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BUILDING AND GROUNDS BEING PREPARED FOR SCHOOL OPENING

Isaac McWilliams, the school janitor for the coming year, is busy cleaning the buildings. The entire supply of text books are to be disinfected, all seats and desks scrubbed, windows cleaned, floors oiled and disinfected. It is the aim of the school board to have school begin in buildings at least sanitary. The janitor is employed on a full time basis, and it is the intention of the board that he keep the buildings thoroughly clean, and also keep the grounds in good condition. The full time janitor will prevent the necessity of children being sent out into the weather to bring in wood.

Besides cleaning the buildings, Mr. McWilliams is going to clean off the school grounds, cutting, raking, and burning weeds and grass burrs. Even if most of the grass burrs drop off and are not burned, the fact that they are on the ground will insure their being soon trodden under the ground or broken up. The board hopes to eliminate the spectacle that attracted the attention of the high school supervisor last year, namely, groups of children sitting around at each recess picking grass burrs out of their feet and off their stockings.

Superintendent, P. A. Bennett announces that all new books needed for this session, except those to be bought by pupils, have already arrived. Other school supplies have been ordered and will be here in ample time for the opening of school. He feels sure that the inconvenience formerly experienced on account of lack of books will be avoided this year. One of the aims of the Free Text Book Law was to place the proper books in the hands of every child that attended school. The failure of the law to accomplish this and the failure to properly disinfect books have been the chief sources of dissatisfaction with the law.

Mrs. Rattie Crawford and son, Richard, expect to leave the latter part of the week for their home in El Paso, after a visit of several months in Mason among relatives and friends.

The many Mason friends of Mr. Ransom Capps, better known as "Grandpa" Capps, is reported to be critically ill at the home of his daughter in San Antonio. Mr. Capps is said to be past 95 years of age. He is the father of Sam Capps, Sr. and J. S. Capps of this place.

Hon. G. F. Hurley, of the Katy section, is reported critically ill. It is stated he was stricken with paralysis the latter part of last week, since which time his condition has been considered precarious.

Miss Jesse Lemburg and brother, Frederick, left Sunday for their home in San Antonio, after a pleasant visit in Mason with their grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Leslie.

Dan Lehmburg and family spent a couple days visiting in Junction and Menard this week.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hofmann is reported ill with diphtheria. Dr. D. B. Beach is attending the child and we are informed it is getting along nicely, although its condition is still considered serious.

Rev. J. T. Tracy and little daughter came Tuesday from Junction, where they had been for a couple weeks, visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tracy. After a short visit in Mason among friends they will leave for their home at Bastrop. Rev. Tracy's local friends will be pleased to learn that his visit to this section has benefited his health to some extent.

It is reported that one of the Mogford children living in the Erna section was bitten by a dog a few days ago, but it is not known whether the dog carried hydrophobia.

J. W. Leslie returned home Sunday from San Antonio, where he had been for several weeks, visiting his daughter, Mrs. Will Lemburg, and family.

W. G. WESTBROOK DIED MONDAY IN MENARD COUNTY

The News has just learned of the death of Mr. W. G. Westbrook, better known here as "Uncle Gabe", whose death is said to have occurred at the home of his brother, Tom Westbrook, in Menard county last Monday morning. It is said that the remains were brought back to his old home at Grif for interment. The funeral services being held Tuesday morning at ten o'clock.

The News regrets very much to learn of this esteemed old gentleman's death and the bereaved relatives have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF GRASS SWEEP BY FIRE LAST MONDAY

Last Monday, about noon, a number of people on the streets in Mason noticed smoke rising above the hills in the southwestern portion of the county, and upon phoning to Mill Creek Ranch, it was learned the pasture of Jeffers just south of J. W. White's ranch was on fire. Several men at once started to the scene to offer their aid in suppressing the flames. Several men from that section were there fighting the fire and with the assistance of the men from town, the fire was under control by late in the afternoon. The fire was almost entirely confined to the mountains and destroyed approximately six thousand acres of grass and brush. The territory covered by the fire was about two miles wide and four miles long, covering almost the entire range of the eastern end of the Blue Mountains.

There was no positive evidence as to how the fire was started, but is the supposition of men of that section, that the fire originated through carelessness on the part of a Mexican sheep herder.

We know there are quite a number of homes in the county that do not receive the weekly visits of the NEWS. We are now making a very liberal trial offer to those who are not subscribers. Why remain without the home paper or read your neighbor's paper when you have an opportunity of becoming a regular reader on such liberal terms as are now being extended by the NEWS?

T. O. Reardon and family are in Mason stopping at the home of Mr. Jacob Schuessler, an uncle to Mrs. Reardon. Mr. Reardon formerly resided in El Paso, but is here with view of locating. He would like to lease a small stock farm in our county and in all probability will engage in stock raising and farming.

The News is informed that Mr. Frank Bickenbach, formerly of Mason and recently of Fort Worth, has moved to San Antonio and in company with Roy Baird, has gone into the drug business.

S. C. Brockman returned home Tuesday from Houston, where he spent a few days visiting the family of Austin Leslie. It will be remembered that Mr. Leslie has been critically ill for several weeks and Mr. Brockman says his condition is still considered very dangerous and little hope for his recovery is being held. Mr. Brockman stated that he felt as though he has a chance for recovery, although physicians are very much in doubt. The cause of his illness is said to be heart trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes King and children and his mother, Mrs. Nora King, spent a few days in Kerrville this week with relatives and friends and took advantage of the opportunity to take the fair.

The little son of Prof. and Mrs. P. A. Pennett had the misfortune of breaking his arm just above the wrist one day last week when he attempted to jump off the front porch at the Bennett home. Dr. Baze set the broken member and we are informed the little fellow is getting along splendidly.

The fire alarm was given Monday shortly after noon and inquiry brought out the fact that some clothes in the smoke house at C. H. Garrett's residence had caught fire. It is supposed that mice gnawing on the clothing, ignited some matches left in one of Mr. Garrett's suits. The fire boys turned out and made short work of the fire.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO FARMER AND RANCH- MAN BY CO. AGENT

In continuance of mention made last week in regard to the sick cattle we have been vaccinating, we are sorry to report that, as a whole, the cattle vaccinated do not show any improvement.

We have written to the State Live Stock Sanitary Commission asking them to send us an investigator or to assist us in some way to stop this disease. Should anything favorable develop we will keep you posted through these columns.

We have been asked to cull several flocks of chickens in the last week, among them Mr. Richard Durs's flock. After culling them we had left Mr. Durs' first four out of some twenty hens. Mr. Durs had complained that he fed his chickens all they would eat but had only gotten three to five eggs per day. Had he culled them earlier he would have saved feed and probably have had as many eggs anyway. He has agreed to sell his culled and get some better chickens for next year.

If you have not disposed of your rooster do so now, as the hens will lay as well and the eggs keep much better. Why feed him when you will not need him next spring.

Pooling Farm Bureau Cotton Seed
This office has received a letter from Mr. Walton Peetee in regard to the pooling and marketing of the cotton seed belonging to the members of the Farm Bureau.

To get the necessary information for same it will be necessary for every member of the Farm Bureau to send me a list of the amount of seed, time he can deliver same and, whether or not he is in favor of pooling the seed for selling.

The cotton seed does not have to be sold through the Farm Bureau but they will furnish us with a free market report and assist us in selling without any charge.

It is suggested that we get some local ginner to act as agent in collecting this seed for us.

If you are in favor of pooling, answer the questions above and send a list of same to this office.

Saving Cowpeas.
At this time, when the peas are ripe and before you turn the hogs in on them, there are two things to be considered. First, have you gathered a surplus for seed and eating purposes, and, secondly, it may pay well to gather a few to sell.

We ordered 25,000 pounds for the farmers of Llano last year that cost them an average of 61¢ per pound. Peas at this price will make more money than cotton, so be sure you will have some to sell for next year.

Beans, peas, etc., can be stored conveniently in an air tight barrel or tub. These should be filled to within a few inches of the top and then pour one-half cup of carbon bisulphid. Then cover the top with two thicknesses of wrapping paper tied tight around the top. They should be examined two or three times a year and if weevils are found the process should be repeated. This treatment does not affect the seed for planting. Its disagreeable odor passes away after seeds fumigated have been aired and in no way affects them for eating purposes.

W. I. MARSCHALL,
Demonstration Agent.

MASON COUNTY COTTON STATIS- TICS

For the benefit of our readers we are herewith publishing the cotton statistics for the county for the years 1916 to 1920 inclusive. The statistics are taken from a bulletin issued by the census bureau at Washington and can be taken as reliable information. The figures give the total number of bales of cotton ginned in Mason county each year:

1916—3,076; 1917—1,552; 1918—980;
1919—4,809; 1920—3,945.

Dr. P. A. Baze reports one of the children of Joe Brown sick with diphtheria.

OPERATIONS TO START AT THE LINDSAY MINES THIS WEEK

The News is informed that Mr. Paul Sheridan, of Burnett county, who recently purchased the mining interest on the A. J. Lindsay ranch a few miles west of Mason, was here this week and gave out the statement that he had a crew of men at work and is preparing to begin active operations at mining the copper ore on his two hundred acre lease immediately. It is said he will only operate on a small scale until more favorable weather is had; it being too hot and dry to make much headway at present.

