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FRANCIS KIDD SUSTAINS BROKEN SHOULDER BLADE

The many local friends of Francis Kidd, of the London community, will learn with regret of an accident on Saturday in which he sustained a broken shoulder blade. The News is informed that Mr. Kidd had gotten on a horse bareback and the animal reared up and fell back on him. He was taken to Menard for treatment where physicians announced his shoulder blade was broken in two places. The injury was dressed and on Tuesday of this week it was announced he was getting along nicely at the Menard sanitarium.

CARNIVAL NETTED LOCAL LEGION POST BETTER THAN \$90

It is announced by Arch Reichenau that the street carnival which was in Mason all last week operating under the auspices of the local post of American Legion, that the money derived by the post as their part amounted to \$91. The carnival company gave the legion post 10 per cent of their earnings while operating here.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley John Geisweidt, a boy, Dec. 29, 1922.
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Tart, a girl, Dec. 18, 1922.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gipson (col.), a boy, Dec. 16, 1922.
Mr. and Mrs. Silas Brandenberger, a boy, Dec. 17, 1922.
Mr. and Mrs. Jake Eastman, a boy, Jan. 1, 1923.
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Starks, a boy, Dec. 28, 1922.
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hofmann, a girl, Jan. 2, 1923.
Mr. and Mrs. Will Watkins, a girl, Jan. 1, 1923.

Marriage License

Mr. George Brooks and Miss Elsie Skelton, December 16th.
Mr. Ansets Morales and Miss Maria Martinez, December 26th.
Mr. Earl Windham and Miss Lena Holloway, December 27th.
Mr. A. L. Moegelin and Mrs. J. G. Daniels, January 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lawson and little Miss Mary Cecille returned to Mason last week, after having spent the Christmas holidays visiting relatives and friends in Yorktown, Houston and Llano.

Sheriff Bob Miller, of Concho County, was a visitor among friends and relatives in the Fredonia section a few days during the holidays.

Miss Gertrude Clark, who is teaching this term in San Antonio, was at home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Clark. She returned to San Antonio on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bierschwale had as their guests at Christmas time, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Frazier, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Frazier and Messrs. Harlan and Gilbert Frazier, all of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Marshall spent the Christmas holidays visiting with Mr. Marshall's parents, near House Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie McDougall and son were up from San Antonio a short time to spend New Year with his mother, Mrs. Martha McDougall and among friends of Mason.

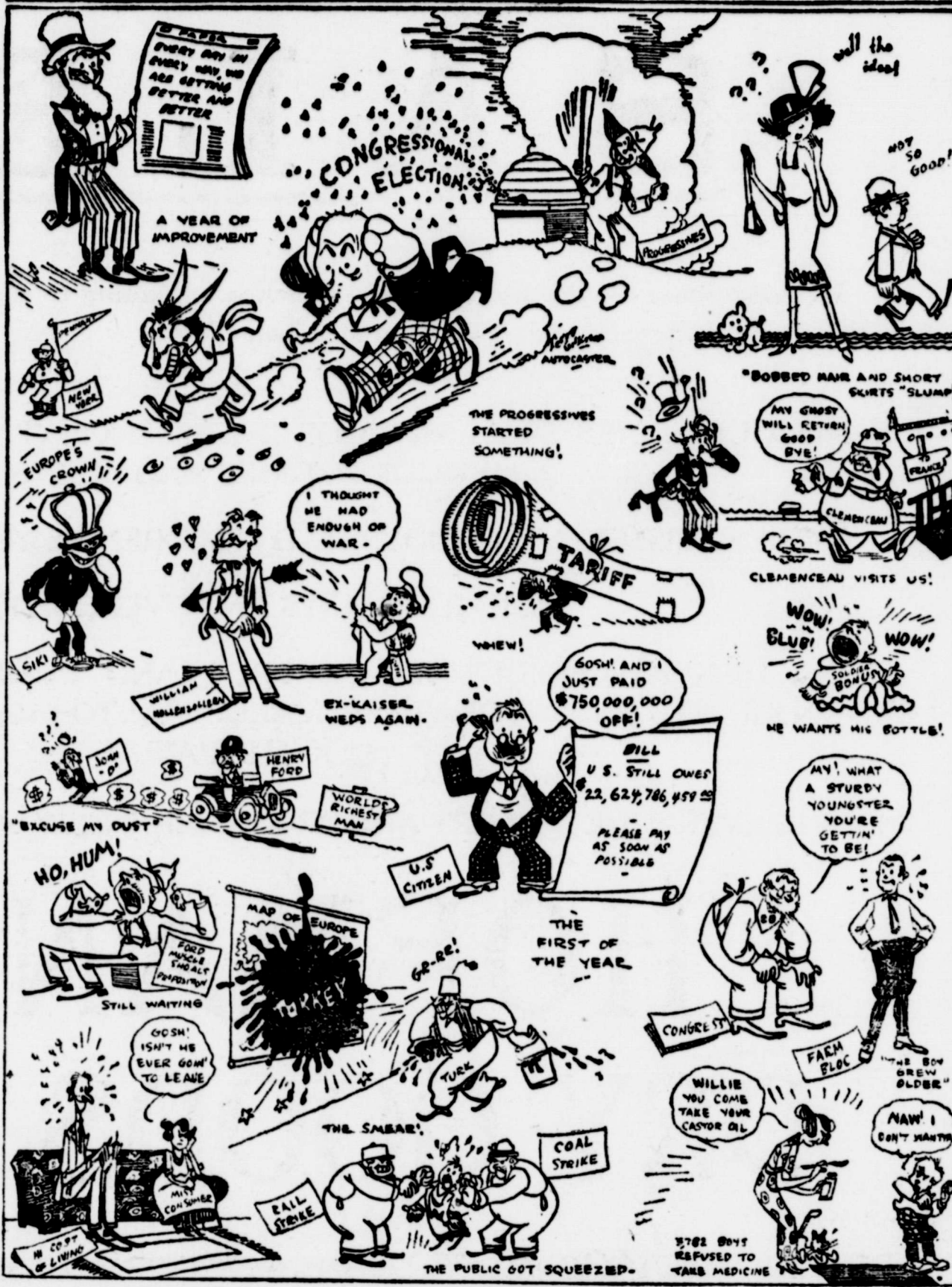
Misses Carrie, Ben and Freda Johnson, of the London community, were holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Thaxton.

Miss Sadie Lindsay, a student of C. I. A. at Denton, was in Mason for the Christmas vacation with home folks and friends.

Miss Margaret Bierschwale, who is teaching at Stephenville, returned to resume her duties in the John Tarleton College on Sunday of this week, after being in Mason for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hazard, of Red Oak, and Mr. Harry White, of Dallas, were holiday guests in the home of County Clerk and Mrs. R. E. Lee.

Cartoon Review of 1922



SUBPOENAED TO FEDERAL COURT IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

On Saturday of this week, Christian Vater, Walter Spaeth and Alvin Dannheim, of this place, will leave for Brady, and upon arriving there will be joined by a couple of citizens of that city and from there go to Memphis, Tennessee, to attend Federal Court. The local gentlemen received subpoenas several weeks ago commanding their attendance at court in the above mentioned city.

The News is not acquainted with the nature of the case, but we are informed it has something to do with an oil well which Mr. Vater drilled for some Brady parties and at the time Walter Spaeth and Alvin Dannheim were in the employ of Mr. Vater.

BETTY COMPSON A DELIGHT

Once again Lady Babbie trips lightly across our vision, this time on the silver sheet and portrayed by the delightful star Betty Compsen, in the Paramount Picture produced by Penryrhyn Stanlaws, "The Little Minister." It is a type of the fine, clean and wholesome plays that are so much to be desired. Miss Compsen's portrayal of Mr. Barrie's heroine was excellent and the support accorded by George Hackathorne, Edwin Stevens, Nigel Barrie and others, was excellent. Penryrhyn Stanlaws was the director. At the Star Theater Saturday night.

Rudolph Doell, son of Commissioner and Mrs. H. Doell, arrived home on Christmas Eve Day, after having received his discharge from the United States Navy. He states he received his discharge at Norfolk, Va., and indicated he was glad to receive it after his three years of service.

Superintendent P. A. Bennett, and family enjoyed the holidays with relatives at Brady.

J. W. WHITE DESIRES TO SECURE A LIVE HEEL FLY SPECIMEN

Mr. J. W. White, president of the Mason National Bank, is on the lookout for a live heel fly and says anyone who has one or can catch him one will confer a great favor by notifying him of the fact. Mr. White recently returned from a visit to San Antonio and states he promised the Express Publishing Company of that city he would endeavor to send them a live specimen of the heel fly.

INTEREST IN LOCAL PROPERTY SELLS FOR \$300; SHERIFF'S SALE

Edgar Kothmann's interest in one of the Geisweidt buildings amounting to one twenty-fifth of the entire buildings worth, was sold at sheriff's sale on Tuesday of this week to satisfy a judgment in favor of F. W. Tatsch. Mr. Tatsch bid the property in at \$300.

MENARD MAN REPORTED HAVING KILLED HIMSELF

The report was received in Mason the first of the week to the effect that Mr. Bud Westbrook, of Menard, ended his life on Monday evening. The report stated he shot himself, but details seem to vary.

It is announced there is no accountable reason for such an act by Mr. Westbrook. He was a man of a family, but it is said he was in no financial difficulties nor was he in bad health.

OFF TO MARLIN FOR TREATMENT

Judge S. A. McCollum left the first of the week for Marlin, where he will remain for some time for treatment for rheumatism. He was accompanied by his brother, Dr. C. L. McCollum, of this city, and his son, S. A. McCollum, Jr., of Brady.

