

One of the pleas advanced in their behalf is made by General Pershing and army officers here have also asked that they be permitted to remain as a reward for their efficient work in camps during the war when labor was scarce.

Farmers Fertilize With Potatoes.

Owosso, Mich.—Thousands of bushels of potatoes will be used as fertilizer in this district this year as a result of the slow demand and the low prices, according to growers. Another result of the low prices, it is said, will be to greatly reduce the acreage planted this season.

Americans Must Have Passports.

Galveston, Tex.—American citizens will not be permitted to enter Mexico unless they have a passport or a certified document of identification properly vided by a Mexican consul in this country, according to information received at Galveston Thursday by G. Meadefierro, Mexican consul.

Renowned Astronomer Dies.

Geneva, Switz.—Dr. William R. Brooks, professor of astronomy at Hobart college since 1901 and recognized as the discoverer of more comets than any living astronomer, died at his home Tuesday. He was born at Maudstone, Kent, England, in 1844.

Still Found Near Livingston.

Livingston, Tex.—Sheriff McLeod and Deputy Holliday arrested two men and secured seventeen gallons of whisky in a raid made four miles from Livingston. The whisky was found hidden in an old stump and burned out logs.

To Regulate Packers.

Washington.—Reasonable supervision of the packing industry was consented to before the house committee on agriculture Friday by Thomas E. Wilson of Chicago, speaking for more than 200 large and small packing companies.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schreiber left the first of the week for their home in Waco, after having spent their honeymoon in Mason with Mrs. Schreiber's mother, Mrs. H. Pluenneke. Mrs. Schreiber will receive the weekly visits of the News to keep her posted on home affairs.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Aid To Meet With Mrs. J. C. Lemburg
The News is requested to announce that the Ladies' Aid of the Christian Church will meet at the home of Mrs. J. C. Lemburg on Wednesday afternoon, June 15th.

PFEIFER-LORING

The News has learned of the recent marriage of Miss Acile Loring, of San Antonio, to Mr. S. E. Pfeifer, of that city. The marriage was solemnized on the 29th of May. Miss Loring is a former Mason girl but for the past several years has been employed as saleslady in the silk department of the Wolf & Marx store of San Antonio. Mr Pfeifer is a stranger to Mason people, but Mrs. Pfeifer has many friends here who will join the News in extending congratulations and best wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Pfeifer will make their home in San Antonio.

SAM CAPPS, SR., ENTERTAINED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS SUN.

Last Sunday, Mr. Sam Capps, Sr., one of the county's leading stockmen, was host at a barbecued dinner given in honor of quite a large crowd of immediate relatives and a few invited friends.

It is said that the relatives present, among which were brothers, children and their respective families, numbered sixty-six and the invited guests present were 15, making a total of 77 people in attendance.

The celebration was held on the Llano River near Mr. Capps' ranch. Mr. Capps killed a beef and a goat for the occasion and took the pride of barbecuing the meat himself, and we are told that he prepared it deliciously. Those attending brought baskets filled with various accessories to go with a barbecued dinner and a feast was never more enjoyed than was this one.

In the afternoon the elder people spent the time most pleasantly in conversation while the younger ones koked, fished and went in bathing, all of which added much to pleasure and amusement.

Those present are unanimous in proclaiming Mr. Capps a great hand at entertaining, but according to reports he had as grand a time as did his guests.

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Prayer for America.
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A Lake Trip and A Storm.
Special Song by Helen Jordan, Genevieve King and Willie Mae Grosse.
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"How to Be Happy"—Ruby Jordan.
Business.
Song—"Let The Lower Lights Be Burning".
Leader—Henry McDougall.

BIG PLATFORM DANCE

There will be a big dance at Geo. M. Pearl's Friday night, June 17th, 4 miles northeast of London on the London and Mason road. Fine music, cold drinks of all kinds, and a nice time for everybody. 12-3c

You'll enjoy the pictures at the Star Opera House. Shows every Friday and Saturday night. Don't forget, it starts at 8:15 o'clock.

RAIN OF FRIDAY VERY LIGHT AND OF LITTLE ADVANTAGE

The rain of last Friday afternoon was very light in this immediate portion of the country, but we are informed that a good rain was received in the western and northwestern part of Mason county. It is said that the precipitation amounted to something like an inch and a half in some spots. We are told that the Hofmann ranch had a good rain and parties residing in the Peters Prairie section report a good rain, but it seems the rainfall got much lighter south of the Mason Mountain.

A good rain is being needed in all portions of the county and it is said crops are suffering quite a bit.

On Wednesday morning another rain visited our section and it seems the rain was more general than was the one of last Friday. The precipitation at Mason amounted to about one-half inch.