BAPTIST REVIVAL CLOSED SUN- DAY—A DECIDED SUCCESS

The Baptist revival which closed out Sunday night was a great success in many respects.

First, the general line of sermons which Bro. Morgan delivered were of the highest order. They were edifying, inspiring and uplifting to the Christian.

Second, they were sharp and heart-searching to the unsaved. He hit sin with a tremendous blow, yet retained in his heart the deepest love and sympathy for the unsaved.

The singing was a great feature in the meeting. Bro. Hensley knows the flock it is done with, and succeeded in getting everybody to take part, both young and old. His solos and selections were in perfect harmony with the sermons, and added much to their power.

The visible results were fifteen additions to the church, seven being by letter and eight by baptism. Others were converted who did not join.

We feel sure that the coming of those men into our town will prove a blessing in the years to come. We thank the Lord for sending them our way. And as they have gone from us to other fields of labor, we pray that God will continue to bless and prosper them in their great work.

W. H. GAGE.

The season for killing doves opens on the first of September, unless some sort of change has been made in the law without our knowing it. The changes in the hunting laws and seasons for killing various game have been so frequent the past few years that hardly anyone could be certain when a season opens and closes without the aid of a late edition of the game laws.

Will Bratton was in Mason a few days this week from his home in the Rochelle community. Mr. Bratton states that crops in McCulloch county are turning out mighty bad, but he believes the cotton is slightly better there than in Mason county.

Emmett Bratton returned Saturday from Austin, where he had carried his 12-year old son, Ted, who had been bitten by a pole cat. Mrs. Bratton and son remained in Austin, where the little fellow will be under treatment for a period of twenty-one days. Mr. Bratton carried with him the head of a polecat, which he killed underneath the house, and which is presumed to be the same as the one which bit the boy. The director of the Pasteur institute declared the cat showed every evidence of having had hydrophobia. He stated further, that these animals are never known to attack people unless they are suffering from hydrophobia. Quite frequently parties are scratched or bitten by cats which they have cornered, or while trying to get them out of a hollow log, but these cats rarely, if ever, show signs of hydrophobia. Mr. Bratton says that a majority of the patients at the Pasteur institute appeared under treatment for injuries inflicted by house cats.—Brady Standard.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Land went to San Antonio last week to take their little daughter, Benellen, for examination by a specialist. The child has been sick for some time.

Mason County stockmen are now shipping their cattle to Fort Worth from Menard, instead of via Brady. This procedure is occasioned by the Brady stock yards being quarantined.

With wars quoted at 350 billions each we ought to make our old one do for a few centuries.

PUGET SOUND TO GULF HIGHWAY ASS'N WILL MEET SEPTEMBER 2

Attorney Carl Runge of this city, who is Secretary-Treasurer of the Texas Division of the Puget Sound to Gulf Highway Association, has issued a statement to the effect that Fredericksburg will entertain the annual convention of the Puget Sound to Gulf Highway Association on September 2nd.

This will be the first time Fredericksburg will have been honored with this meeting, and judging by the manner in which this city is taking matters in hand, it will be the most successful meet this association ever held. Various committees of the local Chamber of Commerce are making unusual preparations to entertain the visitors in a most typical way.

Although the business meeting will take up only one day, the people of Fredericksburg have planned a big outing to the Enchanted Rock, a 160 acre solid granite dome over 500 feet high, located 16 miles north of the town on a site rich in Indian legends, where a big free barbecue will be given to the visitors on Saturday, September 3rd. Arranging to stay over and take in this unique celebration.

Everybody go! Help make this convention the best one in the history of the Association. Take your families—special entertainments will be given the ladies. First: business meeting, then military band concert, dancing, barbecue, etc. Get in touch with the local officers and let them report the number of delegates going. If you want to keep this highway you should help "boost it up." Free camping grounds provided for those who wish to camp out.

Take your kodak and field glasses.

FARMERS ARE PRIVILEGED TO MARKET THEIR COTTON NOW

Below is reproduced the contents of a letter which was received Wednesday by County Agent, W. I. Marschall. The letter will be of interest to farmers who have signed up with the cotton marketing Association. Here is the letter which is self-explanatory:

"Yours of the 19th to Secretary Moser received. Mr. Moser is absent in Washington to execute contract with the War Finance Corporation for making advances on cotton. I am enclosing copy of a circular letter which explains the present status of the Association.

"You are correct in your understanding that members are at liberty to sell cotton ready for market, up to the time the Association is ready to begin receiving cotton and making advances.

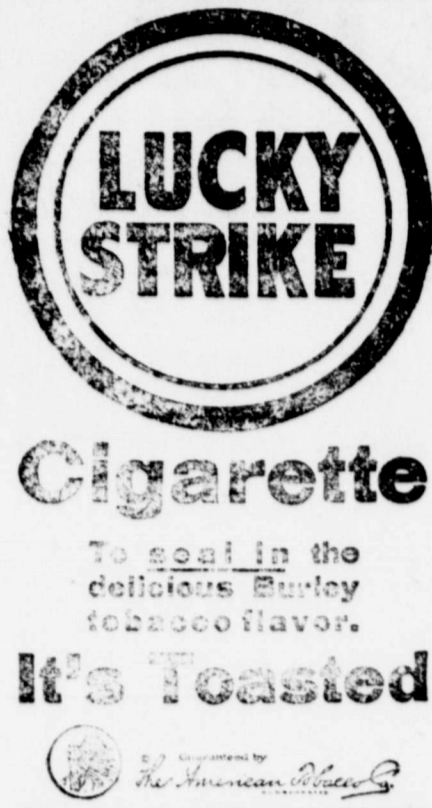
Very truly yours,
WALTON PETEET,
Director, Commodity Organization."

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lindsay have purchased the Jim Hey residence and it is stated they will take possession on September 5th.

Mrs. Carroll Campbell and child, of Oklahoma City, and Mrs. J. H. Lane and two children, of Chickasha, Okla., are guests in the Reynolds-Jordan home. Meses. Campbell and Lane will be remembered in Mason as Misses Jennie Bell and Willie Baze, daughters of Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Baze.

PROWLING MAN FRIGHTENS CHILDREN

One night last week some man, who was evidently prowling around, showed up at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schweers and as it was during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Schweers, the children were frightened quite a bit. We are told the man entered the house from the back door and the children ran out at the front door almost simultaneously and ran to one of the neighbors. Upon going back to the house the man was seen through the window by one of the neighbors, and he was at the safe devouring what food he could find, but upon finding he was discovered he left the house and disappeared. It seems that the man was not recognized by anyone who saw him.



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TEXAS COTTON CROP IS 2,000,000 BALES

Two million bales of cotton in Texas this year is the present indicated yield, based on reports from practically all of the cotton producing counties in the State.

Reduced acreage, late planting, excessive rains in the early summer, tropical storm damage, abnormally hot weather, continued drought, and heavy insect damage have reduced the prospective yield to an average of between one-fourth and one-fifth of a bale to the acre. Deterioration has been steady during July and August. There is no possibility of a top crop and picking in some counties has already been completed, while in others the season will be extremely short.

In South Texas the crop is being marketed as rapidly as it is picked and ginned.

In only a few counties in West and Northwest Texas are the indications good for a normal acreage yield, and in these counties the crop is comparatively small.

Give me your next job of vulcanizing I guarantee my work. Otto Schmidt.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wartenbach and nephew Master Arthur Wartenbach, of Mason, passed through Fredericksburg Tuesday enroute to San Antonio and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Pfeil. They were accompanied by Mrs. H. E. Stork who had been visiting here for the last few weeks.—Fredericksburg Standard.

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Mr. and Mrs. Will Caviness, of Telegraph, were Mason visitors recently, being guests of relatives over Sunday.

MOST ACCIDENTS ON STRAIGHT ROADS, FIGURES PROVE

Contrary to general belief, more accidents occur on straight highway stretches than at curves or road intersections, according to Harry D. Willar, assistant chief engineer of the Maryland State Roads Commission. During the past two months Mr. Willar has been keeping a record of highway accidents in his state and he says that a majority of the accidents are due to speeding, failing to give right-of-way and bad driving. Sixteen accidents occurred on the Baltimore-Frederick Highway, the straightest and perhaps the most widely used road in Maryland, and four of them were fatal. "It seems to be the weakness of a motorist," said Mr. Willar, "to 'hit her up' on a straight stretch of roadway. On roads where there are curves there is a disposition to be more careful."

Sixty-seven accidents occurred on Maryland highways during the past two months, fourteen persons being killed and thirty-three injured. Mr. Willar attributes the causes to faulty driving, violations of the law, failure to heed warnings, speeding, driving on the wrong side of the road and attempts to pass over cars or trucks. Mr. Willar's investigations, as have many others, refutes the oft-repeated contention that most accidents on smooth, hard-surfaced roads are due to skidding.

