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Wm. Willmann Suffers Loss of Barn and Feed Sun. Morning by Fire

ORIGIN UNKNOWN; BROKE OUT ABOUT FIVE O'CLOCK

The barn and a considerable amount of feed stuff, belonging to Wm. Willmann, who resides just east of town, was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. It is stated the fire was first noticed by Mrs. Willmann about five o'clock. She awakened Mr. Willmann and he rushed out to find that the fire was raging in his corn crib and it seemed from his statement that the principal blaze was in the uppermost part of the crib, and indicated that it must have originated from the inside of the lot.

The fire company responded immediately. They did some splendid work in preventing the fire from spreading, and although, were unable to save the building, some of the feed and other contents of the barn were saved.

We failed to ascertain from Mr. Willmann his estimate of the loss, but in view of the fact that he lost a great portion of corn and feed, there is no doubt the loss will befall him quite heavily at this time. The building was built of lumber and logs and this fact rendered it more difficult to overcome the flames with the start the fire had gained before its discovery.

Mr. Willmann stated he has no idea as to how the fire was started and he is reluctant to believe that a passerby might have started it. Such could have easily been the result of a carelessly thrown cigarette or cigar stub by a passerby, as the barn was alongside of the public road and but a few feet away. Mr. Willmann said he had been in the lot late Saturday night attending to his stock and had taken a lantern with him, and he also said he had worked in the barn Saturday afternoon crushing corn, but whether those facts had anything to do with the origin of the fire will probably never be known.

SUPT. BENNETT OFFERS EXPLANATION; ASKS CO-OPERATION

In another portion of this issue of the News appears the school honor roll for the first month of the second term of school. I am glad to see that the list is longer than it has ever been before. Almost every month some one is either included in this list that should not be there, or some one is not included that should be given a place. These conditions arise in spite of the fact that the teachers are very careful in making out the list. Hereafter the corrections will appear at the foot of the list for the following month.

With the opening of the baseball season, it has been decided by the teachers that when the various teams make trips to play, that no one except those on the team, the substitutes chosen by the coach, and those taking cars for the convenience of the players will be allowed to go. We feel that this ruling is necessary in order to prevent undue interference with classes. An exception to this general rule will be made for those games played on Friday afternoon, and for which it is not necessary for the pupils to miss class work, or if they can arrange with the teacher to make the work up in some way. The co-operation of the parents is asked in this matter, and we feel confident that we shall receive this co-operation in the whole-hearted way that we have in every other case that was for the benefit of your child.

Recently several requests have been made by parents to have their children excused from school for one reason or another. While we are perfectly willing to excuse them so far as we are concerned, if the child is of compulsory age we have no legal authority to do so. There are only three legal excuses for a child in the compulsory age, death in the family, severe illness, or bad weather. This is a State law, and not a school ruling. Trusting that this will be sufficient to prevent the necessity of having to refuse other excuses, I am

Yours truly,
P. A. BENNETT.

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Pete Schmidt Injured; Car Runs Into Ditch on Way to Fire Sunday

Pete Schmidt, who was hurt Sunday morning while en route to the Willmann fire, is reported doing nicely, and it is said his condition is not as serious as was at first thought, although he has been confined to his home for several days.

He was riding on the running board of a car being driven by Clyde Huckabay, en route to Wm. Willmann's, whose barn was on fire. In crossing the creek just before reaching the scene of the fire, the lights of the car flickered and the glare from the blazing barn blinded Mr. Huckabay to such an extent that he was unable to keep the road. A large ditch alongside the road was run into and the car was turned on one side, pinning Pete beneath it. Louis Johnson was in the car with the driver and Hugh Shearer was riding on the opposite running board. Huckabay was also caught underneath the car, but was not sufficiently caught as to render himself helpless and managed to crawl out. The three immediately extricated Pete, who it is said, was unconscious, and brought him to his home where a physician was summoned. An examination showed no broken bones, but it was not known until several hours later that he had not suffered any serious internal injuries, as was being feared. He did not rest well Sunday night and it is said he was restless to some extent on Monday, but later reports are to the effect he is doing nicely. We are informed, however, he is still quite sore in several portions of the body, but it is believed he will suffer no serious effects from this soreness.

Walter Frenzel went to Junction last week and bought one hundred head of registered South African Angora goats from James Prentice. Mr. Prentice recently advertised these goats for sale in the Want Column of the News.

STUBBORN FIRE FRIDAY EVENING BURNS SIXTY-SEVEN BALES

Fire of unknown origin Friday evening between 5:00 and 6:00 o'clock resulted in the destruction of 69 bales of cotton, held by local buyers in the cotton yard, adjoining the old Frisco freight depot. Incidentally the fire destroyed about 75 feet of loading platform adjoining the depot and for a time it appeared that nothing could prevent the complete destruction of the Bumgardner flour mill, housed in the old freight depot.

Origin of the fire is unknown, but was most probably the result of a carelessly thrown cigarette stub, or else sparks from a passing engine. When first discovered, the fire was spreading with amazing rapidity. A confusion in giving in the alarm further delayed arrival of the fire department, and the fact that the nearest fire plug was at the Brady Cotton Oil Mill, some four or five blocks distant, made necessary the borrowing of a string of hose from the mill before the boys could get a line laid to reach the fire. In the meantime, however, most effective work had been done by a bucket brigade, and with the arrival of the chemical engine the blaze was gotten under control, the fire boys getting their chemical stream directed underneath the platform and thereby extinguishing a most persistent blaze. The stream of water becoming available at this time, about two hours of persistent drenching followed before the last spark had been extinguished.

The cutting in two of the loading platform was resorted to when it appeared that the rapidly spreading flames could not be checked, but the persistent use of water buckets accomplished this feat, thereby saving not only a good portion of the platform, but the flour mill as well.—Brady Standard.

Frank Jordan, one of the young stockmen of the Art section, was here Monday. He stated that feeding cattle is the order of the day at this time and said many stockmen are dreading the expense of feeding as well as the inconvenience that naturally goes with it.

Max Martin's Home Was Destroyed by Fire Last Friday Morning

LOSS WAS HEAVY—ESTIMATED FROM 15 TO 20 THOUSAND

Last Friday morning about 10:30 o'clock, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Martin was destroyed by fire. The building being a two-story frame structure, it took but a little while for the fire to spread beyond control; consequently, a large amount of the furnishings and household belongings were also destroyed.

The origin of the fire is not known, although some are of the opinion a defective wire caused it, and others believe the blaze was the result of a faulty chimney. Those reaching the scene first, declare the blaze was first discovered between the roof and the ceiling on the east end of the building, hence the opinion of the defective wire origin.

Before the fire company could respond to the call, the fire had spread to such an extent it was impossible to put it out and a frantic effort was made to save as much of the household equipment as possible. Much was saved from destruction, but thousands of dollars worth of valuables were lost. After but a few moments it was necessary for everyone to leave the upper story, and it is believed the loss was heavier than it would have been had the fire not spread so rapidly, which might be explained by the fact that a stiff wind was blowing at the time from the southwest.

Mr. Martin stated after the fire that he and Mrs. Martin smelled pine scorching Thursday night about the time they retired, but upon searching they failed to find any trace of fire and noting smoke coming from the chimney at the Bernhard place, decided it was that smoke they smelled, and dropped the subject from mind. Again, early Friday morning, they believed to have smelled scorching lumber but in preparing breakfast the girl of the house had allowed some hot cakes to get too brown and it was thought this was possibly the cause of the odor, since a second search failed to bring any trace of fire in the house. Mr. Martin was away from home at the time the fire broke out and did not reach the scene until the blaze had practically covered the entire upper story.

It is stated the loss suffered by Mr. Martin and family is a heavy one and it is hard to estimate in figures just how much it will amount to, but he is of the opinion it will reach in the neighborhood of \$18,000, with no insurance.

The fire brought grave fear for the entire town, since the building was so large and the high wind that prevailed made it look as though many other buildings might be set fire to. The Bank Building was fired in several places on the roof, but ready fire fighters were on hand at the critical moments and prevented it from getting

PARENT-TEACHERS HOLD INTERESTING SESSION ON MONDAY

The Parent-Teachers' Association met in regular session last Monday afternoon, at the school building. The report from the committee on the "Tom Thumb Wedding" reported a net profit of \$32.28. Provision was made to buy one dozen additional records for the Victrola recently bought for the school. The sum of \$5 was given the boys' baseball team of the sixth grade with which to buy a first baseman's mitt.

A brief talk was made by Rev. Roy G. Rader on the importance of training children, and of the importance of the work being done by such organizations as the Parent-Teachers' Association. He stressed the fact that the mind of the child possessed wonderful possibilities.

Following the talk, a vocal solo, "Love Ship" was rendered by Miss Genevieve King. This number was followed by a duet by Olga Fae Wood and Ruby Pluenneke.

The resignation of Mrs. Ben Pluenneke as secretary was accepted. Mrs. Pluenneke gave ill health as her reason for resigning. Mrs. Robert Hofmann was elected to fill the unexpired term.

Meeting to Be Held Saturday of Mason County Stroud Stockholders

It is announced a meeting of Mason County stockholders in the Stroud Motor Manufacturing Co., of San Antonio, will be held in Mason at the court house next Saturday afternoon, March 4th. The Stroud Company is to have a stockholders meeting in San Antonio on March 6th, which meeting is held annually for the purpose of electing officers and transacting other business of the company, and it is in connection with the annual meeting that an effort is being made by the stockholders of this county to bring about a keener interest in the annual meeting of the Company.

Below is reproduced a letter which has been sent out to Mason County holders of shares in the Stroud Company, asking their attendance at the meeting Saturday and urging them to make an effort to attend the meeting in San Antonio, and in case they are unable to attend the San Antonio meeting, are being urged to send in their proxy.