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MASON PARTIES TO CHRISTOVIA FOR SULPHUR BATHS
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lindsay and Mrs. George Bird left Tuesday for Christovia, where they will remain for a few weeks that Mr. Lindsay and Mrs. Bird may receive the benefit of the noted sulphur baths at that place, in hopes of repairing their health. John Lindsay took the party through in his car.
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\$1,559,553 FOR ROAD BUILDING

State Grants Aid for Road Building Work in Many Counties.

Austin, Tex.—State aid for road building purposes amounting to \$1,559,553, was granted to various counties of Texas at the three-day meeting of the state highway commission, which closed Thursday.

This aid was available from funds which have reverted to the department from counties which have been unable to make immediate use of the money. Among the grants are two to Bexar County totaling \$100,000 and one to Dallas County amounting to \$100,000.

The aid was distributed as follows: Bell County, \$58,251.48 additional aid on state highway No. 2, the Meridian Highway.

State highway No. 39, in Wise County, was more definitely designated from Decatur to Bridgeport, Chica and Jacksboro.

A designation was made in Hill County from Cleburne to Covington, to Itasca, to be known as state highway No. 2-D and officially named the John Stevens highway. This designation was made by the commission with the understanding that no state or federal aid will be granted on the same, either at the present time or in the future.

The sum of \$30,000 to Red River County on highway No. 5.

Hill County, \$100,000 aid, to be apportioned as follows: \$10,000 on No. 31, \$30,000 on No. 6 in the Brandon district and \$60,000 on No. 2-A, from Hillsboro to the county line.

Gollin County Dallas branch highway No. 5, Wylie district, \$20,000; Lavon district, \$35,000; Copeville district, \$5,000; Farmersville district, \$30,000; Blueridge district \$80,000. On highway No. 6, \$60,035. They were granted \$35,000 on the small section of No. 1 crossing the corner of the county, and all the above grants were made contingent upon the county furnishing their portion of the funds necessary to construct this small strip of highway No. 1.

Hidalgo County was granted \$135,958.91 aid on state highway No. 12. When this road through Hidalgo County is completed there will be a first-class highway all the way from San Antonio to Brownsville.

The total of \$100,000 previously allotted to the causeway in Nueces County was transferred to state highway No. 12 in the Bishop district.

Polk County was granted \$200,000 additional aid, and the designation of state highway No. 35 was more definitely made from Livingston to Cleveland to parallel as nearly as possible the H. E. & W. T. Railway.

Shelby County \$50,000 additional on state highway No. 22.

Houston County \$60,000 on state highway No. 21.

Tom Green County \$18,000 on the Lone Wolf bridge.

Wharton County designation of highway No. 12 was changed to run from Wharton to Richmond, paralleling as nearly as possible the G. H. & S. A. Railroad. This county was granted \$6,000 aid on the bridge across the East Bernard River on highway No.

12; \$100,000 aid on highway No. 3, from county line, to county line and \$60,000 on highway No. 12, from Wharton to Jackson county line, to apply on grading and bridging.

McLennan County \$45,000 aid on No. 6, between Elm Mott and West on a six-mile section; \$3,000 additional on No. 2, from Waco to Lorena, and \$12,500 on No. 7, from McGregor east.

Comal County \$25,875.19 on No. 46. Bexar County \$75,000 on No. 2, from San Antonio to Medina County line, and \$25,000 on No. 3, from San Antonio east.

Dallas County \$100,000 additional on highway No. 1, from Dallas east.

Comanche County \$56,469 on highway No. 10.

Wheeler County \$92,000 on bridge across Red River on highway No. 4.

The sum of \$12,000 for a bridge on highway No. 28 at the Knox and Foard county line.

Wichita County \$50,000 on highway No. 5 and \$50,000 on highway No. 2.

Palo Pinto County \$15,000 on bridge across Strawn Creek, highway No. 1.

Nacogdoches County \$50,000 on bridges.

BAPTISTS COLLECT \$25,000,000 CASH

REDEMPTION OF PLEDGES ENCOURAGING—SOUTHWIDE PROGRAM IS LAUNCHED.

COMPLETE GREATEST YEAR

Reports to Southern Baptist Convention at Chattanooga Show Marked Progress Along Every Line of Organized Work.



DR. J. H. RUSHBROOKE Baptist Commissioner For Europe

Collections in cash totaling \$25,103,424.64 have been made for general causes fostered by the Baptist 75 Million Campaign since the campaign was launched in 1919, according to a report to the Southern Baptist Convention, which has just adjourned its Chattanooga session, by Dr. L. R. Scarborough, general director of the campaign, and chairman of the Con-

servation Commission. The fact that \$12,924,943.60 of this amount was collected during the past year, under the most depressing conditions known in years, is very encouraging to the denominational leaders, they say.

Will Seek the Unsaved.

Feeling the need of conserving the spiritual interests of the people as well as the financial aspects of the campaign, the convention asked the Conservation Commission to seek to enlist, through the state and associational organizations, all the 27,000 local Baptist churches in the South in a larger evangelistic effort during the next twelve months, the aim being to induce as many individual members of the churches as possible to win at least one soul to Christ during the new year. Reports to the convention showed that there were 173,595 persons received into the local Baptist churches by baptism during the past year, and a much larger number will be sought during the year ahead.

