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## FREE DINNER FOR PARTICIPANTS IN INTER-SCHOLASTIC MEET

According to information furnished a News reporter, efforts are being made to make it possible to serve a free dinner to all contestants, including their teachers, on Saturday, March 22, the last day of the Interscholastic meet.

In order to do this, the number to be fed, must be known in advance, so if you are figuring on making any entries from your school, it will be greatly appreciated if teachers will mail to Mr. L. W. Dumas, director of the County Meet, the number of contestants and teachers.

A special page in the news, donated by the merchants appearing on the page, carries an interesting news item regarding the Meet. According to Judge Banks, a members of the finance committee, the cost of financing the meet is estimated to cost approximately \$300. The larger per cent of this money will have to be raised by donation, so, when the list is presented to you, just bear in mind that this money is to be spent for one of the biggest events that has ever been carried out in Mason County, and that it is for the good of the children from our rural communities and for the county as a whole.

## LADIES' RAINBOW ORCHESTRA AT AUDITORIUM MARCH 10TH

The Ladies Rainbow Orchestra, the next lyceum number, under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers' Association, will be at the Auditorium next Monday night, March 10th.

This organization was named after the celebrated "Rainbow Division" in the World War, following extensive work of Mrs. Hewling and her group in war entertainment service. The Rainbow idea not only prevails in the name of the organization, but it is carried out in the whole program and costuming of the group. The company appears in elaborate rainbow colored costumes, shown to splendid advantage by the assistance of fine electrical effects.

The program is a happy, lively mixture of good music, featuring classical and popular numbers in ensemble and solo arrangements, and aided by unusual electrical effects. Just as the Rainbow typifies "happiness", so does the program of this unusual organization tend to leave a trail of happiness and sunshine wherever it appears.

The price of admission for this entertainment will be 25 and 75 cents. Reserve seats are on sale at the Commercial Bank.

This promises to be the best lyceum number yet presented in Mason, and is by far the most expensive one. That the Auditorium will be well filled at this performance is the prediction of the News, as this will be a rare opportunity for people of Mason to attend such a high class entertainment.

The Parent-Teachers' Association is to be complimented upon securing this number, and no doubt, the public will take advantage of the opportunity to hear this wonderful orchestra.

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

## Job for Kiss



Margaretta Pratt, 17, of Kansas City, (Mo.) High School, dared her teacher, E. E. Damon, to kiss her. He did, lightly, she says, and—lost his job.



## HIGHWAY IS BEING GRAVELED WITH CREEK GRAVEL 2 MILES

The highway leading out of Mason to Brady is being given a covering of gravel taken from Comanche creek. The gravel is being put on the road as far as the bridge across Comanche.

This is being done because these two miles became slick and sloppy during wet weather because of two much clay being mixed with the gravel originally put on. When the present coating of gravel sets up, it is the opinion of the road authorities that the condition of the road will be greatly improved. The amount of time required for the gravel to set will depend to a great extent on the amount of wet weather; the more rain the better, and the sooner the gravel will pack.

## TWO RESIDENCES BEING BUILT

Two modern logabows are now under construction on Post Hill in the vicinity of the sanitarium.

One of the new homes will belong to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Grosse, and the other will be the property of Mr. Egan Schmidt who is connected with the management of the sanitarium.

The new building for the new bottling plant of the Sunshine Drug Company is about completed and is constructed of concrete blocks and concrete floor. When the new machinery for the bottling plant will have been installed Mason will be in a position to boast of one of the most modern plants of this kind to be found in this section of the State.

## MR. ALBERT BIHL

Mr. Albert Bihl died at his home in Seurry county on Jan. 30th after an illness of thirty-three days.

Mr. Bihl resided in Mason county for many years, moving to Seurry county thirty years ago. At the time of death he was 90 years of age.

Deceased was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Geo. L. Vandegren, of the Katenecy community.

Surviving are his widow and five children. It is stated that in 1917, three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bihl died of influenza.

## DANCE AT SMITH HALL SAT'DAY

A dance will be given at the Smith Hall Saturday night. Music will be furnished by the "Midnight Owls", and a good attendance from adjoining towns is anticipated.

Visiting attorneys in attendance at court here this week include A. P. C. Petsch, of Frederickburg, Coke Stevenson, of Junction, F. M. Newman and Shropshire, of Brady, and District Attorney Geo. Christian.

## MASON HIGH BASEBALL TEAM CONQUERS PONTOTOC TEAM

Last Friday afternoon the Pontotoc baseball team came to Mason to play the local high school nine, and the contest resulted in a victory for the High School team. This was the first game of the season, and both teams showed fairly good form.

The score was 9 to 8, and for several innings the locals had a good lead until the first half of the ninth when the visitors rallied and collected several scores to bring the contest to a tie but on the last half, the locals got across with an extra score when Foster singled down first base line bringing in the winning score.

The M. H. S team will probably be stronger this year than ever before, and Supt. Bennett is trying to match at least eight or ten games, and according to present indications with Zesh and Wisemann twisting the horseshide around corners, the team will more than likely win a big majority of the games to be played.

## DISTRICT COURT NOW IN SESSION; HAS LIGHT DOCKET

On Monday morning at 10 o'clock, district court for Mason county was convened with Judge Cooper Anson presiding. Judge Anson was disqualified to preside in a certain case in his court at Austin, and Judge McLean is filling his chair at that place.

Chapel exercises at the opening of court were conducted by Rev. G. T. Gibbons, pastor of the local Methodist church.

After the chapel exercises the grand jury was empaneled and the Judge delivered an impressive charge along statutory lines, requiring about twenty minutes to complete the charge after which the grand jury retired to their quarters to assume their duties, and up to Wednesday afternoon were still in session.

Court was adjourned Monday morning until Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock when the jury cases were taken up, and the Dent-Jefferies case occupied the entire day Tuesday and Wednesday.

The personnel of the grand jury is as follows: John Lemburg, foreman; Ed Jordan, Max Ellebracht, J. D. Eckert, Sam Harper, Ben Tatsch, F. T. Hahn, Ben Kidd, Cecil Sanders, W. R. Capps, Walter Spaeth, Louis Fleming.

## LADIES' RAINBOW ORCHESTRA

This wonderful musical treat includes a seven piece orchestra, a six-piece saxophone band, with piano, all under direction of Miss Hewling, a Victor Record Artist.

## "BRANDING IRON" WILL CONTAIN HISTORIES OF CLASSES

The Mason High School "Branding Iron" will contain the histories of all the classes in the Mason High School. These histories shall be written by a historian elected from each of the different classes.

The histories of the sophomore and freshman classes shall probably date from the day they first entered Grammar School.

The histories of the seniors and junior classes will date from the time they first entered High School until the end of the present term of school.

These histories of classes will not only be valuable as a reminder of pleasant school days to these students, but they will also be a source of enjoyment to those ex-students who do not have a written record of their own school days.

Another feature of the "Branding Iron" will be the joke section. It will contain jokes and funny sayings which have been "pulled" by different students in the High School. Most of these jokes will be original.

W. L. Doyal and family, for the first time in fourteen years, was in Mason a short time last week to visit in the home of his father John Doyal. W. L. is now residing in Matadore county. They were called to Coleman at the death of Mrs. Doyal's mother, and from there came to Mason for a short visit.

The Long Mountain girls basketball team was defeated last Saturday by the girls of the Double Knobbs school by a score of 16 to 11.

A letter to his parents, from Willard Larrimore, states that he is now traveling for the Hercules Powder Co., and that his headquarters are in San Antonio. Willard says he will be at Mason this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gata and children, of Kerrville, were here the past week end visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eckert.

Mrs. W. B. Collins, of Llano, is here this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Oscar Shearer.

Mrs. Bruce Tarver and baby, of Kerrville, are visiting in the home of Mrs. Tarver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schmidt.

