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THIRTEEN MEMBERS OF M. H. S. F. B. TEAM RECEIVE LETTERS

Thirteen members of the Mason High School football team received letters this year, to-wit: Henry McDougall, Milton Zesch, Walter Doell, Stanley Sanders, Calvin Sanders, L. D. Fostel, Guy McLerran, Ellwood Kothmann, Roy Leffeste, Arthur Geistweidt, Henry Keller, Garland Brewer, and Reuben Wissmann. Sweaters were presented the above men and also to Alton Clark, Homer Lemburg, and Harold Schmidt for meritorious work. The season as a whole was very successful. Eight games were scheduled, but one was called off on account of high water making it impossible for the team to make the trip. Out of the seven games played, Mason won five and lost two. The victories were over Kerrville (Tivy) High, Menard High, Llano High (two games), and Fredericksburg High. The games lost were to Brady High and Junction High.

Kerrville (Tivy) High was decisively defeated, but in the third period their coach refusing to abide by a decision of the umpire, forfeited the game to Mason. Coach Moses of Tivy High appealed to the Interscholastic league for a reversal of the umpire's decision, but the league refused to reverse the umpire's decision because the umpire had jurisdiction in the ruling and refused to consider Tivy's protest because it was not a member of the Interscholastic League. Coach Dumas of the Mason High School team subsequently tried to match a game with Kerrville to be played at Fredericksburg and with neutral officials, but Kerrville failed to accept the challenge.

CORRECT LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION TO MASON H. S.

Through a mistake recently the high school supervisor's report for last year instead of for this year was handed the News. The one that should have been printed is the one given below. It will be noticed that none of the recommendations for last year as to changes appear in the recommendations for this year.

Recommended:

1. That single desks replace double desks as soon as possible. The first and eighth grades are the only rooms having double desks, and this arrangement is very unsatisfactory in both cases.

2. That the third grade room have a shade placed on the north (side) door. That shades also be placed at windows of third, fourth, and fifth grade rooms.

Although often shades are not needed in the down stairs rooms because of dense shade, glare at board is bad and needs to be regulated.

3. That home economies be added as soon as possible as there is a demand for this.

A room in the new building has been set aside for this purpose, but so far it has been impossible to install the equipment.

4. That credit be asked in the fourth unit in English.

5. That the school and community be commended on the following: organization, cleanliness and discipline in elementary school; organization and high standard of work noted in high school; pattern and convenient building; excellent school spirit.

Car Wreck

Chas. Doell was doing some repair work on his Ford last week as a result of having collided with another car on the highway a few miles out of town. Fortunately no one was injured, but both cars were damaged. The parties occupying the other car were from another county and we were unable to learn their names.

Alvin Dannheim upset the delivery car of J. J. Johnson's one evening last week near the Gamel place on the Fredericksburg road. Dannheim says the wheels cut under the car and hung when he hit a sand pile. The car was turned upside down, and was left setting on its top. Alvin escaped without serious injuries, but slightly bruised.

John Schuessler, of the Castell section, and a friend to the News, recently returned from a trip to Austin. Mr. Schuessler states the rains have been heavy all the way to Austin.

CARTOON REVIEW OF 1923



MASON COUNTY COTTON GINNED FROM 1923 CROP IS 3293 BALES

According to the report of the Bureau of Census, Washington, D. C., there were 3293 bales of cotton ginned in Mason County up to December 13, 1923, as compared with 4285 bales ginned for the same period in 1922.

Up to Dec. 1, 1923 there were 9,243,917 bales ginned in the United States, compared with 9,319,601 for 1922, and 3,919,458 bales ginned in Texas for 1923 against 3,019,771 for 1922.

WALTER SANDS IS NOW OWNER OF THE CORNER CAFE IN MASON

A deal was closed Saturday whereby Walter Sands bought the cafe business of Wes. Smith and Antone Starks. Mr. Sands is an experienced cook and is experienced in the operations of first class eating houses, and states he will conduct the business under the same name and at the same stand.

Max Heinrich, who is attending school in Seguin, spent the holiday in Mason with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Heinrich.

Chas. Hoerster, of Waco, was a guest for a few days in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hoerster, last week.

Miss May Weaver, of San Antonio, passed thru Mason last week, en route to Fredericksburg, to visit relatives and friends during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hausmann of San Antonio, and Mrs. Lehne, of Fredericksburg were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Schlaudt.

Mrs. Bertha Todd has as her guests this week her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Hamilton, granddaughter, Mrs. Alger Melton and great granddaughter, little Miss Ruth Melton, of Chickasha, Okla.

EDWIN ELLEBRACHT KILLED BY SHOOTING DYNAMITE MON.

The news of the tragical death of Edwin Ellebracht, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ellebracht, was received in Mason early Tuesday morning.

A report is that Edwin had gone from his home at Lange's Mill over to Doss, and while there some "big guns" were being shot to usher in the New Year, and it is said that dynamite was set off in an iron pipe, and when the dynamite exploded the pipe burst and portion of it flew about fifty yards and went thru a wall and struck Edwin in the back of the head. According to information given the News, the youth lived about three hours after being struck.

Funeral services were held Wednesday and interment was made in the cemetery at Lange's Mill.

The News extends deepest sympathy to the many loved ones who survive to mourn the tragical death of this young man.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elleroy and children of Seguin, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nagel and baby of Charlotte, were Christmas guests in the home of the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Flecher.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith left Wednesday for San Antonio to take Miss Mildred to her school, she having spent the holidays at home.

Miss Ida Winkle spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Winkle. Miss Ida is teaching at Woodburrow this year.

Miss Louis Latham, a teacher in one of the grade schools in San Antonio, was home the past week to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

BOO T AND SHOE SHOP IS NEW BUSINESS TO BE OPENED SOON

On another page in this issue of the News will be found an advertisement announcing the opening of a new boot and shoe shop in Mason, by Frank Polk and Clarence Henrich.

The building one door north of Larimore & Grote's store has been secured for this business, and Messrs. Polk and Henrich state they will have their employ a first class expert shoe robbler, and that they will install modern machinery in order to render prompt and satisfactory service.

The News wishes these young men great success upon entering business in our midst.

FARM BUREAU WILL MEET HERE

The News is requested to state the Mason County Farm Bureau members will meet at the court house in Mason on Saturday, January 12th. It was originally intended to meet on Saturday, January 6th, but being unable to notify all the members the meeting was postponed until the 12th.

Officers will be elected at the meeting, and it is stated farm bureau speakers will be on hand.

Misses Sarah Thaxton and Pauline Mogford, students at the State University, were home for the holidays.

Sam Hesse who is attending school in San Antonio, was at home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Schaeg were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White.

Mr. J. M. Watkins, a prominent farmer of the Katamey country was in town Saturday and handed the News a little expense money to keep the paper coming for another year.

MASON HIGH SCHOOL LISTED ON SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION LIST

The letter given below has just been received by Supt. Bennett. Mason should feel particularly proud of this last recognition of its school. In view of the fact that less than 18 per cent of the affiliated schools of the state are on the Southern Association List, one can realize the rigid standards set up. Many schools of three and four times the enrollment of the Mason High School have never been able to meet the standards required by the association.

The pupils graduating from the Mason High School now can enter any of the colleges and universities belonging to the association, which includes all of the more important institutions of higher education in the south. It is also true that Chicago University and many others of the great universities of the north, east and west accept graduates from schools on the southern list. This recognition is not only of importance to the students that go away to college but it is of equal importance to those who never go beyond high school. They have the satisfaction of knowing that the seal of approval of this great organization has been placed on their diplomas, and that it will be regarded as significant not only in Mason and Mason County, but in academic circles throughout the entire south. It gives all pupils something tangible to work for from the time they enter school until they graduate.

