

# Mason County News.

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## FIREWORKS HERE FOR CELEBRATION JULY 28

The News is informed that the Fort Mason Post of American Legion has received its order of fireworks, which are to be displayed at the Legion picnic on the night of July 28th. It is said that the fireworks arrived in splendid condition and the committee in charge of that part of the program express themselves as being highly pleased with the outlook for the success of this entertaining feature. The fireworks have been secured at quite an expense, but it is believed the display will prove to be the outstanding event of the occasion, and it will bring people here from all sections.

The citizens of Brady have organized a band and it is said an instructor has been secured. A membership of more than thirty members is assured.

## U. C. V. REUNION AT BRADY ON AUGUST 3, 4 AND 5TH.

Brady is to entertain the United Confederate Veterans of the Mountain Remnant Brigade this summer. The Reunion will be held on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of August and the citizens of Brady are leaving nothing undone to make the occasion a great success. The Brady Chamber of Commerce has taken hold of the movement and the various committees have been appointed and are already at work.

## ICE CREAM SUPPER BY JUNIOR MISSIONARY SOCIETY

On Thursday night, July 14th, an ice cream supper will be held on the lawn in the court house yard under the auspices of the Junior Missionary Society. Ice cream and cake will be served from 7 p. m. to 10 p. m. The general public is invited to attend. 15tf

## SCHOLASTIC SENSUS FOR COUNTY

According to figures compiled by John T. Banks, superintendent of county schools, the scholastic sensus for the entire county of Mason is 1297. There are 931 children within the scholastic age in the county outside of the Mason Independent School District which has a scholastic enrollment of 366 white children and 15 colored. The figures show that of the 931 children, there are 481 boys and 450 girls. Out of the 366, there are 187 boys and 179 girls.

The News is pleased to learn of the improvement of Mrs. L. H. King, who was reported seriously ill a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin and little son were in Mason last week-end, from their ranch near Menard.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Arthur and Mrs. Glenn Herrington, of Dallas, who had been visiting in the home of Mrs. Arthur's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schmidt, the past week, left on Monday for their home.

J. W. White spent a couple days the past week in Dallas on business.

Mrs. Will Ellebracht who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Martin D. Loring, has been confined to her bed from illness this week.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID

The following have made subscription payments to this great weekly since our last report. We thank you Who's next?

Gus Eckert	1.50
T. A. Ralston	1.50
Wilson Hey	1.50
Mrs. D. E. Ross	1.50
B. R. Ellison	1.50
Alvin Bernhard	1.50
A. B. Awalt	1.50
J. D. Lowrey	1.50
Richard Durst	1.50
J. H. Cavness	1.50

Ed Reichenau was here Wednesday from the London section, reporting a good rain having fell in that community Sunday night.

Conrad Hartman is doing some improving at his home this week having his collar cemented.

## MASON EAGLES WILL PLAY PONTOTOC AT FREDONIA

It is announced that the Mason Eagles and the Pontotoc baseball team will play two match games at Fredonia during the two days' picnic and barbecue celebration there on July 4th and 5th. These teams have played two games this season and honors have been equally divided so far. Baseball fans may expect to witness good games on these days as both teams have been practicing regularly, preparatory for this event.

Indications are that many Mason people will attend the Fredonia celebration on both days.

## Play Llano Here Friday

"Bill" Lawson, manager of the local teams states that a game will be played on the local diamond Friday between the Eagles and the strong Llano team.

Llano has a fast team this year, and it is believed the game tomorrow will be a fast and close exhibition of baseball.

## F. A. GROTE, SR. GETTING ALONG NICELY, IS REPORT

The friends of F. A. Grote, Sr., will be pleased to learn that he is reported getting along nicely since having had his leg broken a few weeks ago by the kick of a horse. We are informed that in spite of Mr. Grote's advanced age of 82 years, the bone in the broken member is knitting together as nicely as could be expected. It is said that the excessive hot days have made him very uncomfortable, due to having to stay in bed, but indications are that he will soon be able to get up and have the use of his leg.

Richard Durst left his annual dollar and a half with the News while in town Wednesday from his farm near Art. He reports some late corn in his section suffering from nest of rain.

## COUNTY AGENT EXPRESSES APPRECIATION TO PEOPLE

In thanking the people of Mason County for their co-operation, it is impossible to see everyone, and I am now thanking you one and all.

The farmers and ranchmen, business men, bankers, county officials, and especially the Commissioners' Court and the Mason County News, who have all helped to make the county agent's work a success, and I thank you very much and sincerely hope the same co-operation will be given my successor.

The most pleasant years of my life have been spent in Mason and I feel that when I retire from the work I am now engaged that Mason will be my home.

It is with many regrets that myself and family leave our many friends of Mason County.

Respectfully,  
DOR W. BROWN.

The writer had a pleasant visit to the farm of T. A. Saunders last Saturday afternoon. Henry Saunders, who is cultivating the land, has one of the cleanest truck gardens to be found anywhere and has watermelons, cantaloupes, fruits and vegetables galore. He has twin wells from which he irrigates his crops with a gasoline engine and the condition of things show that nothing has suffered the least bit from lack of moisture. For the past several weeks he has had melons on the local market, but he says his main crop is just now coming on.

Misses Ada and Louise Broad who were guests in the home of their grand father, Jacob Schuessler, were called to their home in Fort Worth the latter part of last week, owing to the death of their brother-in-law, Harry Hart.

Dr. and Mrs. Herff, of San Antonio, spent a short time in Mason last week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Probst and other friends of the city.

Ollie Massey, of the Voca community was here the first of the week on business. Ollie states that the farmers of his section are having quite a bit of experience with the boll weevil in their cotton fields.

Miss Pearl Land returned home Tuesday, after having spent a couple weeks with Dr. and Mrs. O. H. Richardson, in Austin.

## DOR BROWN WILL GO TO TOM GREEN CO.

## WILLIE MARSHALL, OF LLANO COUNTY WILL SUCCEED BROWN IN COUNTY AGENT WORK FOR MASON COUNTY

It is a regrettable fact that Mason county is to lose the services of Dor W. Brown, as county farm demonstration agent. Information has recently been given out that Mr. Brown has tendered his resignation with the County Commissioners' Court in order to accept a position, similar to the one he has held here the past few years, in Tom Green county, but which offered an increase in salary of \$500 per year.

That Mr. Brown has been a valuable man in our county can not be questioned. He has done much to aid the farmers and stockmen of the county in a scientific way since taking up the work as demonstration agent here three years ago. Not only has his services as a county agent been entirely satisfactory, but he has made a valuable and enterprising citizen. He has taken our interests as his and has always been a booster for the town, being willing to assist in "putting over" and making every undertaking a success. The benefit which the farmers have received from the work of Mr. Brown is attested by the fact that since he came here many farms that had great washes through them have been terraced and good farms made of them. The stockmen have called on Mr. Brown often for aid and assistance regarding sick and diseased cattle and he has rendered them aid that has been indispensable. His efforts to create an interest in raising better cattle and especially the hog industry, means much to Mason County. When Mr. Brown took up the work here as county agent there were not over a dozen registered hogs in the county and at this time we can boast of having more than 500 head of registered hogs.