Mrs. Callie Baze, of San Antonio, spent a few days the first of the week here visiting in the home of her son, Seth L. Baze.

News Want Ads bring results.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB MET MONDAY DUMPING GROUNDS BOUGHT

The Mason Commercial Club met its regular monthly session at the courthouse Monday night, at which time the reports of several committees were heard, and in some instances the reports were accepted and committees discharged, in other, the committees were continued in service for further action.

The committee appointed at the February meeting to make arrangements for operating the tourist park during the coming season was not prepared to report and were instructed to give this matter immediate attention, as many tourists are already passing thru.

A committee composed of Sam Hoerster, Rob't Hofmann and Attorney Carl Runge was not prepared to report on the amount of tonnage coming in and going out of Mason. This committee was appointed at the January meeting.

The Club went on record as heartily endorsing a baseball team for Mason for this season, and the writer has been requested to announce that all ball players and fans are urged to meet at the court house tonight, that an organization for the season might be perfected.

The greatest accomplishment of the meeting on Monday night was that of purchasing a public dumping ground for Mason and Mason county.

This vital question has confronted the citizenry of Mason for more than a year, and at last, much to the relief of the Clean Town Club, Commercial Club and the Commissioner's Court, the grounds have been secured, and consist of five acres which were purchased from Chas. Eckert, situated near the Frederickburg road three miles southeast of town.

The price paid for the land was \$40 per acre making a total cost for the grounds of \$200, one half of which is to be paid by the Commercial Club, and the other half by the Commissioners Court.

## MRS. W. M. CRANFORD

Mrs. W. M. Cranford died at the home of her father-in-law at Winters, Texas, Tuesday, February 26th.

Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kelso, of the Wagram community, and is survived by her husband and two children. At the time of her death she was visiting the parents of her husband at Winters.

The News has been unable to learn the cause of her death.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, and interment was made at Winters. Mrs. Kelso and son were in attendance at the funeral.

Mrs. Cranford has many friends in Mason County who will learn of her death with much regret and will join the news in extending sympathy to the bereaved.

The News is in receipt of a note from Chas. Willmann, who is now making his home at Corsicana, in which Chas. says he is getting along fine. He states that section has experienced some very severe weather recently.

## Murderer of Four



Frank McDowell, 20, of St. Petersburg, Fla., claims his subconscious mind prompted the murder by shooting of his mother and father this year and burning to death of his sisters in 1923.



# This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

That piece of unfortunate, petty, narrow-minded, short-sighted, false economy reminds you of the day when members of Congress were defeated for reelection because they voted money "for such a non-sensical scheme as trying to send messages on telegraph wires."

That item of a million and a half for a flying service between New York and San Francisco would be the best possible investment that the country could make. We appropriate tens of millions for old-fashioned ships of the navy and their upkeep. Five millions spent on the development of the flying machine and on marksmanship in bomb dropping would make our naval collection of floating steel junk unnecessary and enable us to sink any fleet approaching this shore.

Those that live North know little about the South and the rapidity of its growth, surpassing all growth elsewhere.

Thirty-seven million people live in the South. The value of their property is estimated at sixty-five billion dollars. That sum, sixty-five times one thousand million dollars, is a good deal. But it represents only a fraction of the real wealth of the South. Florida alone is worth several times what is called "the true value of property in Southern States."

The growth of the South within the last few years is the marvel of industrial and financial history. Southern bank resources, exceeding eight thousand millions, are 35 per cent greater than in 1910. Capital invested in manufacturing has increased from three billions to over nine billions in eight years.

Mr. Donby's resignation clears up the political situation. President Coolidge is as fortunate in conditions that face the Democratic Party as he is in the fact that the public thus far holds him free of all responsibility in the oil scandal.

What is supposed to be the elimination of Mr. McAdoo actually leaves the Democrats without any recognized conventional leading candidate, with the convention only a few months away.

Nearly every Democrat mentioned is an "if" candidate.

They say Senator Copeland might get it if it should prove impossible to nominate Al. Smith.

Senator Reed, of Missouri, undoubtedly the most forceful and available candidate, might get it if he had not made so many enemies.

It is said that William Jennings Bryan might be drafted, because of his known capacity to get votes. If he had not been Secretary of State.

Nominated or not, Mr. Bryan will have a good deal to say about the man who is nominated and also about several that will not be nominated.

The House of Representatives passed a bill for \$729,000,000 to provide funds for the Post Office and the Treasury, and strikes out an item allotting \$1,500,000 to maintain an aeroplane service between New York and San Francisco.

## 1,369,954 VOTERS IN TEXAS IN 1924 NOW INDICATED

Dallas—Poll tax receipts issued for 1924 number 928,295 in the 208 counties of Texas which had sent in their reports on or before February 16. This is an increase of 17.5 per cent over the 790,206 receipts issued for the last election year, 1922.

Reports are to come from 44 counties yet and if these maintain the average increase shown by the counties which have reported the total number of poll tax receipts issued in Texas this year will be 1,191,256 as against the 1,013,825 of 1922. These figures include only poll tax receipts; exemption certificates will add approximately 15 per cent, making the voting strength of Texas about 1,369,954.

Glass windows at R. Grosse's Lumber Yard.

I am always in the market for fat eggs and chickens. Get my prices. J. J. Johnson. 31-1f.

## COUNTING OF MAYFIELD AND PEDDY BALLOTS SHOW SOME DISCREPANCIES

Washington.—Several discrepancies between the vote cast for George E. B. Peddy and Earle Mayfield in the senatorial election in Texas, as shown by the election certificates and as disclosed by a recount of the ballots by the Senate Subcommittee.

One precinct in Angelina County, in which the election certificates gave Peddy seventy-seven votes, on recount by the committee Wednesday was found to have cast 230 votes for Peddy.

The committee completed Anderson County Wednesday morning and during the day had canvassed the contests of boxes from Andrews, Angelina, Austin and Armstrong Counties.

Another Angelina County precinct by the election certificate gave Peddy 115 and Mayfield 40, but on the count here the result is changed to Mayfield 43 and Peddy 126.

The ballots from Anderson County were in somewhat of a jumble as expressed by Senator Spencer of Missouri chairman of subcommittee.

## DEPUTY SHERIFF DIES RESULT OF BULLET WOUND TWO OTHER MEN SHOT

Deputy Sheriff J. H. Griffith of Santa Anna died Sunday night at 11 o'clock 24 hours after he was shot through the abdomen by Dave Rutherford while the deputy sheriff and Constable Bill Connelly were undertaking to arrest Rutherford on a charge of drunkenness and illegal possession of liquor. Connelly was shot through the hips, but conditions are favorable for his recovery. Rutherford was shot through the head by Deputy Sheriff Griffith after both officers had been wounded and his condition is said to be critical.

The funeral of Mr. Griffith was held at Santa Anna Monday afternoon. The other two wounded men are in a Santa Anna hospital.

According to reliable information here, Deputy Sheriff Griffith and Constable Connelly sought Rutherford late Saturday night after receiving complaints indicating that the latter was intoxicated and had liquor in his possession. Rutherford is said to have resisted the arrest, and fired on the two officers, wounding Griffith in the abdomen and Connelly in the hips. Griffith then fired on Rutherford, the ball passing through the head from ear to ear. All three men were carried to the Santa Anna hospital where Griffith died Sunday night. Rutherford was about thirty years old.

Mr. Griffith was formerly city marshal at Santa Anna and was one of the old-time citizens there. He was 63 years old, and is survived by his wife and several grown children.—Brownwood Bulletin.

## WANTED:—A HAND.

This is the season of the year when a good hand is needed on every successful farm. Following is an advertisement clipped from a Kansas paper, the Rome Record:

"I want a man to work on my farm. I don't give dancing lessons. I have no piano. I can't serve plank steak three times a day. I do give three square meals, a real bed, fair wages. If any man who knows a cow from a talking machine, can hear an alarm clock, get up at 5:00 o'clock, wants the job, I will agree not to treat him like one of the family, but a darn sight better. Apply at the Steve Miggins place. Intervale Road."