The letter is as follows:

"This is to notify you that at the annual meeting of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States your application for membership was favorably received by the Association and the Mason High School was placed on its accredited list."

"Wishing you continued success in your school work, I am

"Sincerely yours,
A. W. EVANS,
Chief Supervisor of High Schools."

PETERS PRAIRIE CLUB GETS A. & M. SERVICE PRIZE

College Station, Texas. Peters Prairie Club of Mason county has been named by the committee of the A. and M. college extension service as the first prize club of Texas for the year 1923. Selection was made on an average of percentages based on club enrollment, attendance, percentage of record books submitted, average grade of record books, percentage of complete project exhibits at the county fair and on the report of the club secretary. The prize of the contest was a 250 radio set donated by the Texas Radio Sales and Engineering company of Dallas.

Edge club of Brazos county, which won the first prize last year, was selected as the second best this year. Third prize went to the Tyron club of Gregg county.

The secretary of the first prize club is Claude Prater, of Katamey, and Harold Schmidt of Mason is president. Sadie Westbrook, a teacher of the school at which the club was organized, W. T. Mitchell is county farm agent and Zera Girdler is county home demonstration agent that directed the work of the club in Mason county. The club membership is 37 and every member submitted a record book of a farm project conducted during the year. Of these projects, 30 were poultry, 1 pig, 2 sheep, 2 cotton and 2 corn.

The radio was received and installed Sunday afternoon, last, and Mexico City, Washington, D. C., Sweeney Auto School and other distant points were heard.

The whole community of Peters Prairie is proud of this prize of the club.

Reporter.

Foot Cut With Axe

Bill Gross was recently getting around with crutches as a result of an injury sustained to his foot while he was cutting wood, and the axe glanced off and cut the member, making a very painful wound.

Walter Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jordan, who is studying to be a chiropractor, was at home from San Antonio, to visit home folks and friends during the Christmas holidays.

CUT GLASS JEWELRY SILVERWARE

OUR STORE IS A GOOD PLACE TO GET GIFT IDEAS

Look for ideas rather than gifts. Take a leisurely look around, note the things you like, then gather them together and look them over again. It is just like having them at home. You will decide against some and add others. Come in while there's time.

J. S. KING, Jeweler

WATCH REPAIRING GLASSES FITTED JEWELRY REPAIRING

NEW LOW PRICES ON BRUNSWICK TIRES AND TUBES

| | TIRES | TUBES |
|--------------------------|---------|--------|
| 30x3 B B C Fabric | \$8.50 | \$1.75 |
| 30x3 1/2 Suburban Fabric | \$8.75 | \$2.00 |
| 30x3 1/2 Oversize Cord | \$14.25 | \$3.10 |
| 32x4 1/2 Truck Cord | \$35.35 | \$4.25 |

THESE LOW PRICES ON BRUNSWICK STANDARD AND HIGH QUALITY TIRES AND TUBES ONLY HOLD GOOD UP TO JANUARY 1ST, 1924

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Notice of Dividend Payment

On January 1, 1924, the fourteenth regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 a share on the 7% Cumulative Preferred Stock of this Company will be paid to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 20, 1923.

This dividend will be paid to more than 13,000 stockholders, of whom 12,000 are residents of the territory served by this Company.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY.

American Telephone and Telegraph Company
12th Dividend

The regular quarterly dividend of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company will be paid on January 1, 1924 to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 20, 1923.

MAN ACCIDENTALLY SHOT WHILE HUNTING TURKEYS

While hunting with a party of other men, in the Alfred Hodges pasture about 8 miles up South Llano, R. E. Knox, of Leander, Texas, was mistaken for a turkey and shot about 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

He and his son-in-law, Howard Ragsdale, had left the camp together and had been out only a short time when they saw some turkeys. They separated and each were looking through the underbrush for the turkeys and attempting to get a shot. Only a few minutes after they separated, Mr. Ragsdale fired at what he thought was a turkey, and on going to the spot found Mr. Knox in a dying condition. He spoke

only a few words and died before help could be called.

The bullet entered the body just behind the left shoulder and ranged toward the center of the body, probably breaking his back. The other men, one of whom was a doctor, were still in camp and were quickly called to the scene.

Justice of the Peace E. Holekamp and County Attorney F. E. Knetsch, were called and held a coroners inquest, and Mr. Holekamp pronounced the death due to accidental gun shot.

Mr. Knox is a former citizen of this county. About a year ago he and his family moved from the Cedar Creek community to Leander, where he had lived before coming here.

The body was carried to Leander

MEMBERSHIP NO. 1874



PUTTING LABELS ON THE COUNTRY

"What town is this?" All tourists have asked the question hundreds of times. Progressive towns put the name of their city on signs at the city limits, just as they also put "through arrows" to guide the traveler.

"What road is this?" is asked almost as often, especially on the less traveled highways. Main traveled roads are rapidly being marked, so that the visitor from afar is not confused.

"What river is this?" is often a matter of wonder to the motorist, who passes over several branches of the same stream, alongside a lake, or over a bridge without knowing what body of water it is which he crosses or passes.

The League of American Pen Women is asking the various State Highway Commissions to place suitable markers near famous streams to inform the traveling public. It is a laudable work, but why, the traveler wants to know, stop at famous streams? Why not mark all bodies of water on or near any and all roads, so that the traveler may get better acquainted with the country through which he passes?

Municipalities find it pays to welcome the tourist, to guide him surely and quickly, to make him feel at home. The "Stop! Ten miles an hour under penalty of the law" sign is disappearing in favor of the "Our speed limit is fifteen miles an hour; please observe it, it, as we make you welcome" type of sign. With the latter goes the courtesy of road markers and stream label, worthy work for any civic club to take up, that the municipality be visited with joy and remembered with pleasure.

EDEN YOUNG MAN MEETS DEATH IN AUTO ACCIDENT

It would seem that this Christmas season has been marked by an unusual number of fatalities, perhaps being more noticeable because several took place near Brady, or else the victims were related to Bradyites or were well-known here. One of the most tragic deaths was that of John Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Turner of the Brady Valley community near Eden, who was killed in an auto accident in the Live Oak section of Concho county. It seems that a pinion on the car wheel became crystallized, allowing the wheel to break, and catapulting the unfortunate driver through the windshield. When the body was found the next morning, it was pinned underneath the wrecked car, with a portion of the windshield through the heart.—Brady Standard.

SOME NEWSPAPER RULES

A Texas newspaper recently issued the following rules, which explain themselves:

Fifty cents per line will be charged for all obituary notices of business men who get their job printing in another city; 25 cents per line will be charged for like notices to all business men who do not advertise; while all delinquent subscribers will be charged 15 cents per line on passing out to the New Jerusalem. Advertisers and cash subscribers will receive the best in the shop free gratis when they shuffle off.

Those who extend the paper no support whatever and go around knocking the editor of the paper, or lambasting the community and its citizens, drop banana peeling on the sidewalk, spit like a dime or try to sell us gold brick will be given the truth, which won't look good in print, when they give up the ghost.

Better send in your orders for job printing and advertising, pay up your subscription, get to boosting this paper and its editor and speak in glowing terms of the town and its people, for an epidemic of hog cholera is said to be abroad in the community.—Chillicothe News.

NEED GLASSES

Dr. Jones, the Eye Man, in Dr. McCollum's office, Tuesday, Jan. 8th, Eyes examined, glasses fitted, headache and eye strain relieved. 43-2tc
At Fredonia, Jan. 9th; at Pontotoc, Jan. 10th.

for burial.—Junction Eagle, Dec. 21.

From Our Early Files

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Dec. 25, 1908:

Miss Delia Carter returned home Antonio.

