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HONOR ROLL FOR FOURTH AND FIFTH MONTHS; LOCAL SCHLS

The honor roll for both the Fourth month and the fifth month is given below:

Fourth Month

High School—"A" students, Mildred Montgomery, Coralea Tinsley, Lucille Lange, Esther Wiedemann, Emily Jordan, Louis Later; "B" students, Ethyl Lumburg, Garner Scaquist, Anna Marie Kooch, Eva-Jean Kidd, Esther Christilles, Estella Zesch, Eunice Green, Alva Beach, Ella Mae Metzger, Arthur Geistweidt, Genevieve King, Leah Passmore, Dessie Hoerster.

Seventh Grade—"A" students, Mae Grote, Sadie Herring, Esther Vater; "B" students, Ida Mae Wartenbach, Beatrice Jordan, Hermit Gibbons.

Sixth Grade—"A" students, Lina Mallaire, Violet Vedder; "B" students, Eulela Barber, Hugh Bratton, Virginia Metzger, Paul Hallett, Boyd Murrah, Lucille Probst, Henry Pluenneke, Bonnie Strachbein, Maud Smart, Sterling Wartenbach, Jewel Strachbein, Evelyn Willmann.

Fifth Grade—"A" students, Jennie Behrens, Olivia Donop, Virginia Eckert, Emma Hey, Elfrida Loeffler, Grace McMillan; "B" students, Reuben Dannheim, Johnnie Keller, Elroy Schreiber.

Fourth Grade—"B" students, Milton Vater, Roy Tilley, Charles Gipson, Edmund Gierisch, Lee Roy Eckert, Ray Eastman, Mary Cecile Lawson, Nellie Kothmann, Vera Beck.

Third Grade—"A" students, Leona Banta, Maybelle Grote, Juanita Lumburg; "B" students, Mary Faye Banks, Genevieve Johnson, Thelma Land, Ruby Schweers, Lillian Baxter, Dorman Wright.

Second Grade—"A" student, Velma Vedder; "B" students, Henry Leifeste, Jack Lindsay, Lee Rankin Grote, Hilmer Holmes, Karlita Hofmann, Helen Lehmburg, Margaret Martin, Oleta Smith, Margaret Wartenbach, Annie Marie Rode, Lizzie Bell Cooper, Sterling Heinrich.

First Grade—"A" students, Arnold Bennett, Richard Eckert; "B" students, Ruby Banks, Jake Beach, Leon Bode, Lucille Eastman, William Hartmann, Johnnie Johnson, Henry Saunders, Doris Willmann, Dorothy Willmann, Vernell Willmann.

Fifth Month

High School—"A" students, Mildred Montgomery, Ethyl Lehmburg, Alva Beach, Lucille Lange, Coralea Tinsley, Esther Christilles, Louis Vater, Emily Jordan, Dessie Hoerster; "B" students, Stella Leslie, Gus Lehmann, Leah Passmore and Genevieve King.

Seventh Grade—"B" students, Edna Capps, Christiana Gipson, Carl Heinrich, Roy Schweers, Beatrice Jordan, Sadie Herring, Ida Mae Wartenbach, Esther Vater, Kermit Gibbons.

Sixth Grade—"A" students, Paul Hallett, Lina Mallaire, Maud Smart; "B" students, Eulela Barber, Hugh Bratton, Louise Bruenzale, Virginia Metzger, Henry Pluenneke, Lucille Probst, Dan Raines, Violet Vedder, Evelyn Willmann.

Fifth Grade—"A" students, Jessie Raines; "B" students, Jennie Behrens, Ruby Danheim, Olivia Donop, Virginia Eckert, Ruth Heinrich, Emma Hey, Elfrida Loeffler, Grace McMillan, Reta McLean.

Fourth Grade—"B" students, Ella Starks, Mary Cecile Lawson, Nellie Kothmann, Reseda, Dannheim, Anna Marie Bruce, Vera Beck, Roy Tilley, Milton Vater, Ralph Kidd, Charles Gipson, Lee Roy Eckert, Ray Eastman.

Third Grade—"A" student, Maybelle Grote; "B" student, Mary Fay Banks, Leona Banta, Genevieve Johnson, Alice Loeffler.

Second Grade—"A" student, Helen Lehmburg; "B" students, Belma Vedder, Maggie Sanders, Jane Loring, Henry Leifeste, Lottie Opal Burrow, Ida Mae Beaver, Woodrow Barber.

First Grade—"A" student, Ruby Banks; "B" students, Jake Beach, Leon Bode, Lucille Eastman, Richard Eckert, William Hartman.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Thaxton received a message from their son Robert that Little Miss Elizabeth Latmar Thaxton arrived at their home Jan. 31.

Tom White, Arch Carter and Irl E. Larrimore went to San Antonio and back Saturday.



MASON DELEGATION WILL ATTEND DISTRICT CONVENTION

Some fifteen or twenty prominent business men of Mason will go to Brady tomorrow to attend the District Convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

The Convention promises to be one filled with enthusiasm, and according to the Brady papers, the program to be carried out will afford much pleasure and arouse much interest.

It is not very probable that Mason will bid for the next convention to be held in 1925, owing to the lack of hotel accommodations necessary to take care of the many delegates who attend these meetings.

It is hoped that when the delegation from Mason gets ready to leave tomorrow, there will have been quite a few names added to the list who will attend.

CLEAN UP DAY TOMORROW; SCHOOL WILL BE DISMISSED

Friday, February 22, has been designated by the Clean Town Club of Mason, as general clean up day for Mason.

It is announced that school will be dismissed on Friday in observance of George Washington's birthday anniversary, and this will materially aid in carrying out the clean up campaign, as the children will be at home to clean up their immediate premises.

It is desired that the business men take an active interest in the cleaning of the square. The News man would like to remind the rest of the business men not to let the bankers escape. In fact, it might be appropriate for them to do all the work as they have a holiday.

Let us all join in on this campaign and make Mason a city of beauty by its clean appearance.

Louis Schmidt was in San Antonio a few days this week, having been called there by the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. Herman Ochs. Mr. Ochs is well known to a number of Mason county people, who will regret very much to learn of his death.

Mr. Eugene Hahn passed through Mason Monday en route to his home in the Long Mountain community, after having spent a few days in Fredericksburg.

Bond papers at the News Office.

AT THE STAR
Feb. 21 and 23
"THE SHEIK"

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Wood and daughter, Olga Fay, spent Sunday at Voca, visiting relatives of Mrs. Wood.

E. Lumburg has returned home, after spending a couple weeks at market, buying goods for the firm of E. Lumburg & Bro.

LARGER ICE PLANT BEING BUILT BY MASON ICE & POWER COMPY.

The Mason Ice & Power Company of this city have started work on the erection of an addition ice plant of five ton capacity to the plant they are already equipped with.

The management informed a News reporter Monday that the new structure is to be built of concrete, and it is intended to have the new plant completed and ready for operation by the middle of May.

The capacity of the plant which has been making ice for Mason for the past years, is of five tons, and it is said that when the new plant is finished the two will be connected and the Company will be equipped to freeze ten tons of ice every twenty-four hours.

The necessity of the additional plant was brought about by the increasing demand of the past summer. At times the company could not furnish sufficient ice to supply the demand, but with the addition of the five ton plant, they will be prepared to meet the demand, and then some.