Not only has he been a man of much benefit to the town and county in his official capacity, but he and his wife have been active workers in church circles and as members of local organizations. Mr. Brown recently served the Mason Commercial Club as president and made an A No. 1 leader for the club.

It is said that Mr. Brown will give up his work here on July first and will be succeeded in the work by Willie Marshall, who will arrive here this week from Llano. Mr. Marshall is a two-year man of the A. & M. College and is a well qualified man for the position. He will have the assistance of Mr. Brown for a few days in getting lined up with the work. For some time he has been assistant to A. J. Cotton, county agent of Llano county, and has served his county as secretary of the Llano County Farm Bureau. It is said that he has saved the Llano farmers on the average of \$58 each by inaugurating a co-operative shipping movement. Mr. Marshall spent fourteen months in the Veterinary Department of the U. S. Army and had some special work in veterinary science during the time he was a student of A. & M. College.

Mr. Marshall is coming to Mason with splendid recommendations and the News predicts for him success in his work here and it is to be hoped he will receive the co-operation of the people of the town and county in his undertakings.

We are informed that Mr. Brown and family will leave Mason for San Angelo in time for him to take up his official duties there about the 11th of July. The family leaves behind them a host of admiring and well wishing friends.

Mrs. Earl Avery and Steve Peacock, of Llano, were in Mason a few days this week.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE  
"COUSIN KATE"  
Alice Joyce  
STAR THEATER, JULY 16

## LOCAL PARTIES PLAN MEXICO TRADE TRIP

The News is informed a number of local citizens are contemplating on taking the trip to Mexico on the trade excursion train which is scheduled to leave San Antonio on July 14th. Messrs. C. S. Vedder and Chas. Bierschwale have definitely decided to make the trip and it is said several others are contemplating joining Messrs. Bierschwale and Vedder, among whom are Max Martin, Chas. Martin, John Weidemann, Jim Brown, and probably others.

Parties desiring to make the trip must make pullman and dining car reservations by July 1st and it is said that unless as many as 450 parties make reservations the excursion will not run. The trip is to last ten days, starting from San Antonio on the 14th and returning on the 24th. All of the principal cities of Mexico will be visited, but a stay of three days in Mexico City is the longest scheduled visit in any one city.

## LOUIS JORDAN POST AMERICAN LEGION TO HOLD PICNIC ON 4TH

Fredericksburg is preparing to have a grand celebration on July 4th. The celebration is under the auspices of the Louis Jordan Post of American Legion and it is announced that extensive plans for amusement are being made. At 10 o'clock, Hopf's Military Band will give a concert. In the afternoon at the fair grounds there will be horse racing, goat roping, baseball game, music, speaking and athletic contests of various kinds. A number of Fredericksburg citizens were in Mason Saturday and stated that every effort was being made to make the celebration a gala event.

The people of Mason and Mason county are extended a cordial invitation to visit Fredericksburg on this occasion.

## LOYAL VALLEY HAVING REVIVAL MEETING

It is announced that a two weeks' revival meeting opened Monday night at Loyal Valley. Rev. Baumgardner is conducting the meeting with the assistance of Rev. Roy G. Rader, of the local Methodist church. The meeting will continue through next Sunday night a week.

J. B. Kilgore, from Pontotoc section, has been working in and around Mason this week, securing signatures to the cotton contracts of the Farm Bureau Marketing Plan. Eleven hundred bales have been signed for in the county.

Mrs. Carl Runge entertained a number of ladies last Friday afternoon, honoring Mrs. S. C. Rowe of Fort Worth. The afternoon was enjoyed at social conversation and a feature was the delicious cream and cake which the hostess served.

Those present to enjoy the occasion were Mmes. S. C. Rowe, R. E. Crawford, J. C. Lemburg, Roscoe Runge, Fred Schmidt, J. S. King, Geo. Leslie, Irvin Ellebracht, Allen Murray, Misses Maybelle Loring, Louise Latham, Sadie Lindsay, Evelyn and Ruby Rowe.

August Zenke and family, of Fredericksburg, passed through Mason a few days ago in their car en route to Colorado and California to be away about a year. Mrs. Zenke is a sister to Mesdames Louis Kettner and Otto Donop, of this city. While in Mason they were guests over night with the Kettner family.

R. Grosse returned home last Friday from Marlin, where he had been for the past three weeks. He states that his trip did him much good and he feels better than he has for several months.

T. A. Saunders and wife and Mrs. H. G. Saunders and children spent last Saturday and Sunday in Brady, visiting with relatives and friends.

The Commissioners Court, assisted by Dor W. Brown and his farm level, made some surveys in the Long Mountain section Tuesday. The object of the survey was to locate a place for a cement dip to be placed on that road.

## NEW COUNTY AGENT MAKES STATEMENT

In taking over the work as County Agent of Mason County it is my desire to serve everyone and assist them in any way possible. More farms should be terraced; better livestock, better seeds as well as the better methods of cultivation, and certainly everyone should vaccinate their cattle, and all this as well as many other duties come in my line of work.

Please feel free to call on me for any work and in any way I can be of any assistance to you.

Yours for service,  
WILLIE MARSHALL,  
County Agent.

Be sure and see "The Gossiper" Monday night. Tent show.

## A. & M. COLLEGE FINDS CURE FOR SICK CATTLE OF MASON COUNTY

A. & M. College is making a vaccine which is supposed to be a preventative only, but is curing almost all of the sick cattle in this county.

This is good news to people of Mason County, as this disease has caused much loss to many herds, and for the past year has seemed to puzzle the veterinary world.

## GOVERNMENT HAS PAID TOTAL DISBURSEMENT OF \$226,486,891.34

The Government has to date made a total disbursement of \$226,486,891.34 in meeting both the compensation claims of former service men disabled by reason of wounds, injuries or disease incurred in the world war, and the death claims of the dependents of those who made the supreme sacrifice, according to an announcement of Director C. R. Forbes of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance. The disbursements for disability have aggregated \$192,677,589.48 and the death disbursements \$33,809,301.86.

For the month of May alone the total amount disbursed by the Bureau for compensation purposes was \$10,575,416, the monthly payments on disability compensation claims for that period amounting to \$9,145,288 and the monthly payments to the dependents of deceased soldiers amounting to \$1,430,122. Between June 1 and June 15 the Bureau mailed 221,612 checks to cover this disbursement to former service men.

The increase in the number of claims filed with the Bureau has exceeded any estimate. The number of claims filed from the inception of the Bureau to May 1919 was 26,770 while on June 1, 1921, the number of file was 31,980 showing an increase during that period of 422,280. The number of awards for death and disability for the first period was 41,073; the number of awards at the end of the second period was 323,415, an increase during the second period of 282,342. For the first period the ratio was one claim pending to every two filed. For the second period, the ratio was one claim pending to every eight claims filed.

Mr. Chas. Bierschwale and daughter, Miss Julia, went to San Antonio last Thursday afternoon, taking home, Gilbert Frazier, who had been visiting in the Bierschwale home and who was taken ill of fever during his visit. Richard Crawford accompanied them on the trip.