Miss Clarice Thode returned home Saturday from school at San Marcos.

Kurt Martin returned home last week from school at Austin.

Mrs. E. W. Schroeder and child left Wednesday for Junction to spend the holidays.

Miss Virgil Smith left this week for her home in north Texas to spend the holidays.

T. A. Saunders presented the News with a 10-pound turnip Saturday.

The 42 club met Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ery Hamilton and enjoyed a pleasant time, Mrs. Reynolds proving the winner of most games.

Miss Vedia Smith came home for the holidays from school at Austin.

Mrs. D. E. Valiant died at her home near Grit, aged 49 years. She was the mother of 11 children.

Early Haller of Mexico is here to spend the holidays, a guest of Miss Benellen Reynolds.

W. F. Jordan and son, Ed, were here Tuesday from Katemey. Mr. Jordan expects to gin about 1300 bales of cotton this season.

The two little sons of A. N. Mour-sund are quite sick, threatened with typhoid fever.

Ery and Nora Boyd will be here from Brady to spend next week with their aunt, Mrs. Ery Hamilton.

Dick Gugenheim was here from Ft. Worth to visit his parents for a few days.

SIX TURKEYS BRING \$280 IN SAN SABA COUNTY

San Saba, Tex.—Mrs. N. I. Harris, who lives in the Locker community and who is one of the leading turkey raisers of San Saba county, recently sold three pens of turkeys, two turkeys to a pen, making in all six turkeys, for \$280. From twenty hens she sold during the season eggs to the amount of \$257, and eleven pullets for \$135. Mrs. Harris has seventy-five young turkeys left and her old stock of twenty hens to begin the next season.

Miss Edna Kettner spent the past week in San Antonio, returning home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moneyhon and daughter, of Houston, spent the past week in the home of his brother, Geo. W. Moneyhon.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Jan. 6, 1899:

The gin belonging to Wm. Ellebracht was entirely destroyed by fire Sunday morning.

Jacob Schuessler went to Brown-wood this week to bring over Mrs. E. J. Broad and children for a visit.

Marriage Licenses: Gratton Crosby and Delia Lindsay; Lewis Nowlin and Bessie Horn; Marcus Adcock and Nannie McGinnis.

Several pupils were dismissed from school Thursday morning for attending a dance the previous night.

Miss Mollie Wilhelm was married last Wednesday to Mr. J. R. Fleming. J. W. White and family have moved into their new home.

Little Miss Mamie Doell entertained a number of her little friends last Monday afternoon upon the occasion of her birthday.

Miss Lizzie Evans and Mr. Will Ellison of Fredonia, were married last Monday.

On Thursday evening last, E. A. Dodd, one of the principals in the cutting affray a few weeks ago, died at the residence of Sheriff Gibbs.

Miss Mary Leslie entertained a number of her little friends Wednesday evening.

Miss Nannie McGinnis and Mr. Marcus Adcock were married Wednesday evening.

H. C. Durst has bought an interest in the firm of Hoerster & Maugham.

C. A. Bell was in from the Smith ranch last week under care of the doctor.

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 8th, 1924, 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 in your stead.

Walter Martin
Cashier.

Miss Edith Bellows who is attending the San Marcos Normal, spent the holidays with friends and relatives in Mason.

WILLYS KNIGHT

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THE DAY OF THE KNIGHT IS HERE

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STATEMENT

of the ownership, management, circulation, etc., required by the act of Congress of August 24, 1912, of the Mason County News, published weekly at Mason, Texas for October 1, 1923.

State of Texas, County of Mason,
Before me, County Clerk in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Irl E. Larrimore, who having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the editor of the Mason County News and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor and business managers are:

Publishers, Irl E. Larrimore and Martin D. Loring, Mason, Texas.

Editors, Irl E. Larrimore and Martin D. Loring, Mason, Texas.

Managing Editors, Irl E. Larrimore and Martin D. Loring, Mason, Texas.

Business Managers, Irl E. Larrimore and Martin D. Loring, Mason, Texas.

2. That the owners are Irl E. Larrimore and Martin D. Loring, Mason, Texas.

3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are Mergenthaler Linotype Company, Brooklyn, N. Y. and V. M. Loring, Memphis, Tenn.

IRL E. LARRIMORE,

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of December, 1923.

(Seal) R. E. LEE,

Clerk County Court, Mason Co. Texas.

Let's all try during the New Year to make each other happy by words of kindness and encouragement.

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The holiday excitement is over; now we are ready for the candidates to crawl out and liven things up.

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Plans of the engineer on the 6.7 miles of road between the San Saba river and the McCulloch county line, have been approved by the State Highway Department, and the Commissioners' Court of McCulloch county is advertising for bids for the construction of the road, and the contract is to be awarded on January 15th.

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Something to worry over. Mathematical sharks have figured that one cent invested at the time of the birth of Christ at 4 per cent interest compounded semi-annually and the interest continually reinvested at same rate would, this year of our Lord, have amounted to \$200,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000.—Coleman Democrat-Voice.

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THE HOME NEWSPAPER

If there is anything in your town worth talking about 1 chance to one year own newspaper had a hand in putting it there. If anybody beyond the walls of your burg ever learns that there is such a place as Three Corners it will be thru the home paper.

Every town gets its money's worth thru the home newspapers. It's the wagon that carries all your goods to market. It ought to be kept in good repair. It will pay to grease it, paint it and keep its running gears in good shape and shelter.

They are the guardians and defenders of every interest, the forerunners and pioneers of every movement and the sturdy advocates of law and order. holidays.

OUR PROGRESS

At this, the beginning of a New Year, many News readers as well as the editor might hesitate for a moment to consider the progress made in Mason and Mason County during the year which has just ended.

A few of the bigger accomplishments might be remembered in the completion of the fourteen miles of highway to the McCulloch county line, which is praised as the best piece of graded road in Texas. Mason county, in the past few years, has made great improvements on the roads throughout the county, and at this time, has more good roads than any county in this section of the State.

The 1923 Fair was greater than ever, and had no equal in its class in Texas. One community alone exhibited at this Fair, more than seven hundred different products grown in Mason county, proving that Mason County is truly "The Home of Diversified Farming." This year the entire county should be interested in an exhibit from Mason County to be taken to the Dallas Fair.

We are glad to realize the rural schools are rated highly; that through these, will the coming generation develop into the highest and most desirable element; that they will make citizens of the highest type. Our splendid schools over the County, combined with our churches, are in a great measure responsible for the peaceful atmosphere which has prevailed among us. The News is heartily in favor of the "back-to-the-farm movement, so may every effort be made in the new year to bring to the realization of the youth now on the farm, that farming is a business in itself. When this is accomplished there will not be as many boys and girls longing for the city, believing such to be the only place to enter the business world.

Among our industries during the past year we have experienced appreciable success. The farming industry probably suffered greater interference than any other, although more than 3300 bales of cotton were ginned in this county from the 1923 crop which is an average crop. The staple brought the best price in several years.

The stock-raising industry has also brought in hundreds of thousands of dollars during the past year, although prices in general have not advanced to the high level of a few years ago. Sheep and goat raising is coming into its own rapidly, there being many more flocks than ever before. Wool and mohair have netted large sums of money to owners.

Probably the poultry industry has advanced more than any other in the county, thousands of chickens have been sold, and approximately thirty thousand turkeys were raised in Mason county this year. The Thanksgiving birds did not bring as high prices as in previous years, but in many instances they paid for themselves by destroying grasshoppers and worms in the cotton fields.

Feed crops of all kinds, grain, sweet potatoes, onions, melons, peanuts and other truck crops were raised in abundance. Many thousands of dollars could be made from fruit, melons, potatoes, onions and many other products each year in Mason County if railroad facilities were had to carry them to market.

