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FIGHT ON WOLVES PROVING A SUCCESS

WOLF CLUB HAS PAID OUT BOUNTIES ON 13 WOLF SCALPS

The Mason County Wolf Club, which was organized recently, is making steady progress in accomplishing their purpose of ridding the county of the wolves. According to reliable information the Club had paid out bounties of \$15 each on thirteen wolf scalps up to Tuesday morning of this week and had also issued two checks of \$2.50 each on two wild cat scalps. Of the wolves caught up to date, W. D. Petty has caught four in the Chas. Kettner pasture and three have been caught by Dolf Cobb and John Holt in the J. W. White pasture. The other six have been caught by various parties and in different portions of the county. The two wild cats were caught by Herman Lange on the Thiers place.

The Wolf Club was only recently organized and scap bounties have only been offered since the first of November and the number of wolves caught to date shows that good progress is being made.

It is stated that new members are joining the organization daily and it is being urged that all pasture and land owners who have not yet joined become members at once by calling on C. D. McMillan, who is secretary of the organization, and signing up.

Reports are that expert trapper are being placed in all sections of the county and it is expected a splendid showing of results will soon be forthcoming, and it is hoped that within the next thirty or sixty days a surprisingly large number of wolf bounties will have been paid.

AMERICAN LEGION POST RENTS SMITH HALL FOR CLUB ROOM

It is announced the Fort Mason Post of American Legion has recently secured a lease on the C. C. Smith Hall and we are informed it is the intention of the members of the post to convert the building in the very near future into a club room and a pleasure dive for the local Legion members and their friends.

For some time the local Post has entertained hopes of securing a building for this purpose and the recent leasing of the Smith Hall has made it possible to complete their plans of maintaining a club.

MARSHALL FOCH WILL VISIT HOUSTON, TEXAS, DEC. 8TH

Houston, Texas, Nov. 23.—South Texas will be given an opportunity on December 8 at Houston of seeing and hearing Marshall Foch, generalissimo of the allied armies during the World War. He will be the guest of the Houston Post of the American Legion, the Houston Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Houston.

Details are lacking as to the form of entertainment which will feature the noted Frenchman's visit to Houston but the Houston Chamber of Commerce announces that every opportunity will be given the public, including all citizens of South Texas to participate in the great reception. Marshall Foch's stop in Houston will be the result of insistent efforts on the part of the American Legion, the Houston Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Houston, to give the people of South Texas an opportunity to greet the famous military leader while he is in this country.

The Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Houston extend a cordial invitation to all citizens of the south section of the State to come to Houston and join with local citizens in making the Marshall's visit a memorable occasion. The Houston Chamber of Commerce announces that more definite information will be given later.

Mrs. Dan Martin, who has been residing in the Grit community, has rented rooms from Mrs. Robert Kidd, and will remain in Mason for the winter months.

TWO LOCAL DEATHS OCCUR THIS WEEK

HUGH BROCKMAN DIED MONDAY, FOLLOWING SIEGE OF MALARIA

Hugh Brockman, aged 24 years, 11 months and 20 days, died last Monday morning at 4:30 o'clock at the home of his sister, Mrs. Fred E. Key. His death is attributed to malaria fever with which he took ill about six weeks ago while in Denton, Texas, where he was a member of a road construction crew. The physicians at Denton at first diagnosed his case as chills and fever, but later informed him that he was suffering from an attack of malaria fever. Believing himself strong enough to come home he set out alone and arrived here two weeks ago today, but it was necessary for relatives to meet him at Camp San Saba as he became too weak to stand the remainder of the trip with him.

Upon his arrival here he was taken to the home of his sister and local physicians were called in, but it is said his condition grew worse and he suffered continually until death came and relieved him. The young man was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Brockman, a prominent and highly respected family of this county and who reside northeast of the town of Mason. Besides his parents he is survived by seven sisters: Mrs. Sred Key, Mrs. Robert Leifeste, Mrs. Henry Holloway, Mrs. August Simon, Mrs. Chas. Bailey, Mrs. Harold Mellington and Miss Grace Brockman.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon and interment was made in the Gooch cemetery about four o'clock. Rev. W. H. Gage, pastor of the local Baptist church, conducted the services. To the bereaved parents and sisters the News extends deepest sympathy.

MISS MYRTLE SCHUESSLER DIED SUDDENLY SUNDAY MORNING

Miss Myrtle Schuessler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schuessler, who reside about seven miles northeast of Mason, died quite suddenly last Sunday morning about 10:30 o'clock. Miss Schuessler was sixteen years, seven months and seven days of age and it is said her death was caused by heart failure.

Our information is that the young lady had been ill for several months and the cause of her ailment had never been definitely ascertained. She has suffered quite a bit and pains were in various parts of her body. All that skilled and loving hands could do for her seemed to be of no avail and it is said on Sunday morning the pains centered about her heart and caused her to breathe her last within a very short time.

She is survived by her grief-stricken parents, a number of other relatives and a large number of friends, all of whom have the sympathy of the entire community in her untimely death.

Funeral services were held at the family residence last Monday afternoon at one o'clock and were conducted by Rev. Henry Jordan, assisted by Rev. Roy G. Rader. Interment was made in the Gooch cemetery the same afternoon about three o'clock.

LUTHERAN CONGREGATION TO ADD ON TO PARSONAGE

The News is informed that the congregation of the local St. Paul's Lutheran church, are preparing to build a second story to their parsonage, which is located just south of the church. The plans are, according to our information, is to remove the one room which is now on top of the dwelling and run the walls up several feet higher, thus making the building an up to date two story stone dwelling. Work is to be begun in a very short time, as sand is now being placed on the grounds.

COMING TO STAR THEATER

"Little Red Riding Hood"
"Straight from Paris"
"From the Manger to the Cross"
"Black Beauty"

Thanksgiving

AND THOU shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the Lord thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the Lord thy God, according as the Lord thy God hath blessed thee.

AND thou shalt rejoice before the Lord thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the Lord thy God has chosen to place his name there.

AND thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt; and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.

THOU shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine;

AND thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gate.

SEVEN days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the Lord thy God, in the place which the Lord shall choose; because the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice.

—DEUTERONOMY, CH. 16, v 10-15.

HERE FROM EASTLAND—WILL PROBABLY LOCATE

Walter Sanders and family arrived in Mason last Thursday from Eastland, where they have been residing for several years, and are visiting Mrs. Sanders' mother, Mrs. T. A. Smart. Walter states that he made a complete failure of a crop near Eastland the past year and indicated he might decide to return to this county if he can secure a farm in this section. Mr. Sanders says he has been away from here for four years and believes he left a better country than he has found while away. He stated that off of 85 acres planted in cotton this year at Eastland he only gathered 450 pounds of cotton, due to the ravages of the boll weevil.

MASON COUNTY STOCKMAN SEND CATTLE TO MEXICO FOR EXHIBIT

Elgin O. Kothmann, owner of the Premier Ranch in this county, was in Mason Monday and stated that he recently shipped three of his fine registered Hereford Bulls to Mexico for exhibition during the National Exhibit of that Country. Mr. Kothmann's herd is one of the finest in this section of the State and is as good as the best. No doubt his efforts to create a greater demand for better cattle in this country is being appreciated and although he is not as yet realizing any direct profits he will eventually do so, and he is justly entitled to it for he has certainly been to lots of expense in building up the fine herd which he now has.

Mr. Kothmann stated that with the bulls he sent his herdsman, Mr. W. D. Green, and letters from him are to the effect that he is experiencing much warmer weather in Mexico than he had anticipated.

Visit Austin on Business.

This week, a number of Mason County citizens went to Austin on business with the Highway Commission, in connection with applying for aid in road Districts Nos. one and two, of Mason County. Among the party were Attorneys Lamar Thaxton and Carl Runge, Commissioners Henry Hoerster and G. W. Herring, S. A. McCollum, Ed Jordan August Lange and probably one or two others whose names we did not get.

Dor W. Brown, county demonstration agent of Tom Green county but formerly county agent of Mason county, came in Monday night for a few days here on business. Mr. Brown says he is pleased with his work in the San Angelo country, but stated rain is a paramount question with the residents of that country at present. He said he would probably be in Mason until Saturday or Sunday.

ATTENTION! AM. LEG. MEMBERS

Summary Court Martial board of Fort Mason Post American Legion will be in session at next regular meeting, December 12th for the purpose of trying four members for being continuously "A. W. O. L." All members urged to be present.
Signed—Judge Advocate.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ENGINEER ACCEPTS ROAD TO CO. LINE

Federal Highway Engineer, Major Harrison, was here last Thursday and went over the recently constructed high road from Mason to the Gillespie county line. We are informed that Major Harrison accepted the road and gave out some very satisfactory remarks relative to the road. It is said he stated this road was exceptionally good and had been constructed in as strict conformity with the State and Federal specifications and requirements as any road he had ever inspected.

Miss Marie Brockman, one of the teachers of the local school, has been experiencing some trouble with sore eyes recently.

LETTER FROM W. O. SCHULZE WHO IS IN WARRENTON, MO

Warrenton, Mo., 11-17-21.
Dear Editors:

The News is always a welcome visitor with us. I am herewith remitting payment so that you can continue sending it. It is a keen disappointment to us when at times it does not arrive at the regular day and still more so when it does not arrive at all.