The letter calling for a meeting of the stockholders in Mason Saturday follows:

Mason, Texas, Feb. 21, 1922.
To the Stockholder Addressed:

You, no doubt, have received a letter from Messrs. F. W. Lumburg and Ben Hoerster dated February 16th, advising you of an annual meeting of the stockholders of the Stroud Motor Mfg. Co. to be held at San Antonio on the 6th day of March, at which time various matters of great importance for you and for us will come up for discussion. The writers of this letter believe that it would be of decided advantage for all citizens of Mason County and vicinity who are stockholders in the Stroud Co. to meet in the town of Mason at the Court House on Saturday the 4th day of March at 2 p. m. to discuss the situation and agree upon some united plan of action to pursue in the stockholders meeting to be held in San Antonio. If you believe with us that we should all combine our strength, then, be in attendance at the meeting in Mason on the 4th of March. If you find that you can't come to Mason, please mail the proxy sent you by Messrs. Lumburg and Hoerster to some person who you wish to represent you and who you know will be at San Antonio on the 6th of March. Either of the undersigned will be glad to act for you in the matter.

Yours very truly,
J. W. WHITE, Pres. Mason Nat'l Bk.
CARL RUNGE, Attorney at Law.

Mr. Ery Hamilton advises us that recent word from Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wallace, of Shawnee, Oklahoma, is that their daughter is much improved from a recent illness of pneumonia.

started. The nearby trees were in much danger and it was believed it would almost be impossible to save them, but the splendid work of the great throng of people seemed to be more than equal to the situation. It is said fire was blown for many hundred yards and we are told the wood pile of Prof. P. A. Bennett, who resides north of the M. E. Church, South, was fired from the flying pieces of lumber. One report says that a telephone post near the S. J. Thorne residence was discovered to be on fire during the time the Martin home was burning.

We are informed, plans are not to rebuild immediately, although Mr. Martin states that his plans are to erect a two-story building on the site some time in the near future and it is to be constructed of concrete blocks and made fireproof as far as possible. It is announced the family will probably occupy the Bernhard residence for the present and until the new residence can be built. In a conversation with Mr. Martin Monday he stated his rebuilding depended largely upon the improvement of conditions. "Should conditions improve in the near future and better prospects show up in the cattle and stock industry, I will probably build sooner, otherwise it will probably be a year before work can be started," he said.

Mrs. Chas. Keller, of Loyal Valley, Severely Burned—Dies Tuesday Night

DEATH RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT WHILE BURNING PEAR

One of the saddest affairs to ever happen in this section, occurred Monday afternoon when Mrs. Chas. Keller, of the Loyal Valley community, was fatally burned while in the pasture burning prickly pear with a pear burner for her cattle.

It is said, Mrs. Keller, accompanied by a daughter, went to the pasture to burn pear and she had not noticed the burner had been leaking and the oil had gotten on her clothing. While at work her clothes caught fire and began to blaze. The wind was strong and fanned the flames and before the daughter could get to her she was like a ball of fire. All efforts to extinguish the flames failed, even as she lay down and rolled, and an attempt by the daughter to pull off the burning clothing failed.

It is said Mrs. Keller had every particle of clothing burned from her body. She and the girl, following the accident, got into their buggy and drove home and a physician was called from Castell. The physician dressed her burns and did all within his power to alleviate her severe pain and agonies but it was not until Tuesday night that death came and relieved her. We are told the patient was conscious all the time up to a short time before death, which occurred at 11:30 o'clock. The accident occurred some time between two and three o'clock Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Keller, aged about forty-eight years, was a widow, her husband having preceded her in death about seven years ago. She is said to be survived by five children. She was a woman who was loved and admired by all of her acquaintances and one that had striven earnestly to assume the great responsibility of caring for the place, managing affairs and rearing her children, since the death of her companion.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS REPORTED

Helen Keller was absent from school Tuesday.

Several of the High School students attended the party at Prof. Montgomery's Friday night.

Alvin Tesch was absent from school Monday.

The Sixth grade has purchased a new basket ball.

Modell Heinrich and Beulah Beach were absent from school Tuesday.

The sixth grade is going to have a program Friday afternoon.

The Camp Fire Girls met at the school house last Friday afternoon and went on a hike to the Hay Spring. They were accompanied by Misses Theresa Klapproth and Alma Evers.

The following pupils have neither been absent nor tardy since school started September 12, 1921:

8th Grade—Ella Doell, Lydia Heinrich, Clara Rader, Nell Curlee Biersch wale.

9th Grade—Ethel Dees, Lucille Lange, Coralea Tinsley.

10th and 11th Grades—Gertrude Metzger, Ida Mae Lumburg.

The base ball boys, have, on their honor, resolved to leave off smoking until the base ball season is over.

Ethel Gipson sprained her ankle Tuesday while playing basket ball.

The coaches of the base ball boys have arranged all of the players into four teams who will play competitively. They have also made arrangements for batting and base running practice. Under this new plan it is believed that we will soon have a winning team.

Miss Margaret Bierschwale, who spent a couple weeks in Mason, recuperating from an overtaxed physical strain, left this week for Stephenville to resume her duties as instructor of English in the John Tarleton Agricultural College of that place.

John Money, hon. wife and little Miss Arabelle were up from Llano last Sunday to spend the day with relatives and friends.

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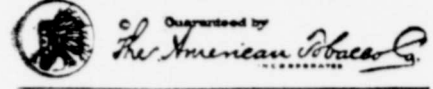
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MAN PLACED IN CITY JAIL SAYS HE WAS SENT HERE BY CHRIST

(Brownwood Bulletin)

A man giving his name as I. N. Fetter and his home as near Penelope in Hill county, was taken in custody late Friday night by the police department of this city, because of his strange actions, and placed in city jail. Saturday he was transferred to the county jail, there being little if any doubt that the unfortunate man was not of sound mind.

In answer to questions he stated that he had one million and a half dollars and that he was sent to Brownwood by Christ to keep the town from burning up. He said if the police department would call up President Harding at the White House, that the President would at once order him released and would tell the officials here that he was all right. His intentions, so he said, are to spend a day or so here and then go back to his home. Just what plan of action the county officials will take in his case has not been indicated, and it is probable the Hill county authorities will be asked to come and take him to where his home courts will have jurisdiction.

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TEXAS IS NOW THE GREATEST TURKEY FIELD

F. W. Kazemier, Poultry Husbandman, Extension Service, A. and M. College of Texas

My travels this fall throughout Texas, especially Southwest and West Texas, clearly convinced me that the Lone Star State soon will have to shoulder the responsibility of producing the turkey crop for the entire United States.

In the Eastern States the dreaded turkey disease "black head" has almost entirely discouraged the raising of turkeys. This disease appears common and very fatal where turkeys are kept in more or less crowded and congested yards. The production of turkeys in the eastern states is decreasing at an alarming rate. Conditions are continually getting worse.

In the middle western states turkeys are decreasing rapidly because of the increased density of the farm population. The agriculture land is exceedingly rapidly being cut up into small farms. This means a death blow to the turkey industry. Turkeys cause trouble among small farm farmers because of their roving habit.

Statistics show that if the turkey industry decreases as much in the other states as in the past, that ten years from today, Texas will have to produce more than fifty per cent of all the turkeys in the United States.

The last census shows Texas not only the leading State, but producing more than three times as many as any other state. Missouri, is rapidly dropping out as a turkey producing state.

All indications clearly point to this fact that "Texas soon will be called on to produce the majority of the national bird, the turkey." Nearly all the people in the United States want a turkey for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner; and Texas farmers are so fortunately situated that they can grow these birds at great profit.

Recently I made a trip up and down the Santa Fe, from Temple to San Angelo. Talk about a turkey country, a more ideal location for raising turkeys cannot be found any where in the world. Conditions are simply ideal for the growing of turkeys.

The land both rolling and flat, a big portion of it sandy loam, ideal for raising turkeys. The climate, dry and moderate. The wet dewes are uncommon, and in other sections of the State a serious drawback to turkey raising. The feed grown is the very kind the turkeys thrive and do well on, like the grain sorghum and corn.

In Goldthwaite, Mullin, Brownwood, Bangs, San Saba, and other towns, I recently visited, the opportunities of making money raising turkeys, are unlimited and unbelievable. A turkey in this country is a wonderful investment.

It is true that to some extent some few people have awakened to the great opportunities of raising turkeys. Some times, though, when I talk with many of these people, many are disheartened because of the drought. I can not understand why they keep on apparently asleep and half dazed, sleeping on their

rights. Why don't they wake up and grasp the opportunity knocking at their door.

Turkeys can and will make every farmer in the great Southwest and West Texas independent. All that is necessary for them to do is to cease worrying about the droughts, more of which are sure to follow; and raise turkeys. Turkeys will thrive in dry weather, and can do with less water than any kind of live stock. The turkey is certainly the "golden goose" of West Texas.

In many parts of West Texas, the wild turkey, is still common and are hunted. Not long ago I saw several flocks of wild turkeys a few miles from Kerrville, Texas. They are found in flocks in the vicinity of Junction City and Fredericksburg, Texas. Wild turkeys, in that section, sometimes go to roosting with the domesticated turkeys. I have seen tame turkeys go underneath trains while unloading at the smaller towns. A better turkey country you cannot find. Where wild turkeys grow, the domesticated turkey can be grown in large flocks at almost fabulous profits.

In some of the smaller towns, the people have learned to know what the turkey means to them, because they have stood between them and starvation. Only a few days ago at Mullin, Texas, the farmers were bringing in turkeys in great big wagons, waiting their turn to unload them. Most of these were shipped to dressing points. Some were picked, and the feathers were blowing over the entire town.

I do not believe there is a thing our West Texas farmers can raise that is more profitable than turkeys. Turkeys are a safe investment every year.

One farmer, operating a \$50,000,000 farm told me that he invested \$90 in turkeys, and made more clear profit from his turkey investment than his entire farm.

One farmer told me he had 500 head of sheep, he would be willing to trade for 500 head of turkeys.

A farmer near Goldthwaite sold 20 turkeys for \$127.00 on the common market at regular market price.

Many turkeys brought from five to six dollars each on the market, and some netted more than \$10.

There is more clear money to be made raising turkeys in West Texas than out of any other line of farming.

One producer here in Brownwood, last year, bought over \$500,000 worth of turkeys. Remember that means bringing in money from the East and North.

In the small town of Mullins, two firms are buying turkeys, and in one day, one of these firms paid to the farmers over \$1,800 in hard cash.

I know of one turkey breeder, that cleared over 700 from seven turkey hens and a tom.

One county, in 1920, shipped over \$1,000,000,000 worth of turkeys.

In future articles I hope to discuss the best ways of raising turkeys for a profit.

Patent Medicines, Toilet Articles, Stationery, latest novels and school supplies, Sunshine Confectionery.