It is stated that a number of local business firms contemplate closing their stores on Tuesday, July 5th, instead of Monday, the 4th. The idea is that the big day of the Fredonia Picnic and Barbecue is on the 5th and this procedure would enable them to take the holiday at a time when it means more than merely a layoff, with no place to go.

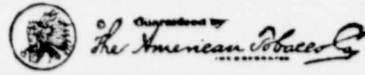
Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Murray returned home last Sunday from Waco, after an absence of several weeks, visiting with their son, Lindsay, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Murray and baby accompanied them home and will remain in Mason for a visit of a week or ten days.

Lee Eckert was in Georgetown several days this week, attending a district meeting of Ford agents.



## Cigarette

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### OUSLEY ENDORSES COTTON POOL PLAN

Banker and Credit Merchants Urged to Avert Disaster.

DALLAS, Texas, June 30.—Appealing to the bankers and credit merchants of Texas to save themselves and their former debtors from disaster through the annual dumping of the cotton crop, Clarence Ousley, director of extension work of Texas A. & M. College is urging support of the cotton pooling plan of the Farm Bureau Co-operative Cotton Growers' Association.

"The break in cotton prices is fair warning of what may happen to us in marketing the surplus we are carrying over and the new crop we are bringing in," Mr. Ousley says. "The bankers and credit merchants of Texas have it in their power to avert a disaster which looms ominously, for the cotton will not pay the debt due on it."

#### Waiting for Dumping

"The mills have neither the disposition nor the credit resources to buy within the first three or four months of the season all the cotton they will need for a year, though the surplus and the new crop will not be more than they will need for consumption and reserves. They are calmly waiting for us to commit the annual folly of dumping. Making due allowance for the cotton on hand and the maximum yield upon the present reduced acreage, and estimating the slowest conceivable increase of demand, it is perfectly plain that the supply of 1921-'22 will show no ponderable surplus. Hence judicious marketing throughout the cotton year is bound to bring better average prices than hasty marketing within four months."

"It is vain to advise farmers, acting

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singly, to market gradually. It is hazardous to advise them to hold.

#### Pooling Only Wise Course

"The only wise course is to pool the cotton, to sell some of it every week—every day—as the mills can take it through nine or ten months, instead of three or four months, and to save \$15 or \$20 a bale heretofore lost to the farmer in waste and graft. Surely we have lesson enough in rapid liquidation. Governor Harding's outgivings are evidence of a belated but gratifying realization that orderly distribution is not speculation and the Reserve Banking System was designed to conserve and not to sacrifice, to furnish sound credit and not to collect taxes upon debt.

"The business farmers of Texas are trying to organize for the same merchandising of cotton through a co-operative association which will save waste and insure the average economic value of cotton. They mean to employ sales managers of high skill and unimpeachable character. Their cotton will not be dumped; it will not be held; it will be merchandised, as dry goods and groceries are merchandised, every day, every month, and debts will be reduced every day, every month, as merchants and manufacturers reduce debts.

#### Will Save Waste.

"The cotton will move through the same transportation channels heretofore used, it will be entitled to the same banking credits at primary markets, at concentration points, at the ports, because it will be the same commodity and will be in the hands of men as skilled and as honorable as any now in the trade.

"This organization will not perform any price miracle; it will not suspend the law of supply and demand; it will merely save waste, stop graft and avert the terrible depression of autumnal dumping.

"Of course, I am referring to the Farm Bureau's Co-operative Cotton Growers' Association to be organized after July 1, if the growers of 500,000 bales sign the contract. If the undertaking fails it will be due solely to the lethargy, the indifference, the suicidal neglect of the bankers and merchants. I have been out among the farmers for five weeks; they are willing to act, but they are not free to act without the approval of their creditors.

These creditors can force the sale of some 4,000,000 bales of Texas cotton between September and January. If they do they will not collect their debts, on the other hand they can help the farmers to save \$10 to \$20 a bale in waste and graft, can collect a part of their debts in September, a part in October and so on to May or June and most likely collect it all.

#### Must Act Now

"The 500,000 to 1,000,000 bales likely to be pooled will take the latter course. How much more will take that course depends upon the bankers and merchants and accordingly as they act within the next two weeks, we may expect gradual recovery or we are embarrassed in the cotton regions. The crisis is just ahead of us; we can pass it safely; if we are wise and if we act resolutely. If we falter, if we allow ourselves to drift, I fear that the worst is yet to come.

"I make this final appeal to the

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bankers and credit merchants of Texas to save themselves and their former debtors while they can. It will be too late when the dumping begins, for the momentum will be irresistible."

Mrs. Wilson Leslie and little daughter, Clara Mae, of McAllen, arrived in Mason last Friday. Mrs. Leslie was called here at the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. L. H. King.

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Dr. Baze, assisted by Dr. Huff, Dr. McCollum and Dr. D. B. Beach performed an appendectomy on the ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Edmunston, of Katemey, on Thursday morning of last week. The patient is doing nicely, the nurse leaving Monday morning in care of Dr. Baze, under his mother at the Mason Sanitarium.

#### Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

Miss Inez Hayes, of San Antonio, arrived in Mason last week for a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. J. D. Miller.

Herman Loeffler is said to be getting along nicely since an operation for appendicitis performed on the 22nd by Dr. Baze, assisted by local physicians. He is being nursed by Mrs. Seyfried nee Alice Moerner.

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

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Otto Schmidt and Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Schmidt made a round trip to Kerrville last Sunday and were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Tarver and baby, who will remain here for a visit with Mrs. Tarver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schmidt.

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## WITTY AND WISE

Human ignorance is why there is so much hair tonic sold.—Rock Port (Mo) Mail.

Nature must have been grouchy when it invented the poison ivy.—Sioux City Journal.

The lesson of most strikes is that one can't make "dough" out of a loaf.—Columbia (S. C.) Record.

The Italian gravediggers' strike is one case where the ultimate consumer doesn't give a rap.—Denver Times.

In a way, detachable eyebrows are like cuff links. To lose one of a pair is as bad as losing both.—Toledo Blade.

Some fellow could make a fortune by discovering a way to extract gold and silver from old mining stock.—Chula (Mo.) News.

A news item says bagpipes are shown on a Roman coin of 68 A. D. History records that Nero killed himself the same year.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

The restaurant pie has two qualities in common with the pie mother used to make. It has the same general shape, and it is called pie.—Baltimore Sun.

Some of the people who are the most anxious about the recognition of friends in heaven are the ones who shake hands with two fingers in church.

\*M\*C\*N\*

One sure way to get into heaven for a day at least is to do a kind act to some one who does not like you.

\*M\*C\*N\*

About the most disagreeable habit that anyone can get into is the nagging habit. We all have times when we feel like nagging, and the best way for anyone to avoid unpleasantness at such times is to go off by one's self and fight off the ugly mood. Nagging has ruined more homes than anyone realizes because it is at the start of many more conspicuous evils.