COLD AND RAINY WEATHER HAS PREVAILED THIS WEEK

After a few days of typical Spring weather latter part of last week, Sunday was ushered in with a snappy breeze from the north, and which was thought would reach the freezing point before Monday, but a little after the noon hour, rain started falling and continued, at intervals, until Monday morning, the total precipitation amounting to about three-quarters of an inch.

Tuesday was very pleasant, but on Wednesday the sky was hidden with clouds and a chilly wind was blowing from the east, making it very disagreeable.

According to a record kept by Mr. H. Bierschwale, of this city, the average rainfall for the past ten years, up to December 31, 1923, amounted to 25.012 inches.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Leifeste, of Castell brought their four-months-old baby girl to Mason Monday to consult a physician. It is stated a small brother of the baby fell with it last Friday, and the parents feared the child had sustained internal injuries. After an examination they were relieved to learn there was nothing serious detected.

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MASON COUNTY FARMERS REALIZING VALUE OF FERTILIZER

Last year, some twelve Mason County farmers used commercial fertilizer on a limited basis. This year these men, all having had satisfactory results, in spite of the hail and rain storm of the past season, have decided to use more fertilizer.

These twelve men were located in three communities of the county and this year there are thirty-five men using varying amounts of fertilizer in seven communities of this county.

Last year there was used about two cars of the commercial fertilizer. This year they will use about five cars.

Most of the men will use what is called a 10-42 fertilizer at the rate of two hundred pounds per acre, for both corn and cotton. Samples were taken of the different types of soil and an analysis was made by Dr. Fraps, State chemist, and the amounts supplied will be those recommended by him.

We are informed by the County Agent that markers will be placed in the fields, adjacent to the main roads, showing where fertilizer was applied and were not applied.

He asks that you watch these plots during the growing season and judge for yourselves whether or not the application of fertilizer is advisable.

Mrs. Herman Mebus

Word has been received here of the recent death of Mrs. Herman Mebus which occurred at her home in El Paso late in January. It is reported that death was due to heart failure.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bierschwale and Miss Julia Bierschwale, accompanied by Mrs. L. F. Clark, went to San Antonio Sunday. Mrs. Bierschwale will go from there to New York for a visit with her daughter, Miss Margaret, who is attending school there.

Condition of Mr. Rolston Improved

The many friends of Mr. Tom Rolston, who has been in the local sanitarium for the past couple weeks, will be glad to learn that his condition is reported as much improved.

Will Ellebracht, of San Antonio, spent the past week-end in Mason with his family.

Walter Martin attended the Bankers Convention at Lockhart last week. Mrs. Martin and little Miss Margaret returned home with him, after several weeks stay in San Antonio.

Wm. Fofmann and Mrs. Loula C. Loring returned this week from market where they bought new goods for the Hofmann Dry Goods company.

IMPRESSIVE MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD FRIDAY EVENING

On last Friday evening at the local M. E. Church, South, Memorial services were held for the late President Wilson and a more impressive or beautiful service has never been carried out here.

The churches united in the observance, and a large choir made up of choir members of the various denominations, led in the soulful singing.

Two songs were also sung by the male choir.

Opening number was "The Star Spangled Banner", following which Rev. J. W. A. Witt made the invocation.

This was followed by another song, after which splendid and appropriate talks were made by P. A. Bennett on "Wilson, the Man of Letters".

Roscoe Runge on Woodrow Wilson, the Constructive Statesman.

"The Day Is Dying in the West" was sung.

Attorney Carl Runge made a talk on "Woodrow Wilson, the Commander in Chief."

County Judge John T. Banks spoke of "Woodrow Wilson, the Champion of World Peace".

Attorney Lamar Thaxton delivered an appropriate talk on "Woodrow Wilson and His Place in History".

"The Son of God Goes Forth to War" was sung.

"Woodrow Wilson—the Christian Statesman" was the subject of a brief but impressive talk by Rev. J. J. Ray. Closing prayer was offered by Rev. M. Heinrich.

News reached Mason last week of the serious illness of Mrs. Ty Young, of El Paso. Mrs. Young has been in a hospital for the past few weeks with double pneumonia. She will be remembered here as Miss Hermedia Mebus.

BASE BALL GAME NEXT MONDAY BETWEEN M. H. S. TEAMS

Next Monday at 3:30 p. m. the Mason High School will stage the first baseball game of the season. It will be between the two High School societies, the Lone Star and the Woodrow Wilson. Each society has some of the fastest high school ball players that have been seen in Mason for many years. While a full line-up cannot yet be announced, batteries for the Lone Star will be Zesch and Kothmann, and for the Woodrow Wilson, Vossmann and Sanders.

There are almost thirty men trying out this spring, and with the men from last year and the new men from other schools, we have the best opportunity for a championship team the we are likely to have for several years.

Men from last year's team include Zesch, Foster, Lumburg, Keller, Sanders, Donop, Brown.

New men who are showing up well are, Wisemann, Ray, C. Ray, G. Kothmann, L. Kothmann, E. Brewer, Doell, Loeffler, Sanders and others.

Everybody is urged to come out and support the team in the game Monday. A charge of five cents will be made to cover the expense of the game. Any balance will be donated to the county meet to be held in Mason on March 21 and 22nd.

The two societies referred to above include the entire High School and the seventh grade. They will have a number of athletic and literary contests during the year. They also furnish the regular weekly chapel programs. They are graded on all they do, and at the end of the year the winning side will be awarded a silver loving cup.

TOTAL NUMBER OF POLL TAXES PASSES TWO THOUSAND MARK

The total number of poll taxes paid in Mason County for 1923, together with exemptions issued, passed the two thousand mark, according to data furnished the News by the Tax Collector. The figures furnished us show that there were 2,015 tax receipts issued, and it is estimated that there are more than one hundred "overs" in the county. According to this, if every qualified voter in Mason county should vote, a candidate, to be elected, would have to receive approximately eleven hundred votes.

The total number of tax receipts issued in 1922 were 1858.

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

Woodrow Wilson's body rest in the crypt of the great Episcopal Cathedral at Mt. St. Albans in the northwest section of Washington.

Woodrow Wilson's real funeral, the tribute paid to the spirit that is not dead, spreads actually over the whole world, and his was "a public funeral" in the real sense of the word.

The moment they are dead, men begin to settle into the place that history reserves for them. Today with radio, telegraph, newspapers, history works rapidly. Its judgments are as erroneous as in the past, probably, but they are more quickly rendered.

You come to the end of a book, read the word finis and know all that the book has to say. It is not so with the life of an active man. His last day comes, yet for him you cannot write finis, not after a year, or the next; perhaps not for a thousand years.

Woodrow Wilson, who held in his hand more material power than any individual has ever held on this earth, went back into the ground again. But how long the effects of his active life will be felt on this planet no man can say.

President Coolidge will observe that the Senat is in no doubt as to public opinion on the oil scandal. Some Senators would lose no sleep over such a little thing as selling the navy's oil supply to private individuals, or paying a little cash (not checks) to public officials, if the thing could be put over quietly.

But the country is awake, and not one Senator voted against Walsh's resolution calling on the President to cancel the oil leases.

One wise man last week said, "Ford talked just sixty days too soon. If he had kept quiet, this oil affair would have given him the Presidency." Perhaps he'd rather have Muscle Shoals.