## REVIVAL AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Following the custom of the Christian churches that has been in use for the last three years the Christian church in Mason will observe the Easter time to conduct a meeting of Evangelistic effort, beginning April 13th, and continuing through the 27th.

This method of conducting a simultaneous Evangelistic campaign by all the churches through out the country has proven very successful and resulted in 66,089 souls being added to the churches last year in the two weeks before Easter.

These meetings are usually conducted by the pastor and the forces within the church; the idea being two-fold, to win souls to Christ and to enlist the entire church in active soul winning. This plan will be followed by the church here, the pastor will do the preaching and the music will be in charge of Dr. P. A. Baze.

A European critic says our buildings have no inspiring windows. How about the one where the paying-teller stays?—Akron Beacon Journal.

## CONTENT 1924 MODEL GRASSHOPPERS SHOULD DESTROYED YOUNG

Will the grasshoppers be numerous enough to be a pest again in 1924 either locally or generally?

Yes, that has been my contention all along. But my contention has been bitterly opposed by a very large majority of my brother farmers, who reason superficially or whose hopes are the father of their opinions. Their reasoning is superficial because it is chiefly based upon the precedent that the grasshoppers were a pest in 1901 and none came in 1902. Had they been more observant of natural events taking place in 1901 under their very noses, they could have foretold as I did that there would be no grasshoppers in 1902. I wrote a letter to the local papers advising farmers who were trying to sell their farms below pest, that we would not have grasshoppers so as to get out of the grasshopper hoppers enough to fish with in 1902. And not to sell their farms. Of course my opinion was opposed and ridiculed by so many people who know so much more than I do. My opinion in 1901 on which I based my prediction for 1902, was the fact that the summer and fall of 1901 was hot dry. Hence the grasshoppers were starved for green succulent food and had no strength to breed. If they had the ground was so hard that it could not be perforated to deposit their eggs in the earth. Therefore this variety I am writing about, yellow and light brown, known as the Differential, was almost annihilated in 1901 and would have been, had not a few very local showers fallen in late summer to furnish food and soften the earth so they could deposit eggs. From these little nucleuses, it has taken the differential twenty two years to increase sufficiently to become a general pest now did these conditions I have described 1901 prevail in 1922. They did not, but to the contrary we had an ideal season for breeding grasshoppers. They were fat and slick and no doubt were as good food if not better than John the Baptist lived on in the wilderness. They deposited multiplied millions of eggs in the earth during the late summer and early fall. Already the warm December and early February weather has caused some of these eggs to hatch. These no doubt will be destroyed by the rigorous weather of January and late February. But in my opinion is merely an advance guard of the great army that is to follow like a besom of destruction.

Now to be forewarned it to be forearmed and ready for the foe. They should be attacked first while young and helpless. When these hoppers first hatch and crawl out of the ground that are almost as small as fleas and can be killed by the million with a flaming torch such as is used in burning thorns from pear.

This and every other device should be used to destroy them before they get large enough to begin on the crops and these should be planted as early as practicable in a thick stand especially cotton, so as to get it far advanced and with a good thick stand

it can be dusted with poison like the leaf worm and the hoppers destroyed before they can do much damage to the main crop.

H. A. HALBERT, Coleman, Texas.

We can't remember having heard of a man who held the plowhandles until he was a nervous wreck.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

Dear lady, it may be brutal to shoot little rabbits; but sealskin coats must be provided in some way.—Marion Star

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## THE CENTRALIZED HIGH SCHOOL

The report of a state superintendent of schools in the West shows in striking contrast the per capita cost of tuition in the small high school with the cost in the school where a tendency was made up in the budget. In one high school with 47 pupils in 1922 the cost per pupil in attendance was \$639, while the per capita cost for a high school of 566 pupils was only \$127.

Answering a correspondent of the United States Bureau of Education, Department of the Interior, the Commissioner discusses the viewpoint that secondary education concerns itself with life purposes rather than with traditional subject-matter, that need exists within the community for several lines of training as looking towards occupation, that freedom of occupational choice for the child is an essential American ideal, and says:

"Such a viewpoint and such ideals make secondary school administration in the United States a matter of compromise. On the one hand, is the demand for variety of educational offerings necessitating large and specialized teaching staff, special rooms, special equipment, comprehensive libraries and the like. On the other hand, we have the demand and necessity for keeping educational costs within reasonable bounds.

"The chief means of adjustment of the high school to these demands is through centralization. Centralization increases the valuation of the district served so that a comprehensive school can be maintained by reasonable tax levies.

"Centralization increases the number of pupils instructed so that grouping, not only on a basis of ability, but on a basis of specific life purposes of the group becomes possible."

## HEN STILL BEST METHOD OF HATCHING FEW EGGS

College Station, March 6.—Those who have never relished the hatching of chicks by artificial methods but whose sentiments or economic judgment has kept them prejudiced for the "mother hen" in spite of the swift encroachment of the incubator or "whole-sale hatching hen" there may be considerable appreciation of the remark by Miss Myrtle Murray, extension poultry specialist of the A. & M. College that "no one has ever found a better method of hatching than the mother Hen's". "Artificial incubation is used where one wants to hatch chicks in large numbers," she added. And then assuming that she will find agreement she proceeds to give a few hints on hen hatching.

"The nest should be about 14 inches square and 14 inches high, located in a nice quiet place and protected from the rains and cold. Nail a six inch board across the lower front edge for a support. Thoroughly clean and spray with a strong solution of stock dip or some other disinfectant. Place about two inches of clean loose sand in the bottom. On top of this place enough straw or excelsior for a nest."

"Be sure the hen is contented with the nest before placing the eggs under. She should be dusted 10 or 12 pinches of sodium fluoride to prevent lice, then give a day or two to get settled before placing the eggs under her. She should be provided with plenty of clean, fresh water, a place for exercise and a dust bath to wallow in and fed whole grain. After she is to work do not 'fuss' over her."

## WARRING ON INSECTS

The surest and cheapest way to decrease the flies and all insect pests is

to destroy by burning or plowing under deep everything that will afford them safe housing during winter. Spread a plow under manure and litter. Cut deeply all weeds, trash or other things that afford shelter for insects. Plowing in December, January and February will get most of them by breaking up their winter homes.—Farm & Ranch.

## ROAD TAX FARE EXCEEDS ROADS FUNDS

The government of the United States has, since 1917, collected far more in the way of taxation of motor vehicles and accessories than it has expended in building and maintaining roads. The figures are \$589,022,021 from taxes and \$264,782,231 for roads—Agricultural Review.

## A SYMBOL OF DEMOCRACY

Press clippings from Berlin reporting progress being made by the committee appointed by the Allied Reparations Commission to investigate German finances, report an ultra-official dinner given by Ambassador Houghton at which the important diplomats and officials gathered to meet the American commissioners, General Dawes, O. D. Young and Henry Robinson.

As a symbol of the democracy which this country stands for and the business like procedure which it expects in settling the reparations controversy, General Dawes calmly lit up his old briar pipe just after the "fish course." In other words, pomp and ceremony mean nothing to Dawes. Neither are they part of the nation's calculation.

We were then looking toward real world peace and Dawes and the American members on his committee mean to get action, know the reason why, Red tape diplomacy, delays and evasion have been carried on for five years. Dawes sipping his briar pipe at the end of the fish course, is typical of his abhorrence of useless delay such as has surrounded past negotiations.

Enemies of plans for settlement of reparations question can take their cue from Dawes and his pipe—his committee means business and there is no use trying to fool them.