\*M\*C\*N\*

The big fight between Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier will be staged at Jersey City, New Jersey, on next Saturday, July 2nd. It seems that Carpentier has but little chance against Dempsey, according to the newspaper predictions and reports from various sport editors. However, Carpentier seems to have the edge on Dempsey when it comes to having the well wishing public behind him.

## SEVENTY SECONDS OF SUNSHINE

IT'S DEAD CERTAIN—  
—That the sun never shines so brightly as just after a rain. A little bit of rain has its uses, then, for both people and crops.

### Your Own Fortune-Teller

Let us not conclude that only the exceptional person can be a seer, a teller of fortunes. Each of us has within himself the power to foresee the future; and the fortune each can tell most accurately, if he will, is his own. With quite as much precision as the most clever soothsayer, you can foretell your own future from your own past—you become first a historian, then a prophet. During the past ten years have you been thrifty, or otherwise? Self-controlled, or the contrary? Well-considered in making decisions, or the reverse? Read your past, and foretell for yourself the same future: a person of means, of contentment, of success—or the opposite. Foretell thus, and more than nine times in ten you will foretell exactly. For each of us may become not only the maker but the recorder of his own future.

A day full of pain is a reminder that other days have less—or none.

### The Secret

A great American had died. A biographer sought the secret of his success. He ransacked all the innermost life records of the great man who had died.

He found the secret: "What the great men conceived in moments of inspiration He fulfilled through days of gloom and all but desperation"—This was the secret.

### Just for the Week.

It is somewhat of a satisfaction to be able at night to look back on the day and say: "I may have won no startling success today, but at any rate I did nothing of which I need to be ashamed."

Self-boasters seldom boost others.

If there is ever a time when silence is golden, it is when a man is mad.

\*M\*C\*N\*

## LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING

Uncalled for in this office for the week ending June 18, 1921:

- Blair, Mrs. R. E.
- Deiterich, A. G.
- Jinks, Mrs. O. W.
- Kellenor, Enoch.
- Kellerman, Enoch.
- Lee, H. S.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office July 4, 1921 if not delivered before. In calling for the above, please say "Advertised," giving date of list.

JENNIE REYNOLDS, P. M.

## KIMBLE COUNTY'S FIRST SETTLER DIES.

Mr. John Joy departed this life at the home of his son, Dock Joy, of Cedar Hill, when he had almost completed his 89th year.

A long line of automobiles, passed many comfortable homes as they followed the old settler's body to the grave. This was in marked contrast to the conditions of 1856, when he and his father with their families settled on the James River. Then there was never a house nor a road, nor a neighbor, nor a church, nor a school in all of what is now Kimble County. They were our first settlers.

As an illustration of their frontier experiences it may be recalled that Mr. Joy's mother and sister were killed by Indians on Bantey Creek in Gillespie County.

Mr. Joy was born in Sebastian County, Arkansas in 1832. In 1854 he was married to Miss Nancy Word, who continued with him sixty years. She died in El Paso.

There were eleven children, sixty grandchildren. Nine children survive him; Dock Joy, of Cedar Hill, Lewis of Roosevelt, Mrs. Effie Mayford of Kerr County, Emery, Eli Joy, and Mrs. Helen Boatwright, of Alamogordo, N. W., Joe, of Washington, D. C.; and Levi, of Brenington, Wash., and Mrs. Ellen Lyle, of Los Angeles, Cal.—Junction Eagle.

The Gerrard Comedy Players are coming to Mason Monday, July 4. Ladies will be admitted free on Monday night. See ad in this issue.

J. E. Green was here Tuesday from his farm beyond Katemey with a lot of fine watermelons.



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## FROM NEWS FILES OF 25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, July 3, 1896:

John Green and Chas. Leslie left last week for East Texas to remain some time.

T. A. and J. A. Westbrook had some cattle stolen last week and it is said caught the parties driving them off.

Mrs. Tom Allen was married to W. O. Nations Thursday evening of last week.

Last Thursday, Miss Martha Holt and Mr. J. E. Wilson were married at the Capps school house, Judge H. O. Breckman officiating.

J. M. Lowrey and wife and daughters, of Kerrville, are visiting relatives here. Mr. Lowrey lived here some years ago and was postmaster in the 80's.

A dance was given at the residence of Dr. Coleman at Kocksville Monday night.

Mrs. O. H. Mebus and ch'crev returned Monday from a short visit to Llano.

E. H. Bogusch and family are visiting in Austin.

James White, of San Saba county, was assassinated by unknown parties Friday.

## 15 Years Ago In Mason

From Mason News, June 29, 1906:

At Comfort, last Tuesday, Joe Rainhardt shot and killed Miss Ernestine Kutzer, his intended bride and then shot himself. He cannot survive.

Little Miss Jennie Bell Baze celebrated her seventh birthday Sunday and had as her guests to dine with her, Little Misses Irene Lowrey, Louise Lemburg, Mildred White and Julia Loring.

J. W. White has purchased a corn harvester to be used on his big farm. It is the first machinery of its kind brought to this country.

E. J. Lemburg returned home Saturday from a stay of several weeks in Corpus Christi, Rockport and San Antonio.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Felix Garner a boy, on the 27th.

Virgil Boston left Wednesday for Pueblo, Colorado, to visit his brother, Jim.

Walter Martin left Thursday for New York to spend a couple of months, accompanied by his cousin, Miss Tillie Kardzik, of Fredericksburg.

Misses Nettie and Maggie Hey en-

tertained at dinner Sunday, the occasion of their birthday. Their guests were Misses Acile Loring, Olive Thorne, Benellen Reynolds, Payne, Gertrude Price, Laura Schmidt, Rev. J. H. F. Kyger, of Waco, is here to visit his son, Melvin, and occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church Sunday morning. Mason merchants will close their places of business for the 4th of July.

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"The Gossiper" is the play at the Tent Theatre Monday night.

A. B. Awalt was a pleasant caller at the News office Tuesday from his farm in the Katemey section. He advised us that two good rains recently fell in his section: one Saturday afternoon, and one again Sunday evening.

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### DAVENPORT-STIDHAM

Sunday afternoon, June 19, at three o'clock, Gratton Davenport and Miss Lottie Stidham were married. The ceremony was performed at Sherwood by Judge W. W. Carson. This is the culmination of a romance that started about three years ago, when Davenport visited here with his sister, Mrs. Henry Lindley and, by chance, met Miss Stidham.

Mrs. Davenport was one of our sweet girls, and to know her was to admire and respect her. She has lived here practically all of her life, her people being among the first settlers of Irion County. The young man is lucky, for he has won for himself a true, clean, honest and industrious girl.

Mr. Davenport is from Katelyne and is a thrifty young farmer at that place. He has visited here several times and has made a number of friends by his pleasant manners. The very best wishes of the community go with these young people for a long, happy and prosperous married life.—Sherwood Paper.

### FAREWELL PARTY FOR CHILDREN AT JORDAN HOME

Last Saturday afternoon, Little Miss Beatrice Jordan entertained a number of children at a play party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jordan. The occasion was a farewell party in honor of Little Dick, Dixie and Grace Stengel, of Menard, who had been visiting in Mason for the past several weeks, and who left Monday with their parents for their home. Quite a number of children were present to enjoy the affair in spite of the shower of rain that fell that afternoon.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served and was a feature with the little folks.

