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CHAS. BIERSCHWALE
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Wm. Kruse, of Katemey was a pleasant caller at the News office last Friday. Mr. Kruse added his name to our list of readers.

Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Askew returned to their home in Shawnee, Okla., last week after a visit of several weeks here with Mrs. Askew's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fry Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton says that their stay here did them good and that their visit was certainly a pleasure to him and Mrs. Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ellebracht came in last Friday from San Antonio for a short stay with relatives. Mr. Ellebracht is now traveling for the San Antonio Machine & Supply Company and while here did some business for that firm. He left here to go to Kimble and Menard counties and will work them before returning to San Antonio. Mrs. Ellebracht will remain for a longer visit.

Do you want any crockery ware, such as churns, milk pans, jugs or 5 gallon jars? We have a nice assortment.

City Grocery Co.

Joe Nichols, who now lives at Quinton, Okla., writes us ordering the News sent him for a year.

Chas. Heler and Leon Mayo, who are delegates from the local W. O. W. camp, left Monday for Dallas to attend the head camp convention of that order.

NEW MARKET

I have opened a meat market in the Zork building and will keep the best meats on hand at all times. I buy butter, eggs, chickens and other country produce. Also pay top prices for green and dry cow hides.

Your patronage will be appreciated.
 Phone No. 27.
 Lee Smart.

John Schuessler was here Saturday from the Castell section and says that crops are the finest kind.

We have all colors of straw hat dye.—Mason Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McMillan and daughter were here last Saturday from the Fredonia section. Mrs. Jennie Williams returned home with them for a short stay.

MRS. MARTIN MAY
ACCEPT INVITATION

Washington, D. C.
 March 22, 1919

Mrs. Anna Martin, Mason, Texas.

Dear Madam:
 I have the honor to appoint you a delegate to the convention of the United States Good Roads Association at Mineral Wells, Texas, on April 14th to 19th.

I especially urge you to attend, if possible, as a representative of your county and section of the state.

United States Senator J. H. Bankhead will preside over the convention which will be attended by the governors of at least three-fourths of the states in the Union.

This will be the most interesting meeting ever held in Texas and no doubt will prove of great benefit to our state.

Owing to the fact that Congress will not convene before May 1st, and being interested in good roads and legislation furthering same, I am going to make special efforts to be present on this occasion.

Very sincerely yours,
 C. B. Hudspeth

SEE US FOR AUTO SEAT COVERS.
 McCOLLUM AUTO CO.

Mrs. W. M. Martin was hostess to the Embroidery Club last Thursday afternoon. The club meets the next time with Mrs. S. A. McCollum.

Tell the News the news

Ross Wolfe was here Thursday and Friday from his farm at Stephenville. He was enroute for Gillespie county where he expects to be for several weeks in the interest of his fruit tree business. Ross says that the oil boom in his section is turning loose lots of money and that so far he has been successful enough to get hold of a small portion of it, but that he is not taking any long chances of getting rich quick by investing in stock.

Commercial Club Plans Two-Day July Celebration at Recent Meeting

THE JOY OF SAVING 15 YEARS AGO COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO SEE FOR GROUNDS

Don't save for a "rainy day." That isn't the forward-looking, empire-building spirit of America. Save so there won't be any "rainy days."

That is the philosophy of optimism, the kind of thinking that is going to make you happy and make your old age a period of fullest enjoyment.

Don't save as a dull, hateful duty.

Save because by saving, you can win the delights of competence.

Don't save because you can't afford to spend.

Save so that you can afford, a little later to buy something you want very much, for example—the automobile you are walking for today.

From Mason News April 8, 1904:

Ben Barber, living near Pontotoc, shot himself in the forehead Tuesday with a .32 caliber pistol, with suicidal intent. He died that night about 10 o'clock.

Gus Arhelger, wife and child arrived Tuesday from San Saba for a visit with his parents.

Ed Nicholson, who recently returned with his wife from Arkansas, is now located on the Ritter place, where he will farm this year.

Mrs. Jennie Henderson of Corinth, Miss., is here visiting her aunt, Mrs. Beck, and her cousin, Mrs. Chas. Bierschwale.

Former Commissioner F. A. Grote left this week for New Fountain to move Henry Schweers and family to this county. Mrs. Schweers is a daughter of Mr. Grote.

Molly Bailey's show will exhibit in Mason Saturday night, April 9.

Miss Clara Greer, who has been teaching at London, returned home Tuesday, her school having closed last Friday.

The Mason Commercial Club held a meeting at the court house last Monday night, the same being the regular meeting for April. A good attendance was present and several important business matters were taken up and discussed, among which were:

1. Naming of delegates to attend the United States Good Roads Association's Convention which is to be held at Mineral Wells, Texas from 14th to 19th of April. Delegates named were Chas. Bierschwale, John T. Banks, R. W. Hofmann, Lamar Thaxton.
2. Some discussion took place relative to the purchasing of a road roller for the roads in this county. At length a committee consisting of Chas. Bierschwale, E. J. Lemburg and R. W. Hofmann were requested to meet with the Commissioners Court at an early date and discuss the advisability of buying such a roller to be used in connection with the big tractor we now have.
3. The club voted unanimously in favor of having a big two-day barbecue, picnic and home-coming celebration for the soldier boys. There was some discussion and difference of opinion as to when this celebration should be held, but a majority of the members present favored holding same on the 3rd and 4th of July. No arrangements were made for this big event further than the appointment of a committee composed of Messrs. Chas. Bierschwale and J. C. Lemburg who were instructed to see what arrangements can be made towards securing the grounds for the occasion.

Our War Loan Organization announces that it is going to carry on a wide spread and intensive campaign of thrift education.

It has begun by asking the people to: **THINK IN INTEREST, SAVE AND INVEST.** The request opens up big possibilities for the people of the Southwest.

If this organization can induce us all to think in interest, save and invest, it will have done a splendid thing for us and our country. The campaign for War Savings Societies and for the buying of Government Savings Stamps, based upon the foundation of thrift has a double appeal. It urges each individual to benefit himself and in doing so to help his Government finish the World War job. Let's pull together to produce more, to eliminate waste, to save and to invest in War Savings Stamps.

Don't be quitters. Be savers and learn the joy of saving.

Mr. Sylvanus Brown died last week at his home near Fly Gap at the age of 70 years and 3 months. He is survived by a wife, 6 sons and a daughter.

Miss Markie Miller closed her school at Rauch Branch last Friday night.

N. E. Taylor and family left Monday for Oklahoma, at which place Mr. Taylor hopes to secure land and make him a home.

Gus Schuessler and daughter Ruby made a trip to Houston and Columbia this week.

A. W. Keller and lady celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at Fredericksburg last week.

A. J. Boston left on March 31 for Graham to practice his profession as Magnetic Healer.

Hon. A. N. Mousund returned Friday from attending Junction court. He says the docket was pretty well cleared there.

H. L. Stonbraker of St. Louis has purchased 8,000 three year old steers from Chas. Schreiner at \$18.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hightower and Chas. went to San Antonio last Thursday where Mr. Hightower went for consultation with a specialist regarding his condition. They were accompanied by Mrs. Dunn, who will return from there to her home at Fort Stockton, after a visit of several weeks in Mason with relatives and friends.

Messrs Ed and Wes Smith made a trip to San Antonio last week returning home last Monday.

Dr. Otto Keller and Mrs. W. C. Lauderdale came up Sunday from San Antonio. Dr. Keller came up after his wife who has been visiting home folks at Fredonia and Mrs. Lauderdale took advantage of the opportunity to come up and pay a short visit to her mother, Mrs. Gamel.

BALL TEAM NEEDED

Now that the Commercial Club is planning on having a big two days celebration this summer it is time that Mason organize a baseball team and get busy as no picnic is successful without ball games.

Mason can easily have a good baseball team. The Commercial Club owns splendid equipment for a team such as uniforms, etc., and the club is anxious for a good team especially for the coming celebration.

Let every person interested in the organizing of a team and who feels like trying themselves out for the team go to the ball grounds every evening after 6:30 o'clock and engage in practice. After about ten days a manager and captain can be elected and a team picked out from the best players and work can be begun in earnest for whipping the boys into good shape for the season.

Mrs. Albert Metzger favored the News a few days ago by giving us a copy of The Flash, the official publication of the Seventy-Eighth or Lightning Division in France, of which division her son Arch is a member. The paper is quite interesting and is a treat to us.

Get my prices on cement before buying elsewhere.
 12711 Harry Bierschwale.

Use the want ads in the News. They bring results.

25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News April 13, 1894:

The monthly debt statement of the treasury department gives the following statements: Cash in treasury \$138,000,000 of which \$100,000,000 is gold reserve. The total debt of the United States is \$1,000,000,000.

Quite a number of young people from town and country spent last Monday evening at H. Puckey's at a pleasant dance.

Three little fellows, Traweck, Burden and Searcy took the notion of running away last week, but had gone only a short distance when they were found and brought home.

The young people of the town spent a pleasant time at the home of W. L. Hall last Friday evening.

Messrs Maisack & Grosse, contractors and builders, are just now engaged on the buildings of Messrs E. M. Reynolds, E. H. Bogusch and Chas. Gowling.

Mr. and Mrs. Stilwell have moved here from Sonora and occupy a part of Mrs. Franklin's house.

J. D. Holmes reports a very heavy hail at Bluff Creek last week.

The Murray Mining Company is now about shaping its mines up so that capital will readily take hold of it. They expect to interest some capitalists in developing it at once.

Gus Schuessler and Ben Hey brought Dr. Taylor in from Edwards county a few days ago charged with hog theft.

A. J. Lindsay lost eleven head of fine two year old steers last week presumably from dipping them in too strong dip. This is quite a loss as the steers could have been easily cashed for \$60 each.

If you want feed phone 42.

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, ETC.

Required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1902, of the Mason County News published weekly at Mason, Texas for April 1st, 1919.

Publisher, Editor, Managing Editor, Business Manager and Owner is Martin D. Loring, Mason, Texas.