His chances are good for that now. Any plans that official gentlemen may have had for turning that over to Insiders on a "Teapot basis" will be kept quiet for a while, at least.

Secretary Denby, of the Navy, says: "I would do it all over again tomorrow."

Of course that does not mean that the Secretary approves all the financial trimmings that went with the deal, the Government bonds handed over, checks that were given and not cashed, the valise full of cash handed to a member of the Cabinet of the United States.

Some of that, undoubtedly, Mr. Denby would change.

What is more important, however, than Secretary Denby's opinion, is what Congress and the people will do. They will see that it is not "done all over again."

One hundred and ten little Pomeranians—very small fluffy pet dogs—were exhibited in New York City last week. Each dog had a nicely dressed lady, nurse or owner, watching the dear little creature, affectionately and

faithfully. These dogs are worth more than \$100,000.

Not far away, in an institutional ward, you can find one hundred and ten human babies, three or four nurses taking care of the whole lot. And all the babies put together are hardly worth ten cents; in fact, they are a liability.

Moral: Be born a Pomeranian if you want to go through life comfortably, in this civilization.

Wise citizens of Florida won't hesitate any longer about sending William J. Bryan to represent them as delegate in the Democratic Convention. Judging by news from Washington, Mr. Bryan may have to overcome his reluctance and take the Democratic nomination himself. First, he will go around like Diogenes for awhile, with a lantern, and then say: "I guess you will have to take me."

Iowa's newspapers start a campaign of advertising, bragging about that fine State. No wonder, for they have things to brag about. The corn fields of Iowa alone produce more wealth than all the gold mines of the United States. The State knows no illiteracy or, at least, less than any other State in the Union. Its crops are worth a billion a year; the entire population, including all hired men, grandmothers and babies could ride at the same time in Iowa's automobiles.

It's really a marvelous State. California and Florida rejoice, saying: "More power. Get in those cars, drive here and spend it."

PLANS AND PREPARATIONS MADE TO CARE FOR 3100 MEN

The necessary preparations to insure the success of the four Citizens' Military Training Camps to be held this summer in the 8th Corps Area have been completed. It is believed from the careful attention given to every detail that the Camps this year will be the best ever held in this Corps Area.

From August 1st to 31st four Citizens' Military Training Camps are to be held in this Corps Area, one at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, one at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, one at Fort Logan, Colorado and one at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

Provision has been made for 31,000 students to receive the splendid training to be given at these Camps, this large number to be drawn from applicants from the States of Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico, and each State having a certain quota based upon population. This will give every live, wide-awake young man between the ages of 17 and 24 an opportunity to gain admittance to the camps.

The Government will as usual, pay all transportation expenses and all other necessary expenses from the time the student starts to the camps until he returns home, including the issuing of a complete uniform and first class standard equipment.

It is the intention this year as in the past, to show the public by actual demonstration that camp instruction of the kind contemplated will be the liking of the young men, will develop them physically, mentally and morally and will teach Americanism in its true sense.

Much attention will be given to athletics and the Army's best coaches will be detailed to the Camps. The general all around system of physical trainings have been indorsed by the leading athletes of the country in all branches of sport and every young man should avail himself of this wonder-

AUTOMOBILE USED THIRTY YRS.

Akron, O., Feb. 21.—"Hey you!" bawled the motorcycle officer as he pulled up alongside Jim De Garmo's 1892 model Gladiator, "I've a warrant here for your arrest. The charge is driving a car that's more than thirty years old through the streets of Cleveland."

De Garmo was piloting the ancient gasoline chariot to the Cleveland Auto Show, where it was placed on exhibition. As the old vehicle wended its way on its own power from De Garmo's home to the auditorium a police detail was required to keep curious folks from impeding its progress.

The Gladiator was built in Paris, France in 1892. Its 28x3 Goodyear straight side tires are nineteen years old, the serial numbers on them show. The car belonged to Charles Sumner "Nip" Scott, well-known character and inventor of Cadiz, O. Upon the settlement of Scott's estate, the car went to DeGarmo, the administrator.

The history of the straight side tire is closely associated with this old automobile in that "Nip" Scott was the inventor of the wire bead braiding machine and the wire bead from which the straight side tire and rim developed. "Nip" worked out his experiments on the old car. Then, too, the "Goodyear Detachable Automobile Tires" as the brand on their sidewalls describes them, are the first of the straight side type to be built by Goodyear.

NEED GLASSES?

Dr. Jones, the eye man, in Dr. McCollum's office, Wednesday, Feb. 27th. Eyes Examined, Glasses Fitted, Headache and Eye Strain relieved. 49-2tc

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Sales now are far ahead of sales at this time last year. Advance orders calling for delivery under the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan have already reached a total of 255,758 Cars and Trucks.

The prospect of securing prompt delivery is daily becoming more uncertain. We cannot urge too strongly, therefore, the necessity for placing your order immediately, if you are planning to drive a Ford Car this spring.

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Kinney Eckert, Ass't C'r.

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TO DELINQUENT SUBSCRIBERS!

As you have noticed in the last few issues of the News, there has been appearing a full page ad, directing the attention of subscribers to the date on the label of their paper. We are very much pleased to report that quite a number, in this way, have been reminded of the fact that their subscription had expired and have come forth to make renewals. This ad will appear in one more issue after this one. We hope by that time every subscriber to the News, who is in arrears with his subscription, will have paid up. We feel quite sure that, in many instances it has been an oversight in regard to this matter and not an intentional neglect, for we have every confidence in our subscribers and do not believe there is a one who would accept the News each week without fully intending to pay for; therefore, being of this opinion, we would regret very much to be disappointed, and be compelled to stop your News.

If you owed an account, to your merchant, that was one year or more, old, would he continue to extend you credit? Our creditors require us to pay up every thirty days, and so far, we have not had any offers to furnish us paper, ink, postage, labor, etc., FREE to produce the paper which cost you a little less than three cents per copy. So, you see, it is rather expensive to buy material, etc., and send you the paper for one, two, three, or more years and never get a cent for it.

We feel confident that upon being reminded that your subscription has expired, you will be anxious to adjust the matter, or you would not continue to accept the paper each week.

THINK THIS OVER

The farmers' and manufacturers' convention recently held in New York was a practical step in working out the theory of unity of interest between these two groups.

John M. Kelley of Barboe, Wisconsin, vice-president of the National Holstein Association, in discussing co-operative marketing and emphasizing the necessity of modern business methods in farming. If Rockefeller handled his business as farming is conducted, gasoline would sell at five dollars a gallon to pay cost of operation.

"America's greatest problem is to teach the farmer how to produce on a quality basis and sell on a paying basis."

Commenting on the harm of high taxes, George F. Heindel, vice-president of Phoenix Trust Company of Ottumwa, Iowa, said that in some localities taxes on farm lands have increased in ten years three, four and five fold. In speaking of the Treasury's plan for tax reduction, he said:

"This is not Secretary Mellon's problem; it is not your problem or my problem; it is not the problem of the banker or the farmers, the manufacturer or the mechanic, the landlord or the tenant. It is the problem of all of us. It reaches into our pockets and takes twelve and one-half cents out of each dollar it finds there; it reduces every ton of coal to 1760 pounds; it cuts a slice from a ten-cent loaf of bread and two ounces from a pound of meat. It will not be solved by political bickering by crimination or recrimination, by demagogues or radicals; but by the sane, sober thought and political action of the sane, sober, honest people of this nation."