Would Evangelize Europe.

One of the interesting actions of the convention was the decision to back up fully the Foreign Mission Board in its program for the evangelization of the new European territory of Spain, Jugo-Slavia, Hungary, Roumania, the Ukraine and Southern Russia. Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, of London, Baptist Commissioner for Europe, addressed the convention, telling how he had distributed the relief funds contributed by Baptists for the needy families of those countries and how the giving of this relief had opened wide the door of missionary opportunity.

Work on the older foreign fields during the past year was unusually successful, the board reporting receipts of \$2,404,988 for its missionary operations and \$278,000 for relief work, as well as \$100,000 worth of clothing; 6,998 baptisms on the foreign fields; 187 of the 611 churches self-supporting, with a total of 405 foreign missionaries and 978 native workers employed.

Home Mission Board Active.

The Home Mission Board reported 77,072 additions to the churches through its instrumentalities, church extension operations of \$1,248,000, and 298 patients treated at the Tubercular Sanatorium at El Paso.

During the year the receipts of the Sunday School Board reached \$1,147,721.73, and the board turned back into general work of the denomination the sum of \$189,000.

Although only three years of age, the Relief and Annuity Board, which seeks to supply the needs of aged, dependent ministers and their families, has doubled the number of beneficiaries receiving aid from the denomination as well as the amount of relief given. It now has permanent resources in excess of \$900,000.

There are 119 Baptist educational institutions in the South, with a total enrollment of 40,000 pupils, the report of the Education Board showed, and 2,185 of these pupils are preparing for special Christian service, such as the ministry, missionary and other special religious work.

The Woman's Missionary Union, representing the organized women of the South, reports a total of 19,485 organized societies of women and young people, while the cash contributions by the women to the various causes fostered by the denomination during the year amounted to \$3,115,437.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom White, Arch Carter and Miss Pearl Land went to San Antonio Monday morning, where they met Dr. and Mrs. Ritchardson, of Austin. Miss Pearl returned to Austin with Dr. and Mrs. Ritchardson for a week's visit.

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Building for permanent primary—Stella Glyson, Mason; Ellen Farmer, Fredonia.

Building for first—Averil Bellows, Mason; Mrs. P. A. Bennett, Mason; Lillie Eckert, Ben Evans, Katie Ischar, Mary Jane Puckey, Pauline McGford, Cleo Wood, Mason; Mary Webster, Pontotoc; J. W. Deering, Grit; Estella Hofmann, Mason, Meta Loeffler, Mason.

Applicants for second grade certificate—Myrtle Farmer, Fredonia; Emma Eppler, Streeter. Ruth Nix, Katemey; Belle Hubbard, Mason; Iva Clark, Pontotoc; Alice Fikes, Katemey; Lillie Robertson, Fredonia; Bertice Dees, Mason, Mary Wood, Mason; G. F. McDougall, Mason; Clara Hubbard, Mason; Callie Baxter, Katemey; F. C. Dendy, Fredonia; Willie Teague, Katemey.

TEXAS OIL OUTPUT FOR THREE MONTHS

Production for First Quarter of Year Was 24,913,356 Barrels.

Houston, Texas.—With a total of 24,913,356 barrels for the first quarter of this year, Texas oil production has set another record for a period of three months.

This total for the first quarter of 1921 represents a gain of 1,223,852 barrels over the previous high mark of 23,689,504 barrels, which was the aggregate of Texas production for the final quarter of last year.

The values of this increased amount of oil for the first quarter of this year is only \$50,394,475, compared with \$76,049,513 for the lesser amount in the final quarter of last year. The difference in these figures is due to reductions in the price of oil during the period it was produced.

More than half the oil produced in Texas for this quarter was by eleven of the larger concerns operating in the State. The Humble Oil and Refining Company of Houston led the list, with a total of 3,766,662 barrels. It was the first time that this company had ever headed the list of Texas producers. The Texas Company, which has previously led, succeeded in reducing its production to 2,608,512 barrels, which is third on the list, being just below the Gulf Production Company, with 2,783,662 barrels.

Texas led other States of the mid-continent in production for the month of May. The total for the Lone Star State was 9,448,000 barrels. Oklahoma came second, with 8,435,697 barrels. The grand total of production in the five States of Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas was 23,775,414 barrels for the month of May.

As evidence of the curtailment in field operations, figures show that only 667 wells were completed during May in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana. This was the lowest total for any previous month of the year. January showed 1,477 completions in these States.

At that, production for these States shows an increase for May over April 23,775,414 barrels, against 23,164,440 barrels.