The known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities is V. M. Loring, Memphis, Tenn.

Martin D. Loring.
 Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of March 1919

Walter M. Martin
 Notary Public, Mason Co., Texas

Don't forget the show at the Star Opera House each Saturday night. The show starts promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

Messrs Elgin and E. W. Kothmann returned the latter part of last week from a trip to Lubbock, where the former bought 50 head of fine registered heifers. Elgin and A. H. McLerran left Monday of this week to go after these heifers and bring them to the ranch of Mr. Kothmann near Loyal Valley.

A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder for kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. One small bottle is two months' treatment and often cures. Send for sworn testimonials, Dr. E. W. Hall, 3020 Olive Street, St. Louis Mo. Sold by druggists.

Don't you need a new suit of clothes?



Come in and order that new Spring or Summer suit now. We've got all the new samples for you to select from. We give the best materials and tailor the style into your garment. Our prices will suit.

CLEANING PRESSING ALTERING
 ALL WORK CASH. NO CREDIT.
HENSCH, THE TAILOR
 WITH J. S. KING, THE JEWELER

HOW CAN YOU TELL YOUR FAVORITE TOBACCO?

As Plain as the Nose on Your Face—Just Smell It

Smokers do not have to put tobacco in their pipes to find out if they like it. They can just rub the tobacco between the palms of their hands and smell it. The nose is an infallible guide to smoking enjoyment.

All smoking tobaccos employ some flavoring "to improve the flavour and burning qualities of the leaves", to quote the Encyclopedia Britannica. Naturally, there is considerable difference in the kind of flavorings used, and the nose quickly detects this difference. TUXEDO Tobacco uses the purest, most wholesome, and delicious of all flavorings—chocolate. And the almost universal liking for chocolate is a great measure of the widespread popularity of TUXEDO Tobacco.

Carefully aged, old Burley tobacco, plus a dash of pure chocolate, gives TUXEDO Tobacco a pure fragrance your nose can quickly distinguish from any other tobacco. Try it and see.

IMMIGRATION NOT TO BE DISCUSSED

Japanese Have No Desire to Stir Up Controversy.

HUN STILL UP TO MISCHIEF

German Propagandists in Far East Continue to Try to Sow Seeds of Discord—Finished in a Military Way the Hun is the Same Plotter He Was Before and During the War—Japanese Wish to Live in Harmony With America.

By LLOYD ALLEN. Western Newspaper Union Staff Correspondent.

(Copyright, 1919, by Western Newspaper Union.) Japanese statesmen at the peace conference have no intention whatever of trying to force the immigration question into the proceedings, according to a reliable authority on Japanese affairs.

It is true that one member of the Japanese delegation politely interpolated a resolution into one of the conferences calling attention to the inequality of the United States immigration laws.

But it can be taken for granted that there is a clear understanding between America and Japan on the well-known "gentleman's agreement" excluding Japanese from our shores, and it is not the intention of the Jap delegation to ask for any change in the present arrangement on the immigration question.

This is to be regarded as a kind of little secret "between us Americans," but the cold fact of it was that the Japanese statesman who brought up the immigration question at the peace conference was more anxious to keep right with his constituents at home than to leap into the limelight by bringing objectionable questions before the conference.

Won't Wake It Up.

And the "gentleman's agreement," a proposition affecting America and Japan, is a kind of sleeping dog in the field of world politics that no one, even the Japanese, have any desire to kick into wakefulness. There are enough knotty problems before the peace conference now without introducing any new controversial stuff.

As a matter of fact, all that the Japanese had to say before the peace conference was a gentle reminder that if all men are born free and equal, the Jap, being a man, is free and the equal of anyone, providing the American Declaration of Independence means anything at all. This in effect was the message.

It was slipped into the record. There it may be read by anyone curious enough to peruse the lengthy speeches. As an immediate political problem it does not exist. The chances are that America will not be confronted with this bugaboo in its old form for many a long year, probably never.

In the first place Japanese immigration has stopped for the period of the war and for the period of reconstruction, in all probability. The Japanese government is not embarrassed by a feeling of unrest throughout the island empire because 100,000 Japs must leave the country every year, for the Japs don't have to leave in the first place and when they do they have lands other than America to move to.

Good Faith the Keynote.

Good faith between the nations is going to be one of the keynotes of the whole league of nations plan, and the Japanese are for the league. In the era the world is starting into, new policies and new aims, all of them more liberal than anything practiced

in the pre-war days, are going to predominate.

We are accustomed to think of Japan as a selfish nation—partly because of the fact that she copied from the old European diplomacy and also because there has been a persistent propaganda spread throughout the world by a number of German gentlemen who sought to promote discord between Japan and America.

In thinking of Japan today we must first of all take it for granted that the Japs are members of the league of nations and are going in for all that the league stands for. In other words the day of liberalism in Japan is here. The last of the old statesmen, the militarists and imperialists, died the other day and the future of the country is in the hands of men who above all other things are committed to their alliance with the English speaking peoples. And that alliance precludes the possibility and probability of their seeking trouble with the largest English speaking nation, America, in the matter of immigration, a problem that sooner or later will solve itself either in the changing conditions that affect Japan or the altered economic situation America is going into during or soon after the reconstruction period.

It is easy to believe that the day is not far distant when America will need Japanese labor and will come to the point of welcoming it with open arms.

Not the Best Elements.

Viscount Ishii, who is the Japanese ambassador to Washington, and who was the statesman that investigated the Japanese labor situation in America several years ago, was then of the opinion that it would serve the best interests of Japan if everyone of their citizens in America could be transported at once back to Japan. He knew that the class of Japanese that had come to America did not represent the best elements in Japan and gave America an unjust appreciation of his nation. He fostered and endorsed the "gentleman's agreement," which has since shut out the Japs from the United States.

It may be said truthfully that the Japanese statesmen of today are animated by this spirit that dominated Ishii. They wish to live in harmony with America.

Where you see stories of the probability of Japan declaring war on any nation—even America, it's a pretty safe bet that some German influence inspired the story. The far East is still pretty well riddled with the German propagandists who know how to describe trouble clouds that seem to threaten Japanese-American relations, when these clouds exist only in the fancy of the gentleman from Berlin.

Hun Still a Schemer.

We must remember that the German has been defeated on the battlefields of northern France, but he has had no change of heart and is the same schemer today that he was before the great British drive near Arras on the eighth of last August, that smashed seven German divisions that were never reorganized, and he is the same plotter today that he was back in July when the Americans at Chateau-Thierry turned the Boche drive against Paris.

The Hun is finished in a military way. He can't come back. But he will be many a long day forgetting how to sow trouble among the nations of the world.

LONG HIDDEN WHISKEY.

Owner Finds It Under Rock Where He Buried It 60 Years Ago.

Perry Hutzell, an old resident near Meyersdale, Pa., several days ago recalled that he had hidden a pint of whiskey under a certain rock sixty years ago, and going to the spot he found the bottle and contents intact. The cork was rotted off even with the neck of the bottle, but none of the whiskey had leaked from the bottle. The whiskey was rich brown in color and the flavor, Mr. Hutzell declared, could not be described on account of its rare deliciousness, and only a connoisseur could really appreciate its taste, he said.

The whiskey was distilled by old-time methods, and for this reason it is said by all who have tasted it to have a flavor all its own.

Few Negroes Die of "Flu."

Undertakers at Stamford, Conn. have been mystified at the scarcity of deaths among colored people as a result of influenza. City Health Officer Costanza says the negro race is not immune from the disease so far as he knows, but cannot explain the fact that few if any cases among them have been fatal.

Teach Farming by Mail.

Farming is to be taught by mail by a New Hampshire college. The course is open to all residents of the state. The plan was adopted as a result of the feeling that the technical side of agriculture education has suffered during the extensive production campaign that has been going on.

FILIPINO BROTHERS MAKE MANY FRIENDS



Simplicio and Lucio Godina, eleven-year-old Filipino brothers, who have been joined together since birth, have many friends in Washington, where they are being reared by Teodoro R. Yanco, resident Filipino commissioner. The twins were rescued from a show by the Brooklyn Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, but Mr. Yanco has practically adopted them. They have shown aptitude for music and are exceptionally bright in their studies.

LOOKS TEN YEARS OLDER.

War Experience Turned a Lad Into a Man.

Looking ten years older from his experience in the war zone, Pearl Wymer arrives home at Gaylord, Kan., from France recently. He volunteered shortly after war was declared and saw continuous service with the American army at the front for more than a year, participating in all the hard battles fought by the Fifth division. He was one of the men who helped build the pontoon across the River Meuse ahead of the advancing army and was terribly wounded, being shot through the legs and arms with machine gun bullets, gassed and hit by a fragment of a high explosive shell in the face. The metal was afterward taken out from the upper part of his mouth. He will wear scars the balance of his life from the injuries he received.

SAVED BY PHONE GIRL

Sends Help and Prevents Loss of Life of Whole Family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tidd and three children, living on a farm near Daleville, Pa., narrowly escaped death from gas recently. Aid obtained by Mrs. Minnie Huntington, a telephone operator, saved the lives of the five.

At midnight Mrs. Huntington received a call on rural line No. 9. She heard a groan at the other end of the line and caught a child's voice asking for No. 14, the phone number of Dr. J. W. Knedler. Then she heard a sound as if some one had fallen. Realizing that something was wrong at the Tidd home, the operator called Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Andrews, Ambrose Wordell and Doctor Knedler, telling them to hurry to the Tidd home. All of the victims were found unconscious, but will recover.

Wooden Leg to Break Jail.

John "Bonnie" Roberts finds that his wooden leg is a valuable weapon in breaking jail. Incarcerated in the Jefferson County prison at Steubenville, O., Bonnie unloosed his artificial limb and pounded a hole in the wall large enough for him to crawl out. Three other prisoners went along.



JOHN J. KELLY, Private, 78th Company, 6th Regiment, U. S. M. C.