We are now in Warrenton a town about the size of Mason, a little over a year. This is quite a nice town but these Missouri towns are nothing better than Texas towns. But in general we are well pleased. This might not be so if it were not for the A. No. 1 college, Central Westeyan College, which is located here and which I am attending. Its attendance is about 350. It has a strong faculty and a good deal of pep in the student body. Besides my wife and boy and myself, my brother, Dan, and Ed and Will Steinman from Mason are here also. Then there are also eleven other Texas folks here. So we are not all together alone.

I find plenty diversion, for I have charge of a congregation about twenty miles distant. I conduct two services every Sunday. My "Ford" is quite lively on these Missouri roads at time, especially after much rain. The roads here are no better on the whole than those of Mason County. Since here, I have had the privilege of visiting various places of interest. Included among these is a visit to Hollister, a mountain camp in the heart of the beautiful Ozarks. This is the "Shepherd of the Hills", country and is very real. While there I also visited the great "Marvel Cave" which is intensely interesting. The largest underground room measures about 300 feet long, 250 feet high and 150 feet wide. By way of winding passages we passed to a depth of 450 feet. This cave is not yet fully explored, although explorations have been in progress by its owner for the last 35 years.

I would love to write at length about things and places which might be interesting, but I must leave that for some other time.

Sincerely,
W. O. SCHULZE.

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CONTRACT LET FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS

SIX BID CONSIDERED; AUSTIN MAN IS AWARDED CONTRACT; WORK STARTS IN 30 DAYS

The board of school trustees for the Mason Independent School District let the contract for the erection of a modern high school building and for repairing the present occupied building, on last Wednesday afternoon. C. D. McMillan, secretary of the board, stated six contractors bid for the work, but the contract was awarded to Mr. Richard Schmidt, of Austin, whose bid the board considered most favorable.

It is stated the contract calls for actual work to begin within the next thirty days and calls for the building's completion by August 1, 1922, provided weather conditions do not interfere with building progress.

A seventy-five thousand dollar bond issue was carried in the Mason Independent School District last summer for the erection of a new and modern high school building and for remodeling the present building for a grammar school. Mr. Schmidt's bid was to take over the \$75,000 worth of bonds at par and to erect the new building of reinforced concrete and make it absolutely fireproof at a cost of \$53,000 and to repair the present building at a cost of \$8,000, making a total of \$61,000. He is to pay the board the \$14,000 difference in cash upon the completion of the buildings. His contract does not include wiring and plumbing, which items are to be considered separately in the building costs. He stated he would use local labor in doing the work, provided he could secure laborers "willing to hit the ball" and accomplish the work.

The site for the new building has not yet been secured, but Secretary McMillan informed the News that the Board was to definitely decide on the site this week, as several locations have been under consideration.

HARRIS NOT BILLED BY SONORA GRAND JURY

The sequel to the tragic deaths of Elizabeth Dorothy Harris and Nelson McNeill, lovers from Valley Mills, Texas, on a ranch in Sutton county May, concluding a long auto chase by the girl's relatives, was enacted in Sonora early last week.

The Sutton county grand jury convened on Monday, advised Dick Harris, Dorothy's father, and H. S. Harris, her brother, the following day that no indictments had been returned against them in connection with the shooting. Both men had been held under bonds of \$1,000 each, pending the grand jury's action.

Dick Harris was accompanied to Sonora by Mrs. Harris, who was a witness to the fatal shooting. With H. S. Harris also was his wife and a half-sister of Dick Harris was a fifth member of the party. A number of friends of the Harrises from Valley Mills were in Sonora for the grand jury investigation.

Elizabeth Dorothy Harris, 20 years old and Nelson McNeill, 28, came to their death Saturday, May 21, southwest of Sonora as the climax to a chase of 400 miles from their home at Valley Mills, Texas, by Miss Harris' parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Harris and H. S. Harris.

Miss Harris and Mr. McNeill eloped from Valley Mills a week before. The parents and brother followed them. At Sonora the two parties met. After a race of 11 miles, the McNeill car broke down and he and his fiancé ran for cover in a thicket. A gun battle followed between McNeill and the Harrises. When the shooting was over Miss Harris was dead and McNeill had been wounded. Sunday morning he was found several miles from the scene with his throat cut, lying in a pool of blood.

The two Harrises were finally arrested and released on \$1,000 bond each. The evidence had been so destroyed that the calling of a special grand jury was considered useless. The coronor's verdict was that McNeill was a suicide and that Miss Harris had met her death from gun shot wounds inflicted by a person, or persons unknown.—
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We have no mechanical way at present to make hens lay, but if you have culled your chickens and gotten all of the "boarders" out of the flock, then we recommend that you feed them a good balanced ration and keep plenty of dry mash before them at all times.

The following will be found a good dry mash and should be kept where the chickens can get all they want at any time:

- Wheat bran or wheat shorts.....15 lbs.
- Corn meal or corn chops..... 30 lbs.
- Maize or kafir ground..... 35 lbs.
- Meat scraps..... 20 lbs.

Every good mash should have at least ten per cent and not over twenty-five per cent meat scraps.

The meat scraps are hard to get in Mason, but if enough people would ask for same, very likely, the feed man here would keep it in stock and it is always good in any chicken ration.

Should you want plans for making a dry mash hopper we will be glad to furnish you with same.

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Dr. Jos. Greer is at Temple this week and may not be home for several days yet. He was called to Temple by a message announcing an accident wherein his brother, Daniel Greer, had been fatally injured and Mrs. Daniel Greer killed by a fire truck striking them while they were on the sidewalk at Temple. We learned Tuesday that there was but little hope entertained for his brother's recovery, as the amputation of both legs was necessary.—The Bandera New Era.

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Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.

PRIZES ON CHICKENS WHICH WERE OMITTED LAST WEEK

Below is given the list of a few prizes which were omitted on poultry when the list was compiled for the News last week:

Cornish Indian Games:
Hugh Shearer, first on Pen, Pullet and Cock.

Otto Schmidt, first on Hen.
Oran Tinsley, second on Pen and Cockerel.

W. W. Wartenbach, first on Cockerel.
White Wyndotte:
Gus Lehmann, first on Cock and Hen.

Bantams:
John Millaire, first on pair Brown Leghorn Bantams; second on pair of Cochin.

In the Poland China Hog Department, Grand Champion sow should have gone to Milton Jordan's sow instead of Wm. Kooch's sow. Wm. Kooch's sow was champion in the Club members show.

CHICKENS

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices.
31-1f J. J. JOHNSON.

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TUBERCULOSIS CAN BE CURED

Austin, Texas, Nov. 23.—If tuberculosis is discovered and treatment begun early enough it can be cured. This has been established as a fact by the experience of thousands of cases over a large period of years. The chief difficulty encountered in anti-tuberculosis work is the reluctance of persons to heed the danger signals of tuberculosis in its earlier stages and submit themselves for examination by a competent physician, so that they may be informed definitely of their condition and take steps to remedy it.

The striking example between the number of persons known to have tuberculosis and the number of cases actually existing was brought out recently in Framingham, Massachusetts. When the health demonstration was begun there, only 27 cases of tuberculosis were on record. In the survey they conducted, 223 additional cases were disclosed.

The Texas Public Health Association with its affiliated local organization is carrying on a campaign of education to show the necessity for providing clinics where examinations may be made free of charge for those who can not afford to pay for them.

General education in regard to tuberculosis and the promotion of means whereby it may be discovered early enough for successful treatment are phases of the work carried on by these organizations. Funds for this work are obtained from the sale of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals, and every dollar's worth of Seals sold is a blow aimed directly at tuberculosis.

Single Brand Typewriter Ribbons, 80c at News Office.

MAN FINDS \$800 PAPER MONEY OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

R. L. Estep of Cherokee was in town for Trades Day and brought to the News office a pocket full of money. Some of it was issued by the Republic of Texas during the years of 1836 to 1841. While rummaging some old relics at his home recently he found this paper money, and is unable to recall where it came from or how he came into possession of it. It is in bills of the denomination of one, two, five, twenty, fifty, one hundred and five hundred dollars. Some of the bills are signed by Sam Houston and Mirabeau B. Lamar, presidents of the Republic of Texas at different dates.

It is indeed a rare and curious relic and is well worth preserving.—San Saba News.

MASON PEOPLE PREVENT APPENDICITIS

Many Mason people are using simple glycerine, buckthorn bark, etc., as mixed in Adler-i-ka. This flushes BOT upper and lower bowel so completely; it removes all foul, accumulated poisons from alimentary canal and prevents appendicitis. Adler-i-ka relieves ANY CASE gas on stomach or sour stomach. Often CURES constipation. In one case of chronic stomach trouble ONE bottle produced wonderful results. Mason Drug Company.

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LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING

uncalled for in this office for the week ending November 19, 1921:

- Alexander, Clay.
- Balla, Willie B.
- Bowles, F. P.
- Canton, Miss Mary.
- Fundenburg, J. H.
- Holley, E. W.
- Johnson, Carrie Ben
- Kisby, Miss Minna.
- Kiser, Jim.
- Kothman, Mrs. Flora.
- Lanit, Miss Arlae
- Miller, Lona.
- Pandexter, C. T.
- Seawright, O.
- Thompson, Geo.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office December 5, 1921 if not delivered before. In calling for the above, please say "Advertised," giving date of list.