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### SOCIAL EVENTS

#### CHRISTIAN LADIES' AID MET

##### LAST WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Christian Ladies' Aid met on Wednesday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. J. C. Lemburg.

Following the lesson, several papers were read and discussed, after which Mrs. Lemburg served dainty refreshments of cream and cake to the following members: Misses, Ellen Sands, J. S. King, Ben Pluenncke, C. L. McCollum, H. S. Wood, Geo. Leslie, J. J. High-tower, Wes Smith, W. W. Lindsay, Roscoe Runge, M. D. Loring, Kinney Eckert, Elgin Eckert, Misses Sara Puckey, Cleo Wood, Lydia Puckey. The guests present included Misses, R. E. Crawford, of El Paso, Mrs. Will Ehr-bracht and Mrs. Callie Baze, of San Antonio, Mrs. Ed Smith and Misses Zella Wood and Julia Bierschwale.

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### ROSS-HASPER

Last Thursday evening, at the Lutheran Church, in this city, Miss Clara Hasper and Mr. D. E. Ross were united in marriage. Rev. H. Imbrook officiating.

The bride is an accomplished young lady, having for several years followed the school teacher's profession. She is a daughter of Mrs. Louis Hasper of this city.

The groom is an experienced mechanic and in the employ of W. H. Neill of San Antonio, but was formerly a Mason County boy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ross, of San Angelo.

After a short visit with Mrs. Louis Hasper the happy couple left Sunday in their auto for San Antonio, where they will make their home.

The News joins a host of admiring friends in extending them best wishes and hearty congratulations.

The Feature Vaudeville carried by Gerrard Players is worth more than the admission price charged for the entire show.

### 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.

Prayer meeting every Tuesday night at 7:30.

#### M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

There will be services at the M. E. Church, South in Mason next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. A welcome for everyone to attend is extended.

ROY G. RADER, P. C.

#### BAPTIST CHURCH

The Sunday School will have charge of the 11 o'clock hour to render a special program in the interest of Christian Education. In this program we will discuss somewhat, the principles of Christian Education, and what Baptists are doing along this line.

We will tell you about our 115 Baptist schools in our home land, with their total enrollment for the year 1919-1920; also endowments and total value of property, etc.

You have a special invitation. Come. W. H. GAGE, Pastor.

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### COURT HOUSE NEWS

**Births**  
 Mr. and Mrs. H. Y. Beasley, a girl, June 18th.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Willie Green, a girl, June 23rd.  
 Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Taylor, a girl, June 26th.

**Marriage License**  
 D. E. Ross and Miss Clara Hasper, June 23, 1921.

Warranty Deeds recorded during month of June:  
 W. H. Willmann and wife to B. F.

Hasty, lots in Pontotoc; consideration \$460.  
 J. W. White and wife to Gooch Cemetery Association 4.88 acres; consideration, \$1.  
 Ben Pluenneke and wife to J. W. Henry, 4723 square varas of land; consideration, \$3,000.  
 J. W. Henry to Alf Hibdon, 4723 square varas of land; consideration, \$1,600.  
 R. T. Kiser and wife to W. F. Lange, 348 acres of land about 12 miles north-east of Mason; consideration, \$3,480.  
 E. J. Lemburg, et al., to Conrad Hartman, 6750 square feet of land;

consideration, \$1200.  
 Markie L. Eastman, et al., to O. D. Tinsley, 56.96 varas of land; consideration, \$1,450.  
 Totsie Brown to Robert Priess, et al., 1-11 part of one hundred acres; consideration, \$181.81.

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"THE GIRL IN THE WEB"

Featuring Blanche Sweet

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### Moon and Mountain

By RUBY DOUGLAS

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Helen Morrison had come to the Berkshires as traveling companion to an elderly and very wealthy invalid who took the trip each autumn as regularly as she tore off the September sheet from the calendar.

Inasmuch as Helen was eighteen and her employer was eighty, the young girl found herself, at most times, desperately lonely. The chauffeur who drove the big limousine in which they traveled day after day along some of the most wonderfully lovely roads Helen had ever dreamed of, was as nearly a machine as the motor he was running.

He spoke of nothing but speeds and spark plugs, batteries and bearings. Helen was sure it was a carburetor that kept his body and soul joined together during this earthly span. And how could even a desperately lonely girl chum with a man so mechanically inclined?

"Oh," she wrote home, "to be in this gloriously romantic country, in these moonlit mountain paths without so much as a human being to talk with! One of my companions is eighty and dozing continually. The other is a machine running according to a speedometer. I'm afraid if I had an even ordinarily attractive male person anywhere near me I should forget that I had such a thing as a brake!"

The party stopped for the night in a mountain town that lay in a beautiful valley with hills climbing up on every side and a river flowing between the two states. Helen's employer retired after she had partaken

with a short good night she found her way out to the street.

As she was leaving the garage a car bearing an Iowa license was about to enter. Helen stopped short and looked the driver squarely in the eyes. "George!" she cried. "George Taylor!"

The young fellow stopped his car and jumped out to grasp Helen's two hands.

"Helen, however in this world did you happen to be here—in Brattleboro, Vt.?"

"I have a job—I'm traveling companion to rich Mrs. Easely—don't you remember her?"

"I can't remember anything—anyone—but you, Helen, at this moment," the young man announced very firmly. "Won't you come out for a drive and tell me all about it?"

"But—but you were putting up your car, weren't you?" asked Helen. "I was, yes. But my family has gone to roost and I didn't want to drive alone. Will you come?"

Helen demurred for a moment, and then, after returning to the garage to leave a message with Hawkins, who did not seem to listen to her, since he was absorbed in the explanation of the use of a carbon remover, she decided to go.

George Taylor had made this trip more than once with his people, and he was surprisingly familiar with the beautiful mountain roads about Brattleboro. He and Helen explained to each other in the course of an hour just how they happened to find themselves so far apart during the summer. There had been another girl at college, and there had been another man at home, and they had missed each other more than either of them had realized till Helen's eyes caught sight of the familiar home-town automobile license.

"We are going on to Williamstown, and then round about and back by the Mohawk Trail, George," Helen was saying when George stopped the car beside an exquisitely moonlit view of mountain and river.

He turned squarely toward her, now that he was relieved of the responsibility of guiding the car. "You were saying—"

"Oh, George, weren't you listening?" Helen asked, a little confused by his direct gaze and constantly increasing nearness.

"I cannot hear for the beating of my own heart, dear. And what is more, I don't intend to listen to anything but one sentence—do you love me?"

Helen did not answer. He put his arm about her shoulders and lifted her face so that the moon shone full into her eyes. "Tell me, Helen. I cannot wait any longer. I must know. I have been seeing your face in all the mountains, in all the pools, in all the skies, day and night."

"I—I don't like to tell you—way up here so—so far from home, George. It is so strange."

"Love is strange, dear. Do you love me?"

Helen nodded. "Yes—I'm afraid I do. I suspect that was why I was so desperately lonely in all this wonderfully romantic country—because I was longing for you to—love me."