## AN UNPARALLELED RECORD

In computing on the future of the electric industry, L. K. Thorne, President of Lubright & Co., Inc., says: "When it is considered that forty years ago the world was virtually without the use of electricity and that the first central station was built in New York City in December, 1882, the record of electrical development in the United States is little short of marvelous.

"Approximately \$5,000,000,000 is invested in electric power and light companies today and \$5,000,000,000 or over in electric railroads.

"The electric industry is today studying ways and means to supply current to the farms and thus give rural communities the conveniences of electric light and power which have done so much to lighten the load of household work in the city. With electric power and lights the farm home and to operate large part of the farmer's machinery a direct incentive will be offered to remain on the farm instead of moving to the congested town and city districts."

"Approximately \$250,000,000 of public utility securities were sold direct to customers over this country."

## ALL OF US

Commenting on problems of the farm, Walter W. Head, President American Bankers Association, in an address entitled "Let's Make it a Partnership," said:

"Agriculture today is just emerging from a period of serious depression. If we will apply to agriculture the lessons gained by the experience of general business we will achieve still greater prosperity for the farmer. The problem today is to use resources effectively—to produce economically and to market economically. The problem of marketing cannot be left for the solution of the farmer alone; it must be considered by all business men, inasmuch as the prosperity of all is affected by that of agriculture."

Maybe the so-called foolish virgins who were caught with no oil in their lamps had more political sense than the world has given them credit for up to this time.—Columbus Ohio State Journal.

Well, let the rich pay. We bought a League pamphlet for ten cents and Bob paid \$50.00 for his.—Paterson News.

## MEMBERSHIP NO. 1874



When John Loudon Macaden, in 1810 began to experiment with broken stone for building roads, he met with much opposition from the "stand-pat" road builders, who contended that the expense would be prohibitive and that anyway, broken stone in course of assorted sizes was no better than broken stone of one size in one course.

Time proved the merit of Macadam's idea, although the century and nine which have elapsed since his first practical experiment was tired at Bristol, England, in 1815, have greatly altered the practice of macadamized road building.

Up to the advent of the automobile, Macadam's principles were employed in their entirety, the broken stone being bonded with rock dust and water, the former replaced by the impact of iron shod vehicles and hoofs, the latter by the rain.

When the automobile, with its rapid movement and broad rubber tires, sucked the rock dust from between the stones in spite of the gentle bonding effort of the water, it was realized that something was lacking in the roads used for fast soft-shod traffic, which lack was not felt under slow and steel-shod traffic. That "something" was a better bond than water. It was found in oils and tars and bituminous compounds. Luckily for the millions of dollars invested in macadamized roads, and oil, tar, or bituminous binder could and was, applied with success to existing roads, thus saving to the taxpayer miles of highways which were otherwise doomed.

Today, all macadamized roads are built with the bituminous oil or tar binder applied during the building, but the basic principles of larger foundation and smaller upper course, topped by a wearing surface of fine crushed rock and dust, bound in place by something, is still employed. Macadam's greatest monument is the dropping of the capital letter in his name and making it the label for all roads built of crushed rock laid in courses of different sizes.

## GIVE AND TAKE

Sometimes the worm turns suddenly and delivers a wallop, whose echoes resound throughout the land. A Texas exchange quotes this from the Solon (Iowa) Economy:

"The woman who doesn't like this paper because it is no good and never gets anything right should tuck up her underskirt. It hangs down and looks sloppy. The editor of the Economy may not know how to run a newspaper right but he knows how to put his clothes on so his underwear won't show."

There do be many who criticize the press while themselves not altogether above criticism. It was left for the Iowa editor, though, to frame his comeback in words that lifted a weight from many editorial souls. Slouchiness in woman is even worse than incompetency in the editorial chair. Everybody loves, or wants to love, woman; but nobody loves an editor or fat man.—State Press in Dallas News.

## ROCKSPRINGS MAN SHOT LAST FRIDAY

A telephone message from Rocksprings shortly after noon Friday, stated that Bob Fairbanks, meat market man of that place had been shot.

A party of Rocksprings people started for Kerrville by the way of Junction, and reached here about 9:30 that night and reached Kerrville shortly after midnight, when the wounded man was placed in the Secor Hospital where an operation was performed to remove particles of the bullet, which is said to have entered his head just above the left ear.

Dud Edwards, a freighter of Rocksprings, was arrested, charged with the shooting, which is said to have occurred just in front of Mr. Fairbank's place of business. Information available states that a .32 calibre pistol was used. No details of the trouble could be learned.—Junction Eagle.

Dr. Markham Lee says that fox-trots with their life and rhythm, are far better than the "Maiden's Prayer." They certainly are what most of the maidens' prayers are for.—The London Humorist.

Americans spend more money on chewing-gun than on books. After a casual glance at some of their literature, we don't blame them.—The Passing Show (London).

"There is no politics in honesty," says an editor. And sometimes we are tempted to think there isn't any too much honesty in politics.—Tacoma Ledger.

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# Society

## CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Last Saturday afternoon, March 1st, Miss Elizabeth White, and Mrs. Seth L. Baze, surprised their mother, Mrs. J. W. White, by inviting a number of sister friends to celebrate her birthday. After an hour spent in pleasant conversation a large white cake decorated with small lavender candles, and ribbon with white lace, was placed before the guests while a delicious salad course was served. Then the cake was sent by Mrs. White and served to her friends, and was found to be delicious also.

The whole color scheme was lavender and white and plate favors, bunches of violets tied with lavender ribbons.

Those present to congratulate Mrs. White on having such a lovely and devoted daughter, and wish her many happy birthdays were:

Mesdames Bertha Todd, J. P. Lyle, Elv Hamilton, John Lumburg, Will Bellebracht, Jennie Hamilton, Jennie Reynolds, J. J. Ray, M. F. Carter, J. W. Gamel, John Schaege, Tom White and Belle Bridges.

## Entertained at Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Eckert entertained with a 3-course dinner Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Places were laid for the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Baze, Mrs. Dolster and Mrs. Neal Coleman, of San Antonio, and Miss Lillie Eckert and Julia Bierschwale.

## B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Great events studied in our B. Y. P. U. Be there and be on time. Three p. m. each Sunday

Song—No. 241

Prayer

Song—No. 237

Introduction—Ruth Hey.

Let Us Sing the Songs of Zion—

Pauline Dohy.

A Great Experience Set in Songs—

Lucille Baker.

Special Song—Mrs. Banta.

Gratitude for Gods Deliverance—

Stanley Sanders.

Praise for the Past—Ella Doell

Prayer for the Present—Ruby Jordan.

Special Music—Jack Garrett, Alma Passmore.

Hope for the Future—Ella Mae Metzger.

Song—No. 227

Prayer

## LADIES, NOTICE!

I have a nice stock of Spring hats ready for your inspection at my home. It will pay you to look them over and get my prices.

MRS. Louis JOHNSON.

## PICKFORD'S NEXT PICTURE A NEW CHARACTERIZATION

### Departure from Former Work Gives Her Wonderful Opportunities

Mary Pickford's latest United Artists production, "The Love Light," which will be shown at the Star Theater on Saturday, is an entirely different story and an absolutely new characterization than anything in which the World's Sweetheart has heretofore appeared.

Every since Mary Pickford has had her own producing organization and could dictate the type of photoplay in which she was to appear, she has adapted the policy of never adhering entirely to one line of parts, not only because she believes that the public like variety, but because she believes the different lines of characters tend to increase her ability as an artist.

Those who saw her recent comedies will certainly enjoy her in her forthcoming production which was written and directed by Frances Marion, who has been acclaimed the leading scenario writer of the country, and bids fair to be at the head of the list of directoresses.

## INVITATION TO LADIES

Come in and see our new hats and dresses at the Hat Shoppe; with Mason Grocery Com'ly. 11p

## JUDGE FULTON APPOINTED COUNTY ATTORNEY

Judge M. Fulton has been appointed county attorney of Menard county and has his office in the Rock Hotel.