How people do try to avoid work and how well some of them succeed.

Glass windows at R. Grosse's Lumber Yard.

DRAW INSPIRATION FROM THIS

Asked to offer suggestions as to what "qualifications" young people should strive for in order to fit themselves for responsible positions in public and business life, one of our greatest national industrial leaders and students of human nature, drawing from his fund of knowledge gained through sixty years of study and contact with persons in every walk of life and in every country, says:

"Business geniuses, like men successful in statesmanship, are not taught. They are created. Every man of great achievements carries very far beyond anything which he ever learned except in the hard school of experience, added to Heaven-given endowments.

"The average teacher, preacher, writer of theses, college professors and thousands of men who are ready to tell twenty others what 'were good to be done' are as a rule pigmies in comparison with such men as Washington, Franklin, Lincoln, Bonaparte, Mussolini, or other men of great industrial achievements, like Rockefeller, Ford, etc. They were not taught, nor given any rule of procedure, nor did they follow a chart. With their Heaven-given endowments they blazed their own trail, and immediately stepped into an arena unaided by any writer of formulas.

"The stride of such men and their accomplishments are beyond the reach and quite transcend the imagination of those whose function in life is to teach how such things should be done.

"The men who become great leaders and rise to the heights were not taught what they should do, or how they should do it, nor in most cases did they start with any conception of their own future. They started to make the best of their endowments, and then a personal conscience, seizing opportunities and indefatigable work did the rest. No man ever did much work by any mechanical chart, or depended upon what he was taught either in school or from the pulpit.

"The successful young man, instead of giving heed to mechanical and formulated directions, is working out his own problems, and he only succeeds by going further and accomplishing more than anybody who has ever preceded him in a like field of endeavor. The teacher or writer of these is limited in his sphere by what he has learned of what has gone before.

"Qualifications are endowments and they cannot be taught. Qualifications are the very foundation of every great life, and no teacher can create qualifications.

"I think the experience of all men who have accomplished much is that whenever a 'teacher' or advisor intervenes with lessons as to how they should accomplish their task, or whether they should undertake their task at all, the result has been a weakening not a strength, and to the extent to which such counsels were heeded, inspired work was chilled and measurably paralyzed."

TAX REDUCTION

Revision of the revenue laws and reduction of taxation will be of no lasting benefit to the country unless the taxation remains lowered. A reduction in this year's taxes to be followed by a deficit and a consequent increase in next year's levy would be worse than useless.

It is to be assumed that the Treasury Department's estimate of the amount that taxes can be lowered is based on the best estimates possible. But assurances that lower taxation has come to stay can only lie in a gradual tightening of the expenditure limits, the steady elimination of unnecessary government bureaus, and the practice of wise economy all along the line.

The first report of a Congressional committee on an appropriation measure is a satisfying indication that government is moving in the right direction. The Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives reported the annual supply bill for the Interior Bill, after having slashed budget estimates by \$10,000,000, making amount recommended for operation of the department during the next fiscal year \$35,792,044 below the appropriation made for the department's activities during the present fiscal year.

There are points below which reduction in revenues cannot safely go. Government functions must continue, and their continuance will always cost money. But the limits of reduction have not yet been reached.—Dearborn Independent.

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WANTS GOVERNMENT TO TAKE OVER ROAD

Statistics gathered from State Highway Commissioners, Chambers of Commerce, Automobile Clubs, and others, have been compiled by Bankhead National Highway officials as ammunition in the campaign to have the road taken over by the Nation, to build its less improved portions and maintain it in perpetuity.

The Bankhead National Highway Association, which has gathered the data, states that a committee of leading citizens from each of the thirteen States the highway traverses will go to Washington and urge the passage of the measure.

The Bankhead National Highway has been recognized by the Federal Government. The board of officers who accompanied the Trans-Continental Military Convoy which traversed the road from Washington to San Diego across the continent stated it was the most feasible military route across the country. Beginning at the zero milestone at Washington the road goes through thirteen States—Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California, ending at San Diego.

Officials estimate that more than 1,600,000 people traveled over the road last year.

AUCTION OFF YOUR MONEY

Think of your money as something for sale to the highest bidder. That's what it actually is.

And bidders are legion. Look thru the advertisements and you will find them—every one. They shout, beckon or nod to you thru the medium of type and picture. Each seeks to outdo the others in the attractiveness of his offer. Each vies with the others for the privilege of your attention.

Competition is keen if you only realized it. Each advertisement in this paper is an offer made directly to you. Each is worthy of your interest in some degree.

Read the advertisements. Know what this manufacturer or that offers in return for your cash. Hear all bids. Then you can be sure of getting the most for your money.

Compare values. Check up offerings. Advertisements tell you.—Fort Worth Record.

Among other recommendations the Coleman county grand jury said:

"Urge that collection of delinquent taxes be pushed, according to law, thereby lessening the burden of the prompt tax payer." We think this could be done in Concho county with good effect, and also in our city government. It is not fair that the people who pay their taxes without a murmur be burdened with the entire load of state, county and city upkeep. We would like to hear from some of the candidates for county and precinct offices as to what their views are on this subject.—Eden Echo.

WHAT THIS COUNTRY NEEDS

What this country needs is not a new birth of freedom but the old-fashioned \$2.00 lower berth.

What this country needs isn't more liberty, but less people who take liberties with our liberty.

What this country needs is not a job for every man, but a real man for every job.

What this country needs isn't to get more taxes from the people but for the people to get more from the taxes.

What this country needs is more tractors and less detractors.

What this country needs is more young men making speed, but more young men planting spuds.

What this country needs is more paint on the old place and less paint on the young face.

What this country needs isn't a lower rate of interest on money, but a higher interest in work.

What this country needs is to follow the foot prints of the fathers instead of the footsteps of the dancing master—Exchange.

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

Emil Loeffler, of Junction was tried in District Court at Junction last week for the shooting of Buck Gardner a couple years ago. The trial resulted in an acquittal. It is stated the jury was our some five hours.

The Fredericksburg Giants met on Wednesday night of last week and organized for the approaching baseball season. The Fredericksburg Standard states there were more than one hundred fans in attendance at the meeting.

Messrs. Ed Leifeste and Emil Durst, prominent stockmen of the Castell section, were in Mason Monday, attending to business. Mr. Leifeste states that conditions in general, are excellent in his community.

Subscribe to the News today.

If you can't say "No" occasionally, you must take the consequences.

If a business is successful, I know that somewhere in the organization is a man who is eating and sleeping with his job.

A man never realizes what a complete failure he is, until his wife reminds him of his courtship promises!

GIVE US YOUR ORDERS

If you intend to subscribe for any magazine or newspaper, we will appreciate receiving the subscription. It will cost you 20 more to let us send it in and we will receive a small commission from the publishing company. We will be glad to handle your order whether it be large or small.

MASON COUNTY NEWS.

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. KING, THE JEWELER



Tinner and Plumber

I am prepared to do your tinning and plumbing. I can do your job, large or small. I do all kinds of sheet metal work and windmill repairing. Will appreciate an opportunity to serve you when need of anything in my line. IT WILL PAY YOU TO GET MY PRICES.

CHAS. DOELL

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.

Mason Ice & Power Co.



