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HONOR ROLL FOR LOCAL SCHOOL FOR MONTH ENDING APRIL 9TH

Following is the honor roll for the local schools for the month ending April 9th:

High School—"A" students, Lina Simon, Ethyl Lehmburg, Mildred Montgomery, Coralea Tinsley, Lucille Lange, Emily Jordan, Louis Vater, Leah Passmore, Esther Widemann; "B" students, Alva Beach, Louis Millaire, Dessie Hoerster, Gus Lehmann, Genevieve King, Garner Seaquist.

Sixth Grade—"A" students, Lina Millaire, Violet Vedder. "B" students, Eulala Barber, Charlie Bratton, Louise Breazeale, Ernest Doyal, Dorothy Gamel, Paul Hallett, Virginia Metzger, Lucille Probst, Maud Smart, Raymond Smart.

Fifth Grade—"B" students, Ruth Heinrich, Margaret Banks, Lillian Beach, Jennie Behrens, Gladys Churchwell, Ruby Danheim, Olivia Donop, Virginia Eckert, Emma Hey, Elfrida Loeffler, Grace McMillan, Reta McLerran, Johnny Keller, Jessie Raines.

FOURTH GRADE—"B" students, Ray Eastman, Lee Roy Eckert, Charles Gipson, Nellie Kothmann, Mary Cecile Lawson, John Millaire, Elma Storch, Milton Vater.

Third Grade—"A" students, Leona Banta, Maybelle Grote, Thelma Land, Juanita Lemburg; "B" students, Dorman Wright, Lillian Baxter, Mary Fae Banks, Estella Hartman, Alice Loeffler, Ruby Schweers, Genevieve Johnson.

Second Grade—"A" students, Helen Lehmburg, Margaret Martin, Velma Vedder; "B" students, Ida Mae Beaver, Lottie Opal Barrow, Karilita Hofmann, Janie Loring, Maggie Sanders, Margaret Wartenbach, Woodrow Barber, Jack Lindsay, Henry Leifeste, George Hey, Lee Rankin Grote.

First Grade—"A" student, Ruby Banks; "B" students, Jake Beach, Richard Eckert, William Hartman, Johnnie Johnson, L. D. Schuessler, Vernell Willmann, Viola Huckabay, Mildred Heinrich, Lucille Eastman, Norma Durst, Lora Beach.

SONORA BALL TEAM HERE FRI. AND SAT; LOSE TO BRADY

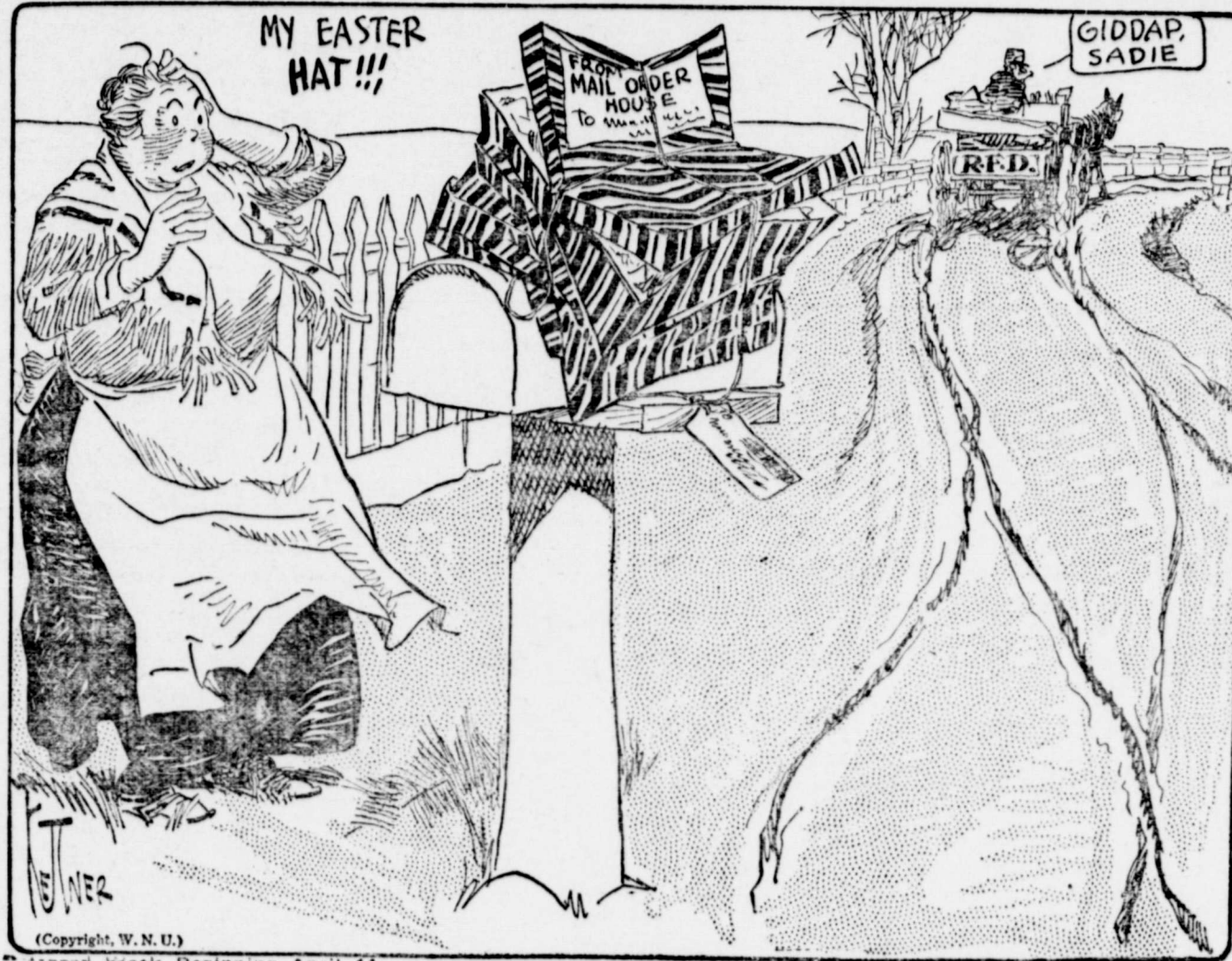
The sonora high school baseball team will play here Friday and Saturday of this week. This is one of the best teams that will be seen in action here this season, and every one is urged to come out and help our boys win these two games. Tickets will be sold on the street Thursday and Friday. You are urged to buy a ticket in order to facilitate handling the crowd at the gate. Even if you are not sure that you are going to attend the game, buy a ticket any way. The team needs the financial support, and you will never miss the small price of a ticket. The ticket will be good for either day but not good for both, so buy two tickets.

When our team went to Sonora they were treated royally. Almost all of the boys were taken into homes while there and shown every courtesy. Those who were not taken into homes were sent to hotels. We are sure that the people of Mason will not let it be said that we ever let any one treat us better than we treat them. If you can keep one or more of the visiting ball players while they are here, Friday night, call P. A. Bennett at the high school building. This little act on your part will not only be appreciated by the visitors, but it will lighten the expense on the home team.

Mason high baseball team lost to Brady Tuesday by the score of two to one. Although defeated, the Mason team outplayed Brady in every feature of the game except luck. Zesch got 13 strikeouts, walked one, and allowed two hits, while Miller and Adkins, the two Brady pitchers got three strikeouts each, walked three and balked once, and allowed three hits. There was but one error against Mason, while four were charged to Brady. Brady was held scoreless until the eighth. Then with two men down an error by Keller on second put a man on first. The next batter walked. Then Miller, the next batter, got a three bagger and scored two runs, winning the game. Mason's one score came in the eighth also.

Candidate cards at News Office, \$6 per 1,000.