Prof. Chas. H. Leifeste and family, arrived in Mason last week from Marion for a visit with relatives and friends. Mr. Leifeste states that he and two daughters with two other teachers are now teaching the Marion school. He says that they have had a very successful school and that they are all well pleased with Marion for a home.

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HIBDON BUYS HOME IN MASON

Alf Hibdon, who recently sold his home here to County Treasurer, Tom Strong, has again purchased a residence in our midst. Mr. Hibdon closed a deal with Mr. J. C. Henry, of the Fikes community, the first of the week whereby he purchased the town property known as the old Anderson place in the southwestern part of the city. We are informed the price paid was \$1,600. Mr. Hibdon and family are now occupying the place, having rented it from Mr. Henry the first of this month, and later decided to buy.

Rev. R. L. McIntyre, pastor of the Methodist church at Cherokee, and his son, spent Monday and Tuesday in Mason in attendance at the Methodist Revival meeting.

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CHURCH NOTICES

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.

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It is the high quality of Goodyear Tires that makes possible the full results in tire mileage and helps the cars which we sell give satisfaction to our customers.

Our conservation service prevents waste by thoroughly protecting every casing and tube from the results of punishment and neglect.

Visit us and let us explain how the strength of Goodyear Tires plus our service will save you \$2 to \$25 and more, per tire, in mileage.

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Rev. C. A. Manham and wife arrived in Mason last week from Ballinger and are visiting in the home of their daughter, Mrs. E. J. Lemburg. We are informed Mrs. Manham has been ill since her arrival here.

Mrs. W. C. Lauderdale and Mrs. J. W. Gamel left Thursday for San Antonio, Mrs. Lauderdale having been in Mason for a couple weeks' visit with her mother. Mrs. Gamel will spend several weeks in San Antonio, visiting.

**FREDONIA TO HAVE
PICNIC BARBECUE**

JULY 4TH AND 5TH

The citizens of Fredonia, Mason County, are preparing to have a big two days' celebration on Monday and Tuesday, July 4th and 5th, 1921. The public is invited to attend. COME! Bring your camping outfit and stay for both days. Bring the whole family. Beautiful pecan grove, plenty of shade and lots of cool spring water.

AMUSEMENTS PLENTIFUL

A brass band will furnish music for the two days and there will be a number of prominent speakers present, and besides, there will be baseball games, goat roping contests and wild steer riding, and other amusement features.

On the second day, a FREE BARBECUE DINNER will be served. There will be an abundant supply of barbecue and everyone can enjoy themselves to the utmost.

SALE OF STAND PRIVILEGES

On Saturday, June 18th, the following list of stand privileges will be sold at public auction at Fredonia, to the highest bidders:

- 2 Ice Cream Stands
- 1 Novelty Stand
- 1 Near Beer Stand
- 1 Confectionery Stand
- 2 Cold Drink Stands
- 1 Lunch Counter

We will sell doll racks or any other concession that will not interfere with the above named privileges. The committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For any further information, see or write the committee.

F. C. Dendy, John Latham, T. P. Wood, M. J. Jennings, W. C. Ellison, Committee, Fredonia, Texas.

**Cord Tires for Small Cars
at Lower Cost**



In our clincher type 30 x 3 1/2-inch Goodyear Cord Tire, we have endeavored to give owners of small cars all the cord tire's advantages at a low price. When you see this tire you will say we have succeeded. It enables the Ford, Maxwell or Chevrolet owner to get a tire identical in quality with the Goodyear Cord Tires that are used on the world's finest cars, for little more than he formerly paid for a fabric tire of the same size. You can buy this 30 x 3 1/2-inch Goodyear Cord Tire—with all its comfort, long wear and economy—from your nearest Goodyear Service Station Dealer today for only

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30x3 1/2 Regular Tube \$2.55

GOODYEAR

KURT MARTIN SELLS RANCH

A deal was closed last week whereby Kurt Martin sold 2050 acres of ranch land located near Hext. The sale price is said to have been \$15 per acre, with exception of a small portion of rough land that brought \$10 per acre. The purchasers were Frank Brandenberger, Ben Brandenberger and Will Eckert, each of whom took a portion of the land; the former gentleman getting almost half of the entire tract. Mr. Martin bought this land a few years ago from W. R. Hext.

Chas. Doell left the first of the week for Kimble County, where he will be employed with the road construction gang which is operating under the management of Hugo Kelley.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

State of Texas, County of Mason.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 2nd day of July, 1921, at the Hay Stack School House in Common School District No. 28 of this county as re-established, rebound and recreated by the County Board of Trustees of date the 21st day of June, 1915, which is of record in the minutes of said Board in Book No. 1, pages 5 and 6, to determine whether or not a majority of the legally qualified property taxpaying voters of that district desire to increase the local maintenance tax of 10 cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property in said district, heretofore authorized for the purpose of supplementing the State School Fund apportioned to said district, to not exceeding 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property in said district for said purpose of supplementing the State School Fund apportioned to said district; and to determine whether or not the commissioners' court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually a tax of and at the rate of not exceeding 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of taxable property in said district for said purpose.