Private Kelly was decorated for gallantry in action at Blanc Mont Ridge, France, October 3, 1918. Private Kelly ran through our own barrage 100 yards in advance of the front line and attacked an enemy machine gun nest, killing the gunner with a grenade, shooting another member of the crew with his pistol and returned through the barrage with eight prisoners. Private Kelly's home is at 6149 Kimbark avenue, Chicago, Ill.

"The end of an Imperfect Day"



"Nervous Headache"

Nervous headache is the result of a run down weakened nervous system. You feel out of sorts—everything seems wrong—food disagrees with the tired stomach—you can't sleep and have a constant case of "the blues."

Rev. Geo. Hoffeman of New Cumberland, Pa., tells how he was cured after he has almost given up hope. "Five or six years ago I became greatly worried on account of the condition of my nerves. I was prostrated and suffered so much I thought I would never be well again. I used one bottle of DR. MILES' NERVINE and began to improve from the first. I then used it until it completely cured me. It is without doubt the greatest nerve remedy ever discovered."

If you are troubled with a nervous affection, you will find the first bottle of DR. MILES' NERVINE will bring relief. It is non-alcoholic and contains no injurious drugs—a safe, dependable and efficient family medicine. Ask your druggist about it.



Rhine's Wanderings.

A remarkable thing about the Rhine is its length for so small a river. Unlike the Nile, which contains less water at Cairo than at Berber, 1,500 miles upstream, the Rhine has numerous affluents, but never attains the dignity of a real river, as Americans understand such definitions, until it enters Holland.

The "German Rhine" owes its origin to the Swiss mountains, wanders with apparent aimlessness—first west and then north and northwest, after leaving Lake Constance—until it enters Holland, where it becomes as sluggish as any Dutchman who ever dwelt in New Amsterdam.

Too Severe.

"You told me when you were a suitor for my hand that my will would ever be law to you," said Mrs. Grippins.

"So I did, my dear, so I did," replied Mr. Grippins, mildly. "But at that particular time little did I dream that your will would ever take the form of—or—martial law."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

AMERICA'S IMMORTALS

JOHN C. VILLEPIGUE, Corporal, Company M, 118th Infantry.

For unusual bravery displayed in action at Vaux-Andigny, France, October 15, 1918, Corp. Villepigue was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. Having been sent out with two other soldiers to scout through the village of Vaux-Andigny, Corp. Villepigue met with strong resistance from enemy machine gun fire, which killed one of his men and wounded the other. Continuing his advance, without aid, 500 yards in advance of his platoon and in the face of artillery and machine gun fire, he encountered four of the enemy in a dugout, whom he attacked and killed with a hand grenade. Crawling forward to a point 150 yards in advance of his first encounter he rushed a machine gun nest, killing four and capturing six of the enemy, and taking two light machine guns. After being joined by his platoon, he was severely wounded in the arm. Corp. Villepigue's home is with his mother, Mrs. P. T. Villepigue, 1517 Lyttleton street, Camden, S. C.

Get your cement from Harry Bierschwale.

A complete assortment of fishing tackle at Mason Drug Co.

Eugene Geistweidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Geistweidt of the Hilda community, came in last Tuesday having been discharged from the service of "Uncle Sam."

WILL YOU FAVOR US?

The News always considers it a favor when we receive news items over the phone. We want all the news we can get, and appreciate it for YOU to phone 57 when you know a personal item or any other item of local interest. Phone 57

Miss Edna Simon came in last Monday from Wichita, Kansas, for a visit with her father, Mr. Frank Simon.

Parties who appreciate fine stationery and good Bond Papers should call around at the News Office and see our line.

There were 76 votes polled in the trustee election which was held in the Mason Independent School District last Saturday. The four trustees elected were C. F. Lehmburg, E. W. Kothmann, C. D. McMillan and Roscoe Runge.

I have a barrel of nice keg pickles which I am selling out at 75 cents per gallon. J. J. Johnson.

WILL MOVE TO DALLAS

Messrs A. J. and A. C. Lemburg inform us that they will shortly move to Dallas where they will make their home. They have bought some business property at Oak Cliff and will move their business from Mason to that place to engage in business, forming a partnership with their brother-in-law, Mr. P. W. Ebel. Jim will leave Mason as soon as school is out here, but Arthur will remain here and continue the local store for several months or so long as may be necessary to wind up all business here.

These gentlemen have owned and conducted one of the big general merchandise businesses in Mason for several years and it will be learned with regret by many people of this county that they are to leave here. They state that they are not leaving Mason because of any dislike for the people or surroundings but that they feel that business opportunities will be so much better there than at Mason, and this fact alone prompts them to make the move.

Nice fresh keg kraut. Cheap. J. J. Johnson.

Get my prices on cement before buying elsewhere. Harry Bierschwale.

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ADVERTISING RATES

Local readers and classified ads 5 cents per line per issue
Display rates made known on application.
Subscription (always in advance) one year..... \$1.50

WHO'S NEXT

We, whose names appear below, believe that Mason County should erect a monument and dedicate it to the memory of the Mason county boys who served in the recent world's war, and will donate the amount set opposite our respective names towards its erection:

- August Kothmann \$25.00
- Mason Clean Town Club \$10.00
- Mason County News \$10.00
- Calvin Thaxton \$10.00
- Woman's Missionary Society.....\$10.00
- W. G. Keyser \$5.00
- German Ladies Aid Society\$8.00

If you are willing to subscribe please the News the amount you will give and your name will appear in this list the following issue.

This week the News appears in the form of an eight page paper. For many years the News has been issuing an eight column paper with four pages to the issue, this week we have a 5 column paper consisting of eight pages. It does not necessarily mean that we are going to issue our paper in this form altogether as we are only trying this style to see how we like it and if it suits us better than the old form we will probably keep it up. So far as there being any difference in the size of the paper there is none but we believe that an advantage will be given over the old style in so much that the smaller pages will be easier handled by our readers as well as by us in printing.

Hobby has certainly been severely criticised by the various newspapers over the State for vetoing the bill which would have allowed the soldiers to vote without a poll tax receipt in 1919.

There is no doubt that every Texas boy in the service has proven his ability as a soldier and there is absolutely no "fair and just" reason why he should not be shown this small courtesy, and it is our duty to him.

Undoubtedly there are some good features to the proposed Constitutional Amendments, but we venture to say that many (and it would not be out of order for all voters to do so) will vote against the entire lot because of the fact that the soldier boys did not have a vote on them.

I have a nice line of guaranteed rubber garden hose and they will not kink. If you want hose call on me. F. Lange.

John T. Banks, who is county chairman of Mason county for the fifth or Victory Liberty Loan, leaves this week for San Antonio to be there a short time and will attend a meeting of county chairmen of this District. The purpose of the meeting is to give out special information as to conducting the campaign. He was accompanied to San Antonio by Messrs Chas. Bierschwale, E. J. Lemburg, Lamar Thaxton and Miss Julia Bierschwale. They made the trip in Mr. Bierschwale's car.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, etc. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

HOBBY IS AFRAID OF THE SOLDIER'S VOTE

He Wants Women Voters and Soldier Road Workers.

In vetoing the bill which would have allowed soldiers to vote without a poll tax receipt in 1919, Hobby has not only deprived our soldier boys of the right of suffrage on twelve changes in the constitution to be voted on this year, but he has added three days road working to them which they should not be compelled to do. A man with a poll tax receipt only has to work the public roads five days during the year. A soldier who has been in Europe fighting for democracy and who's back into civilian life will have to work the roads EIGHT days—three days penalty for not having a poll tax receipt. This is a clear case of reducing ones liberties and increasing ones taxes, as Joe Bailey so aptly puts it.—San Saba Star.

PROPERTY OWNERS ATTENTION

Marveseal will fix that leaky roof fireproof, Waterproof and Airtight. Cheaper than paint. Unconditional guarantee for 10 years. Make no mistake. There is only one original. That is Marveseal Asbestos Fiber Roof Cement. Shingle, Metal or Paper Roofs. Sold on three months time. Beautify your home, stop your leaks, go to bed and do not worry about fire from bad flues.

F. H. SCHUESSLER, Local Agent
Address all letters to
G. J. LUCHESE,
SAN ANTONIO, TEX

Two thoughts on a Spring day.
1st. Let's go fishing.
2nd. Let's buy our fishing tackle in Mason from
Mason Drug Co.

Nice fresh keg kraut. Cheap.
J. J. Johnson.

DANCE-DANCE

The News is authorized to announce that there is to be a dance at the C. C. Smith Hall on next Thursday night, April 17. A string band will furnish music for the occasion. Everybody is invited to attend.



WILLIS P. SNYDER,
Private, Company D, 150th
M. G. B.

Private Snyder won the Distinguished Service Cross for conspicuous bravery in action near Reims, France, July 15, 1918. After all the other members of his detachment had become casualties while defending a position in front of an infantry company, Private Snyder continued to operate a machine gun alone against an attacking party of Prussian Guards, and succeeded in driving them off. He then returned to our lines, attempting to carry back his wounded comrades with him, until he was himself wounded. Private Snyder's home is with his mother, Mrs. Kate Snyder, 1237 Cotton street, Reading, Pa.

Middle Aged Women

Are Here Told the Best Remedy for Their Troubles.

Freemont, O.—"I was passing through the critical period of life, being forty-six years of age and had all the symptoms incident to that change—heat flashes, nervousness, and was in a general run down condition, so it was hard for me to do my work. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound was recommended to me as the best remedy for my troubles, which it surely proved to be. I feel better and stronger in every way since taking it, and the annoying symptoms have disappeared."—Mrs. M. GODDEN, 925 Napoleon St., Freemont, Ohio.

North Haven, Conn.—"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound restored my health after everything else had failed when passing through change of life. There is nothing like it to overcome the trying symptoms."—Mrs. FLORENCE ISELLA, Box 197, North Haven, Conn.



In Such Cases

LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND

has the greatest record for the greatest good

LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO. LYNN, MASS.

BUMBLE BEE BUSY WORKER

Only Severe Cold Weather Induces Insect to Take a Rest From Its Labors.