A Calamity



HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC ROADS IN MASON CO. MUCH IMPROVED

The roads in general in Mason County are at present in better condition than at any time in the history of the county. Highway No. 9 from the McCulloch County line to the Gillespie county line is in splendid condition for the opening of the tourist season and will be kept in first class shape by the State Highway Department which took over the responsibility of keeping the Highway up earlier in the year. A large portion of this Highway on the southern end is being resurfaced with a new covering of gravel and this work is being supervised by Mr. Henry Doell who has been appointed forman over the highways in Mason County by the State Highway Department.

In order that Mr. Doell might devote his entire time to the supervision of the highways in Mason County, he has tendered his resignation as commissioner of Precinct No. 1. His successor has not as yet been appointed.

It is reported the Commissioners Court has purchased twenty feet more of road space along the lane a couple of miles from town on the Mill Creek road. The lane heretofore has been too narrow to permit proper grading to prevent the road from washing and becoming boggy in wet seasons. With the additional space on the side, this piece of road will be graded up some time in the near future.

The road from Mason to London is reported to be in fine condition as well as the road to Castell, Fredonia, Katemey and other points in the county.

FLOYD McCOLLUM WILL SUPERINTEND BREHAM SCHOOLS

The News is informed that at a recent meeting of the board of trustees of the Brenham Public Schools, Prof. Floyd L. McCollum, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. L. McCollum, of this city, was elected to superintend the public schools of that place for the school year 1924-1925. Floyd has been at Gonzales during the present term. Mason people will be glad to learn that Floyd is another of Mason's boys who is making a good record.

Returned from New York

Mrs. Chas. Bierschwale who has been visiting her daughter, Miss Margaret, who is attending school in New York, returned to her home in Mason Wednesday. Mrs. Bierschwale has been away for a couple months.

Charles Hightower, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hightower, arrived last Sunday from Long Beach California, where he has been employed by an oil company for the past year. Charles states he is likely to remain here.

MASON CO. WOLF CLUB PAYS FOR NINE PUPS FROM ONE DEN

The Mason County Wolf Club, last week, paid for the first litter of pups to have been found this season. The pups were brought in by Sam Phillips who is trapping in the Kettner and Schmidt pastures in the Simonville community. There were nine of the pups and they were only a few days old, all being found in one den. Mr. Phillips received \$90 for this bunch of wolves, the bounty offered by the Club for pups being \$10 each. It is stated that this is the third litter of pups to have been paid for from this immediate section, and it is believed that they were all from the same mother wolf.

It is stated that Mr. Phillips left two of the pups in the den for one night and set traps for the mother wolf, but these efforts to catch the old wolf were not successful and she is still at large.

It is expected that there will be very few pups found in Mason County this year, as the wolves have been caught out pretty well; however, there are a few wise ones left that are proving to be hard to catch, but it is hoped that within the next year there will not be a wolf in Mason County.

D. C. McMillan, secretary of the Club states that \$25 is now being offered for the grown wolves.

That the Club has accomplished a great deal by the extermination of these predatory animals is evidenced by the fact that farmers and stockmen now allow their turkeys, sheep, goats, hogs, etc., run at large without herders to protect them from the wolves and wild cats.

PETERS PRAIRIE WINS DISTINCTION AT DISTRICT LEAGUE MEET

Some twenty-two contestants and boosters from Peter's Prairie school attended the District Interscholastic League meet which was held at Brownwood, April 11th and 12th. This was the largest delegation in attendance from any one school in the entire district. The school and community are justly proud of the nine medals brought back by the contestants. The following places were won by the literary contestants, first in declamation by Dorman Sell, third in declamation by Marie Schmidt, first in music memory by Alpha Curran, and Preston Prater. These were the only literary events entered. Placings were won in all athletic events entered except three. The school won 35 points in all—this number being exceeded by only one class B high school in the district and by no rural school.

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M. H. S. JUDGING TEAMS WILL BE TAKEN TO A. & M.

L. W. Dumas, teacher of Vocational Agriculture, announces that Mason High School will send teams to A. & M. for the annual stock and grain judging contests to be held there April 21. It will be recalled that Mason High won second place in this affair last year at the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth. Lubbock High won first place, but Carroll Herring tied one of the Lubbock boys for highest individual honors.

Last year a stock judging team only was sent to the contest, but as before stated, a team in grain judging will also represent the local high school this year. The stock judging team will judge beef cattle, dairy cattle, hogs, horses and poultry. The team in grain judging will judge ten-ear samples of corn and ten-head samples of grain sorghums. In addition, it will be required to class twenty samples of cotton, identify thirty weed and crop seeds, and make ten specimens each of whip graft, patch bud and "T" bud.

There will be three members of each of the teams, with an alternate for each. Although Mr. Dumas cannot yet say who the members of the teams will be, he states that the stock judging team will be selected from the following boys: Ben Loeffler, Garland Brewer, Leonard Kothmann, Roy Mogford, Reuben Wissemann, and Milton Zesch; and that the grain judging team will be taken from the following list: Henry Keller, Glenn Capps, Arthur Geistweidt, Roy Leifeste, and Roy Mogford.

For the past several weeks the boys have steadily competed with each other for a place on these teams, and it is believed that if they go into the contests with lots of determination they have a fighting chance of making things interesting for the other Vocational schools over the State. Boys, Mason expects every man to do his best.

FIRE STARTED IN LOCAL MARKET. BUT SOON CHECKED

One morning last week when Harold Zesch came down early to open the City Meat Market and Bakery he discovered that the floor in the rear of the building was on fire, but with the assistance of Mr. Sam Wood, at once extinguished the flames. The only damage was the burning of a large hole in the floor. It is supposed that the fire originated by some fire falling from the large furnace under the bakery oven onto the floor some time during the night.

It is believed that had the fire not been discovered when it was, that in a short time the entire building would have been in flames and the results would have been disastrous.

MASON COUNTY PECAN BUDDING SCHOOL PROVES BIG SUCCESS

On Friday, April 11th, the twelve leaders, in the pecan budding work, were called together for the leaders school planning for the pecan budding campaign.

Promptly at 10 o'clock the leaders from the different communities and the specialist from the Extension Department arrived in Mason. Budding wax was prepared and the leaders were given instructions in how to prepare the same. After this the crowd proceeded to the farm of Mr. J. J. Hightower where a short talk explaining how the trees grow and how to fit the buds with the least possible delay and best union was made by Mr. A. P. Swallow, Extension Service Horticulturist.

After this sticks were secured and each leader and others present made three or more patch buds each, as practice work.

Mr. Hightower had barbecued a fine fat goat and this with the necessary trimmings was then served to some eighteen men and boys.

Some difficulty was experienced in keeping the District Agent, Mr. A. L. Smith, George Ehlinger, County Agent McCulloch County, and Mr. Nesbit, County Agent, Menard County, from overeating.

After dinner the crowd proceeded to the east side of Mr. Hightower's orchard where some fifteen trees were budded by the different leaders. At 3 o'clock the specialist and County Agents left for Camp San Saba where a similar school was to be held.

Conference of the leaders was held and the following program was decided upon and all signers of the Pecan Petitions are asked to take notice of the same. The dates of the community budding, the place and leaders follow:

Monday, April 14, Eastman, East Comanche.
Tuesday, April 15, Alf Polk, at Polk.
Thursday, April 17, Fritz Grote, at South Comanche.
Saturday, April 20, Dan Jordan, Jr., at Art.
Saturday, April 19th, Frank Loeffler, at Hilda.
Tuesday, April 22, S. H. Martin, at Simonville.
Wednesday, April 23, Clifton Sorrells, at Peters Prairie.
Thursday, April 24, Arthur Baxter, at Katemey.

Several pictures were taken of the crowd and the specialist in charge pronounced this one of the most interesting and successful schools held this season.