The pecan crop, while only about a sixty per cent crop, brought approximately twenty-five thousand dollars in 1923.

Building activities have been evident through the year, both in the city and country. Farmers are building better barns and sheds, and more commodious homes. Business houses in Mason are more modern than in many towns twice its size. Many cement sidewalks have been put down during the year.

Mason needs many more houses. Very seldom a day passes that someone doesn't inquire for a residence for rent.

We are entering upon the New Year with a general feeling of optimism. A splendid season in the ground indicates great prospects for crops, and has already eased the stockman by putting range condition for the winter in the best of condition.

Mason County is sure to be foremost with the best schools, best roads, best churches, its many industries, its feeling of progressiveness, and back of them all, the many good people who want Mason and Mason County to be first in every respect. Take advantage of every opportunity to tell the many advantages you enjoy in Mason and Mason County.

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Miss Averil Bellows who is teaching at Nixon, was home for the Christmas holidays.

OUR TOWN

Let the following thought dwell foremost in the minds of News readers during the year 1924:

Our Town is Best Town.
Our Folks are Best Folks.
Our Homes are Best Homes.
Our Streets are Cleanest Streets.
Our Schools are Best Schools.
Our Churches are Best Churches.

Just think those statements over, and you will find it easy to subscribe to every one of them.

What makes Our Town the Best Town? Answer: Our thought about it.
What makes Our Folks the Best Folks? Answer: Our thought about them.

What makes Our Homes the Best Homes? Answer: Our thought about them.

What makes our Streets the Cleanest Streets? Answer: Our thought about them expressed in action.

What makes Our Schools the Best Schools? Answer: Our thought about them expressed in our loyalty to them.

What makes Our Churches the best Churches? Answer: Our thought about them.

So—
As we are enjoying all these fine things, why not tell it every time we get a chance? Why not stop saying anything to discredit ourselves or our town? We are no better than we think we are. Therefore it behooves us to think the very best of ourselves, our town, and each other. Thus shall we become an ideal community.

Let your slogan be through the year: MASON, FIRST, LAST AND ALL TIME.

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THE HORSE COMING BACK

The predictors of the horseless age lost sight of the fact that there is another element to reckon with, beside the one of the mere usefulness of the horse. Human gratitude for that long career of service, without which civilization would not have made its present strides, has created a bond of attachment between man and the horse that will not be easily broken. The time when man first discovered the docile and tractable qualities of the horse is not known. Although the ox, as a domestic work animal, is doubtless of greater age, the horse was known as a military aid, first for cavalry and later for chariot use, nearly as long ago as written records of history extend. In the wars between Persia, Egypt and Greece the side was often victorious that had the most and the best horses. The steed of the Arab is a classic of primitive romance. Those nations that made the best use of the horse made the most rapid progress in the evolution of culture.

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GET BEHIND YOUR TEACHER

Now that the holidays are over, the children have had a restful and happy vacation from school work, the parents have dedicated themselves anew to the kind of "peace on earth" which makes for a better world for their children, and we have all settled down to a term of enthusiastic accomplishment, isn't it a good time for parents and school trustees to show their appreciation of the work of the teacher? Next to the children's welfare, so devoted to their general growth and development as well as their school education as the teacher. Her work will be far more effective if the children know that the parents and trustees believe in her, trust her judgment, and back her up in her ideals and her decisions. She will be happier as well as more effective in doing it if the appreciation that is in the hearts of the people of the community finds expression occasionally in words, in occasional hospitalities extended, and in other small acts of consideration. Get behind your teacher.

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The News is in receipt of a letter from J. W. Butler, of Galveston, saying: "I read with pride in the daily papers, of the winning of the \$250 Radio Set awarded by A. & M. College, by the Peters Prairie school. It is wonderful advertising for Mason County." We appreciate the interest of Mr. Butler in his home county. Besides Mr. Butler, there have been thousands of persons, during the past year, to learn of the progress that Mason County, "The Home of Diversified Farming," is making. May it be an inspiration to every community in the County to help put our home county forward during 1924.

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Herbert Puckey was here to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Puckey during Christmas. Herbert is still tick inspector, and is stationed at Eagle Pass.



THAT ARE FRESH AND PROVIDE THE WHOLESOME NOURISHMENT EVERY HOUSEWIFE WANTS IN THE FOODS SHE PREPARES.

WE CARRY THE MOST COMPLETE LINE OF VEGETABLES AND FRUITS TO BE FOUND IN MASON. ALSO A WELL SELECTED LINE OF PACKING HOUSE PRODUCTS. WE SLICE YOUR MEAT ACCORDING TO YOUR DESIRES WITH OUR NEW SLICING MACHINE AT NO EXTRA CHARGE PER POUND.

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J. J. JOHNSON

READY FOR BUSINESS

We wish to announce we have opened a tinning and plumbing business on the west side of the public square and are now ready for business in our line.

We do all kinds of sheet metal work and windmill repair and plumbing work. Will appreciate an opportunity to serve you when in need of anything in our line.

DOELL BROS.

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Ask Your Dealer For

HOME GROUND CORN MEAL

We grind meal any day of the week. You don't have to wait until Saturday to have your corn ground.

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BEST—BEST—BEST
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Meet White Glory at J. A. Beach's Feed Store and M. T. Looney's Store. She represents the best quality of Missouri high grade wheat flour. The delicious biscuit, cakes, rolls and bread made from White Glory Flour. Will please the little folks as well as the grown ups.

A BUSINESS ASSET

The proper cleaning of your fall and winter clothing gives you that feeling of dignity and self-respect which induces efficiency in business.

Cleaning of: Men's Suits ... \$1.50
Overcoats ... \$1.50 up Ladies' Suits ... \$1.50 up

ROY E. DOELL

WITH J. S. WING, THE JEWELER



Another Year

Retrospective hours are here again. Men of families pause to weigh achievements of the past twelve months. It is good time wasted—unless costly experiences are converted into firm resolves to make the coming year a better one.

Responsibilities make men great. Do not despair at failures of the past. They are gone. The thing that now interests you most is "how to care for your family properly—and at old age find yourself independent of charity."

The answer is a simple one. Spend less than you earn—and save the difference. You'll be surprised how soon dollars pile up in a saving account. Then you can put dollars to work for you. They will earn your ease and comfort.

MASON NATIONAL BANK

Kansas City Life Makes Great Record In Texas In 1923

We take this opportunity to thank our more than thirty-two thousand policyholders in Texas for their patronage during the year just closed, and to wish them and all our Texas friends a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The following statement of business in force in Texas and the amount written during 1923 is ample evidence of the confidence which Texas citizens have in the Kansas City Life Insurance Company. Added proof is furnished, however, in the fact that Texas policyholders of the Company have taken out additional insurance during 1923 in the amount of over two and one-half million dollars.

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| Total New Business written in Texas, in 1923, Over | \$16,000,000 |
| Total Insurance in Force in Texas, January 1, 1924, Over | \$67,000,000 |

An agency connection with our Company is most profitable, due to the low premium rates and liberal provisions of our policy contracts, together with the special service which our Company and Agency render their representatives in the field. We shall be glad to correspond with wide awake, aggressive salesmen who are interested in a life insurance agency connection.

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MAGNOLIA BUILDING DALLAS
Over \$47,000,000 in Force in Texas Among our 32,000 Policy Holders.

OSCAR A. HENSCH
REPRESENTATIVE AT MASON, TEXAS.

Silk and wool hose for ladies at the MASON'S GREATEST NEED—A Frank Clark Tailor Shop. 43 MODERN HOTEL.

Society

Schmidt-Wood

The Christian Church was the scene of a wedding of unusual interest Wednesday evening, December twenty-sixth at six-thirty o'clock when Miss Zella Wood was united in marriage with Mr. Jesse Otto Schmidt, Rev. J. J. Ray, pastor, officiating, the double ring ceremony being used.