Judge Fulton practiced law in Mason for ten or twelve years, prior to which he was a member of the Court of Criminal Appeals at Oklahoma City. He is reputed to be an able attorney and will doubtless make Menard county a splendid county attorney.—Menard Messenger.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends for the many acts of kindness and words of sympathy during our recent bereavement in the loss of our mother and wife, W. M. CRANFORD AND CHILDREN

## T. M. BUTLER FOR COMMISSIONER

In the announcement column of the News this week will be found the name of T. M. Butler as a candidate for re-election to the office of commissioner of Precinct No. 2. Mr. Butler has held this office during the past term, and in presenting his name to the voters of his precinct, he will greatly appreciate their consideration and support.

## NEED GLASSES?

Dr. Jones, the eye man, in Dr. McCollum's office, Wednesday 19th. Eyes Examined—Glasses Fitted Headache and Eye Strain Relieved

Mrs. Kurt Martin and children returned home Saturday, after a few weeks visit in San Antonio.

## LADIES AID MEETS MARCH 13

March 13th the Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church will meet at the home of Mrs. H. S. Wood, with Mrs. W. I. Marshall assistant hostess.

The following questions will be used: Scripture Reading, Mathew, Chapters 12 to 14 inclusive.

What day of the week did Jesus enter the grain fields?

What did Jesus say about David when the Pharisees criticised him?

When Jesus entered the synagogue who came to him to be healed?

When Jesus left the Pharisees did he go alone?

What instruction did Jesus give all those that he healed?

What effect did the healing of the dumb and blind man, with the demon, have upon the multitudes?

When the Pharisees heard of the cures of Jesus what did they say?

What did Jesus say about the divided kingdom and the divided house?

What did Jesus say about Satan casting out Satan? Shall all sins or blasphemy be forgiven? what shall not be forgiven?

What did Jesus say about the corrupt tree and the offspring of vipers?

Shall all mankind be required to give an account of their idle words?

When the Pharisees asked for a sign what did Jesus tell them?

What did Jesus say the men of Nineveh would do to that generation?

Who was the queen of the South that Jesus referred to?

When told that his mother wished to speak to him what did Jesus say?

Where was Jesus when he spoke the many parables? Were many present?

Tell what Jesus said about the following parables: The sower; the good seed and the tares; the grain of mustard seed; the leaven; the householder; the hidden treasure; the goodly pearls; the net.

Note that Jesus is describing the kingdom with these things.

When Jesus entered their synagogue what did the people do and say?

Did Jesus have any brothers or sisters? What was Joseph's occupation?

## COURT HOUSE NEWS

### Births

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shearer, a boy, March 3rd.

### Marriage License

Roberto Condoreo and Juliana Gonzalez.

Mrs. John Schaege, of Brady, is visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. J. W. White, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Arthur, of Dallas, are here for a few weeks visit in the home of Mrs. Arthur's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schmidt.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Todd, of Llano, were here the past weekend visiting relatives. George Todd returned home with them for a few days visit.

## CONFEDERATE WARRANTS FOR \$31 ARE MAILED FOR QUARTER

Austin, Feb. 27.—Confederate pension warrants for the quarter ending February 29, have just been mailed by the pension division of the Comptroller's Department to 1650 pensioners throughout the state, it was announced in the Comptroller's Department. For this quarter the Confederate pensioners are receiving \$31 each, which is \$1 in excess of the previous quarter and the largest amount that has ever been apportioned to the old soldiers. This is made possible as the numbers of pensioners is not gradually decreasing, as the youngest veteran is not under 70 years of age.

Funds are available for the payment of these pension warrants, the money is derived from a special 5 per cent state tax, which produces over \$300,000 quarterly or in excess of \$1,000,000 annually.

Veterans who are inmates of the Confederate Home receive one-half of the amount paid to the other pensioners under an amendment to the Confederate pension law passed recently by the Legislature.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sharer are rejoicing over the arrival of a big baby boy who arrived at their home Monday.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID

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

Chas. Willmann	1.50
Geo. Willis	1.50
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## From Our Early Files

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From Mason News, March 10, 1899: A number of young people were pleasantly entertained Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hoerster, the gathering being complimentary to Misses Duke and Metcalf of Brady. Those present were Miss Edna Duke, Ethel McGee, Ada Garber, Lillie McReynolds, Alice Hoerster, Daisy and Lillie Wheeler, Lillian Young, Bernice Doole, Emma Burnam and Mrs. H. Mebus; Messrs. Paul and Holmes Doole, Edgar Mebus, Avain Ayers, Lawrence Christopher, Sam and Will Lumburg.

Mr. Wm. Schneider, of Castell, committed suicide on Monday evening at 2 o'clock, by shooting himself.

Messrs. Chas. L. and Max Martin will attend the stockmen's meeting at Fort Worth next week.

Hon. Clarence Martin a prominent young attorney of Fredericksburg, has been in the city this week attending court.

The personnel of the grand jury composes S. J. Thorne, foreman, Ben Hoerster, Charles Kammann, John Geistweid, Max Martin, Henry Kothe, J. J. Jones, J. L. Bruce, Oscar Hurley, J. D. Mangum.

Judge M. D. Slaton had a full house Monday to hear him charge the grand jury.

### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From Mason News, March 5, 1909. Judge Martin and District Attorney Moses came in Sunday preparatory for court duties.

Marriage Licenses—Mr. F. B. Monk and Miss Nettie Davis; Mr. Earl Davenport and Miss Iva Jones.

Mrs. Aug. Leifeste died at her home four miles northeast of town last Saturday.

Ed Reynolds left Saturday for San Antonio to attend business college.

J. C. Lumburg moved into the Bridges house opposite the News office while his new residence is being erected.

Miss Allie Garner returned Wednesday from Brady.

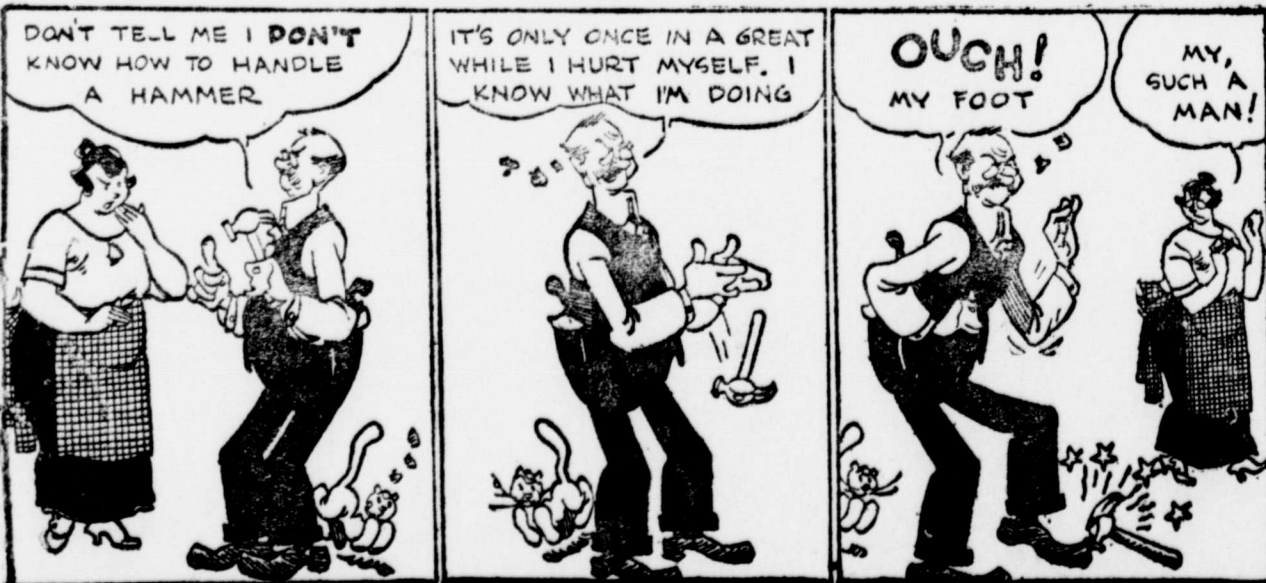
Both Chas. and Harry Bierschwale have been laid up with grip the past week.