W. W. WATKINS DIED AT BROWNWOOD, AGED 81 YRS.

W. W. Watkins died at Brownwood Tuesday, aged 81 years, death being attributed to complications of old age.

Funeral services were held in Mason Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock and were conducted by Rev. Mr. Hoover of Pontotoc. Interment was made in the Gooch cemetery.

Mr. Watkins is survived by a widow and seven children, also a brother, John Watkins of Katemey, and two sisters, one residing in California and the other in Mason county. One daughter, Mrs. Emil Wartenbach, resides in this city.

Deceased was well known in Mason county, having resided here for several years.

Carl Runge Appointed Delegate.

At a meeting of citizens of Mason at the court house Saturday afternoon, Attorney Carl Runge was appointed as a delegate to represent Mason at Centennial convention at Coleman on Saturday, April 19th. This will be a district meeting and at this time delegates for the State meeting will be elected.

Union School Will Close

The closing exercises of the Union school will be held on Friday May 2. There will be a baseball game in the afternoon, after which a barbecue will be enjoyed. At night, beginning at 7:45, a program will be rendered.

Everybody is invited, and a special invitation is extended to all the candidates to be present.

Gov. Pat M. Neff will give the baccalaureate sermon at Brady on May 18th.

TEXAS CROP REPORT

Cold weather, lack of sunshine and continued rains have retarded the growth of small grains and that of early planted corn and cotton, as well as hindered the preparation of the land for planting. The present season is reported as the most backward in recent years by H. H. Schutz, Statistician in Texas of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Much of the early cotton in the southern counties has had to be replanted as a result of the cold and cutworms, and plowing and planting have been greatly retarded by the condition of the soil. Since the beginning of April, however, better progress has been possible and planting is extending northward.

This year's wheat crop is but 73 per cent of that sown in the fall of 1912, or 1,247,000 acres. Weather conditions have generally been favorable and the plants were able to become well rooted. With reasonable weather during the next two months satisfactory yields may be expected. Some damage has been done by the greenbug and the leaf-hopper. Upon the assumption of average abandonment of acreage and average influences on the crop until harvest the April 1 condition of 83 per cent in the United States forecasts a production of about 549,415,000 bushels, which compares with 572,340,000 bushels in 1923. In Europe, the winter wheat acreage is somewhat below that of last year with yield prospects fair to good.

Unfavorable weather conditions have prevented the sowing of the oats acreage expected; the soil, both in fall and spring, was too wet. It is customary to sow approximately 40 per cent of the crop in the fall and the remainder during the early part of the year, finishing up in April. This season it is estimated that the acreage sown is 95 per cent of that of last year, or 1,397,000 acres.

The potato acreage planted mainly for home consumption shows a slight decrease from that of last season, but the commercial planting has fallen off considerably. In the Valley the early crop shows an increase, while a great reduction has taken place in Wharton section. Late planting and low temperatures have brought the condition down to 80 per cent of normal. It is estimated that 33,000 acres have been planted, or 94 per cent of last year.

No. 1793
Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the
FIRST STATE BANK
at Mason State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of March, 1924, published in the Mason News a newspaper printed and published at Mason State of Texas, on the 17th day of March, 1924.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$156,769.79
Loans, real estate.....	10,346.52
Overdrafts.....	1,504.58
Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,359.48
Due from other Banks and Bankers, and cash on hand.....	34,308.63
Interest in Deposits' Guaranty Fund.....	1,857.79
Assessment Deposit or Guaranty Fund.....	2,146.42
TOTAL.....	\$211,263.21
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in.....	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	12,000.00
Undivided Profits, net.....	820.09
Due to Banks and Bankers subject to check, net.....	1,278.57
Individual Deposits, subject to check.....	151,772.73
Cashier's Checks.....	265.75
Bills Payable and Rediscoun- counts.....	20,000.00
Other Liabilities.....	129.07
TOTAL.....	\$211,263.21

STATE OF TEXAS)
County of Mason)
We, J. D. Eckert, as president, and W. E. Jordan, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
J. D. ECKERT, President
W. E. JORDAN, Cashier
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of April, A. D. 1924.
(SEAL) ROSCOE RUNGE
Notary Public, Mason County, Texas
CORRECT—Attest:
Elgin O. Kothmann,
H. S. Wood,
Oscar Seaquist, Directors.

There are localities where only a small amount of fruit has survived the low temperatures which persisted until early April, yet in the principal section reports indicate prospects for a fair to good crop of peaches, apples, pears and berries. Freezing temperatures on the morning of April 1 in portion of the northern third of the State caught much of the fruit in the last stages of blooming which may have done more damage than is generally believed. It is estimated that apples give promise of 81 per cent of a full crop; peaches 70 per cent.

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"I wish to inform you that I object to perspiration. I must request you hereafter to refrain from perspiring, I absolutely forbid it. That is all."
—Boston Transcript.

MASON'S GREATEST NEED—A MODERN HOTEL.

CHARTER NO. 7098 RESERVE DISTRICT NO. 11
Report of the Condition of the MASON NATIONAL BANK

at Mason in the State of Texas, at the close of business on March 31st, 1924.

RESOURCES.			
1. a. Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances of other banks and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank (except those shown in b and c).....	\$147,616.48		
Total loans.....		\$147,616.48	
2. Overdrafts, secured, NONE; unsecured \$2,177.22.....			2,177.22
3. U. S. Government securities owned:			
a. Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value).....	25,000.00		
b. All other United States Government securities (including premiums, if any).....	21,050.00		
TOTAL.....		46,050.00	
5. Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc:.....		3,150.00	
6. Banking house, \$14,275.00; Furniture and fixtures, \$2,600.00.....		16,875.00	
7. Real Estate owned other than banking house.....		29,177.10	
8. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....		14,375.90	
10. Cash in vault and amount due from national banks.....		44,728.43	
11. Amount due from State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than included in Items 8, 9, and 10).....		300.17	
13. Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than Item 12).....		180.83	
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.....	45,209.43		
14. b. Miscellaneous cash items.....	8.36		
15. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	1,250.00		
16. Other assets, if any.....	220.00		
TOTAL.....		\$306,199.49	
LIABILITIES.			
17. Capital Stock paid in.....	\$ 50,000.00		
18. Surplus fund.....	40,000.00		
19. Undivided profits.....	86,579.56	6,579.56	
c. Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid.....	1,545.17		5,034.39
20. Circulating notes outstanding.....		25,000.00	
22. Amount due to national banks.....		1,248.38	
24. Certified checks outstanding.....		1,000.00	
Total of Items 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25.....	2,248.38		
26. Individual deposits subject to check.....		177,710.45	
Demand deposits (other than the bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):			
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, Items 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31.....		177,710.45	
44. Liabilities other than those above stated.....		6,206.27	
TOTAL.....		\$306,199.49	

State of Texas, County of Mason, ss:
I, D. F. Lehmburg, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
(SEAL) D. F. LEHMBERG, Cashier
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of April, 1924.
CARL RUNGE, Notary Public
CORRECT—Attest:
J. W. WHITE,
E. J. LEMBURG,
E. A. LOEFFLER, Directors.

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Are you losing control of your emotions?

Little things easily annoy you. Nervous and irritable you are allowing outbursts of temper to become more and more frequent.

What are you doing about these signs of weakness, merely allowing them to go on without making an effort at control?

Why let a detrimental force overpower you?

You have will power enough to master the situation if you will only exert it to become your own master.

It is distinctly up to you. A few months ago you would have scorned to allow yourself to fly in a rage which seems too easy today.

You would better make up your mind to check the evil influences which are working against you.

It rests with you alone to get control of your passions and keep them from being a menace to your health and happiness.—Houston Chronicle.

REMEDY LIES WITH THE VOTER

Commenting on the tax question, the San Francisco Bulletin says:

"There are two large classes of favorites in this country that are exempt from income tax; the holders of political places and the holders of public bonds. The bonds are exempt also from all other taxes.