JENNIE REYNOLDS, P. M.

PRESCRIPTIONS

Accurately compounded day and night at Mason Drug Co.

TURKEY CROP BEAT COTTON CROP FOUR TO ONE

J. C. Winkler, one of the county's most progressive citizens and also a County Commissioner, raised a cotton crop this year, and devoted much of his time to the cultivation of that crop. When the harvest days came he marketed his cotton, which brought him in about \$160. He also raised a bunch of turkeys, which required much less time, work and expense, and on last Saturday drove those birds, 237 in number, to town where he sold them for the neat sum of \$738.22.

The turkeys practically took care of themselves and fattened on the mast crop. They were out feeding on grass-hoppers while the grass in the cotton field had Mr. Winkler hopping. Who says diversification does not pay? The sooner the South learns to devote more time to diversification and less to cotton, just that much sooner will these states come into their own.—Llano News.

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\$600,000 ROAD BOND ELECTION IN McCULLOCH CO. ON DEC. 20TH

Acting upon the petition of Jas. T. Mann and 415 other qualified tax-paying voters of McCulloch county, Commissioners court late yesterday evening ordered a county-wide election to be held on Tuesday, December 20th, to determine whether or not McCulloch county shall issue its bonds in the sum of \$600,000 for the "purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof." The bonds are to bear 5 1/2 per cent interest, and are to run for a period of thirty years. Following the calling of the election, the court voted adjournment for the November term.—Brady Standard.

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Dutton, Ala.—In recommending Thedford's Black-Draught to her friends and neighbors here, Mrs. T. F. Parks, a well-known Jackson County lady, said: "I am getting up in years; my head is pretty white. I have seen medicines and remedies come and go but the old reliable came and stayed. I am talking of Black-Draught, a liver medicine we have used for years—one that can be depended upon and one that will do the work."

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Flat breaking in the early fall is a good control measure, but should not be delayed too long, as the weevils will have gone to hibernating places and cannot be destroyed in this way.

If possible, pasture the stalks and then cut and rake in wind rows and burn, burn all grass and timber in the fields. Put the burning of stalks, grass, etc. off as late as possible as most of the weevils will then be destroyed. After burning and plowing it is well to disc land once or more to destroy any vegetation that the weevils may live on through the winter.

Preserve all birds where possible, as quail, kiddle and nighthawks help destroy many weevils.

Last, though not least, to effectively control the weevil, one must get his neighbors to co-operate with him in control measures, as what weevils one's neighbor's do not destroy will more than supply next year's crop.

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32-1f LARIMORE & GROTE.

Louis Willmann, of the Fredonia section, left his annual subscription fees with the News while in Mason last Saturday on business.

Fairy Powder Puff



Little celluloid kewpies which may be bought everywhere have been used in many ingenious ways for Christmas gifts. Here is one dressed up like a fairy bride with ruffles of chiffon bound with narrow satin ribbon for a skirt and her head adorned with a braid wreath and veil. She stands in a small bag stuffed with cotton and gathered about her feet and it has a cloth powder puff sewed to it that rests in a glass bowl.

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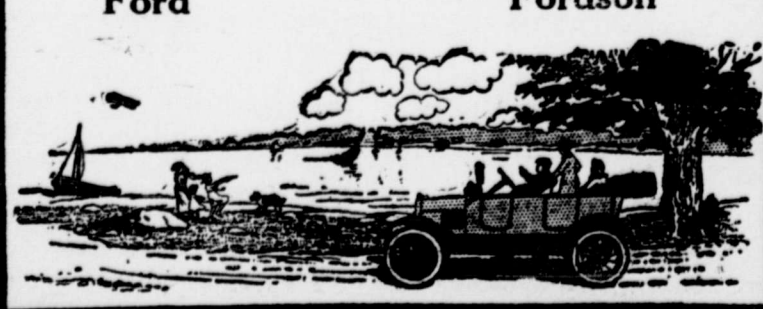
Dan Jordan and son were pleasant callers at the News office Saturday while here from the ranch near Art. Mr. Jordan informed us that the Champion sow of the recent show and Exhibit at Mason belonged to his son and the young man was awarded the ribbon, but the News did not include the young man's name in the list of premium winners because of some error which was occasioned by the clerk of the hob exhibit not having a full and complete list. It is said the Jordan hog won the grand champion ribbon in the sow class.

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The next issue of the News will appear on December 1st. That means Christmas will then be but a little over three weeks away. Old Santa Claus is now peeping around the corner and it is time that thoughts be turned towards the annual gift giving season. The News is now carrying some excellent suggestions for readers who desire to use spare moments at making suitable and appropriate gifts for their friends.

TRANSIENTS DON'T DO CITY ANY GOOD

(Mount Carroll (Ill) Mirror-Democrat)

These transients with auction sales on the corners with overalls and other goods are not doing the city any good, that's sure. Our merchants keep up the city with their taxes, they keep up the Commercial Club and keep the city alive with band concerts, celebrations, picnics, etc., while these transients pay a few dollars for a license and walk out of town with their pockets bulging with money that should go into the coffers of the merchants to help keep the town alive.

A report from Cherry Springs states that hunters in that vicinity seem to be unable to distinguish between a buck and a cow. Mr. Oswald Wendel had three cows killed and Messrs. Ad. Kothe and Ad. Marshall had two cows killed each by reckless hunters. Get together and keep them out, permit no one unless you know of his presence and hold him responsible for cattle killed. A jury will sustain your rights should this be necessary.—Fredericksburg Standard.

Engineers Ellinger of the State Highway Department and Warner of the Federal Department are here inspecting the highway from the Mason county line to the Kendall county line. The work on the highway has been completed, but because of the dry spell we are having, the engineers may not accept the work, as the road is necessarily rough, a state which can not be remedied until after the next good rain.—Fredericksburg Standard.

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.

Alf Reeves and son, Nat, were here Saturday from their ranch in the Capitola section. Mr. Reeves says rain is very badly needed in his section and stated that stock water is getting to be a serious thing with stockmen as well as poor range conditions.

WITTY AND WISE

Cheer up—Christmas eve falls on pay day.—Flint (Mich.) Journal.

Candidates in olden times kissed the babies, but now the mother can vote.—Laverne (Ala.) Journal.

It is perfectly surprising how much some men know about things they know nothing about.—Stonewall Okla. News.

We have come to a pretty pass if we can't advocate Americanism without wearing a nightgown and a mask.—Trinidad (Colo.) Picketwire.

And if Old Mother Hubbard dressed in style the cupboard would not be the only thing about the house that was bare.—Brandenburg (Ky.) Messenger.

A fool and his money are soon married.—Columbia (S. C.) Record.

The arms parley is like a parachute: much will depend on how it opens.—Boston Herald.

The country is in a ferment, says a heavy editorial. And most of it is illegal, too.—Evansville Courier.

Sometimes we think our bank must use a subtracting machine instead of an adding machine.—Syracuse Herald.

H. G. Wells says that "high aims may yet save mankind," but it all depends on what mankind aims with.—Columbia Record.

The Senate wants a record kept of the proceedings of the armament conference. And play it with a loud needle.—Pittsburg Sun.

Business is finding out that, if buyers will not fall for prices, prices must fall for buyers.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

Lenin is the only man who has ever been able to make money out of a printing press.—Asheville Times.

How in the world did men get to be great before headlines were invented?—Hartford Times.

The Princeton professor who can't live on ten thousand dollars a year is right. That much salary would kill the average professor in a short time.—Houston Post.

The Dutch government is planning to build a larger navy, so that it can take a more important part in the discussion about abolishing it.—Munice Star.

There's one good thing to be said about enmity—one can always depend on it. Friendship often fails one.—Tulsa Tribune.

Sometimes marriage is a tie, and sometimes one side wins.—Pittsburgh Press.

Another fine thing about rural life is that people live so far apart they can't hear one another's phonographs.—Hartford Times.

The Thanksgiving turkey would like to see the Washington conference start its disarmament program with the ax.—Wheeling Intelligencer.

Beth Was a Safe Proposition

By A. W. PEACH.

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Don Seaver was a puzzle to Beth Hazen from the beginning, and she was aware that she was not much of a puzzle to him—at least he seemed to assume that she was just what she pretended to be.

His coming into the office was greeted with some excitement and interest among the girls, for he was handsome in a plain and wholesome way and, after a quiet fashion, good fun.

Beth was surprised to find that he seemed to select her for his special companion, and at first a bit doubtful, she finally accepted his comradeship. One evening after a particularly happy time she questioned him:

"Don, why under the sun do you ask me to these good times, a little nobody like myself, when there are girls in the office who really are somebody?"

His gray eyes twinkled a bit. "Because you are safe."

"Safe," she repeated a bit puzzled. "You mean I am not likely to run away with you or bite you?"

He laughed his merry way. "No, Beth, but that ring on your hand—"

She stared at it. It was an engagement ring.

"You see! You have some one—" he began.

"And you have some one," she added, gently.

"So we are both safe," he concluded. It was a dangerous assumption, however, for him and for her. The comradeship between them grew closer. She often wondered who the far-away girl was who had won him; and she knew in a dim way that he often wondered who it was to whom she had given her love. But neither told the other.

