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ALL-STAR CAST FOR "CHILD THOU GAVEST ME"

When Louis B. Mayer announced that John M. Stahl's first independent unit production for Associated First National Pictures, Inc., would be of all-star calibre, he really meant all-star and proved it by a cast assemblage made up of players who are individual screen stars in their own right.

Heading the list is Lewis Stone, former Broadway star, whose performance in "The River's End," is still a subject for pleasant reminiscence. Opposite him is Barbara Castleton, the individual star of "The Branding Iron" and the screen favorite of thousands of theatre patrons. The third corner of the eternal triangle was trusted to William Desmond, and the ability which recently won him a company of his own enabled him to acquit himself splendidly in his work in this picture.

Little Richard Headrick, still famous for his part in "The Woman in His House," was again chosen by Mr. Stahl to play a prominent role in "The Child Thou Gavest Me." Although only three and a half years old, the boy is the center of attention every time he appears on the screen. He is not merely an appealing little figure, but a clever actor as well.

Adele Farrington and Winter Hall, both character leads of note, have short-lived, but vital roles, and in the balance of the cast are found Helen Howard, Mary Forbes, Mayre Hall and Aline Bletcher, each of whom adds to the production's attractiveness by their beauty and sincere portrayal. "The Child Thou Gavest Me" is from an original story by Perry N. Vekroff. John M. Stahl personally directed it, and Madge Tryone edited the picture.

O. A. HENSCH GIVES UP BANK POSITION; TO SELL INSURANCE

It is announced Mr. O. A. Hensch will give up his position in the Commercial Bank of this city, effective August 1st, that he might enter the insurance business. Mr. Hensch has been devoting partial time to soliciting insurance for some time. It is said he has accepted a district agency for the company he has been working for and this will require his full time and necessitated his giving up the position at the bank.

Mr. Hensch is a splendid young business man and, no doubt, will make a very capable manager in the insurance field.

Melchoir Beyer will fill the vacancy in the bank caused by Mr. Hensch's resignation.

ELAINE HAMMERSTEIN IN ROLE OF ACTRESS FOR PHOToplay

There is advance assurance that when Elaine Hammerstein comes to the Star Theater the attraction she will then present will give to her legion of admirers the greatest amount of satisfaction her work has ever created on the screen. "Evidence" is the title of Miss Hammerstein's new photoplay, and Niles Welch is again leading man in Miss Hammerstein's support.

"Evidence" tells a story of stage life, in its early incidents, and then takes the leading actress into the home of an aristocratic family who resent an "actress" being foisted upon them as a relative. How Miss Hammerstein, by her artistry, makes the actress impress her personality favorably upon the snobs who oppose her is declared to be the best piece of acting this favorite star has ever exemplified.

The story runs along with increasing interest until in its final moments there is a "trick finish" to baffle the plot detectives. The surprise is complete for Miss Hammerstein, as the actress-wife, finds herself in a situation that seems to be overpowering. But within a twinkling, by one speech and quick action, she turns the tables on her tormentors and emerges in triumph to greet her husband in the happiest of endings.

Miss Mary Jane Puckey returned home a few days ago from an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. D. H. Bird, of La Pryor.

Rubin Hoerster, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoerster, arrived in Mason Sunday for a visit with relatives and friends of this city.

Three Rings, Count 'Em



MASON TIGERS DROPPED BOTH GAMES AT WINTERS LAST WK.

The local baseball team dropped two games to Winters last week, both of which were played at Winters. Thursday's game went to Winters by a 10 to 4 score and Friday's game was lost by a 7 to 3 score. Green started mound duty for the locals in the first game and except for the 3rd, 4th and 5th innings held Winters scoreless, but in these three innings Winters put across 10 runs. Duncan, recently acquired southpaw from Llano, worked the last four innings without allowing a single score and was touched for but one hit. Winters used Bonds, of Abilene, on the mound, and was quite effective, allowing the locals to connect safely only four times.

In Friday's game Lively did the twirling for Mason, but it seemed he got off wrong and was hit pretty hard the first two innings, allowing Winters to gather six scores in these two stanzas. He pitched splendid ball the rest of the game, allowing one additional run during the game. Maddox, of Eden pitched for Winters, and he turned in a good game, but the locals hit him more freely than they did Bonds in the opening game, although they were unable to get more than 3 scores across the plate.

The Winters team presented the strongest bunch of hitters the Tigers have been up against this season and local fans are certain to witness splendid games on the Mason diamond between these two teams on Monday and Tuesday afternoons of next week, when the Winters team is scheduled to meet the Tigers here.

Tigers Win From S. A. Team

The Tigers won an easy victory over the United States Veteran's Bureau Vocational College, of San Antonio, when the two teams met on the Mason diamond last Saturday afternoon. The San Antonio team had a good team and but for fast fielding the locals would have made quite a few more counters. Paez was on the mound for the visitors, and he had his slow ball working good, although the locals touched him for 13 safeties, he managed to keep the hits well scattered and likewise kept down the Tiger scores. Duncan was on the slab for the Tigers and he pitched splendid ball, allowing but five hits which counted for but one run. The hitting of Keller and McCollum featured the game; each of them connected safely three times.

Otto Schmidt and family are now enjoying the pleasures of a new Chevrolet car, purchased this week by Mr. Schmidt.



REV. J. L. BRYANT, Evangelist

LOCAL METHODIST CHURCHES PLANNING FOR BIG REVIVAL

Don't miss the big revival at the Methodist Church. This promises to be the biggest meeting ever held in Mason. All three of the Methodist churches are going together in the meeting. There will be good music by a strong choir under the direction of Mrs. J. L. Bryant with Miss Agnes Witt at the piano. In addition to the choir music, there will be solos, quartets, etc.

Rev. Bryant is a forceful speaker. If you fail to hear him you will miss something. In his meeting at Corsicana, there were fifty accessions to the Church.

In his meeting at DeWier Heights, San Antonio, there were 78 who joined the Church, and at Government Hill of the same city 148 joined the Church. Dr. C. S. Wright, Presiding Elder of the San Antonio District, says of him: "We haven't a greater evangelist—absolutely safe, and always has a great revival."

Emil Lange and family, of San Antonio, are here visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lange.

CLINT BREAZEALE WILL GO TO FORT STOCKTON TO WORK

It is announced Clint Breazeale has sold his interest in the Owl Drug Store of this city to his former partners, Messrs. E. B. Kothmann and J. O. Schmidt. The deal was closed this week and Mr. Breazeale is now taking a short vacation prior to leaving in a few days for Fort Stockton to accept a position in a drug store of that city.

Clint's many friends here will regret very much to learn of his leaving Mason, but will join in wishing him well in all future undertakings.

TWO DAYS' CELEBRATION OPENS HERE TODAY UNDER AUSPICES FT. MASON POST AM. LEGION

Today and tomorrow this city will be greatly increased in population, due to the celebration which is being held by the local post of American Legion and which lasts for two days. Everything was in readiness for the occasion several days ago and the plans are to entertain an immense gathering on each of the two days.