"According to the Country Gentleman, one out of every 12 persons in the United States over 16 years old and gainfully employed is on the public pay roll. That means not only that the rest of us provide the salaries for the job holders, but that we also pay the income tax that they ought to pay on their salaries. Even notaries public are exempt from income tax on their fees.

"Collier's Weekly relates that the estate of Jacob Schiff, the banker, amounting to \$35,000,000, was nearly all in tax-free bonds"—Congress has failed to pass legislation making possible taxation of income from such securities.

"The more political places we create and the more tax-free bonds we issue, the heavier becomes the tax load on those who do not hold political jobs or public bonds.

"These are matters to keep in mind when we are asked by urgent politicians to borrow millions on the taxpayers' credit for the purpose of investing in enterprises that will employ large numbers to tax-free politicians.

"We feel a righteous indignation when we read how kings of France, before the revolution, exempted favored classes from taxation, but have we,

not gone farther than any king of France dared go?

LUCK

A monkey almost strangled Cromwell to death when he was a baby in the cradle. For a few moments, until he was discovered and driven away, that ape held the destiny of nations in his hairy paws. How do you explain it? Luck? A matter of chance?

Important events of the world and our own lives often hinge on such petty little details that an observer is baffled to explain.

Napoleon might have won Waterloo if a rain had not mired his artillery. Mohammed, pursued by enemies, hid in a cave in Mount Shur. A spider promptly spun a web across the cave's entrance. Seeing the web, the pursuers reasoned that no one could have entered without breaking the silken threads. They passed on. Mohammed escaped. That spider determined the religious belief of billions of people later. The same cave-spiderweb story by the way, is told about other historical characters—borrowed from Mohammed.

If Cleopatra's nose had been shorter, the condition of the world would have been different. So wrote Pascal in his epigrams. Her beauty made her one of the most powerful women that ever lived.

A small boy in church, watching a chandler swaying back and forth conceived the idea of the pendulum.

Luther might have been a lawyer if a terrific rainstorm had not prevented him from keeping an appointment with a friend.

Giotto, one of the early Florentine painters, might have continued a shepherd boy if a sheep drawn by him on a stone had not happened to attract the attention of a great artist, Cimabue, who fired Giotto with ambition.

Nearly everybody believes in luck. If they didn't games of chance like cards would be entirely displaced by games of skill like chess. Ambition is kept alive and nurtured by hope. And hope is lured on by a belief, whether admitted or denied, that luck will bring opportunity and fortune.

Luck, after all, is simply the popular way of expressing success or failure under the scientific laws of chance or probabilities. These laws are mathematical. Gamblers use them. Insurance rates are based on them.

But most of us cannot accept chance as a satisfactory explanation of such crucial incidents as baby Cromwell escaping death at the monkey's hands. Some prefer to believe in fatalism. Others are confident that the guiding hand of Providence is back of all.—San Angelo Standard.

If it were not for the issues there would be no politics. In our brief career we can recall when free silver, single tax, prohibition and a few other issues and isms kept the pot boiling. Now it is oil, high tax, soldier bonus, Ku Klux, etc. It has always been thus and will ever be a survival of the fittest. And why not? We cannot imagine what might be the result if we were all of one mind.—Ballinger Banner-Ledger.

Do you know that it costs two and a half cents a mile more to run a Ford on a poor road than on a good one? The Kentucky Highway Department experimented with two fleets of Fords, one on good, one on poor roads, and found the mileage cost was 4.22 cents on good roads and 6.72 on poor roads. The figures were based on fuel and oil, tires and repairs, but not depreciation. The repair was exactly double on the cars running on poor roads.

"Is the newspaper man a liar?" asks Osborne Farmer in a headline, and then goes on to explain: "If the average newspaperman is a liar, he generally lies to protect his community. If a boy goes out into the world and gets into trouble the home paper says he was a good boy until he got away and into bad company. If the town tightwad who hugged his pennies to his bosom in life dies, the newspaper throws a mantle of charity over him and says he hated wastefulness, and that his hate for useless spending made him over careful of his investments and his charities. If the town gossip dies, he carefully avoids referring to her outstanding weakness, and tells how she visited the sick and afflicted, and winds up by saying she was a good neighbor. If the home team goes away from home and gets the daylight whipped out of them, the home paper editor tells the unsuspecting world that the team was made up of second-string players. The editor isn't a liar from choice. Truth struggles in his manly

MEMBERSHIP NO. 1874



There is no doubt of the fact that we have, as a Nation, spent a great many dollars for road miles which we have never seen, and never will see. Building the wrong kind of roads, building roads in the wrong locations, improving roads which should be relocated, allowing roads to be built by those who know little or nothing of the work, are a few of the means we have employed to spend an enormous amount of money for comparatively little improved roads.

There is less and less of this wasteful policy of road building every year, of course. We learn rapidly by experience, we Americans, although we are slow to learn, as masses, the one fact which every bunco steerer, grafter, dishonest politician, and spellbinder knows as his gospel, the fact that we are the most easily gullible and cheatable people on earth. But even this fact is beginning to permeate our somewhat opinionated minds, and wherever it finds lodgement we are commencing to ask the powers that spend our money for roads, for what are they spending it to whom are they entrusting the purchase of materials for the construction of the road, and by whose authority is it going to run from A to B via C, and not from A to X via Y?

In terms of intelligence, we have obtained in roads just what we paid for. Now that we are investing some real interest and intelligence, as well as cash, we will get some real roads.

As the Government has more money and more intelligence in its spending on great projects than any individual or group of individuals can possibly have, it seems natural and logical that road building, by the Government, for the people, is the next step.

Next step or next step but one or two, it is obvious that when the United States does build its national highways it will as expectually eliminate graft and inefficiency as it did in the construction of our national waterway, the Panama Canal.

breast the same as it does in that of the village preacher, but the pride of his community and the fear of the irate subscriber makes him a trembling rabbit and he lies to save the local pride of the town. Still it's a great life if you don't weaken.—Wise County Messenger.

I CAN'T AFFORD IT

If your wife took sick this afternoon with appendicitis, would you wait to figure out whether you could afford to send for the doctor, before calling one in?

If the soles of your shoes were completely gone, would you say, "I can't afford a new pair," and go barefooted? If your clothes were completely worn out, would you say, "I can't afford a new suit," and go naked?

I venture to say that in ninety per cent of the purchases you have made in life, you have never stopped to reason whether or not you could afford them. It all depended upon how badly you wanted the articles you bought.

Smoking, traveling, theatre, picture shows, the whole field of your activities, how many times do you restrain yourself, and say, "I can't afford it?"

The difficulty with most men is an intellectual one, they never have differentiated between life insurance being a luxury and life insurance as a necessity, after you are gone, it will be for your wife and children to have this money, you won't say, "I can't afford it," but you will say, "It's just the same as if my wife had appendicitis and an operation was necessary to save her life!"

YOU'LL OPERATE!

Your hat—your shoes—your coat—your shirt you bought because you needed them—you did not say, "I can't afford them."

Life Insurance is likewise a necessity. INSURE YOUR LIFE TODAY with the KANSAS CITY LIFE.

O. A. HENSCH

District Manager

(Advertisement)

The News is headquarters for good bond papers; quality being our motto. We make a specialty of handling bond paper in bulk and sell it in large or small lots cut to any size desired.

Typewriter ribbons, 80c. News Office.

The News handles, cardboard in assorted colors, carbon paper, blotting paper, shipping tags, typewriter ribbons, Steko-O Paste Powder, and bond paper is our "long suit".

In the old days they used to anoint a king with oil; but we doubt if the practise will be popular hereafter.—Columbia Record.