A sort of climax came one golden evening when they were together on the river ferry that took them home after working late in the city. The deep, soft, starlit dusk was close about them with its suggestion of

simply good friends.
"I have heard rumors."
"Don't listen to them. Don took me around for company, because, as he said, I was safe—"
"Safe?"
"Yes; safe on both sides. See?"

Smiling, Beth held out her hand. On it gleamed the engagement ring. The face of the other softened. "Oh, I see—engaged. Well, that does make a different matter of it."

Beth looked at the ring with rueful eyes. "Yes, I suppose it does."
The next surprise came to her three evenings later, when, as she was leaving the office, Don's tall form appeared.

"Beth," he said directly, "I want to see you. You come to dinner with me."

She demurred, but he was insistent, and she followed him.
"Now, answer like a good girl," he ordered. "Did Miss Raymond come to see you—about me?"

She refused to answer, but his gray, keen eyes read the truth. He leaned back in his chair and looked at her with thoughtful eyes. But his thoughts were beyond her reading.

He spent the evening with her, and a happy one it was. It left her with curiously mixed feelings for he said on leaving her:

"Beth, there is one lucky chap in the world, and he is the chap who slipped that ring on your finger. Good-night."

The last surprise was the greatest of all. She had stopped in the hall of her house and was looking over the mail piled on the usual table. The day had been a wearying one at the office, and she was lazily shuffling the letters.

Suddenly she was seized from behind by two strong arms, pinioned close, her face turned, and her lips kissed.

She struggled away and turned on her assailant who stood before her smiling and at the same time a bit worried.

"Don!"
"Forgive me, Beth, it did seem so good to see you and—"

"But—"
"I have just learned of my one-time fiancée's engagement, that sets me free. And as for you, little girl, let me see that engagement ring."

She held out her hand doubtfully and saw him quietly remove the ring. "That was a mother's foolish scheme to have you wear her engagement ring to protect you from undesirable men. I went to see her and she told me. It did keep some men from annoying you, Beth, but I am going to annoy you until you say you love me."

He was speaking lightly but his eyes were tender and wistful.

Beth was confused but she managed to say: "You won't have to annoy me very long, Don!"

\$4,225,000 AVAILABLE FOR FEDERAL HIGHWAY AID

Austin, Texas, Nov. 19.—The State Highway Commission, at its regular monthly meeting next Monday, will have available \$4,225,000 as State and Federal aid for construction of highways in Texas. R. M. Hubbard, chairman of the commission, announced today. Mr. Hubbard arrived today, making preliminary arrangements for putting into effect in Texas the new Federal highway law.

Typewriter ribbons, 50c. News Office.

FROM NEWS FILES OF 25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Nov. 27, 1896:

Little Lena Bogusch fell at school Tuesday and struck her head upon a rock, being unconscious for some time. The young people enjoyed a pleasant social at the home of M. F. Carter Friday evening.

D. Doole, president of the school corporation has tendered his resignation to Judge M. B. McKnight.

A large crowd assembled at the Crosby track last Saturday to witness the horse race between the horses of Chas. Schuessler and Rueff Holland. The Holland horse was winner by about forty feet.

M. A. Hamilton and wife and Dr. J. S. Cash and wife were out hunting a few days this week.

Columbus Redman, of Comanche County, spent last week here. Charlie Stapleton left a few days ago for Clifton, where he has a situation with an uncle.

15 Years Ago In Mason

From Mason News, Nov. 23, 1906:

Sterling King and wife now occupy rooms in the residence of Mrs. Jennie Reynolds.

It is reported some cotton fields near Temple made nearly two bales to the acre.

D. E. Amerine sold his 200 acre farm near London to J. Hogan for \$2,300. Mr. Amerine bought the Sims place in McCulloch County for \$2,500.

Mr. Allen Murray and Miss Alma Schmidt were married on the afternoon of the 21st. Rev. J. P. Lyle officiated.

R. O. Green states he has made 10 bales of cotton this year from 18 acres.

Mr. Miles McInnis, of Llano, and Miss Georgia Ross, of this place, were married Sunday afternoon. Rev. P. B. Summers officiated.

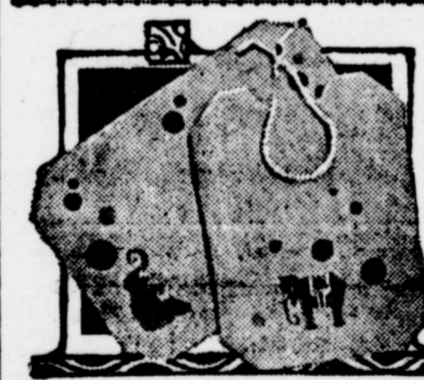
The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mayo died early Friday morning.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Moursund, a boy on the 15th.

Reduction on Shorts and Bran at Mayhew Produce Company. Bran \$1.50 and Shorts \$2 a sack. 32

Taylor Vandever was here last Saturday from his home near Mason Mountain. He stated that some peculiar specimen of humanity has recently been prowling in his community after night and some excitement has been occasioned thereby. Mr. Vandever said that he noticed a very peculiar noise near his house on Wednesday night of last week and he believed from the sounds that some crazy person was prowling around. It is reported that similar statements have been forthcoming from other residents of that community, but it seems no one knows very much about the thing. Mr. Vandever says he is keeping an extra charge of shotgun ammunition handy and expects to use it if the prowler is heard about his premises again.

Bib and Tray Cloth



Balloons, in bright colors, and an angular elephant decorate the ample bib and tray cloth to match, made of oilcloth, as pictured above. They will afford the youngest member of the family much joy and his mother much peace of mind at the dinner table. Therefore the donor of this gift will be twice blessed and long remembered. The mottled oilcloth is cream colored and the bib is bound at the neck with white tape which is extended into ties.



Suddenly She Was Seized.

comfort and contentment. He leaned toward her in the dusk and said gently:

"I wonder if it is wrong for me to tell you something?"

She thrilled a bit at the tone in his voice and smiled a little fearfully. "How can I tell until I know what it is?"

He smiled in turn. "I am taking another position, going away, and I know I shall miss you like the very deuce. That's all, and I don't believe the chap who loves you would object to my saying that, would he?"

She nodded, silent and almost distressed.

The same week of his departure brought her an uncomfortable surprise. She was called from her room in the boarding-house to meet a stranger, and found herself facing a slim girl whose face was a bit stern.

"I am Myrtle Raymond, engaged to Don Seaver, and I have come to see if you will tell me just what there is between you and him?" she asked bluntly.

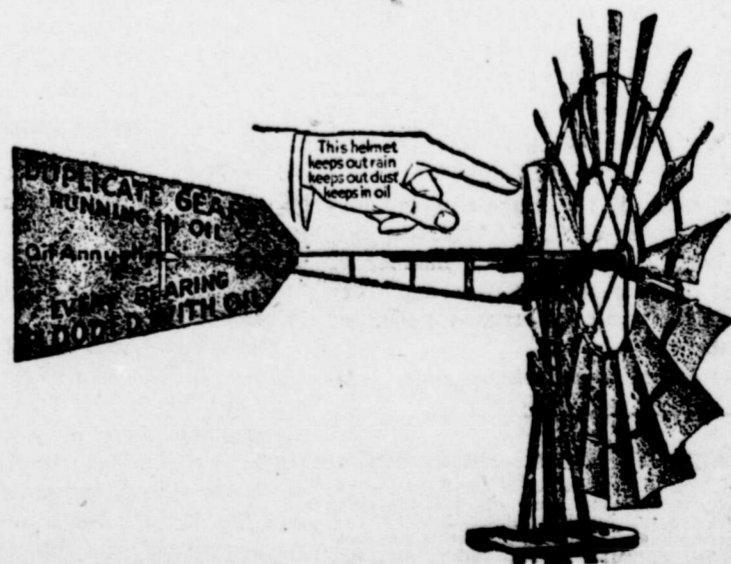
Beth stared at her, offended by the tone of her questioner's voice and the insinuation in her words.

"You need not answer unless you wish," the other said sharply. "Silence is assent."

"But I shall answer," Beth said frankly, finding her tongue. "There is nothing between us; we are, or were,

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SOCIAL EVENTS

PARDUE-ROSS WEDDING

Miss Helena Ross and Chas. Pardue of Alvarado were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. S. R. Ross. The ring ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. McClair in the presence of the immediate relatives and a few friends.

The bride wore a tailored suit of brown avora, brown velvet hat and other accessories to match.

The bride is the handsome and lovable daughter of Mrs. S. R. Ross and has lived in Itasca for a number of years. She is well known and very popular among a large number of friends.

The groom is a business man of Al-

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varado, being co-owner of the Alvarado Bulletin, and belongs to one of the oldest and most prominent families of that section.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leo McNeese of Malone, and Mrs. M. E. Tomlinson and Geo. Rockholt of Dallas.

Tulsa Selects Pawhuska Girl

Miss Iris Bridges of this city has been selected by the executive committee of the Tulsa Junior Chamber of Commerce to represent Pawhuska at the Tulsa Harvest Festival, Saturday, November 19.