Groceries

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.

'PHONE 80

J. J. JOHNSON

Society

Masquerade Party

A masquerade party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Metzger, Thursday evening of last week.

The following guests spent the evening playing interesting games: Misses Mary Capps, Modell Henrich, Esta Witt, Lucille Rode, Vera Walker, Louise Mallaire, Erna Witt, Lottie Bratton, Ruby Wootten, Ethel Boston, Esther Christilles, Eddie Grace Boston, Eddie Garner, Edith Boston; Masters Bert Kothmann, G. W. Bird, Roy Kothmann, Tommie Brockman, Author Stehling, Melvin Capps, Hodges Schroeder, Thurmon Boston, Seth Hofmann, Byron Brown, Charlie McLerran, Goodall Hootten, Chester McLerran, Carl Wartenbach, Jack Garrett, Melvin Kyger, and hostesses.

Contributed.

B. Y. P. U. Program

Song.
Prayer.
Drill on Daily Bible Readings.
The General Principle of Stewardship—Gordan Ray.
A Principle of Society—Lucille Baker
The Christian Principle—Stanley Sanders.
Special Music—Recognize Our Creator's Rights—Ella Doell.
Stewards, No Less!—L. D. Fostel.
Stewards, No More!—Ella Mae Metzger.
Denial Does Not Profit Us—Willie Mae Bickenbach.
The Practice of Stewardship—Mr. Fred Key.
Song.
Prayer.

Alpha Beta Gama Club

On February 4, the pupils of the Mason High School organized the Alpha Beta Gama Club. Only those pupils who passed in all their subjects were allowed to join this organization. The officers of the club are Emily Jordan, president; Dessie Hoerster, vice-president; Milton Zesch, secretary; Garner Seagist, sergeant-at-arms; Mildred Montgomery, reporter.

The club rendered the following program at the meeting of February 11th: "Le Marselles"—By all.
Drill in Parliamentary Rules—Twenty minutes.

Song—Genevieve King.
Reading—Eva Jean Kidd.
"Home Going Song"—By all.
The members enrolled are as follows: Dessie Hoerster, Milton Zesch, Coraen Tinsley, Eva Jean Kidd, Lucille Lange, Olga Fay Wood, Louise Vater, Esther Christilles, Emily Jordan, Genevieve King, Ella Mae Metzger, Alva Beach, Stella Leslie, Esther Wiedemann, Rubin Wissemann, Estella Zesch, Ethyl Lehberg, Ruby Grote, Garner Seagist, Ruby Jordan, Eunice Green, Anna Ingram, Edna Bratton, Mildred Montgomery.

REPORTER.

Parent-Teachers Will Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association for Mason, will be held at the High School Building next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Last Monday was the regular meeting date for this organization, but it is stated, that because of the inclement weather which prevailed on this day, the meeting was postponed until next Monday.

The following papers will be read at the meeting on Monday:

"Child Welfare"—Mrs. Wm. Splittgerber.
"Obedience of the Child"—Mrs. Otto Probst.

Chapel Exercises

Last Wednesday morning at the regular chapel period, the Lone Star Literary Society of the Mason High School rendered the following program:

Song—"America".
Biography of Lincoln—Danie Herring.
Tale—Esther Christilles.
Piano Solo—Leah Passmore.
Lincoln's Gettysburg Speech—Roy Mogford.
Song—Sarah Kirkpatrick, Eva Jean Kidd, Ben Loeffler and L. D. Fostel.
Origin of St. Valentine's Day—Louise Vater.
Music—Seth Hofmann, Hodges Schroeder and Clayton Schmidt.

A Valentine Party

Last Thursday night the seniors were delightfully entertained by Miss Theresa Klapproth at the home of Mrs. Ed Smith. Valentines were effectively used in the decorations of the rooms. The time was passed away in playing forty-two, and Fritz Stengel received first prize, having won the highest number of games. A delicious salad course was served, violets being the plate favors.

Those present were Misses Floy Brannum, Lois Reeves, Theresa Klapproth, Dessie Hoerster, Coralea Tinsley, Lucille Lange, Louise Vater, Emily Jordan, Louise Durst, Ella Mae Metzger, Lillie Mae Robertson, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Willie Mae Bickenbach, Dixie Fae Hey, Benellen Hey, Ruby Jordan, Leah Passmore, Alma Passmore; Messrs. Milton Zesch, L. D. Fostel, Perry Donop, Stanley Sanders, Henry Hoerster, Fritz Stengel, Fritz Schmidt, L. W. Dumas, Walter Willmann, Owen Lange, Walter Durst, Allen Doell, Willie Donop, Henry McDougall.

REPORTER.

Eagle Pass Girl Weds New Yorker

Friday afternoon, at the Methodist church, the pastor, Rev. B. B. Byers officiating, Miss Helen Schuessler, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Schuessler, was given in marriage to Mr. Jack Oberwager of New York City.

On account of a recent death in the family, the wedding was a very quiet affair, attended only by members of the family.

The happy couple left on the night train for New York and will spend about two weeks on a wedding trip.

from which they will come back here for a little visit before settling down to a home of their own.

The marriage was a surprise to the friends of the young lady in this city who did not know that she contemplated getting married. She met the young man who won her heart and hand while on a visit to relatives in New York.

The fair bride belongs to one of the most substantial families of this community, where she grew to womanhood. She is a beautiful, accomplished, most gracious young woman, possessing all the charms and sweet traits of character that go to make up the most gracious type of young womanhood, and she has many friends here whose good wishes and congratulations go out to her.

The bride-groom is the junior member of the firm of Oberwager & Co., wholesale automobile dealers, and comes well recommended as a promising young business man of sterling integrity and moral worth.

The above is a reproduction of a clipping which was handed us by Miss Carrie Schuessler, who is a near relative of the bride mentioned.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the sheriff or any constable of Mason County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the County of Mason, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for the period of ten days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LETTERS—ESTATES OF DECEDENTS.

The state of Texas.

To all persons interested in the estate of A. B. Awalt, deceased, Mrs. M. A. E. Awalt has filed in the County Court of Mason County, an application for probate of the last will and testament of said A. B. Awalt, deceased, for letters testamentary upon said estate, and for such other and further orders as to the court may be deemed necessary in the premises which will be heard at the next term of said Court commencing on the fourth Monday in February, A. D., 1924, the same being the 25th day of February, A. D., 1924, at the court house thereof, in Mason, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Mason, Texas, this 12th day of February, A. D., 1924.

(Seal) R. E. LEE,
Clerk County Court, Mason County, Texas. 49-2tc

Eagle Brand Typewriter Ribbons, 80c

No. 405.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all persons interested in the estate of C. Y. Vandever, deceased:

On the 13th day of February, 1924, Mrs. Rachel Vandever filed an application in the County Court of Mason County, Texas, for the probate of the last will and testament of C. Y. Vandever, deceased, which application will be heard by said court on the 25th day of February, 1924, at the court house of said county, in Mason, Texas, at which time all persons who are interested in said estate are required to appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at office in Mason, Texas, this 13th day of February, 1924.