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

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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

W. C. HENRICH'S SACRIFICE SALE STILL GOING ON \$10,000 Stock Sacrificed--Sale End Saturday Night

In view of the tremendous business brought by my sale which was advertised to the public to continue until Wednesday night, April 16th, I have decide to continue until Saturday night, April 19th.

REMEMBER, that the prices I am making on these extra 3 days, you will be unable to duplicate for months, and possibly years to come. My friends and customers who have visited me during this sale know the bargains I have given them, and you who have neglected giving me a call have undoubtedly missed something.

My stock is still practically unbroken, as I have replenished in many instances where lines have been broken or sold out. I still offer all

27-inch Gingham Red Seal etc. 25c value at 17 1-232-inch Imported Gingham regular 60c value at **39c**
32-inch Ging. Toiles Kilburnie etc reg. 25c value at **25c** Thread per spool **.05c**

Everything in stock reduced accordingly on the many bargains in my store. Space and time do not permit giving the price. But assure you, you will be well repaid in price saving reductions during these extra 3 days sale. Remember Saturday the 19th is the last last day, and Monday morning everthing will go back to regular price

W. C. HENRICH

Society

Birthday Party

Helen Alfreda Reichenau celebrated her fifth birthday with a lawn party. The decorations were in pink and white. Refreshments were ice cream, cake and cookies.

The guests included Herbert Hofmann, Jr., Douglas Reichenau, Hilton Moneyhon, Margaret Wartenbach, Marie Otto, Louis Griffith, Gladys Waller, Melvin Reichenau, Milton Reichenau, Victor Adolph Reichenau and the hostess.

Bridge Club

Mrs. W. I. Marshall entertained with a pretty bridge party at her home on Thursday (April 3rd) afternoon. Bowls and baskets of daisies and peach blossoms were used effectively in the living room.

Mrs. Roy Deoll held highest score. A dainty ice course was served to the following: Mesdames Walter Lindsey, S. L. Baze, Tom White, Arch Metzger, Roy Doell, William Splittgerber, P. A. Bennett; Misses Julia Bierschwale, Betsy White.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Arch Metzger.

The statement to the effect that fewer trains are being held up in China by bandits is probably explained by the fact that there are fewer trains running.—Sussell's Saturday Journal (London.)

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

The Mason B. Y. P. U. will entertain Katezey with a program Sunday April 20th, at 3 p. m. The following program will be rendered:

Song—No. 258.
Prayer—Mr. Fred Key.
Scripture Reading—Luke 24:1-10.
Song—Mrs. Eugene Banta, Leah Passmore and Opal Garrett.
Easter Greeting—Nina Kathryn Banta.

Drill on Daily Bible Reading—Coralea Tinsley.

Introduction and Regeneration—Stanley Sanders.

Regeneration Reaches the Heart. (also topic b).—Willie Mae Bickenbach.

The New Birth—Sarah Kirkpatrick.
Song—No. 241.

The New Birth Needed by All—Ella Doell.

The Floral Cross—By Four Small Children.

Bible Background and Church Attendance—Ella Mae Metzger.

Cultivating Christian Feeling. (also topic c).—Lucille Lange.

Special Song—Mrs. Eugene Banta.

A Habit Which Jesus Had. (also topic d).—Lucille Baker.

Reading—Diana Herring.

Special Music—Ruby Jordan and Alma Passmore.

Reading—Alva Beach.
Song—No. 138.

Prayer—Pastor.

Purina Startena and Baby Chick Chow will save your little chickens and turkeys. Itc

MAYHEW PRODUCE COMPANY

Art Methodist Church.

Preaching in the German language by the pastor at 10:30. Sunday School at 1:30 p. m. Aug. Willmann, superintendent.

At 8:00 p. m. the two Methodist congregations will give an Easter pageant. Over 40 characters in their costumes. No Admission will be charged. Everybody invited.

D. G. HRADT, Pastor

At the Methodist Church

Will have our annual Easter Program by the Sunday School at 10: a. m. and an Easter Sermon at 11 a. m.

Will have no service Sunday night on account of the Revival meeting at the Christian Church.

G. T. GIBBONS, P. C.

Presbyterian Church.

Services every 2nd and 4th Sundays, both morning and evening, by Rev. Wood.

Everybody invited to attend these services.

LADIES

See our beautiful line of needlework, beaded bags, and gift suggestions We carry the Pacific package outfits for embroidering. All our hats and dresses are placed on sale this week.

HAT SHOPPE

Mebane and Cash cotton seed at J. BEACH'S FEED STORE 5-2tc

read. Sold by Otto Schmidt. 10c

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

The following program will be given by the Intermediate League on April 20, at three o'clock at the M. E. Church South.

Song.
Bible Lesson.
Song.

"Just Before the Resurrection"—Grace Baxter.

What Does Easter Mean to Us—Henry Plueneke.

Piano Solo—Virgie Banks.

The Flowers Easter Lesson—Virginia Carter.

The New Life—Ophelia Killgore.

Song.
Prayer.

League Benediction.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The revival which was begun by the pastor and his local helpers last Sunday, is giving every promise of success. The attendance has been good and the interest all that could be asked. The fellowship of the Christian people in general is deeply appreciated.

The meeting will continue through next week. The sermon for Friday night will be "The Crucifixion, Sunday morning, "The Resurrection". These two sermons will be featured in keeping with Easter.

J. J. RAY, Pastor

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

"CATCH MY SMOKE" COM'G HERE

A treat in in store for the amusement lovers of Mason. For on Saturday there will be shown a William Fox production of "Catch My Smoke," Tom Mix's latest starring vehicle which has been the talk wherever it has been exhibited. Not only does the story appear interesting but the acting, direction and photography are of an exceptionally high calibre, according to the producer. There are also deft touches of comedy throughout.

"Catch My Smoke" tells the tale of a returned soldier from France (Tom Mix) who, upon arriving at his ranch, discovers plans afoot to da away with him when his enemies discover oil up on his property. How he eludes his enemies with the able assistance of his equine pal—Tony—rescues the girl of his dreams and comes into his own ought to provide six reels of absorbing action.

The citations are said to be replete with excitement and the entire plot ingeniously constructed. If this photoplay is as interesting as the others in which Tom Mix has appeared, the Star Theater will be jammed to capacity, especially in view of the producer's promise that this photoplay is an exceptional one.

Mrs. Blake left Wednesday after a few weeks here visiting her mother, Mrs. Sadie Garner. She will visit her daughter in New Braunfels before returning to her home in El Paso.



Household Necessities

As each home is different—so are its necessities. This applies particularly to pharmacy necessities. One thing, however, which every home insists upon, is **QUALITY**.

Whether it be prescriptions, tonics, lotions, bandages, perfumery, stationery or soap, our merchandise is always selected with Quality first in mind.

Extra bodily care is always necessary during Spring and Summer months.

VISIT OUR FOUNTAIN

for a cold refreshing drink. Take home some of our Ice Cream.

TRY OUR STORE FIRST

Sunshine Drug Co.

Banks Will Close Monday, April 21st

THIS IS TO NOTIFY OUR RESPECTIVE PATRONS THAT OUR BANKING INSTITUTIONS WILL BE CLOSED NEXT MONDAY, APRIL 21st, IN OBSERVANCE OF SAN JACINTO DAY.

TO AVOID INCONVENIENCE, PLEASE ARRANGE YOUR BANKING BUSINESS FOR SATURDAY OR TUESDAY.

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BUTLER MARKET
One door north Larimore & Grote's Store. Will appreciate a portion of your trade.
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The City Meat Market & Bakery
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CHOICE MEATS ALWAYS ON HAND—BEEF, PORK, SAUSAGE HANDLE PACKING HOUSE PRODUCTS. ONE DOOR WEST MASON NATIONAL BANK

CHICKENS

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices.
\$1-12 J. J. JOHNSON.

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

If you know of some news items 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.