Little Minnie Otte, 8-year-old daughter of Henry Otte, died last Thursday at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Fred Crosby and children of Three Rivers, N. M., arrived here Saturday to visit Mrs. E. Crosby and Walter.

Arch and Miss Ellen Jenkins spent Saturday at their home at Capitola.

Chas. Hoerster returned a few days ago from a business trip to Kansas City.



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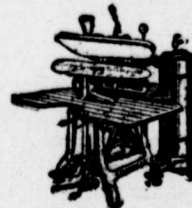
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ber Yard. 32

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81-tf J. J. JOHNSON.

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ty 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)  
BEN HEY

**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)

**For Commissioner, Pre. No. 2:**  
T. M. BUTLER (Re-election)

**CHURCH NOTICES**

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Usual services Sunday. The Sunday  
school has almost doubled in attend-  
ance. We are giving special attention  
to the young people in the Sunday  
school, if you are not enrolled in some  
Sunday school, we will be glad to have  
you with us. Your friend,  
J. J. RAY.

**M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH**  
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.

Rev. D. G. Hardt will preach at Long  
Mountain on March 9th, at 11 a. m.,  
and 7:30 p. m. and will organize a Sun-  
day School at Streeter at 2:30 in the  
afternoon. Everybody invited.

**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 cour-  
teously answered at the afternoon ser-  
vices.  
Everybody welcome.  
JOS. F. DWAN, Pastor.

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a. m.—E. A. Loeffler, 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.

District Supt. Rev. B. E. Breihan,  
will be here Friday, March 7th, and  
will hold quarterly conference at Art.  
There will be no services in Mason on  
Sunday, but at Art there will be ser-  
vices Sunday morning and Sunday after-  
noon in German, and on Sunday  
evening, the services will be in Eng-  
lish.

**CHICKENS**  
If you have chickens to sell, don't  
fail to get my prices.  
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**MASON'S GREATEST NEED—A  
MODERN HOTEL.**

**CLAUDE B. HUDSPETH WILL  
RUN FOR RE-ELECTION**

Recognizing the valuable services  
of Claude B. Hudspeth to this district  
a large number of citizens from most  
of the counties have signed the follow-  
ing petition and sent it to him:

"To the Honorable Claude B. Hud-  
speth:  
"We, the undersigned citizens desire  
that you continue to give us your val-  
uable, wise and patriotic services as  
Representative of our district.

We therefore respectfully request  
you to allow our citizens to re-elect  
you, and we feel that this sentiment  
is so strong that you will meet no op-  
position. We cordially pledge you our  
votes and support."

A number of the petitions, with long  
lists of signatures have been sent to  
Mr. Hudspeth, who has responded by  
thanking the signers and saying that  
he will run for re-election, and that  
he will shortly give out a formal an-  
nouncement of his candidacy.

It is considered quite certain that  
the people will re-elect him, as his  
course of work in Congress has met  
with the approval of all the citizens of  
the district, and it is more than prob-  
able that he will be returned without  
opposition. This will relieve him of  
a long and expensive campaign, and  
permit him to remain in Washington  
while Congress is in session, to look  
after the interests of the people.

The best of good feeling prevails as  
reported by the local Hudspeth com-  
mittee, composed of L. L. Farr, C. A.  
Broome, Charles B. Metcalfe and Wil-  
fred Conery, secretary.—San Angelo  
Standard.

**TAXES OF STATE ARE  
COMPILED BY TRAVIS  
CO. REPRESENTATIVE**

Austin.—For the years 1923-24, tax-  
payers of Texas have paid and will pay  
\$103,829,500 in taxes of various kinds,  
according to Representative John T.  
Smith of Travis county. Of this sum,  
\$47,975,500 will be paid in different  
of state taxes, from the following  
sources: General revenue, \$16,930,000;  
state school fund, \$13,000,000; state  
pension fund, \$1,550,000; automobile  
tax, \$11,500,000; gasoline tax, \$3,500,-  
000; franchise tax, \$1,185,500; inher-  
itance tax \$310,000.

Of the remainder of this vast sum  
of money, \$22,594,000 will be paid in  
city taxes, \$16,500,000 in local school  
taxes, district taxes, road and levy dis-  
trict taxes, \$8,250,000 in road and levee  
district taxes, and \$8,500,000 in city  
taxes. These taxes are figured by  
Smith on an average county rate of 70  
cents to the \$100 property valuation  
of \$2,242,000,000 total net valuation  
of the state.

"Now let us add the amount Texas  
tax payers pay to the federal govern-  
ment amounting to about \$35,000,000,  
and we have the total yearly tax pay-  
ments by the tax payers of Texas of  
the enormous sum of \$138,819,500."  
Continuing, Smith said, "Counting the  
population of Texas to be 5,000,000,  
this shows there is an amount of  
about \$27.75 for every man, woman and  
child in money paid out by Texas tax  
payers in taxes.

"He admit the figures are stagger-  
ing, but we trimmed wherever there  
was a reasonable doubt." Smith added  
that candidates for the legislature  
should be asked about this and their  
views on the subject.

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**EDITOR AT FORTY, PENS  
A TOUCHING ODE**

When J. R. (Rob) Ransome, the  
Cleburne editor who died a few days  
ago, was forty years old, he penned a  
very sweet ode to the passing time,  
and we are herewith reproducing it.  
What man lives, who has reached the  
age of forty years and spent that span  
of time in doing his duty that does not  
feel the heart-beats and beautiful sen-  
timent expressed by Bob Ransome?

"I am forty years old today. A  
great many people do not live as long  
as I have already lived, and accom-  
plish a great deal more, while numbers  
of others live a great deal longer, yet  
are unknown out of the village in which  
they toil. At 40, the passions of life  
are mellowed by the experiences of  
time, and one feels the slowing up of  
the pulse once fiercely beating with  
hopes in which limitless ambitions were  
centered. At forty, one knows a great  
deal more than he did at twenty. He  
has mixed and mingled with the  
world, elbowed the eager crowd in  
the market place, tested the calibre of  
friends, felt the venom of enemies, has  
had hopes blasted, ambitions destroy-  
ed, has suffered and in the silent  
watches of the night has lain awake  
and felt his heart beats, while tears of  
regret fell from weeping eyes.

"At forty, the average man has had  
his share of happiness. He has been  
able as he journeyed on to the great  
eternal home, to pluck from the garden  
of hopes some memory-making mo-  
ments. Here and there among the  
fragrant flowers is the reflection of  
a friendly hand-clasp, a kiss from scar-  
let, while beating hearts tell the wild  
tattoo the love that riots there. Out  
from the fleeing years there are recol-  
lections of baby fingers, of chubby arms  
clasped tight around daddy's neck in  
trusting tenderness and sincere devotion.

"There were June nights when  
beath twinkling stars, with hands  
clasped, a newly married man and wife  
projected plans for the future and  
beckoned for the coming of their sweet  
anticipation from out of the mystic gar-  
den of dreams where hope sang of  
happiness.

"There are friendly offices that come  
floating back along life's drak and rug-  
ged tract; acts of sympathy, comfort  
and assistance that filled the heart with  
thankfulness.