After a while the car with the Iowa license found its way back to the garage guided by hands that trembled with emotion. And in more than one mountain town, during the remainder of the trip through the mountains, the two parties happened to find themselves staying at the same hotels. Neither was the little companion lonely; neither did she care if the chauffeur thought only of cord tires and cylinder oils. She had promised to marry George Taylor at the end of the journey.

#### Recipe for Good Memory.

Rose, the garrulous domestic, can give you facts of history—international, dramatic, scandalous—right off the bat without a moment's hesitation.

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George Stopped the Car.

of the simple country supper the hotel offered. Helen, lonely, homesick, wandered to the veranda just in time to see the chauffeur starting out for the garage to put up the car for the night.

"Hawkins," she called, almost without thinking what she was about to do, "where are you going?"

"To put up the car, Miss Morrison. Do you want something?"

"N—no. That is, I think I'll go with you, just by way of diversion. Madam is asleep and will not need me." Helen stepped inside the big car and the astonished chauffeur closed the door and took his seat.

"I'll walk home alone, Hawkins," she said when the man opened the door for her again after they had reached the inside of the big garage, where there seemed to be many touring cars put up for the night.

"You know the way, Miss?" Hawkins asked.

Helen was sure that she did, and

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Mrs. Loula Loring and daughter, Mrs. A. L. L. Strickland, expect to leave Sunday for Colorado Springs to be away several weeks on a vacation. They have rented a cottage there and will likely remain until August.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bernhard and children came up last Sunday from San Antonio. After a short time spent in Mason with relatives and friends, they went on to Junction for a visit. Mr. Bernhard reports the Stroud factory is putting out a number of tractors daily, and says that the officials claim the output is quite a bit short of the demand.

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**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**

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**COST OF LIVING**  
**IS DECREASING**  
**Expense of State Eleemosynary Institutions Drops, Report Says.**

Austin, Tex.—According to figures compiled by the State board of control the expense of maintaining the State's wards in the various eleemosynary institutions continues to decrease, reflecting the downward trend in the cost of living. For the month of May the per capita cost was \$19.71, as against \$24.51 average for the nine months ending with May.

Included in the calculations are the 11,387 enrolled inmates, with an average of 9,941 present during May. There were 1,436 employees, with an average pay roll of \$71,714 for May, the average salary being \$49.94 in the State service and a ratio of 6.92 inmates to each employe. Only \$25,667 was spent for construction, while 1,330 employes boarded in State institutions. The aggregate maintenance expense was \$195,940.

The insane asylums generally show the least per capita cost. Below is a statement of the average number of inmates present during May in each State institution, the number of employes in each, the per capita maintenance in each:

Confederate Home—Inmates, 304; employes, 62; cost, \$28.90 for each inmate. Confederate Women's Home—Inmates, 75; employes, 23; cost, \$35.40. Blind Institute—Inmates, 217; employes, 81; cost, \$54.94. Deaf and Dumb Institute—Inmates, 441; employes, 125; cost, \$41.26. Negro Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute—Inmates, 162; employes, 42; cost, \$26.02. Rusk Insane Asylum—Inmates, 673; employes, 107; cost, \$20.76. Feeble Minded Colony—Inmates, 182; employes, 23; cost, \$19.96. Girls' Training School—Inmates, 75; employes, 29; cost, \$49.97. Juvenile Training School—Inmates, 896; employes, 51; cost, \$13.07. Terrell Insane Asylum—Inmates, 1,892; employes, 219; cost, \$15.93. San Antonio Insane Asylum—Inmates, 1956; employes, 229; cost, \$11.76. Austin Insane Asylum—Inmates, 1,761; employes, 200; cost, \$17.14. Epileptic Colony—Inmates, 448; employes, 42; cost, \$24.86. Tuberculosis Sanatorium—Inmates, 303; employes, 119; cost, \$39.12 for each patient.

**DIRECT HIT BY AIR**  
**BOMB ENDS U-117**

Cape Charles, Va.—Within sixteen minutes after the first division of three naval seaplanes had attacked the former German submarine U-117 Tuesday the submersible was resting on the bottom of the Atlantic fifty miles from the Virginia Capes. A direct hit with a 163-pound bomb did the work. Only three naval planes had a chance to attack.

The direct hit abruptly terminated the first of a series of experiments by the army and navy to test the ability of naval vessels to withstand damage inflicted from the air.

The bomb that settled the fate of the U-117 was one of the salvo of nine dropped from three planes that constituted the first and only aerial division to engage in the actual attack.

A few minutes before the fatal salvo was fired the same division had dropped three bombs to get the range. The projectiles were hurled from a height of about 1,100 feet, while the planes were making more than a hundred miles an hour. It was only six minutes after the second salvo was launched that the U-117 made its last "crash drive" to find a resting place fifty fathoms deep.

**NO EXCUSE FOR OLD**  
**MAIDS IN AMERICA**

Washington.—There were 2,090,132 more males than females in the United States in 1920, making the ratio 114 to 100, as compared with 106 to every 100 females in the period of 1900-10, the census bureau announced this week.

A preponderance of males has been shown in every census, due primarily, the announcement said, to the considerable number of foreign-born residents, among whom the males greatly outnumber the opposite sex. Thirteen per cent of the country's total population in 1920 were foreign born. Every state except Massachusetts, Rhode Island, North Carolina, South Carolina, New York, Georgia and Alabama had an excess of males over females.

The District of Columbia had a far greater excess of females than any state, its ratio being only 87 to 100, and Nevada has 148.4 males to every 100 females, the highest ratio of any state, the statement showed.

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## MEXICAN INDUSTRY SLOWLY RECOVERING

Crop Prospects Are Growing Much Brighter, Reports State.

Houston, Tex.—Mexican industries are gradually recovering from stringent after-war effects according to the trade notes compiled by the foreign trade department of the chamber of commerce at Houston. Crop prospects are growing brighter and several industries are being reopened.

A telegram received from Vice Consul Myers at Vera Cruz, Mexico, states that the freight on hand on June 4 was 19,400 tons, the receipts by sea for the previous week amounted to 8,400 tons, and the amount of merchandise shipped out by rail amounted to 9,000 tons.

According to a cablegram from Consul Cornelius Ferris Jr., Mexico City, under date of June 24, 1921, a Mexican decree which has been published in the local press (not officially announced), makes the following increases in import duties: Untanned hides and skins, increased from 4 to 10 centavos per kilo; lard, pure and mixed, from 5 to 10 centavos per kilo; flour and starches of all kinds, not specified, from 5 to 10 centavos per kilo, and preserved animal food products, from 15 to 20 centavos per kilo.

A telegram received from Commercial Attache Carlton Jackson at Mexico City, states that rains have begun generally, and crop prospects, which were beginning to cause concern, are looking much better. The planting of grains and beans has been resumed.

In spite of the prevailing low price of export sugar, there has been some activity among the sugar mills in procuring new equipment, according to Commercial Attache Jackson at Mexico City. A Pueblo mill closed a contract recently for machinery capable of an output of 600 tons per day of cane, and it is contemplating purchasing additional units.