If one were born a bumble bee, his idea of life success would be 40 acres of red clover waist high, in full June bloom and fragrance all the year through and forever. What one bumble bee could do with 40 acres of clover no bee nor mortal ever knew; but the bee, if human wise, would want all that and more.

Invasive his flowery honey farm at the height of the season, and he puts out no restraining hand. There is no padlock on his gate. The whole field is a-hum with polyglot plunderers coming from everywhere to carry away the very goods that are gold to the bumble bee. But he puts up no defense. He makes no vicious counter-offensive, as the yellow-jacket might. If you search for him here you find him diligently prospecting with his honey pump humming a barytone solo as he works, loads of pollen strapped to his running board, his tonneau bulging with joy fodder. He is having the time of his life.

When the 40 acres of red clover is a wilderness of dry stubble under a scorching July sun, and his millions in clover are swept away by the hand of the strong, this bumble bee will not be found hanging by a spiderweb to a fence-row fireweed, a bankrupt suicide. Not he. In this fence corner left by the mower, clad in his velvet suit of black and yellow, even now he is working over the dump of a goldenrod mine, and gold is shining from his pants pockets. Moreover, he has a fair swig left in his honey jug, and he is still humming his song of high June.

As the season goes down the steep slope toward chilly weather, the bumble bee does not dig his reluctant heels into the sod, lag sullenly back and turn a regretful eye over his shoulder, with his heart in the lost red clover. He takes the small sweets of poverty as he did the rich sea of June honey. From a June millionaire's estate he has fallen to the fortune of an autumn tramp, taking a handout from a belated weed and begging a night's lodging in the last bloom of a wayside hollyhock. But he still retains his well-brushed suit, his good deep barytone and his memories of June.

PROVED ABILITY TO REASON

Hard to Explain Monkey's Action in Putting Out Fire Unless That Admission is Made.

A Louisiana planter who owns a pet monkey which answers to the name of Jocko, tells an anecdote about him which proves that such animals can and do reason.

The children of the house and Jocko are boon companions, and of a summer afternoon enjoy a frolic together upon the lawn. One day someone threw a match down and the grass ignited, making a little blaze.

Jocko saw it and stopped and looked, then glanced all around, and, seeing a piece of plank not far off, ran for it, crept cautiously to the fire, all the time holding the plank as a shield between himself and the flame, then

pressed it down and extinguished it. What child could have reasoned better and done more?

Although, perhaps, no danger could have come from the fire, still no one knows what the result might have been, and the monkey evidently believed that prudence is the better part of valor.

He'd Forgotten.

The school dramatic society was giving its first performance of the season and the play they had chosen for the momentous occasion was "Julius Caesar."

All went smoothly till Caesar's dead body was brought in, and Marc Antony had to deliver his famous speech. He put his heart into the part and the audience felt acutely for the poor citizens, who were all presumably horror-stricken and overcome with grief, when Antony gently but firmly grasped, as he thought, the face-cloth and slowly, very slowly, began to draw it back.

Just then an excited whisper came from the other end of the corpse: "This end, you idiot!"

But Antony was too much wrapped in grief to hear. He persevered and then suddenly disclosed to the intently gazing audience Caesar's boots!

AN OPEN LETTER

Memphis, Tenn.,
April 7, 1919.

News, Mason, Texas:

Having received several letters asking suggestions as to the disposition to make of the money belonging to the defunct order of Red Men, I take this method of reaching all former members.

When the order ceased to function there was in the German American National Bank about \$40, placed there by me as treasurer. Some funds were in the hands of Mr. A. J. Lindsay, my predecessor. I do not know what amount, neither do I know of whom the membership consisted at that time.

The records, together with regalia and uniforms were placed in a large box and left on my premises, but were scattered later by members taking them out and using them for mask balls, so that I am unable at this time to know anything about them.

It has been suggested to me that the money be prorated among those who were members when the order suspended, but inasmuch as there is no way of accurately ascertaining of whom the membership consisted, I suggest that the funds be given to the Mason School or if any member is interested in some other than the Mason School, let his portion be given to the school in which he is interested.

Were it divided among the members it would be a very few dollars to each, and so far as I am concerned I wish the school to have it.

Let the known members get together and come to a decision, and I will, if necessary, authorize the bank to turn it over to whom they select to receive it.

Very truly,
V. M. Loring.

JUNIOR MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Sunday April 13, 1919 at 4 o'clock
Leader, Ruby Jordan.
Subject, A Wesley House for Mexicans
Song, Tidings
Bible Lesson, Lev. 27; 33, 34.
Prayer
Song, Jesus Wants me for a Sunbeam.

Letter from the Wesley House for Mexicans, by Willie Mae Bickelbach.

Sunday Night Callers at the Wesley House, by Ruby Louise Pluenke.

Save Us ere We Die, by Lucile and Sara Beatrice Lemburg.

Bring Us the Light, by Opal Garrett.

Song, Bring Them In.

If you would like to have accident or health insurance, I have just the kind of a policy you need. No trouble to show and explain the different policies and quote premiums. Martin D. Loring, agent for the Maryland Assurance Corporation.

The News' facilities for doing first class job work is unsurpassed. Bring us your orders.

Weekly Health Talks

What Doctor Pierce Has Done For Humanity!

BY DOCTOR CRIPPS.

It has always seemed to me that Dr. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., should be placed near the top when a list of America's great benefactors is written. He studied and conquered human diseases to a degree that few realize. Whenever he found a remedy that overcame disease, he at once announced it in the newspapers and told where it could be bought at a small price. He did not follow the usual custom of keeping the ingredients secret, so that the rich only could afford to buy the medicine, but openly printed the name of each root and herb he used. And so to-day the names of Dr. Pierce and his medicines are widely known, and they stand for better health and better citizenship.

One of this great physician's most successful remedies is known as Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. These are little, sugar-coated pills, composed of Mayapple, leaves of aloe, root of jalap—things that Nature grows in the ground. These Pellets are safe because they move the bowels gently, leaving no bad after-effects, as so many pills do. Very often they make a person who takes them feel like a new man or woman, for they cleanse the intestines of hard, decayed and poisonous matter that accumulates when one is constive. If you are constipated, by all means go to your druggist and get some of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They may prove to be the very thing your system requires to make you well and happy.

Announcement



The policy of the FORD MOTOR COMPANY to sell its cars for the lowest possible price, constant with dependable quality, is too well known to merit comment.

Therefore, because of present conditions there can be NO CHANGE in the prices of Ford cars.

Runabout	\$500
Touring	525
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Sedan	775
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Ford Motor Company

Let Us Have Your Order Now

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Letters From Our Soldier Boys



Captain R. C. Thaxton, of the U. S. Marines.

From Robert Thaxton

Saint Nazaire, France.
March 3, 1919

Mr. A. P. Polk, Mason, Texas.

Dear Mr. Polk:
I know that this letter will come as a surprise to you, but hope that it will not be an unpleasant one.

A few days ago I met Alf here in Saint Nazaire. To say that I was glad to see him is expressing it mildly. We had a fine visit together, and I have hopes of seeing him again soon. He is in fine health, and looks fine. He and I had a great time talking over old times, such as spelling matches, etc. at Behrens School House, camp meetings at Capps School House, etc. He also spoke of having a letter from Claude, telling of a big wolf chase, and we both wished that we could have been in on it. May be the next time I hit Mason or leave, I will get a chance to go on a real wolf chase. When I was home on my nine day leave last summer, I knew that I was coming over here immediately, so of necessity had to stay close at home, so as to return in case of revocation of my leave.

I have hopes of visiting Mason again next fall, and if I do I will get to see all you folks then.

Don't worry about Alf, for he is getting along fine. He surely is a fine looking soldier, and knows

how to lookout for himself. I know that you feel as proud as you can be of your boys, and you certainly have a right to be proud of them. I am as proud as can be of them and sincerely hope that Frank has entirely recovered from his wounds before this. Alf is somewhat worried over not being able to hear from him, but I feel sure it is only due to lack of correct address. Write cheerful letters to them often.

I was sincerely sorry to hear of Mrs. Miller's death, and deeply sympathize with you in your great bereavement. With kindest regards to all, I am,

Sincerely,
Robt. Thaxton.

From Sylvester Peters

Somewhere in France
February 25, 1919.

Mrs. Julie Peters, Mason, Texas.

My Dear Mother:
I received your letter a few days ago, was glad to hear from you and family. Your letter found me well as usual, and getting along fine, but want to come home. Tonight I am fixing for school which we have here in camp. I received a letter and card from Lizzie a few days ago and it made me feel very good. It is a consolation to me to receive letters from a friend. I haven't been out in town for a while, so very cold and rainy.

No, Mother, I owe you this letter but by working hard every day and tired at night has kept me from writing sooner. I am unable to say when I will sail for home but hope it will be soon. I guess there are many soldiers that have returned to the United States already.

I have never been able to see

TAKES ADKER-I-KA

"I had serious bowel and liver trouble. Lost 50 pounds and could eat only liquid food. Began taking Adler-i-ka and now weigh more than ever. Eat and sleep splendidly." (Signed) George Lafond, Little Falls, Minn.

One dose Adler-i-ka relieves sour stomach, gas and constipation INSTANTLY. Removes ALL foul matter which poisons system. Often CURES constipation. Prevents appendicitis. We have sold Adler-i-ka many years. It is a mixture of buckthorn, cascara, glycerine and nine other simple drugs.
Mason Drug Co.

Mack yet, and would like to find out where he is. Must say that I am glad that sister is up and doing well again. Where does Willie Gipson live and who did he marry? I haven't heard from Sarah in quite a while. If I don't hear from her soon will write her as I don't know if she owes me a letter or I owe her one. Mother give my best regards to Mrs. Mason and family. I will write soon. I must close. Mother continue to pray for me.

Your loving son,
Sylvester Peters.

From Irvin Bellows

Radio Station,
Cayey, P. R.
March 19, 1919

Mrs. W. L. Leslie, Mason, Texas

Dear Grandmother:
Your letter came here about two weeks ago and I came yesterday. I had to wait sixteen days in San Domingo to catch a Porto Rican boat.