Plans have been completed to give visitors to Tulsa a big one-day celebration. The day will be opened by a general handshake all around and will be followed by the grand parade headed by the Queen, her ladies in waiting, and the Royal Mexican band of 96 pieces brought to Tulsa by special dispensation of the President of Mexico.

The above is taken from an Oklahoma paper and is reproduced in the News because of the fact that the honored young lady is a daughter of Mr. Chas. Bridges, at one time a resident of Mason. Miss Bridges is a niece of Mrs. J. W. White, of this city.

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CHURCH NOTICES

BAPTIST CHURCH

Services at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 7:15 o'clock next Sunday, Nov. 27th. The pastor is cordially invited to attend.

W. L. GAGE, Pastor.

Thousands of weak, run-down men and women have reported astonishing gains in weight from the use of Tanlac.—Mason Drug Company.

MRS. ALFORD DIED IN SAN A.

Mrs. Anna Martin returned home last week from San Antonio, where she went to the bedside of her niece, Mrs. Emilie Alford. During Mrs. Martin's visit there the death of Mrs. Alford occurred and she remained over for the funeral, which was held on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Martin and daughter, Miss Anna, and Mr. Max Martin went down for the funeral also.

Mrs. Alford has visited in Mason on several occasions and had many friends in or midst, who will regret very much to learn of her death. She was for a number of years engaged in educational work in the San Antonio section and was quite prominent as a teacher.

Eagle Brand Typewriter Ribbons, 80¢ at News Office.

NEWS FROM STREETER

The norther which struck this section Saturday was the coldest of the season. Ice was plentiful for three successive mornings which made us feel like winter had indeed arrived.

Farmers are beginning to feel blue over the dry weather. There has been very little small grain planted and what has been planted, is dying. All tanks are dry and some wells seem to be failing.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Haley, of Fredonia, are visiting Mr. Homer Kinman and family this week.

Messrs. Rott and Alf Polk, of the Willow Creek section were visitors in our city Sunday.

Prof. Homer T. Richardson made a flying trip to Junction Monday.

Ollie Massey taught his room while he was away.

The following young people attended prayer meeting at Grit Sunday night: Misses Hazel, Edith and Doris Richardson, Jessie Jewel and Nellie Martin, Kate Gamel, Francis Allen; Messrs. Frank Gamel, Allen Fitzhugh, Clarence Martin, Bryan Stone and Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Massey.

Mr. George Duff of Llano spent a few days here the past week, visiting Mr. Tom Martin and family.

Through the suggestion of our teachers, a number met one night last week and organized a night school at this place. The school is to be taught every Tuesday and Thursday nights. Anybody may attend and take any subject they choose without any cost whatever. A number of persons are taking advantage of the opportunity and each meeting records a larger attendance.

The Literary and Debating Society met again Friday night. The subject for debate was, "Is Disarmament Practical?" The affirmative was represented by Messrs. Homer Richardson and Rex Lavelle; the negative, Ollie Massey and Miss Hazel Richardson. The judges decided in favor of the negative side. A nice little program was also rendered. The next meeting will be Friday night, December 2, and in connection with this a box supper is to be given to raise funds for the benefit of the school. Everybody is invited to attend each meeting and we also ask everyone to take part that will.

The pupils in school have just finished examinations and the following A and B grades are reported: "A" 6th grade, Ollie Belle Eppler, Preston Brite, 5th grade, Loyd Brite; 2nd grade, Episie Ann Thrower and Milton Lavelle; 1st grade, Bertie Thrower. "B" grade: 9th, grade, Edith Hafison; 8th grade, Doris Richardson, Edith Richardson; 6th grade, Jewel Martin, Jessie Stone, Lois Hanson, Dee Gamel, Coy Allen; 5th grade, Virginia Carter, Russell Lavelle; 4th grade, Corene Hanson, Fay Allen; 3rd grade, Jesse Thames, Floyd Kinman; 2nd grade, Gorman Beam, Jim Eppler; 1st grade, Thelma Beam, Carmel Martin, Vance Allen.

—Reporter.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Ladies Aid of the Christian Church will give a bazaar the afternoon of December 2, 1921, from two to six, at the home of Mrs. Chas. Bierschwald.

Entrance fee fifteen cents. Refreshments served free. 36tf

Ed and Wes Smith and Walter Lindsay left Tuesday for San Antonio to be away a few days on business.

Mrs. Bruce Tarver and baby are here from Kerrville for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schmidt.

BAZAAR AND PIE SUPPER

There will be a Bazaar and Pie Supper at the Katemey School House on Thanksgiving night, Nov. 24th. Other features of the entertainment will consist of a fish pond, parched peanuts, homemade candy and various games. Everybody invited.

Mrs. D. G. Brillhart and baby, of Cameron, Mo., are expected to arrive here this week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith.

They are awaiting your inspection—Those engraved Greeting Card Samples at the News Office.

LUTHERAN BAZAAR, THURSDAY

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Lutheran Church will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar and Good Luck Sale on next Thursday afternoon, November 24th, commencing at 1:30 p. m. The Lutheran League will sell lunches and candy. The public is invited to attend this bazaar, which will be held at the school house northwest of the Lutheran Church. 36-2tc

CURING MEAT

The meat curing process recommended by the Extension Service a year ago proved so popular that we have been requested to reprint it.

The first essential is to see that the meat is thoroughly cooled. Meat should never be frozen either before or during the curing process. The time to begin is as soon as the meat is cool and while it is still fresh.

Dry Curing

The following formula is recommended for dry curing:

For each 100 pounds of meat:

7 pounds salt.

2½ pounds sugar.

2 ounces saltpeter.

Three ounces black pepper and two ounces of red pepper may be added to the above if desired. Mix all ingredients.

Mix all ingredients thoroughly, then rub one-third of the quantity of this mixture over the meat and pack it away in a box or on a table. The third day break bulk and rub on half of the remaining mixture over the meat and again pack the meat. Break bulk the seventh day and rub the remainder of the mixture over the meat and pack the meat to cure. Allow one day and a half cure for each pound the pieces of meat average. After the meat has cured, wash and hang in the smokehouse.

After smoking the following wash may be used to preserve the smoked meat:

For 100 pounds of hams or bacon.

3 ounces barium sulphate.

1-16 pounds glue.

1-12 pounds chrome yellow.

4 pounds flour.

Half fill a pail with water and mix in the flour, dissolving all lumps thoroughly. Dissolve the chrome yellow in a quart of water in a separate vessel and add the solution and the glue to the flour; bring the whole to a boil and add the barium sulphate slowly stirring constantly. Make the wash the day before it is required. Stir it frequently when using, and apply with a brush.

For brine curing use the following:

For each 100 pounds meat.

8 pounds salt.

2 1-2 pounds sugar.

2 ounces saltpeter.

4 gallons water.

In warm weather use 9 or 10 pounds of salt instead of eight. Pepper may be added if desired.

Allow four days cure for each pound of weight of a ham or shoulder and three days for each pound of weight in a piece of bacon.

The principal advantage that this process has over the usual salt curing is that salt alone removes much of the flavor and color from meat when used alone. Sugar and saltpeter are also curing agents. By their use in the right proportions the meat does not become too salty also.—O. P. Griffin in Brownwood Bulletin.

Fresh cement at R. Gross's.

Reduction on Shorts and Bran at Mayhew Produce Company. Bran \$1.50 and Shorts \$2 a sack. 32

Chas. Worlie left last Friday for San Antonio for a few days' visit with relatives and friends before returning to Port Arthur. Mr. Worlie spent several days in Mason among friends and relatives. He tells us that he is doing fine at Port Arthur and that he and Mrs. Worlie have good positions with the Texas Refinery of that place.

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BRADY, TEXAS.

Wm. Behrens and family were over the past week-end from Brady to visit among relatives and friends of the Behrens community. Mr. Behrens is now engaged in the market business at Brady and stated that he was enjoying a good business. He says his business is holding up exceptionally well. He is operating his market in connection with his brother's grocery store.

I am always in the market for fat hogs and chickens. Get my prices. J. J. Johnson. 31-tf.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Roas, a girl (stillborn) November 11, 1921.

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AFFIDAVIT OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT TO TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

In the matter of County Finances in the hands of Thomas H. Stroug, treasurer of Mason County, Texas.

Commissioners' Court of Mason County, Texas, in regular quarterly session, November 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 16th day of November, A. D., 1921, at a regular quarterly term of our said Court, we have compared and examined the quarterly report of Thos. H. Stroug, treasurer of Mason County, Texas, for the quarter beginning on the 1st day of August, A. D., 1921, and ending on the 31st day of October, 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 October, 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 15th day of November, A. D., 1921, and find the same to be as follows, to wit:

Balance to credit of Jury Fund	\$547.50
Balance to credit of Road and Bridge Fund	\$3,974.59
Balance to credit of General Fund	\$167.82
Balance to credit of Court House Fund	\$3,202.62
Balance to credit of Special Road Fund	\$3,028.90
Balance to credit of County Highway Fund	\$3,313.46
Highway Fund has deficit of	\$98.89
Balance to credit of State and Federal Aid	\$141.25

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:

One Special Road Warrant	\$2,160.00
One No. 26 School House bond	\$100.00
Two No. 27 School House Bonds @ \$500	\$1000.00
Two hundred W. S. S. @ \$5, maturity value	\$1000.00
Bonded Indebtedness	
The bonded indebtedness of the said County we find to be as follows, to wit:	
64 Ct. House Bonds @ \$500	\$32,000.00
18 Special Road Warrants @ \$500	\$9,000.00
58 Road and Bridge Warrants @ \$500	\$29,000.00
One Special Road and Bridge warrant	\$3,655.32
One Special Road and Bridge warrant	\$460.00

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MASON COUNTY NEWS.