The Mid-Texas Teachers' Association will hold its 7th annual meeting at Brownwood, Texas, March 10th and 11th, 1922. This promises to be one of the most interesting and practical programs held among the teachers of Texas. The program has been announced by J. Thomas Davis, President of the Association.

CHICKENS

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

Judge K. M. Landis has announced his resignation from the Federal bench, and will devote his entire time as supreme director of organized baseball.

It seems Sterling Strong is to run for the U. S. Senate on the K. K. K. ticket.

Take in the picture show at the Star opera House each Friday and Saturday night. Show starts at 7:45 o'clock.

The police of New York City raided Chinatown and large quantities of opium with pipes and other paraphernalia were confiscated.

Alfred Engelhardt informed us that his sister, Miss Lillie, was recently operated on for appendicitis at San Antonio. She is now with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Engelhardt, of Fredericksburg.

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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Whereas, smallpox is raging to the north of us, and is being transmitted promiscuously over the State, and Whereas, our Sister Republic to the South is reporting yellow fever, typhus, and bubonic plague, and Whereas, plague infected rats are being trapped in Texas, and Whereas, typhoid fever continues to take its toll in unusual numbers, and Whereas, diphtheria, pneumonia and influenza are on the increase in this State, and Whereas, malaria infected over two hundred thousand Texans last year, impairing their productiveness and causing an economic loss of millions, and Whereas, the death-rate of infants exceeds the normal ratio, and Whereas, contaminated foods and drinks are being dispensed in many places in this State, and Whereas, the capacity of State Institutions for the blind, feeble-minded and insane are being overtaxed, and Whereas, tuberculosis still continues to lead the list of causes for death, and Whereas, the sanitary conditions of some of our communities have become almost intolerable, and Whereas, quarantine laws are being violated, and Whereas, an indifference is being shown in the enforcement of health and sanitary laws, and Whereas, heroic measures are necessary to stop this preventable human

loss of 14,000 per annum, and Whereas, the welfare and happiness of our Texas citizenship is largely dependent upon health.

Now, therefore, I, Pat M. Neff, Governor of Texas, at the request of the State Health Officer, do hereby proclaim the week beginning Sunday, March 5, 1922, as HEALTH WEEK. Designating Sunday, March 5th, Health and Welfare Sunday; Monday, March 6th, Health Appraisal Day; Tuesday, March 7th, Clean-up Day; Wednesday, March 8th, Day of War on Insects, Rodents and Disease Carriers; Thursday, March 9th, School Health Day; Friday, March 10th, Pure Food Day; Saturday, March 11th, Education and Child Welfare Day.

To be observed by every individual, schools, churches, clubs, organizations, and officials of municipalities.

In testimony whereof, I herewith sign my name and have caused the Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin, this 15th day of February, A. D., 1922.

PAT M. NEFF,
Governor of Texas.

SPECIAL

We have about two hundred Edison Records (Re-Creations). Regular prices \$1.35 and \$1.85. Now on sale, three records for One Dollar. 48-1f MASON DRUG CO.

J. W. White returned home last Thursday afternoon from a business trip of a few days in Austin. Miss Lula Mildred, who has been in Austin for several weeks receiving medical treatment, accompanied him home.

At a meeting of sheep and goat raisers at Brownwood last week they decided to offer a \$20 bounty for wolf scalps.

It is said 9,000 persons were killed in the United States by motor vehicles in the year 1920.

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A large Mail Order House has started its Spring and Summer advertising campaign. The Mason post office was flooded with a bunch of catalogs to put up last week. Mr. Local Merchant, what are you doing to keep this business at home? You make a mistake in thinking it is the fellow's duty to buy from you just because you live here. Get busy and show the people of the county that you can, and will meet the mail order prices and convince them it means a saving and a better degree of satisfaction to trade with the home merchant. Of course, we should try to keep money at home as much as possible, but the average man is, this day and time, trying to make his money reach as far as possible. Therefore it is up to you to convince the mail order patron that his money will buy as much from you as from the mail order house. The fellow who goes after the business is usually the one that gets it and it might be said in a way of a warning to local business houses that the mail order houses are after some business in our midst.

THE FUNERAL OF A CITY

A city that had once been lively, progressive and prosperous, suffered an attack of civic anemia and declined until it reached that condition where it was generally referred to as "a dead one."

It was on its way to the cemetery. Biram Hogitall, whose motto "Get It while the Gettin's Good" is sufficient introduction, dug the city's grave.

The firm of Pinhead, Pessimist & Crepe Hanger embalmed the remains.

The firm of Selfishness & Swinescent, who had always been so busy feathering their own nest that they never had any time for the city's affairs, donated the city's shroud.

Pinchem & Pennysqueezer, who never believed in advertising, furnished the coffin.

Old Pompos Pro Impurse, who never gave a penny to a public enterprise, drove the hearse.

A select quartette from the Clique Club sang the Doxology.

The Rev. Mr. Mossback preached the funeral sermon.

Mr. Home Town Kocker donated the tombstone and old Billy Bellyacher carved the epitaph.

Messrs. Doolittle, Croaker, Putty-head, Rearback, Wetblanket and Whats The Use acted as pallbearers.

The only person who had no official part in the obsequies was Mr. Live Wire, who got off the train by mistake and attended the funeral because there was nothing else to do between trains.

—Corpus Christi Evening Times.

After the show, try some of our ice cream. It will help to finish out a pleasant evening. Sunshine Confectionery.

FROM NEWS FILES OF 25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Feb. 26, 1897:

Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Henry McDougall and Miss Martha Zesch were united in marriage. Justice H. Thiers officiated.

Nellie McGinnis, aged 14 years, died Monday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. O. H. Mebus.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Winnie Murray to Mr. J. M. Morrow, to take place March 10th.

A merry party of young folks spent last Monday on the Llano river, enjoying great sport. The party was composed of Misses May and Ruth Hamilton, Florence Fellmore, Bertha Toled, Effie Gamel, Lillie McReynolds, Minnie Murphy, Clara Sands, Lillian Mebus, Sophia Leslie, Bell Bird, Ethel Allman, Bessie Smith, Chaperons, Mrs. Gamel, Mrs. Cash, Mrs. Allen; Messrs. Geo. Leslie, Wilson Hey, Jr., Otto Bogusch, Laurence Christopher, Paul Allen, Frank Garner, Allen Murray, Wes Smith, Henry Keller, Jim Leuburg, Otto Schmidt, Will Bridges, Edgar Mebus, Wheeler Aliman.

A pleasant hop was given Friday evening at Mrs. Kooek's hall. Those present were Misses May Featherston, Ann Crosby, Minnie and Fay Hey, Delia and Emma Lindsay, Lola Kooek; Messrs. Will Sands, Ben Hey, Charlie Worlie, Gratton and Walter Crosby, Jeff McSwain, Bud Garner, Paul Allen, Orb Stapleton, Chas. Leslie.

Miss May Hamilton very pleasantly entertained a number of young friends last Monday evening.

15 Years Ago in Mason

From Mason News, Feb. 22, 1907:

An enjoyable mask ball took place Thursday night at the Gelstvoidt hall and was largely attended.

A young alligator sent home by Dixie Gugenheim has attracted considerable attention the past few days.

Grand Jury—H. Eberschwale, Henry Pluencke, Frank Brandenberger, A. S. Price, P. C. Baxter, A. J. Reichman, Dan Jordan, C. C. Soules, Wm. Kothmann, W. J. Webster, F. W. Jenkins, I. W. Worsham.

Mrs. W. A. Carothers and children will leave about March 1st for Oklahoma, where Mr. Carothers is now located.

Judge S. V. Wood has resigned his position as manager of the Farmers Union Warehouse. His son A. W. Wood has been appointed to fill the manager's position.—Brady Enterprise.

The Commissioners' Court recently declared the constable's office at Street vacant.

Commissioner H. S. Wood has purchased the farm of M. D. McWilliams, near Street, for \$7,000.

Erv Hamilton is having a neat porch added to his residence.

Marriage License—Mr. Dave Barton and Miss Ada Waterhouse.

The less we have the easier it is to share it with others.

Life seems to be made up of ardent desires and vain regrets.

Fine feathers may not make fine birds, but they make costly hats.

It hardly pays to be a prodigal son unless you are partial to veal.

Many a married couple could save money out of what a bachelor spends.

It is better to be imposed upon occasionally than to doubt indiscriminately.

Probably the future looks dark because coming events cast their shadows before.

An industrious man can easily earn his own living, but he usually has to earn a living for a lot of others.—Chicago News

NEW BULLETINS

The United States Department of Agriculture has just published a Farmers' Bulletin 1228—A Week's Food for an Average Family. This bulletin will fill the need that many housewives have felt in planning for the family dietary. In the past the literature dealing with the subject of menu making has invariably dealt with the three meals of one day, but this bulletin deals with the subject in a more helpful way. Some of the large topics are, kinds of food needed, good proportions for the diet, a week's supply of vegetables and fruits for an average family. If you have not secured this bulletin you will find it to your advantage to make it a part of your permanent file.

LITTLEFIELD MEMORIAL GATEWAY TO BE COMPLETED, 5 YEARS

Austin, Texas, Feb. 23.—Progress in constructing the Littlefield memorial gateway to be placed at the main entrance of the University of Texas campus is now being made slowly in the studio of Pompeo Coppini in Chicago. The contract, which was given to Coppini about a year before the death of Major George W. Littlefield, will require approximately five years for the present contract for fulfillment, according to authoritative reports received at the University. At present only two of the six heroic figures of the Southern veterans have been completed namely those of Albert Sidney Johnston and Jefferson Davis. The entrance, which will cost \$250,000 is being built in memory of the soldiers of the South who fought in the Civil and World wars. The sum was donated for the purpose by the late Major Littlefield.

500 MONKEYS USED IN BATTLE AGAINST "FLU"

New York—Five hundred monkeys, imported as needed from South America and Africa, were used during the last three years in experiments in which the new vaccine against pneumonia was developed, according to Dr. William H. Park, of the Health Department. The monkeys were used as part of a nation-wide campaign of research work on the subject of influenza and pneumonia.

Among other things the experiments showed that the invisible, unidentified organism which causes "flu" can pass through a stone wall.

The experiments were conducted privately by the Public Health Service in Washington and by the local Health Department.