It is understood that the Molino de San Luis, S. A., will resume operations within a short time and is expected to import the wheat from the United States. This large flouring mill, owned by an American company, was for many years operated by Americans.

### TROPICAL STORM SWEEPS ALONG TEXAS COAST

Houston, Tex.—The tropical storm, which swept the gulf coast from Brownsville as far northeast as Galveston Tuesday and Wednesday, swerved inland between Matagorda Bay and Galveston Wednesday afternoon and passed northeastward between Galveston and Houston, gradually diminishing in intensity. In its wake reports of damage to crops and frail structures, principally confined to derricks in the oil fields, followed.

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### A STORY OF THREE

By MARTHA M. WILLIAMS.

Alfaretta sat swinging and slinging at the top of her young voice:

"I wish I had er ginger cake, I wish I had er lime; I wish I had er new fl' cents ter give dat gal er mine."

"Why so sinfully lavish, Fretty?" Benton called to her from the blanket he lounged on twenty yards away. "Why not offer something possible to mere men and mortals? A red apple, for instance. I might be equal to that."

Fretty was light, lithe, a seventeen-year-old tomboy, filled with the "beauty of the devil" found only at such age. Benton, her father's chum, found her vastly diverting. He was at Tip Top for the hot weather, and glad of anything that made his exile more bearable.

"You thought I was dad's little girl, wearing a finger in her mouth and expecting to be kissed when her face and her frock were clean," Fretty burst out from the height of a wide

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### SENATE PASSES PINK BOLL WORM MEASURE

Washington.—The senate Wednesday passed the resolution from the agricultural committee making \$200,000 of the pink boll worm appropriation available for co-operation with the state departments of agriculture. The resolution leaves \$354,000 of the original appropriation remaining for other purposes in the campaign to stamp out the pest.

It is provided that the reimbursement to any State shall be based upon the fair rental value of the land, and out of the federal money not to exceed one-third of the amount actually paid by the State to the farmer, and is no event exceed \$5 per acre.

### Louisiana Cotton Crop Short.

Baton Rouge, La.—The Louisiana cotton crop of 1921 will not exceed 200,000 bales, according to the reports received by Harry Wilson, commissioner of agriculture, the shortest cotton crop in the history of Louisiana.

### Many Killed in German Blast.

Berlin.—Sixty-eight men were killed and 73 injured by a fire damp explosion which destroyed the greater part of the Mont Cenis mine, near Herno, Westphalia, Monday.

swoop. "But—I've forgiven you for disappointing me so—being a Christian-minded person," Benton countered. Thereat Fretty giggled. "Want me to tell you something?" she asked. "I will—whether or no. I bet Babe Acklen a pig against a poppy, before I ever saw you, that you'd fall dead in love with me—in about three days."

"Who won the bet?" Benton interrupted. Fretty stopped the swing dead. "We—have to ask you that," she said, flushing the least bit. "Babe says the poppy's mine—wants to bring it right over to me—but I say not—though I ain't quite ready to let him have the pig"—casting down eyelids that showed dark-fringed lashes against the soft color of her cheeks.

"Let me see. Pretty much of a draw, I think," Benton said, musingly. "I hate to say it, but you lose, if anybody does, by being too old. If we had met earlier, say when you were ten or thereabout, I never could have resisted you."

"Yes, you could. I was uglier then than home-made sin—all snaggle-toothed and freckled as a turkey egg and right down stringing in arms and I—well, everywhere, because I ran and played so hard. There's a lot in feeding yourself, let me tell you. I found that out when I swapped green apples and candy for meat and bread and things."

"I have been mercifully spared, that is plain. But tell me how did Babe live through the snaggle-tooth and green-apple epoch?" Benton asked with an air of keen detachment. Fretty shook her fist at him, crying: "Babe! Lawdy me! Why! he's case-hardened—was that sort his own self—I do reckon we were the toughest lookin', raggedest pair of colts that ever romped in any pasture."

"I always tie him at any sort of mark," she said. "But not when we're hunting birds or squirrels or rabbits. I always shut my eyes as I pull the trigger."

"I see! You have mercy on live targets of sorts," Benton said reflectively. "But—how about men?" Fretty laughed a laugh of sparkling malice, saying: "Oh! I let them take what's coming to them—if they haven't got gumption enough to step out of range."

"Hm! Anything personal in that?" Benton asked. Instantly Fretty was all wide-eyed innocence. "How could there be?" she asked. "You're same as vaccinated—dad's best friend."

"But—that doesn't make me immune," Benton answered, his voice suddenly strained. He got up jerkily, stretched, ran back of Fretty and sent the swing sailing the full length of its ropes. It was a foolish experiment—he wanted to startle her from her supreme poise. Also hazardous—ropes, like affections, wear through

under too great tension. To his horror, he heard a low crackling sound—saw one big strand of the huge humpen cable give, part, and suddenly unwind. The motion was still outward—when it checked for the down-sweep there would be further breaking.

Even if the whole cable did not part a deep list sidewise would mean a fall, a deadly fall, for this girl child whom he knew suddenly held his heart in her two hands. Dully he spied the blanket—spied also a tall youth running on winged feet.

Benton had already seized the blanket—but he would never have known where to hold it effectually. Babe moved instinctively to the right spot, glancing now and then at the figure in air. Fretty sensed the danger—with both dimpled hands she clung to the sound side of the cable. But the power of weight and mass tore loose her grip—she catapulted forward, downward—to certain death, it seemed. But earth was not to slay her. Babe and Benton held the blanket taut, but it was Babe who eased it at the exact instant to save Fretty from a dangerous rebound. Her face was white, but she laughed as she set foot on earth. Benton felt like a murderer—he could not meet her eyes. But Babe after one look walked precipitately away, saying over his shoulder: "Two's company, three a crowd."

"You can never forgive me," Benton began. "Never," Fretty echoed. "So I'll have to even things by aggravating you all the rest of your life! What d'ye say to it?" "Yes—and thank you!" Benton returned meekly.

B. R. Ellison left his annual fees with the News while here last Saturday from his home near Fredonia. Mr. Ellison states that his people are looking forward to a great 4th and 5th of July celebration.

Mrs. Geo. Stengel, of Menard, who had been in Temple the past several weeks recovering from a recent operation, was able to return home last week. She and Mr. Stengel were here Sunday for their children, who had been with relatives during their mother's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Donop recently returned from a visit with the family of their daughter, Mrs. H. Y. Neu, of Ganado. Mr. Donop reports having visited in the home of Mr. Anton Hoerster, of San Antonio, while away. Mr. and Mrs. Donop were accompanied home by their grandson, Herman, Jr., for a visit.

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Charleston, Miss.—Mrs. R. V. Heins, of this place, says: "I have never had to use very much medicine, because if I felt headache, dizziness, or colds, bad taste in the mouth, which comes from torpid liver, I would take a dose or more of Black-Draught, and it would straighten me out and make me feel as good as new. We have used in our family for years

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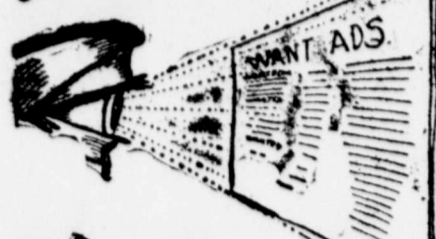
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### Bandits Ride into Mexico.