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

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If you intend to subscribe for any magazine or newspaper, we will appreciate receiving the subscription. It will cost you no 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.

We learn from the Washington news that Secretary Mellon's scheme for reducing taxation includes the elimination of the miscellaneous nuisance taxes. So far as we are concerned that looks mighty like 100 per cent elimination.—Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Alfred Otte, wife and little daughter went to Llano Friday afternoon and visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Connelly until Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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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
ALSON BEHRENS

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
O. H. ROBBINS.

For District and County Clerk:

R. E. LEE, (Re-Election)

For Commissioner, Prec. No. 2:

T. M. BUTLER (Re-election)

For Commissioner Precinct No. 3:

G. W. HERRING

For Commissioner, Prec't. No. 4:

D. A. JORDAN

For Public Weigher, Prec't. No. 1:

CHAS. BECK
H. PUCKEY, (Re-election)

*** CHURCH NOTICES ***

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

Preaching Service at Mason first and third Sundays at 11 a. m., and every Sunday night at 7:45.

Sunday School at 10 a. m.—Chas. Grote, Supt. Mrs. Eli Jordan, Supt. of Cadle Roll.

Senior League at 4 p. m.—Prof. Doble, president.

Intermediate League at 3 p. m.—Miss Bessie Grote, manager.

Mrs. Rob't Hofmann, president of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Preaching service at Bethel every fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Sunday School Supt., Arthur Prater.

Preaching service at Loyal Valley every second Sunday at 11 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Ben Kidd Sunday School Supt.

Preaching service at Grit Friday night before the first Sunday in each month and every third Sunday at 3 p. m. Starks, Sunday School, Supt. Nichols Charge Lay Leader.
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.—E. A. Loeffler, Supt.

Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. 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.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Services every 2nd and 4th Sundays, both morning and evening.

Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.

Z. E. PARKER, P. C.

HILDA AGRICULTURAL CLUB

On April 4th, the Hilda Agricultural Club met at the school house and the following program was rendered:

A short talk on Laying Out an Orchard by Ervin Kleinknecht.

Instruction on Judging Barred Rock by Nellie Geistweidt.

Reading on Pruning, by Virginia Widemann.

Talk on Pruning Grapes by Wilbert Meyer.

An Explanation on How to Select a Sound Horse, by Elmer Wiedemann.

A Reading on Care of Baby Chicks by Quincey Kothmann.

On the following Thursday five of the Club members went to the Premier Ranch to judge beef cattle. We had a real contest with the boys of Mason High School and beat them by a small margin. Had it been later in the season so that we would have had more practice in this work, no doubt, we would have increased this margin.

Since Mr. Marshall could not arrange it, the girls did not have any work.

Those cats they are letting out of the bag is Washington seem to be wildcats.—Nashville Banner.

Candidate Cards \$6.00 per 1000 at—NEWS OFFICE

All that we ask of Congress is taxation without misrepresentation.—New York Herald Tribune.

The great need seems to be a dark horse who hasn't too much to keep dark.—Windsor Border-Cities Star.

Mebane and Cash cotton seed at J. BEACH'S FEED STORE. 5-2tc

We gather from the remarks of most European statesmen that all that is needed to stabilize the world is a loan by America of about sixty billion real dollars.—Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Mothers Day Box Candy at Mason Drug Company. 4-3tc

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lehmberg and children spent last week end in San Antonio visiting relatives.

Auto Enamel at—R. GROOSE'S LUMBER YARD

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Hartman and family have moved into the home just across the street from E. A. Loeffler, in west end, which property, Mr. Hartman recently purchased. Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Reichenau have moved to the place vacated by the Hartmans, known as the C. C. Wood place near Frank Clark's residence.

Whitman's Box Candy at—Mason Drug Co.

Quite a number of Mason people have been in attendance at the Sons of Hermans convention at Fredericksburg this week.

Candidate cards at News Office, \$6 per 1,000.

Mr. C. S. Vedder returned last Thursday from Fort Worth where he attended the Rexall Convention.

Mebane and Cash cotton seed at J. BEACH'S FEED STORE. 5-2tc

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thode, of San Antonio, were in Mason a short time this week, guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Larrimore.

Mothers Day Post Cards at Mason Drug Company. 4-3tc

L. W. Schlaudt took possession of the Manhattan Cafe Tuesday morning, having closed a trade for same last week.

Candidate cards at News Office, \$6 per 1,000.

If you have a friend or a neighbor that is borrowing your News to read, ask him to subscribe. It only costs \$1.50 a year and if it is worth borrowing occasionally, it is worth that meagre figure.

If you want printing, we can do it for you and we take pains in turning out neat and attractive work. Get our prices on letter heads, note heads, statements, bill heads, envelopes, wedding and society stationery. **THE NEWS OFFICE.**

I am always in the market for fat hogs and chickens. Get my prices. J. J. Johnson. 51-42



FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From Mason News, April 16, 1909: John Radford of Liberty Hill, was in town Saturday having a pretty good time.

Ben Ritter and Henry Schuessler made a trip last week to Juno in search of Ed Ritter.

Little Benny Evans celebrated his birthday Friday and had a number of little folks with him to enjoy the event. L. F. Cooley returned last week from a stay of several weeks in San Antonio, and will try farming again in this country.

Chas. Leifeste and Peter Jordan have purchased the 10,000 acre ranch of J. A. Sloan in Kimble county, the purchase price being \$26,200.

The 42 club met and enjoyed a pleasant evening Tuesday at the home of J. W. White.

R. L. Echols and children are in this county looking out a location. They are stopping on R. D. Kiser's ranch.

E. H. Kothmann has sold his fine place of 1400 acres near Castell to J. D. Eckert for -15,000.

Mrs. Emma Grandstaff and son, George, left Saturday for Hardy, Okla., to spend the summer with Mrs. Walter Russel.

D. E. Valiant of Grit, reports the frost of a couple night ago, having bitten the remainder of the fruit.

June Copender and wife were here a few days the past week from Brady, visiting R. B. Shepperd and wife.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Born to— Mr. and Mrs. John Hubbard, a girl, April 14.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bankston, a girl April 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Lemons, a boy, March 26.

Married Mr. R. F. Moore and Miss Floy Cottrell, April 15.

March 15 meant nothing to Congress but November 4 may mean something to taxpayers.—Brooklyn Eagle.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From Mason News, April 21, 1890: On Sunday of last week, Miss Mary Fritz, daughter of Wm. Fritz, died, at the age of 16 years.

T. M. and Dolly Payne and Dave Polk went to San Antonio this week to get 600 head of cattle they have sold to Littlefield & White.

J. W. White was at Los Moras Ranch in Menard county last Sunday and reports a rainfall of 4 or 5 inches. He is putting 5000 steers in that pasture.

Karl Bogusch went to Llano Tuesday to meet his sons, Robert and Otto who are expected home from Cuba where they have been with the 1st Texas Infantry.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Wood, a girl on the 18th.

Louis Gross died Monday afternoon, aged 45. He is survived by ten children.

Hans, the 5-year-old son of Rev. C. Ziehe, died Tuesday of meningitis.

Max, little 5-months-old boy of Rev. C. Ziehe, died Thursday of meningitis.

Edgar Mebus left Wednesday for Longview to do carpenter work.

J. H. Collier who has been here several weeks for the benefit of his health, left last week, much improved.

Frank Hagemann, of Castell, has moved to Koochville.

C. H. Wilcox, of Austin, was in town Wednesday.

CEMENT

\$1.25 per sack delivered anywhere in town, 10 cents back for good sacks. Special prices on large amounts. 6-tfc WM. SPLITTERBERGER

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Junior Epworth League with some members of the Senior Epworth League will give a pageant Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The title of the pageant is "The Immortality of Love and Service" and will be carried out in four acts.