(Seal) R. E. LEE,
Clerk County Court, Mason County, Texas. 49-2tc

No. 406

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all persons interested in the estate of Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth Brooks, deceased:

On the 13th day of February, 1924, W. J. Griffith filed an application in the County Court of Mason County, Texas for the probate of the last will and testament of Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth Brooks deceased, and for letters testamentary, which application will be heard by said Court on the 25th day of February, 1924, at the court house of said county, in Mason, Texas, at which time all persons who are interested in said estate are required to appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at office in Mason, Texas, this 13th day of February, 1924.

(Seal) R. E. LEE,
Clerk County Court, Mason County, Texas. 49-2tc

No. 404.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all persons interested in the estate of Jacob Durst, deceased:

On the 13th day of February, 1924, Mrs. Sophie Durst filed an application in the County Court of Mason County, Texas for the probate of the last will and testament of Jacob Durst, deceased, which application will be heard by said Court on the 25th day of February, 1924, at the court house of said county, in Mason, Texas, at which time all persons who are interested in said estate are required to appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at office in Mason, Texas, this 13th day of February, 1924.

(Seal) R. E. LEE,
Clerk County Court, Mason County, Texas. 49-2tc

* CHURCH NOTICES *

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH
English Service at 11 a. m.
German Service at 2:30 p. m.
Preaching at Streeter at 7:30 p. m.
D. G. HARDT, Pastor.
Rev. L. F. Jordan will preach at Long Mountain Sunday night.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
There will be services at the local Presbyterian Church next Sunday, both morning and evening, by Rev. Wood, of Brady.
Everybody cordially invited to attend

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH
Sunday, January 27th.
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Senior League at 4:30 p. m.
Preaching at 7:30 p. m.
Chas. Grote, S. S. Supt.
Prof. Dobie, pres., Epworth League.
G. T. GIBBONS, P. C.

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 Pluenecke, 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.

You'll enjoy seeing the picture shows at the Star Opera House on Friday and Saturday nights. Show starts at 7:30 o'clock.

Basket Ball at Union
Last Friday afternoon, Art boys and Castell girls went to Union to play basketball. The boys' game started at 1:30 p. m. It was a good game from the start to the end, but Union was too fast for Art and they easily defeated them by a score of 21 to 6. Art scored six points the first half, but Union came back in the second half stronger than before, and Art didn't scratch.

Lineup for Castell: I. Reardon and R. Durst, forwards; W. Fleming, center, and L. Reardon and G. Kothmann guards; Art, G. Standke and J. Armstead, forwards; H. Hoerster center, A. Armstead and A. Armstead, guards; substitutes, Union, none; Art, R. Lefeste for H. Hoerster.
Referee, Walter Durst.

The girls' game was a good one, with Castell carrying off the long end of the score which was 16 to 12. Castell was not more than 2 points ahead until the last few minutes of play.

Let your next tire be a Gate's Super-Tread. Sold by Otto Schmidt. 13ct

WILL CLOSE

FEBRUARY 22 and MARCH 3

Patrons, please notice, our places of business will be closed FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22—GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY, and on MARCH 3—in observance of TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Please arrange your banking business for the day before or after these closing dates.

MASON NATIONAL BANK
FIRST STATE BANK
COMMERCIAL BANK
(Unincorporated)

LET US FILL YOUR PRESCRIPTION

Your physician has complete confidence in our drugs, due to the fact, that we use only the highest quality drugs possible of manufacture. Your prescription is filled exactly as your doctor writes it. We do not substitute. Give us a trial and convince yourself.

A complete line of drug sundries, toilet articles, stationery, school supplies and confections. Everything a drug store should be. You will find us eager to please you, earnest to serve you, and thankful for your business.

SUNSHINE DRUG CO.

KANSAS CITY LIFE INSURANCE CO.

THE SUCCESSFUL WESTERN COMPY

O. A. HENSCH
District Manager

DR. J. W. YANCEY
Dentist
Fredericksburg, Texas

BILL'S MARKET
W. F. BICKENBACH, Prop.
Choice Meats, Packing House Products, Etc.
One Door west of Johnson with Home Bakery

DR. C. L. MCCOLLUM
PHYSICIAN
&
SURGEON
OFFICE OVER OWL DRUG STORE

Lamar Thaxton
LAWYER
Upstairs in Ranck Bldg.
MASON TEXAS

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

Glass windows at R. Grosse's Lumber Yard. 32

CHICKENS

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

Gates' Super-Tread Tires and Tested Tubes. Sold by Otto Schmidt. 13tf

If you know of some news item that would interest News readers, phone it in. If you don't know the details, give us an idea and we will do our best to get the particulars.

THE HOME GUARDS

LIVERGARD and Lungardia
LIVERGARD is the New Laxative we can not improve; excels all others. When a Laxative is needed, makes laughing babies of puny ones, keeps old folks young.

LUNGARDIA has no equal for Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat; unsurpassed in removing deep Coughs of long standing. One trial convinces. Lungardia Co. Dallas, Texas. For sale by Mason Drug Company.—Adv.

Whitman's Box Candy at—Mason Drug Co.

REDUCTION ON GOODYEAR TIRES
See us for tire bargains. Wood Auto Company. 30-tf

LAYMORE BABY CHICKS—Strong vigorous and bred to lay from trap-nest single comb white leghorns. 100 per cent live arrival guaranteed. Hatching eggs, early hatched pullets and cockerels. For prices write MAYHEW'S LAYMORE'S POULTRY FARM, Eden, Texas. 49-tf

Typewriter ribbons, 80c. News Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congressional \$15.00
District \$10.00
County \$ 7.50
Precinct \$ 5.00

TERMS: Strictly cash in advance. No announcements inserted unless cash accompanies same. Announcements inserted in order in which fees are paid at this office. Fee includes 100-word announcement to be furnished by candidate; all over 100 words at the rate of 7 1-2 cents per line. Fees do not include subscription to The Mason County News.

The News is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary:

For County Judge:

J. H. JONES
JOHN T. BANKS (Re-election)

For Tax Assessor:

M. L. WEBSTER
T. O. REARDON
W. O. BODE (Re-election)
ALFRED KUHLMANN
BEN E. HASSE

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:

ALLEN MURRAY.
CHAS. LESLIE (Re-election)
R. W. WHITE
H. W. KELLER

For County Treasurer:

S. J. THORNE.
ALVA TINSLEY
L. F. JORDAN
GLADYS E. LORING
C. H. GARRETT

For District and County Clerk:

R. E. LEE, (Re-Election)

SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID

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

- G. R. Vanpelt 1.50
- Jim Hey 1.50
- J. W. Capps 1.50
- Ed Reichenau 1.50
- T. C. Schorlemmer 1.50
- H. C. Brooks .75
- Mrs. J. R. Berry 1.50
- E. N. E. Ellebracht 1.50
- G. W. Herring 1.50
- D. J. Brandenberger 3.00
- J. W. Evans 1.50
- Chas. Geistweidt 1.50
- W. H. Kothmann 1.50
- Mrs. J. P. Lyle 1.50
- Lawrence Schmidt .75
- E. F. Wpimann 1.50
- A. L. Schuessler 1.50
- E. M. Banta 1.50
- Mrs. Mathilda Leifeste 1.50
- Aug. Donop 1.50
- Earl Waller 1.50
- Eugene Hahn 1.50
- Miss Dina Wissemann .75
- Emil Wissemann 1.50
- Mrs. Dan Martin 1.50
- Walter Jordan 1.00
- A. C. Loeffler 1.50
- W. H. Ellison 1.50
- J. H. E. Willmann 1.50

Give us a trial on cleaning and pressing; no gasoline odor. Clothes called for and delivered. One day service. Phone No. 5.