Laredo, Texas.—A party of 56 alleged bandits, mounted on horses said to have been purchased in Texas, crossed the Rio Grande into Mexico Monday at a point between Hidalgo and Columbia, Nuevo Leon, visited the ranch of Donaciano Echavarria, mayor of Nuevo Laredo, robbed the mayor of his clothing, shoes, watch and all the money they could find. The band then disappeared into interior Mexico, carrying with them two fiscal guards of the Nuevo Laredo district.

### WOMAN BEGAN LONG DISPUTE

Shakespeare-Bacon Controversy Had Its Origin in Book Published by American Author.

The long-drawn-out controversy over the authorship of the Shakespearean plays had its origin in a remarkable book written by an American woman, Della Bacon, a native of Tallmadge, O., with a preface written by her friend, Nathaniel Hawthorne. She was a woman of intense application and capacity for esoteric study and her book was the product of a lifetime spent in the feverish pursuit of her hobby. Her book was entitled "The Philosophy of the Plays of Shakespeare Unfolded," copies of which are now rare, as it has long been out of print.

The book is written in a very laborious style, difficult to read. Some of the sentences are three to four hundred words long, but the entire work shows evidences of intense study of the works of the poet and a mastery of knowledge of the history of Shakespeare's period.

The intense obsession with which she pursued her theories brought her life to a tragic end. Becoming convinced that Shakespeare's secret was hidden in his tomb at Stratford, she went to reside there to confirm her researches. She was found one midnight at the tomb, muttering incoherently, and evidently making preparations to open the tomb in search of concealed manuscripts which she believed had been interred with the body of the poet, beneath the cryptic inscription, "Good friend, for Jesus' sake forbear to dig the bones inclosed here." She was removed to an asylum.

### DAZZLED OLD LONDON TOWN

Becky Wells, Beautiful Madcap, Well-Known Character During the Reign of George III.

Becky Wells, beautiful English actress, journalist and author, was born in 1759, married at eighteen, and a few months later saw her husband desert her for her bridesmaid. She went to London and won success by her beauty when she went on the stage. She took up with Edward Topham, an eccentric, and they established a newspaper that thrived on scandal.

Becky took to wearing furs in summer and muslins in winter, which perhaps stamps her as a woman in advance of her age. She hired hackney coaches to drive her to Oxford or Cambridge for her health, and her vagaries were the talk of the town.

She imagined that she was irresistible and took it into her head to infatuate George III, the dull king whose only redeeming virtue was his apparent faithfulness to his wife. She was thrown into jail by her creditors, and there she infatuated a Moor, son of the prime minister of Morocco, who had been sent to prison for contempt of court. They were wedded in jail with festivities that lasted a week and which cost the bridegroom \$2,500. Her husband, Joseph Sumbel, then secured his release by paying his brother \$50,000 and he also paid Becky's creditors and took her with him.

# Banks To Close

## MONDAY, JULY 4TH

### INDEPENDENCE DAY

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Banking Houses of Mason will be closed on next Monday, July 4th, the same being Independence Day and a legal holiday.

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### NO SUBSTANCE TO DREAMS

Writer Gives Reasons for Her Refusal to Have Any Belief in Common Superstitions.

The mind during sleep reminds me of a naughty child, writes Marion Holmes in the Chicago Daily News. With a normal person during waking hours reason controls it and when it seems inclined to let loose a foolish train of thought rebukes it with "Nonsense! behave yourself!" But when reason goes to sleep the mind has seasons of wild capering. It makes you do things that when awake would scorch you with blushes. It causes you to go to church dressed in your very best except your shoes and stockings, which you find you have left at home. It makes you marry a dark man with big black whiskers when you already have a perfectly satisfactory husband who is blond and smooth faced. There is nothing that it will not do uncontrolled by reason. Therefore I never have had much faith in the prophetic quality of dreams, although there are persons who pin their faith to those so-called warnings. We have heard them say, "I dreamed last night that I had lost a tooth. That means bad news," or "I dreamed of walking among ruined buildings. That means that somebody in the family is going to be ill," and, like fortune telling, the predictions that do not "make good" are forgotten.

A recurrent dream is of no importance. I have known the same stage setting with its incidents to be presented over and over in sleeping visions without ever reaching its counterpart in reality. An uncomfortable position during sleep, or the fact that you are not feeling well often occasions troubled dreams.

### NEW THEORY IN ASTRONOMY

Possibility That There is a Tall Attached to Our Earth Leads to Ingenious Suggestions.

Opposite to the sun there is a very mysterious glowing patch, which is thought to be attached to the earth as a cometlike tail.

The highest regions of our atmosphere consist of very light gases, and the impression is that some of these were driven away by the sun or by other means, and that they stream off from the earth into space just as the light gases do from the head of a large comet.

Naturally, this theory has aroused much controversy, and has led to all sorts of ingenious suggestions. One of these is that a swarm of meteors (of the kind we know as shooting stars) keeps us company through space at a distance of about a million miles, or four times the distance of the moon. But a tailed earth is an ideal vehicle for imaginative flights.

It might be argued that if our globe has a tail why should not the planets Mercury and Venus, and even Mars, have one. Well, perhaps they have, for all we know to the contrary. Our earth's tail would be much more easily seen by us because of its nearness and brightness.

### Tricking Fate.

Every Hindoo must have a son to perform the proper rites in his behalf so that he may be released from purgatory after death, says Asia Magazine. Especially cursed, therefore, is he whose fate it is to be sonless. One such, a Brahmin, propitiated the god Vishu and obtained a boon. He asked for a son, but, since a son was not in the man's fate, Vishu refused. Twice this happened, but the third time the Brahmin asked that his merriments might be shared by gods and men alike. This was granted. He then went home, locked his door and, with his wife, began to sing and dance. Thereupon, all the gods and men, by the terms of the boon, were compelled to sing and dance with him, and the business of the universe was brought to a standstill. "Stop," begged the gods. "Only when you grant me a son," answered the Brahmin. And he had his way.

### SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELECTION

State of Texas, County of Mason.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 30th day of July, 1921, at the Katemey School House in Common County Line School District No. 27 of Mason and McCulloch counties, Texas, as established by the County Board of Trustees of Mason County of date the 20th day of April, 1921, which is of record in Book designated "Record of School Districts No. 1" on page 11 to 16, inclusive, and as established by the County Board of Trustees of McCulloch County, Texas, of date the 2nd, day of May, 1921, which is of record in Book designated "Record of School Districts" pages 77, 78 and 79, to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified taxpaying 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 Mason and McCulloch counties, Texas, 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.

E. W. Jordan 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 of Mason and McCulloch counties 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 27th day of June, 1921, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Dated this the 28th day of June, 1921.

CHAS. LESLIE,  
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2:30—Baseball—Mason vs. Fredericksburg.

5:30—Retreat by ex-soldiers.

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