STOP THAT ITCHING

If you suffer from any form of skin disease such as Itch, Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm, Crackhands, Sore Feet, Dan druff, Falling Hair, Old Sores, or Sores on children, or any other skin disease we will sell you a jar of Blue Star Remedy on a guarantee that if not satisfied we will refund your money. Mason Drug Company. 49-3m

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

It is by this means that we desire to express our feeling of thankfulness and appreciation for the services the people of Mason rendered at the turning of our home last Friday. Words will not express our true feeling in this matter. We realize that no town could possess people more willing to help others than those who went through the fire with us and helped to save as much of our household effects as they could. We do not believe that better people live than those in Mason County. We feel like this is the best place in the world.

MAX MARTIN AND FAMILY.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of expressing our sincere thanks to those who were so willing to help at the burning of our barn last Sunday morning. Especially, do we thank the fire department. WM. WILLMANN AND FAMILY.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the people who worked so diligently and assisted in the saving of our house from loss by fire last Friday.

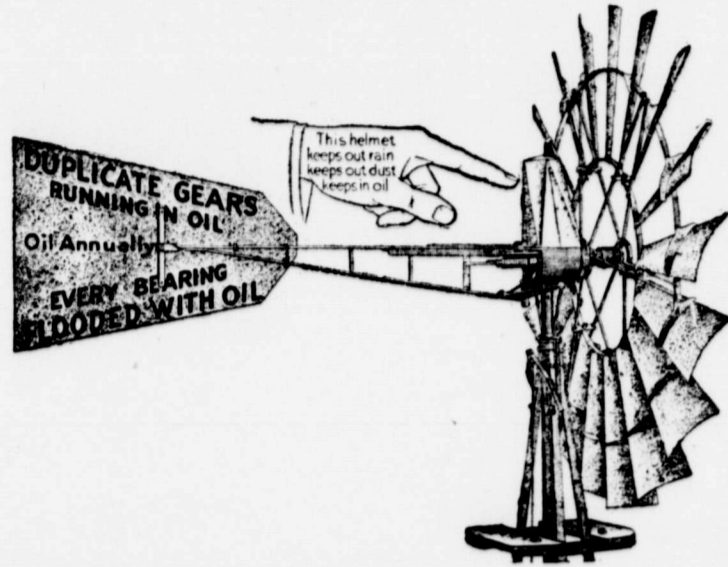
Mrs. Bernhart and Children.

Turpentine liniment is a valuable remedy for ordinary burns and one that should be on every kitchen shelf.

Wright's Condensed Smoke and Saltpetre at Mason Drug Company. 42-2t

J. Lange

Dealer in



Galvanized Cisterns, Flues, Tin Roofing, Guttering, Gasoline Engines, Windmills, Pumps, Piping, Pump Cylinders, Pipe Fitting, Bath Tubs, Milk Coolers, Steel Ceiling, Etc.
Repairing of all kinds done on short notice

THE NATION'S PAPERS

There are 22,353 newspapers in the United States, a decrease of 2,515 since 1916. The falling off is due to the cost of paper and labor, forcing many small town papers to suspend publication.

The tendency during the last five years has been for better newspapers, conducted on a higher plane of business ethics, and the elimination in competition has made it possible for the publishers to give better papers and better service.

There is no city of less than 28,000 population in Texas with more than one daily paper. At the close of 1921 there were 14,633 weekly publications in the United States which is 2,535 less than in 1916. There are 149 fewer daily papers than in 1916.

Sworn circulation statements show that daily papers have made a wonderful gain in circulation during the past few years. This is accounted for by the extension of daily mail service, and the increase in interest of the reading public in current events.

The newspaper has gained standing with the manufacturers, wholesalers, jobbers and retailers as an advertising medium, and a class of advertising never before seen in daily newspapers is appearing today.—Ballinger Banner-Ledger.

Get a case of soda water, only 75 cents. Sunshine Confectionery.

THE HOME TOWN

(American Legion Weekly)

Make of me what you will—I shall reflect you as clearly as a mirror throws back a candle beam.

If I am pleasing to the eye of the stranger within my gates; if I am such a sight as, having seen me, he will remember me all his days as a thing of beauty, the credit is yours.

Ambition and opportunity call some of my sons and daughters to high tasks and mighty privileges, to my greater honor and to my good repute in far places, but it is not chiefly these who are my strength. My strength is in those who remain, who are content with what I can offer them, and with what they can offer me. It was greatest of all Romans who said: "Better be first in a little Iberian village than be second in Rome."

I am more than wood and brick and stone, more even than flesh and blood—I am the composite soul of all who call me Home.

I am your town.

NEED GLASSES?

Dr. Jones, the Eye Man, in Dr. McCollum's office, Wednesday, March 8th. Eyes Examined, Glasses Fitted, Headache and Eye Strain relieved.

Pear burners and repairs at F. Lange's Tin Shop. 38-4t.

WINTER CLOTHING

We have an excellent line of SWEATERS, MACKINAWs AND OVERCOATS—UNDERWEAR Shoes and Hosiery

For every member of the family. Inspect our line. Our low prices will please you.

E. LEMBURG & BRO.

J. D. Eckert, Pres.
E. O. Kothmann, V. P.

W. E. Jordan, Cashier
Kinney Eckert, Ass't C'r.

NO. 1203

THE FIRST STATE BANK

A GUARANTY FUND BANK

We can please you also. Ifay we?

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The Commercial Bank

(Unincorporated)

CAPITAL STOCK \$100,000.00
 RESPONSIBILITY OVER \$3,000,000.00

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MRS. ANNA MARTIN, Pres. C. L. MARTIN, Vice-Pres.
 MAX MARTIN, Vice-Pres. HOWARD SMITH
 WALTER M. MARTIN, Cashier FRANK BRANDENBERGER
 L. F. CLARK

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congressional \$15.00
 District 10.00
 County 7.50
 Precinct 5.00

Terms: Strictly cash in advance. No announcements inserted unless cash accompanies same. Announcements inserted in order in which fees are paid at this office. Fee includes 100-word announcement to be furnished by candidate; all over 100 words at the rate of 7 1/2¢ per line. Fees do not include subscription to The Mason County News.

The News is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary:

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:

CHAS. LESLIE
 R. W. WHITE

For County Treasurer:

THOMAS H. STRONG

For Tax Assessor:

W. O. BODE
 SAM SHERWOOD

For District and County Clerk:

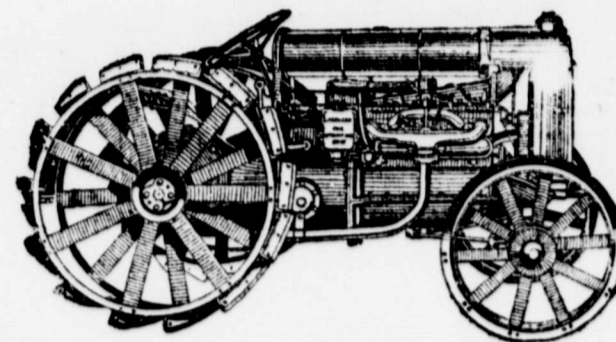
R. E. LEE

Miss Lillie Eckert, primary teacher in the Lohn High School, came home Thursday to spend the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Eckert.

Ed Smith returned home last week from San Antonio, leaving Mrs. Smith for an extended visit in the city.

Miss Esther Alzelt, of Llano, is now in the employ of Runge and Runge, doing stenographic work. She is staying in the home of her cousin, Attorney Carl Runge.

FORDSON



REDUCED \$230

Effective January 27th, list price is \$395 f. o. b. Detroit

Henry Ford has made it possible for every farmer in Mason County to buy a TRACTOR at a tremendous low price.

In view of the fact that drought conditions have kept most Mason County farmers from plowing their fields this season, we can deliver you a FORDSON at once at a low price never heard of before, enabling you to still put your land in first class shape for planting time.

L. F. Eckert, Dealer

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Marriage License

Paul Zesch and Miss Augusta H. February 17th.
 Will Loeffler and Miss Alma Eckert, February 21st.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Edson, a girl, February 18, 1922.
 Mr. and Mrs. Kay Hill, a boy, February 16, 1922.

MISS ESTHER MARTIN WILL SAIL FOR HOME THIS WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. Max Martin received a cablegram from their daughter, Miss Esther, who has been in Germany for the past several months receiving medical treatment, that she would sail for home about the 25th of February. It is announced that Miss Esther will be accompanied home by a distant relative and a very close friend of her mother, Miss Lotte Vander Meulen, who will remain here for a visit with the Martin family upon their arrival.

SETTLEMENT WANTED

Having disposed of my business, I ask that all parties indebted to me to call and make satisfactory arrangements on their accounts at their earliest convenience. I can be found with the firm of E. Lemburg & Bro.

Respectfully,
 CONRAD HARTMAN

Will McWilliams, of Menard County, was here Monday, and stated that he was going to raise turkeys on a large scale this year. He says he has forty-three turkey hens laying, and he will have a large bunch of turkeys to market next fall. Mr. McWilliams is a son of N. A. McWilliams, of this place, and was formerly a Mason County citizen.

We have the best candies you have ever eaten. She will say so, too. Sunshine Confectionery.

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

A MOUTHFUL

"Things generally break right for the man who looks like a success"—The fellow who made that statement certainly uttered a mouthful. This saying applies to firms and corporations the same as to individuals.

Don't make the mistake of presenting a bill or a statement on an unprinted piece of paper to your customers. No shrewd business man would write his wholesaler a letter on an unprinted letter head; he feels such a letter would not carry prestige. Why then, does he not take the same pride in making out a statement to one of his customers? HE DOES! Because he wants to look a success in the eyes of his customers, even more so, than to the house he buys from.

The News carries a representative stock of "quality bond papers" at all times, and is everready to give you the best of service in printing and at prices that are very reasonable.

You are invited to inspect our line of **BOND PAPERS AND ENVELOPES**
 Ruled stationery, shipping tags, cardboards, carbon paper, blotters, typewriter second sheets, typewriter ribbons, business cards, candidate cards, visiting cards, wedding and birth announcements. Our price quotations will please you.

If It's Paper—We Have It. If It's Printing—We Do It.