PETERS PRAIRIE AGRICULTURE CLUB

The meeting was opened by the Lord's Prayer in unison. Roll called by secretary. The minutes of last meeting read and approved.

At this meeting 96 per cent of the members were present.

For a "Club Project," the Club has decided to plant an eighth of an acre of Irish potatoes.

The report of the finance committee shows that we owe Mr. F. Lange \$14.20 for piping for the radio.

The following program was rendered:

Speech on Poultry Management by Maurice Kidd; talk on Gardening by Alpha Curren. Walter Curren spoke on general outline for field crops.

After the general program the Club members were given lessons on poultry and hog judging by Mr. Marshall. These lessons were given at Mr. F. W. Schmidt's ranch home.

REPORTER.

CHICKENS

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

Mr. August Donop, a prominent stockman of the Art section, was in town Monday and reports the rain in his section to have been plentiful.

AN APPEAL TO THE CITIZENS OF MASON COUNTY

We are asked by the Mason County Teachers Association to act as a committee to have in charge and to provide for financing the County Meet of the Interscholastic League, which is to be held March 21st and 22nd, in Mason. It will take considerable money to properly finance this meet. According to our information, nearly all the schools in Mason county are to participate this year, which means that if these boys and girls are to be rewarded, we will have to provide a great many first and second prizes for individual winners, and quite a few banners for teams. We hope to secure enough money to purchase gold and silver medals for the first and second winners in individual events, and suitably inscribed banners for teams. The events are both literary and athletic, and are open to both boys and girls. We are asking the participating schools for a donation of ten cents per capita, that is, ten cents for each child enrolled. For the remainder, we are going to depend upon the liberality of our citizens who believe in good schools and who are willing to help finance this worthy cause. But it will be difficult for us to see many of our people who might gladly contribute to this fund. We therefore request that you mail your check to the treasurer of this committee, Mr. F. W. Schmidt at either Mason, Texas, or Katemcy, Texas. This will save our committee much labor, and will be greatly appreciated. Please do not delay in making your contribution.

From all indication, this county meet is going to be the greatest ever held in Mason county. We urge that every school participate.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN L. KING, Chairman.
F. W. SCHMIDT, Treasurer.
JOHN T. BANKS, Secretary.

ALFRED KUHLMANN FOR TAX ASSESSOR

In this issue of the News I present my name as a candidate for the office of tax assessor of Mason County.

In presenting my name to the voters of Mason County for consideration, I feel confident I can execute the duties of the office. I sincerely hope to meet every voter in Mason County and solicit their support; however, I have a large crop to work and this might interfere with my seeing you; therefore, I take this means of soliciting your influence and support.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Robinson, a girl Feb. 12th.

From Our Early Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Feb. 24, 1899:

J. W. White and Geo. Todd spent a few days this week at the Menard county ranch of G. W. Littlefield.

Dr. J. B. Noble died last Saturday night at his home west of town, of la grippe.

R. A. Rutherford, of Austin, was in town on business Tuesday.

Mrs. O. H. Mebus left for Austin last Friday. She will also visit San Antonio.

Mrs. Loula Loring returned last week from St. Louis where she purchased spring millinery.

J. C. Burrows and wife left last week for Burnet to reside.

C. C. Wood was in from Streeter last Saturday and reports his cattle doing well.

Little Miss Ethel Alberson entertained a number of young friends Monday evening, the occasion being her 10th birthday.

Miss Sallie Weir left last week for Mississippi to visit her sister.

Mrs. L. J. McCoy and Dr. J. W. Baxter were married Wednesday evening.

Ovy Garner returned Monday from a trip to the west.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Feb. 19, 1900:

Mrs. Wm. Kettner died Monday morning after an illness of pneumonia.

A number of young people were pleasantly entertained last Thursday evening by Mrs. O. H. Mebus.

Erv Hamilton and wife spent a few days last week in Brady, visiting their daughter, Mrs. Claude Wallace.

Mrs. E. H. Bogusch has been quite sick the past week.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Harris on Feb. 7, a fine girl.

The 42 club met Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Max Martin.

Henry Ruegner and August Henrich went to Salt Branch Wednesday to build a stone tank on the Brandenberger ranch.

L. B. Giles and Miss Annielee left Sunday for their home in Travis county, after a visit of a week in Mason.

Leo Gugenheim and wife and Miss Esther left Saturday for San Antonio.

Wednesday night of last week, some one stole a saddle and buggy heater from Dan Bird and cut off the ear of one of Mr. G. W. Bird's work horses and also shaved the animal's tail.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the kind friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our darling baby. Also, are we thankful for the beautiful floral offering.

MR. AND MRS. HUGO LEIFESTE.

TO THE PEOPLE OF MASON COUNTY:

In this issue of the News will be found my announcement for re-election to the office of County Judge and Ex-Officio Superintendent of Public Instruction of Mason County, Texas. In making this announcement, I desire, first of all, to express to the people of Mason County, my profound appreciation for the support and assistance given me at the previous elections, and for all the encouragement and help that have been accorded me during my three years' incumbency of the dual office. I shall greatly appreciate the vote and influence of every voter of Mason county in the coming election, and should I be re-elected, will strive hard to meet and discharge the many duties of the two offices, acceptably to all the people of the County.

JOHN T. BANKS.

We think of WASHINGTON now as our victorious general and statesman. But victory and glory came to him at the end of fighting, enduring and in resisting discouragement. Reverses, retreats and failures had no effect upon him. They only inspired him to greater efforts—and he won.



HIS BIRTH-DAY

FEBRUARY 22

Does the little demon of discouragement whisper in your ear? Does he try to tell you that your courage is gone? Well, that little thought is the worst enemy of success. If such thoughts have been bothering you—stop and study Washington. Read again the story of his life.

If you are in the ranks of those determined to win, you will be pleasantly surprised in the many ways we can serve you—if you'll make this bank "your bank."

MASON NATIONAL BANK

You Can Accumulate DEBTS,

The Same As You Do WEALTH

If You Owe Us Anything

PAY UP

Look at the figures after name on your copy of the
Mason News. They Should Read:

2-21-24

If it reads less than "24" you are getting behind and
you will accumulate a debt that is less than 3 cents
per week, but amounts to \$1.50 in a year's time.

Keep your home paper paid up, it is the best friend
you have. Do it now while you have the money.

Ladies Rainbow Orchestra

A \$175 Program March 10

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STAR OPERA HOUSE

FRIDAY NIGHT
"THE LOVE GAMBLER"
John Gilbert

THURSDAY AND SATURDAY
"THE SHEIK"

Rudolph Valentino and Agnes Ayres
SHOW STARTS AT 7:30 O'CLOCK

Admission: 15 & 25 Cents

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AGNES AYRES, STAR, IS FEATURED IN "THE SHEIK"

Agnes Ayres, talented and beautiful, who won stardom by her artistic work in Cecil B. De Mille's Paramount production of "Forbidden Fruit," is featured with the brilliant young screen player, Rudolph Valentino, in George Melford's big Paramount production of "The Sheik," which comes to the Star Theater Thursday and Saturday of this week.