It is about time to start an investigation to ascertain why the Congress is not attending to the nation's business.—Albany Journal.

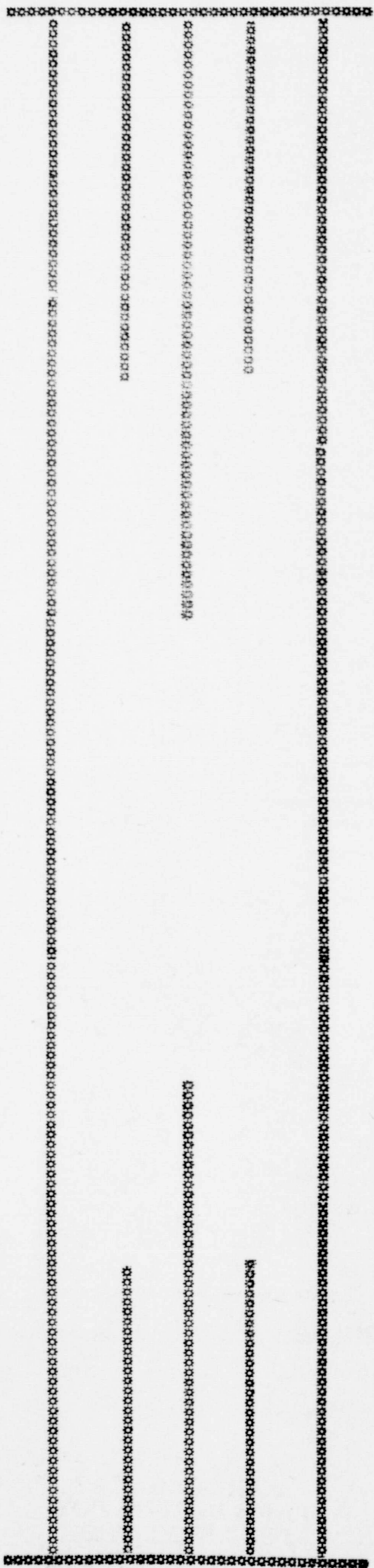
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THE EASIEST WAY



Many women in Mason are subscribers to magazines. In nearly every instance, subscriptions to these Magazines expire every twelve months. Always when renewing subscriptions or sending their new subscriptions for a magazine it is necessary to write an order for the publication wanted, and also to secure a money order or write a check, and then place a two cent stamp on an envelope to mail the order.

Which is the easiest—to do this yourself, or just hand the News the regular subscription price to any publication you might want, and let us send it in for you. Then we are responsible for the order. We can order any magazine you want, at the same price you can get it for, and we have all the expense and responsibility.

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The Mason County News and the Texas Commercial News, also a weekly publication,

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This offer is made only to new subscribers to the Mason County News, and will be in force until May 1st.

Mason County News

SOME BUSINESS ENTERPRISES OF MASON

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FEEDING OF BABY CHICKS
By E. O. Edson, Poultry Husbandman,
Extension Service, A. & M. College

How many farm people follow the same method of feeding baby chicks each year? How many have a real method to follow? so many give the baby chicks just what seems to be the most handy at the time they come off. There are a few things that should always be borne in mind when the spring season of raising chicks opens up. The one big thing that you are looking for from that bunch of chicks is a goodly number of well matured pullets the following fall that will give you good egg production during the winter. In order to have this it is necessary that these chicks should be given the best of care from the time hatch until they are placed in the laying houses.

There are any number of ways of feeding to develop the chicks but no matter what system followed there are a few things that must be remembered. Possibly the most important is that these chicks must not be overfed. They should always be kept with a keen appetite and always ready to eat. This cannot be done if feed is thrown out to them in quantities too large for them to consume. Overfeeding has caused great losses and the cause has been accredited to some disease. Overfeeding will cause the baby chicks to have diarrhea and many case are reported to this office as such. A little care in feeding would prevent this trouble.

Not everyone is yet ready to accept the fact that nature has provided for the baby chicks the first few hours of feeding. Those that do not accept this fact will continue to lose baby chicks from what they term diarrhea when they give the chicks anything to eat before they are 48 to 60 hours old. During the process of incubation the yolk of the egg is taken into the chicks just before it hatches and this acts as a source of supply for a few hours.

The first feed should be something that is easily digested and should be bulky. Oat meal or rolled oats are good. If this is not available wheat bran will answer the purpose. It is not really good practice to start chicks off on hard boiled eggs as this is too heavy a feed for them. Another common feed used over the State is corn bread. This might do for awhile but should not be fed very long to the exclusion of everything else. Aside from giving baby chicks something that they can digest easily they should be given something that will start them growing. The best thing for this is sour milk. Sour milk will not only do this, but it will help to eliminate the diarrhea trouble in many cases. A good practice is to give them a couple of swallows of milk the first thing after taking them out of the incubator.

The following schedule will, no doubt help many in formulating a good system for feeding baby chicks bearing in mind that this is arranged for baby chicks that have access to range conditions or at least are not confined within the house all the time. If this is followed, it will bring pullets to good maturity and early production. Poorly fed chicks develop into small hens that will lay small eggs and sell for less on the market when disposed of. Give the baby chicks their chance and they will pay for all it costs to produce them and more too.

Remove the chicks from the incubator in the evening when they are about 36 to 48 hours old. If possible give the chicks each a couple of swallows of sour milk.

The following morning provide the chicks with sharp sand, water and sour milk. Give them their first meal. Good feed for the first time is rolled oats, or ordinary oat meal.

Feed It Dry.

First week: Scratch grain. Feed as directed. 1 part finely cracked corn or kafir; 1 part cracked wheat; 1 part steel cut oats. Feed five times daily but never all they will eat, except the last feeding at night.

Second week: Same as first, except feed only four times daily.

Third to eight weeks: Same as first two weeks but feed three times daily.

Ninth week to maturity: 2 parts cracked corn or kafir; 2 parts wheat; 1 part oats.

Mash Before Chicks at All Times
Bran.
2 parts bran; 1 part middlings; 1 part sifted ground oats; 1 part corn meal.

Two parts bran; 1 part middlings; 1 part sifted ground oats; 1 part corn meal; 1-2 part beef scraps.

One part bran; 1 part middlings; 1 gr. oats; 1 corn meal; 1-2 beef scraps. If sour milk is not available, substitute another 1-2 part of beef scraps instead. In other words, if milk is not available, use one part beef scraps in mash from three weeks to maturity.

Birds Go Where Hours of Sunlight Are Longest

It is not the temperature which puts birds a-wing while berries and seeds are still abundant, but because they find that the hours of the day's sunlight are shortening and they know that as the days shorten they are approaching the season when there will be no more the conditions under which they thrive, according to Dr. W. W. Garner, in charge of plant physiology of the Department of Agriculture.

Doctor Garner says that ages have taught the birds that those which avoid the short days survive and the others do not. In a single day, some fly from Canada to far below the equator. They do not stop in Florida, although it is warm there, but continue their flight to south of the equator, where the days are growing longer. The little penguin (not the great penguin, which cannot fly), flies annually from the North pole to the South pole, for at each pole, in its respective summertime, the bird finds the longest hours of sunlight. No migrating bird stops short of the equator, simply lured by finding sufficient warmth in the north tropics. The birds seek the region where the hours of sunlight suit them best.