THE COLONIAL PERIOD

(An oration upon the Colonial Period by Mrs. Ila Banta).

Perhaps, no period in the history of our country is so profitable and interesting to study about or write about, as that of the Colonial period.

The beginning of things are always important, and the United States was in the making during that period.

On our flag and on our coin of the realm we still have the thirteen magical stars to remind us of our first colonies. And of course we all know that our first Thanksgiving was observed during this period.

The people who first came to the shores of America represented ALL the most important parts of the civilized world. We sometimes hear a lower class of people say that American citizens are made up of a smattering. But I say the American people skim the cream from the civilized countries of the world. Those who were energetic, ambitious, or filled with the spirit of in-

One Special Road and Bridge warrant..... \$2,160.00
 Witness our hands, officially, this 15 day of November, A. D., 1921.

JOHN T. BANKS, Co. Judge,
 HENRY DOELL, Com. Prec't No 1
 W. J. GRIFFITH, Com. Prec. No. 2
 G. W. HERRING, Com. Prec. No. 3
 H. HOERSTER, Com. Prec. No. 4
 Sworn to and subscribed before me, by John T. Banks, County Judge, and Henry Doell and W. J. Griffith and G. W. Herring and H. Hoerster County Commissioners of said Mason County, each respectively, on this the 16th day of November, A. D., 1921.

R. E. LEE,
 County Clerk, Mason County, Texas.

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We thank you Who's next?

TO THE PUBLIC

I regret very much that I will not be in a position after December 1st, to let my Mason County friends hunt in my "Mill Creek Ranch", and I hope that none will ask me for permission after December 1st. The continual chasing of the cattle on seeing a hunter, coupled with the protracted dry spell is beginning to tell on the cattle and if the same keeps up much longer, I will have to put a large feed bill into the cattle. It is necessary for the cattle to remain as quiet as possible during the next few months, and this they will not do if hunters are continually among them. During the month of November, I believe, there have been five hunters in my pasture to every one to be found in any other pasture, and I hope that no one will ask me for permission after December 1st.

Yours truly,
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M. F. CARTER
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CHICKENS

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices.
 31-1f
 J. J. JOHNSON.

S. A. Hoerster has been confined to his home several days this week, due to illness.

They are awaiting your inspection—Those engraved Greeting Card Samples at the News Office.

vestigation, are the ones who came to the shore. The ones who survived the hard experience of our early fathers were the pick of these. And that is why our Colonial citizenship developed the BEST citizenship in the world.

Other countries can boast of their heroes, but no other country has produced a Washington, a Lincoln, a Lee and Jefferson. One reason the people of Colonial period were so interesting was because they were so different from the people of today.

The Puritans, Pilgrims and Cavaliers each has his own individual story on the pages of our History. As also the Spaniard, French and Dutch of Colonial times.

Among the hardships the early people endured were fights with the Indians, and wild beasts of the forest. Also misunderstandings and wars with each other.

There was no land to till until the forests were cut down.

Starvation often stared them in the face, before they learned to raise good crops. Many of the people did not know how to work. Building materials were to be gotten out of the woods and hills.

Had it not been for such men as John Smith and Miles Standish the Colonist would have fared still worse. The ladies of Colonial times were all heroines. So patiently and perserveringly did they learn to adjust themselves to the hard, though interesting conditions of their new homes. At first the houses were made of logs and it required very hard labor to hew down and get them ready for building purpose. The cracks between the logs had to be plastered with mud. A rude kind of shingle was split from the logs which was used for roofing. Pieces of waxed paper served for windows and skins of animals were used for doors.

Gradually, however, these conditions improved. Then the houses were better and comfortably made. It is surely a pleasure to read of the old Colonial mansions. Compare in your minds the difference between the Colonial houses and our modern houses of today.

Still the home life was generally busy, but happy. And you have only to read "Snow Bound" by one of our early poets to know all about this life.

The dress of the early fathers at first was skins of animals, but later they made home-spun clothing of cotton and flax that they raised, also the wool from the sheep. Sometimes they made caps of con skins, and they learned from the Indians how to make moccasins which later gave way to the home-made shoes and boots. Of course some of the more wealthier were dressed in broad-cloth, silks and velvet. The powdered wigs, ruffled shirt fronts and silver buckle slippers were in demand.

The social circles of the earliest days were very few. But remember the first gathering (besides their church) was called "Thanksgiving." The men killed wild meats for this occasion; the ladies prepared the feast and this was spread in the forest. The Indians were present. And that day they made peace between the Indians and Americans. They feasted, rejoiced, and gave thanks to God.

But later the husking bees, quiltings, spellings and singing schools were attended by everybody and greatly enjoyed. While in the wealthier, more fashionable regions, the Colonial balls and house parties were attended.

The traveling in Colonial times was very curious. About the first method was to go by boats, later by means of horse-back. Then carriages and coaches became more customary. Agriculture, ship-building and fishing were the greatest industries. The ship-building required very hard, though important labor.

From the very first a great deal of attention was given to the churches and schools. In many places people were required to attend church. If they were not interested the Sexton would rap them over the head with a long stick. If they did not go to church, sometimes they were publicly whipped.

Many valuable libraries were established. The Colonists were earnest, sincere, brave and good, as a general rule. And we today can be proud of our ancestors of the early Colonial period.

Let us keep their spirit of Thanksgiving going and give thanks to God for His many blessings, not only every Thanksgiving, but every day.

The News has just received some new Eagle Brand typewriter ribbons for Underwood and Remington machines. Attractively priced at eighty cents.

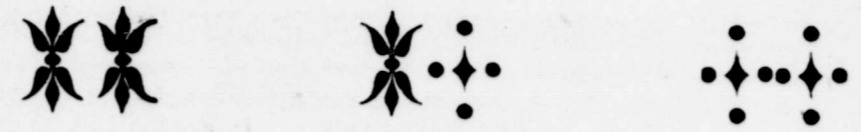
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 MAX MARTIN.

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This is to notify the general public that all land owned by me is posted according to law against hunting, trapping and trespassing of any kind. Violators of this notice will be prosecuted.
 32-5tc
 LOUIS G. ECKERT.

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Hunting and trespassing of all kinds is strictly forbidden on all land owned and controlled by the undersigned. Parties violating this notice will be prosecuted.
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This is to notify the public that on pastures are posted against hunting, trapping or otherwise trespassing. Parties desiring to hunt must get permission.
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No hunting with gun or dogs, or trapping or otherwise trespassing will be allowed on the lands owned or controlled by the Loyal Valley Game Protective Association without a privilege card properly signed.
 Loyal Valley Game Protective Association.
 33-2m

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All lands owned by us are posted against hunting, trapping or trespassing of any kind.
 33-2mp
 PAT AND JOHN ROGERS.

PLEASE NOTICE

Hunting and trapping in my pasture forbidden.
 33-2tp
 J. H. WEIDEMANN.

HUNTERS, NOTICE.

This is to warn the public against hunting in the pastures of the undersigned without written permission.
 33-2m
 J. W. WHITE.
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The general public is hereby warned against hunting, trapping or trespassing in any way upon the land owned or controlled by the undersigned, as same is posted.
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Warning is hereby given that hunting, trapping or trespassing of any kind is not permitted in the pastures

of the undersigned, as they are posted according to law. Guilty parties will be prosecuted.
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Notice is hereby given that my James River Ranch is posted against hunting, trapping or trespassing in any form. Parties violating this notice, will be prosecuted.
 34-2mp.
 S. L. JEFFERS.

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All lands owned and controlled by me are posted against hunting, trapping or trespassing in any form. I allow no hunting and will prosecute violators of this notice.
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NOTICE TO HUNTERS

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 BEN BRANDENBERGER.

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 37-4tp.
 MOSS & DEES.

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All lands owned and controlled by the undersigned are posted against hunting, trapping or trespassing in any way, and everyone is warned accordingly.
 W. L. KOTHMANN
 CHAS. LEIFESTE, Sr.
 CHAS. LEIFESTE, Jr.

NOTICE

This is to let the public know that I have sold the hunting privilege on all property owned and controlled by me. The purchaser forbids all kinds of hunting and trapping. This also applies to those who had permission, but failed to put it their time up to date. I also agreed to protect the purchasing party.
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Summer Hotel Boosters
 By HELEN BROWN.

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"You wish to speak to me, Mr. Galbraith?" inquired young Mr. Allen, looking up from his seat in the swinging hammock. Half a dozen girls were grouped about his feet, in attitudes of worship, while Mr. Allen slowly fanned himself with an imitation palm leaf.

"If I might take the liberty for an instant, sir," replied Cyrus Galbraith, the proprietor of the fashionable summer mountain hotel.

"Excuse me, girls," said Mr. Allen, jauntily.