MASON COUNTY NEWS

J. S. KING, Jeweler

Dealer in
ELGIN WATCHES
JEWELRY,
SILVERWARE,
CLOCKS ETC.



"GIFTS THAT LAST"

ARMY GOODS

OUR PRICES SAVE YOUR MONEY

Mail orders filled the same day received. All charges prepaid by us. Send your check or money order. Goods guaranteed absolutely as represented.

- O. D. WOOL PANTS (NEW) Long pants, civilian style. Sizes 30 to 36 only \$3.50
- O. D. WOOL LACE BREECHES, New. Sizes 30 to 36 only \$2.50
- KHAKI PANTS (NEW). All sizes from 28 to 42 \$2.00
- KHAKI LACE BREECHES, New. Sizes 28 to 36 only \$2.00
- KHAKI LACE BREECHES, Class B. In sizes 28 to 36 only 60c
- O. D. WOOL SHIRTS (NEW). Regulation army. Sizes 14 to 17 1/2 \$3.75
- KHAKI SHIRTS (NEW). In all sizes 95c
- LEATHER LEGGINS (NEW). Sizes 14 to 18 \$1.95
- BLANKETS (NEW). Grey only. Size 66 by 72". Weigh from 3 1/2 to 4 lbs. \$3.00
- BLANKETS (CLASS B.) Size 66" by 72" in grey only. Weigh 3 1/2 to 4 lbs. \$2.65
- O. D. WOOL OVERCOATS, Class B. Short, regulation army. Good as new. Sizes 34 to 42 \$5.50
- RAIN COATS (NEW). Made of gas mask material. Have belts. Sizes 36 to 46 \$5.50
- WAGON COVERS (NEW). White. Made of Duck. Weigh 16 oz. Size 12 by 14 \$6.50
- Khaki Color, Government regulation. Size 12 by 14 \$11.85
- WAGON LINES (NEW). Made of government leather. 17 ft. long and 1 1/4 inches wide \$5.45
- OFFICER'S DRESS SHOES, New. Cordovan color. Sizes 5 1/2 to 11. Per pair \$1.50
- RUSSETT SHOES (NEW). In sizes from 5 1/2 to 11. Price per pair \$1.50
- McCLELLAN SADDLES, New. Artillery saddles. Price f. o. b. San Antonio \$12.50
- ARMY TENTS (CLASS B). Some of these have been repaired by the government. Size 9 by 9. f. o. b. San Antonio \$15.00
- Size 10 by 11. f. o. b. San Antonio \$22.50
- SUMMER UNDERWEAR (NEW). Has elastic seam drawers. Sizes 30 to 34 only. 50c
- BALKRIGAN UNDERWEAR, New. Two piece suits. Summer. Has long and short sleeves. All sizes. Per suit. \$1.00
- WOOL SOX (NEW). Light weight. Natural color (grey), only. Per pair. 35c
- Or 3 pairs for \$1.00
- WRAP LEGGINS (NEW). Per pair \$1 Class B, per pair 75c
- CANTEENS, New 50c
- CANTEEN COVERS, New 20c
- MESS KITS, new 35c
- CUPS, New 15c

Travis Army Store
(Not Connected with the Government)
204 East Travis Street,
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

"A" Students—Alma Beach, Lucille Lange, Coralea Tinsley, Mary Kottner, Ethel Gipson; "B" students, Augusta Jenkins, Owen Lange, Elma Grote, Ella Doell, Gertrude Metzger, Thelma Wood, Willie Mae Doell, Sarah Thaxton, Elsie Schweers.

Seventh Grade—"A" students, Esther Christillis, Anna Fleming, Frederick Gipson, Dena Herring, Ruby Louise Plunneke, Lina Simon, Lela Strackheim, Olga Fae Wood, Nell Bierschwale made A in seventh grade work and eighth grade work; "B" students, Ruth Deland, Eunice Green, Louise Millarie.

Sixth Grade—"A" students, Rosal Saunders, Ethyl Lehmer, Freddie Gage, Mary Capps, Lucille Rode; "B" students, Lena Skelton, Garner Sequist, Ruby Grote, Rudolph Loeffler, Virgil Banks, Daniel Plunneke, Gracie Baxter, Wilbur Lumburg.

Fifth Grade—"A" students, M. J. Green, Christiana Gipson; "B" students, Ida Mae Wartenbach, Grace Coats, Sadie Herring, Beatrice Jordan, Gertrude Hofmann, Lindsay Brown, Milton Reichenau, Arcey Murrach, J. W. White, Jr.

Fourth Grade—"A" students, Maud Smart, Violet Vedder, Lucille Probst, Lena Millarie; "B" students, Virginia Metzger, Evelyn Willmann, Dorothea Zesch, Dorothea Gamel, Louise Breazeale, Sarah Walters, Ernest Doyal, Boyd Murrach, Dan Raines, Roy Schuessler.

Third Grade—"A" students, Jesse Raines, Olivia Donop, Virginia Eckert, Renbin Dannheim, Elfredia Loeffler; "B" students, Minnie Starks, Grace McMillan, Ruby Dannheim, Kelton Tilley, Silas Kothmann, Clarence Stark.

Second Grade—"A" students, Vera Beck, Lee Roy Eckert, Charles Gipson, Nellie Kothmann, Mary Cecile Lawson; "B" students, Anna Marie Bruce, Emma Bynum, Reseda Dannheim, Ray Eastman, Archie Ritter, Amelia Schuessler, Lee Sommerfeld, Elma Stark.

First Grade—"A" students, Leona Banta, Ruth Louise Saunders, Juanita Lumburg, Maybelle Grote, Roy Tilley; "B" students, Lusia Beach, Alice Loeffler, Thelma Land, Ruby Schweers, William Starks, Melvin Cooper, George Coats, Albert Heinrich, Pascal Rogers, Oleta Smith.

Second and Third Grades taught by Mrs. Robt. Lee—"A" students, Edmund Gierisch; "B" students, Ralph Kidd, Martin Smith, Katie Schuessler, Theofeld Lelfeste, Ella Lelfeste.

Corrections of former lists:
James Fleming, "B" for 4th month; Matt Deese, "B" for first term; Sarah Thaxton, "B" for first term, Walker White, "B" for 2nd month.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Metzger, of San Antonio, are here, visiting Howard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Metzger, and other relatives and friends.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Mr. Silas A. Brandenberger and Miss Bertha Schreiber, which event is to take place next Sunday evening at seven-thirty o'clock at the German Methodist Church, of this city.

Entertained with Dinner

On last Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Schuessler celebrated the birthday of their daughter, La Belle Sophie, with a dinner. The baby was one year old. Among those enjoying the occasion were Mr. Jacob Schuessler, Misses Carrie and Mary Schuessler, Miss Nannie Schuessler, Mr. and Mrs. Will Schuessler, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Rau, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown, Miss Grace Brown, Master Billie Hofmann, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Hofmann, Miss Mary Kettner, Mrs. T. O. Reardon, Miss Willie Mae Grosse, Mr. R. Grosse, Mrs. Anna Evers, Mr. and Mrs. Max Puenneke, Master Max Richard Plunneke.

Bananas, Oranges, Apples and Lemons at Sunshine Confectionery.

Camp Fire Girls Enjoy Hike

The following Camp Fire Girls enjoyed a hike to Hay Springs Friday afternoon after 4 o'clock where they took their supper:

Willie Mae Doell, Ella Doell, Thelma and Olga Fay Wood, Clara Rader, Ella Mae Metzger, Cora Lee Tinsley, Opal Garrett, Maggi Clark, Pauline Millarie, Ruby Jordan, Ruby Louise Plunneke. Others accompanying them were Misses Elma Evers, Theresa Clapproth, Sadie Lindsay and Edna Kettner, guardian.

COM. COURT PROCEEDINGS CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK

Report of Chas. Bierschwale et al. as Jury of View on petition of A. J. Lindsay, et al. for 3rd class road. Report supplanted by written agreement recorded in minutes.

Ordered county officials shall secure all blanks, supplies, etc. through County Judge, who alone shall have authority to purchase supplies for the county.

W. O. Bode, Tax Assessor, allowed \$50 per month for clerical help beginning Feb. 1, 1922.

County Treasurer ordered to transfer \$500 6th class fund belonging to Prec't. No. 4 to Prec't. No. 3 and \$750 from No. 4 to No. 3. To set aside \$700 out of 6th class fund belonging to Prec't. No. 1 for use of Road District No. 2, and \$402 out of 6th class fund belonging to Prec't. No. 3 to the same fund, same being 15c maintenance tax of said Road District.

Ordered that Ford car belonging to County rented from Highway Department be junked.

Salaries were fixed to remain the same this year as last year.

Wm. Spittiger allowed \$34.11 on freight charges on road tools leased from Highway Department.

Chas. Heiler's salary as janitor again fixed at \$67 per month.

Ordered that County Judge Banks have authority to junk Nash Quad Truck, now out of commission, with Highway Department.

Ordered a Ford car with delivery body be purchased from L. F. Eckert for \$430 out of 2nd class fund temporarily.

Election officers appointed as follows:

Pre. No. 1—Lamar Thaxton, W. M. Martin, R. W. Hofmann, A. E. Grosse.

Pre. No. 2—Cecil Sanders, J. H. Wilhelm.

Pre. No. 3—Hubert Jordan, A. T. Gray, Aug. Lange, J. W. Dobbs.

Pre. No. 4—M. L. Duncan, and Sam Awalt.

Pre. No. 5—Will Worlie, Rex Lavelle Arch Emanuel Louis J. Hahn.

Pre. No. 6—Ed Keller, Gus Klingelhoeffer.

Pre. No. 7—John H. Gelstweidt and Walter Brandenberger.

Pre. No. 8—B. P. Kidd, Henry Keller.

Pre. No. 9—Christian Jordan, Edwin Donop.

Pre. No. 10—W. A. Capps, Robt. Friess.

Pre. No. 11—B. R. Ellison, M. J. Jennings.

Pre. No. 12—W. J. Webster, W. H. Kothmann, J. W. Capps, Geo. Willis.

Pre. No. 13—Wm. Schneidelf, Alex Durst.

Pre. No. 14—Elbert Doyal, Max Flecker.

Pre. No. 15—Dan Schuessler, Dan Hasse.

Bring in your friends and try some of our delicious and refreshing fountain drinks. Sunshine Confectionery.