Miss Ayres has the effective role of Diana Mayo, a headstrong but brave and spirited English girl who encounters the Sheik in the desert and learns finally to love him after a somewhat harrowing experience and complete subjugation to his indomitable will. He is a veritable master of men—and women. None can stand against his power which in his empire of sand is almost invincible.

Wild riding and fighting, gripping scenes in desert sandstorms, action piled on action—such are the ingredients of this photoplay by Monte M. Katterjoin, adapted from E. M. Hull's novel. And Miss Ayres has a role that is difficult, filled with hard work and tense acting, to which she does, it is said, more than full justice.

CONTRACTOR BEGINS WORK ON MASON ROAD

(Brady Standard)

H. S. McCall, of the McCall Engineering Co. of Waco, is now in Brady and is personally supervising the highway improvement work on the Mason road, contract for which was awarded his company at the January term of commissioners court. Two truck loads of portable cement houses arrived in Brady the first of the week, as the fore-runners of road-building equipment to be used by the company in their operations here. The houses are of Mr. McCall's own design, can be erected or taken down or short notice, and are storm and weather proof. Two of the houses will be erected at the stock pens and three at the site of the road-building operations. Their use will enable unloading of cement promptly upon arrival, thereby saving demurrage charges, and incidentally furnishing ample weather protection.

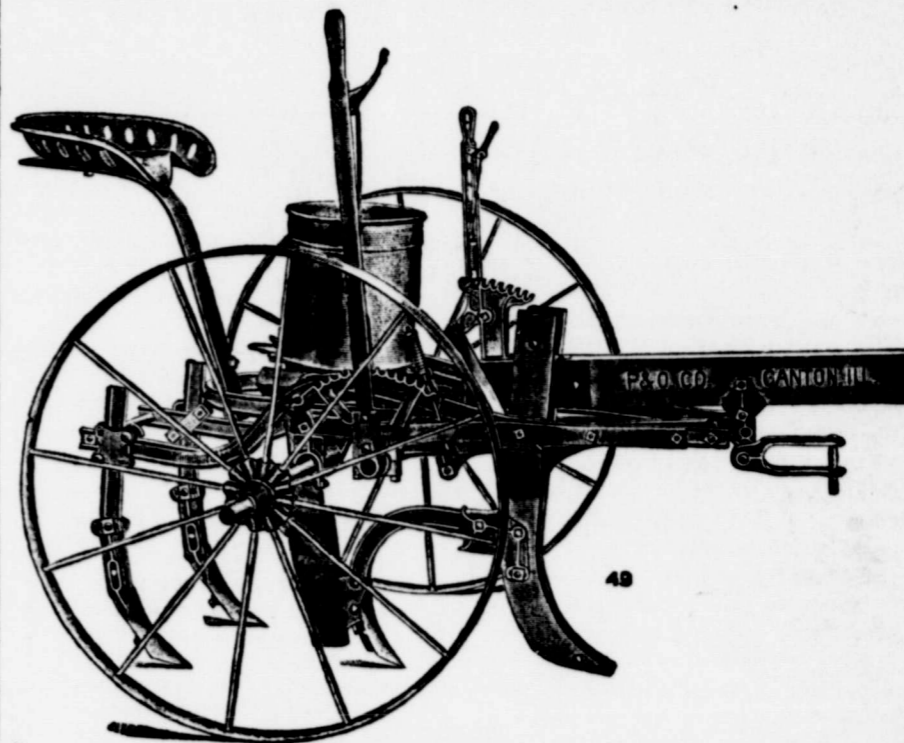
Mr. McCall reports work already getting well under way, with about one-third of the clearing already done. A crew of experienced road men is under direction of T. L. Suttle, superintendent, who will be glad to talk with any local men who desire to work on the job. Mr. Suttle will make his headquarters at Camp San Sabá, but while in Brady will share the office furnished Mr. McCall by the commissioners court and which is located on the third floor of the court house, adjoining the county tax assessor's office.

First work of improvement, in connection with the building of this stretch of highway, will be the building of bridges and all concrete structures. With the approaching Spring weather, the road-building operations will be greatly accelerated, and the entire task is expected to be completed in some 6 or 8 months' time.

Kurt Martin and mother, Mrs. Max Martin, and Mrs. Jennie Hamilton, returned home Friday after a two weeks' visit in the home of Mrs. Thad C. Ziegler, of San Antonio. Mrs. Kurt Martin remains in that city for a longer visit.

LAYMORE BABY CHICKS—Strong vigorous and bred to lay from trap-nested single comb white leghorns. 100 per cent live arrival guaranteed. Hatching eggs, early hatched pullets and cockerels. For prices write **MAYHEW'S LAYMORE'S POULTRY FARM**, Eden, Texas. 49-tfc

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FOR SALE—White Orpington eggs, any time this Spring, \$1.50 per 15. Jess Manning, Katy, Texas. 50-2tp

LOST—At airplane show, book satchel and a coat. Return to Harry Behrens 50-tfc.

EGGS—White Leghorn, English Strain, \$1 per setting. See J. W. White. 47-tfc

FOR SALE—Two Rhode Island white cockrels, (Alphonsons and Caldwell Strain) and a few settings of eggs in season. Mrs. J. W. Willmann, Art Texas 47-tf

FOR RENT—Two rooms for light house-keeping. Apply to W. I. Marchall. 47-tfc

EGGS—Rhode Island Reds \$1.00 per setting. E. J. Schuessler. 48-3t

STRAYED—One Herford bull about 5 years old, branded circle "O" on left hip, marked 2 under bits in left ear. Finder Albert and Alvin, Eckert, Katy, Texas. 4tp

FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red eggs, \$1 per setting. Mrs. W. H. Larimore.

FOR SALE—A few coming two-year-old registered Hereford bulls. See or phone E. W. Kothmann. 48-4tc

FOR RENT—Two rooms. Apply to Mrs. Antone Starks. 49-tf

MUCH INTEREST MANIFESTED AMONG PECAN GROWERS HERE

Ten petitions, relating to the Pecan Budding Campaign in this county, during the months of April and May are now in the hands of different community leaders. A copy of the petition being circulated by these leaders is reproduced herewith:

In order to successfully carry on the Spring Pecan Budding Campaign in Mason County, some preliminary arrangements will have to be made.

This petition is being circulated by the different community leaders with that aim in view in order to get buds and see that we can arrange for these buds now. Please give the number of trees you want to bud of each variety under that heading.

The leaders will be called into the school for one day, one week ahead of the time for the actual budding to start. At this time the leaders will be given extra training in how to bud and care for the same.

The following week the community leaders and county agent and others will give a one day budding demonstration in each of the respective communities.

Wax will be furnished by the Co. Agent, knives will be ordered at cost for those desiring same.

Buds will be furnished at one-half cent each.

We the undersigned agree to come to the demonstration on the day called and agree to bud the number of trees set opposite our names. We further agree to care for the tree, cut the strings, and report the number of living buds to our leader at the end of two weeks.

The leader for _____ community, is _____

If you live in a community where one of these petitions is circulated and have pecan trees you want to bud to paper shell pecans it will be worth your while to get in touch with your community leader.

The community leaders for the different communities are:

Frank Willmann, Mason; F. H. Loeffler, Hilda; Dan Jordan, Jr., Art; Clifton Sorrells, Peters Prairie; Ellie Eastman, East Comanche; Arthur Baxter, Katy; Alf Poik, Polk; Seth