Tommie Polk has been appointed presiding officer for said election and he shall select one judge and one clerk to assist him in holding the same, and he shall within five days after said election has been held make due return thereof to the commissioners court of this county as is required by law for holding a general election.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and county and who are resident property taxpayers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election and all voters who favor the proposition to increase said local maintenance tax for school purposes shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"For Increase of School Tax," and those opposing such increase of school tax for school purposes shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"Against Increase of School Tax." Said election was ordered by the County Judge of this county by order dated June 2, 1921, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated this the 7th day of June, 1921.
CHAS. LESLIE,
13-2c Sheriff Mason Co., Texas.

Messrs. Jim and John Brandenberger returned home Saturday from Fort Worth, where they shipped a few cars of cattle. They report having hit a fair market. The latter gentleman stated that some portions between here and Fort Worth received good rains the latter part of the week.

Jim Brown was on the sick list Monday, but is again up and at his work in the barber shop.

COURT TO SIT AS BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Notice is hereby given that the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Mason county will sit as a board of equalization on Monday, June 20, 1921.

R. F. LEE,
13-2c Co. Clerk, Mason Co., Tex.

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

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Our truck makes regular rounds every morning. Have the driver leave ice at your home.

On Sundays the factory is open until 10 a. m., but the truck does not run.

Mason Ice & Power Co.

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Quality is paramount at this store. You know you have the very best if you bought it from Lemburgs. Our prices have been adjusted so as to line-up with your pocket book.

Dry Goods

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Forget the oldest and best sewing machine. Repair clocks, stoves and guns. All work guaranteed.
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APPEAL TO THE COTTON GROWERS OF MASON COUNTY

Are you satisfied with your present marketing system?

Do you think the man buying your cotton for another larger buyer and he in turn for a still larger buyer who will probably hold and sell to the spinner, is doing this for recreation?

Do you think any man who is financially able to buy up a large amount of cotton and hold and sell to the spinner as he needs it, will do this or run the risk if he has not already contracted all for the sake of realing?

Our present marketing plan is just the same as when the Civil War closed, each man marketing as he produces and each bale changing hands from 5 to 25 times. In 1917, three hundred million bales were sold when only 12 million were produced, an average of 25 times each bale.

We have made giant strides in production with modern machinery, but with our so-called personal liberty, where we never priced a bale in our lives, we sell.

Of course, you have tried to think of some better plan of marketing and what have you to offer.

Farmers Union has tried the honor system of all agreeing to hold for certain prices, has it worked? Why try it?

Co-operative selling is the only answer to a better marketing. Then, if we have co-operative selling, turn over our cotton together to a board of directors, elected by us and they in turn to a committee elected from among their number. We are selling our cotton ourselves through the men we elect.

Why should we sign a contract that is binding letting these men be our agents?

Could they make a sale, and with any assurance of delivery without this right, and would a spinner buy from them if they had no positive assurance of delivery?

Though the Farm Bureau is a help in every way to the producer and we are benefitted by the legislation brought about and the influence in favor of the producer, the direct help we get is A BETTER MARKETING plan.

Unless the farmers study this plan; take an interest in it; sign up and try to get others to sign the dotted line, we will have no co-operative selling.

With every endorsement in the world with every man in the South saying this is based on sound business principles, with the proof from California and other states in our Union, making a success of co-operative marketing, and with the farmer saying, "that is a good plan, I believe it is alright", it is not worth a cent without we sign the dotted line.

Sanctioning this plan; hoping it will go through and that you will get more money for your cotton is not worth a bale of bolly cotton at the present price unless you do your part in co-operating.

The Farm Bureau is spending thousands of dollars of your money trying to get you to understand this contract and get it to every farmer, then it is up to you as to what you will do with it. If you have not seen a contract and wish to get one, see W. E. Jordan, Secretary of the Mason County Farm Bureau and get one. If you have a contract and believe it is a good plan, sign it. If this is a success it means cost of production and a profit, your wife and children out of the field, better homes, better schools, a higher standard of living, and last, but not least, a happier, more contented people. Is it worth the effort?

POULTRY WANTED.

We are always in the market for poultry and will pay you top prices for fryers, broilers, pullets, hens, roosters.

We also handle a full line of Purina feed.

9-tf MAYHEW PRODUCE CO.

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

Geo. Stengel was down from Menard Saturday and Sunday to visit his children, who are here with relatives during Mrs. Stengel's absence at Temple, where she recently underwent an operation.

Mark Moss, a Llano county ranchman, was in Mason the first of the week. He stated he was on the lookout for a man and woman to do work on his ranch.

Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.

TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA HAVE REDUCED HOG POPULATIONS

Washington.—The swine enumeration of the United States is given by the census bureau as 59,386,000 head, as against 58,185,000 ten years ago. Texas has, according to the latest count, 2,232,774 head of all classes, about 100,000 less than in 1910. This enumeration is divided as follows: Pigs under 6 months old, 1,113,000; sows 6 months old and over, 393,000; ars 6 months old and more, 34,235; ether hogs over 6 months, 693,000

A TEXAS WONDER

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25. Small bottle often cures. Send for sworn testimonials, Dr. R. W. Hall, 3026 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo.

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Texas News

A motor mail route has been authorized by the postoffice department between San Marcos and Lockhart.

The \$10,000 school bond election held at Hempstead resulted in 105 votes for and 33 against the measure.

A new record in marriage licenses issued by the county clerk at Houston was set one day last week when twenty-six were issued in six hours and a half.

The glorious part played by Caldwell County boys in the world war will be handed down to future posterity in the form of a history written by Captain Thomas Cambrell.

J. W. Hassell of Denison has been named by the railroad commission as chief oil and gas supervisor of the railroad commission, to succeed S. P. Sadler, who recently resigned.

Payment of \$16,000 was made to the Texas State Railroad last week as partial liquidation under the guarantee provisions of the transportation act, according to a treasury statement.

Eight stills ranging in capacity from five to twenty-five gallons were captured in Williamson and Milam counties as the result of one day's raids last week by federal prohibition officers.

According to plans already outlined for the South Texas Annual Fair to be held at Yoakum October 5, 6, 7 and 8, the premiums are to be much larger than at previous fairs, with the attractions greater.

Grain shipments totaling 1,370,725 bushels have been exported through the port of Texas City during the month of May, according to an announcement made by the Texas City Board of Trade.

In the special election held in Brazos County to determine whether or not the county would issue good road bonds in the sum of \$1,500,000, the proposition was defeated by an overwhelming majority.

The Planters' Bonded Warehouse Company of Dallas has made all arrangements to erect a warehouse at Giddings. It will be large enough to take care of 1,000 bales and will be entirely of steel and concrete.

The Mississippi River scenic highway system, the Port Arthur-to-Port Arthur route, linking Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, soon will have a branch connecting Galveston and Houston with the main road when plans now being worked out materialize.

Brazos County has been awarded \$8,000 of State funds by the highway commission for the purpose of making the one and one-half mile concrete road in the southern part of the county seventeen feet wide instead of fifteen, as had been previously appropriated for.

Complaint has been made to W. W. Boyd, State game, fish and oyster commissioner, by Judge John T. Banks, county judge of Mason County, that wild deer are destroying farmers' crops to such an extent that it will be necessary for them to take some drastic preventive measures.

The ant's cow, commonly known as the melon louse, may cut down to a considerable extent the big watermelon crop that is being raised in Southwest Texas this year. To combat the louse, melon growers are "praying" for the tiny wasp that preys on the louse that is fed by the ant and destroys the melons.

According to the weekly statement as of June 1, 1921, the total resources of the federal reserve system of Texas are \$136,308,940.98, \$32,155,530.66 of this constituting gold reserve and \$6,004,666.24 being in legal tender notes and silver. Bills discounted, bills bought in the open market, and all other bills make up \$62,965,869.08 of the resources, while United States government notes, "Victory" notes and one-year certificates of indebtedness issued under the Pittman act, make a total of \$70,345,119.08 of earning assets. \$23,521,439.34 is the total of uncollected items under resources.

For the purpose of stimulating interest in the dairy, hog and other live stock industries in Texas, a farmer-banker live stock special train will be operated throughout the Middle Western States during August under the joint direction of the Texas Chamber of Commerce and the A. and M. College. The special train will leave College Station following the farmers' short course, which closes July 31, and will run north through Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota. From Minneapolis the train will run west through North Dakota, Montana and Wyoming, after which a trip will be made through Yellowstone Park.

Pains Were Terrific

Read how Mrs. Albert Gregory, of R. F. D. No. 1, Bluford, Ill., got rid of her ills. "During . . . I was awfully weak . . . My pains were terrific. I thought I would die. The bearing-down pains were actually so severe I could not stand the pressure of my hands on the lower part of my stomach . . . I simply felt as if life was for but a short time. My husband was worried . . . One evening, while reading the Birthday Almanac, he came across a case similar to mine, and went straight for some Cardui for me to try.

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"I took it faithfully and the results were immediate," adds Mrs. Gregory. "I continued to get better, all my ills left me, and I went through . . . with no further trouble. My baby was fat and strong, and myself—thank God—am once more hale and hearty, can walk miles, do my work, though 44 years old, feel like a new person. All I owe to Cardui." For many years Cardui has been found helpful in building up the system when run down by disorders peculiar to women.

Take Cardui

L. 82

DARING GIRL FLYER PLUNGES TO DEATH

Mineola, N. Y.—Mrs. Laura Bromwell, holder of the loop-the-loop record for women and one of the best known women pilots in the world, was killed at Mitchell Field Sunday.