The Mason Concert Band is to furnish music on both days of the picnic and will render concerts at the picnic grounds each evening. Other features of the celebration will be dances each night on the grounds, for which a special jazz orchestra has been secured. Ball games will be played each afternoon between Coleman and the Mason Tigers and on the second day a big free barbecued dinner with accessories will be held.

Included on the program are addresses from a number of local speakers as well as several prominent visitors.

BRADY PARTY HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING SUNDAY

Last Sunday afternoon Ernest Bell, a young man from Brady, narrowly escaped drowning while in bathing in the Llano River, near this city. John Moffett, also of Brady, and Jim Brown, of this place rescued the young man. Bell and Moffett had gone in swimming and attempted to swim across a big log when Bell gave out and was unable to swim further. Moffett immediately gave him assistance but he, too, soon became exhausted and called for help.

Mr. Brown was a little distance from the river at the time and had just gotten on his bathing suit when the call for help was heard, and luckily, too, for had he lost any time in getting to them both young men would probably have been drowned.

The two young men and Misses Mayme Smith and Mayme Doell and Mr. and Mrs. Brown went to the river in the afternoon to go bathing, but this unfortunate occurrence happened before the entire party had time to get into the water, and by the time Mr. Bell had been resuscitated much pep was taken from the crowd.

The house guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bierschwald this week are Misses Lucy King, Margarite Carlton, Lola Thompson, Martha Panel, Mary Sansing, Grace Chandler, all of Stephenville.

Ernest Henrich is now driving the ice wagon for the local plant.

BASEBALL TEAM HONORED WITH CHICKEN SUPPER FOR WINNING

Last Saturday evening the Mason Tigers were entertained at the Corner Cafe with a delicious chicken supper through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lawson. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson are two of this city's most enthusiastic base ball fans, and prior to the game between the Tigers and the Fredericksburg Giants, which was played recently in this city, they promised the local team a supper if they'd win, and they did, in more ways than one.

The entire team participated in the splendid supper and managers of the club, too.

The winning of the game from Fredericksburg put the local team in with Mason fans quite solidly and the players are unanimous in the belief they can whip the Giants again. The recent supper brought about a hearty vote of thanks from the players in behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Lawson, and a determination to "do it again, at the first opportunity".

Mr. L. F. Clark, another ardent supporter of the Tigers, has the thanks of the team and management for his generosity. Mr. Clark recently dry cleaned all of the Tiger uniforms free of charge.

WINTERS TEAM TO PLAY BALL HERE NEXT MON. AND TUESDAY

Local baseball fans will be glad to hear the strong base ball team from Winters will be in Mason to meet the Tigers in two games next week on the Mason diamond. In the estimation of the local players, the Winters club is the strongest team that we've crossed bats with this season, and for this reason fans expect to witness the best games of the season when the Winters club is in our city.

The locals will put up their strongest lineup to take the two games and it is hoped a good crowd of rooters and boosters for the team will turn out for the games.

PICNIC AND BARBECUE HELD AT HILDA BY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Last Thursday the Boys and Girls Club at Hilda had an allday picnic and barbecue. A two-year-old Brahma steer dressing over four hundred pounds was used for the barbecue.

At night the Mason Concert Band, accompanied by several members of the Commercial Club, came down. After they had enjoyed supper the band furnished plenty of music. There were several speeches made by members of the Mason Commercial Club showing why the club should be regarded as a county organization rather than for the town of Mason alone.

Seventeen applications for membership in the Mason Commercial Club were received, and several more are expected, as several prominent men of the community were unable to be present that evening.

Those making application were Hugo Schultz, Will Loeffler, Walter Brandenberger, J. H. Wiedemann, M. T. Plueneke, Ben Eckert, Sam Brandenberger, Adolph Kothmann, Jr., Ervin Brandenberger, F. H. Loeffler, Irvin Plueneke, Lee Loeffler, Elgin Plueneke, Walter Brandenberger, Adolph Kothmann, John Brandenberger.

Hilda has the reputation of being one of the most hospitable communities in the county, and it certainly lived up to its reputation on this occasion.

The sale of cold drinks and ice cream was in the hands of the Sunday school and the profit was used to help defray the expenses of the barbecue.

In the afternoon there was a baseball game between Art and Hilda, Art winning by the score of 7 to 4.

Paul Houpt, who is employed in the Frank Clark Tailor Shop as custom tailor, left last week for Cuba. Mr. Houpt is a native of Germany, but is desirous of taking out citizenship papers in this country, but upon making application learned he was not eligible for citizenship because upon coming to America, he entered through Mexico and for this reason he went to Cuba and will return shortly and again make application for naturalization papers with the U. S. Government.

HOME SWEET HOME

Oscar Believes in Safety First

— by Terry Gillison

AUTOCASTER

Panel 1: Oscar is in a room, looking at a picture on the wall. A speech bubble says "TRA-LA LA-LA LA-LA!".

Panel 2: Oscar is talking to a woman. He says, "OSCAR, WHAT ARE YOU CUTTING OUT OF THE PAPER?"

Panel 3: Oscar is talking to a woman. He says, "OH, JUST A STORY ABOUT A MAN WHO GOT A DIVORCE BECAUSE HIS WIFE WENT THROUGH HIS POCKETS."

Panel 4: Oscar is talking to a woman. He says, "H-MM! WELL WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH IT?"

Panel 5: Oscar is talking to a woman. He says, "WHY- PUT IT IN MY POCKET!"

Panel 6: Oscar is talking to a woman. A speech bubble says "FUTILE TASKS". Below it, a small box says "WILL YOU TELL ME WHAT NUMBER TO ASK FOR IN ORDER TO GET REESMAN 100-7?"

RANCH HOME OF W. H. ROBERTS DESTROYED BY FIRE TUESDAY

The ranch home of W. H. Roberts was totally destroyed by fire at noon on last Tuesday, and very little of the household goods were saved.

Sam Roberts and wife were living at the place at the time. Mrs. Roberts had placed a fire in the kitchen stove about eleven o'clock and by twelve the entire place was in ashes. The fire started from a bad fire, and the roof of the kitchen was in flames before Mrs. Roberts discovered it, she being alone at the time, as Sam was off look-

ing after cattle. She telephoned to town for assistance, and fortunately two neighbors happened to be passing just at the time, and assisted Mrs. Roberts in getting out two trunks, their bedding, and a portion of their clothing. The remainder of the contents being lost.

It was a fire which did quick work, and little time was allowed for removing the household effects.

Sam did not know anything about the accident until he rode up home late that afternoon, and found the place in ashes.—Llano News.

RADIO AND WORLD ENLIGHTENMENT

"Since Gutenberg devised his rude wooden type blocks and made printing possible nearly five centuries ago, there has been no single invention so closely touching human interest and human welfare as radio, the latest miracle of the ages," says James G. Harbord, president of the Radio Corporation of America.