Porto Rica has any other country I've ever seen "skinned" a mile for scenery. Ireland was real pretty but nothing like this. We are on the highest part of the island here—something over four thousand feet above the sea. (It is always like a spring day in Texas. Of course down near the coast it is warmer. I came from San Juan on the coast, forty kilometers from here in a motor truck. It took about four hours for the trip as we were going up hill all the time. All kinds of tropical plants grew right along the roadside—coconut palms, banana trees, dates and figs, oranges, bamboo plants and sugar cane grew nearer the coast. Higher up tobacco is seen more than anything else. The whole island is the roughest place I've ever seen. I don't mean rocky there are scarcely any rocks but it looks as though some one had turned ice cream cones up on a plate. The towers of the Radio Station are six hundred and fifty feet high and one can surely get a grand view in any direction from them. (The military road built from San Juan across the island to Fonce is the best I've ever seen anywhere. It was built by the Spaniards before the American occupation. Spain hired Chinese convicts from China to do the work and the statistics show that a "Chinck" died for every foot of the road built.

There are thirty-four Marines here and twenty sailors. We get forty dollars a month each for ration money. We live high on \$25 and save \$15 besides our regular pay. Every three days a person does a four hour watch and that's all we do. This is such an easy post that it is known throughout

the Marine Corps as the "Soldiers Home." I think I will be content to do my remaining fourteen months right here.

You asked me to tell you of a few of my experiences during the war as I have neglected to do so to any extent.

Well, I will begin by saying that I am still peeved because I had to serve with the Navy, because I did want to get to the trenches and stick a few pigs. A great many of us Marines who were on board ship when war broke out were "out of luck" for a transfer as we manned the secondary battery, or the five inch guns, for the Navy did not want to take a chance on training new gun crews. Well, about the time we were ready to "go over" some one who did not relish the idea dropped a monkey wrench in our starboard turbine and we started out with it. Now a turbine is a delicate piece of machinery for all its size, and it wasn't long until we had to send for a tug to tow us back. It took nine months to get it repaired. When we did reach the other side it was the early part of Sept. 1918. Talk about a sick bunch. We were all sick, even to the Captain. We were in a storm all the way over. We were not allowed to use hammocks in the war zone and were on watch just half the time. The sea tore a hatch of the main deck and we had about a foot of water on the lower decks so we couldn't sleep there. I was trying to get a nap on a mess table and was making out fine. But I dreamed that the ship was torpedoed and just at that time we struck an unusually large wave. I was half way up the deck with a life preserver around me before I woke. It was so rough most of the time that nothing could be cooked and most of us were so sea sick that we didn't care to eat any how. But we had all the coffee we wanted to drink and I think everyone stayed partly intoxicated on it. We would drink four or five quarts each on a four hour watch. When we did get to where we could sleep we felt the effects of it or at least I did. I would doze about a minute and then I would nearly jump out of my hammock.

When we reached the other side we established a base at Bantry Bay Ireland and operated from there doing convoy duty and waiting for the German fleet to come out and furnish us with a little target practice. Needless to say we were disappointed. Most of our time "over there" was spent in just about such a fashion as the trip across. We were certainly a salty bunch when we started back.

We were allowed to go ashore in Ireland several times but we were not able to buy a "feed" which is the first thing a man thinks of. We all went on a furlough to London while laying in Weymouth and believe me it was an A No. 1 town to enjoy yourself in. I was there while they were celebrating the Armistice.

Before we started back I got ashore in France for a day. One could see a great difference between the English and Americans due to the stress and anxiety of war; but one could look at the French and see the tale in their faces. They surely suffered.

We brought three hundred convalescent Marines back who had been on the front. It is known to be a fact that the Marines were all that kept the Germans out of Paris. Eight thousand went in the Battle of Chateau T. and six thousand and two hundred suffered wounds. And let me say from my own observation that a Marine ranks Ace High in France. The French were paying a hundred francs each for ornaments from the Marines hats after Chateau Thierry and Belleau Wood.

Well, no one is happier than myself to see the war close but I will always feel like a slacker because I wasn't there.

I've told you about all I know of the war and of Porto Rica too, am going to get a lot of photos of Rico and send them home. Will close, hoping this finds all well.
Irwin L. Bellows.

From Dan Ellebracht

Treves, Germany
March 16, 1919.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ellebracht,

Dear Parents:

Here I am with my pen and paper and will try and drop you all a few lines. I am still well and hope the same with all of you. I am still in Treves Germany with a big bunch of horses in the hospital.

All I get to hear is boys coming home and I hope my day will come soon. Today I went to town. I had a pass so thought I would use it. Everything is getting old and we are not allowed to talk with any civilians at all. If we are caught talking with them they put us in the labor (battalion six months on two-thirds pay as punishment. I had a letter from Arthur Schulze the other day. He is still in Coblanz Germany, and he is getting mail now from home. But I haven't heard from Elio Kothmann for several weeks.

I have been overseas five months

and three days today. My, I have been in the army almost a year, but it seems like three long, long years. If I could talk with all of you I could tell you a godd deal more than I can write as long as I am in the army.

Yesterday's paper stated that all transportation for troops was made until July and not a troop out of Germany. We belong to the 3rd army and the 3rd army is army of occupation which has to stay until peace is signed, and that won't be until sometime in June. So you see we have a long trail ahead of us. I hope that I won't have to spend another Christmas in a box car. Day before yesterday I had a letter from Milton Jordan and he wrote that they were having plenty of rain and also that Frank was back with his discharge.

Sell my horse if you have a chance, for I don't know when I will have a chance to ride him.

We are having spring weather over here and I guess the same thing back in the States.

My best regards to all.

Your son,
Dan Ellebracht.

A News want ad brings about some wonderful results sometimes. Try one and see for yourself.

RED CROSS NOTES

OLD CLOTHES DONATIONS SHOULD INCREASE

The Mason Chapter A. R. C. still has 70 garments that are to be made after giving out 230 garments to individual members, and to auxiliary chapters. (A total of 300 garments were sent here for this chapter and its auxiliaries to make and so far there has been given out the following: Fredonia 60 girls' drawers; Pontotoc 40 girls' drawers; Kamecy 20 women's chemise; Loyal Valley 20 women's chemise; Fly Gap 20 women's chemise; the Mason Chapter retained 140 women's chemise and up to date has given out 70 of them to individual members to sew, leaving 70 more to be given out. The following ladies have taken 5 garments each to make: Mesdames Annie Capps, Bill Leslie, Lyon King, Fred Stengel, S. A. McColium, Chas Bierschlag, Mary Eastman, Albert Metzger, J. W. White, Braezeale O. H. Mebus, W. H. Larimore, C. L. McColium, J. S. King.

If fourteen other ladies will volunteer to help with this sewing and take 5 garments each the entire lot will be given out. It is urgent that these garments be made as soon as possible and turned in as they should all be completed by May 1st. Parties willing to help with this will please phone 184-J.

A short time ago there appeared in the News a call for old clothes to be sent to poor Syrians and Armenians. The people of Mason have not responded to this call as liberally as it has been expected and it is now urged that parties willing to donate any old clothing they have to bundle them up and take the bundle to the store of Larimore & Grote.

Cleaning, pressing and dyeing. Hats cleaned and reblocked. Hensch, The Tailor.

The News' facilities for doing first class job work is unsurpassed. Bring us your orders.

Mr. and Mrs. Eler Reichenau and Mrs. Doyal left Monday for San Antonio in response to a telephone message saying that John Reichenau had been severely injured from a fall sustained while at work in a big creamery in that city. It is said that he was injured internally as well as having broken an arm and received other injuries about the body.

Tan-No-More

THE SKIN BEAUTIFIER



Protects
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Beauty, even skin deep, should be protected and improved. Tan-No-More, the ideal face preparation, does both. It is a sure protection against the beaming sun or blistering wind, and at the same time helps rebuild tissues. It brings to the skin that velvety softness of youth.

Applied to the face before going into the open, Tan-No-More insures full protection against the elements. Used before going out in the evening, it assures a faultless complexion. Thousands of testimonials declare Tan-No-More is superior.

You can have a clear, smooth, attractive skin by using this guaranteed beautifier. Sample for the asking. At toilet counters, 35c, 50c and \$1. Tints, white and flesh.

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We represent one of the best Loan Companies in the State and are in a position to make favorable loans on Mason County Stock Farms and Ranch Lands

Runge & Runge, Agents

ATTENTION!

We are now prepared to do your half-soleing also your tire and tube vulcanizing. We guarantee our work and work at moderate prices. Phone us your wants.

WALKER & WALKER, Mason, Texas.

PROMINENT RED CROSS WORKER IN ENGLAND



Latest photograph to reach this country of Lady Arthur Grosvenor, in the Oakfield House Red Cross hospital, near Chester, England where she has been devoting her time to Red Cross work.

TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF GRAVES OF YANKS

Pictures Sent With War Record to Relatives by the Red Cross.

Mementoes upon which many tears are destined to fall in the years to come are the photographs of American soldiers' graves in Europe that are being taken and sent to the next of kin by the Red Cross.

Beautifully mounted in a cardboard folding frame stamped with the seal of the United States in gold and containing data concerning the dead hero, they will be treasured in thousands of homes.

Most of them will be merely pictures of the simple wooden cross lettered with the soldier's name, which marks every grave where it was possible to identify the body.

These little tokens will probably be the last and only mementoes of near and dear who died in the war abroad. For a feeling is growing that instead of attempting to return the bodies of soldiers, as the army officials promised at first, they who died and were buried in foreign lands should be allowed to rest there as a tremendous and lasting symbol of this union of blood and

THE ACID TEST

The Acid Test of paint is Time.

MASURY PAINT LASTS

We Sell It.

R. GROSSE - MASON

soil of the great alliance that fought to victory. "A soldier's last privilege," said a general of the army, "is to lie where he fell, belonging to the soil he died to defend. The soldiers themselves wished it, to be buried with the English and the French, their comrades in battle."