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HOFMANN DRY GOODS COMPY. TO HAVE NEW STORE FRONT

It is announced that a contract has been let for the putting in of a new front in the Gooch Building, which is occupied by the Hofmann Dry Goods Company, and which building was recently purchased by Messrs. Wm. and R. H. Hofmann. Mr. Hofmann states the new front will be of glass and red marble and that a large double door will be placed in the center of the building with large show windows on either side of the entrance. Plans are for this work to be started at once and it is stated a little later the rear end of the building will be remodeled, thus doing away with the offset in the floor and making the entire store building more convenient.

TEACHERS WILL MEET JAN. 13TH

There will be a meeting of the Mason County Teachers' Association at the Mason High School Building on Saturday, January 13th, at 2 p. m.

All rural teachers of the County are especially requested to be present whether they are members of the Association or not.

On Christmas Day, Mrs. Loula C. Loring and family had as their guests at a sumptuous dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Runge, Mrs. Belle W. Bridges and Mr. Albert Bierschwale.

MRS. LANGE GIVES UP POSITION

It is announced Mrs. Chas. Lange, who for the past two years has had charge of the local switchboard for the Central Texas Telephone Company, gave up her position as operator on the first of the year and has since associated herself with Mrs. Millairie in the management of the Southern Hotel, of this city. We are informed Mrs. Walker has taken charge of the switch board.

SHIRLEY MASON, EVER WELCOME IS COMING

The ever-welcome Fox Star, Shirley Mason, is due at the Star Theater Friday night in "The Ragged Delfress," a picture dealing with the trials and misfortunes of a young girl who has been reared in poverty, ignorant of the fact that she is the rightful possessor of a fortune. The story as outlined, is one abounding in pathos, sprinkled with delicate humor, and progressing toward a pretty romance and the unravelling of a mystery which is hardly a mystery to the audience.

RAINFALL IN PAST YEAR WAS ALMOST DOUBLE 1921 RECORD

The statistics on the rainfall received in this section for the year 1922, which has been furnished this office by Mr. Harry Bierschwale, show a total precipitation of 24.58 inches for the year. This is almost double the amount recorded during 1921, when a total of 13.21 inches was received.

Below is given the amount in figures as shown by Mr. Bierschwale in monthly periods:

January	3.57
February	.00
March	3.56
April	9.86
May	2.45
June	1.10
July	1.19
August	1.05
September	1.32
October	.90
November	2.57
December	.02
Total	24.58

Miss Dora Garrett and Augusta Jenkins, who teach school at Wilson, were in Mason for the holidays with home-folks. They returned to Wilson on Sunday. Augusta was accompanied on her return by her little nephew, Joe Alexander who had been here visiting in the home of Mrs. F. W. Jenkins.

Miss Emma Willmann, of Austin, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Willmann during Christmas.

Miss Hilda Lemberg was here from San Antonio for Christmas, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lemberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schreiber, of Riesel, Texas, spent the holidays in Mason the guest of her mother, Mrs. Henry Plunneke, and among other relatives and friends of Mason. They left Tuesday for their home.

H. Zork was here a few days recently on business in connection with his property holdings here. He gave F. Lange the contract for putting a new roof on his store building, which was damaged by the fire of December 13th and it is announced he gave the Myers Bros. firm permission to make some changes in the front of the building.

Mrs. O. H. Ritchardson, of Austin, enjoyed a short visit in Mason with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Carter during the holidays.

Miss Mildred Smith, who is attending school in San Antonio, was at home for the holidays. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith, took her back to San Antonio on Monday of this week.

Miss Mamie H. Rancier, of Killeen, was a guest in the Moran home several days last week. She accompanied Miss Annetta Moran to Brady on Monday, where she took the train for her return home.

Miss Grace Phillips returned Monday from Brownwood where she spent the holidays with relatives and friends.

Miss Mollie Bierschwale who teaches school at Lockhart, was here for a visit with her parents and friends at Christmas time.

Mr. and Mrs. Young McCollum were here from Eden, where he is teaching school, to spend a part of the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. McCollum.

**NINETY-NINE YEARS ASSESSED
IN MURDER VERDICT AT LLANO**

Llano, Dec. 23.—Alex Bridges was convicted yesterday in District Court of the murder of Bart Cooper last October 23 and was given a 99 year penitentiary sentence. His counsel announced motion for new trial will be filed.

WILLIAM DANNHEIM

William Dannheim, one of the pioneers of this section, died at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, John Leutbecher at Doss, on Wednesday of last week. He had attained the age of 84 years, 10 months, and 20 days. Interment was made Friday afternoon, Rev. G. H. Houy officiating. Surviving him are his second wife, six children from first wife and five children from the second wife. The children are living in Mason, Blanco, and Gillespie county.

Like the other pioneers, deceased experienced the troubles and hardships of the early settlers. He was a farmer by occupation, living most of his life in the Stonewall community. In more recent years he lived in town, having retired from active farm life. He was a quiet man, a good citizen, husband and father. In 1883 his first wife died, in 1892 he was married to his surviving widow. Four children from the first wife and one child from the second wife preceded the father in death.—Fredericksburg Radio-Post.

Fresh cement and re-enforcing steel always on hand, Harry Bierschwale. 18

Norris Exquisite Box Candy at Mason Drug Company.

Fritz Guentert came up last Wednesday from San Antonio to spend a few days of the holiday season among friends and relatives of Mason.

Galvanized roofing at R. Grosse's.

Arch Surber and family were here from Kimble County visiting among relatives at Christmas time. On Thursday of last week they had their oldest child operated upon for appendicitis at the local sanitarium.

Miss Ida Winkle was at home the week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Winkle. She returned to Comanche on Sunday to resume her duties as one of the teachers in the school there.

Let your next tire be a Gate's Super-Tread. Sold by Otto Schmidt. 131f

Mrs. William Willmann returned home Saturday before Christmas from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. A. N. Howard, of Lockhart.

Dr. H. H. Taylor, Judge W. B. Dean and Gus Arhelger and son, John Wylie, composed a hunting party from San Saba that spent a few days in this section during the Christmas holidays.

She'll be delighted with a box of King's delicious candy. Cost Drug Store.

CHICKENS

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices. J. J. JOHNSON. 311-f

Miss Mackie Leslie, who is teaching at McAllen, was at home for the Christmas holidays.

Ben Evans and Jack King visited Mr. and Mrs. George Leslie at Eagle Pass during the holidays and took advantage of the opportunity while there to pay a visit to Old Mexico.

NORRIS BOX CANDY

Chocolate Nuts and Fruits.
Chocolate Covered Cherries.
Chocolate Cream Brazil Nuts.
Norris Gold Boxes.
Dates with Pecans.
MASON DRUG COMPY.

Misses Edith and Averil Bellows were in Mason during the holidays for a visit. These young ladies are teaching at Nixon this year.

Miss Louise Latham spent a short time during the holidays visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Leslie at Eagle Pass.

Lase Smart and family visited relatives in Comanche county at Christmas time.

IF YOU HAVE
Malaria, Piles, Sick Headache, Constipation, Dumb Ague, Sour Stomach, and Belching; your food does not assimilate, you have no appetite,
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will remedy these troubles

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To make room for our Spring Stock, which is beginning to come in, we will sell until closed out, the following merchandise at and below cost:

ALL OUR LADIES' SILK AND WOOL DRESSES, COAT SUITS AND COATS,
MISSES' WOOL DRESSES AND COATS.

LADIES', MISSES', MEN'S, BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S SWEATERS.

ALL MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS.

ONE HUNDRED PAIR LADIES' OXFORDS AND PUMPS IN WHITE KID,
BROWN KID AND PATENT LEATHER; VALUES UP TO \$10; YOUR CHOICE FOR
\$2.50 THE PAIR.

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

HOFMANN DRY GOODS CO.

DURST IS MEMBER STATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

H. C. Durst of Brownwood has accepted an appointment as a member of the Traffic Instrumentalities Committee of the Texas Chamber of Commerce, which was tendered him by the chairman, E. I. Jackson of San Angelo, and is preparing to attend a meeting of the committee at Austin January 16th and 17th. Mr. Durst is traffic manager for the Walker-Smith wholesale grocery company here. Other members of the committee are E. W. Thompson of Sherman and J. W. Daniels of Houston, with the chairman, Mr. Jackson, who is the city manager of San Angelo.

The newly organized committee of the Texas Chamber of Commerce will devote its attention to the traffic problems of the state, in an effort to secure fair rates and adequate transportation facilities for the big shippers of the State. The committee will have the backing of the Texas Chamber of Commerce which includes in its membership all the principal wholesalers and other large shippers of the State.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Edison Phonographs (all kinds) on easy terms at Mason Drug Compy. 36

Robert Keller and family were over from Brady for a couple days' visit in the T. A. Saunders home at Christmas time.

Little Miss Ruth Saunders and Henry Saunders, Jr., were hostess and host to a merry crowd of children one day last week at a party.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White, Miss Elizabeth, J. W. Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Tom White, and Mr. and Mrs. Seth L. Baze enjoyed a pleasant visit to San Antonio between Christmas and New Year.

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POSTED NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that all land owned by me is posted according to law against hunting, trapping and trespassing of any kind. Violators of this notice will be prosecuted. 35-2mc
LOUIS G. ECKERT.

POSTED

There is to be no hunting, trapping or trespassing of any kind in our pastures. HENRY JORDAN ARTHUR JORDAN 36-4mp JAMES STENGEL

POSTED

I hereby warn the public against hunting, with dog, gun or traps, in any of the pastures owned or controlled by me. 35-3m
D. A. JORDAN.

POSTED

All lands owned or controlled by the undersigned are posted and parties trespassing therein with dog, gun or traps will be prosecuted.