"There come drifting from the mem-  
ories of the days of long ago the sweets  
of mother love; the undying devotion  
of her who gave me life, and, with pa-  
tience and pain, cared for my infant  
wants when little feet could not yet  
patter over the floor, and baby prattle  
was but a meaningless sound. Then  
father's kindly face, while in his eyes  
shone the love that was in his heart,  
always sacrificing that I might be com-  
fortable and happy, is a picture hung  
in the gallery of my heart, and brother  
and sister, and the playmates of my  
youth, the girls with golden tresses and  
lassies whose hair was brown; the boys,  
comrades of the old swimming hole,  
who, barefoot and brown, fished gath-  
ered freckles in the sun, as loyal as  
ever grew among Texas flowers, or  
breathed on Texas plains.

"As men come and go, fortunes ebb  
and flow, I have had reasonable suc-  
cess, and ought to be happy. I have  
my family to look after; loving wife  
and four children, who my friends say,  
I ought to be proud of, and I confess  
that I am. I can be useful to others,  
and at the same time earn a living  
for my family.

"Among those who know me, I have  
the average number of real true  
friends, while others hold me as an  
honest man, worthy of their confidence.  
I have acquired a philosophic thought  
that helps me turn the bars of stinging  
disappointments that hurt me in my  
youth, so that they miss my heart,  
causing only slight abrasions on the  
flesh. But in spite of all the gracious  
goodness of providence, I feel a sad-

ness in my added years I know that I  
have passed the line that starts the  
journey down the hill of life, and too  
soon the halting, stumbling step will  
come along with age, when, with  
senses dulled, passion dead, ambitions  
fled, in the corner I may have to sit  
and from the store house of memory,  
clinging fast about the days that have  
long since past, conjure up pictures  
painted there for the time, when the  
shades come on and the shadows  
lengthen on the garden walk."—Ex-  
change.

**DUSTIN FARNUM STARS  
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An excellent story exquisite outdoor  
scenes, and fine acting mark "The Bus-  
ter," the latest William Fox production  
starring Dustin Farnum, which will be  
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The story is from the prolific pen of  
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writer, and was adapted for screening  
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The photographic beauty of the Fox  
feature is due to the care practiced in  
the selection of "location" in the cali-  
fornian Rocky Mountains and in a still  
large measure to the cameraman David  
Able.

**RAW COTTON IN DRESS COSTS  
ONLY 12 CENTS MORE WHEN  
COTTON IS 35 INSTEAD OF 25**

College Station, March 6.—The fallacy  
in the argument of financial and indus-  
trial interests that the advancing price  
of cotton is demoralizing the cotton  
goods business has been indicated by  
figures compiled at the A. & M. College  
of Texas. The information is given by  
Professor J. B. Bagley, head of the  
Department of Textile Engineering,  
that one pound of cotton will make  
seven yards of gingham and that mid-  
dling cotton loses by waste about 15  
per cent in spinning. In December 1922  
cotton was quoted at 25 cents. Figur-  
ing 15 per cent for waste the pound of  
spun cotton would cost 20 cents and  
this would make seven yards of ging-  
ham. Or in other words the actual raw  
cotton in a yard of gingham brought  
the farmer 42 cents. With cotton at  
the peak of 35 cents and allowing 15  
per cent for waste the farmer would  
sell 40.2 cents worth of cotton for seven  
yards of gingham or would get for the  
cotton in each yard 6.8 cents. Thus in  
the rise of cotton from 25 to 35 cents  
the additional cost of cotton in a yard  
of gingham nets the cotton grower only  
1.6 cents. If we take eight yards as an  
average requirement for making the  
farmer's wife a housedress, the cotton  
grower gets only 12.8 cents more for  
the raw product in that dress when cot-  
ton was selling at 35 and when it was  
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Doc Cook's error lay in having no  
oil; others make the mistake of having  
too much.—Detroit News.

**You Need Not Fail**

This is the brief life story of a  
wealthy traveling man, son of an  
extremely poor journeyman potter,  
who was born in a stable in Prairie,  
Ohio, in 1838, without a "ghost of  
a chance" to be anything in life  
but a clay potter. His name is  
"Jug" (John W.) McChesney and  
his home is now in Kansas City,  
Mo.  
Back in 1858 when "Jug" was  
a little boy, his father was driven  
from Ohio because of his inability  
to find clays suitable for making  
jugs, crocks, churns and the like  
and also because he was an "Ab-  
solutist." There wasn't much  
money in the family then, and as for  
schooling, it was an unknown lux-  
ury. And so the family moved  
from Ohio to Doniphan County,  
Kansas, where they became squat-  
ters. A drought drove them into  
Missouri at the time when Abra-  
ham Lincoln was the storm centre  
of the country and the issue of  
slavery was at white hot heat.  
Thrown into jail because in boy-  
ish glee he shouted, "Hurrah for  
Abe Lincoln," he escaped and en-  
listed in the 64th Ohio Infantry as  
a private. Four years later he  
came back a first lieutenant having  
fought in thirty-six battles. Re-  
turning to the pottery moulding of  
his ancestors, he failed. He failed  
also in seven other kinds of work,



and then started as an office boy  
for the Redwing Union Stoneware  
Company of Redwing, Minn. His  
sufferings and hardships beggar  
description, but he stuck to the job,  
working his way slowly upward  
until he became a salesman for the  
firm. For forty years he traveled  
from Canada to Mexico. Today  
at 85, he is still selling goods, al-  
though he practically owns the  
company and has amassed a huge  
fortune. "I stuck to one thing," he  
says, "and worked it to a stand-  
still."



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At present, indications are that a majority of the Rural  
Schools will take part, and more than two weeks yet remain  
for others to prepare.

The Finance Committee, composed of Judge Banks, John  
King and Fred Schmidt, report that handsome gold and  
silver medals will be given for first and second place, re-  
spectively, in each individual event, and that for the winners  
in team events, pennants will be awarded. In addition, it  
will be remembered that there are two large silver loving  
cups for the rural school winning the highest number of  
points in the Meet. For the past two years these have both  
been held by Peters Prairie, and if that school should again  
win them this year they will become permanent property.

All schools are again reminded that in order for their  
contestants to be eligible their names must be submitted to  
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**GOLDEN THREAD**  
By MISS BEULAH ROSE  
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MADGE WINTHROP likened her prosaic, uneventful existence to a great, ghastly white cloth which was so common and inferior that even the loneliest mendicant would have stepped over it in disdain.

Four years ago Madge's now deceased mother had, in a moment of anguish at the death of her husband, told her daughter that her life thereafter would be like a white cloth—a great, dull, dismal, white cloth.

In one of the rooms of a hotel sat the girl, reading a letter that had just come. It was from Ruth, who had been her room-mate some nine months ago.

The contents of the letter distressed Madge immensely. She did not want Ruth to move to the part of the city in which she (Madge) lived.

And now she was coming. Of course she was. She had invited herself to call on Madge immediately upon arrival, and well Madge knew no power on earth could turn her from her purpose. Oh, well! Madge heaved a sigh. Let her come. What difference did it make, anyway? Suddenly she thought of something she had read somewhere. Or had she heard of it? Why, yes, Ruth herself had told her about it—the golden thread.

"Don't fret any more, Madge," she had said, in a moment of unusual gravity. "Get that idea of a cloth of white out of your head." Then, "Don't you know, dear, there's a golden thread on every cloth of white? All you have to do is to look for it."

Madge had been considerate enough to take advantage of the suggestion. She had looked, but her search had been fruitless. Her cloth had no golden thread; it was white—all white.

Ruth came, as she had promised. With her she brought a good-looking young man whom she introduced as Donald Bradshaw, her fiance!

"Where is Robert Easton?" Madge asked her, when an opportunity of seeing her alone presented itself. "Weren't you engaged to him?"

"Oh, I gave him up," Ruth confided cheerfully. "He's too—too—oh, you know, Madge, he was always a bit too lively for me."