FLOOD PLAYS JOKE.

Water in a River Moves a Farm and the Stock Upon It.

One of the most remarkable cases of kidnaping ever known in the lower border region of Texas has come to the attention of the United States and Mexican authorities.

Jose Cantu, a peaceful landowner and valley farmer, who has lived all his life in Texas, was bodily transferred to Mexico by a recent rise in the Rio Grande. Along with him went 400 acres of his most productive land and many head of live stock.

Under past decisions of the International boundary commission, the center of the bed of the Rio Grande is the dividing line between the United States and Mexico. The shifting of the course of the erratic river places Mr. Cantu and much of his property on the Mexican side of the stream, and, according to the Mexican authorities, he is now amenable to the law and taxes of that country.

CUB BEAR STARTLES TOWN

Makes Kitchen Look Like It Had Been Hit by Shell.

A cub bear, about ten months old, caused much excitement when it walked into Moose Lake, Minn., and scratched at the back door of a restaurant. The cook thought it was the owner's dog. Her discovery that it was not began a series of activities in the kitchen which could have been equaled only by the bursting of a high-explosive shell.

When the cause of the disturbance was learned the men of the town formed an escort and drove the cub back to its haunts. Bears are protected by law, and for that reason it was not killed.

Auto Knocks Out Street Car.

Street cars are no longer safe on the streets of Springfield, Ill., since an increased popularity of the watch-charm variety of automobiles has made its advent here. One of them recently bumped into a street car and actually knocked it sideways off the track into the street without materially damaging the automobile.

POULTRY WANTED

We are always in the market for poultry and will pay you top prices for fryers, broilers, pullets, hens, roosters, ducks, geese and turkeys. Bring us anything you have in the line of poultry.

Mayhew Produce Co.

I have a lot of Cotton-Seed Oil Cake, which I can make you at a bargain. F. Lange, at O. K. Wagon Yard.

CITY MEAT MARKET

Choicest and best meats possible to obtain. No delivery. Fine light bread also for sale. Pay highest cash price for dry or green hides.

UNVEILING NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that Fort Mason Camp No. 334 W. O. W. will unveil the monument of deceased Sovereign Fred Cavaness at the Coffey Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, April 13. All members are requested to meet at the W. O. W. Hall at 1:30 o'clock, as it is a good distance out there and an early start will be necessary.

Otto Schmidt, Clerk.

PRINCE ALBERT



PLAY the smokegame with a jimmy pipe if you're hankering for a hand-cut for what ails your smokeappetite! For, with Prince Albert, you've got a new listen on the pipe question that cuts you loose from old stung tongue and dry throat worries! Made by our exclusive patented process, Prince Albert is scotfree from bite and parch and hands you about the biggest lot of smokefun that ever was scheduled in your direction!

Prince Albert is a pipkin of a pipe-pal; rolled into a cigarette it beats the band! Get the hint that P. A. is simply everything any man ever longed for in tobacco! You never will be willing to figure up the sport you've clipped-on once you get that Prince Albert quality flavor and quality satisfaction into your smoke-system! You'll talk kind words every time you get on the firing line!

Tippy red bags, tidy red tins, handsome pound and half-pound tin humidors—and that classy, practical pound crystal glass humidor with sponge moisture-top that keeps the tobacco in each perfect condition.

R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Winston-Salem, N. C.

CONGRESS ADDS TO CENSUS WORK

Bureau Prepares to Comply With New Provisions.

TO EMPLOY 100,000 PERSONS

An Addition to Agricultural Schedule Will Show How Many Women Farmers There Are and the Incumbance on All Farms—Some Questions to Be Omitted in This Census—Will Cost \$20,000,000.

The census bureau believes in preparedness. It never entirely demobilizes. Once in ten years it expands suddenly like an army going to war, for a job quite as big in its way that has to be done in 30 days. This is the counting of all the people in this great country, their cousins and their aunts, and the horses, sheep, cows and almost the blades of grass on which such creatures feed.

The fourteenth time for doing all this and more is still months off, but the time is short to do what has to be done to get ready. The task grows in features and details every time it is undertaken. The bureau is working hard on its arrangements to comply with the additions the recent congress has made to its schedules.

One of the first new things in the law is a proviso that in making appointments preference shall be given to honorably discharged soldiers, seamen and marines or their widows if qualified to serve.

Will Employ 100,000 Persons.

There will be a force of about 100,000, including 90,000 enumerators, 4,000 clerks in Washington, and 400 supervisors with a force of special clerks and agents. The cost of taking the census will approximate \$20,000,000. One of the largest of the temporary war buildings in the city has been requisitioned by Secretary Redfield for Samuel L. Rogers, the director of the census, and his staff.

An addition to the agricultural schedule will show how many women farmers there are and the incumbance on all farms. To the old questions whether the house or farm is owned or rented, free or mortgaged, will be added inquiries regarding its value, the amount of the mortgage, if any; the rate of interest, and the object of the debt. Any objection entertained to answering these intimate

questions will be softened and the quiz by the enumerator made a pleasure through use of good advice and illustration by means of films run in the moving picture theaters before the census is begun. One such film probably will show that it is no disgrace to owe a mortgage on a home, since most homes are obtained that way, and that it is a fact a community having the largest number of such mortgages is ever more prosperous than one out of debt.

Another new provision is a schedule to ascertain the amount of land reclaimed by drainage as well as the amount improved by irrigation alone, which was covered last time. It will include the crops produced on reclaimed land, the location and character of the enterprise and the capital invested. The data which may result is expected to be a revelation to the people at large.

Some Questions to Be Omitted.

The unsatisfactory data obtained ten years ago by inquiries regarding the kind of timber on farms, the enumeration of Union and Confederate soldiers and the unemployment of citizens in general, has led to their abandonment. There will, however, be a census of forestry and forest products. A census will be taken also of Guam, Samoa and the Panama canal zone, but not of the Philippines, as that government will take a census of its own this year.

The 1910 federal census began April 15. The 1920 census will start on January 1, as a date better suited to ascertain the crop yield of the preceding season and, particularly in the South, because it is a time prior to the general change in farm tenancy and before the breeding season of domestic animals. It is also a date when most "city folks" are at home and travel is at its lowest volume. It is expected that within two weeks all places of 2,500 inhabitants will have been canvassed. What is known as the "hand count" will begin about January 15 and bulletins announcing the population of cities soon will follow. Washington's probably will be the first because the District of Columbia is closest at hand.

According to Director Rogers dummy population schedules as now prepared, 30 questions will be asked of each individual or some one representing him. There also are agricultural, industrial and other schedules with extensive questionnaires, and these are being studied in the light of experience in preceding national counts. The chief work now is in arranging for the tabulation of this immense amount of highly specialized information. It will be done by machinery so much improved over that used ten years ago that the work will approach the miraculous.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Missionary Society held their regular monthly program at the home of Mrs. Lamar Thaxton Tuesday afternoon. The subject studied was, The Wesley House. The leader, Mrs. James Lemburg, after reading a psalm of praise gave some facts on prayer and service to God. She spoke also of the promise in the passage "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths."

After a song by the society, Mrs. Sam McColtum led in prayer. Mrs. Ery Hamilton gave us some of the problems confronting us in the large cities and said that two thirds of our people were unchurched and indifferent. The Centenary proposes to help change these conditions.

Mrs. William Splittgerber told us of the work done by the Wesley Houses in ministering to the needs of the poor and foreigners in our cities. Some of the results of this work was read by Mrs. Harvey Land. She said the Woman's Missionary Society maintains fifteen settlements in our cities.

What the Centenary proposes to do for these people, was read by the members.

Mrs. Gene Murray read an interesting story of the problems of the workers at the Wesley House.

All present enjoyed the sweet music from the Edison.

Mrs. William Splittgerber and Mrs. John Banks were elected delegates to the annual meeting in Austin April 15-18.

Our society is striving this year to get on the Honor Roll. One of the requirements is that an average of half the members be present at these monthly meetings. A number of our members were absent most to the disappointment of the hostesses and others. God requires a stewardship of our time as well as our means. Let us render to Him His just dues, and not grow careless in our obligations to our society, which is one of the strong arms of our church.

The hostess, assisted by Mesdames Gene Murray and George, served delicious refreshments to the following ladies: Mesdames Murray, McColtum, Hamilton, Bynum, Metzger, Harvey Land, Will Land, Otto Schmidt, Schroeder, Will Zesch, Allen Murray, James Lemburg, William Splittgerber, Calvin Thaxton, Banks, and Miss Mackie Leslie.



Then-and Now

FOUR hundred years ago, in the Forest of Arden, a young girl played on a harp. A man reclined before her enraptured by the music she made. Suddenly she stopped and the man exclaimed in ecstasy, "If music be the food of love, play on."

Very differently today, we hear our music. It is different music too, as far above the music that held Orlando spell-bound, as the tones of the great modern orchestra are above those of Rosalind's simple harp. Small wonder is it then that we too are enthralled.

No one today can find opportunity to hear all the marvelous music the world has to offer. Except in one way. It has all been created for

The NEW EDISON

"The Phonograph with a Soul"

And the New Edison will Re-CREATE it for you, in your home whenever you, like Orlando, bid it "play on."

MASON DRUG CO.

Dr. McCollum made a trip to San Antonio last week returning home on Saturday.

Mesdames J. W. White and J. W. Gamel made a round trip to Brady last Tuesday taking Mrs. Schaege home who had been visiting with Mrs. White for a couple weeks.

Thompson Re-elected Chicago's Mayor.
Chicago, Ill.—Mayor William Hale Thompson, republican, was re-elected Tuesday in one of the most exciting political struggles the city ever witnessed. The city voted "wet" by a sweeping majority.

To Protect Poker Game.
In addition to a "kitty," a coterie of poker players in Cooper street, Atlanta, Ga., had employed two bulldogs for protection against the likelihood of a police raid.