"Now, see here, Allen, said Galbraith, I'm not going to stand for any more of this confounded nonsense," he said.

"Why, what's the matter, Mr. Galbraith?" inquired the other, in surprise.

"Matter, sir!" thundered the landlord. "Everything's the matter. Last month I got a circular from the Summer Hotel Improvement society, in which they offered me an Adonis. Ain't that so?"

"That's me," answered the other, proudly.

"Terms, fifteen dollars a week and board for as long as the season lasted," pursued the irate landlord. "And you was to take each girl out in turn for a moonlight sail, to build up my business and prevent Walt Smithers getting all my young women away from me, as he did last summer. And what happens? Miss Jones left last evening because she said it was dull here. I know she's fifty and has red hair and an inward squint. But what of that? Weren't you paid to take Miss Jones moonlight sailing, and each of the rest of them, no matter if they had blue hair and three of them wall eyes? And instead of that you've spent the last two solid days with that Miss Moon, a young woman I've never seen here before and never want to see again."

"Well, Mr. Galbraith," replied Mr. Allen deferentially, "wasn't I entertaining six of your young ladies?"

It must be confessed that Bessie Moon was a remarkably beautiful young woman. While Mr. Galbraith sat moodily before his desk, wearing away the last vestiges of his rage, the office door opened and Miss Moon stepped in.

"You may order a carriage for me at half-past three," she said coolly.

"Why, certainly, Miss Moon," replied the proprietor, rubbing his hands. "You contemplate visiting the renowned sulphur spring, of course?"

"No; I contemplate visiting the railroad station," answered Miss Moon. "I understand that you have mentioned my name in a conversation with my friend, Mr. Allen."

"I—!" stammered Galbraith, and before he had recovered his speech, Miss Moon, instructing him to send her bill up to her room, had left the office.

She went away on the same train as Mr. Allen, and the hotel grew very lonely. On the morrow two sour-visaged spinsters packed up and left; on the next day three young ladies withdrew to Walt Smithers' place; within a week Galbraith was cursing his fate for the worst season that he had had in years. At last, curiosity overcoming his pride, he had his horse saddled, and rode over the ten miles of trail that separated his hotel from his rival's. He dismounted and walked into the office. The hotel looked like an undertaker's shop. Galbraith brightened.

"Morning, Smithers," he said, extending his hand cordially. "Seems to me," he continued, "that your business is about as bad as mine this year."

"What, your business bad, too?" shouted Smithers, exultantly.

"Never was worse," answered the other, "and I don't mind telling you, Smithers, that I thought I'd got the best of you. All's fair in trade, and I guess there won't be any bad feelings if I admit that I hired a young man to keep the ladies entertained. I'd heard it was done, but this was my first experience with the Summer Hotel Improvement society, and—"

"What!" shouted Smithers, leaping up. "You hired a young man from the Summer Hotel Improvement society?"

"Listen," he said, and began reading: "The Summer Hotel Improvement society has listed your name as that of a possible patron. We understand that Mr. Galbraith of the Sunyside hotel, has hired a young man to entertain his women guests. Positive engagements guaranteed all clients staying three days or over."

"That's him," said Galbraith, bitterly. "Well?"

"We offer you the services of a young lady of superhuman beauty, to stay at Galbraith's hotel and wear this Adonis away from the other guests, thereby spoiling his business

for the season. Our Miss Moon—"Moon!" yelled the other. "Moon! why, they both came from the same hop."

"Darling," said Arthur Allen, "where shall we go for our vacation next year? Do you think the Adonacks are played out yet?"

"I guess not," answered Bessie, snuggling up to him. "Perhaps we might try the Catskills, though, this year. Isn't it glorious having free summer holidays. Arthur? I don't know what we'd have done without them; and we'd never have gone away since our honeymoon."

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Mrs. S. A. McCollum has been in Brady, visiting in the home of her son, S. A. McCollum, Jr. While in Brady, Mrs. McCollum accompanied a number of Brady people to Brownwood, where she heard Miss Anna Case, the noted Edison artist and Metropolitan Grand Opera Star, in a recital.

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**GIGANTIC TURKEY GOBBLER
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AT COUNTY POULTRY SHOW**

One of the curiosities at the Brown County Poultry show is a mammoth turkey gobbler placed on exhibition by Miss Lucile Moore, of May. The gigantic gobbler is beyond doubt one of the largest ever seen in this section and those who know declared it would weigh in the neighborhood of 50 pounds. There are many more turkeys but none as large as this specimen from May, which attracted a great deal of attention.—Brownwood Bulletin.

**WALLACE ROBERTS MEETS
WITH PAINFUL ACCIDENT**

On last Saturday while climbing over a fence, Wallace Roberts fell and broke his collar bone. While climbing the fence a rotten post or picket, to which the wire was nailed, gave way, when he fell on his shoulder, breaking the bone. The injured place was given prompt attention, and while he is able to be up, yet he is not in condition to work as he is carrying the arm in a sling. This young man had the misfortune to break one of his legs a few months ago, and it seems he has about served his time with broken bones. He hopes to be all right within a short time.—Llano News

J. M. Inks is the name of a new boy now making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Inks. The little fellow arrived several days ago, but we overlooked him last week, and now as his kind pardon. We didn't intend to do it young man. Both the mother and son are doing nicely and the father is touching the ground in high places.—Llano News

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**What the Flood
Carried**

By WILLIAM FALL.

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John Bascombe stood upon the bank of the whirling river, looking on the wreck of his home. His wife, Mary, stood at his side, but even in this extremity of affliction her hand did not seek his, and there was no sign that their common disaster had united them.

Things had not gone well with them during the three years that had elapsed since their marriage. He had been a clerk in St. Louis, and Mary was a school teacher. It was a boy and girl flirtation, followed by a boy and girl marriage; then, spurred by necessity and aided by the inheritance of a few hundred dollars, John had purchased a few acres in the flat lowlands of the western part of the state. There they had struggled almost from the beginning.

Gradually, under the influence of the hard and remitting toll, they had drifted apart. If Mary had had a child it might have brought them together. But because this was not destined to be they had grown to be almost strangers.

When they ceased to hope for a child it seemed as though they must drift apart for ever. In fact they had spoken of a separation, at first tentatively, then hopefully, then eagerly, as something to be anticipated.

"You can have everything except the house and the land," John said to her. "I want to be free, as you do. I'll send you—"

"I don't want your money, John," she flashed out at him. "There isn't anything of yours I want—now. There was only one thing—love—and I don't want that any more."

They were to have separated that very day, John remaining there, Mary returning to St. Louis, to take up her work in the public schools again.

And then, a week before, the river burst its banks, and when the crest of the flood had passed, the little settlement was as matchboxes. Not a house was left standing.

They stood side by side upon a little knoll and looked at the dull yellow ponds that covered their land. Mary was to leave on the following morning. They were sheltered in the railroad depot nearby which accommodated the homeless sufferers and stood just beyond the highest reach of the flood. On the next morning John set off at dawn. He could not resist the temptation to look once again at the ruin of his home; but he had not the heart to awaken Mary.

Half an hour later he was back, his face aflame. She looked at him in amazement. He might have been another man—no, the old one, her boyish sweetheart who had so long been only a memory to her.

"Mary!" he called. "Come! No, put on your cloak and bring your grip. I will carry it for you. Come—I'll show you!"

She accompanied him outside the squalid building to where the receding floods had left a swampy stretch of earth. Here their farm had been, their house and growing crops, and now—

She started in amazement. A new house stood almost upon the spot of the old one. Mary turned to John.

"It's magic, John. What does it mean?" she asked.

John pointed to the receding river. "It is the river's gift to us," he answered.

Torn from its foundations, hundreds of miles away, in heaven only knew what county or state, even, it had been deposited there by the flood. They crept up toward it, wading like children through the swampy places. And, looking in, Mary gasped with wonder. For it was furnished, neatly, cheaply, but tastefully.

"I wonder if the upper floor is furnished, Mary," John suggested.

"Did you hear anything?" she asked.

John had heard nothing except the sullen lapping of the waves upon the river banks.

"What is it, Mary?" he asked stupidly.

Suddenly she dashed wildly up the steps of the stranded house, and almost immediately afterward she reappeared. In her arms she carried a bundle.

"Look, John!" she whispered. An infant of six months was lying in her arms.

"What do you think, John?" said Mary, with a little laugh. "He hasn't even finished his bottle—although the milk is souring. You didn't hear him," she added, "but I did."

She stood there so proud, so happy in this vicarious motherhood that John's arm stole timidly around her waist and he drew her toward him.

"Mary, dear," he whispered, "I have often thought that if we had a child—like this—it would have drawn us together. We would not have drifted apart as we have done."

"So have I," she answered passionately. "I felt that you resented it, John, my—my childlessness, and so—and so—"

"You hadn't grown tired of me?"

"No, John, indeed no. If I had thought you wanted me to stay—"

"But I did and do want you," he answered triumphantly. "Only, Mary—"

"John!"

"He stays with us."

"Of course," she answered, turning up the little face for her husband's kiss.

Dainty Accessories



Innumerable pretty things in dress accessories and house furnishings are presented in the shops at Christmas time for women. The only difficulty is to make the right choice among them. Whoever determines to settle upon neckwear cannot go wrong; for no woman ever cries "hold, enough!" in this matter of dainty accessories. A vestee and collar of embroidered swiss, as pictured here, is a thing of sheer beauty that is sure to please.