Mrs. Bromwell was flying at an altitude of about 1,000 feet when the accident happened. She had just completed one loop and was about to make a second when something went wrong with the plane and it crashed to the ground.

Mrs. Bromwell, whose home was in Cincinnati, was 23 years old. She established her loop-the-loop record on May 15 last, when she executed 199 loops in an hour and twenty minutes. That same afternoon she piloted her airplane over a two-mile straight away course at the rate of 135 miles an hour.

The Arkansas River Flood.

Las Animas, Colo.—The flood in the Arkansas River from Pueblo to the Kansas State line is the greatest in 40 years. Water from cloudbursts in the Pueblo section hit La Junta with a 12-foot crest. The water rose at the rate of three feet in ten minutes and spread to a three-mile width over the lowlands. Hundreds have been drowned and property damage estimated at \$10,000,000.

Chester Freed by Jury.

Kansas City, Mo.—A jury of eleven men acquitted Denzil Chester in 20 minutes Saturday of a charge of first degree murder in connection with the killing of Miss Florence Barton October 2, 1920. Miss Barton was fatally wounded as she sat in a motor car with her fiance, Howard Winter, on a country road south of Kansas City, one night last fall.

Mrs. R. E. Crawford and son, of El Paso, are expected to arrive in Mason this week for a visit with relatives and friends.

THROUGH THE RAILS WANT COLUMNS

LOST—Small, bald-faced, Hereford calf; marked swallow fork and under-bit in left ear; was last seen at Comanche Creek on the Llano road. Notify J. D. Eckert. 13tf

BULL FOR SALE—Five year old registered Hereford Bull of the Premier Ranch stock. Apply to M. W. Nichols. 13-4tp.

WANTED—Someone to contract for cutting 2000 mesquite posts. Inquire of C. L. Martin. 13-2tp.

CARS for Sale or Trade—One 1911 Cadillac, in a light truck, motor in good condition, six pneumatic tires, fitted with wind shield, tools, etc., price \$250. One Overland four, in good running condition, on good tires. Price \$300. Will take in trade some good sheep - high grade yearlings on either or both of the above cars. Cars can be seen at Premier Ranch, 17 miles Southeast of Mason, Texas. 11-1f

I WANT your plumbing and wind-mill work. Satisfaction guaranteed at reduced prices. Phone 149-J, A. B. Steinmann. 12tf.

FOR SALE CHEAP—Mrs. Soule's place, a 240-acre tract, well fenced, 45 acres in cultivation, more tillable, 4-room house, well, windmill, Live Oak pasture, 14 miles west of Mason. Terms reasonable. See Runge & Runge. 10-4te

HEMSTITCHING AND PECOTING
Hemstitching and Pecoting, ten cents per yard. Your mail orders done and returned promptly.
MRS. P. L. PARKER,
Llano, Texas. 12-4tc

FOR SALE—Jersey milk cows, fresh with young calves. If interested, see Wm. A. Willmann, Mason, Texas. 12tf

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELECTION

The State of Texas, County of Mason.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 2nd day of July, 1921, at the Capps school house in Common School District No. 15 of this county as established by order of the County Board of Trustees of this county of date the 3rd day of May, 1921, which is of record in book designated "Record of School District" No. 1, on pages 17, et seq., to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property tax paying voters of that district desire to tax themselves for the purpose of supplementing the State School Fund apportioned to said district and to determine whether the Commissioners' Court of this county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually a tax of and at the rate of not exceeding \$1 on the \$100 valuation of taxable property in said district for said purpose.

J. W. Brooks has been appointed presiding officer for said election and he shall select one judge and one clerk to assist him in holding the same, and he shall within five days after said election has been held, make due return thereof to the commissioners' court of this county as is required by law for holding a general election.

All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and county and who are resident property taxpayers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election and all voters who favor taxation for school purposes shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"For Maintenance Tax."
And those opposed to such taxation shall have written or printed on their ballots the words:

"Against Maintenance Tax."
Said election was ordered by the County Judge of this County by order made on the 2nd day of June, 1921, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated this the 8th day of June, 1921.
CHAS. LESLIE,
133tc- Sheriff Mason County, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Nichols and children were here Wednesday from the Loyal Valley section. Mr. Nichols reported a fairly good rain in his section that morning.

Hugo Schulze, of the Hedwigs Hill section was a visitor in Mason Wednesday. He reported the rain of that morning very light in his neighborhood.

Money to Loan—Runge & Runge

Take in the picture show at the Star Opera House each Friday and Saturday night. Show starts at 8:15 o'clock.

The NEW EDISON "The Phonograph with a Soul"



The tense strain of business

3 Days of Helpful Music FREE

Try for Mr. Edison's \$10,000. Send in your ideas. You'll get the best ideas by living and experimenting with the New Edison in your own home. If you don't own a New Edison, we'll loan you one for three days, absolutely without charge or obligation. Sign and send the coupon below. Do it to-day—because only a few instruments are available for this purpose.