She Does Family Hunting.
Because her two sons are soldiers in France, Mrs. Mary Cadell of Springfield, Mass., did the family hunting this year. She went into the woods with a gun and came back with a doe weighing 100 pounds.

We have a nice line of crockery ware. City Grocery Co

GOVERNOR SIGNS SCHOOL LAND AND OTHER BILLS

Signature Put to Inheritance Tax Collection Measure—Metallic Mineral Mining Bill Vetoed.

Austin, Tex.—Governor Hobby signed several bills Friday. He has cleared his desk of nearly all the bills which reached him during the closing days of the regular session.

The governor Friday signed senate bill 127, which provides that after September 1, 1919, state school lands shall be sold without requiring actual settlement. Through the years, when there was agricultural land for sale, the state required actual settlement, a three-year residence on the land, except where it was detached and isolated from other school land. Only arid extreme western lands remain for sale, hence the removal of the occupancy clause.

House bill 614, validating school land sales made on March 3, 1896, was signed.

Governor Hobby Friday approved senate bill 312, which changes the method of collecting inheritance taxes. At present the controller collects the inheritance taxes. Under the new law it will be done by county attorneys, cooperating with other county officers. The controller, by paying a percentage, had collected more inheritance taxes for the state in two years than had previously been collected in ten years. However, the legislature has changed the system of collection.

Governor Hobby's veto Friday fell on senate bill 186, by Senator Dudley of El Paso, a general mining law to encourage the mining of metallic minerals and invoking the federal law on that subject. The governor said he disapproved the measure because it limits the compensation allowed the state to \$250 per acre for minerals other than oil, coal, gas and lignite. He approves the purpose of the bill, however, and will submit the subject to the special session of the legislature.

Austin, Tex.—Governor Hobby Tuesday signed senate bill No. 36, creating a new state depository system and requiring that all state funds be kept at interest in banks, except the cash needed for current payments by the state treasurer; also, that state departments deposit their receipts daily. The law became effective at once, and the state depository board now consists of the commissioner of Insur-

ance and banking, the attorney general and the state treasurer. The members met Tuesday and formally organized by electing George W. Briggs, commissioner of insurance and banking, as chairman, while State Treasurer John W. Baker is made secretary by the terms of the new law. Under the old law the state treasurer was chairman.

As soon as the organization was completed the board asked the attorney general for an opinion construing the new law in its various phases. It is declared unworkable in some instances under present conditions, there not being one dollar of appropriation for its enforcement.

As a result of no funds Mr. Baker will not attempt to push the adoption of the new depositories, but will take advantage of its provision to wait for aid from the special session next June. It provides that bids shall be had in not less than thirty days, and the attorney general advised that Mr. Baker could take a reasonable time beyond that minimum. Since he has no funds to pay clerks he will ask for bids to be opened about June 20 and take a day or two to make computations.

The legislature is expected to meet June 16 or 17 and Mr. Baker hopes it will at once give him the necessary clerical assistance to enforce the new law properly. In the meantime two men who are willing to take a chance on getting their money from the legislature, as well as waiting for it, will be put to work by Mr. Baker carrying out the provisions of the law. They voluntarily offered to take the chance.

In the meantime the state funds to the amount of \$8,200,000 are invested in United States treasury certificates bearing 4 1/2 per cent per annum and \$900,000 in eighteen state depositories yielding an average of 4.79 per cent. The latter have contracts until March 1, 1921, and funds can not be taken from them to be deposited in banks selected under the new law.

Governor Hobby also signed house bill 605, providing for the consolidation of school districts in Travis and Williamson counties adjacent to Pflugerville, Travis County.

Forty Million Dollars for Highways.
Austin, Tex.—The state highway department estimates that \$40,000,000 will be available within the next eighteen months for road construction in Texas. Sixteen counties have voted road bond issues for \$7,000,000 and thirty-two other counties will soon vote on bond issues aggregating \$33,000,000.

Estimate of Rice Crop Loss.
Beaumont, Tex.—A conservative estimate of the total losses by the rice farmers in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas by the excessively wet fall and winter is placed at from 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 bags. These figures are arrived at by computing the mill runs, adding the rough rice on hand and estimating rice possibly in the hands of farmers not yet placed on the market. The total of these items is nearly 2,000,000 bags behind the government's estimate last fall of what the yield would be.

A News want ad brings about some wonderful results sometimes. Try one and see for yourself.

COULDN'T CLOSE JAWS.

Giri Starts College Yell and Doesn't Finish It.

When Miss Margaret McCarthy, seventeen years of age, a pretty basketball player of Ponca high school opened her mouth to "root" for Ponca after a game in South Sioux City, Ia., she suddenly screamed with pain and found herself unable to close her jaws.

Miss McCarthy's companions discovered that she had dislocated the left side of her jaw. She was taken to a nearby drugstore and anesthetics were applied. Dr. W. Z. Earl replaced the jaw in its proper position.

Although Miss McCarthy said she preferred to do without anesthetics, Doctor Earl overruled her protest. "Rah! rah! rah! Ponca!" were the words which dislocated Miss McCarthy's jaw.

Plan to Get Auto Thieves.

An insurance agency at Beardstown, Ill., has a new scheme for apprehending automobile thieves. Policemen are advised to write the numbers of reported stolen cars in indelible ink on their wrists. Then as machines go by, the agency points out, they can be on the alert for missing cars by comparing the numbers.

The Kid and the Pepper.

When the Woodfield (O.) schools reopened after an epidemic of the "flu" had passed it was decided to send all pupils home who showed any signs of the disease. Sneezing is one of the first symptoms.

Half a dozen boys were sent home before the teacher found a pepper box.

I have a barrel of nice keg pickles which I am selling out at 75 cents per gallon.

J. J. Johnson.

VINOL REMOVES THE CAUSE OF CHRONIC COUGHS

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Lagrange, N. C.—"For years I suffered with a chronic cough, so I could not sleep nights and continued to lose flesh. My druggist asked me to try Vinol. It cured my cough, I can sleep nights and have gained twelve pounds. Vinol is the best tonic and tissue builder I have ever taken."—W. D. Ben, Lagrange, N. C.
We guarantee Vinol for chronic coughs, colds and bronchitis. Not a patent medicine. Formula on every bottle. Your money back if it fails. Mason Drug Co. and Druggists Everywhere.

Ed Smith is having a new coat of paint added to his pretty residence in the west part of town. He is dressing it up for spring and summer.

LAUNDRY.

I represent the Texas Steam Laundry of San Antonio and solicit your business. All work first class. Basket leaves every Tuesday.

Hensch, The Tailor.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reichenau are the proud parents of a fine baby girl which made its arrival Tuesday morning of this week. Reports are that mother and babe are both doing nicely.

BARBER NOTICE.

I am now owner of the Holmes King barber shop and ask a liberal share of your patronage. Give me a trial.

Harry Pluenecke.

A big fire at Ranger, Texas a few days ago destroyed something like a million dollars worth of property. There being two business blocks destroyed.

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FOR SALE—Registered Merino Buck, type h.

Wm. Kruse, Katy, Tex.

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Now shipping leading varieties Sweet Potatoes, Tomatoes, Post-paid, 500-\$2.00, 1000-\$3.50; Hot and Sweet Peppers, Eggplant, Beets 500-\$2.50, 1000-\$4.75; Cabbage Bermuda Onions, 500-\$1.25, 1000-\$2.00. Write or wire for Catalog and wholesale prices. Order early and notify us when to ship.

LIBERTY PLANT COMPANY, Crystal City, Tex.

FOR SALE—My residence near the Christian church, has 4 large rooms and a hall. Have good well and windmill with water piped all over the place. Place consists of about one-half acre. Apply to Albert Pries, Mason, Texas.

FURNISHED ROOMS—For rent Apply to Mrs. McDougall.

STRAYED OR LOST—From the Behrens pasture on the Llano river, a red and white spotted 2 year old heifer. Branded bar seven on left hip; marked overbit the right and underbit the left. Reasonable reward.

Oscar Behrens.

MY RESIDENCE FOR SALE.

Seven rooms, cellar and laundry room, good well, large underground cistern, good outbuildings, about three quarters acre of ground.

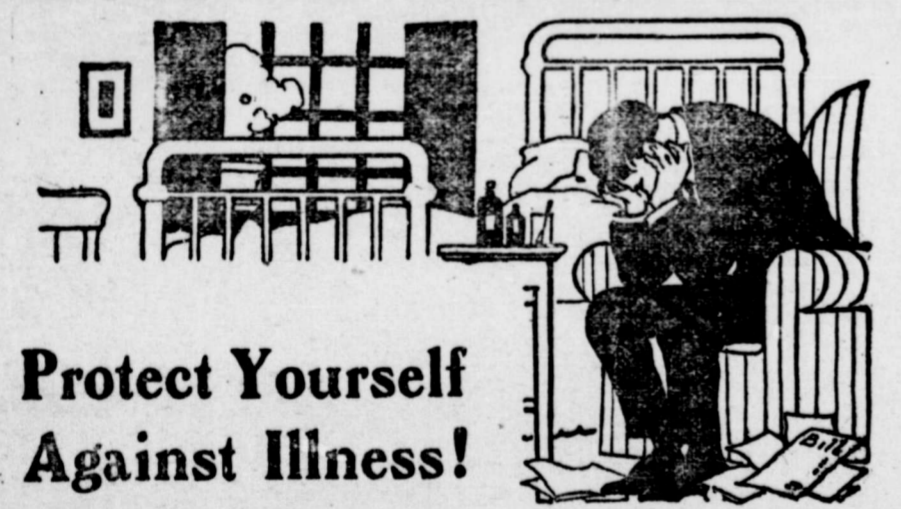
Belle W. Bridges.

FOR SALE—Have a few full blooded Duroc Jersey Boars for sale. Inquire of Wm. Willmann.

BULLS—I have some good young registered Hereford Bulls for sale.

Best of quality and in splendid condition. All 2 years old and past. If interested see or ring me.

Elgin O. Kothmann.