CORROGATED IRON ROOFING

I have plenty of corrugated iron roofing in stock and owing to a recent decline in the prices, can make you some interesting quotations. See me for your needs. F. LANGE.

TOWN NAMES WILL APPEAR ON SIGN OVER POSTOFFICE

Through the efforts of the Cincinnati Motor Club, aided by the Ohio State Automobile Association, henceforth town names will be shown on all postoffice signs outside of the larger cities.

Appeal was made to Postmaster General Hays by the Ohio motoring organization districts of the United States for the benefit of touring motorists.

The postmaster general has instructed postmasters to this effect and accordingly sixty thousand village and hamlet names will be posted where formerly the motorist was left to guess his whereabouts.

The Cincinnati Motor Club is a member of the Ohio State Automobile Association, which, in turn, is affiliated with the American Automobile Association. Much of the credit for the promulgation of the postmaster general's order is due to Michael G. Helms of the Cincinnati club.

Let the cow decide. She will tell you why it pays to use a 24 percent protein ration, Purina Cow Chow. Make a test and let the milk pail tell the tale. Purina Cow Chow is sold in Check or board bags, Mayhew Produce Co.

Take in the picture show at the Star opera House each Friday and Saturday night. Show starts at 8:15 o'clock.

F. Lange has added to the appearance of his home in west end by adding a large porch on the east side.

RAT AND RATTLER BATTLE; RODENT KILLS REPTILE

No, gentle reader, this is not a nature-faking story; neither is it one of those yarns that one could expect in the pre-Volstead era—but just a simple truthful story of a battle between a rat of the common Austin variety and a rattlesnake, in which his reptilian majesty was neatly dispatched. It happened yesterday at Deep Eddy, near the camp occupied by A. Otting and family. Mr. Otting during the hottest hours of the afternoon had wandered to his back porch in search of any vagrant breeze that might be stirring. Standing in the doorway he noticed a rat of unusual size playing about the yard. Knowing that rats are spreaders of disease, Mr. Otting called to his wife to bring the family shotgun that he might slay the rodent. As he saw a lead on the rat, the camper observed a big rattler, coiled, about to strike the rat. Mr. Rat, however, had also seen his enemy and then began probably the most remarkable battle in Deep Eddy annals.

Springing over the snake as he launched his fanged messenger of death the rat wheeled and came up behind, seizing the snake near the tip of its tail. Picking away, the snake recoiled and struck the rat pursuing the same tactics as marked his first assault leaping over the snake, whirling and taking a bite at the reptile's tail, only a little farther up.

Several times this was repeated, the combat ending when the rat's sharp teeth crashed the snake's back near its juncture with the head.

During all this time, Mr. and Mrs. Otting had watched the battle in motionless wonder, being too amazed to do anything but look, but after the rattler had keeled over dead Mr. Otting shot the rat.

If you doubt this story, both the rat and snake can be seen at the Otting camp, the back of the snake showing plainly the series of wounds inflicted by the rat's sharp teeth.—Austin American

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SHROPSHIRE LOCATES CAR AT LLANO; WILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH COURT PROCEDURE

W. S. Shropshire, of this city, who lost his Ford car by theft about six weeks ago, has located the missing car at Llano, where he with deputy J. W. Hibdon went Sunday to inspect some stolen cars which were reported to be held there. Mr. Shropshire, after looking over the cars located one which he felt sure to be his, but was not positive. On Tuesday, in company with his brother, Attorney J. E. Shropshire, and Otis Turney, of the Ford agency, he returned to Llano and after closely examining the car Mr. Turney identified the car by several repairs which had been made on the car in Ford garage here. Also Mr. Shropshire noted a rat hole which had been chewed in the upholstery of the front seat. The same tires that came on the car were also still on the car.

The car was in the possession of Cliff Scott, a Llano stockman, who stated that he purchased it from a traveling Ford salesman from Harris county, and refused to give it up. Mr. Shropshire, through his brother, instituted sequestration proceedings, and cited Scott to appear in court in Brady to prove rights of ownership. Mr. Scott replevied the car and retains possession until ordered by court to turn it over to Mr. Shropshire.—Brady Sentinel.

Mrs. Charlie Bailey, of San Antonio, is here, visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Brockman.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Zesch and family and Mrs. Mollie Hays and daughter, Miss Inez, and Mrs. J. D. Miller spent last week-end on the river, camping. They were joined on Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. G. H. King and family and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. King and family. A pleasant outing was reported by the party with plenty of fish to eat and lots of fun.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Probst and children left Sunday for San Antonio, where they spent a few days on business. Mr. Frank Spaeth was in Mr. Probst's store during his absence.

Herbert Gamel was in Mason last week from his ranch near Harper. He was accompanied home by his mother for a visit.

PROPER FOOD TO BE SERVED

"What To Feed The Family" Is the Title of This Bulletin

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 25.—Concise and accurate information as to the proper kind of food to be served has been compiled in a bulletin by Miss Jet C. Winters of the home economics faculty of the University of Texas. "What To Feed The Family" is the title of this bulletin, which has just been published by the University Press. It was prepared in response to a great demand on the part of women vitally interested in supplying their families with meal of correct food value and proportion. Practical aspects of the science of nutrition have been presented by the writer in such a way that they can be understood and applied by the busiest of housewives. Various foods have been discussed in regard to their values to the body and effect on the digestive system. Infant feeding as well as the diet of older children is the subject of a portion of the bulletin, and suggestions for planning menus are given with illustrations and directions for preparing them. In order that the results of feeding methods may be accurately judged tables are given of the proper height and weight for different ages of boys and girls. All the indications of malnutrition are presented with suggestions for improving the physical condition of such children.

How about your subscription to the News, have you advanced it for another year?

One of the largest packers in Chicago has found that it costs less to haul with horses than with trucks. O-Molene Feed produces more work from horses. Let your horses prove it. Order a ton today. Mayhew Produce Company.

Carl Garner arrived in Mason last Thursday from his home in Los Angeles California, for a visit here among relatives and friends. Carl has made a fine young man and says he is in the employ of the Santa Fe Express Company. He reports his father, Jim Garner, in good health and is in the employ of a railroad company.

E. J. Lemburg arrived home last week from St. Louis, where he spent a couple weeks at market, purchasing fall and winter dry goods for the Lemburg store. Mr. Lemburg says that the purchases this year involve a greater stock than for several seasons past.

A. S. Price and Max Durst, of the London country, were business visitors in Mason last Saturday.

Do you know you can roll 50 good cigarettes for 10cts from one bag of



BOY, BITTEN BY POLECAT, IS TAKEN TO PASTEUR INSTITUTE AT AUSTIN TUESDAY

Ted Bratton, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Bratton, of near Frederonia, was taken to Austin Tuesday to be examined at the Pasteur Institute, after having been bitten by a polecat at the Bratton home.

The polecat was killed and the head sent to Austin, to also be examined for rabies.—Brady Sentinel.

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CREDIT AND PRINTER'S INK

Judge Ramsey gave the retail credit men of the State some good straight talk at their meeting at Houston.

First of all he did not mince words in combatting the idea expressed on the floor of the convention a few days before to the effect that there must be a restriction of credit. This is no time to restrict credit, he said, for the reason that the credit men are going to have to extend more credit than they have extended for some time. He said the times present "situations of the gravest importance that have to be met and the credit men will have to aid in the work of readjustment."

Judge Ramsey made it plain that neither pessimism nor extreme optimism is the proper attitude for the times. "Times are going to get better," he said, "the outlook is good, but it is advisable to use the soundest sense and reason in every business transaction. I believe we ought to have more economic and efficient methods in our offices, and especially in yours, and go into the highways and byways for greater business, using lots of printer's ink to extend credit."

That's the way. It is a curious fact that at the time when it is really dangerous to extend too much credit, when a period of inflation is in full blast and the reaction just around the corner, there is no hesitancy to extend almost unlimited credit. Now that we are getting on more solid ground and credit extended is likely to have a more stable basis, there is hesitancy. Judge Ramsey's advice about "printer's ink" is the very best. Now is the time to go after business, and the intelligent use of printer's ink, with discriminating extension of credit, will bring it in.—Ft. Worth Star-Telegram.

The overenthusiastic news gatherer who reported "several million people idle and looking for work" is drawing on his imagination. They are merely idle.—McAlester Guardian.

Another editor has been appointed to a Federal office. It's getting to be so a fellow does not have to apologize for being an editor.—Indianapolis News.

September 5th is regular meeting night for the Mason Commercial Club. Perhaps the body will meet, but judging from the turnout the past few meetings, we are wondering if a quorum will be had.

Every normal man has two great ambitions. First, to own his home. Second, to own a car to get away from his home.—Life.

If this bare-knee style keeps up until winter, there's a fortune awaiting the manufacturer of chapped skin remedies.—Washington Post.

One million eight hundred and eighty-three thousand homes in the United States have been broken up in the divorce courts in the last twenty years, and in six counties in the United States the divorces now exceed the marriages.—Dearborn Independent.

"Too many dam failures," says the Literary Digest. Equally true with a slight change in the order of the words.—Boston Herald.