S. B. CAPPS, J. S. CAPPS, J. W. BROOKS, A. O. DRAPER, O. C. WISEMANN, H. R. EAKER, ROBT. PRIESS, W. R. CAPPS. 37-2mp

POSTED

No trapping, or hunting of any kind will be permitted on any of the land owned or controlled by the undersigned. 35-2mp
E. & H. ZESCH.

POSTED

All lands owned and controlled by the undersigned are posted against hunting and trapping, or otherwise trespassing.

EMIL HOERSTER. 39-4tp ALBERT KOTHMANN.

Galvanized Roofing at R. Grosse's.

August Metzger and family enjoyed a short visit in San Antonio during Christmas.

Take in the picture show at the Star Opera House each Friday and Saturday night. Show starts at 7:15 o'clock.

I am always in the market for fat hogs and chickens. Get my prices. J. J. Johnson. 31-f.

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All ads placed in this paper, will be run until ordered out.

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FOR THE FORTY-SIXTH TIME

The Mason County News extends to its readers and patrons Best Wishes for the New Year

Uncle John's Josh

IT WAS NEW YEAR'S "DAZE" FOR SOME FOLKS!



Lazy Larry

A New Year's vow I will take now, That will do away with a lot of fuss.

Language refined Will henceforth be mine, It takes so darned much work to cuss.

The Brute

She—Aw, let's kiss and make up.
He—You're made up enough.

It's Only Fair

She—"How dare you kiss me."
He—"Oh well, if that's the way you feel about it—get off my lap."

Izzy Inquisitive

At the busiest hour he pauses to ask—

What two countries took part in the Spanish-American war?

How long did the seven year war last?

What was George Washington's first name?

How old was Methuselah on his one hundredth birthday?

What's the price of a 10c sandwich?

Where is New York bay?

Have you an Izzy in your home? Tell us what he asks.

L'L GEE GEE, THE OFFICE VAMP, SEZ:

Politicians are worried about rumors of a third party—so are some wives.

They sat upon a rustic seat, Beneath a leafy bower;

He pressed her to his manly breast, When knighthood was in flower.

They journeyed down the centuries; To the flapper age of now;

She steered him to the kitchen, And made him cook the chow.

—Q. M.

So Are We

I'm tired of eating And drinking and sleep, Of crowds one is meeting, Of dates one must keep. I'm tired of poet Ry, poverty, pelf, And, if you must know it I'm tired of myself.

Experienced

"Yas sah, Judge, I wantta to getta divorcee."

"You do, eh? Well, Rufus, I suppose that you want to be free to marry again."

"Nosah. I just wantta be free."

Fill 'er Up, Bill

"Brick" Stilwell writes in to say that life is getting to be just one darn oil station after another.

Society

Petting parties have been definitely transferred from the flivver to the davenport.

His Royalty

Teacher—Who married Princess Mary.

Bright Boy—Doug.

Philosophy Applied

Motuer—Bobby, if you ask me again for any candy I'll spank you.

Bobby—"What was that you told me yesterday about if at first you don't succeed try, try again?"

Sundodger's Talk

Miss Kit—All she thinks of is clothes

Miss Kat—She's a thoughtless creature.

Last Sunday night, the last night of the old year, is an occasion long to be remembered in Mason. Much celebrating was done. Bells were rung and dynamite was set off, but the young folks of the town are to be congratulated upon good behavior. It was the first time in many a year that the town was not turned upside down. On this occasion no sign of devilment was in evidence on the morning of New Year's Day.

*M*C*N*

Better make some New Year's resolutions, even if you later break them, rather than not make an effort to turn a new leaf.

*M*C*N*

Old 1922 was not a bad chap at all. If we reflect back we can recall many things that occurred during the year which benefitted our town and its citizenship.

*M*C*N*

MASON COUNTY COTTON

The cotton production of Mason County in 1922 amounted to 4285 bales as compared with something like 1700 bales for the county in 1921.

Buy her a box of Norris Chocolate Brazil Nuts at Mason Drug Comp'y.

The road bond election in Road District No. 1 of McCulloch County failed to carry by the necessary two-thirds majority by thirty-eight votes. The election proposed the issuing of \$450,000 worth of bonds and was held on December 28th.

The local school resumed studies on Tuesday, after having been turned out for the holidays. Practically all schools of the county were also resumed at that time.

CHICKENS

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices.

J. J. JOHNSON.

George Grandstaff happened to a painful accident Monday night when trying to make a steep hill in a truck. The truck was not working well and Mr. Grandstaff was "scotching" while another man was driving. In some way his hand was caught between the wheel and "scotch" and bruised and mangled. One finger was so badly hurt that it may be necessary to amputate it.—Mercury Messenger, December 21st.

TWPEWRITER RIBBONS

For almost every make of machine at the News Office.

Richard Lloyd Jones tells The Foreign Press How Best To Serve

New York is a crowded town. Her subways and elevated railroads in the jam hours of the day are literally packed sardine-tight with human freight. But with all, this congestion of millions of people upon a little island, it is the easiest town in the world to locate your whereabouts without the aid of a compass or a guide. It is eleven blocks wide and her cross streets are numbered. New York is just a great checker board. If you can talk the American tongue, any policeman will help you find yourself if you are lost.

The other day a pathetic story went the rounds of the press of a Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gallo, of Fairfax, S. D., who had lived 18 years in mid-America and were returning to the mid-Europe whence they came. On their way to the dock to board the boat which was to start them back to Czecho-Slovakia they became separated when a door of a subway train closed between them.

Eighteen years in South Dakota and this un-Americanized woman was without enough language to find her way back to the dock. Under the strain of fear and helplessness, she died in the Bellevue Hospital.

For 18 years these strangers had lived in our land with no love or thought of America except as a good thing to be used by them that they could return to their foreign home with the gain they got here.

We think of America as the great, well educated

country. We have the best school system in all the world, yet we stand ninth among the nations of the world in literacy.

There are five millions of illiterates in the United States over ten years of age. The war intelligence tests disclosed the startling fact that 20% of our population cannot use the English language so as to understand the written word or to express themselves. 68% of the illiterates in our cities are foreign born. The foreign press keeps the foreigner foreign.

The foreign language press in this country has defended itself on the ground that only by talking a foreign language could we teach the foreigner American ideas and ideals. It has defended itself on the ground that it was the melting pot that educated the foreigner into the American. But the records prove conclusively that it has not taught American ideas or American ideals and it has not made these ideals safe in the hands of men and women who think only in a foreign tongue; who live 18 years in the heart of our country for no end but to suck its wealth that they may go back to a foreign home to spend that wealth. The foreign language paper is the most un-American institution tolerated by the most generous and the most tolerant of people.

If their professions be true, the best patriotic service that any foreign language newspaper can render to the United States is to go out of business.

Poem by UNCLE JOHN

Though she's fickle and contrary, there's a charm in Janooary, to the feller that's accustomed to her curves. . . . With her north wind skallyhootin' and her temperature pirootin' in among a feller's sensory nerves! And, when she fights a duel with the little jag-o-fuel, that's waitin' out-o'-doors to keep ye warm,—O, it takes a cheerful giver, and an optimistic liver, to demonstrate old Janooary's charm. . . .

But—when the neighbors gather in def'n' of the weather—to taste the joys of settin' by the fire, there's an institute of learnin' where the home-fires is a-burnin'—where patriotism is parent of desire! Then we find in Janooary, not a bandit gaunt an' 'leary, but a bosom friend beneath the wintry vest. . . . Where we find congenial labor, swappin' ideas with our neighbor, and adoptin' the conclusion which is best. . . .

While her breath is mighty searchin' where the naked trees is lurchin' and there aint no hint of mercy in her grip,—yet the maple-sap flows sweeter, and the spring shall dawn completer, at the final crack of Janooary's whip. . . . Then, rally all ye merry, to the call of Janooary, —Awake, an' taste the real joys of life,—No season more entrancin' with fiddlin' an' dancin' —Brace up, an' get acquainted with yer wife!

Yr. cumm' Uncle John.

HOMEY PHILOSOPHY for 1922

MARY stopped milking the cow to tell the hired man she had found a real friend in her girl chum who has all the good things in life. "I used to think she was awful mean," said Mary, "but she's the kindest creature in the world. When she bought four diamond rings and had three others given to her it seemed to me she might have given one to me. We went to the red school together. But she learned not to give, and I learned to be envious. Then I went to school again among the daisies and along the hedgerows and they taught me truth. My friend had let me see those rings and enjoy their beauty and that's all she got out of them herself. She kept from me the worry of guarding them.

From Our Early Files

From Mason News, Jan. 7, 1898:
Sim Henry, of Katemcy, accidentally shot himself in the leg Christmas with a six-shooter.
Marriage License—Albert Graham and Miss Mary Williams, Willie Allison and Miss Annie Tucker, J. E. Pate and Miss Laura Wagoner, H. C. Yoe and Miss Pearl Latham, J. W. Essery and Miss Effie V. Jones, Louis Christillis and Miss Olga Reichenau.
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kidd, a boy, on the 2nd.
Mrs. Martin Moran died Tuesday, December 28th.
Charlie Bernhard had two fingers cut off at the first joint a few days ago while oiling the gin.
Mr. B. Felix Stewart died on the 4th at his home six miles from town.
A horse fell with Will Sands Thursday at White's ranch and broke his collar bone.

Conrad Schuessler, Jr. was married Sunday to Miss Anna Holtzer at Castell Fred Behrens and Miss Carter were married at Voca a few days ago.
T. M. Payne has purchased the John T. Wilson farm for \$1500, putting in his town property at \$900.

From Mason News, Jan. 3, 1908:
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Thames, a girl, December 26th.
F. C. Beyer and family, of Marion, were here to spend the holidays with the family of Wilson Hey.
E. J. Lemburg happened to a distressing accident Tuesday evening while playing Santa Claus for his children. His clothing caught fire and he was severely burned about the neck and hands.
Marriage License—Mr. Bate Gentry and Miss Jane Stewart; Mr. Dave Starks and Miss Mattie Searcy; Mr.