The church was simply but attractively decorated in ferns, arranged in graduated order to form an improvised altar. The lights were shaded in pink and green while the aisles were marked in the same shade, the whole giving a beautiful effect.

The ceremony was preceded by Cædmon's "At Dawning" sung by Miss Genevieve King, accompanied by Miss Ida Kinkel, who also played Mendelssohn's wedding march for the bridal party.

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. W. I. Marshall, who entered first, wearing a becoming model in black crepe beaded in rose and silver, with picture hat in black and silver, and carrying a bouquet of Russel roses.

Little Mildred Eckert, niece of the bride as flower girl, entered next wearing a dainty frock of pink chiffon with silver trimmings, and strewing rose petals in the path of the bride who entering on the arm of her father who gave her in marriage, was met at the altar by the groom and his best man, W. I. Marshall, where the impressive ceremony was read.

The bride was gowned in a lovely crepe model in log-cabin brown, with brocaded panels and wearing a spring model hat with accessories in harmony. She carried a bouquet of white Chrysanthemums and Narcissus.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wood of this place and is known and loved by a wide circle of friends.

The groom holds a responsible position with Trigg Drug Company, of Brady, at which place they are at home to their many friends after January 1st.

Party at Bierschwale Home

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bierschwale was the scene of one of the gayest parties of the season on December 21, at 10 o'clock, when their daughter, Miss Julia, and Mrs. Walter Lindsay were hostesses to a merry group of pleasure seekers.

The holiday note in decoration was used throughout the spacious living room, reception hall and dining room, where twelve tables were arranged for bridge and 42, each guest choosing his favorite pastime.

At the conclusion of the games a dainty salad course was served to the following guests:

Mr. and Mrs. Seth L. Baze, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Splittgerber, Mr. and Mrs. John Doell, Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Doell, Mr. and Mrs. Kinney Eckert, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Metzger, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lindsay, Mrs. Tom White and Mrs. Elgin Eckert; Misses Hallie Gibbons, Sadie Lindsay, Marie Brockman, Averil Bellows, Elizabeth White, Edith Bellows, Marie Harlowe, Mary Jane Puckey, Pearl Land, Nell Bierschwale, Julia Bierschwale, Allen Doell, C. C. Smith, Cecil Smith, Willard K. Larrimore, Arch Carter.

Miss Verdine Kettner, of Harper, spent the Christmas holidays here in the home of her uncle, Mr. Louis Kettner.

Miss Sadie Lindsay left Tuesday for Denton to resume her studies in the College of Industrial Arts, after having spent the Christmas holidays with home folks.

Mrs. J. L. Jones, of Junction, spent the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Wes Smith.

Faculty Entertained

Mrs. P. A. Bennett delightfully entertained the members of the school faculty and a few friends Wednesday evening, December 19th.

The rooms were decorated with holly and pine cones.

The chief diversion of the evening was 42, Miss Klapproth winning first prize and Kurt Zesch the booty.

A dainty salad course was served to the following guests:

Misses Theresa Klapproth, Lois Reeves, Willie Mae and Floy Braunn, Willie Wheat, Otilla Hoerster, Winnie Walker, Jessie and Ruby Roark, Edna Kettner, Mertie Brodnax; Messrs. Fritz Schmidt, Irl E. Larrimore, W. L. Dumas, Kurt and Roy Zesch, C. Garrett, Frank Willmann, Melchior and Celeste Beyer, Clarence Kothmann, Andrew Schreiber, Mr. and Mrs. Dobie.

Luncheon

Miss Helen Jordan entertained with a charmingly appointed luncheon at her home Friday. The table was exquisitely decorated in the Christmas colors. Dainty place cards marked the covers for the honoree, Ida Mae Lemburg, Lillie Mae Kidd, Ruby Jordan, Augusta Jenkins, Sarah Thaxton, Estella Hofmann, Lucille Baker, Florence Geistweidt, Willie Mae Grosse, Harold Zesch, Clarence Kothmann, Walter Jordan and the hostess.

Dinner Party

Miss Alma Mae Breazeale entertained with a dinner party at her home last Sunday evening.

The guests included Misses Mary Jane Puckey, Jessie Lee Doell, Willie Mae Grosse, Lillie Eckert, Elizabeth White, Averil Bellows, Virginia Eckert, Louise Breazeale, Ruth Melton and the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth L. Baze entertained Monday night with a watch party. Sandwiches and coffee were served cafeteria style. Bridge and 42 were played until twelve o'clock. The party then ushered the old year out and the New Year in by ringing bells. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Doell, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Splittgerber, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lindsay, Mrs. Tom White; Misses Pearl Land, Marie Brockman, Julia Bierschwale; Arch Carter and Willie Thaxton.

Braley-McCollum

On Wednesday mornin, December 26, Mr. George C. Braley and Mrs. Lola McCollum were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Wes Smith. Rev. C. H. Garrett officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Braley left immediately for a visit in San Antonio, after which they will make their home in Junction.

Miss Mackie Leslie, who is teaching school at McAllen, visited relatives and friends in Mason during the holidays.

Missionary Society

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Tom White Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 8, at 3 o'clock.

Leader, Rev. G. T. Gibbons. Subject—"The New Day in Brazil." Opening Song—"As A Volunteer". Prayer.

Bible Lesson—"The Task Christ Set for Himself and Us"—Is. 42:1-7; Is. 9:6-7; Micah, 6:8.

Roll Call—"My Missionary Resolution for 1924."

Signs of the New Day in Brazil, 9 minute talk, Mrs. Allan Murray.

Reading—"The Great Question", Mrs. Holmes King.

Report of Past Year's Work, Mrs. Wm. Splittgerber.

Business—Installation of officers. Five minute talk by Mrs. Robt. W. Hofmann.

Announcement of Committees. Music. Closing Song—"Near the Cross".

Baptist Auxiliary

Mrs. F. W. Jenkins was hostess to the Baptist Ladies' Auxiliary Thursday afternoon.

A very interesting program, consisting of the Bible lesson led by Mrs. T. A. Saunders and several good readings concerning the medical missions in China, was rendered.

A social hour was very much enjoyed, during which time dainty refreshments were served to Mrs. Winkel a guest, and the following members: Mmes. Geo. Herring, Richard Reichenau, Tom Baker, Ernest Lemburg, T. A. Saunders, W. W. Beach, Frank Clark, Oscar Seaquist, C. S. Velder, F. W. Jenkins and Miss Augusta Jenkins.

Dinner Party

Miss Bessie Grote entertained Wednesday evening with an elaborate dinner party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Grote. The table was exquisitely decorated in a low crystal basket of pink roses and pine, and candle sticks held pink candles. Dainty place cards marked the covers for the following guests: Misses Edith Bellows, Hallie Gibbons, Bessie Grote, Otilla and Martha Hoerster, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jordan; Messrs. George Kothmann, Marvin Jordan, Gibbons, Kinney Kothmann and Willard K. Larrimore.

Watch Night

Watch night was kept by the Luther League last Monday night at the home of Rev. and Mrs. M. Heinrich where they were delightfully entertained at playing various games.

Delicious refreshments were served and about five minutes before the New Year, fireworks were displayed.

Bridge Party

Mrs. W. I. Marshall and Mrs. K. M. Eckert were joint hostesses at one of the prettiest of holiday parties Saturday afternoon at Mrs. Eckert's home, when they entertained at bridge, in honor of their sister, Miss Zella Wood, a bride-of-the-week.