It's the extra milk that more than pays the slight difference in cost between Purina Cow Chow feed and other rations. Try a ton and you will realize why Purina Cow Chow feed is the most used quality ration in the country. Mayhew Produce Comp'y.

STAY IN JAIL? NIX! "THE JAIL-BIRD" FINDS ESCAPE EASY

When You See Douglas MacLean's New Photoplay You Must Not Reveal Secret

If all convicts could effect their escape from prison with the dexterity shown by Douglas MacLean in his first Paramount starring vehicle, "The Jailbird", there would soon be no one left in the penitentiaries but the wardens and guards.

Doug's escape from jail is but one of the many humorous incidents that occur in "The Jailbird", a new Paramount picture produced by Thomas H. Ince, which will be shown at the Star Theatre Saturday, August 27th. When you see this photoplay, you must not reveal the secret you know.

Prison visitors, a collar and shirt lying in easy access on an office desk, and a suit of civilian clothes in the warden's closet, are the accessories that aided Doug's escape. While the guard is showing a crowd of visitors through the prison Doug, left alone in the warden's office where he is a trustee, snatches the collar and shirt, adjourns to the closet, dons his "civies", and remains there until the return of the visitors. As they pass the closet door he steps into their midst and exits with them through the prison gates. How he gets back into jail again is another story.

Thomas H. Ince personally supervised the picture, which was directed by Lloyd Ingraham from a story by Julien Josephson. A capable supporting cast is headed by Doris May.

BALINGER PAPER TELLS BIGGEST SNAKE TALE OF SEASON

"Two 'mammy' rattlesnakes, carrying 37 little ones were killed on Valley Creek by Jim Laxton last week, according to P. W. Smith, who was in the city Monday.

"Mr. Laxton was out in the pasture looking after a bunch of sheep last Thursday, according to Mr. Smith's account of the wholesale slaughter of rattlesnakes, and his attention was attracted by the sheep becoming excited at something, and investigation revealed a large rattlesnake, and the murder of the snake brought to life 21 little snakes about six or eight inches long. The old mother snake had swallowed the little ones, as is their custom to protect them when disturbed. The old snake had seven rattlers, while the little ones had sprouted buttons and were almost large enough to begin to make full grown snakes.

"Returning to the same locality Friday morning, Mr. Laxton found another old snake and killed it and this snake was carrying sixteen little ones about six or eight inches long, the old snake having six rattlers and the little ones each a button. The two killings netted 39 rattlesnakes, which would have been enough to stock the country with rattlesnakes had the little ones been permitted to grow to big snakes.

"This is the best snake story brought to The Ledger office this year and Mr. Smith says he witnessed the snake raid, and saw the snakes and while he is getting up in years, having seen enough of the world to bring a few gray hairs, he never saw anything like this before."

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Austin, Texas.—The organization of a large textile mill company with a capital stock of \$10,000,000, which will build a number of mills for the manufacture of cotton goods is announced by Major S. M. Ransopher, formerly director of trade and industrial education at the University of Texas.

The company is called the Planters and Merchants Mills. Its headquarters are in San Antonio. It plans to build cotton mills throughout the cotton-growing sections, according to Major Ransopher. Water power rights and the mill site for the first mill has been secured at New Braunfels on the Guadalupe river.

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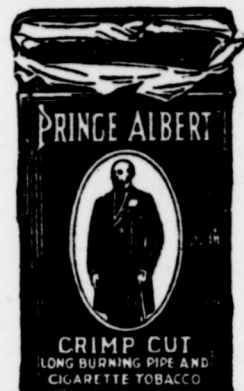
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FROM NEWS FILES OF 25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Aug. 28, 1896:

A two and one-quarter inch rain fell here Sunday, according to L. F. Graebner.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lange, a girl, on the 25th.

Miss Winnie Morrow entertained a number of young friends last Friday evening at a pleasant social.

A dance was given at Mrs. Fostel's Friday night, complimentary to Emil Fostel and John Pool, who left Saturday for Colorado, Texas.

Miss Janie Wood and Ed Broad were married Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents at Fredonia.

J. W. White, Mrs. S. F. Bridges, Dr. Whit Harrell and some of the hands at Mill Creek Ranch were taken violently sick Friday and it was thought they had been poisoned by dynamite used in a well being dug. They have all recovered.

The concert band enlivened things Monday night at the Bryan Club.

15 Years Ago in Mason

From Mason News, Aug. 24, 1906:

Mrs. R. H. Waechter and children are here from Austin, visiting the family of E. F. Stengel.

Miss Lizzie Bierschwale is in Brady, the guest of Miss Mamie Doell.

Walter Martin went to Austin this week to have his eyes treated. He returned last week from a delightful trip to New York.

Mr. Herbert Gamel and Miss Mary Mullens were married last Sunday evening at Hext.

Miss Olive Thorne returned Saturday from a visit to Miss Laura Puryear at Castell.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1906. A. W. GLEASON, (Seal) Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

A. J. Lindsay and C. C. Wood went to Del Rio Saturday to purchase horses. Frank Schmidt and C. C. King accompanied them.

T. W. Summers and Miss Salome Allen were united in marriage at Streeter last Sunday night.

Mrs. H. C. Fellmore went to Dallas last week to visit her daughter, Mrs. Gus Schuessler.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Will Lemburg, a girl on the 20th.

Rev. M. A. Black, former presiding elder of this district, died at Floresville last Monday at the age of 57.

Mrs. Wilson Hey celebrated her 56th birthday last Tuesday.

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

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CHURCH NOTICES
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Rev. Tracy to Preach Sunday Night.

The News is requested to announce that Rev. J. T. Tracy will preach at the M. E. Church, South next Sunday night at the regular hour of services. The public is cordially invited to attend.

GERMAN M. E. CHURCH

First Sunday—English Sun. School 10 a. m. to 11 a. m.
 Preaching by Rev. G. W. Schreiber from 11 a. m. to 12 m. and from 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Second Sunday—English Sunday School 10 to 11 a. m. Preaching by Rev. Robt. Moerner 11 a. m. to 12 m. Preaching by Rev. G. W. Schreiber, 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Third Sunday—English Sun. School from 10 to 11 a. m. Preaching by Rev. G. W. Schreiber from 11 a. m. to 12 m. and from 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Fourth Sunday—English Sunday School from 10 to 11 a. m. Preaching by Rev. G. W. Schreiber 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Fifth Sunday—English Sun. School from 10 to 11 a. m. Preaching by Rev. G. W. Schreiber 11 a. m. to 12 m., and from 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

Prayer meeting every Tuesday night at 7:30.

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

FOR BLUE BUGS

and all Blood-Sucking Insects, simply feed "Martin's Blue Bug Remedy" to your chickens. Your money back if not satisfied. Ask Mason Drug Company. Both Stores. 9-20t.

Rev. Roy G. Rafer and Rev. Fred Banks are conducting a revival meeting at the Bethel church, near Katyney, this week.

Fifteen Were Baptized Sunday.

A baptizing took place at the Hed wigs Hill crossing on the Llano river last Sunday afternoon. It is said that six of them were additions to the Christian church and the others were recent joiners to the Baptist church.

All inroads appear to lead to the U. S. Treasury.

The only trouble with the school of experience is that it holds its graduation exercises at the grave.

MADE JOKE OF REGULATION

Shrewd Youth's Neat Scheme for Getting Message to His Girl Despite Rigid Office Rule.

New trials of the young man in love are constantly popping up.

"It certainly is the limit," said Joe Jose as he emerged from a telephone booth. "I can't see why these employers should be so finicky about letting a fellow talk to his girl a few minutes during office hours. I've just tried to get her four times and the operator at her office inquires as to whether it is personal or business. The last time I said business, and I managed to hear her say, 'Hello.' The operator must have been listening, for as soon as I spoke, click! and I had gotten no further than I had the first three times I tried."

"Huh, you're an amateur!" said his friend Felix. "I'll tell you the way I fixed that. My girl works for a downtown surety company. Upon getting the number I asked for her boss, telling him I had received a letter from some one in his department by the name of Miss Soandso, and would like to speak to her about it. He immediately connected us and our conversation was as follows:

"Miss Soandso?"

"Yes."

"In your letter you asked me to have that policy at your office at 5:30, but I find I must work a little longer, but I will surely have it there at six."

"Oh, all right. I'll expect it then."

"So you see how it's done. I was the policy. Of course, you can be anything else you like."

"Well, I never thought of that Hello Central."—New York Sun.

Chocolate Emperor's Food.

Montezuma, emperor of the ancient Mexicans, lived in a state of luxurious magnificence and took no other beverage than chocolate, a potation of chocolate, flavored with vanilla and other spices, and so prepared as to be reduced to a froth of the consistency of honey, which gradually dissolved in the mouth and was taken cold.

This beverage, if so it could be called, was served in golden goblets, with spoons of the same metal or tortoise shell finely wrought. The emperor was exceedingly fond of it, to judge from the quantity—no less than fifty jars or pitchers being prepared for his own daily consumption. Two thousand more were allowed for that of his household.