Vince Holt and Miss Myrtle Wright. Mr. Arthur Baumann and Miss Clara Fickling were married on December 18th.
Max Loeffler left Thursday for Corpus Christi where a position in a drug store awaits him.
D. E. Amerine has purchased the 100 acre farm of Harve Stone beyond Mason Mountain for \$1350.
Mrs. Bertha Todd spent Christmas in Llano, visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. G. Bogusch.

Make it a box of King's chocolates. Owl Drug Store. 28-12.

It is rumored that Mason County will now build a turntable at the end of the Mason road leading to Brady, so that all travelers coming out of Mason may turn around and go back when they come to the McCulloch County line.—Brady Standard.

Victrola Photographs on easy terms at Mason Drug Company. 36.

The contract for Brady's new \$50,000 hotel building is to be let on January 9th, according to the Brady Standard.

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WALKER-LEIFESTE

A quiet home wedding was solemnized Sunday afternoon, December 24th, at 3 o'clock, when Miss Florence Ida Leifeste, daughter of Mrs. Mathilda Leifeste, of Castell, became the bride of Mr. Thurman R. Walker, of Adamsville, Texas. The bride's grandfather, Rev. F. A. Grote was the officiating minister, using the ring ceremony.

Only close friends of the family were present when the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March was played by Miss Alice Leifeste, sister of the bride, whereupon the bridal couple entered. Mrs. A. G. Koenig, of Denton, an aunt of the bride, preceded the couple as patron of honor. Soft music was continued throughout.

The altar was beautifully decorated in an archway of vines and white roses, with pot plants placed at the foot of the arch.

The bride wore a pretty navy blue charmuse dress, beaded in black, with a picture hat and accessories to match. She carried a bouquet of white Carnations and ferns.

The groom wore a navy blue serge suit.

Following the ceremony the guests were welcomed to the wedding dinner at which the bride cut the wedding cake.

Miss Leifeste is an accomplished young lady, having attended C. I. A. two years, and later the University of Texas. She has been teaching the last three years.

Mr. Walker is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Walker, of Adamsville, Texas. He is one of the most famous young ranchmen of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker will be at home in Adamsville, Texas, after December 25th.

—Contributed.

ED REYNOLDS MARRIED GIRL IN TULSA, OKLA., DECEMBER 26

The many local friends of Ed Reynolds, son of the local postmistress, Mrs. Jennie Reynolds, will learn with interest of his marriage to Miss Opal Forrer, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, which was solemnized on the 26th of December.

Ed is a Mason boy who has made good and for a number of years has been in the employ of the Texas Oil and Refining Company, having been stationed at Port Arthur for several years and later moved to Tulsa, where he remained in their services for a couple years. It is announced he is still connected with the same company, but has been promoted and assigned to a post at Casper, Wyoming, and left immediately after his marriage for his new location.

The News is pleased to extend to Mr. Reynolds and bride congratulations and best wishes.

Typewriter ribbons, 80c. News Office.

Mrs. Askew Surprised by Missionary Ladies

One of the very delightful parties of the week was given Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. H. Scott, honoring Mrs. F. V. Askew, who with Mr. Askew and little son, John Rowland, leave today for Claremore, Oklahoma to make their home.

The guests were limited to the members of the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, of which Mrs. Askew has long been an active member, about thirty-five ladies being present.

The time was passed informally, the feature of the afternoon being the "auctioning off" of innumerable boxes and packages, the contents of each proving to be just a little more amusing and surprising than the one preceding. Quite the most interesting one fell to the lot of the honoree, and contained a "shower" of dainty handkerchiefs, the gifts of the assembled company. A lovely ivory rattle was "bid in" for little John Rowland. The "auction" was in charge of Mrs. Joe Mauldin, who very cleverly filled the important role.

Following the auction on behalf of the cradle roll of the church, little John Rowland was presented with a silver cup, from the members of the cradle roll. Mrs. J. I. Snowden, president of this organization of the church, making the presentation speech.

A dainty salad course was served, Mrs. Scott being assisted by Mrs. Joe Cobb and Mrs. T. E. Peters.—Shawnee paper.

Marriage Ceremony Surprises Friends

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Thacker, life long friends of the family of both bride and bridegroom, last night at 8:15 o'clock, Bernice, youngest daughter of Mrs. J. M. Puryear of Georgetown, became the bride of H. A. Lea.

The home was attractively decorated for the occasion with quantities of cut flowers, pink roses sounding the predominant note.

Rev. E. R. Barcus read the solemn marriage lines in the presence of only the immediate families of the bride and bridegroom and later a buffet supper was served.

For the ceremony Mrs. Lea wore a becoming gown of brown Canton crepe with touches of bronze and dull gold in the embroidered motif which was its chief decoration. Hat and shoes were of brown and a bridal touch was added by the shower of white roses and lilies of the valley, which a woman is privileged to carry but once in her life. Mr. and Mrs. Lea will make their home in Austin. Mr. Lea holds a responsible position with the Austin National bank, where he has been employed for several years. He is the son of the late Dr. Lea of Bastrop and an overseas veteran. Mrs. Lea has made her home in Austin for some years and has many friends here. She moved to Georgetown from Castell when a child and was educated in the public school and in Southwestern University.—Austin American Dec. 16th.

Christian Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid society of the local Christian Church will meet on Friday afternoon of this week at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Chas. Bierschwale.

The following list of Bible questions are to be studied:

- (Scripture Reading: Genesis 1 to 7.)
- When did God create the world?
- What was the condition of the earth in the beginning?
- What was God's first spoken word?
- What was the first thing God created?
- What was the division of the first day?
- What kind of a light was created first?
- On what day was the firmament created, and where located?
- What did God call the firmament?
- What was created on the third day? Describe fully.
- What were the lights in the firmament called?
- When were the great whales and winged fowls created?
- When were the land animals created?
- When was the word "us" used for the first time?
- When was man created, and over what should he preside?
- When was the expression "very good" first used?
- What did God do on the seventh day?
- How was the earth first watered?
- Where was the garden of Eden, and what did it contain?
- How was the garden of Eden watered?
- What land did God say that gold could be found?
- On what tree was "the man" forbidden to eat?
- Out of what substance was man formed?
- How was woman formed? Describe her creation.
- Out of what were the beasts and fowls formed? Who named them?
- Who named Eve, and what was she first called?

Celebrates 16th Birthday

Elmer Rader, son of Rev. and Mrs. Roy G. Rader, celebrated the anniversary of his 16th birthday, as well as New Years Day on Monday of this week. His parents gave him a party as a complete surprise on Monday night and had a number of friends present to help him celebrate the occasion. The evening was enjoyed delightfully by some twelve guests.

Mrs. White's Niece Married

Mrs. J. W. White recently received an announcement which informed her of the recent marriage of her niece, Miss Iris Bridges, of Foraker, Oklahoma, to Mr. C. W. Horstmeier.

Miss Bridges is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bridges, he being a brother to Mrs. White, and a number of years ago, was a resident of this city. His many local friends and acquaintances will learn of the above item with interest.

Woman's Missionary Society

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Tom White Tuesday afternoon, January 9th.

Program will begin promptly at 3 o'clock.

- Subject—"Jesus, The Shepherd".
- Leader—Rev. Roy G. Rader.
- Song.
- Prayer.
- Roll Call—My Missionary Resolutions for 1923.
- Bible Lesson—John 10:1-17.
- A Creed for the New Year—Mrs. Otto Schmidt.
- "Her Pearls"—Mrs. James Brown.
- "The New Year", a poem—Mrs. Wm. Splittgerber.
- Annual Report—Mrs. Robert Lee.
- Music.
- Installation of officers.
- Announcement of Committees.
- Closing song.

The following young people enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon at Spy Rock last Monday: Misses Louise, Marie and Lydia Heinrich, Ella Mae Probst, Etta Marie Kooek; Messrs. Robt. Jerozewski, Max Heinrich, August Vater, Alford Lange, Edgar Eckert, William Kooek.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Coleman, of San Antonio, spent Christmas in Mason, the guests of Mrs. Coleman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Smith returned with them to San Antonio and spent several days last week.

Attorney Carl Runge left Tuesday for Oklahoma on business in Federal Court, where he will represent some Llano County stockmen in a case in which the Llano parties seek judgment against some concern. The case has something to do with the shipment of cattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schmidt and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Murray spent last Sunday visiting the family of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Todd at Llano.

Miss Cora Durst, who was called home from Dallas recently at the death of her sister, returned to Dallas on Thursday of last week.

Will Behrens and family, of Brady, were over to spend a short visit with relatives and friends at Christmas time.

Mrs. Bruce Tarver and baby were here from Kerrville for a visit in the Louis Schmidt home at Christmas time.

Miss Laura Schmidt was here from San Antonio for a short visit with parents and Mason friends during the holidays.

Max Heinrich was a holiday guest in the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. Heinrich.

Prof. Ira Newfield returned to Mason Sunday from Dallas, where he spent the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gratton Crosby and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Crosby, of Schleicher County, were guests of relatives and friends in Mason during the holidays.

Mrs. Max Martin and daughters, Misses Esther and Ruth, returned to San Antonio last week, after being here to spend Christmas with Mr. Martin.

CHURCH NOTICES

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

Sunday, January 7th—Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m.
No service at night.
ROY G. RADER, P. C.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. L. M. Wood, of Brady, is conducting a meeting this week. Rev. P. W. Davidson, of Santa Anna, is doing most of the preaching.
The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend and co-operate in this meeting.

GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.—Harry Pluenneke, Supt.
Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. (except 4th Sunday at 11 a. m.)
Prayer Meeting every Tuesday night at 7 p. m.
English services on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays at night.
REV. J. W. A WITT, Pastor.