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MASON TEXAS

RICHARD LLOYD JONES SAYS

Exercise Your Imagination

A good many men before Watt observed the steam-laden kettle vibrate on the fire. But it took a man with Watt's imagination to recognize that in that kettle was a power which might be harnessed into service.

Others saw the steam engine working, but it took the imagination of a Fulton to believe that paddles propelled by this power could drive a boat ahead and not merely splash the wash. The bromides of Spain laughed at Columbus who had imagination enough to believe that the world was round.

Since man was, he had observed lightning with only wondering awe or fear, until Ben Franklin let his imagination fly with a kite in the storm and the possibilities of electricity were introduced to the world. The telegraph and the telephone that day started on their journey to us.

Scheele observed the chance of color on skins exposed to the sun. His imagination brought to us the sun-bathing scheme of duplicating drawings. To this Daguerre lent his imagination, and photography came.

McCormick was laughed at because he imagined that a horse might operate a sickle that could do the work of several men with scythes.

An accident on the Boston and Maine Railroad, costing many lives, called the attention of a man by the name of Westinghouse to the inadequacy of hand power brakes. He put his imagination to work on the power of compressed air. "Foolish," said the wise ones who always know it all, "such a soft cushion can never stop a train." But his air brake made high speed travel safe.

The man who would build a palace of stone must first build with thought. Imagination is the ability to build in the mind. It is the architect, blue print, pile-driver and electric crane of the future. It foresees, plans, carves, builds. No man can be great who does not use his imagination. But wisdom must always go with imagination.

Exercise the imagination. It will some day bring Mars, Venus and Saturn to us and make this little Earth "the frontyard of the universe." He who neglects his imagination allows the key to success to rust.

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Etiquette

What & When to do it

By A. Leda

Any questions on etiquette will be gladly answered in this column if addressed to Aleda, care of this newspaper.

Dear Aleda—What is the best way to announce an engagement? (2) Who does it, the bride's family or the groom's? (3) Who pays for the engraving, etc?

Miss A. L., California.

Answer—The usual way of announcing an engagement is through the papers. Using this method: First select your paper and then send the notice to the society editor. An example is: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Black announce the engagement of their daughter Jane, to Mr. John Cox, of Denver, Col. No date has been set for the wedding. It will probably take place in November. (2) The bride's family. (3) The same.

Owing to a sudden death in our family we must postpone our daughter's wedding. Will you please tell me what is the quickest and best way to go about this. The wedding was to be this September.

Mrs. R. M., Wisconsin.

Answer—Have some printed cards made. A good stationer should get them out in 24 hours. Have them word something like this and send one to each person that received an invitation:

Owing to the sudden death of Mr. Raymond Brown's father, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brown beg to recall the invitation issued for their daughter's wedding reception.

Poems by Uncle John

I like to be modest, regardless of shine—
I never was vain of my rep. . . . I don't like to brag on productions of mine, no matter how potent their pep. . . . And so, I'm discrete when I happen to write the news of a social affair—an' I keep my identity clean out of sight, by signin' it, "One Who Was There."

I'm often invited to furnish the muse, when festal occasions demand. . . . I can allers dig up some selections to use, that ain't been messed over, or canned. . . . An' I titter with mirth, jes' to see 'em in print, and it makes all the frequenters glad, as they read in the paper the pertinent hint, that "Dainty refreshments was had."

I like to record it, when Cupid's success brings on the connubial attack—and I don't overlook, that the bride wore a dress, and the groom "The conventional black!" I'll say it's a wonder—the language we got, to mighty nigh curdle the blood—when we write of a victim which somebody shot, that "He fell with a sickenin' thud!"

HELPFUL HEALTH HINTS

Prickly Heat.—A good talcum powder frequently applied does much to eliminate this annoying skin disease. When a case of prickly heat is severe the skin should be bathed with a mixture of one part alcohol to three of water, afterwards dusting with talcum powder.

Fruit Before Breakfast.—An orange eaten half an hour before breakfast is a splendid aid to the digestive system.

Hiccoughs.—Taking small regular swallows of water from a glass without taking a breath will usually stop hiccoughs. If this fails try giving the patient a teaspoonful of granulated sugar and vinegar.

of the wireless, the winter storms cannot weigh it down with sleet or summer suns expand it to slackness. Its portability includes utility and recreation; it charms the car with the strains of music, it saves life and property on stormy seas, it annihilates distance and penetrates the cottage of the farmer as easily as it does the mansion of the millionaire. It is the romance and the inspiration of the world's splendid prime."

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BOX 13—LLANO PHOTO STUDIO. 51-tf.

Mrs. Willie Wehmeyer, of Gillespie county, arrived in Mason last week for a visit in the home of her parents, Mrs. Wm. Dannheim, and among other relatives and friends of this city.

When renewing your subscription to your daily or semi-weekly paper or for farm papers and magazines; hand the business to the News. We will appreciate the favor.

CHICKENS

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

J. J. JOHNSON.

Celeste Beyer left last week for Blanchard, Oklahoma, where he plans to enter the cleaning and pressing business.

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The Labor of A Watch

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Balance wheel turns or ticks 300 times each minute
Balance wheel turns 18,000 times each hour
Balance wheel turns 432,000 times each day
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Society

Celebrates Sixty-Fourth Birthday

On last Wednesday evening, July 18, the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kothmann was the scene of a happy occasion when Mrs. Kothmann gave a supper to celebrate the occasion of Mrs. Peter Jordan's 64th birthday anniversary. It was also the birthday of the little 10-year-old twins of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stengel, of Menard, and they were here in attendance.

Those present to enjoy the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Stengel and family, of Menard; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jordan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Jordan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jordan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hoerster and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Grote, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kothmann and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lehmburg and family; Miss Helen Jordan and Pete Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan were both born and reared in Mason County, and they have reared one of the largest families in the county, being held in highest esteem by all who know them.

Mrs. Jordan has been in ill health for the past two years, having been confined to her bed some six months during that period, but is now seemingly improved.

The News wishes for Mrs. Jordan continuous improvement in health, and that she might pass many more such pleasant occasions as this one.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. August Dannheim underwent an operation for appendicitis at the local sanitarium last Sunday. It is said the little fellow was in very critical condition, but is now getting along nicely.

Mrs. J. W. Gamel arrived home a few days ago from San Antonio where she visited several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Lauderdale. She also visited Mrs. Francis in Seymour while away from Mason.

Miss Ella Mae Probst attended the State Luther League Convention at Fredericksburg on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Clara Hargon, of Austin is visiting Miss Genevieve King this week.

DR. W. M. THAXTON
Veterinarian
MASON - - BRADY

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Lange, a boy, July 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cope, a boy, July 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reagor, a girl, July 17th.

Marriage License

Mr. Robert Stone and Miss Norine Adams, July 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Worlie will return to their home in Port Arthur the last of this week, following a visit in Mason among relatives and friends of a few days. Mr. Worlie reports all former Mason people now residing in Port Arthur as doing well and holding good positions.