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Music's pleasant relief

Mr. Edison will pay \$10,000 for some thoughts!

MUSIC can help you. The pictures above show one way. There are many other ways.

Mr. Edison has developed an instrumentality by which these benefits of music are placed at your command in your own home. Its RE-CREATION of music is so perfect, that it cannot be told from the original music, even when heard in direct comparison.

This instrument, which brings both the true beauties and the full benefits of music, is a great deal more than a mere talking-machine. Therefore, Mr. Edison wants a phrase of four or five words, which will distinguish the New Edison from all other sound-reproducing devices.

He will pay \$10,000, in 23 cash prizes, for the best ideas submitted.

Sign and Send the Coupon

It will bring the two things you need. Folder of complete information,—and a New Edison with which you can experiment in your own home. We'll loan you the instrument for three days. No charge or obligation. Mail the coupon today

Three Day Free Trial Coupon

You may deliver to my home a New Edison and a choice of RE-CREATIONS for a three day free trial in order that I may learn what music will do for me. It is understood that I assume no expense or obligation whatsoever.

Name _____

Address _____

MASON DRUG CO.

The Scenario Lover

By WILLIAM FALL

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As Jack crossed the office on his way to his desk, his eyes dwelt tenderly on Madge's nimble fingers as they traced what he felt sure was a note to him. Thinking to surprise her, he drew nearer, and suddenly the large writing on the sheet seemed to rise up and assail his eyes. With hurt horror he read:

"Dearest Ted: Of course I love you. Why doubt me? As long as I live, I'm yours."

He waited to read no further, but fled to the stockroom, where hidden behind the bales and boxes, he fought out his trouble and decided upon a course of action.

"My little Madge, when I trusted with my whole soul," he groaned. Her falseness seemed impossible.

Who this fellow Ted was he did not know. It was enough that the girl he loved, and who had promised to marry him, was writing such a letter to another man.

At last he clenched his hands, and setting his teeth, went into the private

office of the manager. Six weeks ago, he had been offered a position on the road, one that would pay him a much better salary, and had refused, not wanting to leave Madge. Now he was glad to go, and immediately, too. Within two hours of his reading the beginning of that fateful note, he was on the train to take up the work of one of the commercial travelers who had suddenly been taken sick.

Jack did not stop to say good-by to Madge, nor did he write her, for he felt that the less said the better.

"Perhaps if I got away this hurt will stop," he told himself; but although he kept busy and in his labors turned night into day, sending back so much business that the firm believed they had secured the model salesman, he could not forget Madge or her thousand and one appealing ways. It was all the harder because she kept on writing to him, in the same clear, flowing hand that had penned the fateful confession of her love for another, begging him to let her know the reason for his continued silence.

Tom, his chum, wrote him that Madge looked ill.

Things looked black to him, although he had made such a success in a business way that the office sent for him to come home and make a contract with the firm, and although he would have rather remained away

forever, Jack obeyed, and once more found himself in the same city with Madge.

Being a salesman now, he managed to have his interview with the manager without going out among his old associates, and so avoided Madge although a sight of her sunny hair through the open doorway turned him sick at heart.

His business outlook was extremely bright, much better than he had dared to dream of for years to come, and yet it was a very heavy heart that he carried with him into the little motion picture theater, where he sought a few moments of relaxation later on in the evening.

Wearily he made his way to the corner seat in the box where they had always sat.

Listlessly he followed the story of the film. There was the usual quarrel between two lovers, although he reflected bitterly that neither had his cause. Suddenly he straightened up. The lover received a letter from the girl with whom he had quarreled, and it was photographed on the film.

"Dearest Ted: Of course I love you. Why doubt me? As long as I live, I'm yours."

As on a former occasion, Jack stopped to read no further. He recognized the clear, flowing hand. It was Madge's penmanship, that he knew, but he also understood that it was

never written to a living person. The thought flamed through him that there must be some heart-healing explanation. Realizing how his cruelty must have hurt her, he turned to leave, when in the seat by his side where she had sat so often was—Madge.

Instinctively his hand reached for hers, and in the tender pressure given and returned everything was forgotten and forgiven.

"I saw you here," she whispered, "and came here to sit by you."
"Darling! How, though, did they get that letter? I saw you write it," he confessed, "though not intentionally."

"I wrote the scenario of the play," she said with proper pride. They forgot the audience, sitting there together again in the happiness of their love, and he bent over and whispered:

"We'll be married tomorrow as you can go out on the road with me." Madge nodded happily. "Of course, for as long as I live, I'm yours," she murmured, and this time the words carried a joyous message to him.

PROMPT ANSWER

Accurately compounded Day and night at Mason Drug Co.

Give me your next job of valuing. I guarantee my work. Otto Schulze.