JANUARY, CENTENARY PAY UP MONTH

This is to kindly call attention to the fact that the last payment on all Centenary subscriptions falls due this January. We hope that all who subscribed to this great movement will do their best to pay up. Quite a number of people owe only for one year, while some owe for two years or more. Our local collecting campaign will be carried on from January 7th to 14th. If it is convenient, please call at the Mason Grocery Company. If you will, it will save the committee having to call on you. We feel that all our people want to meet this obligation and that you will appreciate our calling attention to the matter.
ROY G. RADER, Pastor.
B. P. JORDAN, Treas.

Tom Nix and family, of Lohn, were here for a few days' visit among relatives and friends at Christmas time.

Miss Esther Christillis had a most pleasant visit with relatives at Lampasas during her Christmas vacation.

Dr. Wm. Thaxton, of Fort Worth, was a guest of home folks and Mason friends during the holidays.

Miss Lillie Eckert, who is attending school in Dallas, was at home for her holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Todd and children were up from Llano to spend a couple days at Christmas time among relatives and friends.

Guy Green, a student of the State University, left Sunday to resume his studies after spending Christmas in Mason with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ellebracht were here from San Antonio to spend Sunday and Christmas Day with the family of Mr. and Mrs. Martin D. Loring and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Ellebracht.



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Rose Finds the Real Thief

By WILL T. AMES

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"Look here, Collard," said Mr. Emmons, "here's the way the business has gone for the past three months." He handed the younger man an abstract sheet that he had just finished compiling from the books and sat frowning thoughtfully while Collard, with lengthening countenance, took in the unpleasant information the paper contained.

"That's worse than I thought," said Collard.

"It isn't worse, though, than it's going to be all winter. I'm up against it, Joe. I'm not contented to stand the losses that even a little business like this is bound to make between now and spring. I hate like poison to do it, but I've got to let Miss Blythe go."

Collard shot a disconcerted glance at his employer. "Miss Blythe?" he exclaimed. "Why, Lane cuts a good deal more figure on your pay roll. If anyone must go I should think—"

"Man alive! Bob's been with me almost as long as you have; and the girl's comparatively a newcomer. I've got to play fair, Joe."

So it came that, with much honest regret, the worried Emmons broke to Rose Blythe the bad news that after the following Saturday the book and stationery shop would have to be conducted without the benefit of her services. "I understand, Mr. Emmons," said Rose bravely, and Emmons left her greatly relieved that she had taken the matter so coolly. But Bob Lane, returning from lunch earlier than usual, surprised the girl in the back room, fighting with clenched hands to restrain a flood of tears.

"It wouldn't be so bad," she faltered, "only mother has simply got to have things reasonably decent—she's more than half an invalid, you know—and it's just all we can do to get along now. As for getting another position, in this town and in these

times!"—Rose threw out her hands in a gesture of hopelessness.

Bob might have said: "Never mind, little girl; there's a way out; marry me and make one salary do the work of two!" He might have, that is, if he had yielded to his first impulse. Instead, he thought: "No, that would be taking a rotten advantage." And Bob wasn't the kind to take advantage. So he went straight to Emmons. "If I wasn't here you'd be keeping Miss Blythe on, wouldn't you, Mr. Emmons?" he asked point blank.

"Undoubtedly," replied his employer. "But why do you ask, Bob?"

"Because, I'm through—I'm quitting."

"Lane is back in town," remarked Collard, as he and Rose were rearranging the fiction section. "Looks like a tramp. Never saw anybody go down the line so fast. Three months and our natty Bob is a bum! Think I'd have pride enough left to stay away if I was in his place."

"But I thought he had such a fine position in Buffalo!" exclaimed Rose. "He told me he had, when he left here so suddenly. I'm sorry. I—I always liked Bob."

Something in the girl's tone brought to Collard sudden conviction of what until now had been merely uneasy suspicion—it was Bob Lane who stood in his way with Rose; it was Bob Lane who, though months absent and seemingly gone out of her life, was the underlying cause of the hesitating reluctance with which the girl accepted Collard's attentions.

"So he told you that, did he?" said Collard. "Well, now that he's had the bad taste to come back here, you'd better know the truth. Emmons fired him. You remember that college professor who disputed his bill of \$32—said he was certain he had paid it in cash? Well, it turned out—but I promised Emmons I'd keep still. He said he didn't want to ruin a young fellow's chance to change his gait. He's queer that way—he'd be hot under the collar if he knew I'd said this much. Keep it mum." Collard added as he started to meet an incoming customer.

Never until that very moment had Rose Blythe realized how much Robert

Lane—sunny, happy Bob—had meant to her. And now, along with the realization, came a storm of resentment that he should have dared to make her think him fine and clean and all that was desirable in manhood, while hiding from her, and doubtless deriding her ingenuousness, that hideous other side of him that Emmons had found out and Collard so suddenly and brutally revealed. She felt victimized and disgraced in her own eyes.

In this mood she went out to a most unsatisfactory lunch. And in this mood she was returning, when at a street corner she found herself looking squarely into the eyes of Bob Lane. He was poorly dressed, indeed, and his face was thin and haggard. There was a trace of embarrassment, too, as he put himself in her way and extended his hand; but the eyes were as frank as ever—and eager.

Rose had not thought of meeting him thus, or at all. She had planned no course of action. Suddenly she was aware that her heart had given one great wild leap; that a high anger had possessed her, and that she had ignored his hand, stepped aside and passed on without a word or a second look at him. She was shaking when she reached the bookshop.

Ten minutes afterward Mr. Emmons, also returning from lunch, looked curiously at Rose as he passed her; then he turned and asked her to come back to the desk with him.

"Miss Blythe," said Emmons bluntly, "why did you give Bob Lane such a ghastly cut just now? I was just behind you."

The bitterness of Rose's disappointment in Lane was still upon her. "You should know better than any one else, Mr. Emmons," she answered. "I cannot be friends with a thief."

Emmons's eyebrows went up. "A thief! What the deuce? There's some misunderstanding here, I guess." In five minutes he had picked it all out of her—what Collard had told her, at which he looked grimly grave; the shock it had been to her, at which he hid a whimsical smile.

"Now let me tell you something, young lady," said Emmons. "Bob Lane was not discharged. He went out of this business for a reason of his own—whether it was good or not remains to be seen. He went out at a time when it took nerve to throw up a job, and he went out practically dead broke, for he'd just finished paying for a terrible costly operation on his sister's crippled boy. He'd had a pretty rough time of it this winter, I take it, although he didn't complain. You see, I had a talk with him just after you snubbed him, and he came back here only because the sister has been very ill and begged for him to come. But the point is, he knew very well when he went that he was likely to have rough sledding."

"Bob is coming back into the store. Business is enough better to warrant it, and I told him to come in tomorrow. But now that I've had this talk with you, he isn't coming back as a junior clerk; he's going to take Collard's job. Collard's plumb right about one thing—I won't keep the thief in my employ; not even the kind of a thief who can manage to keep his fingers off his boss's money but can't bump from stealing a rival seller's good name!"

Rose was staring at her employer—her color coming and going.

Like a lightning flash had come sudden illumination. "Mr. Emmons," she trembled, "if Bob didn't have another position and wasn't discharged, why did he leave?"

"Can't you guess?" asked Emmons. "Oh, yes, yes—yes! And I believed such awful things, just because that—that he'd told them to me! What shall I say to him? What shall I do?"

"I don't know, my dear. But Bob told me he had tramped and ridden the bumpers and starved and been threatened and had an altogether wretched experience since he went away, but never went down under anything till a few minutes ago. If I were you, Rose, I'd just lift him up."

"Oh, if there's any way I can I will. I will! He has been wonderful!"

"Then dry your eyes and go back to your work," said Emmons, with his whimsical smile. "For if I know anything of life, Bob will soon show you the way."

Origin of "Blue Blood."

There are two explanations of how the term "blue-blooded," to describe a person of aristocratic descent, came into use. One is that it merely was borrowed from the Spanish, where *sangre azul* had long been used to denote the aristocracy of Castile and Aragon—persons who traced their pedigrees from ancestors who had never intermarried with the more swarthy Moors, who had at one time conquered Spain.

The other explanation is that it was founded upon the noticeable fact that families which for generations have not had to "rough it" in any way develop fair skins through which the veins show blue, whereas families who for long periods of years have had to work hard physically develop thick skins through which the blue veins cannot be seen.

Old Friends.

A woman went to market to buy a fowl. At one stall two live ones were offered for sale. They were in the care of a little country girl. The prospective purchaser asked the price of one, but the girl would not sell one without the other. Remembering that a friend had expressed a desire for a bird, the woman was induced finally to buy both. She asked the girl why she had refused to sell them separately. The girl replied simply: "If you please, ma'am, mother said as how these fowls had lived together for fifteen years, and it would be a cruel thing to separate them now."

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Kooch, of Austin, spent a couple days in Mason visiting among home folks and friends of this city at Christmas time.

F. C. Beyer enjoyed a visit from his brother, who resides at Marathon, during the holidays.

The News is informed Mr. Davis, manager of the Myers Bros. store of this city, is preparing to make some improvements in the front of the Zerk building, which the firm is occupying, by having show windows built to take the place of at least two of the three double doors.



POULTRY

GUINEAS GROWING IN FAVOR

Raising of Fowls Becoming More Profitable Because of Gamey Flavor—Market in Fall.

Guinea fowl are growing in favor as a substitute for game birds, with the result that guinea raising is becoming more profitable.

They are raised usually in small flocks on general farms, and need a large range for best results. Domesticated guinea fowls are of three varieties, Pearl, White and Lavender.



Guinea Fowls Gain Favor as Substitute for Game Birds.

ender, of which the Pearl is by far the most popular.

Guinea fowls have a tendency to mate in pairs, but one male may be mated successfully with three or four females.