Mrs. W. C. Lauderdale, of San Antonio, arrived in Mason Thursday for a visit in the homes of her mother, Mrs. J. W. Gamel, and her sister, Mrs. John Lindsay.

Frank Brandenberger, one of the Hilda ranchmen, was a business visitor in Mason Tuesday. He reports having as his guest the little son of his brother Dan, of San Antonio.

Misses Mollie Martin of San Antonio and Margaret Maier of Fredericksburg, are guests in the home of Mrs. Anna Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hofmann and little son, Billie, have been spending several days in San Antonio this week.

Mrs. C. H. Garrett left last Friday for Richland Springs for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. John Lindsay has as guests this week, Misses Mallie Wallace of Llano, Althea McGee of San Antonio, Effie Moore of Galveston.

John Nanny and family of Haskell, were here last week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Nanny west of Mason. Mr. Nanny reports crops in his section in splendid condition.

Mrs. Mary McSween, of Fort Worth, was here a short time this week, visiting her sister, Mrs. E. W. Schroeder. Mrs. McSween is en route home, following a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Hodges, of Junction. The Hodges family recently enjoyed a reunion at the Junction homestead at which Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder were also attendants.

Whitman's Sampler Box Candy at Mason Drug Company. 45

LEFT UNDER THE MATTRESS

Absent-Minded Bishop Had Forgotten Highly Important Part of the Wardrobe of a Gentleman.

No one, not even a bishop, can afford to be so absent-minded as Bishop C— was on the winter Saturday that he arrived at a little town in his diocese where he was to hold confirmation services the next day.

Mr. Grey, the resident minister, met him at the railway station and took him to his house for the night. The next morning at breakfast the bishop did not appear. A maidservant whom Mr. Grey sent to summon him returned and said: "Mr. Bishop says will Mr. Grey please come upstairs?"

Mr. Grey found the Bishop all dressed except his trousers; although the door had been locked, they had disappeared in the night. Further search availed nothing. The question was what should he do? The bishop was a large man; the rector was very small. It was Sunday; business houses were closed. And the town was looking forward to hearing the bishop.

Mr. Grey went to the house of a merchant, and together they went to the store. A short time later Mr. Grey returned with a garment that would enable his guest to breakfast and to attend church.

On Monday morning, when the bishop left the town, the mystery still was unsolved. But as the train was pulling out, the bishop catching sight of the conductor, sprang from his seat. "You are to blame for all this!" he exclaimed.

"All what?" the conductor asked with a mystified air.

"Why, my trousers! I told you Saturday I had been so hurried I had not had time to have them pressed, and you told me how to press them under the mattress—and that's where they are now!"—Youth's Companion.

Pest Between Times.

If you would carry through successfully a long or arduous piece of work, an authority advises that you don't wait until the work is done to rest. When tired try to snatch at least five minutes to lie down and relax. You will thus accomplish more work and avoid overfatigue.

Short and frequent rests have been found to be far more effective in maintaining efficiency than a long period of rest taken at one time.

Scientists have proved by most thorough practical tests that the greatest possible amount of work in a day can be accomplished when the worker rests 15 minutes in every hour, working diligently the remainder of the time.

Pig Brings in the Cattle.

A correspondent of an Ohio paper states that his neighbor, a farmer, has a pig that brings the cattle in from the watering place. The watering place is a pond about a half mile from the barn. After the cattle have had their drink the farmer sends the pig, which never fails to bring them home and fights to a finish if they turn on him.

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MASON COUNTY NEWS.

Republican's New National Chairman



Big Ed E. Smith, a lawyer of Minnesota and long a power in the Republican party, is the man selected by President Harding to take hold of the party reins in preparation for the 1924 elections.



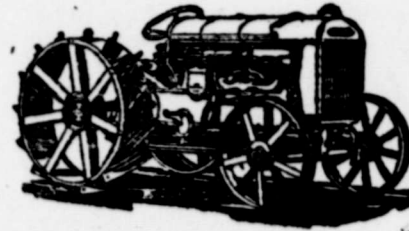
TAKE HOME A QUART

Pure, Rich Cream, juice of fresh fruit flavors, with just the proper balance of fresh golden eggs

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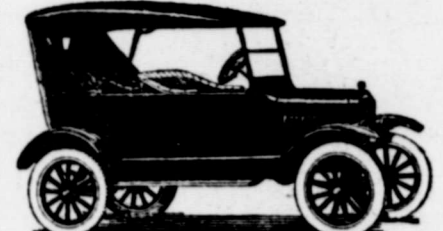
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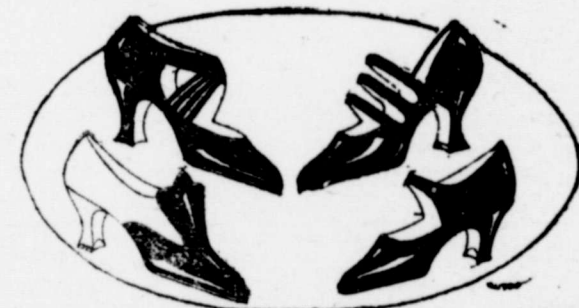
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Caleb Hoerster was here Tuesday from the Art community, and reported meeting with an accident the day before in which he broke two of his toes. He stated he was wading in the river while fishing and fell and in some way struck his foot so forebly against a rock that the toes were broken.

E. G. Steinmann who has been attending school in Missouri, arrived in Mason Sunday for about a month's visit among relatives and friends. He states it has been almost four years since his last visit to Mason and he notices quite a nimpoved appearance in our little city.

Miss Ruby Louise Plueneker underwent an operation at the local sanitarium last Thursday morning for appendicitis, and the News is pleased to report her getting along nicely at latest reports.

Mrs. J. E. Alexander and two children, of Lubbock, and Mrs. Harry C. Burrus and son of Slaton are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jenkins.

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L. W. Dumas was in Mason a short time Tuesday. He left that afternoon for Colorado where he will attend school until the 1923-24 term opens here in September. P. A. Bennett and family took him Brady in their car.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Martin went to San Antonio Sunday and on Monday Mrs. Martin underwent a surgical operation at the Santa Rosa Hospital. Reports are she is doing nicely.

Little Miss Eva Louise Breazeale celebrated her twelfth birthday on Monday of this week and entertained a merry crowd of children at a party in honor of the occasion.

Mrs. Bruce Taylor and little son, of Kerrville, are here visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schmidt.

C. C. Huckabay and family returned home last week from an auto trip to Slaton, where they visited the family of his father.

Master Roger O'Mealy, of San Antonio, arrived in Mason last week for a visit of several weeks in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bierschwale.

The Badge of Servitude

By BERTHA McDONALD

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"If that's the way you feel about it there's no use my wearing your ring a moment longer!" stormed Peggy Daniels, dragging a solitaire from her engagement finger and thrusting it into the hand of her astonished fiancé. "I should see it as a badge of servitude every time I looked at it!"