STAR OPERA HOUSE

FRIDAY NIGHT
'WHAT'S WORTH WHILE'
Featuring Lois Weber

SATURDAY NIGHT
'THE CALL OF YOUTH'
A Hugh Ford Production

SHOW STARTS AT 7:45 O'CLOCK

Admission: 15 & 25 Cents

VAST TREASURE WAITS FINDER

Hidden Somewhere in the Sudan Desert is Osman Digna's Store of Gold and Ivory.

In my travels, when a young girl in Egypt and later in the Sudan, in Ismailia, I met with a woman who had fled from the Sudan during the war with the British. She was related to the once famous Osman Digna, the mahdi's general and most trusted friend. She related the following, which I translate:

Every year Osman Digna used to take 50 Sudanese men and load them up with ivory, gold and precious stones which the mahdi obtained from traders from the Congo. He led these men in a march which lasted three days into the wilds of Khartoum, to a mountain where was his cache. When everything was put in safely, they started off to return, but halfway another trusted man, named Mahomoud, met Osman Digna with a hundred men, who killed everyone of the men used to carry the valuables. When that deed was done they returned to the mahdi, waiting for the next year's caravan.

Osman Digna consequently was the only man who knew the cache. When taken prisoner he was offered a large sum of money to conduct a party to the place but he absolutely refused to speak. The last I heard of him he was still lingering in prison in Cairo nearly blind and insane.—Montreal Family Herald.

For Twenty-Seven Cents.

An unforeseen interruption of travel occurred on the West side elevated railroad one morning last week. A short, somewhat stout, middle-aged woman ambling her way to the downtown platform at Ninety-third street dropped her purse, as well as her ticket, in the box.

The son of Erin whose special duty it is to see that tickets are dropped in the box tried to extricate the purse with a wire. He failed and then the woman wanted to try. The ticket seller was called out.

Potential passengers were held up. A crowd collected. Variegated remarks enlivened the occasion. Finally a mechanic was summoned. He took the top off the box and recovered the purse. It contained 27 cents. Travel had been delayed almost an hour.—New York Sun.

Haddock's Lay Lots of Eggs.
Haddock's will lay as many as 1,500,000 eggs each in one season.

TO THE PUBLIC

We have received, fresh from factory shipment of Wingfoot Goodyear non Kinkable Rubber Hose. Price 25 feet for \$3.75.

LARRIMORE & GROTE.

CHURCH NOTICES

Ladies' Aid of Lutheran Church to Meet Sunday Afternoon

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Lutheran Church will meet at the church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the purpose of deciding on the purchasing of electric light fixtures for the church. All members are urged to be present.

MRS. P. C. RODE.

DON'T FORGET the 3rd payment on your Centenary Pledge is due. For your convenience, the books are kept at the Mason Grocery Store. This is pay up week. Please call and make settlement. Thank you. Roy G. Rader, P. C.; B. P. Jordan, Treas.

CALENDAR—M. E. CHURCH SOUTH

Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.

Preaching, 1st Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Roy G. Rader.

Preaching, 2nd Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by D. G. Hardt.

Preaching, 3rd Sunday, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Roy G. Rader.

Preaching, 4th Sunday, 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. by D. G. Hardt.

Preaching at Loyal Valley, 2nd Sunday at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Preaching at Grit, 3rd Sunday at 3 p. m.

Preaching at Bethel, 4th Sunday at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Preaching at Long Mountain, 4th Sunday at 7 p. m.

ROY G. RADER,
D. G. HARDT,
Pastors.

A \$4,000 STOCK OF GROCERIES TO BE SACRIFICED. Sale begins Thursday, Feb. 23. Notions, hardware, tinware, and aluminum ware will be included in this sale. A great money saving event that should not be missed. Sale will take place at F. J. Maier's Store, Fredericksburg, Texas.

C. C. King and family left last week for Goliad, Texas, where they go to make their home. Mr. King will be tick inspector in that section.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Grote went to Temple the first of the week to be away several days. They were accompanied by Walter Jordan.

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.

Will be open for business
on or about March 1st

Your co-operation and business will be appreciated.

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Take Cardui

CHICKENS

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices.

J. J. JOHNSON.

J. F. Schaefer, of Brady, recently sold his home in that city to Mr. R. Wilensky.

Kimble County citizens are seriously talking a wolf club organization and it is intimated a bounty of \$25 will be offered for wolves and \$5 for wild cats.

PRESCRIPTIONS

Accurately compounded day and night at Mason Drug Co.

Miss Olga Ochs, of Fredericksburg, was recently married to Mr. Joe Ernst, of San Antonio. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ochs.

Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.

Walter Klaerner, of Fredericksburg, won in a wrestling match with Pal Fairbanks, of Kansas, in the second round at Fredericksburg last Sunday.

COACH DOBIE QUITE HARD ON YALE STARS

A story is told of a tall, spare man who sat on the top of the Harvard stadium at the Yale game taking notes.

A Harvard alumnus, interested and curious, started a conversation. The tall, spare man was asked if he were a scout or something.

"My name's Dobie," was the answer. "I'm coach at Cornell."

Between halves the conversation was renewed. The Harvard man was anxious about the game.

"Don't worry," advised the other; "that team," indicating Harvard, "has sand and brains."

POULTRY

RUNTY HENS NOT DESIRABLE

Investigation Shows at Least One Fowl in Fifteen is Undersized and Hence Unprofitable.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Runtiness is not so conspicuous in the poultry flock as it is among other farm animals, yet it is a factor to be considered, and it is possible that in some cases it is of great importance. Certain it is that undersized fowls are not desirable, and it has been the experience of many farmers and poultrymen that they can be almost, if not entirely, eliminated. This is the conclusion that may be arrived at after a study of the figures and comments obtained by a preliminary investiga-



Good Feeding and Care Will Practically Eliminate Runtiness.

tion of runts and their remedy conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The information was obtained from nearly 1,000 farmers to whom questionnaires were sent. Although these farmers were considered to be better than the average, they reported that 7 per cent of their animals were undersized to such a degree as to be called runty. This means, if the percentage holds true for all farms of the country that more than 14,000,000 animals, not including feathered stock, are runts. In addition 6 1/2 per cent of the poultry on these farms was undersized, which means that there is, perhaps, even a higher percentage for the total farms of the United States.

Inbreeding and poor matings, as a cause, are the principal factors distinguishing runtiness in feathered stock from that in other farm animals. It is the consensus of opinion of 471 poultry owners, in all parts of the country, that the following causes are chiefly responsible for the runts found in feathered flocks:

	Per cent
Poor feeding	17.3
Inbreeding and poor matings	13.1
Inferior breeding stock	13.1
Parasites, especially lice	12.4
Neglect	11.4
Poor housing	7.1
Late hatching	6.1
Overcrowding	5.1
Disease (roup, diarrhea, etc.)	5.1
Low vitality of chicks	3.4
Selecting poor eggs	3.4
Total	100.0

Early hatching is of more importance, according to the comments of poultrymen, than the figures in the table indicate. It appears that relatively few flock owners are familiar with the advantages of early hatching, but those who do their hatching early find it a distinct benefit. For instance, one farmer says, "Last year all of my chickens hatched after the first of June were runts. Those before that were normal and were laying in October. The same care and feed were given to all of them." Another observes, "When I get my chicks hatched in April and May I do not have runts in my flock." Still another estimates that one-third of late hatches are runty. "Hatch no chicks later than May 1," he says.

Of equal interest are the warnings against inbreeding. "We have no runts in our poultry" is the statement of a Virginia farmer, who adds, "We buy purebred cocks from a different strain every year." "Keep purebred fowls and change the sire every year" is the injunction of another poultryman, and his experience is typical of many others.

Farmers' experiences with early hatching tally with the results of experiments by the bureau of animal industry of the United States Department of Agriculture. In these experiments the early hatched chicks showed a marked superiority over those purposely hatched late. There was a noticeably steady degradation in size and type of the late chicks compared with those hatched early.

From these side lights it is easily seen that the questions of runtiness and good live-stock management are closely related and are tied up with economic factors of great importance.

PHONE DUE TO DEAF MUTES

While Teaching "Visible Speech" It is Said Alexander Graham Bell Made Great Discovery.

That the telephone was born in America, and that Alexander Graham Bell made his discovery in Boston of the only way in which speech could be transmitted, was due to circumstances full of the deepest human interest, says the Telephone Press Service. That Bell came to Boston to teach his father's method of visible speech, was due to the insistence of a New England woman, Miss Sarah Fuller, principal of the Horace Mann School for Deaf Mutes.

Miss Fuller so impressed the Boston school board with the importance of this method of instruction for the unfortunate children under her care, that, after vainly trying to secure of Bell's father, who had invented the system, the board, upon his recommendation, offered the son, Alexander Graham Bell, \$500 to come to Boston and give a course of instruction at the school.

He went there April 1, 1871, and thereafter divided his time between teaching the theory of visible speech to the teachers, and in practical instructions to the pupils. In 1872 he opened a normal school for teachers. In 1873 he accepted an appointment as professor of vocal physiology in the school of oratory of Boston university. In 1875, Professor Bell made the happy discovery that led to the invention of the telephone. He was then twenty-eight years old.

"RABBIT" IS PROPER NAME

Combination of Toasted Cheese and Brown Ale Has Been Incorrectly Called "Rarebit."

The original name of the combination of toasted cheese and good brown ale was, it is an historical fact, "Welsh Rabbit." It was a slang term, at that. It was one of a large class of similar terms describing in a humorous manner the special dish, product or peculiarity of a particular district. Thus, in England, a "German Duck" was the slang name for a sheep's head steamed in onions. "Leicestershire Plover" was the name given to a bag pudding, and "Digby Chicken" was the slang term for herring.

Similar examples of metaphorical names for favorite dishes are found in every country. And long before the word "rarebit" was ever heard of, the familiar dish of "cheese and ale" was known as a "Welsh Rabbit."

It was only when some solemn etymologist came along, and gravely noting the fact that there was nothing in the dish to even remotely suggest a connection with a rabbit, suggested that the word was undoubtedly a corruption of "rarebit," which would make some sense at least. So "rarebit" it became among the purists. And the early dictionaries adopted it, though the modern ones acknowledged that "rabbit" has the right of way.

Black Walnut Valuable.