Guinea hens usually begin to lay in April or May, and will lay 20 to 30 eggs before becoming broody. If not allowed to sit they will continue to lay throughout the summer, laying from 40 to 60 or more eggs.

Eggs may be removed from the nest when the guinea hen is not sitting, but two or more eggs should be left in the nest.

Ordinary hens are used commonly to hatch and rear guinea chicks, but guinea hens and turkey hens both may be employed successfully, although they are more difficult to manage.

Guineas are marketed late in the summer, when they weigh from one to one and one-half pounds at about two and one-half months of age, and also throughout the fall, when the demand is for heavier birds.

RATS ARE GREAT ANNOYANCE

Best Time to Take Precautions Against Rodents is in Building of Poultry House.

Rats are often a source of much annoyance and loss in the poultry yard. Perhaps the best time to take proper precautions is in the building of a new poultry house, through the use of cement and fine mesh wire netting under the floor and around the bottom of the side walls to make it rat proof.

The next best thing is to have the poultry house or houses erected by themselves at a little distance from the other farm buildings, and so constructed as to make it hard for the rats to find lodgment there. In this case the rats will have to travel some little distance before entering and therefore run more risk of being caught by the family dog or cat.

C. C. King and family, of Goldad, were in Mason to spend the holiday season with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Bird, of LaPryor, were in Mason for a visit with relatives and friends at Christmas time.

Miss Sarah Thaxton was at home for the holidays from Austin, where she is a student of the University.

Miss Jessie Roark, one of the local school faculty, spent her holiday vacation with home folks at Leonard.

Miss Winnie Walker returned Monday to resume her duties in the local school, after having spent the holidays in Llano.

Miss Theresa Klapproth returned Monday from her home in Midland, after having spent a most enjoyable Christmas vacation.

Miss Lois Reeves visited with friends in Temple during the holiday vacation, having returned on Monday to resume her school work here.

Miss Florence Patton returned Wednesday, after having enjoyed the Christmas holidays in San Antonio.

Mrs. W. W. Boston and children spent a portion of the holiday season visiting in Cherokee.

Edo Schlaudt and W. C. Gierisch, students of the University, were in Mason for the holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin and son were down from Meard to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Seth L. Baze is now book-keeping for the L. F. Eckert Garage, having entered upon his duties the first of the year.

Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Rode and children, of San Antonio, were holiday guests in the home of Mrs. Rode's mother, Mrs. Henry Plunneke.

Living With Her New Daddy Now

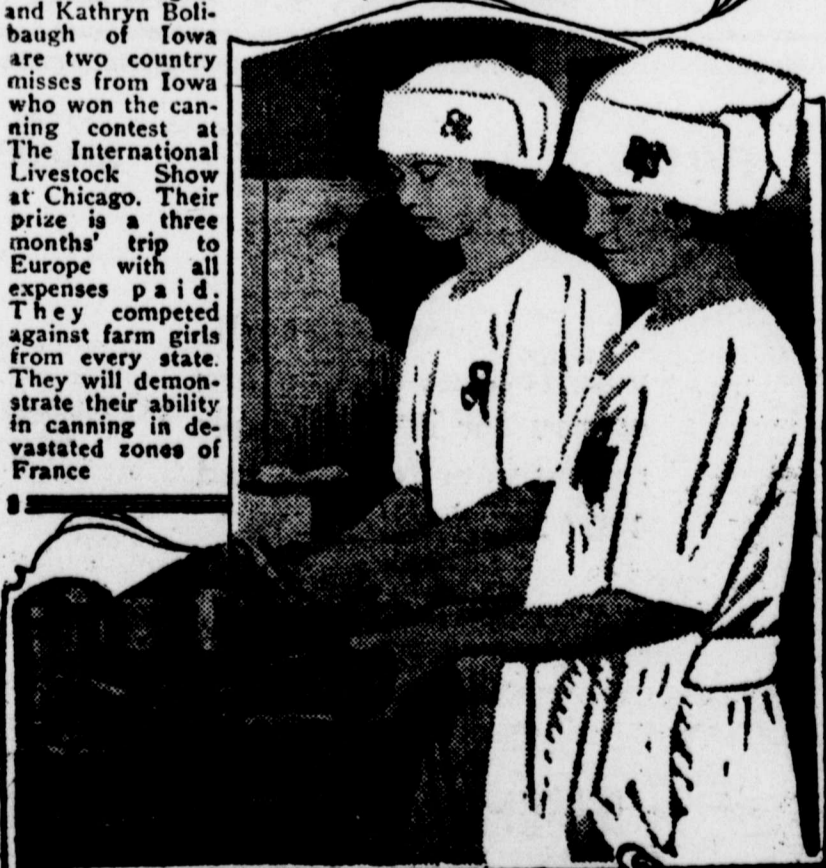
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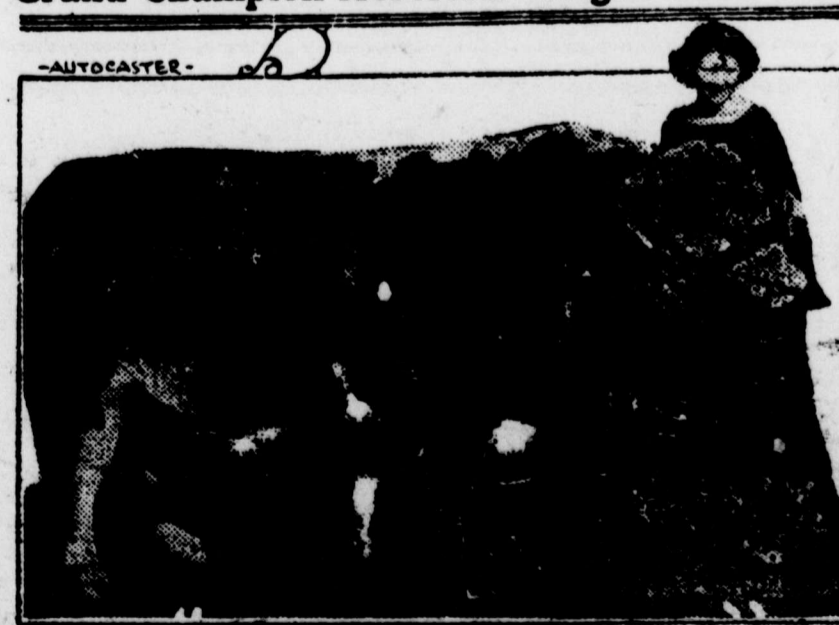
Here is Princess Henriette at play on the grounds of her new daddy's exiled retreat at Doorn, Holland. She is the youngest daughter of the former kaiser's new bride.

Iowa Girls Win Trip Abroad

Euelah Rodgers and Kathryn Boli-baugh of Iowa are two country misses from Iowa who won the canning contest at The International Livestock Show at Chicago. Their prize is a three months' trip to Europe with all expenses paid. They competed against farm girls from every state. They will demonstrate their ability in canning in devastated zones of France.



Grand Champion Hereford Weighs 3100 lbs.



Hartland Woodford, owned by Sen. J. N. Camden, of Versailles, Ky., is the Grand Champion bull of America, winning his honors at the American Royal Livestock show in Kansas City this month. He is the heaviest bull ever shown, weighing 3100 pounds.



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Buck Johnson, the Lifer

By HUBERT RAY

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"Buck" Johnson was at large. His absence from the penitentiary was discovered half an hour after the mail carrier had brought the evening mail. He had snapped his chain, climbed a fourteen-foot wall, broken through the stockade and made his getaway into the forest.

"Buck" Johnson was a lifer—a dangerous man. He stood six feet high and had a body like a barrel. He had been sent up five years before for killing another negro. He claimed the man had attacked his wife, but nobody cared anything about that; law had to be preserved. All the same, the warden always felt sorry for the pretty little mulatto woman who came periodically to see her husband. That was unusual for a negro. One would have expected her to have taken up with some one else long ago.

Perhaps it was because of the kid she sometimes brought with her. The child had been ailing of late, not expected to live, in fact, and Johnson had written a desperate, half-illiterate letter to the governor, begging to be allowed to go and see the child before it died. Of course no answer came. Who was going to trouble about a negro's letter? It was after that that Johnson became desperate. He attacked a guard in the turpentine convey, and had to be chained. Now he had gone.

Of course he had struck for his home, twelve miles across the swamps. Negroes never had any sense; they were like foxes making for their earths. Bloodhounds were quickly upon the trail.

However, Johnson had had an hour's start, and he had a fair chance of making the distance before he was caught. That he would be caught, no one doubted. There was a posse of four armed guards with the warden, and they were instructed to shoot Buck Johnson if he showed fight.

Buck Johnson made his way straight

as a bee toward his home. The country was a wilderness of pine and palmetto. Here and there were mangrove swamps, in which he sank waist high. He pushed through impenetrable undergrowth, heedless of the scratches and tears. He was caked with blood and mud, he looked hardly a human being. A desperate man, bent only on seeing his child before it died.

What remnant of decent feeling survived in Johnson's heart? How could a black man care about his child? The warden wondered as the hounds sniffed up the trail. It was hard to keep up with them, and it was not very long before the distant baying reached the fugitive.

Buck Johnson scrambled on. He looked now like a gigantic ape; all the clothing was torn away from the upper part of his body and he was panting like a bayed stag. Ever nearer came the sound of the bloodhounds.

He plunged into Big Swamp. He fought his way through an almost impenetrable bed of mud, struggling through it waist high. The warden and posse, knowing the trail he was taking, had left the hounds to follow, confident of picking him up by a circuit around the morass.

Johnson was just struggling out of the other end of the swamp when he saw the first hound dash upon the treacherous surface. Instantly it was gone. The edge of the lake gulphed it and half the pursuers. Baffled, the hounds set up a melancholy howl. As Johnson reached the far end, he saw the warden and his men, not a quarter of a mile distant, through the trees.