Pig iron is the lowest since 1903,

the first commodity to reach a parity with its namesake. Steel, however, still has some distance to travel.

IS YOUR HEALTH GRADUALLY SLIPPING?

Interesting Experience of a Texas Lady Who Declares That if More Women Knew About Cardui They Would Be Spared Much Sickness and Worry.

Navasota, Texas.—Mrs. W. M. Peden, of this place, relates the following interesting account of how she recovered her strength, having realized that she was actually losing her health:

"Health is the greatest thing in the world, and when you feel that gradually slipping away from you, you certainly sit up and take notice. That is what I did some time ago when I found myself in a very nervous, run-down condition of health. I was so tired and felt so lifeless I could hardly go at all.

"I was just no account for work. I would get a bucket of water and would feel so weak I would have to set it down before I felt like I could lift it to the shelf. In this condition, of course, to do even my housework was a task almost impossible to accomplish.

"I was . . . nervous and easily upset. I couldn't rest well at night and was . . . just lifeless.

"I heard of Cardui and after reading I decided I had some female trouble that was pulling me down. I sent for Cardui and began it . . .

"In a very short while after I began the Cardui Home Treatment I saw an improvement and it wasn't long until I was all right—good appetite, splendid rest, and much stronger so that I easily did my house work.

"Later I took a bottle of Cardui as a tonic. I can recommend Cardui and gladly do so, for if more women knew, it would save a great deal of worry and sickness."

The enthusiastic praise of thousands of other women who have found Cardui helpful should convince you that it is worth trying. All druggists sell it.

AFFIDAVIT OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT TO TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

In the matter of county finances in the hands of Thos. H. Strong, treasurer of Mason County, Texas.

Commissioners' Court in regular quarterly session, August term, 1921.

We, the undersigned, as County Commissioners within and for said Mason County, and the Hon. John T. Banks, County Judge of said Mason County, constituting the entire Commissioners' Court of said County, and each one of us, do hereby certify that on this, the 11th day of August, A. D. 1921, at a regular quarterly term of our said court, we have compared and examined the quarterly report of Thos. H. Strong, treasurer of Mason County, Texas, for the quarter beginning on the 1st day of May, A. D. 1921, and ending on the 31st day of July, A. D. 1921, and finding the same correct have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Mason County, stating the approval of said Treasurer's Report by our said Court, which said order recites separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said County Treasurer since his last report to this Court, and for and during the time covered by his present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurer's hands on the said 31st day of July, A. D. 1921, and have ordered the proper credits to be made in the accounts of the said County Treasurer, in accordance with said order as required by Article 867, Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas as amended by an Act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Texas, at its regular session, approved March 20, 1897.

And we, and each of us, further certify that we have actually and fully inspected and counted all the actual cash and assets in hands of the said Treasurer belonging to Mason County at the close of the examination of said Treasurer's Report, on this the 11th day of July, A. D. 1921, and find the same to be as follows to wit:

Balance to credit of July Fund	\$ 853.18
Balance to credit of Road and Bridge Fund	\$4567.36
Balance to credit of General Fund	\$1012.67
Balance to credit of Court House Fund	\$2202.31
Balance to credit of Special Road (sixth) Fund	\$4119.56
Balance to credit of Highway (seventh) Fund	\$3352.14
Balance to credit of Federal Aid Ninth (Highway) Fund	\$ 127.05
Balance to credit of State Aid Eighth class) Fund	\$ 111.25

Assets

In addition to the actual cash as above, we find the following assets belonging to the said County, and to the credit of the following funds, which is also in the possession and custody of the said Treasurer, to wit:

Court House Sinking Fund:	
One special road warrant	\$2,160.00
One No. 26 school district school house bond	\$100.00
Four No. 27 school district school house bonds	\$2,000.00
200 W. S. S. @ \$5 each	\$1,000.00

Bonded Indebtedness

The bonded indebtedness of the said County we find to be as follows, to wit:

Sixty-four County Court House	\$2,000.00
Eighteen Special Road and Bridge Warrants	\$ 9,600.00
Fifty-eight Special Road and Bridge Warrants	\$29,000.00
One Special Road and Bridge Warrant	\$ 405.32
One Special Road and Bridge Warrant	\$ 430.00
One Special Road and Bridge Warrant	\$ 2,160.00

Witness our hands, officially, this 11th day of August, A. D. 1921.

JOHN T. BANKS, County Judge,
HENRY DOELL, Com. Pres., No. 1
W. J. GRIFFITH, Com. Pres. No. 2
G. W. HERRING, Com. Pres. No. 3

Sworn to and subscribed before me by John T. Banks, County Judge, and Henry Doell and W. J. Griffith and G. W. Herring, County Commissioners of said Mason County, each respectively, on this, the 11th day of August, A. D. 1921.

(Seal) **R. E. LEE,**
 Clerk County Court, Mason Co., Tex.

Stereoscopic Colors.

Within the last few years improvements in the stereoscopic effect of relief maps have been attained by means of a unique color scheme. The effect is well shown when a square is colored with the reds in the center, and the yellows, greens and blues ranged outside the red in the order named. Such a square appears to the eye to be raised in the center. If the order of the colors is reversed, the central part of the square appears to be depressed. In arranging the colors the tints are varied by careful graduation, and violent contrasts are avoided.

Chickens Spoil the Garden.

"Why isn't your son making a garden this year?"

"On account of the chickens next door."

"Heh?"

"He doesn't like for those girls to see him in overalls."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Ford says he can make three railroad cars out of one. What the roads seem to be doing is making three railroad rates out of one.

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SOCIAL EVENTS
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Celebrates Birthday

Little Juanita Lemburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lemburg, celebrated her seventh birthday anniversary last Tuesday afternoon. She was hostess to quite a number of little friends at a party on Tuesday afternoon and the following children were present: Anna Marie Bruce, Mary Fay Banks, Ruby Jennie Banks, Marvarine Looney, Genevieve Johnson, Arnold Bennett, Labele Bennett, Margaret Martin, Billie Martin, Emily Ruth Martin, Mary Cecile Lawson, Maggie Metzger, Billie Dick Grosse, Doris Willmann, Dorothy Willmann, Jennie Loring, Myrtle Schweers, Ruby Schweers, Richard Eckert, Ruby Pluenneke, Maybelle Grote, Pauline Key, Beatrice Jordan, Juanita Lemburg, Dan Pluenneke.

L. F. Eckert and Albert Bierschwale made a trip to San Angelo this week, returning Thursday with a new Ford Sedan, for Mr. Harry Bierschwale.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR SCHOOL DEPOSITORY.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of trustees of the Mason Independent School District will receive sealed bids or proposals from any banking corporation, association or individual banker desiring to act as depository of the funds of the Mason Independent School District for the ensuing year, beginning Sept. 1, 1921 and ending August 31, 1922. Such bids will be opened Saturday, September 3, at 10 a. m. Award will be made to such banking corporation, association or individual banker as offers to pay the highest rate of interest on daily balances to be kept in such depository.

Witness the hand of the secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Mason Independent School District, this 10th day of August, 1921.

C. D. McMILLAN,
 Secretary School Board, M. I. S. D. 22-4t.

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 Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.

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Mail in your subscription or call at this office. Cash must accompany the order in every instance.

N. G. Strong and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carson and children, of the Pontotoc section, have been in Mason visiting in the home of County Treasurer, Thomas H. Strong this week. They all enjoyed a fishing trip on the Llano the first of the week.

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Playing Gooseberries for Two

By LILY WANDEL

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The yellow chiffon dress lay billowing over the bed and the little black satin slippers stood invitingly handy, yet Avis in camisole and silk petticoat stood hesitating with puckered white forehead and drooping lips.

"I won't go," she was saying to herself bitterly, "I'd rather stay home than play gooseberry for Penelope and Rodney—for that is what it amounts to, these everlasting triangle outings! I'm tired of hearing Rodney tell Penelope how pretty she looks tonight and of her telling him how well he drives and what not!"

Oh, it had been a queer affair from the beginning—Rodney Wells coming to see them and nobody quite sure if he meant Avis or Penelope. And Avis, before she was positive that Penelope was the lucky one, had fallen desperately in love with this fascinating young man. At first she really took it for granted that he was attracted to her. For Avis' mirror told her that her dark beauty was more alluring than that of her little blond sister, but after a bit his attentions seemed equally divided and since a few weeks Avis felt that she was becoming the loser in the race.

With a toss of her head and a deep ugly hurt in her heart she marched down the hall to Penelope's room, and as she was about to enter the girl herself stepped out. Penelope with her blond hair uncurled, unbrushed wore a serge dress, all rumpled, and a very pale face.

"Oh, Avis, I was just coming to ask

you a favor," trying to speak naturally, "I can't go tonight—no, really I'm too tired.

"But will you do me a favor?" slowly bringing to view a square white envelope "give this to Rodney," blushing



Sat Down on the Bed and Stared.

and dropping her eyelids, "but not when anyone sees you! I can depend upon it, can't I, Avis?"