Ruth and the young man became frequent visitors. Through her gloom Madge perceived that she contrived to have him accompany her very often, and that when he was not present, Ruth invariably made him the object of the conversation.

"Isn't he manly looking?" Ruth asked, one evening.

Madge did not deign to reply.

Suddenly Ruth came near and put her arm around the waist of the other girl.

"Madge dear," she whispered, her compassionate heart overflowing with love and pity. "Madge, haven't you found the golden thread yet?"

"Do you know, dear," Ruth went on softly, "you are ruining your life? Madge, you are tearing the cloth of white into shreds and are preventing any possibility of a golden thread!"

"Let me think it out alone," was the answer. "Please go—I want to be alone." And Ruth, considering the matter in her own shrewd way, went.

It was some time before Madge discovered that Ruth had forgotten something—a letter. Instinctively, her eyes sought the address.

"Robert Easton!" she gasped, her mind replete with vague apprehensions.

What was Ruth doing? Playing false? to whom? Madge hesitated. It was a hopeless mixup. Suddenly she found herself reading the letter, part of which ran:

"And when my plan turns out successfully, Bobby Boy, we'll get married—because you know, dear, I just couldn't be happy with the thought that somewhere there is a lonely little girl with the unhappy vision of a ghastly cloth of white. I've got to

show her the golden thread first."

It was an angry, wholly resentful girl who stood up then. The whole stratagem, the whole infamous conspiracy, as she called it, dawned upon her. She was alive now, intensely alive, and her pulses were tingling with the pain of wounded pride.

There was a knock. A moment later, when she opened the door to admit Donald Bradshaw, her lips parted wrathfully. But, strange to say, she found herself powerless to remonstrate. Instead, she sank into a chair and gasped.

He approached her. His eyes were filled with what she now discovered was love—love of the profoundest kind.

"I'm sorry," he apologized. "I'm very sorry it had to be like this. I was pushed into it against my will, and wanted to back out, but—but when I saw you—well, I just had to stay, that's all."

Slowly, tremulously, she rose and came to him. Her eyes were moist, and her lips quivered, as she said: "I'd—rather you wouldn't go. I—I'm glad you stayed."

"Madge!" He caught her in his arms. "Madge, let me make you happy. It won't be hard—"


"No—Donald, it won't be hard," she cried. "It won't be hard one bit, because, oh, Donald, I have found the golden thread."

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If not properly cared for, inactive machinery will depreciate more during a period of inactivity than when in actual use for the same length of time. Discarded farm implements and abandoned factories are common examples of this, literally falling to pieces in a short time. For this reason, automobiles must be properly prepared for storage through the winter. An hour or two of preparation will prevent rapid depreciation and days of unnecessary work when the car is put on the road again in the spring.

The car should be raised three or four inches from the floor and supported by four strong blocks at the outer ends of the axles. These blocks should be large enough to prevent the car from sliding off to the floor if jarred.

With the wheels raised from the floor, wash the tires carefully with gasoline to remove all dirt and grease spots. Fill all cuts and abrasions with tire filler or cement and then rub the casings with soapstone to aid in preserving the rubber. After the tires have been thoroughly cleaned, deflate them about two-thirds. A normal pressure of 60 pounds should be reduced to 20 pounds which is sufficient to keep the tires in shape and form an air cushion for the heavy casings.

Drain all water from the radiator, drain all gasoline from the tank and drain all oil from the crankcase. This prevents sediment from solidifying in the systems and prevents any possible chemical or corrosive action on metal parts.

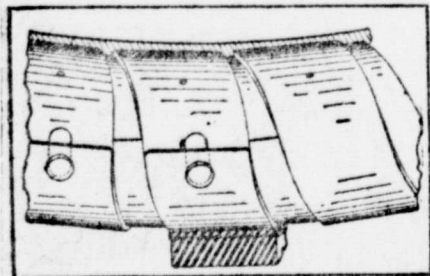
Removal of the storage battery is very important. If allowed to remain in the car, deterioration will ruin it in no time.

### STEEL TIRE FOR AUTOMOBILE

Invention of San Francisco Man Provides Device With Elasticity of Air Cushion.

The Scientific American in illustrating and describing a steel tire, the invention of A. P. Mallon of San Francisco says:

"This invention relates to tires for motor vehicles in general, its object is to provide a tire made of spring steel, spirally wound, or similar rigid mate-



Steel Tire for Automobiles.

rial, and to arrange the units comprising the tire in such manner as to secure elasticity equivalent to that obtained by air cushions inclosed in pneumatic tubes. In order to obtain a still better cushioning a plurality of cushioning members are secured to the outer periphery of the tire."

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Send papers at the News Office.

### FIVE-ACT SCOUT PLAY WILL BE GIVEN TODAY

"The Land of Things to Do," a five-act play, will be presented by the C. I. A. Girl Scouts in the public school music room this afternoon at 4:30. Miss Sadie Lindsay, scout lieutenant of troop No. 1, wrote the play.

Various phases of scout work are dramatized in this play, according to Miss Lindsay. Mary, Jane, and Susan, three girls who are not scouts appear in each act. In the first act they are dissatisfied with life as they have nothing to do, but later become interested in girl scout work through some first aid work done for Susan by girl scouts.

In each succeeding act the three girls become more interested in scout work as they witness demonstrations of fire prevention, cooking, sewing, life saving and folk dancing. They cannot join, however, since their mothers object to girl scouts. A meeting is planned in the act to which the three girls and their mothers come. At this meeting the girl scouts give an interesting program, showing that scout work is "The Land of Things to Do," said Miss Lindsay.

There are two troupes of three patrols each at C. I. A. Patrols one and two will give one act together; the other acts will be given by separate patrols.—The Lass-O

### Billiard Game Played in Cage With Lions

Before the game of billiards was known by its present name it was called "paille maille," and was played out of doors like croquet. The famous London street, Pall Mall, is named after it, for the game was played years ago on its site.

Since then the game has been played in many queer places, but by far the most exciting match on record was that which took place between two men some years ago in a lions' cage.

The billiard table was placed in the cage where the lions lay resting, and the two men entered and began to play. Their cues had been specially made and were very heavy, so that, if required, they could be used as weapons.

Both men played nervously, making many misses, while the lions looked on curiously. At one time one of the ivory balls fell from the table and rolled near one of the lions. The great beast sniffed at it and growled ominously. After that both players hastened to finish their game.—London Answers.

### Sugar From the Dahlia

The dahlia may become one of the chief sources of the world's sugar supply, because of a new formula for dahlia sugar that has lately been completed by the University of Southern California. Thousands of acres may be taken up with the cultivation of a tuber that has hitherto been valued only for its flower, as a result. The tuber of the dahlia contains not only a large percentage of sugar, but sugar one and one-half times as sweet as cane or beet sugar. Probably the greatest benefit derived from this new discovery of the commercial value of the dahlia tuber is that the sugar it yields is quite harmless to diabetic patients, and this fact will bring cheer and new hope to thousands of invalids.

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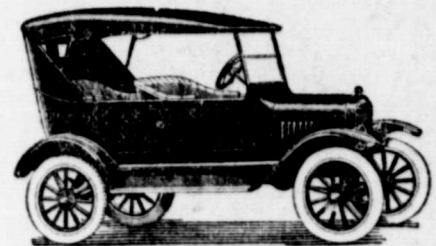
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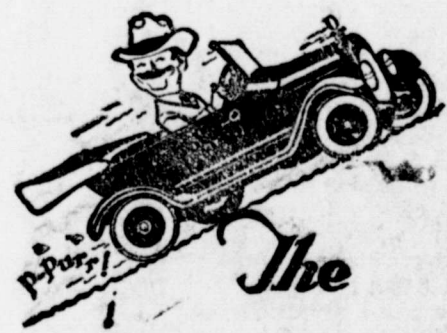
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