"Of all the forest trees found in the original forests of America," says American Forestry, "the black walnut probably suffered most at the hands of the early settlers. This is due to the well-known fact that it stood upon the best land in the fertile valleys and bordering foothills. These areas were selected by the pioneer farmers for their clearings and farms. A large number of the choicest black walnut trees were felled and burned simply to get rid of them. Many more were split into fence rails or put to other similar ordinary uses before the real merits of the wood became known.

"Now the wood of black walnut brings a high price. It is no longer destroyed and wasted, but every available piece is collected and manufactured into some useful article. It is not used any more for rough lumber, as it was in the early days, but all of it goes to factories, where it is converted into finished articles."

Young Sparrow's First Flight.

I was walking around my stables and stopped to watch a pair of sparrows enticing their offspring from a nest in a hole in the wall. One of the young ones, more venturesome than the others, fluttered off toward a cock feeding in the yard with some hens. The cock at once ran up and seized it in his beak; the hens, thinking this was something good to eat, ran after him. The hunt, however, was of short duration, for as soon as they got out into the open ground, a scavenger kite came with a rush, snatched the victim from the astonished cock and made off. The cock and hens then fled squawking for shelter.

Uncle Eben.

"It's ag'in de law to buy lottery tickets," said Uncle Eben. "Anybody dat insists on takin' chances kin take 'em in a law suit."

DAILY SAN ANTONIO--BRADY BUS LINE VIA FREDERICKSBURG AND MASON

Leave Union Bus Station, 102 East Travis St., 6 a. m.; arrive at Mason 12:15; arrive Brady, 3 p. m. Leave Queen Hotel, Brady, 9 a. m.; arrive Mason 11:00 a. m.; arrive San Antonio, 6 p. m. Fare, \$9, round trip, \$16. Intermediate points in proportion. Mason Headquarters at Mason Drug Company No. 1.

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Mouse Wore Diamond.

Some women may be afraid of some mice, but when a mouse gets civilized and swagger enough to run around wearing diamonds—well, the heroine of this story tells it, and responsibility begins and ends with her.

Miss Genevieve Allen of New York, head of the abandonment bureau of District Attorney Swan's office, returned from a vacation in Maine to find a mouse cavorting on the floor of her office with a diamond gleaming from its tail.

Miss Allen realizing, perhaps, that she could never get away with the story without something resembling proof, caught that mouse. Whether she did it with gas, hypnotism or a depth bomb may never be known, but she got close enough to extract a diamond earring from the mouse's tail though she let the mouse get away without attempting to arrest it for burglary. The earring was turned over to Acting District Attorney Banton.

Rooster Refused to Crow.

On the ground that the crowing of the rooster in her poultry run prevented school children learning their lessons, a Potsdam woman appeared before the local judge charged with being a public nuisance. The woman having declared the rooster was old and hoarse, and that therefore his crow could not be a source of disturbance to the school children, the judge adjourned the case to enable the bird to appear.

The rooster, however, which came to the court in a capacity resembling that of a co-defendant, refused to crow, and the judge, after making some remarks about the valuable loss of legal time thus occasioned, dismissed the case.—North China Herald.

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The MAYO STUDIOS

BROWNWOOD, TEX

Sheriff Taylor, of Junction, recently captured a still in the Blue Mountains. No arrests were made in connection with the find.

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

DETERMINE EGG PRODUCTION

Much Depends on Kind and Amount of Feed Given—Hens Must Be Fed Regularly.

The one most important fact for all farm poultry keepers is that egg production is determined directly by the kind and amount of feed given and that in order to insure heavy laying the hens must be fed grain regularly and must have dry mash continually available.

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SKULL CRUSHED, BUT VICTIM HAS CHANCE TO LIVE

(Brownwood Bulletin)

Roy Cawyer, 23 years old, of Mercury, is under treatment here with a fractured skull, resulting from an accident which occurred near Mercury Monday. Attending physicians and surgeons express the belief that he will recover.

Cawyer's skull is fractured from the crown of his head down to the base of the ear, the injury being one of the most unusual on record here. An X-Ray picture was made of the fracture Tuesday and has been viewed with much interest by a number of local physicians. The accident occurred in an unusual manner, Cawyer being a bystander at the killing and dressing of a 300-pound hog. He had been engaged in cleaning a well near Mercury, and left his task for a short time to go to the home of a neighbor where hog-killing was in progress. The big hog had been suspended in such a way that its weight was on one end of a pole, which had been arranged leverwise, with a support in the middle. When the opposite end of the pole became loosened from its moorings, the weight of the hog caused it to fly upward and outward, striking Cawyer squarely on top of the head. He was brought to Brownwood for surgical attention as soon as possible. He is conscious and appears confident of his recovery.

Henry Vandever left on Tuesday of last week for Austin, where he is again under treatment of a chiropractor for his eyes.

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.
4842. F. LANGE.

It is said the court docket of Gillespie County is large enough to necessitate the entire two weeks' session.

The grand jury at Junction which adjourned on Saturday, a week ago, found eleven bills of indictment; seven felonies and four misdemeanors.

LIVACAPS—THE MILLION \$ LIVER MEDICINE.
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Miss Annetta Moran, who is teaching in the Menard school, was here to spend the past week-end with home folks and friends. She returned to Menard Sunday afternoon.

E. J. Lemburg returned home Sunday from St. Louis, where he went to buy spring and summer merchandise for his firm.

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START EGGPLANT IN WARM, SUNNY PLACE

Rich Soil and Good Cultivation Is Necessary.

Occasional Applications of Very Weak Liquid Manure is Beneficial—Little Flea Beetle is Most Troublesome.

Eggplant, so called because the great fruits are about the size and shape of an ostrich egg, is closely related to the tomato and pepper and requires very much the same treatment as do peppers, say garden specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. The eggplant is very easily injured by cold and the plants must be started indoors throughout the greater part of the country. Start the seed in the house by sowing in a small box filled with good soil. The small plants should



Eggplant is Prolific Yields.

be transplanted to pots or to a shallow box or tray filled with soil and kept in a warm, sunny place until the weather is quite warm. Eggplant requires a rich soil and good cultivation. Occasional applications of very weak liquid manure also benefit the plants greatly.

Eggplant is attacked by several kinds of insects, the most troublesome of these being the little flea beetle which works upon the leaves, filling them full of small round holes. As a remedy, dust the plants thoroughly with air-slaked lime or very fine tobacco dust. By removing the fruits of the eggplant as soon as they attain good size the plants can be kept fruiting until killed by frost. Black beauty and improved large purple are among the leading varieties.

OX-WARBLE IS COSTLY PEST

Loss Caused by Decrease in Milk Flow, Destruction of Hides and Meat Wastage.

"The little ox-warble means an actual cash loss of \$50,000,000 to the United States each year," stated F. C. Bishop, of Dallas, Tex., in an address before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, at their meeting in Toronto, recently. "The loss comes," he said, "through a falling off in the milk flow, illness

among the cattle, due to irritation and worry, destruction of hides and wastage of meat when the beast finally goes to the block."

"When the grubs reach the back of the animal," said the speaker, "they make their presence apparent by the lump or swelling their body causes. Gradually they make their way out through the back of the animal and drop off, to begin all over again their life history. The only hope of dealing with the pest lies in energetic action by cattle owners in working out and destroying the warbles from the backs of their stock. The herd should be gone over systematically every 30 days, the grubs squeezed out and destroyed. Of course, even then, there is loss because of the holes left in the hide; five punctures of the back or sides by warbles reduce any hide to No. 2 grade."

CLEANING AND GRADING SEED

No Other Single Farm Operation Which Gives Larger Returns in Producing Crops.

There is no single farm operation so easily and cheaply done, which gives larger returns than the thorough cleaning and grading of all seed sown. Besides cleaning out the weed seeds, the light weight seeds are taken out when the job is properly done, thus preventing the reproduction of the poorer plants. This practice carried on year after year permits the increase of the best and kills out the poorest. Thorough cleaning and grading of all seeds planted is the first step toward a successful crop. There is no time like the present to put the seed in proper shape for planting.

HIGH PRICE FOR CORN CROP

Much Depends Upon Kind of Stock It Is Given to—Purebreds Make Best Returns.

Despite the low corn prices, there are many farmers disposing of all they raised at good prices, while others are getting less than market prices. It all depends upon the kind of stock that eats it. Purebred stock insures the best returns.

Story of Sugar Cane.

Sugar cane requires an abundance of sunshine and water, and a deep, fertile soil. In planting, the stalks are laid lengthwise in the furrows, and each joint sends up a shoot. When ready for harvesting a field of sugar cane resembles a cornfield, but the plants are somewhat larger and have neither tassels nor ears. The stalks at that time have been growing about twelve months, and have changed from green to reddish; most of the lower leaves have fallen away. A fire in a field of ripening sugar cane is a terrible thing, and much dreaded by planters. There are also hurricanes, white ants, rats and other pests to be reckoned with wherever cane is grown. The cane stalks are surprisingly heavy, and contain eighteen per cent of sugar. The sweet juice is obtained by crushing them between rollers; it is then boiled down to a point where the sugar separates as brown crystals. The residue is a syrup that is known as molasses. Pure white sugar is made by washing the crystals, filtering, decolorization, and repeated crystallization.

COACH GREASY NEALE LIKES FORWARD PASS

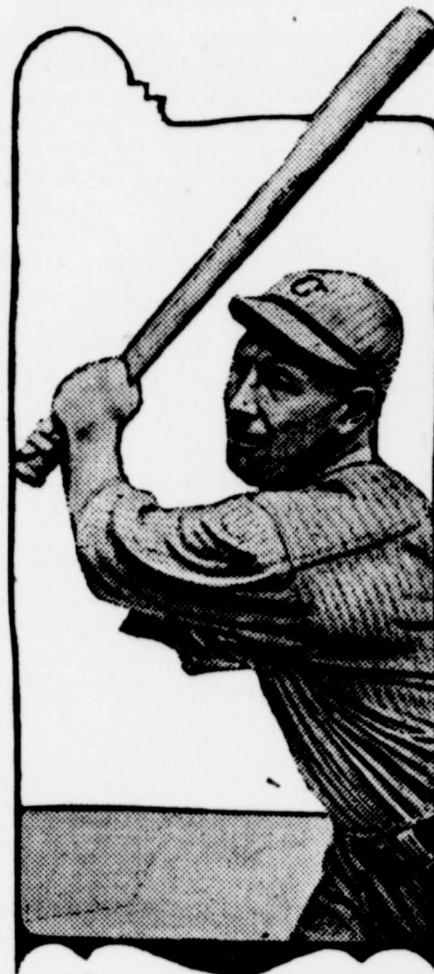
Modern Feature of Game Pleases Red Outfielder.