"Why, surely," assured Avis, easily, taking the letter. "Hope you will be rested in the morning. I'm going to spend the night at Meta's" and retraced her steps leaving a dejected looking Penelope leaning against the door.

"Of all things!" cried Avis to herself as she slipped into her dancing frock, "to make me act as a go-between and carry their love-letters! It's cruel and Penelope does it on purpose!"

Finished dressing she slipped her party bag over one slim arm and lifted her cape—there lay the white envelope pleading—and quickly she slipped it into the corsage of her dress and hurried downstairs.

At the bottom of the steps she stopped breathless and warm, for through the living room portiers she caught a glimpse of Rodney waiting. His lean, well-built body looked exceptionally good in evening clothes, and the light shining on his clear cut profile sent warm rushes of blood through Avis' young body. "It's my night," she argued to herself for one brief moment, "my opportunity and Rodney won't mind not getting Penelope's letter."

"Penelope isn't going," she informed him, "will I do?"

"That's too bad," he regretted, but a glint in his eyes told Avis that she would do very nicely.

The taxi ride with Rodney alone would have been a dream realized for Avis if it had not been for the sharp corner of Penelope's letter pressing into the tender flesh under her dress and reminding her much against her will that she had not fulfilled her promise.

Rodney's hand lay dangerously near her own and once he made a movement as though he might take the little willing fingers in his own but the taxi driver taking a corner on two wheels, spilled Avis away into the corner and Rodney did not renew the attempt.

Avis felt her spirits flagging, and try as she would she could not whip up any vivaciousness. A gloom seemed to have settled down on her that could not be shaken off. At the party she danced the first dance with Rodney and she felt that her feet were heavy, and twice she got out of step.

"Oh, that letter, it's spoiling my evening!" she caught herself thinking a hundred times.

Rodney was entertaining, even jolly, but Avis' repartee was lame, and realizing it she became quiet, almost sullenly taciturn. She did not catch the surprised glance that flitted over the young man's face now and then. Finally she slipped out in the hall and had a little battle with herself. Would she give him the letter after all? No, it was too late now. And gathering all her courage she shook off all conscience pricks and determined to be the gay, laughing companion she knew Rodney admired, but the young man was nowhere to be seen. After a bit she caught sight of him towering above a bevy of pretty girls, and that was as near as Avis got to him the

rest of the evening.

It was noon the next day when Avis opened the front door of her home. In the living room her mother smiled a welcome.

"Late hours do not agree with you, dear," warned the mother, "You're quite pale."

"Where's Penelope?" demanded Avis, hurriedly.

"Out," smiled her mother comfortably. "Rodney called for her nearly an hour ago. They spoke quite excitedly in the living room and Penelope came in to me with his violets pinned on her dress and she sent a message to you, dear."

"To me!" repeated Avis blankly.

"Yes," told me to tell you that you were the dearest thing and to thank you a hundred times. She said you evidently had surmised how things were and had used your judgment—whatever that means!"

Up in her room Avis, baffled, took out the rumpled envelope and throwing everything to the winds tore open the letter and read it.

"Dear Rodney," the letter ran, "if I have ever appeared to give you any encouragement, please forget it and feel yourself quite free. I have told my sister that I am too ill to go to the party tonight, but the truth is that I am tired of playing gooseberry for you and Avis. Penelope."

Avis sat down on the bed and stared. After a while she said slowly, "Well, I guess the better girl won."

OBJECT TO SOCIAL DECLINE

Real Point of Importance When It Comes to Question of "Reduced Circumstances."

Nobody minds shortcomings so very much in themselves. If everybody came down in the scale of living it would not be so bad. The thing that is trying is to have too many of the other people of one's group have a great deal more than one has oneself, writes Edward S. Martin in Harper's.

People do not very much mind reduced circumstances if the reduction is not extreme, but they do mind coming down in the social scale. They like what they are used to, and they like to maintain the relation to other people that they are used to maintain.

Now, the concern about other people and what they have and how they live can be diminished if there is strength of mind enough to control it. People, old or young, who have a sufficiently strong idea of life of their own, an idea detached from commodities, a spiritualized idea, can get along and keep their quality and live their life and grow in grace on something near to a mere provision of necessities.

If life is going to be spiritualized so that people will care very much less about material things, it will really make much less difference to them whether they are rich or poor, and that will help the young people to get married and raise families. They will do it if they have nothing worse to fear than a pinch and a struggle, but they may not do it if they see in it social decline.

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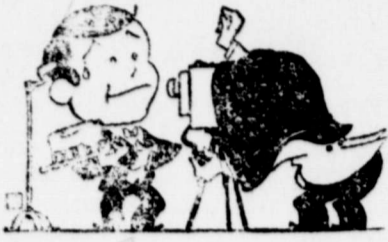
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TO WORK AT CHURCH AND PARSONAGE TUESDAY—LUTHERANS

The News has been requested to announce that all women of the Lutheran church are requested to meet at the Lutheran parsonage on Tuesday, August 30th for the purpose of cleaning the residence and church preparatory for the arrival of the new pastor and his family. It is expected that all be on hand early Tuesday morning and remain until the work of cleaning up the premises has been completed.

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WHO FAVORED me.
WITH SUCH remarks as.
"DOESN'T HE look natural?"
"HAS IT got a tail?"
"A GREAT resemblance."
AND THAT last one.
MADE ME sore.
SO WHEN friend wife.
ADDED HER howl.
I TRIED again.

THIS TIME they were great.
FOR HERE'S what happened.
THE PHOTOGRAPHER said.
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Ethel's Bird of Paradise

By RUBY DOUGLAS

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Ethel was distressed about her canary bird. He was being contaminated by the proximity of a common bird that hung in the window of the apartment below.

"I don't know how to overcome the difficulty," she told her chum. "Dickie is being absolutely ruined, and you know what I think of him. He's a wonderful reller, and I brought him Best with me and promised to take him back, so as to have him mated with another rare bird that belongs to a bird fancier in our town. It's a shame."

"What harm can a bird downstairs do your Dickie up here, I want to know?" asked Rose, amused at the insignificant cause of Ethel's worry.

"What harm? Why, that bird is a chopper—a common chopper. He makes a lot of noise, sings all the time, has lovely feathers, I suppose, and they—whoever they may be—probably think he's grand. Dickie hears him—he's young, my bird, you know—and he thinks it smart to imitate those bourgeois notes. I have closed the windows, but I can't suffocate just because those people will keep their common canary in the window, can I?"

Rose laughed. "Well, hardly, Ethel. Can't you go and wait on those people and ask them to remove their bird from the window?"

Ethel admitted that she had considered even this step. "It seems to be a

sort of studio, and I don't know who lives there," she said.

In the course of the next few sunny mornings her bird so defiantly insisted on learning the chopping notes of the common bird downstairs that Ethel was driven to desperate measures.

Leaving Dickie struggling with the short, noisy notes he seemed so enamored of, she went downstairs and knocked on the door below. A brass cathedral formed the knocker and she wondered who the people might be who had so ordinary a door knocker and so common a bird.

A young man in smoking coat and wearing horn-rimmed glasses answered her knock.



"I Am Ethel Darling," She Began.

"I am Ethel Darling," she began. "Won't you come in?" the young man asked, swinging wide the door.

Ethel entered. She let her eyes fall on the bird in the cage. He was making an unearthly noise, throwing his head about and disporting himself generally in the sunshine.

"It—it is about your bird that I have come," stammered Ethel.

"Oh, Pete?" asked the young man. "Yes. You see, I live upstairs and I have a very finely bred canary who is a marvelous roller with a pedigree back of him that reaches as far back as—well, I hardly know."

"Not like Pete," laughed the young man gaily. "He's just the garden variety, I guess."

"He's pretty," admitted Ethel. She did not want to offend the strange young man. "I was permitted to bring Dickie East with me for—oh, more for company than anything else. I came on to study music, and they were afraid I'd be homesick—lonesome or something—and I was to bring Dickie as a part of home, you know."

"A pretty idea. Does it work?" the man asked.

Ethel nodded informally. "Yes, but oh, I'm so worried. He is learning to sing like your bird, and he is being ruined! He loves to hear your bird sing and I close the window and nearly die for want of air. I—I wondered if we couldn't, perhaps, take turns putting our birds in another part of the house. You do it one week; I'll do it the next. Would—"

"The bird isn't mine. It belongs to my sister, and she thinks he's wonderful. I shall bring up the subject very carefully. My sister is—well, she's the type the cartoonists always associate with a canary bird and—she's sensitive."

"Don't offend her, please." Ethel frowned thoughtfully. What could she do?

"Leave it to me. I'll see that Pete's common manners won't contaminate those of your aristocratic canary, Miss

—Darling. It is Darling, is it not?"

"I shall appreciate anything you can do—"

"My name is Watson—Gilbert Watson."

Ethel turned toward the door and he held it open for her. "You are sure you don't mind?" asked the girl as she stepped out.

"On the contrary I am glad to have become acquainted with the owner of Dickie," laughed Watson.