TO OUR PATRONS:

I have appointed S. J. Thorne local agent for Waxahachie Nursery Co. Those needing trees and plants will please see Mr. Thorne.
33-6t ROSS R. WOLFE.

**MISS NETTIE McINNIS IM-
PROVING AFTER OPERATION**

News coming from the bedside of Miss Nettie McInnis is to the effect that she is rapidly improving. Miss Nettie underwent an operation last week in Dallas for appendicitis, and her many Llano friends will be glad to know that she is getting along so well after operation.—Llano News.

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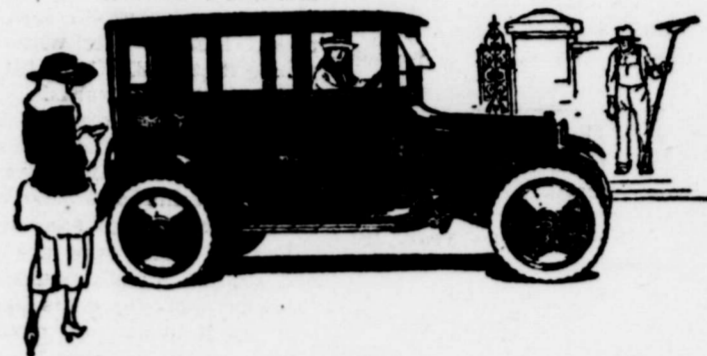


One of the easiest ways for dressing up the house at holiday time is to make lamp, candle and electric light shades or lanterns of crepe or tissue paper and tinsel. To make the small lantern pictured two rings of cardboard are covered with plain black or gold paper pasted over them. A length of light green tissue paper is folded along the center, slashed into narrow strips and pasted inside the rings. Under this a length of rose-colored crepe paper narrower than the green is pasted; this causes the strips of green paper to spread and stand out. Silver tinsel hangs from the wire handle at each side.

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F. R. WULFF
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**DODGE BROTHERS
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John Geistweidt was here Saturday from his ranch near Hilda. Mr. Geistweidt stated that local hunters have recently been quite thick in his neighborhood, but he has not learned of a great deal of game being bagged.

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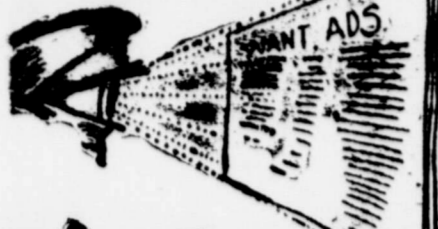
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It Only Happens Once

By JESSIE DOUGLAS.

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Louie was drying her hair on the sunny patch of grass behind the high green hedge. It clung to her shoulders, a strangling mass of rusty gold, the tips curling alluringly, the fuzzy little curls at the back of her neck like the soft down on a yellow chick.

She flung herself back on the warm grass, delighting in the puffy clouds so far above her.

"It's wonderful to be alive—and in love," she thought.

She blushed hotly as though she had spoken aloud. For this was the first time she had even confessed her love to herself. But how could she help it? She had only known Harry Durant two months, but when she had first met him something in him had seemed to light a spark in her. She had teased him at first with a sidelong glance that said, "Come lither!" more plainly than any words.

Then they had dropped into a serious friendship for several weeks. And last night—last night—he touched her hand with his and stooping quickly had pressed his lips against it.

Louie turned over the pink palm and studied it; she could almost see the very spot where his lips had lain. She laid it to her own mouth.

"It's awful the way he's going on. Just flirting his head off and the girl takes it seriously," a laughing voice across the hedge floated to Louie Gordon's ears.

Louie smiled a little. Henry wasn't that kind; he was so earnest, so different.

"And that little Gordon girl hasn't the slightest idea! I think she ought to be told. I think she ought to put a stop to it—"

Louie's eyes widened. Her heart began to thud very loudly, quite as though it wanted to escape its narrow confines. It must be a mistake.

"And yet Henry's a nice boy—" the voices across the hedge drifted away. But they had left behind them utter destruction. Louie huddled up on the grass, her round face suddenly white.



Her Thoughts Kept a Steady Course.

her candid blue eyes full of a pain as deep as the misery of some wounded wild thing.

"I don't believe it, Louie told herself fiercely. "I'll ask him, tell him what I heard—"

Then the realization came to her that this was not the thing she could ask a man. It is the girl's place to wait—not to go seeking—and if it was true that he had only been playing while she had given him her whole heart; she would just have to endure it.

How thin the sunlight looked! How cold the blue dome of sky that stretched above her! And that queer heaviness, where her heart had been. Louie stood up suddenly and shook back with an angry tilt the amber-colored mass of hair. But when she had reached the porch and saw that Millie Andrew was waiting for her, she knew that there might be the solution.

"I just dropped in a minute," Millie explained as she fluttered to a seat on the honeysuckle shaded porch.

After she had talked about her new dotted swiss, and Seton's engagement, the recipe for apple turnovers, and poor Mrs. Traver's fall, Louie came suddenly to her purpose.

"Do you think," she asked casually, almost too casually, "that Henry's a flirt?"

There was silence on the shadowy porch for a moment. Then Millie looked up, her cheeks flaming.

"If you want the truth," she flashed, "I think Henry is a dangerous man!" She had picked up her parcel and was down the steps before Louie quite realized it.

All through that long drowsy summer afternoon Louie bent over the family darning. There was a reason why Mr. Gordon groaned that week when he had walked two blocks, and why her brother eyed his lavender socks with something like horror.

But if her needle did queer things, her thoughts kept a steady course.

Louie realized that afternoon what it is to feel a dull burning pain across one's heart, while she smiled to her mother and talked commonplaces, to lift her eyes to the maple-shaded street and find that she saw it through a mist of tears.

But when the afternoon had dragged by and Louie was setting the table for the early supper, her brother, teasing, called in through the screen door: "Henry won't be around tonight, sis; said to tell you he has a date!"

Louie smiled back gayly, but when his tall figure had moved away, she stood very still, holding a glass and twisting it about her cold fingers.

"I'll just have to forget him," she told herself.

By way of forgetting him she remembered the first time she had met him. The glint of humor in his brown eyes, the way his hair was brushed back satiny smooth and the something in his voice that could make her heart beat so fast.

He had come across the lawn under the trees strung with Japanese lanterns—it had been a church social—and he had said, "I've been trying to meet you all evening—"

From the very first she had felt as though she had known him always; and now . . .

"You aren't eating anything for your dinner," her mother said as they sat around the table.

Louie tried to swallow a piece of bread, but it had the taste of sawdust and tears. The first moment that she found herself alone she crept out to the porch and sat on the lowest step, secure in the shadows, watching a crescent of moon glimmer through the trees. A delicate sweetness from the rose of Sharon bushes wrapped her round, her throat ached with the sobs she was holding back, and she tried to tell herself that it didn't matter, that she would forget it—some time.

Perhaps it was the sight of two lovers strolling past the gate, or just the familiar hilt of a thread of music that drifted to her on the summer air that was too much. She buried her head in her creeling arms and wept as though her heart would break.

Some one coming up the path stopped suddenly when he saw the huddled little figure.

"Louie! Oh, Louie! What's the matter?"

But there was no answer from the bowed head.

Henry Durant sat down on the step beside her and very gently took away those sheltering hands.

"Mad at me, Louie?" he begged.

The tears were still wet on her cheeks, her voice was not quite steady, but she flung up her head and spoke: "Two people today said that you were dangerous and a—a—not to be trusted—"

"And you believed them, Louie?" She did not lift her eyes.

"Tell me just what they said," he insisted.

"Just flirting his head off and the girl takes it seriously!" Louie repeated the words that had burned her like hot lead. "And some one else said, 'Henry's a dangerous man!'"

Louie looked up startled as a laugh rang out across the quiet lawn.

"There's only one thing we can do, dear," Henry said slowly. "After we're engaged we'll see if we can't do something about Henry. I've always suspected that that brother of yours was a dangerous flirt!"

"Oh!" Louie cried and her eyes were dazzled by the sudden glory of the illumination, "I—I had forgotten that there was any other Henry in the world!"

"I'd just as soon you'd keep on," he told her gently as he took her in his arms.

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Tom Payne, a former Mason boy, but who is now residing at Abilene, was in Mason the first of the week and spent a short time meeting and shaking hands with friends. He was in company with two other Abilene parties and they were returning home from a week's hunt in Real county Tom stated that he is still employed as a stenographer for an Abilene attorney, but says he expects to take the bar examination next June.

Mrs. J. W. Gamel and little Miss Dorothy Gamel and Mrs. John Lindsay and children left today for San Antonio, where they expect to enjoy Thanksgiving Day in the home of Mrs. Gamel's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lauderdale.

PARSONAGE ABOUT COMPLETE

It is announced the new parsonage, which the congregation of the M. E. Church, south has had under construction for the past several weeks, is about complete and the finishing of papering the inside and a second coat of paint for the outside will have been completed by the last of this week. Rev. Rader stated Tuesday afternoon that he would probably be ready to move his family to the new dwelling about the middle of next week.

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