Washington and Jefferson Team Needed Plays and Baseball Player Furnished Necessary Suggestions for Success.

Earl (Greasy) Neale, coach of the Washington and Jefferson football team in the autumn of the year, is an outfielder for the Cincinnati Reds in the spring and summer months.

Neale has been a football coach for several years and has had considerable success.

Being an outfielder and being in baseball before taking up football, Neale naturally finds the forward-passing end of the modern game holding the strongest fascination for him. Neale has been eminently successful with the forward-passing attack. He



Earl Neale.

coached the Marietta team, an eleven not good in many departments but a whale of an outfit when it came to the overhead offense. Marietta played Boston college, and in that game Marietta completed nine forward passes in succession. This established a forward pass record for football.

At Washington, Pa., Neale took over a team that had been poorly coached in the previous season. The players were there—splendid material. The men were experienced. They could charge, they could block and they could tackle. When it came to blocking no team in the history of football ever gave a finer illustration of this quite useful art than Washington and Jefferson. All that eleven needed was plays, and Neale gave them team plays. His best plays were forward-pass plays, and Washington and Jefferson's untarnished record is due more to successful forward passing than to any other single factor.

Professional baseball does not appeal as strongly to Neale as it used to. Having had a thorough taste of the college sport, he finds it more to his liking. Neale has been a successful football coach almost from the start. He would be an even more valuable baseball coach in college.

FAMOUS RACE TRACK IS SOLD

Thirty-Eight Acres of Old Hawthorne Plant Transferred to Syndicate of Lumbermen.

Thirty-eight acres of the famous old Hawthorne race track in Stickney have been sold for \$100,000 to a syndicate of southern lumbermen, it became known here today.

The Hawthorne race track, known to all the old-time followers of the turf, was established in Chicago in the early nineties by Ed Corrigan, after a bitter turf war in which Jim Brown, sportsman and several policemen were killed.

Some of the fastest horses of the American turf have raced on the old Hawthorne track, which is now in the heart of a populous residential section.

Acetylene Gas Light Plants

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F. LANGE.

QUEER "HUMOR" AT WEDDINGS

Ordeals Undergone by Bridesmaids in Some Parts of Scotland and in Old Austria.

In parts of the Scottish highlands there has long been in practice a ceremony called "creeling the bridegroom." After a marriage friends take the bridegroom in hand. They tie on his back a creel or basket and fill it with stones. Then he is forced to walk with his heavy burden through the entire community, followed by men to see that he does not drop the creel, even for an instant. The bride can ransom him by coming out on the street and kissing him in public, but if she is a shy person the bridegroom must make the full rounds with his basket of stones. The ordeal is made worse for the man because the conductor of the ceremony is the last person previously married, and he naturally takes revenge by making the creeling severe.

A widely followed custom is to make the bridegroom fight for his bride in a battle sometimes mimic, but as often quite stern. In parts of old Austria this was dramatic. Immediately after the couple appeared from the service they were surrounded by young men in masks who tried to separate them. Once separated, the husband had to fight to regain his wife. If he was unsuccessful he had to pay ransom. Then to make matters worse—for the bride as well as the bridegroom—the wedding "feast" included cake appetizingly mixed with cow hair, egg shells and hog bristles. Man and wife must eat of this cake to bring good luck to their cattle and poultry.

DELIGHTS OF LIFE IN LONDON

Fog Frequently So Thick That the Strongest Artificial Light Cannot Pierce It.

The worst fog in 20 years was experienced in London when 900,000 tons of soot were suspended in the atmosphere in which 7,000,000 people attempted to live, work, and worst of all, to get about, a short time ago. The possibility of reaching one's destination was ascertained only by the laws of probability and chance. Fire engines called by duty went through the pitch-black streets preceded by a man on foot with a lantern. Busses adopted the lesson of the wagon trains that crossed the Western plains during the gold rush and traveled in convoys of nine or ten, also led by a man on foot with a light. The busy traffic centers were marked by from four to ten huge acetylene torches which pierced the surrounding darkness for not more than fifteen feet. Accidents were innumerable. Prince Henry attempted to motor from London to Whiteleybury for a hunting engagement, and after narrowly escaping two collisions then decided to spend the night at a halfway house. A freakish incident occurred when two women, lost within two squares of home, were directed by a blind veteran whose misfortune made him impervious to fogs in a district he knew by heart.

Nigerian Products.

A Nigerian trade review shows that goatskins used in making the finest boots, go mainly to the American market. Palm kernels from the south, especially Yorubaland, are extricated from the shells by hand. Before the war most of the kernels went to Germany, whence in consequence Great Britain had to import a large proportion of the oil required for making margarine. The export of palm kernels is over 200,000 tons, while that of palm oil is over 100,000 tons. The oil supplies work for men, as the kernels for women. It enters into the manufacture of soap and candles. The value of the tin ore production is between one and two millions sterling. The distance of the tin fields from the coast is a handicap to the trade. Railway expansion has made things easier, the light railway to Bakura, built for the purpose, having proved most serviceable.

Wm. Hofmann and Mrs. Loula Loring are at home from St. Louis, where they purchased spring and summer dry goods.

Will Ellebracht was here a short time the past week doing business for the Alamo Iron Works of San Antonio.

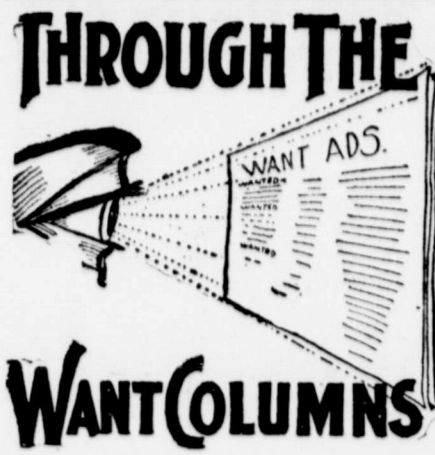
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EGGS—White Leghorns from 297 egg strain. Selected eggs, 16 for \$1.50. Phone 48-5.

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SEED POTATOES—Pumpkin and Silver Yams, \$1.75 per bushel, delivered. Phone or write Arthur Baxter, Katemey, Texas. 42

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MY JACK AND HORSE will make the season this year at Castell. Simon No. 2638, a registered Jack will make his 3rd season this year, \$12 to insure living colt. Prince, a good combination horse, \$10 to insure colt. CHAS. PLUENNEKE, Castell, Texas. 49-2tc

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MASON COUNTY NEWS.

In the illness of Rev. Roy G. Rader, pastor of the local M. E. Church, South, Prof. P. A. Bennett filled the pulpit on Sunday night and delivered a splendid lay sermon.

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It is announced the congregation of the local M. E. Church, South, is planning to place a concrete walk extending from the church south past the parsonage. We are informed this undertaking is under way and the probabilities of the plans becoming an actual realization are quite promising.

We carry a good stock of one bond papers at all times, but have sample cabinets which enable us to show you anything in the paper line on a moment's notice and if not in stock, will get it for you in a few days' time. THE NEWS OFFICE.

DOUBLE KNOBBS AGRICULTURAL CLUB

The Double Knobbs Agricultural Club met at the Double Knobbs school house last Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 15th. The house was called to order by the president. Then, Mr. Marshall made a talk.

Officers elected were as follows: Tom Bogusch, vice-president; Lelia Woodward, reporter; and three committees.

All members were present but two. Two more girls joined the Club which brings the membership to sixteen. Seven visitors were present.

After the meeting was over, the Club went to Mr. Doyal's house where instructions were given in the pruning of trees, and Mr. Marshall showed the boys how to judge hogs.

The girls received instructions on culling chickens.

The next meeting date of the Club is set for March 7 at Mr. John Underwood's house.

Reporter.

SUNDAY CLOSING NOTICE

This is to notify our friends and patrons that hereafter our stores will be closed on Sundays, except for prescriptions and medicines.

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The glass front in the lower Bridges Building is now a reality. Work in connection with the front for this building is practically complete and The City Meat Market and City Bakery will be moved into the building ere the end of the week. Work of replacing the stone front of the building occupied by Louis Schmidt with a glass front is now under way.

Mr. and Mrs. Ery Hamilton went to Austin last week, where Mrs. Hamilton remained for treatment under the care of Dr. Shipp. Mr. Hamilton returned home a few days since, but will likely return to Austin shortly to remain until his wife has completed her treatment.

A number of citizens residing on the street leading north from the post office did some volunteer work on the street this week. The walk on the east side of the street was dug down and leveled up and a great improvement is noticed in the walk. The citizens responsible for this good work are to be commended.

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We thank you Who's next?

FOR TAX ASSESSOR

The News directs the attention of its readers to the announcement column this week where the name of Sam Sherwood appears as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Mason County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

Mr. Sherwood is a Mason County product and has resided here all of his life. He is a young man of splendid character and places his candidacy for this office before the voters of the county with the request that they give it their careful consideration and solicit the support and influence of his friends.

If elected, Mr. Sherwood, will no doubt, exert every effort to fill the office to the satisfaction of all.

R. E. LEE FOR RE-ELECTION

In the announcement column this week, will be found the name of R. E. Lee, as a candidate for re-election to the office of District and County Clerk of Mason County, an office which he now holds and it is believed has satisfactorily filled for the past term.

In seeking re-election, Mr. Lee feels that his experience enables him to fill the office to a better degree of satisfaction in the future and promises, if elected, his best efforts will be exerted towards the fulfillment of the duties of the office. He solicits the support and influence of his friends.

OUR GREAT 19 CENT SALE

One of the most wonderful merchandising events of the New Year. Hundreds of items that formerly sold at three times the amount, are going at 19c. Sale now going on at F. J. Maier's Store, Fredericksburg, Texas. 1t

Max Reichenau has been suffering from a large carbuncle on his neck, which has necessitated a layoff from his work as carpenter for several days.