He did not like to tell her that she was the loveliest thing he had ever seen in his life, and that she had quite upset him, coming in, as she had, while he was in the midst of one of his most thrilling scenarios. He found himself unable to concentrate on the stunts of his hero, and instead

his mind wandered to ways and means of subduing, killing or kidnaping his sister's bird, Pete.

Eventually his plans carried and a bird fancier in the neighborhood, purporting to have heard the lovely notes of one Pete, called upon Miss Watson and offered her a most attractive sum of money for her "chopper." Miss Watson, being a bit mercenary and not so discriminating as Ethel as to the quality of a bird's song, accepted the man's offer.

After a couple of days of silence on the part of Pete, Ethel began to be conscience stricken. She stepped down below and knocked again with the brass cathedral.

"Oh, how do you?" said Gilbert Watson, with a more than welcoming smile. He extended his hand, which, he realized afterward, was not being done, under such circumstances.

"I—I hope nothing has happened to Pete," she began.

"I thought you wanted something to happen to him."

"He—"

"No; just departed; not dead. My sister sold him."

"Did any one buy him?" exclaimed Ethel.

Watson nodded.

"There is something odd about it," Ethel ventured. She had an inkling of the truth, and she appreciated it.

"Is your bird reforming?"

"Yes, but he misses Pete, I think."

"I—I never saw a pedigree bird," Watson said, meaningly.

Ethel blushed furiously. "Would you care to come up and—see him—sometime?"

"Sometime? When?"

"Come tonight. I am having a few friends in, and I'd love to have you join us. Bring your sister, too."

But Gilbert said that his sister was tired at night after sewing all day in other people's homes, and he came alone.

On a subsequent visit he was discussing the bird. "I shall always call him a 'bird of paradise,'" he said.

"But why?" asked Ethel.

"Because he was the means of my finding you—and paradise."

Which argument Ethel could not well refute, since she, too, had found happiness in the same paradise.

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To be "as poor as Job's turkey" is to have arrived at the extreme of poverty. This expression has lived through the years despite the fact that it is partly erroneous.

Job, when delivered by God into the hands of Satan, was reduced to a deplorable state and according to the legend, his "turkey" had but a single feather in its tail and was so weak that it had to lean against the fence to gather enough strength to gobble.

The turkey was hardly known in biblical times and even today cannot be found in the region where Job's homestead is supposed to have been located. So it was perhaps some other sort of fowl the poor man owned.

There was a time when the expression was heard far more frequently than it is now. That was in the days when Judge Haliburton of Nova Scotia wrote his famous humorous stories under the nom de plume "Sam Slick" and his reference to Job's turkey was so frequent that the animal became as well known in everyday language as Brer Rabbit and other heroes of animal fiction.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Tree Forking.

Different species of trees like different races of men, are different in their habits, notes a naturalist. Individuals, of course, vary widely, but each species has a ruling tendency. This is very noticeable in the habits in trees of forking or branching. Broadly speaking, hardwood trees have a greater tendency to fork than conifers. Of the common hardwoods, the trees in which forking is perhaps most prevalent, are the ash and the beech. In the former case the cause is sometimes due to injury by the Tines Curculionella, which bores into the bud of the leading shoot. The two last side branches at once compete to take its place, and in the course of growth turn upward into two main stems.

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PRESCRIPTIONS
Accurately compounded day and night at Mason Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Gardner and little daughter, Clarice, left Monday for San Antonio, after having visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harriamore, and family. After spending a few days in San Antonio with relatives and friends, they will return to their home in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Schroeder and son, Hodges, left this week for Kerrville for a visit with the family of Gene Murray during the fair. They expect to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Neill, of San Antonio, before returning home.

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How Billy Won His Parents

By CORONA REMINGTON

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"But, Harry," the girl remonstrated, "if I married I would have to give up my profession. Think what that would mean, and how I worked during those three hard years of training. And I love it, Harry; I love to feel that I am a tiny unit equipped and willing to relieve suffering."

"Yes, but you don't seem to realize that you'd relieve my suffering a whole lot, Edith, if you'd marry me," said the doctor, sadly. "It isn't as if I could marry simply for home. I guess I could get some one who would be willing to be my wife."

"I'm sure you could, dear." In a flash Edith Johnson ran over in her mind the number of nurses in her acquaintance who had been "crazy" about the handsome doctor, although he had given them no encouragement.

"It isn't like that with me," Harry Morton went on. "I've loved you for four years, ever since you came here as a probationer, and used to sit in the anatomy class with your eyes fixed on me like two shining stars. I could see them in the dark after I went home."

"Don't, Harry, for goodness' sake, I must go back to the hospital now," she said, glancing at her watch. "I'm on duty again at three and there's an operation from the charity ward."

"That's a fact. I nearly forgot my case. I'm operating on a little fellow—want to try to fix his back, but don't know whether I can. He's walked on crutches all his life—was here last summer for a broken hip. That's when I got interested in him and persuaded his guardian to let me have a try at his back."

"Oh, he's an orphan," said the girl, her eyes soft with sympathy. "We must do something to cheer him up."

"He don't need cheering up. He's the happiest little fellow you ever saw. What he needs is mother love

the operating table on which lay the figure of a tiny, big-eyed boy.

"Just take a nice long breath and go to sleep," the anesthetist said cheerfully.

"If I'm going to sleep I got to say my prayers," declared the boy. "I'll say 'em to Doctor Harry."

Morton took the little fellow in his arms and the boy, burying his curly head in the doctor's shoulder, began:

Now I lay me down to sleep,
And pray the Lord my soul to keep.
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take.

"Amen," whispered the doctor fervently.

"Good-night," smiled the boy placing a moist kiss on the doctor's cheek.

"Good-night, pretty nurse," Billy waved to Edith.

Tears stood in the girl's eyes as she took the wraithlike form in her arms.

"Good-night, you precious thing," she said, holding him close for a minute.

"You and Doctor Harry are nice to kiss—Aunt Jenny isn't," volunteered the child.

It seemed ages before they could determine the outcome of the operation, and night after night the two watched the little fellow struggling for life.

"He's such a delicate little chap that even if we do pull him out of this he hasn't much chance without proper care and nourishment."

"It's a sin," murmured the girl vehemently. "And he's so beautiful and so happy and so intelligent. He has a right to a chance."

"I know it, but that woman who brought him here understands children about as much as I do Choctaw."

The night that Billy took a turn for the better the doctor and nurse celebrated by going out to dinner together.

"It's such a triumph for you," Edith smiled across the table as they waited for their order to be filled.

"Yes. I'm happy about it, but I'm happier still that Billy won't have to be a cripple for life. At least he has a chance to make his own living now."

"Harry, I'm so proud of you." Impulsively the girl put out her hand toward him.

He took it and pressed it gently as he looked into the serious blue eyes, so full of feeling.

"That means more to me than anything else on earth," he answered solemnly.

The girl flushed and drew her hand away and was vexed with herself afterward for having done so. A shade of pain passed across the doctor's face, but he said nothing.

"I'm a brute," she thought. "Why did I do that? And he's so wonderful and gentle and good. What is it that always makes me rebuff and hurt him?"

The evening was a total failure and Edith could think of nothing to say in parting that could make it easier. All night she tossed with grief and remorse and welcomed the dawn and the coming activities of the day. She was both glad and afraid when the time came for Doctor Morgan's morning visit, but Billy seemed especially happy as he chattered away unconscious of the strained relation of the two.

"I expect you'll be able to go home in a few weeks now," the doctor smilingly told him.

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Standing Beside the Operating Table.

and proper food. The woman that's caring for him now is past fifty and acts as if she thought that all children should be chloroformed at birth. "How dreadful!" exclaimed Edith. "What a life for a child!" An hour later Doctor Morton and Nurse Johnson were standing beside

"Don't want to go home," wailed the boy. "Want you and pretty nurse to be my mamma and papa." Clinging to the doctor's big hand he tried to choke down the sob in his throat. "Don't want to go home!" he kept repeating.

"All right, sonny. I'll be your dad anyway, but I don't know whether the pretty nurse'll help us out or not. Lord knows how we'll manage without her."

"Of course I'll be your mother, dear," said Edith, coming forward.

"Goodie! Goodie!" cried the boy. "And we'll live 'way out in the country and have a garden and plant oatmeal and oranges in it."

"You bet we will," said the doctor, taking the pretty nurse in his arms right before the amazed little boy.

Immunity.

"You don't mean to say that that stinky old maid has given you \$3 for telling her fortune?"

"Indeed, I do. I told her she would meet with an accident before she was twenty-four years old."

The Family Circle.

Johnnie—Pa, why does a man have an Adam's apple?

Pa—It was given to him to remind him of the day he got it in the neck, my son.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Story of a Snowflake.

A snowflake should be built upon a particle of dust. Then, if it has the good fortune to begin its career at the top of a cloud many miles above the earth, and to pass through many atmospheric strata, differing in their temperature and the amount of moisture they contain, the snowflake is very likely to become a notable individual among its kind. In a stratum of warmer air the flake catches moisture on its tiny spicules, and when it enters a colder stratum below the moisture is frozen, and so the flake grows. In a thawing air many flakes sometimes cohere, forming disks from an inch to two or three inches across.