The rooms were cheerful in their Christmas decoration of bells, wreaths and red candles. A tiny Christmas tree formed the centerpiece for each table. A delicious salad course was served after the games to Miss Zella Wood, Mesdames Elgin Eckert, Roscoe Runge, Arch Metzger, Tom White, Ben Grote, P. A. Bennett, Walter Lefebvre of Dallas, Sterling Schmidt, Walter Lindsay, John Lindsay, Seth Baze, Howard Smith, Albert Lee, John Fuller of San Rita, N. M.; Misses Lillie Eckert, Thelma Wood, Genevieve King, Marie Brockman, Julia Bierschwale, Pearl Land, Elizabeth White.

Bridge Club

Mrs. Seth L. Baze entertained the Bridge Club and a number of additional friends with a Christmas party Thursday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White. Miss Elizabeth White assisted her sister, and a dainty two-course luncheon was served after the games to the following members and guests: Mmes. Walter Lindsay, Arch Metzger, W. I. Marshall, P. A. Bennett, Elgin Eckert, John Lindsay, Tom White, John Fuller, Roy Doell, Jesse Schmidt, K. M. Eckert, Misses Julia Bierschwale, Marie Brockman, Hilda Lemburg, Sadie Lindsay, Edith Bellows, Averil Bellows, Lauderdale, Mary Jane Puckey and Pearl Land.

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

You are hereby advised that the annual meeting of the stock holders 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 9th day of January, 1924 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,
W. E. JORDAN, Cashier.

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Ernest Jordan Meat Market
One door north Larimore & Grote's Store. Will appreciate a portion of your trade.
CHOICE MEATS, PORK, SAUSAGE, PACKING HOUSE PRODUCTS, BREAD, ETC.

The City Meat Market & Bakery
W. A. ZESCH & SON Props.
Located in the Bridges Building, one door east of Louis Schmidt's Store

SCHLAUDT & CO' MARKET
CHOICE MEATS ALWAYS ON HAND—BEEF, PORK, SAUSAGE HANDLE PACKING HOUSE PRODUCTS. ONE DOOR WEST MASON NATIONAL BANK

You'll enjoy seeing the picture shows at the Star Opera House on Friday and Saturday nights. Show starts at 7:15 o'clock.

High grade silk hose for ladies, at Frank Clark's Tailor Shop. 37

Glass windows at R. Grosse's Lumber Yard. 22

CHEICKENS

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices.
J. J. JOHNSON, 51-1f

New hats and caps just received at the Frank Clark Tailor Shop. Call to see our line. 31-1f

Gates' Super-Tread Tires and Tested Tubes. Sold by Otto Schmidt. 18f

We carry a good stock of fine bond papers at all times, but have sample cabinets which enable us to show you anything in the paper line on a moment's notice and if not in stock, will get it for you in a few days. THE NEWS OFFICE.

*** CHURCH NOTICES ***

METHODIST CHURCH
Let us make the first Sunday in the New Year count for good.
Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Preaching service at 11 a. m.
The young people will meet at 6:30 p. m. and organize both senior and intermediate leagues.
Preaching service at 7:15 p. m.
G. T. GIBBONS, P. C.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Services next Sunday, the first of the New Year. We take this method of saying to our friends in Mason that after February 1st, our family will move to Mason and have our residence at the parsonage at the church where we will be glad to have you call at any time.
Yours truly,
J. J. RAY

CATHOLIC
Services every first Sunday.
Mass at 10 a. m.
Sunday School from 2 to 3 p. m.
Rosary, Sermon, Benediction from 3 to 4 p. m.
Any question concerning Catholic Church or its teachings will be courteously answered at the afternoon services.
Everybody welcome.
JOS. F. DWAN, Pastor.

GERMAN METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.—Harry Plueneke, Supt.
Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. (except 4th Sunday at 11 a. m.)
Prayer Meeting every Tuesday night at 8 p. m.
English services on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays at night.
REV. J. W. A. WITT, Pastor.

SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID

Since our last report the following have made subscription payments to the News, for which we extend them our thanks:

- Rev. J. W. A. Witt 1.50
- P. A. Bode 1.50
- Fritz Klett 1.50
- Reuben Wiesemann 1.50
- Mrs. Theo. Bernhard 1.50
- J. W. Willmann 1.50
- L. C. Looney 2.25
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- J. W. Lefeste 3.00
- Alex Durst 3.00
- Hilton Lefeste 1.50
- J. M. Watkins 4.50

"JUST AROUND THE CORNER"

Thousands who wept and laughed at "Humoresque" will have an opportunity of seeing another East Side story by the author of "Humoresque"—Fannie Hurst.

The new picture is "Just Around the Corner" and not only is the original story the work of one of the collaborators of the screen version of "Humoresque," but the scenario and direction are the work of the scenario writer of that classic—Francis Marion. It will be shown at the Star Theater Saturday night.

"Just Around the Corner" tells the story of the Birdsong family living in New York East Side. It is a story of family devotion, of the struggles of a mother, a daughter and a son to preserve the untarnished name of their family in the face of poverty and their ultimate triumph. Love, humor, misfortune, smiles and tears and smiles again all play their parts.

A brilliant cast contributes to the excellence of "Just Around the Corner." It includes Margaret Seddon, favorably known as a result of her work in "The Inside of the Cup"; Lewis Sargent, creator of the role of "Huckleberry Finn"; Sigrid Holmquist, the "Mary Pickford of Sweden," who appears for the first time in an American picture; Fred C. Thomson, husband of Frances Marion, the director, Edward Phillips, well known for his stage work in "Seven Days' Leave" and "The Hole in the Wall"; Peggy Parr, Mme. Rose Rosonova and William Nally.

Miss Marie Harris, of Llano, was a guest in the Howard Smith home for several days last week.

Miss Celeta Gamel spent the Christmas holidays in Mason, the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Gamel, and her aunt, Mrs. John Lindsay. Celeta is attending school in San Antonio.

Mrs. A. W. Koock, of Austin, spent several days the past week visiting her mother, Mrs. Bertha Todd.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Murray and daughter were guests of Mr. Murray's mother, Mrs. Tom Murray, during the holidays.

Glenn Murray, of Abilene, was in Mason to spend Christmas among relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shearer, of Whiteland and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Shearer of Rochelle were guests in the S. K. Shearer home the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Krueger and son, of San Antonio, spent several days the past week, visiting in the home of Mr. Krueger's sister, Mrs. Kurt Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White and Mr. and Mrs. John Schaug spent several days in San Antonio this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith spent the past week in San Antonio visiting their daughter, Mrs. Neal Coleman.

Misses Alma Mae Breazeale and Willie Mae Grosse returned Tuesday to Hext where they are teaching, after having spent the holidays with home folks.

Miss Jessie Doell, teacher in the Lohn school, left Monday after having visited at home during Christmas.

Miss Augusta Jenkins spent the holidays with home folks.

Miss Dora Garrett was at home from Batson, for the holidays, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Garrett.

Clint Breazeale, employed as a pharmacist in a drug store in Fort Stockton, visited his mother, Mrs. A. Tinsley, a few days last week.

Louis Green, who played on the Mason baseball team last summer, and who is attending school at Brownwood, spent a few days in Mason the past week-end.

Guy Green, a student in the Texas University, was at home during the holidays to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Green.

Murray Kyger who is a fresman at the University this year enjoyed the holidays visiting relatives and friends in Mason.

Mayme Doell who is teaching school at Wichita Falls, spent the holidays at home.

Miss Mamie Smith has returned to Gilmer where she is teaching this year, after having visited her parents, Mr. Misses Annetta and Clara Moran who are attending school at Alpine, were home to spend the holidays.