Protect Yourself Against Illness!

You may be enjoying the best of health today. There may come a siege of illness. ARE YOU PREPARED FOR IT?

Doctor's bills and enforced idleness are expensive. When you have a bank account you are prepared to combat illness.

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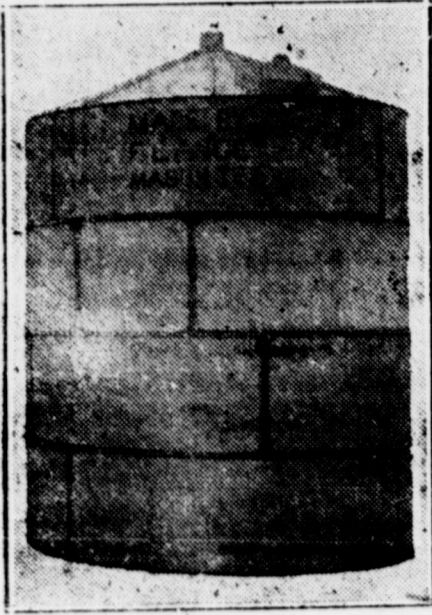
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PAST MONTH SHOWS NEW PRODUCTION IN OIL FIELDS

Petroleum Taken Out in State For the Month Was 7,084,759 Barrels.

Houston, Tex.—March was a month of new records in the production of petroleum in Texas during which approximately 7,084,759 barrels of oil

were produced, with Central Texas taking the lead from South Texas.

The month was a month of sensations, big wells in new territory and also of good wells in old territory. At one time during March Texas production exceeded the production of Oklahoma by over 10,000 barrels a day, although the daily average for the month in Texas fell below the daily average of Oklahoma by 3,000 to 4,000 barrels.

During the month of March there were 237 completions in the oil fields in the North Texas district in the vicinity of Wichita Falls with an initial production of 38,829 barrels. Of the total number of completions 195 of the wells were producers, while 42 were failures. During the month of February with only twenty-eight days there were 135 completions in the district with 111 of the wells producers and 24 abandonments. The initial production in February was 29,050 barrels, against 38,829 barrels in March with its thirty-one days.

The wells in the Burkburnett field showed a decline during the first part of March and caused a decline in the field's production in March. The last two weeks the field showed an increase over the previous two weeks. The decline is largely chargeable to the bad weather late in February and early in March and also to the careless treatment of some of the wells. As soon as the well owners realized just what was happening they cleaned out their wells, gave them proper attention and in many instances increases were noted. There was little of note in the Burkburnett field during the past month, as the completions did not widen the field to any extent.

A decline was also noted in the Electra field on account of the small number of completions and there was one completion worth of special mention among the North Texas wildcats.

During March almost 2,600,000 barrels of crude were produced in the Wichita Falls district with a market value of close to \$5,000,000. Practically all of the production is being sold at \$2.25 plus a bonus of 5c to 15c a barrel.

Lamar Thaxton

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to this inquiry, the officers would loan more money on farms where buildings were painted than where they were not so treated. This bank also finds that where houses, barns and fences are well taken care of the farm is a profitable proposition, and bankers in general consider the farmer a good client. Another Michigan bank says "farm buildings out of repair and needing paint indicate that the owner is slow pay." Such farms are rated at about one-third of the assessed value for loans. Where the farm buildings are in good shape the rating is one-half. The president of a middle western bank says that when real estate loans are considered, painted buildings are always taken into consideration in making an estimate. The general appearance of the property surrounding the house and barn and also the fields and fences would be carefully observed. He further says that he has no hesitancy in saying that he would absolutely refuse a loan on farms where the buildings were not kept up and well painted. In his judgment, unpainted farm buildings would reduce the loan value at least 25 per cent.

A Minnesota banker says that he is much more willing to loan money where the buildings are well painted. In his particular case he believes that he would loan 20 per cent. more than if the buildings were not properly taken care of. A farmer who will keep his buildings painted takes a much deeper interest in his work than one who does not. Another Minnesota bank says that well painted buildings have resulted in securing from his bank sometimes as high as 25 per cent. more money than where the buildings are not painted. An Ohio concern says that it will loan 25 per cent. more money on a well kept farm where buildings are painted at least once every five years. A southern Illinois bank says that it has no fixed rule about this, but it does make a decided difference when owners of farm lands apply for loans. If the buildings are well painted and thus well preserved the loan rate would not only be cheaper, but the amount of money borrowed would be larger. A northern Illinois bank does not hesitate to say that it would loan fully 50 per cent. more on a farm where buildings were well painted and in good order than where they were not. The vice president, who answers the inquiry, goes on to say: "There probably are many farmers good financially and morally who permit their buildings to remain unpainted, but as a rule the most substantial people who live in the country keep their buildings well painted."

An Iowa bank, through its vice president, states that it would make a difference of at least 25 per cent. in favor of the farm with painted buildings. Another Iowa concern says that it would make a difference of at least 20 per cent.

All this being true, it is perfectly evident that it is a good business proposition to keep the farm buildings well painted. They not only look better and are more pleasing to the owner, but the farm would sell to better advantage, the loan value of the property would be greatly increased and the buildings themselves would last much longer and need less repair.—The American Agriculturist.

PAINT AND ILLITERACY.
Curious Fact Comes to Light That Localities Least Using Books Avoid Paint Also.

Washington, D. C.—A curious fact has been brought to light by the Educational Bureau and the Bureau of Industrial Research here. It is that in the states where illiteracy is most prevalent paint is least used. The paint referred to is the common or barn variety, of course, for the backwoods countries have no need for the finer pigments or facial adornments. It is true, though, that in the sections of all states where white illiteracy is highest painted homes are rare and painted outbuildings and barns are practically unknown. Probably the illiterates do not use paint on their buildings because they do not understand its value as a preservative.

KEEPING BOYS HAPPY WHILE "MARKING TIME"

Knights of Columbus and Other War Service Organizations on Job.

As the big American army in France awaits the welcome order to embark on its homeward journey the problem of morale grows apace. To keep the boys in even a semblance of contentment while "marking time" either in the army of occupation in Germany or in camps throughout France is the present big undertaking of all war service organizations. It is now, as never before since America entered the war, that every effort is being put forth by those who have been charged with the duty of disbursing the big fund of

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The Knights of Columbus, like all other organizations, is using every man and every dollar to its fullest capacity. In many sections of the country little is known of the activity of the K. of C. in France. This has been due largely to the fact that more attention has been paid to actual endeavor than to telling about it.

Briefly, the advent of the Knights of Columbus into the big things of this war was almost accidental, yet in actual result, its endeavors have borne fruit consistent with long preparation.

A group of men was sent with the pioneer troops to France. Chaplains were furnished. Of the work of these men much has been said and written. Many of them have been mentioned in official orders for bravery, several were severely wounded, and some have been decorated.

As the American public responded with generous enthusiasm to the general call for funds to provide comfort for the men overseas, the K. of C. work was broadened. Everywhere, at the very front line trenches, secretaries were present to supply absolutely free, chocolate, cigarettes, hot refreshment and moral encouragement. The individual gifts of the organization during the last two months of the fighting totaled over \$9,000,000.

When the armistice was signed the work did not cease. Rather it has increased until today the personnel in France is inadequate to meet the demand upon its facilities.

HAS LOTS OF MEDALS.

Won by Him in the Course of an Athletic Career.

If John Holloway, Knights of Columbus general secretary at Fort Riley, Kan., had been ordered overseas for service, it would have required an additional vessel to transport his athletic medals and trophies. Mr. Holloway has a collection of more than a thousand of them, won during a strenuous career of 14 years as an amateur athlete.

He signaled his entry into the athletic world in Ireland, at the age of sixteen, when he broke the world's pole-vaulting record. He continued to break records and win meets in Ireland and England until 1902, when, shortly before coming to the United States, he entered a big meet at Birkhead Park, England, and won nine firsts out of nine events entered.

Arriving in America, he affiliated himself with the Irish-American club of New York. In the Olympic games of 1904 Holloway lost the all-around athletic championship of the world on points, but won more events than his successful opponent. In 1906, representing the St. Louis Athletic club, he won the American all-around championship.

Before coming to Fort Riley, Mr. Holloway was a K. of C. director at Camp Bowie and Tallferro field. He is a district superintendent of an insurance company in civil life.

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The News is prepared to take care of all kinds of job printing and can handle the big jobs as well as the smaller ones in a manner which is unsurpassed.

Max Willmann has been exhibiting a piece of shell from one of the big French guns which was sent him by his brother Frank. Frank made a couple of belt buckles from part of the shell and Max is now sporting one of the buckles on his belt.

BULLS—I have some good young registered Hereford Bulls for sale. Best of quality and in splendid condition. All 2 years old and past. If interested see or ring me.
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Why not dye that straw hat? We have a complete assortment of colors—Mason Drug Co.

PROSPECTS FOR AN OIL MILL FOR FREDERICKSBURG.

Mr. John W. Kothmann of San Antonio who has just finished a fine cement dipping vat at the depot stock yards of Fredericksburg, in company with other men is planning to erect a cotton and peanut oil mill on land close to the stock yards, as soon as conditions will permit. Such a mill will be an important business enterprise for our town and county, and we hope the project will soon be making facilities—Fredericksburg Standard

TO CATTLEMEN

It is a very evident fact that by mixing your own Dip, you can save money, as the ready prepared Dip is much more expensive.

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F. Lange.

Henderson Doell, of the U. S. Navy, came in last Sunday on a 72 hour shore leave while his ship, The Hancock, was at New Orleans and he took advantage of this leave to visit home. He left here Tuesday morning. Henderson stated that he and his brother Chas., who is also in the Navy but stationed at Panama, met for the first time since their enlistment about six weeks ago. Their meeting was accidental and occurred on the streets of Panama as the two were strolling around. Henderson says that their meeting was certainly a pleasant surprise to them both.

Tell the News the news.
Mrs. Mike J. Jennings and little daughter were here a few days the past week from Fredonia visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Meous.

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