150,000 Species of Beetle.
One hundred and fifty thousand species of beetle are represented in the British museum.

J. W. White and Mr. and Mrs. Tom White left last Sunday for San Antonio to be away a few days. It is said that Tom consulted a specialist regarding his health while there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. King and daughter, Miss Genevieve, left Sunday for Dallas to be away a few days. Mr. King expects to purchase a supply of jewelry and the ladies accompanied him with the expectations of enjoying the city sights.

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Mrs. W. H. Francis, of Seymour, arrived in Mason this week for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Walter Lindsay, and among other relatives and friends in this and adjoining counties.

Mrs. Ed Smith and daughter, Miss Lucille, arrived home last week after an absence of several weeks during which time they visited numerous places of interest throughout Colorado and California. Mr. Smith met them in San Antonio and brought them home Wednesday. Mr. Smith has traded off his Franklin car and now has for family use a large Cadillac Eight.

Estimates have been made that not less than \$250,000,000 of worthless and fraudulent securities are sold annually to American people.

I. W. Polk was here Saturday from the Streeter section and added to the News' finances by taking a new lease on this weekly.

Mrs. J. L. Traweck, of Port Arthur, arrived in Mason last Saturday for a visit in the M. F. Carter home and with other friends of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Striegler, of Fredericksburg, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Thaxton a few days last week. Attorney Lamar Thaxton, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Thaxton, took them home Saturday.

Sam Awalt and little daughter were here Monday from the Peters Prairie section. Mr. Awalt's son, Louis, who is in the U. S. Navy, has recently been transferred from the ship Iroquois at Bremerton, Washington to the ship Texas at San Francisco, California.

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Miss Mayme Doell arrived home this week from San Marcos, where she had been a student of the summer normal. It is said Miss Mayme will teach at Humble this term. Miss Mayme Smith and Miss Dona Lindsay will also teach at Humble.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ery Hamilton has been made more attractive in appearance by the walls having been pointed and touched up.



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WAY OF A WOMAN

By MARIE RYAN.

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The girl at the piano in the wide hall jingled out one little ragtime air after another. The admiring group about her grew larger as the "guests" drifted in twos and threes out of the dining-room after the mid-day meal. Those who were not attracted to the piano dropped into seats either in the hall or on the piazza.

A youth in white trousers and blue coat was pointedly attentive to the pianist. The smile of thanks she gave him was perfunctory. Occasionally she turned and looked through the hall to the far end where another young man was sitting, pretending to read a newspaper while he admired her discreetly.

Rene Courtemanche thought she was very fascinating. But these people appeared to him as the American middle class. Though his perceptions and prejudices were foreign—French—he was not without lights on the United States before he arrived there. His mother was an American of some fortune who had married a Frenchman she had met at Nice.

Rene was wounded at the beginning of the war. The wound, although healed, was troublesome, and Rene could not return to active service. At the suggestion of his grandmother, with whom he had lived since his mother's death, he had come to the United States for his health.

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WANTED—The person who mistook my ring for theirs Thursday at noon, to bring it back and hang it where it was, over the wash stand on the gallery, and I will, for their honesty, put reward where the ring was, which is a small diamond ring. Mrs. W. D. Morris. 24-1tc

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WANTED—To rent good 40-acre farm with pasture. Close to good school. G. L. Allen, Streeter, Texas. 23-1f

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The young man was not cordially received on his arrival in New York by his mother's people. He remained there, however, for a few months as an onlooker of American life.

From New York he went to a little bathing beach in Maine.

He was hopelessly at sea about the girl at the piano who showed such a flattering interest in him.

A few minutes later the girl solved the question by walking over to him and saying:

"There's a ball game this afternoon. I and my lady friend are going. Will you accompany us? It'll be some game!"

Not knowing what else to do, Rene accepted.

Much to his surprise no one noticed the affair. He concluded that it was a mere incident of summer hotel life.

Rene lost no time, but began to compliment her. "People must always be wanting you to do things. You are so pretty."

"Yes, I guess I am. Everybody says so."

Rene knew nothing about baseball, but she knew a great deal, and he found it pleasant just to listen to her explanations. She was not disposed to talk about her home life, but incidentally mentioned that she came from Lowell, Mass.

It was not until the evening after, when they were on the beach, that it occurred to her to say: "My name is Louise A—; what's yours?"

Somewhat self-conscious, he mouthed: "Rene Courtemanche."

His regret that Louise's vacation was so near at end took him by surprise.

Rene the next morning found himself going on board the steamer, carrying her bag and coat. He intended to go as far as Portland, and there put her on the train for Lowell.

Louise had agreed to linger in Portland till the last train, so that her "lady friend" might enjoy a little longer the company of the young man who was with her.

Rene and Louise, by taking a walk, missed this last train. It had gone, carrying away the "lady friend." Louise, astonishingly calm and serene, sent a telegram to her home, and then went to a hotel. Rene left her before they got there. He finally concluded it his duty to remain under the same roof with her.

They spent a pleasant evening together, which aroused Rene's consciousness of his being deeply in love with her. Furthermore he realized that he was placed in acute obligation to Louise. Was he not spending the night in the same hotel with her? This obligation took the shape that he ought to marry her.

He had quite decided to marry her by the time he met her at breakfast. Glancing over rather anxiously at Louise eating her breakfast, Rene asked:

"What is your mother like?"
"Mother? Oh, well—people say I'm like her."

The proposal followed.
"Well, I'm sorry," she said, "but I can't. What do you want to marry me for?"

"I'm dreadfully in love with you. Besides that, you can't go back to Lowell alone without doing yourself an injury. People will think—"

"People nothing!" she interrupted.
"Listen here. I'm engaged to Elwin B—, that boy you saw at the hotel." She twisted a small ring on her finger. "He gave me this. He's awfully smart. We're going to marry at Christmas. I'll tell him you proposed to me. Won't he laugh?"

Rene returned to the island that night and walked slowly up to the hotel. It was raining, and he stood for a moment on the piazza, staring into the hall. A girl at the piano was playing the same little rag which Louise had played so often. By the side of her, Elwin B— was holding the music on the lectern.

It was too much for Rene. He went to another hotel and before going to bed wrote a letter to engage a room on the next steamer for Europe.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Allen, a boy, August 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Geistweidt, a girl, August 13th.

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SOUTHERN DAIRYMEN PROSPER AS COTTON GROWERS ASK LOANS

A comparison of the financial condition of dairy farmers and dairy communities with cotton farmers and cotton communities in Mississippi brings out the fact that while 80 or 90 per cent of the cotton farmers owe banks money and are asking for extensions on their notes, there are few instances of notes held against dairy farmers. The merchants in towns surrounded by the best dairy communities report their business throughout last fall and winter as remarkably good.

This statement is made on the authority of the extension dairy husbandman, who for nearly 10 years has engaged in the movement carried on by the United States Department of Agricultural College of Mississippi to build up dairying in that State and furnish the farmers with a source of income after the boll weevil had reduced the production of the South's great staple.

To farmers these facts should lead encouragement to break away from the one-crop system, the specialist says; to the bankers and business men they should be convincing proof that greater farm prosperity, attained by a more permanent and constructive type of farming, benefits the entire community. The growth of the dairy industry throughout the South is limited in a very large degree by the willingness and ability of bankers and other moneyed interests to finance the cotton farmer of the past in buying cows and making the necessary changes in order to branch out in a new line.

The experience of the business people in a western Pennsylvania town, which became interested in promoting dairying and improved agriculture generally, should be illuminating to many of the southern bankers who have not been converted to diversified farming. In 1915, a creamery was organized in this Pennsylvania town, and one of the two banks in the place became very active in promoting dairying and financing the industry. It took the initiative in bringing in cows to sell to the farmers at cost, and inconvenienced itself in many

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In five years there was built up a large membership in various dairying associations: 43 members in the cow-testing associations, 96 in bull associations, 187 in breeders', and 698 in creamery patrons' associations. A Young Farmers' Club had a roll of 83, and there were 75 members of the Boys' and Girls' Dairy Club. Thirty farmers became members of the chamber of commerce, thus making the farmers feel that town and country were inseparably bound together in one big community. The dairy herds, after five years, had 1,100 purebred cows, 232 purebred bulls, 1,360 purebred heifers, 4,513 tuberculin tested cattle, and 176 accredited herds.

During the year ended June 30, 1920, the creamery paid out \$410,125.15 to its patrons. The bank which had promoted the agricultural development made a gain in deposits of \$968,847.12; while the older bank, which also gained because of the greater general prosperity in the town, showed a gain of \$542,383. About \$1,500,000 in these two banks was deposited by farmers, an increase of \$1,000,000 in farmers' deposits in five years.

NUMBER OF PARTIES TAKE TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

There were ten applicants who took the examinations for teachers' certificates given at the court house in Mason last Friday and Saturday. Among the applicants were J. J. Hightower, Mrs. Mayme Harper, Misses Augusta Jenkins, Audrey Mayo, Gertrude Clark, Jym Bob and Ernestine Latham, Willie Mae Grosse, Ella Baxter and Ruth Sanders.

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