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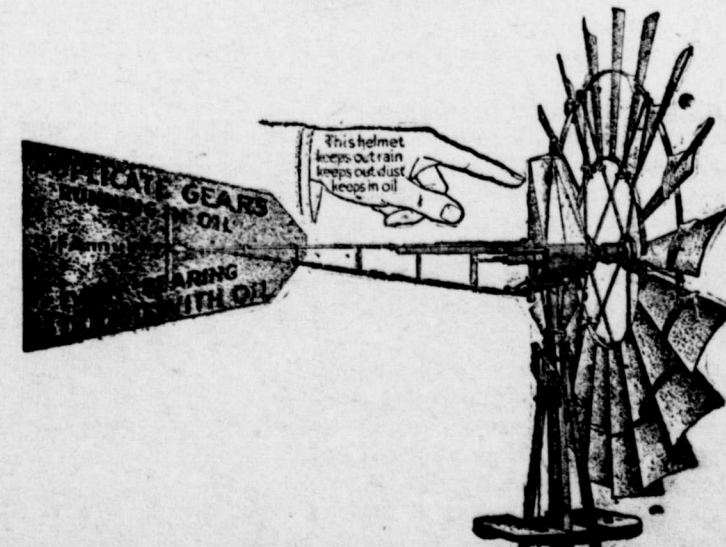
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REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS OF MASON CO. WOLF CLUB

That the work of the Wolf Club in any county in this section of the State can be successfully carried on and profitable returns received is clearly demonstrated by a study of the past work of this organization in Mason county.

The Mason County Wolf Club was organized after a bunch of petitions had been circulated, in the different parts of the county, in the fall of 1921. These petitions briefly stated that the signers were desirous of ridding Mason county of all predatory animals, and realizing that some money was necessary for the same, agreed to pay an annual assessment of one cent per acre for each and every acre owned or controlled by them. These petitions when gathered in showed that over \$2,000 had been pledged for this work. It had been agreed that this sum would be the minimum amount that would be necessary to start the organization.

The regular set of officers was then elected with one director from each of the Commissioners' precincts in the county. This board of directors and officers were to manage the affairs of this association and a review of the books show the following accomplishments during the past three years.

In the year 1921 to 1922, 291 wolves and 174 wild cats were caught from the lands of members. The wild cat bounty was \$2.50 per head, while the bounty on wolves that year was \$15 per head with the exception of two months during which time \$25 per head was paid. Thus the wolf averaged around \$18 for a scalp during the first year.

From October 1922 to October, 1923, 300 wolves were caught and paid for and 113 wild cats. The bounty paid for wild cats was \$4 per head, while the bounty paid on wolves was \$25 and \$50 per head, or an average of about \$32 for the year. From October 1923 to the present date 21 wolves and 41 wild cats have been caught and the bounty paid upon the wild cats was \$4 per head. The bounty paid on wolves is \$25 and \$50 per scalp, the \$50 bounty being paid at this time.

The assessment of the first year was 1 cent per acre and the organization had 239 members controlling 395,000 acres of land.

In 1922 to 1923 the membership increased to 250 controlling approximately 329,000 acres of land and the assessment was three-fourths cent per acre.

At the present time there are 275 members in the association controlling more than 380,000 acres of land and paying an assessment of one-half cent per acre.

In pursuing the records of the association we also found that less than one per cent of the original members had dropped out of the association, a fact which we consider good evidence of the merits of the association.

In questioning several of the ranchmen and the wool buyers of this county as to the probable increase in the number of sheep and goats now held on Mason County land in comparison to those held on the same land previous to the organization of this Club we were told the following:

That there is an increase of at least 60 per cent in the number of goats and forty per cent in the number of sheep and also that the average annual losses from wolves and wild cats had been cut down very materially.

A comparison of the above yearly figures will show that the number of wolves caught in 1921 was one wolf less than half of those caught in 1922 while the wild cats were reduced by 61 head in face of the fact that the bounty was increased on both wolves and cats while the assessment per acre was lowered. In the year 1923 to the present date there have been caught 21 wolves and 41 wild cats and the assessment has been lowered to one half cent per acre.

With the present prices of wool and mohair and the future outlook for the same seems good it will be hard to undertake a more profitable thing than the proper organization of a wolf club in the adjoining counties and the joining in of the local ranchmen and farmers who may not already be in the association.

This movement can well be pushed on into the other counties of this section as when a new county starts such an organization the old breeding places of the wolves and cats are cleaned up and consequently the number of predatory animals and expenses of the organization are decreased.

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MISS MARION GAMEL, TRANSLATOR, ADMITTED TO BAR

Below is reproduced a news dispatch which appeared in the issue of March 25th of the Los Angeles Daily Times. The article will prove of much interest to News readers, as Miss Gamel has a number of relatives in Mason County, being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Gamel. The article follows:

From translating Spanish in Texas to practicing law in California is the jump taken by Miss Marion Gamel, who was admitted to the bar on the 19th inst. Miss Gamel, who is 25 years of age, expects to practice law in June, when she will be graduated from the Southwestern University.

If heredity has any power, the legal and revolutionary background of Miss Gamel ought to vouch for her success in the law profession. She comes of a long line of revolutionary ancestors and is a descendant of George Campbell Childress, who wrote the declaration of Texas independence.

Miss Gamel was graduated from the Sacred Heart Academy of Waco, Texas, receiving a scholarship which entitled her to a year's study in New York. She then became the Spanish translator in the legal department of the Gulf Pipe Line and the West India Sugar Corporation of New York and Cuba. She is living with her parents at 2325 West Thirty-first street.

PLANS FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC MEET AT T. U. BEING COMPLETED

Austin, Texas, April 17.—Plans for the interscholastic meet which is to be held at the University of Texas, May 1-3, are well under way toward completion, according to Roy Henderson, of the interscholastic league. All county meets and some of the district meets have been held. The districts are given until the week ending April 19 to hold their contests.

About 2,000 contestants and visitors are expected at the State meet at Austin, and committees of faculty and students are being formed to take care of the crowds. A committee, headed by Ralph Wood, is canvassing Austin homes to find out how many will allow the contestants to stay in their homes. Every year Austin citizens throw open their doors to contestants and visitors at the meet.

The contests will start with the tennis tournament on Thursday afternoon May 1, in charge of Dr. D. A. Penick. Public speaking and preliminaries in track will begin Friday morning, May 2. Finals in declamation are to be held Friday night and Saturday morning. Finals in track will take place on Saturday afternoon, and finals in debate on Saturday night.

As soon as the contestants reach Austin they will be taken to the University Y. M. C. A., which is to be the headquarters. There they will register and be assigned to places to stay. Committees which are being formed to care for the interscholastic leaguers are state executive, reception, lodging for girls, information, registration and assignment to lodging, accommodations at S. M. A., transportation and escort to lodgings, courtesy, checking parcels, arrangements for final contest, progress of their meet, custodian of cups and medals, photography, declamation for boys and for girls, debate for boys and for girls, essay writing, and music memory.

Various prizes and loving cups are to be given to the schools and contestants winning first and second places.

P. T. A. Will Meet Wednesday

The News is requested to announce that the regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association will be held on Wednesday afternoon of next week. It is customary for the Association to meet on Monday afternoon, but for various reason the meeting date has been changed for next week to Wednesday afternoon, at the regular hour.

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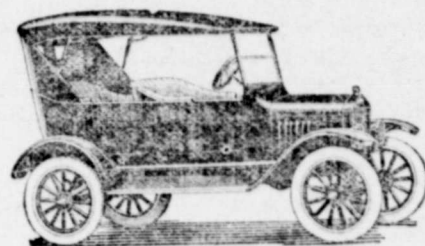
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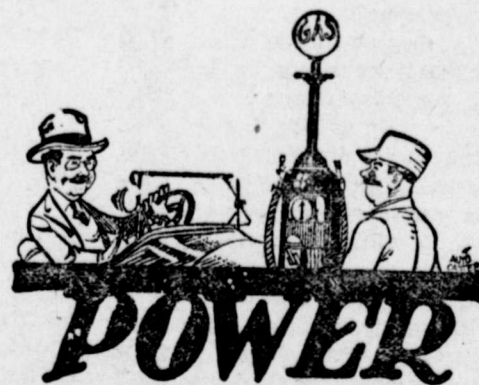
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