With that she dashed into the house, locking the door after her, and Clayton Elford was left standing alone on the porch, feeling very much as though the earth were caving in about him. They had quarreled over such a little thing he could scarcely believe Peggy would be so silly as to end everything between them for that, yet the tangible evidence lay sparkling in his outstretched palm, and he had just heard the key to a house where he had heretofore been more than welcome, turned against him.

As for Peggy, she went directly to her room to be alone until she could face the situation calmly. After an hour she decided that for one thing she must get away from Norwood at once, at least for a time.

Hester Sanburn, at whose wedding with Chester Cleveland she and Clay had been attendants three years before, had been clamoring for a visit from Peggy for some time, and in her emergency the bewildered girl looked to the fruit farm the Cleverlands called home as a haven of refuge.

She had felt sorry for Hester when she found she was going to bury herself among the Michigan peaches, but Hester hadn't seemed to mind in the

made ready to leave the following afternoon. During all the tomesome journey she was a prey to her gloomy thoughts. The years seemed to stretch out before her, empty and desolate without Clay, but better than life with a man who thought woman's only sphere of usefulness was in the home.

To be sure, that wasn't exactly what he had said, "but he might as well say it as to think it," she argued with herself. No other thought had entered her mind during their engagement but that she would be the contented keeper of her beloved's home and the proud mother of his children, but all this was changed when he objected so seriously to her speaking at a woman's political meeting.

The thought kept recurring that he had based his objection on the rumors of some belligerent plans to break up the meeting, from which he wished to protect her, but she was very prone to believe that merely an excuse to cover his real reason.

In the heat of her anger plans began to formulate. She would take up public speaking in the interest of woman's work outside the home and show this male unbeliever that women could be successful in other pursuits besides those of baking bread and minding babies.

When she reached St. Jo she immediately boarded the trolley which would deposit her at station 25—just opposite the Cleveland place, but when she alighted at station 23 the Cleveland house seemed strangely, inexplicably quiet. Could it be that Hester had not received her message?

She hurried up the walk to the door, expecting every moment to be enfolded in Hester's warm welcome. Instead, she discovered an envelope bearing her name hanging from an old mail box by one corner, and when she opened it a key rattled to the porch floor.

"Peg, dear," she read, "Bobbie developed strange symptoms this afternoon, so I hurried him right to the hospital. Find key in envelope—ice box stocked for this two days. By that time either Clay or I or all of us will be back. Be not afraid—no one ever disturbs Peachblossom Farms—Hester."

What a fiasco! Evidently Hester had forgotten her borrowing experience with burglars a few years ago, which had left her a nervous prey to fear of being alone at night. Her first impulse was to take the next trolley back to some hotel in St. Jo, but on second thought she decided that was a most inauspicious way to begin a career which was to show her discarded fiancé what the new woman could do.

She let herself in, determined to brave it out. After making a quick survey of the Cleverlands' comfortable home she removed the marks of recent travel and proceeded to avail herself of the well-filled ice box.

Her hunger appeased, she turned on the lights in the living room and tried to read, but the pages of her magazine seemed filled with visions of Clay, and every little noise made her start with terror. Despite the fact that it was a warm evening she closed all the windows and turned the catch in the

door, then tried to read again.

Finally she sat up, every sense instantly alert. A vague foreboding had aroused her from the light sleep into which she had fallen, and her heart beat violently. She sat with her back to the door, but she could distinctly hear a low, even knock upon it, and suddenly she remembered she had not pulled down one of the shades in front. She extinguished the lights and began creeping stealthily toward it. As she moved, a man's head outlined itself against the glass. Then a ray of moonlight disclosed the door-knob turning and the door opening slowly. Realizing that she must have turned the catch to open instead of lock the door, she gave a piercing shriek and crumpled into a heap on the floor.

In an instant the room was flooded with light and the burglar was gathering Peggy into his arms. "Peggy!" she heard him say, as in a daze. "I'll never let you go again—new woman or old!"

"But, Clay," she faltered, when she sensed that it was he, "why—why did you follow me when—"

"I didn't follow you," he interrupted. "I was so miserable I sent Clay a special the night we quarreled telling him I was coming here, without the least idea you would be here too. I—I've still got the ring in my pocket, dear. Won't you let me put it on again?"

Her right arm stole gently around his neck while she extended the left for the ring, and she said softly, "I think I could even wear a badge of servitude for you, Clay. I've done a lot of thinking since that night, and somehow I'm afraid I'd be an utter failure in any capacity without your protection."

At that moment the Cleverlands swung breezily in through the open door, and Hester said laughingly:

"How about it? Did we stay away long enough to give you two foolish lovers time to patch things up?"

"Oh, yes," answered Peggy gayly. "You see, I'm wearing my badge of servitude along with the rest of you misguided women!"

Transvaal Gold Discovery.

Strange to say, there are scarcely half a dozen spectacular and outstanding instances wherein the discovery of gold led to a pronounced gold fever or "rush," remarks a writer in the Kansas City Times. The history of modern gold fevers began on a memorable autumn day in 1847, when Captain Suter, prospecting on the banks of the Sacramento river, struck it rich. Gold was known to exist in California long before, but somehow that knowledge failed to stir the imagination and inoculate the veins of the venturesome with the mad fever. Marshall's discovery in 1848 added to the fever, which reached its zenith in 1849.

J. W. White and family are now sporting a new Packard automobile.

Chas. Bierschwale and daughter, Miss Margaret, and the Bierschwale house guests visited in San Antonio Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Lady Ann on Way to New Egg Record



Lady Anne, a 10-year-old white leghorn incubator hen owned by Lyle Funk, of Shirley, Ill., is out to break the world record for egg production. She has now laid 1300 eggs, totaling a weight of 175 pounds. The record laying in the life of any hen is 1355 eggs.



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least and her letters had been one burst of enthusiasm after another over the freedom of their lives there.

Having sent a telegram that partly explained her sudden and unexpected descent upon them, Peggy packed and