- Mrs. F. W. Jenkins 1.50
- Mrs. Louis Christliff 1.50
- Mrs. E. A. Lutes 3.00
- Miss Anna C. Loring 1.50
- F. W. Winkle 1.50
- Julius Spilgerber 1.50
- J. O. Schmidt 1.50
- Rev. G. W. F. Schreiber 1.50

Good-by, Old Year

By Gene Snicker Dawson, of Mason City Mo

GOOD-BY, Old Year, good-by,
I bid you farewell tonight,
And I watch you go with a
bit of a sigh,
But my heart is strongly
light.

For in my hands I hold
The treasures you brought to me,
Gifts more precious than weightless
gold
Or gems from a tropic sea.

A friendship proven true,
A hard task fairly done,
And a love which lives to bloom
With the light of every sun.
And you bear away, Old Year,
In your garments of trailing white,
An old regret and the ghost of a
As you vanish from me tonight.

Good-by, Old Year, good-by!
Smiling I watch you go,
We have been good comrades, you
and I,
But you cannot stay, I know,
The New Year stands at the door,
Her promises fair I hear,
But still I linger to say once more,
Goodby, goodby, Old Year.

Your New Year's Calls

THE gracious custom of calling on New Year's day has not entirely gone out of style. It is one relic left us of a time when the amenities of life were more carefully observed than now and hospitality a grace deemed worthy of intensive cultivation. So then, lay out your calls and start 1924 in the spirit of neighborliness and the good old days "When Knighthood Was in Flower."

Put first on your list your aged friends and acquaintances, since we forget and neglect the aged with pathetic disregard of their sensitiveness and their loneliness. The line of least resistance with many of us is to avoid contact with querulous old age wherever possible, and this is particularly true during the holiday season. Few children are forgotten at Christmas, but many elderly persons are left to reflect bitterly on the thoughtlessness of youth and the fate of the superannuated through whose veins the blood courses thin and slow.

So put on your best bib and tucker and take your cane if you wear one, and, armed with, say, half a dozen red roses, make as many calls on the "shut-ins" and the veterans who sit in the deepening twilight musing on the days that are no more. Stay long enough to crack your best joke, and, since "one touch of rheumatism makes the whole world kin," do not forget to ask after Aunt Mary's sciatica and Uncle John's lame arm. Make it a happy, cheery kind of call—present your gift and go your way, and our word for it, you will begin the New Year with every flag a-flying.—Detroit News.

New Year Surprises

By Mary Graham Bonner

AN OLD-TIME custom on the first day of the New Year was for a group of people to prepare surprise baskets filled with fruit and nuts and candies and a jar of jam or a pudding, and fixing the baskets gayly with ribbon, take them around to less fortunate ones.

Many and many were the small towns where the people followed this custom, and as the basket was presented, a happy New Year was wished to the recipient.

It would be well for many of the old customs to be preserved!

Our Postman's Perquisite

By C. C. HAZARD

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IMPATIENT commuters along the line of the D. L. & W. R. R. used to call it the "Delay, Linger and Wait route," and those who for various reasons were in a hurry to get their mail were tempted to apply the term to our postman. Certainly they could not call him "The Fast Mail." To the pace of a tortoise he added conversational abilities that arrested him with passing acquaintances and interests that detained him upon street corners, so that agonized lovers, who had not had letters since yester-

Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Martin and children spent the Christmas holidays in San Antonio, guests of Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Krueger.

Ben Evans spent Christmas in Mason with his mother, Mrs. Belle Lealle. Ben is superintendent of the Edson school this year.

Walter M. Martin spent Christmas in San Antonio with Mrs. Martin who is receiving medical attention there.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad C. Ziegler, of San Antonio, were here for Christmas, visiting in the home of Mrs. Ziegler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Martin, and Mrs. G. W. Smith during the holidays.

Denny, son of Rev. and Mrs. G. T. Gibbons, left Wednesday for his home at Sagerton, after having spent the Christmas holidays with home folks.

Miss Halley Gibbons, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. G. T. Gibbons, who is attending school at San Marcos, left Sunday to resume her studies.

Miss Willie Mae Doell who is teaching at Kline Branch, Gillespie County, visited home folks during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Ida Mae Lemburg was at home to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Lemburg.

H. A. Jordan, of the Peters Prairie community, and a friend of the News, was in town last week and advanced the dates on his paper up another year.

Mr. and Mrs. Young McCollum were here from Eden to spend a few days with Young's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. McCollum, during the holidays.

El McCollum, of Breckenridge visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. McCollum, during Christmas.

Mrs. Bruce Tarver and little son, of Kerrville, visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schmidt, during the Christmas holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. O. H. Ritchardson, of Austin, were in Mason to spend Christmas in the home of Mrs. Ritchardson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Carter.

Willard K. Larrimore left Monday for Dallas, after having visited home folks in Mason for a couple weeks.

Let your next tire be a Gate's Super-Tread. Sold by Otto Schmidt. 18f

Time's Up

THE close of a year makes us think of the passing of time. The following maxims, old and new, should make us think of the value of time:

Any time means no time most times. A man who does nothing never has time to do anything.

He who has most time has none to lose. Nothing is more precious than time and nothing less valued.

No reward can recover lost time. Be always in time; too late is a crime.

The time that bears no fruit deserves no name.

Life is but time; waste the latter and you reduce the former.

You may have time again, but never the time.

Take time when time is, for time will away.

Time present is the only time you can be sure of.

None can be provident of time who is not prudent in the choice of his company.

BEST NEW YEAR WISH

The superiority of North American civilization to that of South America has been thus accounted for: The Pilgrim came to America in search of God; the Spaniards came in search of gold; the difference between spiritual and material foundations in the state. The best New Year wish for our nation is a spiritual wish.—C. G. Hazard.

days, would see him before in sight down the street long before he delivered the precious message, forgetting themselves in the meanwhile.

But he was so interested in our postals, so sympathetic in our disappointments, so willing to take packages and letters down to the office and to buy us stamps, and such a bond between us and our friends afar, that we forgave him even when he was a missing link and brought us nothing, and always upon New Year's day we were glad to make both him and ourselves happy with not unexpected but fairly earned bits on our Uncle Sam's

A Happy New Year



Prosperous New Year

For that which has passed and gone, let us feel thankful. The New Year is here—let us hail it with joy. May it be bright and bring hopes of a rosy future—may we merit a continuation of the support accorded us in the past.

O. A. HENSCH



A HAPPY NEW YEAR

All of us are wishing for all of you all the joy and happiness we can conceive. And if, perchance, we have omitted any particular item which you would particularly treasure, we're hoping that, too, may be yours—

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We Wish You a Happy New Year

May every happiness combine
To make your New Year bright;
And the Best of Luck upon you shine,
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One more we hang up a new calendar. An old year dies and a new year is born.

It is time to measure profit and loss, failure and success. All check up accounts. What has been gained or lost in the material things of the world. Have we enriched or impoverished our spiritual resources? Whatever we have done with the closing year is done. None of us cannot rewrite the story. But a new chance is given to all to make the story of the new year what they will.

We live in a country that was built upon the principle that all men are created equal. The dyseptic mind has been disposed to repudiate that doctrine, contending that education and opportunity are after all for a privileged class. However this may seem, the makers of our government denied no man the right to initiative and enthusiasm. Whoever shall use these tools can pack his way into any privileged class if there be such.

Begin the New Year by warming up to an idea or an ideal. Light the wick of enthusiasm.

Emerson says that enthusiasm is the passing from the human to the divine. The Greek word for enthusiasm signifies God within us.

Go to it. Let our resolves be DO rather than don't. The fulfillment of resolutions will save disappointment, regret and remorse.



A New Year Greeting
May your New Year be merry—may the gods of happiness and joy be ever near you—may the remembrances from others carry sentiments so pleasing as to warm your hearts—may good cheer abound—may the log of 1924 burn steadily through the year, with flames that glow with prosperity and health.