The echo of a shout reached him; bullets began to fly. Buck Johnson fled like a deer. His right arm dropped to his side, paralyzed. A bullet nipped his cheek. Then he had evaded the pursuers and gone crashing through the palmetto tangles. And at last, as he topped a rise, he saw the tiny home settlement in the distance, and his cabin among the negro shacks that composed it.

He went more slowly, gasping, and giddy from his wound. At the top of the rise he saw his pursuers in the valley beneath. Another volley whined about him. He ran on—on, on, on, hidden for a few moments by the elevation behind him. This was his

but. He burst inside. There sat Lily, watching the child upon the bed. She rose up with a cry and flung her arms about his neck. Buck Johnson knelt down.

"She's sleeping! The doctor says she'll live. The fever's gone!"

Buck Johnson heard that much, but he could not understand the rest of Lily's excited exclamations. He was kneeling down, staring into the child's face.

The warden stood in the doorway. Lily was waving a paper in front of him. "Listen! Listen!"

"Come, Buck!" said the warden.

Buck Johnson rose up, resigned.

"Eh, what's that?" cried the warden. "What? What? When did you get this?"

"This afternoon. See, it's a pardon! The governor's pardoned him!"

Buck heard it all vaguely. He did not understand why the rifles were grounded, why the warden was gripping his hand.

"It's all right, Buck! Come back tomorrow. Glad that's only a grace. Sorry we had to shoot him, ma'am. How's the kid? Fine! This is a big day for you, Buck! Come on, boys; leave them together. Guess black folks has their feelings, same as us!"

August Willmann, Jr., and E. W. Dechert and wife, of Georgetown, were in Mason spending the holidays with homefolks and friends.

When you think of bond papers, think of the News.

Kinney Kothmann was a pleasant caller at the News office a few days ago and left us a nice order for stationery.

CARDBOARD—BLOTTERS

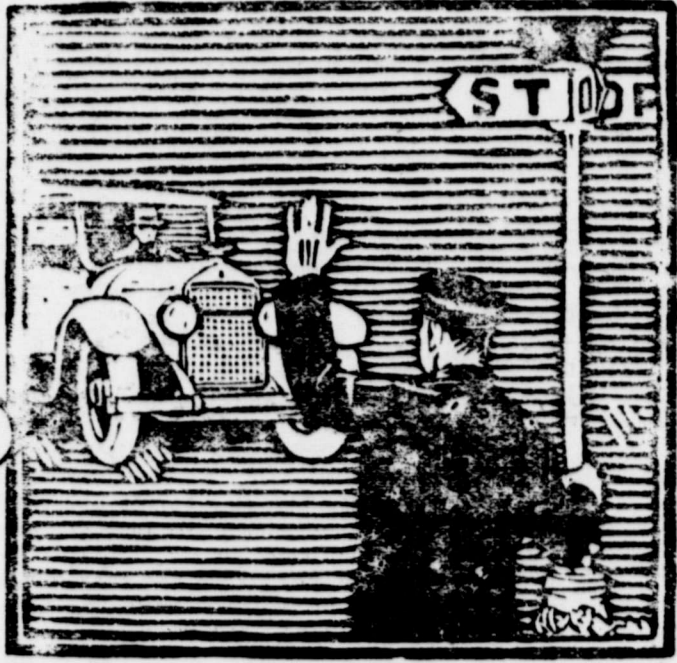
The News has a good stock of cardboard in assorted colors; also have the large white blotters.

Opal's Bad Reputation.

The opal was given its bad name by the Rabbi Benoni in the Fourteenth century, and has never quite lived it down. According to Benoni it is fatal to love and sows discord between giver and receiver. Another authority says that, given as an engagement token, it is sure to bring bad luck. Nevertheless, there is one month in the year in which it is the emblem of hope and perhaps even good fortune. October's children may receive and wear opals without any ill consequences.

A TEXAS WONDER

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. If not cured by your druggist, by mail \$1.25. Small bottle often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall 1926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo.



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DRIVE YOUR CAR INTO OUR SANITARIUM

We have mechanics who will put it in first class order.

AN INVITATION

You are cordially invited to an advance showing of the **NEW OVERLAND MODEL 91** at our show room on Saturday, January 6th.

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Just as a Lean.

Johnny, a sociable little fellow, used to pay long calls to a neighbor. His hostess kept up the time-honored custom of bestowing a cookie on him each time. One day, being occupied, she forgot to do so. Johnny was exceedingly tactful. As he prepared to depart he said, hesitatingly: "Mrs. Davis, could I please borrow a cookie?"

George Stengel and family of Menard were guests of relatives and friends in Mason during the holidays.

Uncle Eben.

"It's natural," said Uncle Eben, "foh a man to think well o' what he's doin' hisself. The party dat's playin' de fiddle hones'ly believes music drives away dull care, but de neighbors mos'ly don't agree wif him."

Must Learn From Experience.

Those who do not constantly review the lessons of their experiences for guidance are always puzzled when they come to the parting of the ways and are as likely to take the wrong road as the right one.

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Mr. and Mrs. Holmes King and child drea spent New Years with relatives near Blanco City.

An "Ardent Harmony."

In all great poets there must be an ardent harmony . . . sweetness that cannot be weak and force that will not be tough. There must be an instinct and a resolution of excellence which will allow no shortcoming or malformation of thought or word; there must also be so natural a sense of right as to make any such deformity or defect impossible, and leave upon the work done no trace of any effort to avoid or to achieve.—Switburne.

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TO THE SHARE-HOLDERS OF THE MASON NATIONAL BANK OF MASON, TEXAS:

You are hereby advised that the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Mason National Bank, will be held at the banking house in Mason on the 2nd Tuesday in January, same being on the 9th day of January, 1923, at 10:30 a. m. At this meeting directors will be elected for the ensuing year, and such other business will be transacted as will properly come before the meeting.

You are urgently requested to be present, but should you find that you will be unable to attend, kindly authorize some person to act in your stead.

Yours very truly,
39-4tc D. F. LEHMBERG, Cashier.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE FIRST STATE BANK OF MASON, TEXAS:

You are hereby advised that the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the First State Bank will be held at the banking house in Mason on the second Wednesday in January, same being the 10th day of January, 1923, at 2 o'clock p. m.

At this meeting directors will be elected for the ensuing year, and such other business will be transacted as will properly come before the meeting.

You are urgently requested to be present, but should you find you are unable to attend, kindly authorize some person to act in your stead.

Yours very truly,
39-4tc W. E. JORDAN, Cashier.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE COMMERCIAL BANK (Unincorporated)

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Commercial Bank, unincorporated, will be held at the banking house in Mason on the second Tuesday in January, same being January 9th, 1923, at 2 o'clock p. m.

All stockholders are urged to be present, but if you find you are unable to attend, you will please authorize some one else to act for you.

Respectfully,
Walter M. Martin
40-3tc Cashier.

Honey and Wax in Church Ritual.
Honey and wax were early believed to have medicinal and magical properties, and were, of course, used for sacrificial purposes. Their ritual value is apparent also in the Christian cult, for honey was formerly given to babies during baptism, and the tapers in churches today are supposed to be of pure bees' wax.

**Wright's Condensed Smoke.
Wright's Ham Pickle.
Wright's Smoke Flavor.**
At Mason Drug Company. 36

Is Ancient Salutation.
The salutation of English-speaking races of shaking hands is very ancient. It is mentioned by Homer, Aristophanes, and by Virgil. As the confirmation of a bargain it appears in II Kings 10:15. It is nevertheless practically relegated to the Anglo-Saxon races today.

Business Query.
The pawnbroker who had risen to wealth and had retired was staying at a fashionable hotel. His only worry was that he had fits of absent-mindedness. One night a conjurer came to the hotel and went through his performances. Presently he cried out: "Will any gentleman in the audience lend me \$10?" "On what?" shouted the ex-pawnbroker.

Play the Game to Win.
When you take life in the spirit of the game you remove most of the loads from the way. You can do more and enjoy it by mixing pleasure and zest with the burden. The smiles you give will tempt others to follow and in the company of congenial spirits winning the game is the natural thing. It's your game. Go in to win. All that you put in effort will come out in triumph.

Miss Ida Kothmann, R. T. N., was here from Austin during the holidays, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Kothmann.

Misses Mayme Smith and Annetta Moran, who are teaching at Brady, spent the Christmas vacation in Mason with homefolks.

Dr. C. L. McCollum returned on Saturday of last week from San Marcos, where he spent Christmas with Mrs. McCollum and two sons.

The Commercial Bank
(Unincorporated)

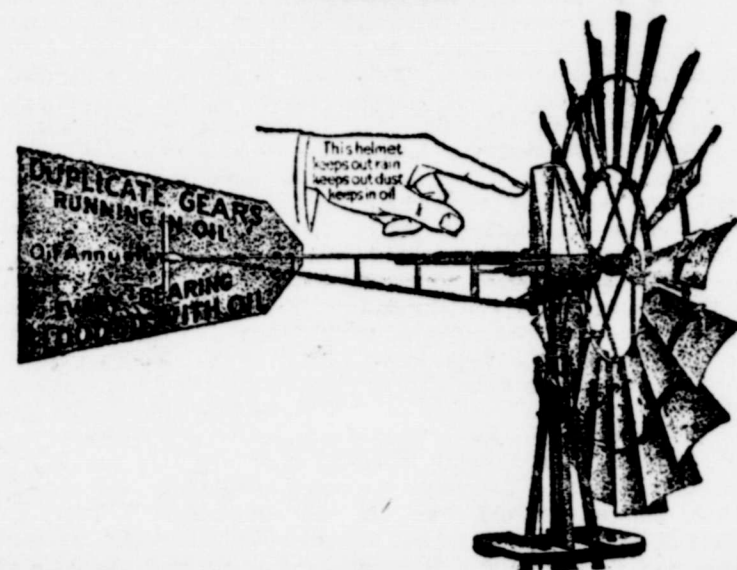
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Gates' Super-Tread Tires and Tested Tubes. Sold by Otto Schmidt. 137f

Miss Dora Kothmann, R. T. N., of Stanford, enjoyed the holiday season in this county, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kothmann, of the Castell section.