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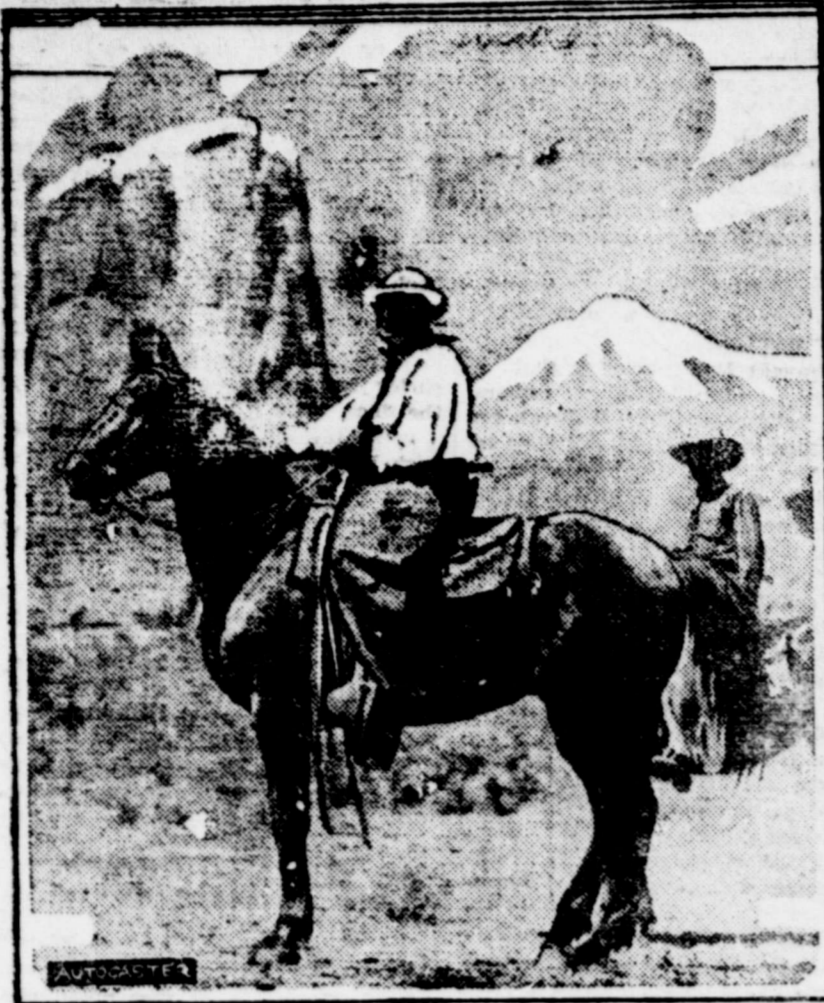
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President Harding in a T. R. Role



President Harding at Cedar City, Utah, on his Alaskan trip, donned cowboy attire, recalling to Westerners Roosevelt's great liking for "roughing it" clothes. The President rode through the new Zion National Park, where scenic beauty is said to be the most wonderful of the great West. The famous "Angel's Landing" rock can be seen in the picture back of the President.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Green, of Gleason Tennessee, arrived in this county a few days ago for a visit among relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Green formerly resided here, but last year moved back to his native state, after selling his farm to his nephew, Robert Green.

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"I HAVE TAKEN Cardui for run-down, worn-out condition, nervousness and sleeplessness, and I was weak too," says Mrs. Silvie Estes, of Jennings, Okla. "Cardui did me just lots of good—so much that I gave it to my daughter. She complained of a soreness in her sides and back. She took three bottles of Cardui and her condition was much better.

"We have lived here, near Jennings, for 26 years, and now we have our own home in town. I have had to work pretty hard, as this country wasn't built up, and it made it hard on us.

"I WISH I could tell weak women of Cardui—the medicine that helped give me the strength to go on and do my work." This card fulfils her wish.

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MASON AND JUNCTION WANT DIRECT HIGHWAY

Citizens of Mason and Junction will present at petition to the State Highway Commissioners at Austin Monday asking for designation of the direct road, 45 miles, between those two cities for State and Federal aid, according to D. E. Colp, manager of the Glazier to Gulf motorway, who stated he had received this information by telephone Friday from Mason citizens.

"This road will undoubtedly be built" Mr. Colp said, "and when it is completed will furnish San Antonio motorists one of the most ideal week-end trips imaginable.

"The entire trip of 305 miles lies through some of the prettiest scenery Texas can offer," he said, "and the distances between towns are interspersed with good fishing streams and hunting during the season. Good hotels all along the way and the proposed State Park at Junction make this trip one of exceptional appeal for San Antonians.

"The route for the week-end trip lies over Glazier to Gulf motorway from San Antonio through Boerne to Fredericksburg to Mason, 115 miles, and 45 miles from Mason to Junction and 135 miles from Junction to San Antonio through Kerrville, Comfort and Boerne.

"This route is all improved road with the exception of the 45 miles between Mason and Junction, which the Highway Department is to be asked Monday to designate for aid. With the exception of the stretches between Boerne and Kerrville, and Mason and Junction, this route is now up to the Federal standard, hard surfaced, and with the completion of the Junction-Mason stretch, can be made any day of the year, rain or shine."—Junction Eagle.

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8,250 HEAD OF CATTLE SHIPPED OUT OF LLANO CO. SINCE JAN. 1

Eight thousand, two hundred and fifty head of cattle have been shipped out of this county since the first day of last January, according to the figures furnished this paper by V. J. Barnett, tick inspector for this county, who has inspected every bunch of cattle that has been shipped, and to him is due the credit for the cattle being strictly clean, so far as ticks are concerned, for not one tick has gone out on all this number of cattle that have been shipped during the past six months.

According to these figures, the shipments have averaged more than one thousand head for each month of the year, however most of the shipments have been made during the past two months.

These cattle have gone to various places; some to other grazing sections, some to feeding pens, some to Kansas City, but the large majority have been shipped to Fort Worth, the logical market for the Llano County cow.

These figures show beyond a doubt that this is a good cow country. Each year finds large shipments going out, and it is the returns on these cattle that turn loose thousands upon thousands of dollars here each year. Of course for the past few years, the price of cattle has been low, and the average cowman, who was caught with high priced cattle when the big slump came, has been hit hard, but nevertheless this county is one of the best cattle counties in all the State.

Then another fact to take into consideration is that the shipments are not all made, but almost every day now cattle are being loaded out for the market.

A stranger seeing these big shipments one after another, would believe there would be nothing left for the next year, but if he remained, he would see his mistake, for when 1924 comes, the cattle will be just as numerous as they are this year.—Llano News.

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Wilson's Daughter In Business Now



Miss Margaret Woodrow Wilson, daughter of the former President, has entered the advertising business in New York. The photo was taken her first day at her new job, which she says "is a business which has always interested me."

The Art ball team gave a very good exhibition of continuous motion at Hilda, for the bases were overloaded and creaking with the weight of these players all during the game. Everywhere a person would cast his blinkers he would be rewarded with a couple of tons of Art weight casting anchors on the pathways or sacks. The result of this slaughter was, Art 9, Hilda 2.

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THE FLAVOR LASTS

Mrs. J. L. Jones, of Junction, was taken sick last week and her daughter, Mrs. Wes Smith, of this city, was called to her bedside.

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Mrs. Jim Lemburg and Mrs. Arthur Lemburg arrived in Mason a few days ago from Dallas and are guests in the Reynolds-Jordan home.

SOMETHING NEW

Whitman's Pink Package at
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Little Miss Mary Cecille Lawson entertained quite a number of friends on the occasion of her tenth birthday last Friday afternoon. More than forty children were present.

Felix Garner, of Llano County, was here a short time this week visiting among relatives and friends of Mason. Mr. Garner stated he would return to his home and bring his folks up to take in the two-days' celebration this week.

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HAD BOTH BOYS WONDERING

Something of a Puzzle as to Which Mother Had Given Her Permission for the Outing.