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A JOYOUS NEW YEAR

Happiness, Health, Prosperity, Wealth

I'd give them all if I could;
But since I cannot, I am wishing at least,
That you get something just as good

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May Luck Be With You

Here's to the New Year—may it hold for you prosperity tenfold; may it make up to you in worldly goods and health for any losses in the past; may it keep you at the top of the wave, and help us to merit your continued and appreciated patronage.

Herbert Hofmann



Our New Year Greeting

To 1924—the year that is coming—a health!
May the New Year hold for you all that you liked in the old,—and more of it.
May it bring you much that you would welcome but do not hope for—that it may be indeed a happy New Year.

F. LANGE

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**BLANKS FOR FILING INCOME
TAX RETURNS ARE AVAILABLE**
Form 1040-A has consisted of
six pages, the questions pertaining not
only to salaries and wages, but to in-
come from business, professions, sales
of real estate, and other sources. It is
estimated that for the year 1923 more
than 4,000,000 persons, or 70 per cent
of those who annually are required to
file income tax returns, will use the
new form.
Persons, any part of whose income
for the year 1923 was derived from
business or profession, farming, sale
of property or rents, regardless of the
amount, will be required to use the
larger form, 1040. The use of Form
1040 will be required, also, in cases
where the net income was in excess
of \$5,000 whether from salary, business
profession, or other taxable sources.
Formerly Form 1040 was used only for
reporting individual net income of more
than \$5,000.

Forms for filing individual returns
of income will be sent to persons who
filed similar returns for the year 1922.
It being impossible to determine this
year the form desired by the taxpayer,
whether he be a man whose income
was derived chiefly from salary or
wages or from business, profession, or
other taxable sources, the taxpayer
will receive both forms, and is advised
to note carefully the instructions re-
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ing returns of individual net income
of \$5,000 and less, from whatever
source derived, has been revised and
simplified in the interests of the largest
class of taxpayers, salaried persons
and wage earners. The new form will
be used for reporting net income for
the year 1923 of \$5,000 and less de-
rived chiefly from salaries and wages.
Reducing to a minimum the problem
of correctly making out an income tax
return, Form 1040-A consists of a single
sheet in which space is provided for
answers to only three questions in re-
lation to income: salaries, wages, com-
missions, etc.; interest and bank de-
posits, notes, mortgages, and corpora-
tion bonds, and "other income." On
the reverse side are instructions. For-

**TRAGEDY OCCURS NEAR TELE-
GRAPH**
Word was received here about two
o'clock Tuesday afternoon that Mrs.
Annie Fleming of the Telegraph com-
munity was in a critical condition.
Numerous rumors were heard about
town.
Later in the day it was learned that
Mrs. Fleming had been shot in the left
shoulder with a .38 caliber automatic.
The bullet entered just to the left of
the neck and ranged downward.
No details of the tragedy were avail-
able.
Homer Fleming came to Junction
Tuesday night and surrendered to the
officers. A complaint charging assault
to murder was filed against him.
He is being held at the county jail
without bond. Up to time of going to
press, no examining trial had been re-
quested by his attorneys.—Junction
Eagle, Dec. 21.

Mrs. D. H. Bird, of Lapryor, was a
holiday guests in the home of her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Puckey.
Glass windows at R. Grosse's Lum-
ber Yard.

LADY GOT SO WEAK COULD SCARCELY STAND

**After Suffering From Many Female Troubles This Lady Heard of
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stand.
"I was very nervous, and could not
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thin, and did not have nutrition for any-
thing.
"I had been trying other remedies . . .
but did not get any better.
"Some one told us of Cardal, and
what it was recommended for. I also
took a Ladies Birthday Almanac and
read of a case something like mine. I
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"I saw a great improvement after the
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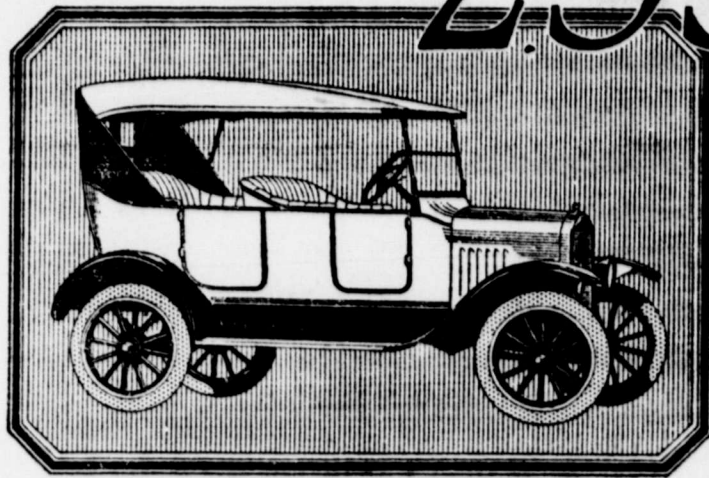
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We offer, subject sale, a few shares Mason National Bank stock cheap.

EDWIN MCKELLAR, Austin 43-4tp

"THE GREAT IMPERSONATION"

James Kirkwood, featured player in George Melford's new Paramount production, "The Great Impersonation," which is to be shown at the Star Theater Friday night has one of the most difficult dual roles ever portrayed on the screen.

The skill required in the portrayal of this role will be understood when one considers the fact that Mr. Kirkwood must enact two racial characters with entirely different characteristics—one a German, the other an Englishman.

The role becomes further involved when, as the story develops, it appears that the German has killed the Eng-

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Marriage License

Mr. Shirley Stapp and Miss Ruthie Gleghorn, Dec. 15th.

Mr. M. T. Dees and Miss Mary Wood Dec. 18th.

Mr. George C. Braley and Mrs. Lola McCollum, Dec. 26th.

Jesse O. Schmidt and Zella Wood, Dec. 26th.

Ethron Allen McMillon and Odell Solomon, Dec. 31.

Deaths

Mr. and Mrs. Enll Wissemann, a boy, December 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kasper, a boy, Dec. 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cameron, a girl, Dec. 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Westbrook, a boy, Dec. 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Craddock, a girl, Dec. 28th.

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Shuman and impersonates him in Britain, acting as a spy of the Imperial Prussian government just prior to the great war.

After many thrilling scenes, a smashing surprise develops which is calculated to make the average motion picture fan gasp. It is said this finale is unequalled in interest and dramatic power by any similar situation ever shown in a motion picture. Mr. Kirkwood's portrayal of this difficult role is highly artistic.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ischar visited their daughter, Mrs. Parker, in Wichita Falls, during the holidays.

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

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Llano County, Texas, will on the 14th day of January, 1924, receive and consider sealed proposals from any banking corporation, association or individual banker in Mason County, Texas, desiring to act as County Depository of all the funds of Llano County for the period of time between the date when such selected depository executes its bond or bonds and the regular time for the selection of a depository in February, 1925.

Said proposals shall state the rate of interest to be paid on the funds of Llano County for said period of time and a certified check made payable to A. E. Moore, County Judge of Llano County, in the sum of Three Hundred Dollars, which accompany said proposal as a guarantee of the good faith on the part of the bidder that if his bid be accepted he will enter into to such bond, as such depository, as he is required under the law to make, otherwise he will forfeit said check to Llano County, as liquidated damages.

All proposals and bids must be filed with the county judge of Llano County, before 10 o'clock a. m. on the 14th day of January, 1924, at which hour said court will open and consider said proposals and bids.

Said Commissioners' Court hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dated at Llano, Texas, this 10th day of December, 1923.

A. E. MOORE,
County Judge of Llano County, Texas. 41-3tc

Willie Thaxton, veterinarian, from Fort Worth, was in Mason to spend a part of the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Thaxton.