It has been a good while since we have thanked some of our subscribers for a renewal payment on subscription.

Excellent Parallel.
Our body is a well-set clock, which keeps good time; but if it is to be too much or indiscreetly tampered with, the alarm runs out before the hour.—Bishop Hall.

Lero' Eckert, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Eckert celebrated his 9th birthday on Friday of last week and was host at a party in the afternoon of the occasion.



The Way to More Winter Eggs

There are plenty of fair weather hens that lay when eggs are cheap. Then cold weather comes, egg prices are highest, and those hens stop laying. Their owners lose the best winter profits.

Get More Eggs Now!

Proper feeding is the way to more winter eggs. Feed your hens Purina Hen Chow and Chicken Chowder on a guarantee of More Eggs or Money Back. You run no risk. Ask for the Checkerboard Bag.



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Anne Gets a Change of Air

By GRACE CANFIELD

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"Do you realize," Anne's tone was tragic, as though she were recording the obsequies of her last earthly friend, "that I have never, in all the seventeen years of my life, been out of New England?" She brought from the closet a large scale map of the United States, and placed it upon her father's desk, directly under his gaze. Then seizing his bread palm, she forced him to illustrate her remarks by a comparison of relative sizes.

"Look at New England," commanded Anne, "and then look at the rest of the country. How do you expect me to be liberal minded, as you say you want me to be, when I have always been confined within the limits of five states—and little, measly ones, too," she finished in deepest scorn.

Her father protested feebly. He was too much astonished by the sudden onslaught to be able to summon his forces for an adequate defense.

"The New England states are the best in the Union," he declared loyally. "Better than all the rest put together."

"Oh, of course," cried Anne, "everyone thinks his own state better than the rest. But that needn't keep him out of the others. How am I to appreciate New England's wonders without seeing the rest of the country?" And now came her real grievance. "This place is so—provincial." It would seem, from her tone, that the one word provincial plumbed the lowest depths of undesirability.

"People are the same everywhere, my dear," came her mother's gentle voice from the other side of the room. Anne was almost reduced to tears. It was the old argument, and she had no proper reply. How could she know whether people were the same everywhere? She had never seen any except New Englanders.

"Oh, I know they aren't," she sobbed. "I'd die if I thought there were a hundred million people in the country as dull as this old town. It takes only a part of a day to get to New York, but I'd know the difference

She was careful not to mention New England in any way, or to join in conversation which might lead up to the subject. She lived in mortal fear lest someone discover that she was a native of that provincial section, and she tried in every way, in her speech, manner and air, to approximate the attitude of those about her, whom she greatly admired.

For it had turned out that her mother had two or three lifelong friends in Eastman, and they cordially welcomed the bright, pretty daughter. Indeed, after the first night, she and her mother were lodged at the home of one of the lifelong friends. They gave parties for Anne, and dances, and bacon bats, and seemed to vie with each other in seeing that she had a good time. It was the most gloriously ecstatic week that Anne had ever spent, and for seven delicious days she entirely forgot the existence of New England.

Perhaps her enjoyment was not due so much to the admiring attentions of her mother's friends, or to the gay clan of young people which received her gladly, as to the specific attentions of one Jack Peters, who was altogether the most delightful young man imaginable. He could talk nonsense in a most convincing manner, but he also could, upon occasion, converse with great gravity and seriousness. He and Anne were agreed upon the really important things in life, and they settled, in their hours of intimate conversation, many problems which had long been troubling the world at large.

With the deepest regret, Anne rose on that last morning, and realized that the time had come for her to leave Eastman—and Jack. The blush and the smile which she bestowed upon her mirror at this thought, however, might lead one to suppose that she rather expected this last leavetaking not to be a final one.

The two young people managed to get a few minutes together that afternoon, just before it was time for Anne to go. Her father and mother were already in the car.

"Good-by, Jack," whispered Anne shyly. "I like New York lots."

"Do you?" Jack's tone was a little puzzled. "But you have a soft spot in your heart for our old New England, haven't you?" he asked tenderly. Anne withdrew her hand. "Our own New England?" she stared at him a moment, aghast. Then, slowly, comprehension dawned on her.

"Jack Peters," she demanded, "what state is Eastman in?"

"Why, you sweet child, in Massachusetts, of course, where else?" Jack laughed.

OLDER THAN PASSION PLAY

Ceremonial Religious Procession That Is Interesting Reminder of Customs of Middle Ages.

Among the vivid contrasts for which Switzerland is famous are the contrasts of climate and religion. Leaving the snowy region of the northern cantons, a few hours brings one to the Gotthard tunnel, which is the gateway of the canton of Tessin, Switzerland's Midi.

This part of the country is still fervently Catholic and the population is given to quaint processions derived from miracle plays of the Middle Ages, processions which accompany the great feast days of the church.

A very clever American woman has described in the Swiss Tourist Almanac the processions that take place in Mendrisio, near Lugano, on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday of holy week. When the sun goes down the little place is lighted by quantities of old lanterns, by illuminated transparencies and arches, and by three crosses that are set up on the porch of the church. The procession marches slowly through the street, witnessed by dense crowds of villagers from neighboring places, as well as many foreigners. In the Thursday procession are seen the three Marys, in their blue robes, the four ladder carriers, who advance eight steps and retire four, the dice throwers, Roman soldiers, executioners with the two thieves, and, in the midst of all, Christ carrying the cross.

On the night of Good Friday the procession is somewhat different. There are pilgrims in red cloaks, fair-haired boys with high gold crowns, groups of nuns, groups of "verginelle" with stars in their hair, and there, on a bier, the figure of Christ, borne by four young priests, the whole performance lighted by quaintly shaped lanterns dating from long, long ago.

This colorful and touching bit of the past is far older than the Passion Play of Oberammergau.

Misses Ida Mae Lemburg and Willie Mae Grosse, students of the Normal at San Marcos, were here for the holidays with home folks and among Mason friends.

Miss Bettye Tribble returned Sunday, after having spent the holidays at her home in Calvert.

While you are reading someone else's ad let someone else...



"Look at New England."

in a minute. Why, I couldn't help noticing even the change in atmosphere outside of New England!"

Her father and mother exchanged glances over her head. Obviously, the only way to convince this rebellious daughter was to let her see for herself. Her father finally spoke.

"I don't feel that I can afford a long trip just now, daughter," he said. "But supposing I take, say, a day's ride from here, going westward, and you and your mother can stay at some town for a week. Then you can judge how different people are in the wild West."

Anne was a little resentful at the teasing, and she was not at all satisfied with the proposed compromise; still it was something, and in her heart of hearts she was forced to confess that the concession was more than she hoped for at this time.

It was, therefore, with no misgivings at all, but with much elation at the prospect of seeing even a bit of the world, that Anne set out with her family on their day's automobile trip. It was long after dark when they arrived at their destination, so Anne was unable to see the name of the railroad station past which they drove. The next day, however, she learned from the landlady of their modest boarding house that the town was called Eastman. It was on this day, too, that Anne began to see life.



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HOGS—Lost or strayed 11 head, 9 of which are marked double swallow fork on left ear and overbit each ear; 2 unmarked. Last seen about Dec. 10. Please notify H. L. Brady on the Thaxton ranch, and receive suitable reward.

FOR SALE—Used Car Bargains: One Ford sedan, two Ford Touring cars, one Ford Truck with stake body. All in good condition. Granite City Motor Co., Llano, Texas. 43tc

FOR SALE—Two bay mares, 2 and 3 years old. Apply to Aug. Willmann, Art. Texas. 43-2tp

PIANO and HARMONY—Miss Ayres Witt will give lessons in piano and harmony. If interested, inquire at parsonage of J. W. A. Witt. 43-4tp

LOST—A black leather hand bag on Brady road, about 11 miles from Brady has name of Floyd Hassell on it. Liberal reward for return to J. D. Hassell, San Angelo, Texas. 43-2tc

LOST—Black dog with yellow spots over eyes, has appearance of a Scotch Collie. Any information of the above, advise Emil Ischar. 43-2tc

GUN LOST—On James River Road near Max Martin's ranch; a 30-30 caliber winchester rifle in a leather scabbard. Please notify John T. Banks. 43tf

MULES FOR SALE—Several head. If interested, apply to Marvin Grote. 37-tfc.

DODGE FOR SALE—A used Dodge touring car, in good condition. Apply to Mrs. J. W. Gamel. 35tf

BIG DOUBLE Disc Plow for sale; also a rowbinder. Both in fine condition. If interested, see Aug. Willmann or inquire of E. F. Willmann. 39-4tp

TOWN PROPERTY For Sale—Undivided 1-2 interest in lots 8, 9 and 10 on N. W. cor. square. Fronts 112 feet and 110 feet deep. Also undivided 1-2 interest in lot 150x150 feet just north of above lots. Apply to F. A. Gerdes, Mason, Texas. 34-tfc

FRAME BUILDINGS FOR SALE—Three 20x24 practically new buildings for sale. Located at old school house. Apply to C. S. Vedder. 33-tf

L. W. Dumas, principal of the local school, spent the holidays among relatives and friends in the northern part of the State.

CARD OF THANKS

I desire to express my sincere thanks to the people of Mason and to the Volunteer Fire Company for the splendid work rendered in preventing my building from destruction by fire last month.

H. ZORK.

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