"Mamma, can I go to the picture show tonight?" Waldo asked.

"Why, Waldo, you went last night; you can't be going to the picture show all the time," his mother answered.

"But, mamma, Wallace—"

"Yes," she interrupted, "if you were only more like Wallace! You won't find him begging his mother every night to go to the picture show. I'll tell you what I'll do—if Wallace's mother lets him go to the picture show tonight you can go, too."

Over at Wallace's house the situation was something like this:

"Mamma, can I go to the picture show tonight?" Wallace asked.

"How about your lessons?" asked his mother.

"Oh, I've got every one of them. I studied hard at school today, and I'm all fixed up for tomorrow. Besides, Waldo—"

"I don't believe Waldo's mother," she interrupted, "would let him go to the picture show every night in the week, but if she says he can go, then I'll let you go, too."

The two boys exchanged confidences as they walked to the show.

"Blamed if I can figure out which mother let us go!" Waldo exclaimed.
 —Kansas City Star.

FALLING HAIR



Flora—When I let my hair down it falls to my knees.

Fauna—And if you don't hold on to it it falls to the floor.

THE AMATEUR CRITIC

Edward Bok, philanthropist and patron of the arts, said at a luncheon at the Ritz-Carlton:

"If our Philadelphia orchestra is always at its best, it is because our Philadelphia audiences are such good critics.

"Too many amateur critics are like the young man who said:

"You play beautifully, Miss Jones. There is one thing about your technique that impresses me particularly."

"Yes?" said Miss Jones. "Is it my touch you mean?"

"No," said the young man. "It is your marvelous speed in turning the leaf when you get to the bottom of the page."

HARD-LUCK RECORD

Richard Luze, driving his car to town skidded into a telephone pole. Coming back with the garage man to clear up the wreck he found thieves had stripped it of tires and fixtures. Walking home in the rain two highwaymen with howitzers took all his cash, a watch and his package of plug cut away from him. Finally reaching home Luze discovered lightning had struck the barn, killing a \$250 Missouri mule and that the hired man had lit out with the family savings amounting to \$140. This made Luze a loser five times in one day.—Capper's Weekly.

Try our "Fruit" Ice Cream. Mason Drug Company. 12

Tom White went to Austin Sunday to have some dental work done. He returned home Tuesday, accompanied by Arch Carter who has been in Austin the past three weeks, staying with his sister, Mrs. O. H. Richardson, and receiving chiropractic adjustments.

HONEY DEW ON WATER MELONS; PLANT-LICE OR "APHIDS."

Garden plants of all kinds, and especially cabbage, cucumber and peas, and plants like them, suffer more or less severe injury from the attacks of small soft-bodied insects incorrectly called "lice," and better known as plant-lice or "aphids." They feed by sucking the vital juices of the plants through a beak with which they are provided for this purpose. They work on the lower sides of the foliage, and the juices are drained until the leaves become curled or are otherwise injured, frequently causing the death of the plant and often the entire planting, including at times considerable acreage.

In some seasons a single species of aphid, as, for example, the pea aphid, may destroy millions of dollars' worth of crops.

Plant-lice increase with great rapidity by giving birth to living young, as also from eggs. Several broods are produced in a single year, and when one food plant is exhausted they migrate by flight to another.

Plant-lice vary in size and in color. Although small, some may be distinguished from others with the unaided eye, but a microscope is often necessary. The color varies from light to dark green, or nearly black to grayish, brown and red. They are provided with long legs and long antennae or "feelers," and they undergo many changes, some mature forms being provided with transparent or clear wings.

Some familiar examples are the spinach aphid or "green fly" which feeds on a great variety of plants and which last season (1917-1918) was the cause of much trouble to potatoes, the melon aphid which besides melons attacks cucumbers, squash, pumpkin, and related vegetables, the potato aphid, the cabbage aphid, and related forms. All of these are widely distributed, and in many seasons do great damage. They are capable of severe injury in all years of their greatest abundance unless their work is checked by prompt spraying or by natural enemies.

Because of the small size of plant-lice and because many of them are of about the same color as their food plants, they often escape notice except by the expert gardener. While they are working they exude, sometimes copiously, a sweetish substance known as "honeydew." This attracts numbers of insects—ants, wasps, bees, and flies.

Natural enemies such as ladybird beetles, syrphus flies, and many others are also attracted. Were it not for these natural enemies, mostly insects, it would be very difficult to keep plant-lice from injuring valuable crops, even with spraying.

As a general rule, however, the natural enemies of "aphids" are most active during warm, dry weather. It happens, therefore, that in early spring while the weather is still cold and apt to be damp the plant-lice work quite as well as during other seasons and their natural enemies are not at all active. At these times they cause the severe injury which has been already mentioned.

Methods of Control

The standard remedy for all forms of garden plant-lice is a nicotine sulphate solution, the formula for which follows.

Nicotine sulphate (40 per cent) 3-8 pt or 6 ounces, Soap (liquid or dissolved) 2 pounds, water 50 gallons.

This formula gives one part nicotine sulphate to 1,000 parts of water.

To make one gallon for use in spraying, use a teaspoonful of nicotine sulphate and an inch cube of soap. Nicotine sulphate is a contact poison and the insects must be wet by the spray or hit by it to be killed. Particular attention should be given to the lower sides of the leaves where the "aphids" congregate in great numbers.

Since these pests do not eat the leaves, they do not eat the poison like the arsenicals, which are absolutely useless against them. For spraying the under surfaces of leaves, an angle nozzle directed from below as shown on the cover designs is essential.

No precautions are necessary in the treatment of most plant-lice other than to spray promptly as soon as the plant-lice appear in any numbers, and to repeat at intervals if they continue to appear. The spray should be mist-like, and only as much as is necessary should be used, that the liquid may not drip off the plants and be wasted.

Where susceptible plants are grown under glass, plant-lice may be killed by fumigating a smudge. This literally smothers the insects.

Sprinkling or dry-spraying with extremely fine tobacco dust is of some value if applied early in the morning when the dew is on the plants.

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GOOD ROADS THROUGH WOODS
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BIDS WANTED—The Commissioners' Court of Mason County will receive bids for furnishing the county with 10 cords of 10 inch wood, one-half dry and one-half green, to be solid oak or black jack. Bids are to be opened August 13th at 10 a. m., and the court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bids may be turned into me at any time up to the above mentioned date.

19-2tc R. E. LEE,
 County Clerk, Mason County, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Schmidt left yesterday for Ballinger to visit among relatives and friends, after having spent a few days in Mason among relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt reside in Sweetwater and will go from Ballinger to their home.

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Four Years Seemed an Eternity

By JANE OSBORN

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It was an old saying that the best blood in Nicholson was close. The parvenues who had found homes for themselves as mere upstart commuters from New York might splurge and spend; the really blue-blooded Nicholsonites, whose ancestors had settled there when Nicholson and New York were villages of comparable size in the Dutch colony—these old residents did not forget the lesson of thrift handed down to them.

Katherine Ten Broeck at twenty-four was teaching in the Nicholson high school. She had taught since her graduation from college two years before, and every year her salary became larger. Nicholas Van Name was gaining an enviable reputation for himself in a New York law firm, and it had been Nicholas' desire and intention ever since Katherine first started off to college to make her his wife. She was an orphan with a very little property, and it had been looked upon as entirely proper and commendable that she begin teaching as soon as she received her degree instead of accepting any of the offers of well-to-do relatives to make their home her own.

Hasty and impetuous courtships had never been looked upon favorably in Nicholson. For generations the men of the town had chosen their wives from among the girls born and bred in the town and had gone about the matter with deliberation and good judgment. It was generally understood among Nicholas' relatives and Katherine's, too, that there would be a marriage sometime, but for six years Nicholas had found it difficult to ask the question preliminary to an engagement. They had known each other so well and so long, and Katherine always steered the conversation along practical subjects.

Once, at the outset of Katherine's second year of teaching, Nicholas got very near the important question. Katherine showed no surprise. But she hastily and abruptly began to talk about the scheme of salaries in the Nicholson high school.

"I am getting a hundred dollar raise this year," she said, "and another year I shall have a hundred and fifty dollar raise. I can live very nicely within the original salary so that the additional salary goes right into the bank. In four years I shall have quite a decent bank account."

"Four years!" exclaimed Nicholas. "If you cared for me you wouldn't look on four years so lightly."

"I don't know what you mean, Nick," Katherine began, and then as Nicholas would have explained Kath-

erine held him off. "I don't want you to wait for me if you do not want to. But it does seem selfish and improvident, somehow, the sort of thing that the Ten Broecks and Van Names never would have done, to give up the chance of having that little nest egg."

"It isn't up to you to think about nest eggs and things," Nicholas insisted. "I want you to marry me—and you ought to have faith enough in me to know that I can provide for you."

"But that bank account would go quite a way with a little house. No, Nicholas, if I ever marry it will not be for at least four years. I wouldn't feel as if I'd been true to Ten Broeck traditions if I didn't keep on teaching until I've saved something."

Nicholas was deeply disappointed and somehow vexed with Katherine, and yet there was enough of the same thrift running in his blood to understand Katherine's point of view and to realize, as another might not have been able to do, that Katherine's determination to go on teaching for four years might not be an indication that she cared less for Nicholas.

He subscribed to magazines dealing with house planning and gardening and even consulted an architect friend of his in New York concerning the practicability of certain plans that especially appealed to him. Nicholas said nothing about his own thrift to Katherine, but not a small proportion of his earnings went into the bank to be saved zealously against the day of building.

One Saturday Katherine had spent the morning shopping in the city and then had joined Nicholas to take an early afternoon train home. Nicholas had told her that he had something important to tell her and that he would explain it on the trip home. So it was on the commuters' train that Nicholas showed Katherine the deed for a quarter acre of ground in the new residential section of Nicholson that he had bought as the site for his future home.

"I had an exceptional chance to buy," he said, "so I put the deal through. There'll be room for fruit trees and a bit of a vegetable garden and at the upper end there's an ideal place for your rock garden."

Katherine blushed. "Are you sure it will be my rock garden?" she asked, and then: "but Nick, a quarter of an acre must have been very expensive. I didn't know you—you could afford it. Won't it take forever to pay for it?"

"It's all paid for now," said Nicholas with some satisfaction. "Do you think you are the only thrifty one? I've been doing a little saving on my own account."

Once or twice as they talked of the transaction Nicholas looked up as if interested in the conversation of the two men sitting in the seat ahead of them.

"Yes, we break ground Monday," one of the men was saying. "We didn't want to build for another year or two. My wife thought she'd like to spend another winter boarding, but with that new tax exemption ruling of course there were no two sides to the matter. Monday's the first of March and the exemption is good for all houses begun before the first of April. It's good for five years, and, as I was figuring with a house the size we are going to build, taxes for five years would be in the neighborhood of a thousand dollars. Then if you figure what interest on that amount of money would be in five years' time you see we are making a decent saving."

Katherine and Nicholas were both listening intently to the conversation.

"Is that true?" asked Katherine. "You're a lawyer—you ought to know."

"Yes, he's right. I ought to have known more about it. I—" Nicholas stopped and was watching Katherine, who had taken her notebook and was making rapid calculations with her silver pencil. Then she said: "Why, in five years' time—why, we'd save—as much as we would if I went on teaching and save my earnings—"

Nicholas looked over her shoulder and saw that her figuring was correct. "You're right," he said. "Does that make any difference—"

Katherine blushed, and blushed again when she saw that Nicholas noticed the first blush. "It's interesting," she admitted.

"Then," said Nicholas, drawing a roll of blueprints from the depths of his brief case, "this may be even more interesting. I took that plan you and I drew up once for the fun of it and got my architect friend to straighten it out for me."

"Suppose we drop around at the Nicholson Building company office on our way home—get them to look over the plans and—"

"And break ground before the first," finished Katherine. "But wouldn't it seem queer for us to go there together—to talk about house plans?"

"Not if we told the world we were definitely engaged and then made plans for a wedding in June. What say, Katherine, does that appeal to your sense of thrift?"

Katherine drew a very little closer to Nicholas. "Four years seemed an eternity," she breathed.

WISE ANIMAL IS THE BEAVER

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From a few remarks, in Hallam Hawksworth's "The Adventures of a Grain of Dust," on the wisdom of the beaver:

"He picks out a young tree something less than six inches thick. Then he looks up as if he wanted to see what kind of a day it was going to be; although the fact is, he never bothers his head about the weather."

"What he is really looking up for is to see if the top of the tree he is going to chop down is likely to get tangled in the tops of other trees when it falls. (All beavers, I should add, don't take this precaution, only the older and wiser ones.)"

"After this inspection he either cuts the tree in two with his long, sharp chisel teeth so that it will fall clear of the tangling branches of other trees, or, if he sees he can't prevent this, he moves away to another tree."

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

CHURCH NOTICES

REVIVAL AT GRIT

Our revival at Grit will begin Saturday night, July 28th, and will continue over the first Sunday in August. We always have good meetings at Grit and we are expecting this one to be the greatest we have ever had.

"Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

Meeting Continues at Art

The union protracted meeting of the Methodist Church, at Art, which began last week is still going on this week and will close Sunday evening, July 29th.

Rev. W. Buehrer from Bracken, Texas, is doing the preaching this week. Friday and Saturday there will also be services in the afternoon. On Friday Saturday and Sunday afternoons, the services will be in English.

All our friends are cordially invited.

D. G. HARDT,
 J. W. A. WITT

LUTHERAN SERVICES

Services next Sunday, both morning and evening.

Luther League meeting Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Prof. Weber, president of the Seguin Lutheran College, will be here and will address the congregation at all three meetings in the interest of the Lutheran College of Seguin.

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